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Letters

Editorial

The Proposed Local Development Plan takes up a lot of this issue. Three of our local Councillors give their own perspectives on this important topic, and there is further information on p.21. The articles have been spaced out throughout the News and Articles section, so you can get a little light relief in between times, and make fortifying cups of tea!

One of our readers from Portmoak has recently commented that it is surprising how many of the shops advertising in the Newsletter do not state their opening hours. As she says, there is nothing more annoying than arriving from outwith the town to find a shop closed for lunch. So, shop-owners might consider adding this information the next time they are redesigning their advert.

The days may be lighter for longer, but temperature-wise it is still undoubtedly winter as this Newsletter goes to press. Roll on the spring!

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Dog mess has to be sorted

Out walking my Mum's dogs again today (having already been to the shops in Milnathort, taken the children to school etc), I have yet again become increasingly worked up at the sheer amount of dog mess littering our streets and other areas within the village. FOURTEEN piles on a tiny strip of grass leading to 'Webster's' field. Loads in the field itself. Countless piles along New Road and South Street. Massive heaving dollops right next to the poo bin at the start of the track!

Taking care not to resort to Victor Meldrew levels, I am urging everyone in the area to join forces to help stop this vile habit.

What on earth do people think they are doing, not picking up after their dogs?

I could list a few reasons as to why dog mess is particularly prevalent at this time of year...Too cold to stand around, too dark to see, too frosty, was too busy chatting, blah de blah...but the fact is, dog walkers who don't pick up after their pets are too damned lazy and, in my opinion, careless and uncivilised.

I urge anyone who sees a dog walker letting their dogs foul the pavement (or anywhere else) and walking off, to approach them if you can and offer them a bag if you have one. Or ask them if they have one. Sometimes embarrassment is all it takes. Or, keep an eye, and if you know their name or where they live, report them. I really don't want to be nasty, to become a peeping tom or a clipe, but this has to be sorted! We as dog walkers are all being tarred with the same brush and it's not fair.

I have just been talking to the local dog warden as I was on my way home having composed yet another letter in my angry head (taking note to stare obsessively at pavement in case I tread in yet another dump).

She happened to be in her van in the street, so I thought I'd have a chat. To my horror, she told me that due to cuts, they only patrol 9am-5pm (I think the majority of offenders come out later in the evening) and there are only TWO dog wardens for the WHOLE of Perth and Kinross. The poor woman said people are forever shouting at her, but she stressed that they need help to do their job. The more people who come forward with helpful details the better: owner's name, address, where the dog has been seen etc. They can't do this by themselves. Now, you may feel 'this isn't our responsibility' and you may be right to a degree. But it ain't going to stop without all of us getting involved. I'm sure even the naughty dog owners would agree that our towns and villages would be much nicer places without all the poo. How come when I holiday in Spain or Italy for instance, the streets are far cleaner?

I walk two dogs for Mum very day. I used to walk four. There is no reason on earth why they can't be picked up after. Yes, it's gross, and I would much rather be doing something else. But if you take on the responsibility of dog care, then you have to follow through, to excuse the pun.

Perth and Kinross Dog Control Unit can be contacted on: 01738 476476.

Charlotte Giacopazzi
South Street, Milnathort

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Benefit of hosting 2012 Olympics has gone to the dogs, literally!

2012 Olympic promoters, and the media, like to remind everyone of the great success the games were and resulting interest by the masses who have taken up a sport or fitness regime. Whether you too ascribe to this notion, or not, I can claim to positively being one of the adopters; I like to jog the loop from the Kirkgate to the Muirs by Mary's Gate.

Remarkably, it appears that many dog owners have got this notion confused with dog health and have arbitrarily changed the path's default user – *"Would you mind not running because my dog is unruly today and I can't control it!"*

I honestly don't feel I have any obligation to adjust my behaviour in order to not disturb the calm of dog walkers, so they don't have to break sweat chasing after their runaway dog – geez-a-break! However, I would like to say thank you to the small number of people who leash their dog whilst walking, but to those who don't – get real, get a leash!

Terry McKenna
High Street, Kinross

Charity Plant Sale

I'll be holding another plant sale in my garden this year - hopefully on Saturday 18 May.

In the previous two years all proceeds from the sales went to CHAS but this year I'm splitting equally between CHAS and Kinross-shire Day Centre, another worthwhile local charity.

Planting is already underway and thanks to your great response to my plea for plant pots last year, I have more than enough to do this year as well.

The plant sale gives me the best possible excuse for doing something I really enjoy - planting seeds, potting on and propagating - and being able to raise money for charity at the same time is a bonus. You have been very generous over the past two years so please make a note of this year's date in your diaries.

Hopefully I'll be able to give you updates in the April and May Newsletters.

Jean Miller
24 Gallowhill Road, Kinross

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Co-op car park scheme is unfair

I am a resident of Kinross-shire with a child in nursery in Kinross.

Myself, my husband and other family members attend to drop our child off and pick up the child twice a day. We use the now Co-op car park in Kinross and pop into the shop to pick up papers, bread etc when doing so.

On 13 February we received a threatening parking enforcement notice for being in the car park from early morning till just after five at the start of February 2013. They want £90 from me, or £45 if I pay within 14 days.

The company involved is Civil Enforcement Ltd, Horton House, Exchange flags, Liverpool, L2 3PF, which, if you Google, will show you the kind of company they are.

We have all seen these types of companies on Watchdog and they have made a mistake, as the vehicle would have been in the car park twice that day for short periods of time. They are based in Liverpool and on their parking enforcement notice only tell you how to appeal in England and Wales if they find you liable!

I will not be paying said ticket and will take them all the way if necessary.

In no way was the car in their car park for about eight hours (can't think of anything to do in Kinross for that amount of time unless you work/live there).

I have spoken to a supervisor at the Co-op Kinross and informed them that a mistake had been made and enquired regarding CCTV etc. The supervisor was courteous but informed me I would have to contact Civil Enforcement Ltd, as they had no control over their car park or CCTV. Yet in media articles re fines mistakenly issued in similar circumstances (which can found online) in the Daily Record, Whitby Gazette, Wimbledon Guardian and Selby Times, a spokesperson for the Co-operative quashes the ticket and apologises, which leads me to ask the question what exactly is the relationship between the Co-op and Civil Enforcement Ltd.

Do the Co-op benefit financially either from a flat fee from their car park or per ticket?

If the Co-op in Kinross is going to treat its customers in this manner I think it will sadly be another High Street firm going out of business!

I will be advising my family, friends and associates how a business in a small family town like Kinross acts. David Sands car park was busy at times but you could always find a place.

The Co-op in Cupar, a similar rural town to Kinross, has no such cameras.

The Co-op boasts of its ethical values, based on openness, honesty, and social responsibility. In my opinion the car parking scheme operated on its behalf directly contradicts those values, and is deeply unfair to the shopping public. Shame on you, Co-op.

I am sure I am not the only one in this predicament and the people of Kinross should not have to waste their valuable time as I will have to.

M Cuthbert
Ardoch House, Claysyke Farm
Kinross, KY13 0UP

A Community Breakfast Forum?

The backbone of the Kinross-shire community, in my view, is the plethora of community groups which offer such a range of interest, activity and social opportunities.

The success of the Kinross-shire Partnership business breakfasts have shown that despite email, a fantastic newsletter and website, social media etc, it is good to talk face to face.

I am wondering if there is appetite for a meeting ground where community group representatives and interested parties can get together and do that thing.

The matters that groups encounter in providing what they do could be shared, ideas and improvements offered and support across groups explored.

We all know that fundraising, memberships, keeping a committee going, using venues and dealing with insurances, accounts, child protection, health and safety are grist to the mill.

Perhaps you hire out a venue and would like to advertise your remaining or recurring spaces. There will also be issues with keeping venues going.

Do you think some joined up talking, thinking and action would help with these issues?

On top of the basic stuff, a community calendar could be looked at so event crossover is minimised and collaborative events might be explored. You can also highlight your events and the support you might need to make them successful.

It would also be wonderful to acknowledge and celebrate the volunteering strength there is locally with some kinds of awards.

My thinking is that quarterly breakfasts might work. Perhaps around 8am on a Saturday morning. Maybe a venue like Millbridge Hall could be hired. As a fundraising opportunity, groups could be picked out of a hat. This would indicate their desire to provide and prepare breakfast and take the proceeds thereof, net of hall costs. Need be as simple as a bacon butty and a cup of tea for around £5. Pre booking would be essential.

Let me know what you think of the idea, date, time, venue, price or anything else at all. I would love to hear if you have ideas which might also achieve this end.

Susan Bathgate

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Thanks to Scotlandwell Residents

I would like to thank the residents of Scotlandwell who gave me their support with a petition which my planning consultant thought might help me in my application to build on the gap site in Friar Place, land which I have owned since 1978, but Perth & Kinross Planning are adamant it must remain an open space.

Once again I thank them for their support.

Mrs S Paterson

“Mardabrika”, Leslie Road
Scotlandwell KY13 7JK

London Marathon For Cystic Fibrosis

On Sunday 21 April this year I will be running all 26.2 miles of the Virgin London Marathon in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. Anyone who may remember me from High school days will know that this sort of athletic challenge does not come easily for me!

After taking up a new job as Physiotherapist for the Cystic Fibrosis service at Yorkhill's Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Glasgow, I am hoping to help raise the profile of this awful disease and to raise funds for further research into finding a cure.

Cystic Fibrosis (CF) is the most common, inherited life-limiting condition in the Caucasian population, affecting approximately 9000 people in the UK. One in 25 of us are carriers of the gene, often without knowing it. CF is caused by a faulty gene that controls the movement of salt within the body. In people with CF, the internal organs become clogged with thick, sticky mucus which causes recurrent infections and inflammation, making it hard to breathe and digest food. They require a daily regime of chest physiotherapy, exercise and medications to keep them well. If you would like help make all these miles of sore legs and blisters worthwhile, you can sponsor me online at:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/RuthStewart3>

Any amount will be gratefully received and will really make a difference to these children's lives.

To find out more about Cystic Fibrosis, please visit:

www.cftrust.org.uk

Thanks,

Ruth Stewart (née Miller)
Royal Hospital for Sick Children
Yorkhill,
Glasgow

Congratulations



Congratulations to Grace and Mark **MORAN** on the birth of their first child, **LIAM MICHAEL MacRAE MORAN**, born on Wednesday 30 January, 2013. First grandson for Margot and Michael Moran, Kinross.

Cameron and Lynsey **EWEN** (née Frew), of Burnbank Meadows, Kinross, are delighted to announce the birth of **IONA BEITRIS**, on Saturday 9 February 2013 at the Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy. A sister for an overjoyed Angus and Ailsa.

Former Kinross High School pupil **DAVID CREIGH** has received an award sponsored by Scottish Engineering for Outstanding Achievement in Advanced Higher Graphic Communication. David was the top candidate in Scotland in 2012 and is now in his first year at Glasgow University studying for a degree in Electronic & Software Engineering.



News & Articles

Kinross Town Centre: Proposed Environmental Improvements

by Perth & Kinross Council

An exhibition of the detailed proposals will take place in Spring 2013. The date and venue will be advertised. The aim of the combined proposals is to make the town centre a more attractive place in which to live, work and visit, and to encourage visitors to stop and spend time in the town centre. This project will be funded by Perth & Kinross Council.

The High Street Environmental Improvement Proposals

Building on the positive feedback from the last exhibition, the next will show the proposals at a greater level of detail with community comments regarding additional considerations taken on board. It will include the following:

- Widening pavements wherever possible.
- A Give-Take at the Salutation Hotel to enable the pavement to be widened and with a clear lane priority as indicated by the consultation.
- The inclusion of traffic calming in Swansacre and Piper Row as a response to residents' concerns that it may become a rat-run. A northbound priority at the Give-Take would reduce any benefit of taking a short cut through Swansacre.
- Clearer traffic priority at Tallapark and The Avenue; and as much consideration as possible to vehicles accessing the High Street from the Avenue.
- There were different opinions raised at the consultation on the removal of the roundabout at Station Road, due to concern that it would deter drivers: the next consultation will have more images to show that it would enhance the approach as a welcoming gateway feature into the High Street rather than a deterrent to enter.
- The inclusion of gateway type environmental improvements to the southern junction with the bypass.
- Improved signage to parking and better visibility of 20mph signs as highlighted by the consultation.
- The introduction of a build-out on the southern side of Montgomery Street to define the parking and help visibility from the street, as highlighted at the consultation.
- Overall environmental improvements including new surfacing, seating, bus shelters, feature stone walls and lighting; and the introduction of a few street trees. Stone paving would be introduced in areas all along the High Street to create a more historic and attractive character and include the Town Hall complex and particularly the junction with Burns Begg Street as an important link to Kirkgate Park. Stone paving would also be used to emphasise pedestrian crossing points.

These proposals are currently being worked up and will be displayed at the next exhibition.

The potential expansion of car parking at Mill Street is still being considered by the Council, within the context of potential re-use of the Council's office building, following expressions of interest in the property.

Potential Grant Scheme for Façade Improvements

The consultation showed that Perth & Kinross Council were pursuing grants from the CARS (Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme from Historic Scotland) and THI (Townscape Heritage Initiative from the Heritage Lottery Fund). This was welcomed at the community consultation. Unfortunately the application for the CARS grant was not successful. However Perth & Kinross Council will pursue the Historic Building Repair Grant from Historic Scotland and grant from Heritage Lottery Fund via either the THI or potential new Heritage Enterprise Grant.

Renewable connections at business breakfast

There can be few more pleasant starts to the day than watching the sun creep slowly up over Loch Leven while tucking into a delicious cooked Scottish breakfast washed down with lashings of tea, coffee and orange juice. And that's before you even touch on the real reason for attending one of Kinross-shire Partnership's highly successful business breakfasts: the opportunity to combine networking in the company of like-minded local entrepreneurs with a welcome chance to find out about an issue of potential professional interest.

Previous business breakfast meetings organised by the Partnership's unassuming, yet highly proactive, administrator Sandra Ralston have been treated to short, early-morning talks on topics ranging from the global reach of social media to town planning in Kinross. At February's breakfast, some 30 attendees heard from three renewable energy experts involved in local wind farm and biomass heating projects.

Given the level of interest nationwide in the often highly emotive and controversial wind turbine segment of renewable energy generation, it was perhaps not surprising that the speakers - Steve Macken of Lomond Energy, and Hugh Wallace and Jamie Adams from Glendevon Energy - found themselves addressing a highly attentive audience of local business people.

Once they had finished extolling the benefits of wind and biomass energy compared with traditional fossil fuels and nuclear power, a devil's advocate "blot on the landscape/deforestation" prompt from Partnership Chairman Alisdair Stewart meant that the subsequent questions flew thick and fast. The result was a stimulating, insightful discussion about the relative merits of different sources of energy, which proved both interesting and informative.

The next business breakfast will take place at Loch Leven's Larder at 7.30am on **Wednesday 6 March**, when there will be a talk on rural broadband from Serge Merone of PKC. Each attendee will be given a brief opportunity, during the meeting, to introduce their products and/or services to other attendees.

So what are you waiting for? Email Sandra Ralston now at mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk to book a place, set your alarm clock for bright and early o'clock on 6 March, then prepare to enjoy the most productive breakfast time of the whole month - and all for the extremely cost-effective price of £10 per head.

Karen Elwis

Update from Councillor Dave Cuthbert

Loch Leven Community Campus Lets

During the election, I made this pledge:

"Many people may not be aware that Live Active pay no rent for their use of the Campus facilities. Meanwhile, local groups pay commercial rents. On top of this, local people offering activities competing with Live Active have been banned to stop them competing. Why is this? Surely there should be a level playing field? With your vote, Dave would look to restore balance."

I am now preparing to look at this question and am interested in hearing of your experiences (both good and bad) in booking lets at the campus. I intend to collate the information to assess what is working well and what is not, with a view to taking this to officers and my fellow councillors for discussion. Please email me at dcuthbert@pkc.gov.uk or post it to 8 Highfield Circle, Kinross, KY13 8RZ.

The Local Development Plan

The LDP was discussed at Perth & Kinross Council on 23 January 2013. This was an interesting meeting in that it quickly became apparent that a majority of Councillors did not want to see the plan delayed going forward.

This meant that a motion to remove H46 from the plan put forward by Cllr Robertson and supported by the other three local members was rejected, as it would have meant a delay of over a year in the process (according to officers). This was unfortunate as it meant that we had to resort to plan B, which was to request changes in the Council's documents going to the Reporters' Unit at the Scottish Government instead. These documents form the Council's responses to representations received and will be used by the Reporters' Unit to decide whether to action the representations or not. It is therefore something of a hit or miss situation and we will need to see how the Reporters' Unit responds.

We did this on eight other motions and were more or less successful in each of these, taking some three hours of the five hours spent in this debate. My favourite is that the route of the rail line will hopefully be protected to some extent.

Mill Street

At a meeting of the Enterprise & Infrastructure Committee in January, a proposal to demolish the former Social Works building to form new car parking in Mill Street, Kinross was discussed. Unfortunately, from my point of view, the Committee decided to pass the matter to the Property Sub Committee to decide whether the premises should be offered for sale. I say unfortunately as I believe that parking in Kinross town centre is destined to be a real problem, as the current provision is likely to reduce when the County Buildings and former High School sites are sold. On top of this, the town centre regeneration scheme is likely to take out a few spaces.

Council Budget

As I write this article (14 February), the Council is due to debate the budget for the next few years. This is a hugely complex process and is critical to what services will be delivered and how much money is available for them. I will report more fully on this in due course.

Surgery

If there is a matter you want to raise with me in person, I will be holding a surgery on **Saturday 2 March**, 10am-11am, at Loch Leven Community Campus.

Gordon Banks demands action from PKC on vacant buildings



Gordon Banks MP

Gordon Banks, Scottish Labour MP for Ochil and South Perthshire constituency, has called on Perth & Kinross Council to take action to address the number of vacant commercial and public properties in South Perthshire and Kinross-shire which are damaging for the local area.

Gordon Banks said:

"For too long these buildings are being left to deteriorate and in doing so bring down the visual appearance of the immediate area which in turn has an impact on local residents' feelings and indeed the ability to attract visitors and businesses to the area.

"In my representations to the Council I have been advised of the appointment of a 'Vacant Property Development Officer' which I hope will prove useful in addressing such matters but sadly I am told that this person will focus on the city of Perth. An intention to extend this work to other areas at sometime in the unspecified future as expressed is simply not good enough.

"I have written again to the Council informing them of my expectation that areas in my constituency need this support now. I fully understand that one officer cannot solve this problem overnight but if they are prevented from working in areas outside Perth then towns like Crieff and Kinross will be left to deteriorate even further which is simply unacceptable."

Funding agreement for CHAS

Roseanna Cunningham, Member of the Scottish Parliament for Perthshire South & Kinross-shire, has welcomed an agreement between Scotland's Council Leaders and the Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS) that will set up a National Funding Agreement between COSLA and CHAS for the next two years.

The deal will see Scotland's 32 Councils pay CHAS just under £700,000 per annum over the next two years. The National Funding Agreement will come into force on 1st April 2013.

Ms Cunningham said: "This agreement means that the funding that CHAS has received in the past on a voluntary basis from individual councils will now come to them as a result of a National Funding Agreement which provides a foundation of predictable and dependable income on which they can build."

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A Lively Few Weeks by Councillor Joe Giacobazzi

Firstly, I'd like to congratulate **Milnathort Primary School** on the award of a gold star from the inspectors. The school did not just pass; it did so with flying colours. Having two grandchildren at the school and being myself a former alumnus of this great educational establishment, it is a source of satisfaction to me and to Milnathort. So, well done, children and teachers!

On a more sombre note, the sad saga of the **H46 site** in Kinross rumbles on. To understand how we have arrived at where we are, it is necessary to look at the history of this site. It was originally included in what was called the Main Issues Report. This innocuous name slightly masked its true significance. The MIR was the stage at which any site considered to be unsuitable could be dropped from the process. Kinross Community Council did not object to H46. Of the comments received, more were in favour of the site than against it. (This was soon to change!) As a result, the Ward 8 Councillors at the time did not see fit to have the site removed, and it was included in the Draft Local Development Plan, described as 'the settled will of the Council'. By election time in May it was obvious to me 'on the doorstep' that H46 had become a major issue.

Any amendment to the Draft LDP could only correct errors or make minor adjustments, otherwise the whole process would have had to go back a stage with resultant delays; not what the Council wanted. In any case, even if the Council removed H46 from the Draft LDP, the government Reporter could put it back in!

At the January Council meeting to approve the Draft LDP, Councillor Robertson proposed an amendment to remove H46. This symbolic gesture was defeated by 28 votes to 11, if memory serves. I then proposed an amendment, with the support of my fellow Ward 8 Councillors, to insert a more strongly worded representation to the Reporter in respect of H46. In this, beyond pointing to the strength of local feeling against the site, I explained that the old High School site had become a potential site for housing. This, together with proposed new housing land at Lethangie and Milnathort,

more than made up for the loss of H46. My amendment was carried unanimously. All we can now do is to wait and see what the Reporter decides.

That said, even if H46 is confirmed in the LDP, the Council is under no obligation to sell any part of the Davies Park to a developer, and your Councillors will make it their business to see that this does not happen.

Mill Street Car Park. This presents, in my view and that of Councillor Cuthbert, an excellent and possibly one-off opportunity to provide central Kinross with 19 additional car parking spaces, by demolishing the old Social Work Office. We all know how busy this car park gets and how car numbers increase year on year. Councillor Barnacle agrees with the need for more parking here or at some other location (unspecified) in Kinross. As an individual has expressed an interest in acquiring the old office for commercial purposes, the matter is to be considered by the Property Sub Committee.

It should be appreciated that the Council has no power to sell the building to any individual who asks, as it must go on the open market. Effectively, it might be bought not by the person currently interested, but by someone else, possibly for another purpose. Beyond that, permission for change of use would have to be obtained, which might be tricky.

Finally, the **Council Budget.** On 14 February, the Council met to set a budget. Remembering that in the current year we are spending around £338 million; next year we've budgeted for £315 million. In the following year, the budget is set (provisionally) at £304 million. The sharp decline is due to the inevitable cutbacks in Scottish Government Grant Funding.

The excellent news is that the Council Tax for Perth and Kinross will remain frozen for the seventh consecutive year at a Band D equivalent of £1,158. The administration has managed the decline in spending and staff numbers humanely and by agreement. Savings have come from better ways of working and efficiencies.

At a time when household incomes are under pressure, I fully support the policy of freezing the Council Tax.

Art for Recovery Kinross

New Members Welcome!

ARK is a newly constituted art group set up with the overall aim of providing support through arts and crafts for people with health issues in Kinross and surrounding areas. The group was formed in September 2012 to provide a local service.

The ethos of ARK as a group is to offer peer support to those in need of a little company to socialise and learn new skills. ARK's intention is to assist and facilitate peoples' journey of recovery through access to and use of creative media. ARK offers its members, amongst other things, pencil drawing, drawing with pastels, painting with acrylics and water colours, working with clay, felt making and the chance to learn the art of patchwork. It is perfectly acceptable if, as a new member, you simply wish to have a cup of tea or coffee in the company of like minded people and have a chat and a laugh until you discover which new talent you wish to discover.



Confidence building, skills sharing and socialising are all by products of the time spent together. The work produced by some of our members so far is as varied as the people themselves. Working towards the completion of an art project is just as valuable and rewarding as the finished product and it is this which makes a peer support art group a real asset in the community.

The group meets weekly on a Wednesday from 1 to 3pm in Orwell Church Hall, Ba' Hill, Milnathort. The charge is £1.00 per session. For more information, please email arkforart@gmail.com or alternatively call the Chair on 07590387189.

If you are an art teacher with some time on your hands, or indeed someone who has a skill that you wouldn't mind sharing, come along to any of our classes and pass those skills on! You will be given a warm welcome.

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

Scotlandwell Wash House and Well restoration project a great success

The old Wash House at Scotlandwell has been restored following a three-year project led by Scotlandwell in Bloom. The project also included conservation of the well structure and repair of the cobbled lane leading to these listed buildings in the Scotlandwell Conservation Area.

The Well and Wash House date back to the 19th century. Between 1857 and 1860, Thomas Bruce of Arnot, the main landlord in the area, carried out an ambitious village improvement scheme, upgrading cottages, making an exotic garden, clearing and draining the Bleaching Green, constructing an open chamber around the natural well to improve accessibility to water, constructing a decorative canopy over it and, finally, in 1860, a communal Wash House.



The Well and Wash House, Scotlandwell

The buildings are vernacular examples of the work of David Bryce, one of the most able and fashionable architects of the time, and described as 'Scotland's great Victorian Architect'. Though modest, these buildings have great quality and character and are at the heart of the Scotlandwell community.

The Wash House, Well and Green were conveyed to Portmoak Parish Council in 1924 and have been in local authority care since then.

With the introduction of piped water and electricity to households, use of the Wash House declined. It became redundant in the 1960s, gradually falling into disrepair.

In recent years, members of the community became concerned that continued deterioration would lead to the

Wash House collapsing. Starting with a meeting in November 2009, local residents agreed to a project that would not only restore the fabric of both structures but would develop a greater understanding of the significance of the Wash House and Well and their place within the wider history of Scotlandwell.

Led by Scotlandwell in Bloom and supported by the Take a Pride in Perthshire Project Development Manager, £105,000 was raised to carry out the project. Funders included: The European Community Rural Tayside Leader programme 2007-2013, The Gannochy Trust, Perth & Kinross Council, The Heritage Lottery Fund, The Pilgrim Trust, the Take a Pride in Perthshire Association, Scotlandwell in Bloom, The Kinross-shire Fund; and the Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust. As part of the restoration, the roof was dismantled down to the supporting timbers, some of which were rotten. There are fascinating photographs of this on the project website. Lime mortar repointing was carried out to both the Well and Wash House buildings.

The educational aspects of the project have also been achieved. Oral histories of the Wash House have been gathered from those who have memories of it in use, and memorabilia has been collected. Interpretation panels featuring Lowland Scots have been researched and written and will be placed on site.

In association with the project, Professor David Munro has written a history of Portmoak, *Where Poets Dream'd*, due to be published shortly.

A teachers' resource pack was developed by Mrs Helen Black, a teacher at Portmoak Primary School, and piloted with her Primary 7 class in the autumn term of 2011. In addition, Mrs Black and her class wrote, acted and shot a film 'A Well in Time' on location in Scotlandwell. Mrs Black and Headteacher Louise Gordon were asked to give a presentation on the Wash House project as an example of good practice in partnership working at an Education Scotland event in March 2012.

The project group has negotiated a ten-year lease agreement with PKC for the occupation of the buildings and has an operations and maintenance plan in place.

A promotional leaflet about the Wash House and Well has been written and can be downloaded from the project website.

The Wash House will be open to the public on certain dates later in 2013 and a key will be made available at other times. Look out for further information on this in future Newsletters.

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The speaker on 6 March will be Serge Merone from Perth and Kinross Council who will give a brief talk about Broadband Provision.

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.

There will also be an evening Networking Event on Wednesday 3 April – details of the venue will be announced shortly.

To register to attend the Breakfast, please email Sandra Ralston, Kinross-shire Partnership Administrator at mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk or call 07774181768.

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

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Home composting project for Milnathort area residents

Residents in the Milnathort area who do not receive a brown-lidded bin service for food and garden waste are being invited to take part in a new home composting project, the first of its kind in Perth and Kinross.

The national Home Composting Scheme that was run across Scotland until 2010 distributed home composters to more than 21,000 households in Perth and Kinross.

Leading on from this, PKC is now working with Zero Waste Volunteers and Milnathort in Bloom to deliver a Home Composting project which offers both traditional and modern home composting systems free of charge to householders living within a 5km radius of Milnathort who do not have a brown-lidded bin.

The Council's Environment Convener, Councillor Alan Grant, explained: "We are looking, with this new project, to meet the needs of some residents in Kinross-shire who do not receive a brown-lidded bin collection service for food and garden waste.

"The project highlights the ease with which food and garden waste can be composted at home to make an excellent soil conditioner for the garden, as well as how home composting systems can fit in with individual households' needs - a large garden is not essential. Cooked food can be composted in some systems, which is helpful for residents. There will also be support on hand to help with any queries during the project."

In the coming months, householders taking part in the project will be invited to local composting workshops led by the Zero Waste Volunteers, where they will receive advice about the different types of composting systems available and the option of local support for any queries or issues that may arise.

The first series of composting workshops begin in March 2013 and invited householders in the Milnathort area are encouraged to sign up to these to find out more about the project and about home composting in general.

For further information about home composting, please call 01738 476476, email recycle@pkc.gov.uk or visit www.pkc.gov.uk/composting



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Mr Robert Galbraith
Garden Cottage, Ledlanet, KY13 0RR
rhgalbraith@gmail.com
to whom all entries should be submitted.

MP derides OFT response to health card scam

Ochil & South Perthshire MP Gordon Banks has derided the Office of Fair Trading after the organisation refused to clamp down on rogue websites which fool people into paying for free government services.

A number of websites have begun charging for the processing of applications for Government services such as the European Health Insurance Card, despite the fact that individuals can apply for these services free of charge.

Mr Banks said: "Whilst it's not illegal to charge money for a reviewing and forwarding service, these sites need to be clear about the product and service they are offering. I've raised this matter with the OFT who seem to be ducking their responsibilities. They seem to think that hiding details in the small print is an acceptable practice and I have written further to them urging stronger action to protect consumers."

A Flawed Democracy and Procedures at PKC

by Councillor Mike Barnacle, Independent Councillor for Kinross-shire

Two recent crucial and important debates at PKC on 23 January 2013 re the Proposed Local Plan and 14 February 2013 on the Budget have brought out significant concerns I have for both the present and the future in relation to the way the minority separatist SNP Administration (surprisingly aided and abetted by the so-called opposition Tory Group) are running PKC. I feel it is imperative that my constituents and residents are made aware of this.

Local Plan

Dealing first with my concerns over the handling of the Proposed Local Plan, readers of the Newsletter may recall the article in the November 2012 issue outlining my letter of 2 October 2012 to Jim Valentine, PKC's Executive Director (Environment) on this. As predicted, all previous references in PKC documents to the possibility of a modification to the Plan in November 2012 for a six-week consultation were ignored by planning officers, who directed councillors make no notifiable modifications, citing delays in the adoption of the Plan if any other course were followed, despite the fact that over 1,500 representations were made on the Plan by the deadline of 10 April 2012.

My letter of 2 October 2012 requesting surgeries between senior planners and ward councillors did result in two detailed discussions taking place on Kinross-shire aspects of the representations received. The planners suggested responses and your ward councillors proposed amendments or modifications (taking note of community representations) prior to the full debate on 23 January 2013. At that debate, I was prevented by the Provost from raising with the officers who ran it any concerns about why they had not kept to their Development Plan scheme timetable and as a consequence were pressing councillors to agree the Plan for submission to Government Reporters without any material changes (making a 'joke' of so-called consultation). It quickly became clear that the officers' agenda was shared by the administration. This should not come as a surprise since the Nationalist Scottish Government's "smart, successful, Scotland" project depends on fast-tracking the planning system, democracy being the loser.

Notwithstanding these difficulties, in a full day's debate, your Kinross-shire councillors (having agreed strategy earlier) managed to put forward 10 of around 17 amendment motions to the Plan, which we thought we may have a chance to secure agreement on.

In summary these were as follows, with the outcome viz:

1. Remove housing site **H46** in Kinross. *A modification we lost the vote on.*
2. PKC suggest to Reporter that **H46** be considered for removal (no shortfall in effective land supply). *Amendment agreed.*
3. New site proposed in **Milnathort** (site A on map 31 of Main Issues Report at Old Perth Road) should not be considered for development by the Reporter and PKC propose no modification to the Plan, which excludes it. *Amendment agreed.*
4. Extend Site **H54 in Scotlandwell** eastwards, in order to ensure a reduction in the original housing density, no increase in numbers, limit the height of properties and provide footpath links to south and west. *Amendment agreed.*
5. Plan should show an additional zoned housing site in **Blairingone** (H71) which represents site B in the Main Issues Report for 30 houses, although it would not contribute to the effective land supply. *Amendment agreed.*
6. Modify Plan to change Opportunity site 12 at **former Kinross High School** to a housing allocation. *Amendment withdrawn* (following officer advice).
7. Since Housing Site 53 in **Powmill** is largest landward area proposal for Kinross-shire at 120 houses (less 23 with existing permissions therein), request the Reporter extend the Masterplan requirement to cover the whole village. *Amendment agreed.*
8. Areas of Great Landscape Value (AGLVs) to remain in force until Local Landscape Designations for the Local Plan are in place. *Amendment withdrawn* when officers and convener of Enterprise and Infrastructure agreed to prioritise landscape guidance, which I had previously requested.
9. Advise Reporter that PKC think Plan should reflect need for further **mitigation measures on the A977** between Blairingone and Kinross, noting community aspirations for a possible by-pass of the former. (See later comments on capital budget.) *Amendment agreed.*
10. Amend Policy CF2 to provide further protection to former **railway lines** from development, thus enabling either restoration or footpath/cycle usage. *Amendment agreed.*

Planning Officers have now finalised the Proposed Plan and associated documents, along with amended Schedule 4 documents (containing numbers of representations, the planners' summary thereof, changes sought and PKC response on each of the 46 topic issues) and made submission to the Government Reporters. I have reservations that all representations have been included and correctly summarised, intending to write to the Reporters' Unit in due course in relation to my own submissions. It is the Reporters' Unit that decides if they want further written clarity on unresolved issues or whether there should be a public hearing. In relation to previous local plan development and procedures, this is a major change and, in my view, a definite reduction in the democratic involvement of communities, constituents and residents in what shapes their future to 2024.

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A Flawed Democracy and Procedures at PKC continued....

Budget

Dealing secondly with my concerns over the Budget debate, the Independent Group chose not to present their own Revenue budget, given the political arithmetic in the Chamber and the fact that our request for earlier dialogue with the other groups had met with such a disappointing and mixed reaction. Subsequent events were to prove the wisdom of that decision.

Given that Scottish Local Authorities under the Nationalist Government have little choice but to accept the continuing council tax freeze (by 2014/15 it will have been static for eight years, during which time the rate of inflation has consistently been above government targets, leading to a real terms reduction in funding) and act as mere agents of government policy, it was imperative that PKC's decision on use of its limited resources, in a very difficult economic climate, be given careful consideration and scrutiny. All four political groups put forward their budget proposals for the years 2013/15, meaning examination of eight papers in under one hour. (I had not known such complexity in previous budget examinations.)

The Independent Group had its own areas of concern, which we had shared with officers, in particular regarding the disproportionate cut in the Environment budget and unacceptable savings proposed in education, housing and community care. We therefore moved deferral of budget decisions until the next PKC meeting set for 27 February to allow for the dialogue required to examine the relative merits of each budget proposal in order to reach a better consensus and proposal to take forward on behalf of the people of Perth & Kinross we seek to represent. Since PKC had already accepted the terms of the Local Government settlement and all groups agreed this, council tax bills would not be affected by the deferral. Unfortunately, this responsible approach was ruled as not competent when we had been earlier advised it was in order.

There followed a highly political debate on the various proposals which culminated in the Tory Group's amendment, that was to be set against the SNP motion, being withdrawn; hence no final vote took place and the Administration's budget, with minor changes, was effectively passed. In reality I have not voted for it and will continue to highlight its effects in the next two years. As Cllr Robertson said during the debate, the whole procedure was a 'farce' and there must be a better way of doing things. I wholeheartedly agree but, when you have an administration that is not interested in dialogue and the largest so-called opposition Tory group that do not engage with the rest of the opposition and openly attack them, whilst happy to take the paid convenerships of audit and

scrutiny traditionally reserved for the leading opposition (the phrase taking money under false pretences springs to mind), I have little faith that things will change over the term of this Council. It would be interesting to know if the Tory leader at Holyrood is aware that her party is giving such succour to the Nationalists in PKC as we approach their separatist referendum?

Finally, the budget debate also covered PKC's Composite Capital Budget 2017/20 and I moved our Group's amendment to allocate an extra £2 million from uncommitted reserves, which still left reserves of approximately 3% of net revenue expenditure, in line with Council reserves strategy.

£500,000 of this extra capital was sought for major mitigation measures on the A977. I reminded councillors that PKC officers had supported the community on the need for £1 million to be provided for this at the Kincardine Bridge Public Inquiry in 2004 and again in support of the failed petition to the Parliament, signed by the vast majority of residents in the Kinross-shire villages straddling the road, in 2009. Apart from the £250,000 I managed to secure from Tavish Scott, Transport Minister in the previous Labour/ Liberal Government at Holyrood, which was clearly not sufficient given the subsequent arguments over how best to use it, PKC have consistently refused to allocate any capital funding for this 'forgotten road', despite my repeated requests.

The major measures envisaged in 2004 were effectively four large roundabouts and two can now probably be delivered through planning gain at Turfhill and Pownmill. The amendment would have delivered progress on the two others sought at Blairingone and Drum and I used the opportunity in debate to remind members of our Local Plan amendment on 23 January 2013 (see motion 9) reflecting the need.

PKC's Project Matrix had ignored this issue and also left three projects below the cut off for priority funding that I felt should be included, namely Road Improvements Due to A9 Dualling £750,000, Tay Regeneration and Fergusson Gallery £140,000 and Core Paths £600,000. This amendment was dismissed by the administration, and they chose to accept a Tory amendment relating to the A9 improvements only.

I am dismayed that, as a result, there will be no provision for A977 mitigation measures before 2020 and I have no way of addressing the concerns continually expressed to me from residents along this strategic route, in relation to the increasing speed and volume of traffic, particularly HGVs using it.

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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.

Visit by top children's author and illustrator

Popular children's author and illustrator **Frank Rodgers** will visit the library on **Saturday 23 March** to give a talk about his work. Frank's talk is intended to inspire children to fall in love with books. He is the author/illustrator of many books for children including several series: The Witch's Dog, Rattle and Hum, Pirate Penguins, and Mr Croc.

The event is aimed at children aged 4-9yrs, and their parents.

Tickets for the event, which will start at 1.30pm and last for an hour, cost £3.50 and are available from the library.

Sunday Opening for the Library!

The library will be open on **Sunday 24 March** from 11am to 3pm in conjunction with a campus event.

Come along with your children or grandchildren to enjoy the free Pre-school storytelling (12.45pm-1.15pm) and free Bookbug rhymetime for 0-4yrs (11.30am-12.00pm).

Loch Leven Easter Treasure Hunt

Come and join the fun at this free event. Take part in this family Easter book-based treasure hunt in the library, to discover the wide range of children's books. Solve the book clues to find the hidden Easter eggs.

Enjoy the holiday atmosphere with your children or grandchildren while you browse through our themed displays, and learn something new about Easter.

30 March – 13 April, during library opening times. Suitable for all ages.

Family Sports in the Easter Holidays

by Cath Devanny, Active Schools Co-ordinator

Over the Easter holidays we want to have lots of families playing sport together.

For the older children we set up various activities such as badminton, tennis and basketball. For the younger children we use Set 4 Sport (www.set4sport.com) to provide some fun activities children can play with their parents that will help to develop children's agility, balance and coordination.

This activity is organised by Active Schools and Community Link worker and is therefore **free of charge**. Sessions are on a drop in basis, so no need to book and open to families with primary and secondary children in the Kinross High Cluster. Sessions will be held in the large games hall at Loch Leven Community Campus as follows:

Tuesday 2 April & Wednesday 3 April 2pm-4pm

Tuesday 9 April & Wednesday 10 April 2pm-4pm

For more information, please contact Cath Devanny, Active Schools Coordinator on 01577 867220 or email CDevanny@pkc.gov.uk

Spruced-up hall gets a new name

Built in 1911, the Crook of Devon Institute was donated to the residents of the village, and a committee of volunteers has the responsibility of running it to benefit the community. In the mid 90s, after much fundraising and grants, it was extended and upgraded.

This traditional building is situated on the main road of the village and the current committee felt it was time to let those in the village, surrounding areas and those passing through know what it has to offer. As part of the re-launch of the facility following recent painting work inside and out, the committee felt it should move with the times and has renamed the building "Crook of Devon Village Hall". There is new signage and a new website, allowing people to easily find out what this great asset has to offer the local and wider community.



The Crook of Devon Institute has been renamed The Crook of Devon Village Hall

Today, more than ever, the building is an important hub of the community, with regular activities such as yoga, youth club, toddlers, country dancing and ballet classes but it is also ideal for one-off events, birthday parties, christenings and ceilidhs. It's an ideal venue for any gathering! These events are important as they help pay for the upkeep and maintenance of the building.

To mark the re-launch, there will be a **SPRING TEA, PLANT & CRAFT SALE** on **Saturday 30 March, 10am -12 noon**. Everyone is encouraged to come along for a cuppa, cake and some shopping!

The Crook of Devon Village Hall is a registered charity and the committee of volunteers are always working to manage, maintain and raise funds. In the forthcoming months there will be events held to fundraise with the aim of refurbishing the main hall's wooden floor. The next fundraiser is an **INDOOR CAR BOOT SALE** on **Saturday 20 April, 12 noon-3pm**.

There is also a great opportunity for a **keep fit instructor** wanting to run a regular class at the hall. If this is you, and you would like to find out more about this or any other information regarding events of hall hire, please contact Michelle Wight on 01577 840852.

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Local Plan – a flawed process?

by Eileen Thomas

On 23 January, Perth & Kinross Council decided to submit its Proposed Local Development Plan (LDP) to Scottish Ministers without any significant modifications.

Those who made representations may wonder if there is any further action they can take to influence the progress or otherwise of the Plan. There is – if, in your view, the correct **process** was not adhered to.

The LDP now goes to a Reporter to be examined. However, before the Reporter examines the Proposed Plan itself, he or she has to be satisfied that the local authority has acted in the way it told residents it would in terms of consultation.

Planning Circular 1 2009: Development and Planning, states:

“85. In examining SDPs and LDPs, sections 12(2) and 19 (4) of the Act requires the appointed person firstly to examine how far the authority has conformed with the participation statement that was current when the proposed plan was published. If the appointed person considers there were shortcomings, they are to submit a report to Scottish Ministers setting out their reasons for this conclusion and recommending further steps for the authority to take with regard to consultation or public involvement. The appointed person is also to send this report to the authority, who then have 4 weeks to make representations in response to it to Scottish Ministers. Scottish Ministers may then either require further steps with regard to consultation or public involvement to be taken, or direct the reporter to proceed with the main examination.”

So if the Reporter finds that the Council has failed to undertake satisfactory consultation, the Council might have to take remedial action. This could even mean re-consulting on the Main Issues Report (a “worst case scenario” as far as PKC is concerned).

PKC’s ‘Participation Statement’ is contained in a document called ‘Development Plan Scheme’ which can be viewed on, or downloaded from, the web page: <http://pkc.gov.uk/developmentplanscheme>

If you feel the Council did not adhere to its stated intentions, you should write to the Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals and the Planning Directorate saying where you think PKC deviated from its stated **procedure**. It is only the **process** that can be challenged at this time.

The Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals:
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PKC’s approval of the Proposed Plan

Following publication of the Proposed LDP, PKC received 1,526 representations making in excess of 2,750 comments. (PKC Report 13/18, presented at Council meeting of 23 January 2013). Council Report 13/18 describes this as “evidencing the success of the overall awareness raising exercise”.

The Council Report notes that 550 comments (20%) were in support of the plan – which means that 80% of the comments were not! Nevertheless, the Council decided to send the Proposed LDP to the Scottish Ministers with only minor amendments. (See Cllr Barnacle’s article on p. 16 for details of the Kinross-shire amendments.)

If the Council had made major alterations to the proposed Local Plan, it would have been required to hold a further public consultation exercise, giving at least six weeks’ notice. According to Council Report 13/18, this would have resulted in a one-year delay in the adoption of the local plan “due to the number of other plans being submitted for examination around the same time.” (i.e. other local authority plans.) ‘Beating the queue’ appears to have been more important than getting the Plan right.

The Main Issues Report – significance was understated

It has been suggested that an earlier stage of the Local Plan process – consultation over the Main Issues Report or ‘MIR’ – was the key opportunity to have proposals included in, or excluded from, the local plan.

Certainly, digging in the Council records, a draft version of the Development Plan Scheme says of the Main Issues Report stage:

“It is important to note the Government expect that no new issues can be raised later in the process and it is therefore vital that you make your views known at this time.” (Draft DPS in report to Enterprise & Infrastructure Committee, 25 March 2009).

However, the Council did not give this sort of emphasis to the MIR in their publicity for the MIR consultation. A Press Release issued by PKC in September 2009 and sent to local newspapers etc, said that the publication of the MIR was “to stimulate discussion and encourage views on what policy and development options could be included in the Proposed Local Development Plan.”

The Press Release also states: “The MIR is not a draft development plan, but provides options and general proposals for development and land use.”

And in the same Press Release, Leader of the Council, Ian Miller, said: “It is important to remember that absolutely nothing has been decided yet - the MIR is not a draft plan but merely a set of ideas and proposals to start the debate and to encourage comment and ideas.”

So the MIR was not a draft plan, but then it seems the ‘Proposed’ Plan was not a draft plan either, as it was not to be modified even after 2,750 comments.

But then again, the consultation on the Proposed Plan wasn’t a consultation but “an awareness raising exercise”.

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These crimes are mainly, although not exclusively, targeting fuel from remote containers. This is a very desirable commodity at present due to the price of fuel and with many remote homes using this as a means of heating their property or on farms using red diesel to fuel machinery, the remote nature of these containers gives criminals the opportunity they need to commit crime.

Inspector Ward, the senior officer for South Section said: "I want to reassure the community that my team are doing everything they can to prevent such crimes. We have had some good successes recently in the disruption of travelling criminals. Enquiries from these are progressing with a pace.

"Operation Purvis was designed to specifically target this growing trend. The end of this Operation has been extended indefinitely.

"I have been successful in securing assistance from outwith the area to resource road checks at key times to support my officers. Police in Kinross are working closely with neighbouring forces. We are developing partnerships with the National Farmers Union to assist us in communicating with hard to reach communities such as remote farming families.

"I am attempting to use all means at my disposal to deter and detect those responsible and would again urge anyone seeing anything suspicious to call in as and when things are happening, take notes of registration numbers etc. No one should feel embarrassed or reluctant to phone us in case they feel they are wasting our time; it is with their eyes and ears we will get the lucky break, catch these individuals, seize their vehicles, prevent them causing misery to anyone else and put them before the courts."

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New ladder improves pool access

A new ladder is available at Live Active Loch Leven to allow pool access for users who find the standard steps too steep.

The ladder was obtained following a request by keen pool user Dr Kinloch, a retired Consultant Physician, who wanted to go swimming without the aid of staff or a hoist.

Neil Johnston, manager, said: "I am delighted we have been able to accommodate a request from a local resident that will make it easier for them to access their local pool. I look forward to not only Dr Kinloch but many others utilising this facility on a regular basis."

Dr Kinloch said: "The new access steps will be much appreciated by those of us in the Kinross area who require hydrotherapy and weightless exercise, including those of us unable to swim. A thank you goes to Neil and Live Active Leisure from myself and everyone who supported the upgrading."

The new ladder can be moved in and out of the pool depending on the programme of activities. For more customer information contact Live Active Loch Leven on 01577 867230.

Local MP raises Tayside Police cut concerns with new Chief Constable

Ochil & South Perthshire MP Gordon Banks has written to the new Chief Constable of Police Scotland, Stephen House, to raise concerns over potential Police cuts which may be applied in Perthshire & Kinross-shire.

The MP was responding to a recent interview concerning Grampian Police where Mr House raised the prospect of police stations being closed and the loss of police officers due to budget constraints.

The Easter Code - Can you crack it?

On **Friday 29 March**, Good Friday, children of all ages along with parents, grandparents and carers are invited to an exploration of the Easter Story through drama, multi-sensory activities, games, crafts, music and video.

The event will be held in Kinross Parish Church, Station Road, from 10am until 12.30pm and will include a light lunch.

The church will be set up so that participants will be able to visit different locations from the Easter story and gain the 'keys' to help them unlock the events of Easter and to understand why it is still celebrated today.

Around eighty people came together on 1st December and greatly enjoyed ADVENTure. The Easter Code will be similar event and all families are invited – whether or not they are associated with a church.

Further information from Margaret Michie 01592 840602 or Ewan Cathcart 862039.

Free business advice on waste rules

Zero Waste Scotland is running a series of free briefings across Scotland to help businesses understand the new Waste (Scotland) Regulations. These will come into force from January 2014 and will affect all business of all sizes across all sectors in Scotland.

The regulations will require businesses to separate all waste paper, card, metal, plastic and glass ready for recycling. There are also requirements on food waste disposal.

A briefing will be held in Perth on 19 March. For further information see the website:

www.zero-waste-scotland.org.uk/regsbriefings

Community Council News



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Kinross Community Council

News from the February Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 6 February 2013 were: CCllrs D West, C Watson, D Colliar, M Wood, W Freeman, I Jack, M Blyth, D Mackay and M Scott; P&K Councillors D Cuthbert, J Giacomazzi, M Barnacle and W Robertson; Mr John Newton and 16 members of the public present. Apologies for absence were received from CCllrs L Mackay and B Davies.

Police report: There was no police representative at the meeting. Recent issues in the area:

Vandalism to electric gates in School Wynd.

Elderly resident defrauded via telephone scam stating she had to pay money to collect a parcel containing a large value of money. Resident then sent money by moneygram. Post Office staff are aware of these scams and are always vigilant with elderly residents.

Speed checks are being carried out near the skate park; two tickets have been issued.

A member of the public questioned the introduction of the speed limit on the A977 at Balado. Cllr Barnacle confirmed that it was approved but not yet installed. He will look into this.

Payback Community Orders

Mr John Newton introduced himself as a Service Manager for Community Safety Service, formerly the Criminal Justice Service. The Community Payback Order gives the courts the flexibility to impose one or more requirements, depending on the nature of the crime and the underlying issues that need to be addressed to stop the offending behaviour. It covers offenders of low level crimes taking part in unpaid work carrying out a community service. The types of work the offenders have been involved in include: painting a gym; general tidying up of grounds in a primary school; clearing snow; assisting a "bloom" committee in laying slabs etc. Suggestions from the CC and the community would be most welcome. The work has to be meaningful to the community and should not encroach on the local tradesmen.

A member of the public advised that this service was carried out successfully in the Potager Garden.

A suggestion was made that the cemetery and associated paths would be suitable projects and that some weeding could be included, as well as the path between Springfield and Gallowhill Road.

The rear of Miller's Bar was also commented on, however this is a privately owned building.

Cllr Robertson mentioned the area close to Davies Park where debris collects; this has been cleared before although it is the responsibility of Bear Scotland.

Any suggestions can be forwarded to Mr Newton for consideration.

Disbursement of Newsletter Funds

Kinross in Bloom request £4,500 towards purchasing a vehicle to water plants and collect planters etc. CCllr Davies declared an interest in this organisation. This was discussed. Concern was raised that this was a large sum of money in

proportion to the other disbursements. Applications have also been made to Kinross-shire Fund and the Arthur Thomson and Margaret Todd Charitable Trust. It was agreed that any decision be deferred until the outcome of these.

Fossway Parish Church, Crook of Devon: CCllr Davies had some concerns in relation to this application and asked for further information. He also recommended that the sum referred to of £1,500 be reduced to £1,000 should an agreement be reached to provide the funds. A member of the Church, Mr F Aitken, was present to answer questions. The funds are required to assist in the planned installation of an audio visual system. Applications have been lodged with various bodies. The Church is to donate 10% and have also planned various fundraising events. This project will not only benefit the Church but the community as a whole. The overall cost is £15,000 and they were asking for 10% of this figure. Mr Aitken was asked if an approach had been made to Church of Scotland and this was answered. CCllr Blyth suggested that he approach the Parish Church. CCllr Colliar proposed a figure of £1,000 (with the proviso below) and was seconded by CCllr Jack. CCllr West motioned for the sum of £1,500 but this proposal was not seconded. It was agreed that the sum of £1,000 be contributed, however a restriction made that the funds should not be released until the balance of funding is secured.

Future of Kinross Buildings

High School: Missives are about to be exchanged.

County Buildings: Cllr Robertson recommended that the property should be marketed for sale or lease. It was important that this was added to allow community groups to come forward. This was agreed by PKC. Monthly maintenance inspections would be carried out and the property kept wind and watertight.

Former Social Work office, Mill Street: [See also pages 8 and 11] This has been handed to the Property Sub Committee for discussion with the possibility that it will be placed on the open market for sale. Cllr Robertson stated that he was not in favour of the building being demolished. It would cost £75,000 to knock it down and that the building is worth



Local councillors are divided over whether the former Social Work Dept building should be sold or demolished for car parking

around £100,000. Cllr Barnacle is in agreement with this. Cllr Robertson added that an enquiry was made for the purchase of the building to house a dance studio and this would be a better proposal for the site. Cllrs Giacomazzi and Cuthbert are of the belief that this would be better put to use as a parking area. Cllr Giacomazzi stated that the Co-operative car park will be restricted to vehicle owners using their premises. With the loss of parking at the former High School and Mill Street, places will be limited. There are currently 67 places in the town centre. It was added that other derelict properties in the town could be used for the same purpose. CCllr Colliar commented that this would bring life to the town centre. Cllr Barnacle stated that nowhere in the report was there mention of any interest in the building and that he would have expected the officers to alert the Committee of this. The campus was mentioned as a possible location for the dance studio, however the cost of booking accommodation is excessive. A suggestion was then made that the County Buildings could house this and car parking as well. Better signage was suggested. Are people aware there is a car park at Causeway Court/Millbridge?

Former Health Centre, Lathro: The building is now being considered for business purposes.

Leisure centre path: There is no funding available at present to correct the problem. However, the substation is prone to flooding and could present a danger. Environmental Services suggest that the CC write to SSE to report this, express concern that someone could be electrocuted and ask that they investigate and repair as necessary. This was agreed.

Town Hall: Delays in planning. Cllrs confirmed it had been discussed at committee. Cllr Giacomazzi will approach head of services.

Shops in High Street: Cllr Cuthbert reported that prospective commercial tenants have offered for these properties.

Planning Applications Submitted to PKC

12/01335/FLL 24 Station Road: Alterations and extension to dwelling house.

12/01793/ADV Lloyds TSB: Display of advertisements.

12/02140/FLL Land 20 metres northwest of Baleave Farm Cottage: Erection of a dwelling house and garage.

12/02083/FLL Kinross House: Erection of deer fencing and two domestic sheds (in retrospect).

Land 150 metres northwest of Unit C, Kinross Business Park, Clashburn Road: Formation of 100m access road, associated surface water drainage, street lighting and landscaping.

Wind farm, Outh Muir: Communication received from Mr Wood, Independent Facilitator of the Community Liaison Group to consider impact and community benefit arising from the proposed development inviting the CC to participate in the Community Liaison Group. CCllr Wood will approach him for further information.

Wind Farm at Tillyrie: This was raised at the last meeting. No further information was presented and the planning application was raised sometime ago and, as such, no comment can now be made.

Applications Approved by PKC

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

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

12/01977/FLL Land to the rear of 106 High Street: Renewal of existing consent (07/02781/FLL) erection of two dwelling houses.

12/00478/LBC Town Hall Development: Alterations and partial demolition (108-114 High Street). Confirmation received by email from Council.

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

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

Application Refused by PKC: 12/01984/FLL 29 Broom Road: Alterations and extension to dwelling house.

Reports from Ward Councillors

Cllr Cuthbert updated those present on the **Local Development Plan**. A five-hour meeting was recently held, with three hours being devoted to Kinross-shire. Cllr Robertson moved to have H46 removed from the plan. However, resubmission would then be necessary which would take another one or two years. The plan will be forwarded to the Reporter who can make adjustments and call a public enquiry should they wish. The Reporter makes a decision as to what the LDP should incorporate and then reverts back to the Council. A meeting is to be held to assess the consultation process and stakeholders and CCs are invited. The CC agreed to write to PKC requesting that a representative from H46 be invited.

Council Budget: Further cuts would be made.

Campus: Cllr Cuthbert would welcome any feedback in relation to booking the campus, in particular with regard to the playing fields by community groups.

Cllr Barnacle added some input in relation to the LDP in that his own personal representation was not included and he is concerned that other public representations were overlooked. He registered his discontent at the procedures followed and added that the democratic process in planning was not adhered to. Two general policies were moved successfully: open space policy in relation to inappropriate development of the railway line to be reinstated or agreed and support for mitigation measures along the A977.

A member of the public, Mrs Brady, added that the public were also misquoted in the document.

Cllr Giacomazzi had nothing to add.

Cllr Robertson agreed that people were let down by the LDP. The consultation last January was a complete waste of money and time. Time was allocated in the original paper for the plan to be presented to the Council for changes and then to be lodged with the Reporter. The Planners were unable to adhere to the timescale. It was not for the Officers to decide, the Councillors are the elected members representing the people and should have final say. The Councillors chose not to change the plan but decided to support this. The current administration wanted to push the plan through as soon as possible. It was agreed that the CC write to the Reporter requesting that in view of the representations received and the stance taken by our local Councillors, H46 should be removed from the plan.

TRACKS: Cllr Robertson reported that there were a number of delays but that negotiations are almost at an end. Discussions are also ongoing in relation to the route across the Gairney. He is hopeful that work will start in May and should take about a year to complete.

Road signs: Money is available to change the road signs and website to include Gaelic. Cllr Robertson added that in his opinion this was a waste of public money. Cllr Giacomazzi replied that the Council were obliged to carry this out on the instructions of the Government and that the Council were restricting this to minimum spend.

Budget: CCllr Colliar questioned the spending in Perth; £5 million on the swimming pool and theatre with money laid aside for the new road structure at the Tay and the thousands to be spent on upgrading the South Inch. The CC to write to PKC stating the aforementioned. Cllr Giaccapazzi will follow this up.

Springfield Road/Wilson Court: A member of the public commented that traffic calming measures are required along this route and suggestions were made as to traffic lights or reducing the speed limit. The lady added that the view of the road is obstructed at Wilson Court due to the height of the hedges. We are to ask the police to carry out speed checks along this route and CCllr Robertson will request that the Council also carry out investigation of this road.

Correspondence

Supporting the role of CCs: Copy of feedback provided.

Policing Plan for Tayside 2013/2014 and Scottish Police Authority Consultation: Information provided.

Climate Challenge Fund: Grants available for the community.

Honours: Communication received inviting nominations.

Hatchbank: Mr Warrington to follow up visibility concerns. Advises that unfortunately the Public Transport Unit does not have a budget to provide new bus shelters, but they can arrange for the site to be assessed so that it can, if merited, be placed on the "prioritised list" of outstanding shelter requests. He adds that the level of passenger usage at this bus stop is such that he does not think it would score highly, however should we wish the site to be evaluated we are to let him know. The earth could be removed under the Community Payback Order; we are to ask for the site to be assessed.

Coat of Arms/badges: Request for such items received from a Mr Whitworth. It was suggested that we pass on this request to the Museum.

Scottish Water: Reminder re consultation and asking for response by 12 February.

CRNS: Communication received in relation to waste products and a request that the CC join the network.

The Community Justice System: Consultation re women Offenders with deadline of 30 April.

LDP Consultation: Workshop to be held on 21 February in Perth. CCllr West will attend this event.

David Rutherford advised that, due to ongoing work commitments, he has decided to withdraw from the Committee, however will continue to support the CC and looks forward to attending future meetings.

The Convention is undertaking a recruitment drive; membership is £1.00.

Tillyrie: An email was received in relation to vehicles speeding through Tillyrie, where several young children live and play. The gentleman was concerned that an accident would occur as a consequence of the speeding traffic and suggested imposing a 20mph speed limit. It was commented that the Council have carried out speed checks along this route and are currently assessing the results.

Common Good Funds: At a PKC meeting on 19 December, an amendment was put forward that PKC Officers should develop some form of mechanism to allow CCs, should they wish, a role in the running of Common Good Funds. This was voted down. The PKC recommendation was that there should be no change to current arrangements, and the leader of the administration made it very clear that he did not want to entertain such a notion.

Kinross High Street: Historic Scotland rejected the application for Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme funding. An explanation on how they reached this decision has been requested. An application for Townscape Heritage Initiative Funding has been placed to the Heritage Lottery Fund and a decision should be reached by the end of March.

Jayne Baxter, MSP for Mid Scotland and Fife: Communication details received should the CC wish to contact this MSP who has a specific interest in community planning.

Myre Park: Proposals received for the refurbishment of the Myre Park play area. Works are proposed to commence mid January and complete early April.

The Living Lomonds Landscape conservation project will be continuing consultation in early 2013, confirming project activities, submitting the application to HLF and securing additional funding.

AGM and accounts: Reminder received from the Council outlining the procedures involved.

Other Business

CC: The Chairman stated that he was circulating a form around the CC members requesting details on the sub-committees they are involved in.

Celebration of Kinross-shire: A member of the public, Susan Bathgate, raised this possibility to recognise the efforts of local people in the variety of ways they add to civic life.

Bus stops: CCllr Jack commented that in line with stated policy, bus stops should be marked with a sign, and that the stop opposite the bank does not adhere to this requirement. The Park and Ride is similar. Cllr Giaccapazzi will look into this.

Millbridge: A light was out at Millbridge. Cllr Cuthbert will report this. The Lighting department regularly check these.

Roads: A discussion was held on the condition of the roads and footpaths in the town and the inadequate repairs made in patching areas.

The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will be held on Wednesday 6 March 2013 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

Agenda for the March Meeting

- (1) Apologies for absence.
- (2) Minutes of the meeting held on 6 February.
- (3) Police report.
- (4) Matters arising from the meeting of 6 February.
- (5) Future of Kinross buildings.
- (6) Planning.
- (7) Reports from P&K Councillors.
- (8) Reports from CC members.
- (9) Miscellaneous correspondence.
- (10) Other Competent Business.
- (11) 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 February Meeting

CCllr Hamilton, Chair, welcomed CCllrs Bennet, Cottingham, Halford, Milne-Home, Pettinger, Smith and Thomson to the meeting held on 14 February 2013. Also in attendance were eight members of the public. Apologies were received from P&K Cllrs Barnacle, Cuthbert, Giacopazzi and Robertson.

Police matters: Sgt Williams presented a report from Tayside Police. It has been a busy period for the Police service during the wintry weather. Enquiries into the theft of heating oil from the Church Hall were ongoing. The Police were also investigating several thefts of tools and fuel. More detail would be provided at the next meeting. Reports that two boys had been going from door to door, allegedly seeking money for the school, were noted. The instances of recent wheel-clamping in the village was a DVLA rather than a Police matter, however the Police would provide feedback at the next meeting.

The Chair outlined the background to the issue of a horse and cart being driven dangerously in Donaldson Park. From discussion, the following were noted: It was not illegal to ride a horse in the park, but the key issue was one of responsible access. Access is gained through the Church Street entrance. On at least one occasion the horseman had lost control of the horse, a stallion, and the cart had tipped over. Children in the park had been frightened by the horse. The ground was very sodden and parts of the football pitch had been churned up by the vehicle.

The Secretary would write to PKC expressing the CC's concerns about irresponsible access, emphasizing the danger to the public and the Health and Safety issues, and requesting that PKC consider restricting vehicular access to the park. The Police would liaise with PKC to seek a way forward. A report would be provided at the next meeting of MCC.

T in the Park: CCllr Smith and Pettinger reported that the meeting originally planned for 19 February in the Windlestrae Hotel had been brought forward to 18 February, and neither were now able to attend. CCllr Thomson agreed to attend and would raise the CC's concerns about noise late in the night from the campsite and lack of a local contact telephone number for local residents to voice concerns and complaints at the time.

Planning applications: The following planning applications in Milnathort were discussed:

- Siting of a two-storey portacabin at 89A South Street.
- Variation of condition 3 planning consent to allow any heritable creditor to occupy the dwelling house on land 140 metres south west of Wester Tillyrie House.
- Demolition of a Joiner's workshop at 46 New Road and erection of two flats.

The CC had no objections to any of the above.

Planning applications determined: The CC noted that two applications for alterations to Burleigh House had been refused by PKC, but that the application for alterations and replacement windows at Milnathort Town Hall had been approved.

Placecheck: A tree has been planted in the gusset in Wester Loan. PKC plans to introduce a further 'no waiting' area at the junction of Burleigh Road and New Road. (Details to be published in the Courier and Advertiser.) PKC is intending to carry out a traffic survey in the village in the Spring 2013.

PKC has not yet reached a decision about introducing a one-way system in Victoria Avenue.

Kinross Community Wood: CCllr Bennet updated the meeting. Paths were being churned by horses and had become unsafe for walkers. She had discussed this with TRACKS officers. After discussion the Chair agreed that CC should write to the PKC Access Officer, Dave Stubbs, giving the CC's concerns and asking PKC to consider a resolution. He also noted that PKC does not maintain core paths and emphasized that with access to the countryside comes a responsibility for the public not to cause damage.

Roads: The 'ice' warning signs near Tillywhally House have been erected, but PKC has put on hold further roadworks in the area until winter is over.

Noticeboard: CCllr Bennet reported that the community noticeboard, supplied as part of Placecheck, had been leaking badly to the extent that notices had become illegible. CCllr Pettinger agreed to write to PKC to seek a resolution.

Dog litter: The CC noted that instances of dogs fouling the village were increasing and the Chair asked that the CC's concerns should be recorded in the minutes. CCllr Bennet advised that a website: www.fixmystreet.com was available for the public to notify PKC of concerns such as this. She advised people to record their concerns individually on the website so that PKC would be aware of the depth of feeling in the village. The same website could be used for registering other concerns, such as potholes.

New Matters and Correspondence: CCllr Pettinger advised that he had received information about the following:

- A proposed new **composting scheme** – details would be published in the Newsletter (*see page 15*).
- Warroch Hill planned a further 300 hectares of **commercial forestry** near Ledlation. He agreed to send the email giving information to members of CC.
- Members of the public have asked whether a **foodbank**, similar to an initiative in Perth, could be set up in Milnathort.
- There were no **waste bin collections** in Church Street during the recent period of snow. CCllr Smith explained that he had contacted PKC and arrangements had been made to collect black bags of waste. It transpired that the bin lorry could not gain access into the street due to a parked car and a very large pothole in the vicinity. CCllr Smith agreed to advise PKC of this.
- The white **pumping station tanks** near Middleton had now been painted green.

PKC Councillors' comments: The Chair reported that Cllr Giacopazzi had advised him that PKC had agreed to withdraw the proposed housing development site on the south side of Perth Road from the Local Development Plan.

Other business: A member of the public is concerned about the condition of the road leading to the Tillyrie area. He noted that PKC had agreed to spend up to £300,000 to introduce Gaelic signs in the PKC area and queried whether this was an appropriate allocation given the condition of some roads.

The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will take place on Thursday 14 March 2013 at 7.30pm in Orwell Parish Church Hall.

Milnathort CC minutes are posted on
www.kinross.cc/milnathort/milnathort.htm

Portmoak Community Council

News from the February Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 12 February 2013 were: CCllrs M Strang Steel, R Cairncross, T Smith, S Forde, J Bird and B Calderwood; P&K Councillors D Cuthbert and M Barnacle and three members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from CCllrs M Parkin and R Williamson and P&K Cllr Giacopazzi.

Community Pay Back scheme: Mr John Irons of PKC gave an explanation of this, highlighting areas where it had already been of benefit to communities in Perth and Kinross. He answered questions. The CC would use the scheme, if available tasks were in accordance with its remit. The Chairman thanked Mr Irons for his attendance.

Police report: Sgt Williams informed the meeting that there had been a number of thefts from outbuildings, particularly the theft of plant and diesel from commercial premises. She asked all residents to be aware of anything suspicious, and warned that wearing a fluorescent jacket was not an indication of bona fides.

A male has recently been arrested in relation to theft from a motor vehicle in the area.

Sgt Williams gave details of the Community Tasking and Co-ordination Group, which could help with problems requiring a co-ordinated response, including road problems. Details would be forwarded to the CC about this organisation. CCllr Tom Smith indicated that PKC Roads Department should however be initially informed of any road problems.

A911: Refreshing of the surface painted road signage on the A911 from Milnathort to Auchmuir Bridge is still in hand with PKC Roads Department.

Improved signage and road markings at the Wester Balgedie junction with the A911 were to be considered following a site meeting on 7 December 2012 between PKC Roads Department and the CC and Cllr Giacopazzi. PKC is to inform the CC of progress.

It was also noted that the drain covers on the A911 are collapsing again. This had been reported to PKC and an acknowledgement received.

It was noted that resurfacing work had started at Drum, and it was expected that this would continue to the B9097 South Loch Road in the summer.

Replacement reflective signs at New Gullet Bridge are required. CC to check that PKC is aware of these missing signs.

Flooding (on road between Wester Balgedie and Glenlomond): A legal solution to this problem is still proceeding on the initiative of Cllr Giacopazzi.

Stephen's Field: Contact with A & J Stephen Ltd is being maintained. A letter was sent to Mr J Stephen on 16 January 2013 requesting a meeting to review progress with outstanding matters raised during the meeting with him in October 2012. No reply as yet.

Living Lomonds Landscape Partnership: Contact with the LLLP is being maintained, and they are now copying the CC in on their activity reports. The LLLP had previously explained their intention of linking the Lomond Hills to other Fife areas using paths through Portmoak.

Lomond Country Inn: It is believed that missives have been concluded for the sale of the Lomond.

Content of Police reports: These will now include information about solved crimes.

Award signs: The matter of Britain in Bloom 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.

Wall: The wall at the foot of the field on A911 at "Greenacres" Kinnesswood remains unrepaired and partially collapsed. The Chairman has again spoken to the owner. It was suggested that this item could be removed from the minutes since it was a maintenance problem. However, a member of the public said that the wall was unsafe, it spoilt the appearance of the entrance to the village, and it should be repaired.

Scotlandwell trees: Scotlandwell in Bloom have now heard from PKC regarding the developer £400 contribution for trees. Tree and hedging types have been agreed.

Wester Balgedie to Easter Balgedie Footpath: In January TRACKS and PKC submitted an application to Sustrans for part funding (£49,403) of a sealed-surface path costing £98,807, with matched funding to be sought from PKC Community Greenspace (£14,822) and SITA Trust (£34,582). The Chairman had written to all concerned parties, including the PKC Access Officer, to stress the need for this vital piece of missing infrastructure, and had confirmed the CC's support.

In addition, the Chairman had made contact with the Climate Challenge Fund and lodged a formal Expression of Interest in Funding from them. He had also discussed the Footpath with a CCF Development Officer. Funding from the CCF is conditional upon a project being able to demonstrate CO2 reduction. Discussions are continuing.

Scotlandwell name sign: The CC has advised PKC Roads Department that the preferred location for this sign is adjacent to the new 40mph sign on the A911, north of Scotlandwell. The sign has not been installed as yet.

HGV traffic: Following the discussion at the December meeting attended by Elizabeth Smith MSP, the Chairman had received an update from her to say that she had met with the Road Haulage Association and other relevant organisations, following receipt of useful information from all our four ward Councillors, and she would be reporting in more detail at the March CC meeting.

Access to the Green from Wellside Park: Verbal confirmation had been received from both Cllr Giacopazzi and Willie Rennie MSP that this link would be constructed. The CC is still working on the provision of a car park on Moss Road. This item will be on the agenda for the CC's April meeting, to be held in Portmoak Hall. It is hoped that there will be a good representation from Scotlandwell residents at that meeting.

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Grit bin for Portmoak Church: At the request of a resident, the Chairman had asked PKC for a grit bin to be installed in the Church car park, but this had been refused as this ground was not the responsibility of PKC.

Westfield Windfarm Community Benefit Fund: The Chairman has written to Infinis Plc, who are constructing the Westfield Windfarm, to suggest that Portmoak CC should be involved with the management of this fund.

Gritting and snow clearing: Wester Balgedie to Glenlomond road. The solution is to have the Glenlomond road upgraded, so that it would be gritted and cleared at weekends as well as weekdays, in accordance with PKC priorities for snow clearance.

Although PKC operates a Farmer Assistance Scheme, under which farmers are provided with equipment to clear snow from public roads, it was noted that not one farmer is part of the scheme in Portmoak. The CC has been asked by Cllr Robertson to provide him with names of people in Portmoak who would be willing to be part of the scheme.

Vandalism on golf course: In response to a previous complaint from a resident, the Chairman had contacted the Golf Club Secretary, who had no knowledge of any recent vandalism.

Munduff Hill weather dome: After consultation with the Meteorological Office, the Chairman reported that this was painted white for operational reasons, and could not be any other colour.



The Munduff Hill "rain radar" Photo: John Ritchie

Treasurer's report: As at 31 January, General account £417.16 and MBW account £355.75. Total £772.91.

Planning: Three applications had been considered by the CC and it was agreed that no comment would be made on any of these. This was the decision of the entire CC.

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

13/00077/FLL Land east of Whitecraigs, amendment of site boundary to allow footpath.

12/01765/FLL Erection of three wind turbines at Tillyrie Hill, Milnathort.

Local Development Plan: Cllr Barnacle was asked to comment on the progress of the LDP.

Before the LDP can be approved by Scottish Ministers, and adopted by PKC, the unresolved issues raised during the consultation period of the proposed Plan are subject to examination and comment by a Reporter from the Scottish Government's Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals (DPEA). A summary of these issues, compiled by PKC Planners, is submitted. It is then for the Reporter to decide whether to call for further representations, or to hold a public enquiry.

A special PKC meeting was held on 23 January to debate amendments proposed to the draft plan, before its submission to the DPEA. Of the amendments promoted by Portmoak CC, only the amendment relating to restrictions to the height and density of the proposed housing development on the B920 to the south of Scotlandwell was accepted by PKC, and the draft plan will be amended accordingly.

Regarding another Portmoak submission, to retain the boundary at Kilmagadwood, it was agreed to remove this submission from the list on the basis that this change was purely a planning boundary, and not a settlement boundary.

Broadband: A resident had raised the issue of low broadband speeds in parts of Portmoak. The Chairman had agreed to investigate this.

Hedge: The roadside hedge at Scotlandwell alongside the entrance to the allotments was causing an obstruction to people entering the road, as well as interfering with traffic sightlines. The CC will ask PKC Roads Department to investigate.

Wester Balgedie traffic: Concern was expressed about the volume of heavy traffic using the narrow road through Wester Balgedie, sometimes causing damage to the fabric of the village. The CC would consider what practical action could be taken to deal with this problem.

The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 12 March 2013 in Portmoak Primary School.

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Fossoway and District CC News from the February Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 5 February 2013 were: CCllrs Alastair Lavery, Kevin Borthwick, Sheila Anderson and Rod Paterson; P&K Cllr M Barnacle and ten members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from: CCllrs Sandy Morrison, Trudy Duffy-Wigman and Angus Cheape; P&K Cllrs W Robertson, Giacopazzi and D Cuthbert.

There were no declarations of interest.

Community Policing: Community police officer (PC Douglas Stapleton) was not present, but sent a report. Theft of pedal cycle under enquiry, thefts from outbuildings, in particular plant and diesel, also theft of a quad bike. Speed checks carried out at Drum.

Blairingone War Memorial: Still on-going.



*The old church at Blairingone, with the war memorial at front.
Photo: Prof D Munro*

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

Signposting Core Paths and Rights of Way: Cllrs Cuthbert and Giacopazzi were not present, so no information about this at present.

Lambhill wood chip plant at Blairingone: Alastair asked PKC Planning about the two applications being separate, but although they acknowledged the letter they didn't answer the question. Local residents have been approaching MPs, MSPs and others who have supported their objection. There is currently no date for the applications to be determined.

Travellers' site at Crook Moss, Crook of Devon: Kevin reports that a meeting was held between the CC and the Planners (David Littlejohn and Nick Brian) following the upholding of the CC's complaints. Several current applications were discussed, with the aim of improving the CC's relationship with the planning department in the future. Cllr Barnacle notes that the decision was deferred in August 2012 to allow the applicant to provide further information that has not yet been received; meanwhile the applicants are still on site without planning permission. A local resident has asked the Council if they can force the applicant to connect to mains electricity to reduce noise from generators, but was told this could not be enforced.

Glenquey Quarry: Alastair reports that the CC has submitted information about the traffic impact of this development, which has received a standard acknowledgement. No date yet for determination.

Crook of Devon water supply: The CC has received a copy of an email from a resident to Scottish Water reporting that the water was cloudy. The resident was informed that the CC had success with our previous complaints to Scottish Water by collecting similar complaints from other residents.

Glendevon pollution incident: Last summer an unannounced pollution event occurred. SEPA responded that the incident was in the hands of the Procurator Fiscal so no information could be given at the moment.

B9097: Resurfacing work now scheduled for 18 March for two weeks. Sandy and Cllr Barnacle have communicated with PKC to suggest that better diversion signs and physical barriers be used.

CC Business

Green routes: Sandy and Kevin met with Brian Cargill of PKC Roads Department with a view to extending the scheme to include the loop road. PKC said that their seven-day traffic survey showed only ten heavy goods vehicles per day, with a few lighter goods vehicles and the majority being light vehicles, but they would look at it again. Cllr Barnacle added that the majority of the proposals are good; however the U222 has not been included in its entirety and asked for it to be reconsidered. This is currently a pilot scheme, and if it is successful then it might well be extended in the future. Cllr Robertson has contacted PKC Roads regarding TRACKS applying for funding for a Kinross to Crook of Devon cycling route.

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Kevin reports on a focus group Sandy attended concerning **Police and Fire reorganisation** where it was stressed that there will be no diminution of existing services. There will be three Police hubs in Perth and Kinross, and an unchanged number of Police Officers in the community, with three-year placements of officers to ensure continuity and help develop relationships.

Report by P&K Councillor Barnacle

Power cuts in this area: Complaint sent to Scottish Power who will investigate. Kevin notes that this has been previously attributed to geese flocks hitting power lines.

Grass verge cutting: Budget discussions currently in progress; Roads seem to have agreed that even if all verges can't be cut twice, at least areas around junctions should be.

Local Plan: The Councillors had a special meeting for a major debate on the proposed Local Plan on 23 January. Even though 1500 representations had been made to the original plan, it had been proposed to be passed without change. Seventeen amendments were discussed, ten affecting Kinross-shire which were all accepted except one. Motions affecting Fossoway include: Safeguarding disused railway lines to be reinstated or turned into Core Paths; Blairingone to have zoned housing plan in accordance with CC and resident comments; Blairingone to have mitigation measures on A977; Powmill – master plan will include the whole village.

Planning

13/00159/FLL Erection of an agricultural building (partly in retrospect), Cairnfold Farm, Blairingone. CC comment: Will contact PKC for clarification as the application has very little information.

13/00141/PN Erection of agricultural building for tractor storage and part stable, Viewfield, Carnbo. Application withdrawn.

13/00130/FLL. Modification of existing consent (06/01947/FUL), variation of condition 1 to extend time period of commencement. Site of Gartwhinzean Farm, Powmill. No CC comment.

13/00105/FLL Modification of existing consent (11/01839/FLL) to change position of house and garage on site. Cairnfold Farm, Blairingone. No CC comment.

13/00071/IPL Renewal of planning consent (10/00162/IPL). Erection of two dwelling houses with garages (in principle), Crook of Devon House, Main Street, Crook of Devon. No CC comment.

13/00061/FLL Modification of existing consent (11/01839/FLL). Erection of an indoor horse arena building for equestrian business and erection of a dwelling house and garage. Cairnfold Farm, Blairingone. Application withdrawn.

Correspondence

A full list was circulated to the attendees.

Other Business

Road closure A977 to Blairingone now scheduled for 11 March.

Honour: CC has been asked if they have any suggestions for members of the community who should be considered for a UK honour – any suggestions to the Secretary.

Email etiquette: When sending an email to a large number of people, then they should all be BCC'd (Blind Carbon Copy) so that everyone can't see all the other addresses.

Outh Muir Wind farm (near Knockhill): Invitation for this CC to join Community Liaison group.

Draft Agenda for Next CC Meeting

(1) Welcome and Apologies. (2) Declarations of Interest. (3) Community Policing. (4) Minutes of Last Meeting. (5) Matters Arising: Core Path Signposting; Lambhill Wood Chip Plant; Traveller's site, Crook Moss; B9097 and A977 Road Works; Green Routes; Outh Muir Wind Farm. (6) Community Councillors – Meetings Attended. (7) Reports by P&K Councillors. (8) Planning Applications. (9) Correspondence. (10) AOCB.

The Next Meeting of Fossoway and District CC will take place on Tuesday 5 March 2013 at 7.30pm in Blairingone Primary School. All welcome!

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Cleish & Blairadam CC

News from the February Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 4 February 2013 were: CCllrs P Fraser, H Somerville, R Kitchin, F McGregor and R Jeffrey; Associate Members J Moore and C Culley; P&K Councillors M Barnacle and D Cuthbert; a police officer and ten members of the community. No apologies for absence were received.

Matters arising from previous meeting: Previous actions all taken care of, apart from forwarding letter that was sent to PKC Planning to Gordon Banks re Cleish Mill.

Crime prevention: Increased number of thefts from out buildings, diesel tanks, rural plant etc. Home heating oil is also being targeted. A crime prevention leaflet will be forwarded to us to display and link to on our website.

Victoria Riches is currently working in traffic division; Douglas Stapleton is covering her local role at present.

A member from the floor reported that current activities on Nivingston Hill were greatly increased – the police are holding an internal meeting this week regarding this matter. We were asked to thank the police for their ongoing co-operation over this.

Correspondence: The **Scottish Communities Foundation** have changed their name to Foundation Scotland. The Treasurer reported that he has not ever received any grant from them (2005 onwards), and so questioned why we received this notification.

Local Development Plan: There is a stakeholder evaluation workshop on 21 February: representatives from the CC invited. A Thursday lunchtime meeting is not conducive to a good turnout when volunteer Community Councillors are largely at work.

Cllr Barnacle reported that he has concerns about the overall LDP process. Planning didn't want to change the proposed plan despite over 1500 representations, as it would create a delay. He confirmed that Cleish and Blairadam CC's view are noted in the Schedule 4 amendments.

The CCllrs gave thanks to our local members for their continuous work representing our views in this matter.

The Constitution was signed by three Community Councillors that were present at the meeting dated 3 November 2011.

CC website: Thanks again to Fran. There are currently approximately 1100 sessions per month on the site. We still need more content from Blairadam.

Cleish & Blairadam by-election: There are currently five CCllrs from Cleish and one Associate Member from

Blairadam. It was suggested that we increase the number of CCllrs from five to eight to increase the representation from Blairadam. It was also agreed that we would like to include a limit of no more than five of the eight CCllrs from either area (Cleish or Blairadam) to enable there to be equal representation of our somewhat split community. Can this be included in our constitution? CCllr Fraser will make further enquiries.

Nominations must be received by PKC by 5pm on 28 February. RJ and FMcG will need to re-apply.

A member from the floor asked why the increase, when it has been this way for the last 40 years. There was concern that a larger group will find it harder to reach decisions. It was suggested that the number of residents has also increased during this time, and actually more members is more likely to result in more representations voiced from our Community. We could also spread the current workload more evenly.

Cllr Barnacle commented that the Constitution states that we should endeavour to ensure even geographical representation – the increase to eight, and a limit of five from either community is in keeping with this.

Two members of the floor from Blairadam both voiced their wish to stand for the by-election.

Finance: The 2011-2012 accounts are prepared and ready to be signed by an accountant. CCllr Kitchin to action. The balance of £998.96 is now increased to £1130.16.

Wind turbines: There are no changes currently to both Outh Moor and Blairadam wind farm applications. CCllr Fraser is attending a meeting on 5 February.

Report from Blairadam: The temporary repairs to the potholes have been just that – the holes are back and as bad as ever.

Cllr Barnacle reported that the Green Route Initiative is not going to happen here unfortunately. Enterprise and Initiative have ignored his request to have this site included in the trials. He may therefore try to push for speed limit restrictions in isolation.

Local residents confirmed that there is much more farm traffic on the road, and that the sizes of tractors and trailers have also become much larger than before. Is it worth discussing the issue with the farm?

The road is also being used as through run, and this is why the Green Route Initiative was such an attractive idea. It is possible that speed restrictions and traffic calming may help. There haven't been any results provided from the recent strip traffic survey.

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Planning

Applications approved: 12/01576/FLL Rye Bog, Blairadam: Change of use of agricultural field to stable block, hay shed and equipment barn. 12/01627/FLL Flockhouse Farm: Modification of change of house type and garage. 12/01838/FLL Kinnaird House: Alterations and extension to dwelling house.

Application withdrawn: 12/02044/FLL Craigbank House and Craigpark House: Changes to landscaping plan.

Applications pending: 11/01898/FLL Millstone Cottage, Downhill Muir. 12/00268/FLL 2 Greenacres. 12/01035/FLL 4 Greenacres. 12/01851/LBC & 12/01850/FLL Blairadam House.

New applications: 13/00045/IPL Dunvegan, Blairadam: Renewal of previous consent for erection of dwelling house. There were no objections reported or from the floor.

12/01340/FLL 27a Keltybridge: 4 dwelling houses. There is considerable history for this plot, with two previous applications refused, appealed and then refused both times by the Reporter. The site was initially outwith the village boundary in the '94 Plan, was then within the settlement boundary for the 2006 application and currently is. However the proposed new LDP changes this yet again. In his original submission for the LDP, Cllr Barnacle stated that this site was of importance to the community, who wanted its use for the benefit of the community and improved access to the Tabernacle Hall and should therefore not be

put forward for development. Forward Planning have informed Cllr Barnacle that the change in settlement boundaries should not make this plot of land more appropriate to development.

The application of four houses, tightly sited on the plot, is not in keeping with the village; would lead to further traffic on a road already struggling to cope, and is of an inappropriate density.

Whilst it was acknowledged that this application will be judged by the Planning Officers on its own merits and not the previous applications, it was suggested we should ask whether the Reporters' previous two conclusions have been addressed at all in this new application. If not, there is a precedence to refuse the application again.

There was also discussion about the possibility of a community buy-out for the plot.

The CC will write to object, and has strongly urged the local residents to do the same individually as well.

The Next Meeting of Cleish & Blairadam CC will take place on Monday 1st April 2013 at the Tabernacle Hall at 7.30pm.

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BluesUp

Nigel Ewen, one of our KLEO members, organises a new monthly music night at the Thistle Hotel in Milnathort. On the first Saturday of each month there will be live blues music featuring some of the best Blues Artists from around Scotland. Entry is FREE and the music starts at 9pm.

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On **Saturday 9 March** there is a **Coffee Morning** at the Church Centre in the High Street Kinross between 10am and 12 noon where there will be a Fairtrade stall with goods supplied by Tradecraft, who are retailers of Fairtrade goods. At the Coffee Morning a representative from Just Trading will be there to help promote a Rice Challenge - come along and see how this challenge will not only improve, but indeed enable, the education of children in Malawi.

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(Sainsbury's in Kinross also sells a range of Fairtrade products).

Kinross-shire Historical Society



On 13 February, Jim Paterson gave a very interesting and entertaining illustrated talk on 'Kinross - Now and Then', to a large audience in the Parish Church. He explained the beginnings of the town by the loch and how it grew westwards to where some of the old streets still exist today. He spoke of the trades important to the town such as weaving and cutlery. The weaving was done in the homes until mills opened specialising in linen and woollens, in particular cashmere. Kinross cutlers competed with their counterparts in Sheffield until the trade died out.

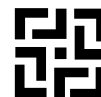
Kinross was important as a coaching stage with several coaching inns. This was followed by the coming of the railways which carried goods in and out of the town. The railways also carried troops here in wartime, when soldiers were trained at Turfhill, and in WW2 pilots were trained at Balado.

He described the development of many aspects of town life including churches, education, golf courses, the gas supply, the public wash house, and the new buildings erected as required. It is a great pity that some of these are the fine old buildings that now stand empty in the town.

Bobby Campbell enthusiastically thanked Jim Paterson on behalf of the Society for a most informative talk which brought back many memories.

For details of the next talk, see p. 99.

Potager Garden



It is lovely to see signs of spring, with snowdrops and other bulbs, and we are looking forward to another growing season, and the school children's first visit at the end of March.

If the weather is suitable, we will also resume **volunteer sessions** at the garden this month on **Monday mornings** from about 10.30am to 12.30pm. If you would like to join our friendly group, and learn a bit about growing flowers or vegetables, do come along for a cup of tea and a chat. Please phone Amanda to check when we are starting if you are interested, or have any questions or ideas. We are also planning to start work on our new sensory area soon.

It is tempting to start planting with a bit of spring sunshine, but we need to be aware with tender plants that we can have frosts here until May. Old wisdom says that you can sow seeds when the ground is warm enough to sit on in your undies! It is probably safer, and more comfortable, to wait until new weeds start to germinate, then you know that the soil has warmed up. We will be launching **our website with a new name shortly**, which will contain growing tips for each month; details in the next Newsletter.

We are still needing someone to act as our Treasurer, and hope you can maybe help us with this. This is not onerous, with support from others, and we have a very helpful accountant, but we need someone who is independent from existing committee members. Please phone Amanda if you think you may be able to help, thanks.

We are very grateful to Frances from Mawcarse, who has recently donated a heated propagator to the garden, and we look forward to using it for seeds and cuttings in the near future.

We will be having a **spring plant stall at the Spring Tea** at the village hall in Crook of Devon, on the morning of **Saturday 30 March**, and hope to see you there.

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Common Grounds is celebrating

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Staffed by volunteers, Common Grounds has two important purposes. Firstly, it is inspired by its abiding objective of helping in a direct way to alleviate poverty by supporting self-help projects and charities, particularly in Africa. Scottish-based charities benefit regularly. Secondly, it provides a community focus that welcomes all to relax and meet. Mothers and fathers and their toddlers, young people and old, all have enjoyed the warm welcome and relaxed atmosphere. The log fire is a tradition that warms on a winter's day.

Long term Convener Jim Henry pays tribute to those who make it all possible: "There are many people that should be mentioned, the bakers, the Management team, the waiters, the firelighters, too many to name without leaving many out. It's a selfless effort by all. New Volunteers are always welcome and **new customers** – so come along and try us out, you may find you stay to help".



To celebrate, Common Grounds are organising a ceilidh in April and a celebratory dinner in June.

Project: Our project for March is Scottish Love in Action (SLA). SLA is a charity based in Edinburgh that cares for and supports vulnerable and destitute children in India. They feed, clothe, house, educate and provide medical care for 600 children in Tuni and Hyderabad in SE India.



Cathy Watt serves tea to fellow volunteers John Colebourn, Frances Miller and Janice Bell as Convener James Henry looks on

Project Lunch: Tuesday 12 March at 12 noon with a speaker from RUDA, a Scottish-based charity will give a presentation on what our donation has achieved in the Ruvuma area of Tanzania. Come along and enjoy homemade soup, bread, baking and an interesting talk – the essence of Common Grounds!

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Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



AGM and Club Party: The Annual General Meeting will be held on **Thursday 7 March** at 12.30pm in the Windelstrae Hotel.

This will be followed by the Annual Party which will commence at 1pm. The entertainment will be provided by the fiddles and accordions of the Alan Small Workshop. The cost is £12.50 per person. Please contact Mary Muirhead on 01577 863564 to book and for further details.

Away Days March

Thur 14 Mar - Burrell Collection

Thur 28 Mar - Antartex Village

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

Theatre Outing: "Hello Dolly" Pitlochry Festival Theatre **3 July**. Edith has secured a very good deal with the theatre for an evening performance of this show. The total cost of seats and coach is £23 per person inclusive of tips. However it will be necessary for club members to pay a deposit of £10 when booking with Edith or latest at the Club meeting on 7 March. The balance of the cost £13 must be paid at the Club meeting on 4 April. These arrangements with the theatre give us a substantial discount on the full price tickets and also a travel subsidy, which are both well worth having. Cheques as usual should be made payable to "Kinross 50 Plus Club". Please remember this is an evening performance and the coach will depart from the Green Hotel at 6.30pm prompt. Contact: Edith Oswald 01577 865731.

Friday Walkers

1 Mar: A 5-mile walk in Blairadam Woods along a mixture of paths, roads and rough tracks - some of them made for

access. This is one of the walks cancelled due to bad weather last year.

15 Mar: Aberdour to St Bridget's Kirk, along the coastal path - and back to Aberdour. This is our annual stroll past all the daffodils and having lunch amid the gravestones of the old kirkyard.

29 Mar: The Bonhard circular walk which starts in Scone and goes past Murrayshall, up to the Obelisk and then back through the den to Scone - some climbing and almost six miles, but some magnificent views.

Contact: Ian Simpson 01577 863691.

Friday Hill Walkers

8 Mar: Glenfarg Tunnel Walk. 9.00am. (This walk is to be confirmed and might change.)

22 Mar: Athol Woods, Dunkeld. Jacky. 9.00am.

5 Apr: Balmerino. Margaret. 8.30am.

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 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 Oswald 01577 864020.

Kinvest Investment Club has been wound up.

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

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

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March

Tue 5th Regular Meeting at 7.15pm.
Entered Apprentice Degree and
Provincial Grand Lodge of Fife & Kinross
Annual visitation.

Tue 12th General Committee Meeting at 7.30pm.

Tue 19th Regular Meeting at 7.15pm
Fellow Craft Degree

Tue 26th General Committee Meeting at 7.30pm. Arrange work for next Regular Meeting.

Sportsman's Dinner in aid of local good causes on **Friday 19 April** at 7.00 for 7.30pm. Tickets £25.00 from 07796797138 after 6pm. Speakers: Mr Donald Findlay QC, chairman of Cowdenbeath FC, and Mr Sandy Strang, journalist with columns in The Herald, The Edinburgh Evening News, The Sun and Scotland on Sunday.



Kinross in Bloom

Despite the recent wintry weather, we are glad to see signs of spring, with green spears of crocus, tulip and daffodil appearing at various sites around the town, and we now look forward to producing some excellent displays later in the season.

Some good results were provided at our recent meeting, as the 200 Club winners for January and February were announced, they are:

January 1. No.56 Mrs J Adamson; 2. No.23 Mrs E Milne; 3. No.65 Mr & Mrs A Wallace; 4. No.22 Mrs S Bathgate

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2013 Programme of Events

March	Recording Studio Open Days (Sat/Sun – dates TBC)
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 and KLEO event
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

Recording Studio Open Days – 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 March. If you wish to be added to the session list or for further information then please contact Gerry McGregor (Campus Assistant) on 01577 867119 or 867200. Booking in advance is essential as places are limited and going fast.

Spring Craft Fair – Saturday 23 March

There will be a Craft Fair from 10am-3pm. Admission is free and there will be over 30 stalls with local artisans

selling beautiful hand crafted goods including Glassware, Woodcrafts, Cards, Jewellery, Beeswax Candles, Natural Bath Products, Handbags, Artwork, Felt-work, Therapeutic Bath Soaks, Chocolates, Ceramics, Kilts, Textiles and much, much more. There will be refreshments available and a raffle with some great prizes including High Street Vouchers (proceeds will go to Kinross High School funds). So come along and browse the many stalls, pick up a unique gift or treat yourself, all while supporting your local community – we look forward to seeing you!

Antiques and Collectors Fair – Saturday 13 April

This is the second of six Kinross Antiques, Vintage, Retro and Collectors Fairs to be held at the campus this year. There will be buying, selling and valuations given. Admission will be from 9.30am – 3.30pm with £1.20 entry fee (students 60p).

Arkle Theatre Play Performance - Fri 19/Sat 20 April

Further details will be published in due course.

Car Boot/Table Top Sale – Sunday 21 April

Free Public Admission from 10am – 1pm (Sellers set up from 9am). Sellers – If you would like to book a pitch or table then please contact Gerry McGregor on 01577 867119/867200. Pitch prices are: Outdoor Car Boot £8.00 per pitch or £5.00 pre-booked and Indoor Table Top Sale £8.00 per table (must be pre-booked).

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.

Business Breakfasts: 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.

Portmoak Film Society

The February showing of legendary anti-war film 'Catch 22' drew an 85% approval rating from the assembled movie fans, but it wasn't for the faint-hearted. Brilliantly acted by an all-star cast, the laughter of the crazy dialogue in the first half soon died in your throat as the brutality and corruption of war took its toll on pilots and civilians in the second.

On **Saturday 9 March** it's all-change with **The Angels' Share**, Ken Loach's 2012 offering about a bunch of Glasgow scallywags who come up with an illegal plan to make some money... involving a distillery. It's very funny and handled with – unusually for this director – a light touch. Worth watching just for the first scene in the Glasgow subway!

The film starts promptly at 7.30pm at Portmoak Village Hall near Scotlandwell. Buses from Kinross stop there and there is plenty of room to park. Doors open at 7 o'clock and are open to members and visitors alike. Visitors pay £5 on the door and the film is followed by tea, coffee and cakes with the chance to chew over the film with friends and neighbours. All welcome!

To find out more, go to www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk

Kinross & District Town Twinning Association



A group of between 25 and 30 travellers from the Gacé area of Normandy will be participating in this summer's official twinning visit which takes place 4-12 August. There will be some new Gacé members travelling this year and we require new Kinross-shire host families to accommodate them in August. The Gacéans will be bringing with them their regional costumes and local produce (cheeses, cider, calvados) for a promotion event at Kinross Show.

To facilitate this, as well as outlining a programme of activities and visits, a **Hosting Evening** will be held in St Paul's Church Hall on **Tuesday 19 March** at 7.30pm.

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

January Draw

- 1st No. 43 Alison Todd, Kinnesswood
- 2nd No. 29 Margot Brown, Wester Balgedie
- 3rd No. 32 Margaret Brown, Kinnesswood

Kinross Camera Club



It was with deep sorrow that the Club learned of the death of Bob Duguid on Friday 18 January 2013, following a short illness. Bob was a former President and long-term member. Our sympathies go out to his wife, Janet, and his family.

The Club has been very active and has welcomed some new people. We have had talks from visiting lecturers as well as from some of our own members.

When judges come to comment on our prints in internal or inter-Club competitions, they normally give tips on improving the images in front of them, as did Chick Calder when judging our Thackery Trophy, a competition in which one is required to produce a panel of three related pictures on a set theme. Some speakers also very helpfully advise on how they have achieved particular effects, as did Sandy Cleland, FRPS, AFIAP and Member of the London Salon of Photography, our Honorary President, when presenting "The Other Side of the Coin". These occasions always offer opportunities to improve our own photographic output. Some talks are fascinating in their own right, for example, a talk by Colin Shaw of the RSPB on the re-introduction of Sea Eagles to the Isle of Mull where he was stationed to undertake this project. There were images of chicks on the nest, incredibly small and vulnerable looking, being fed small pieces of salmon by their parents and, only about twelve weeks after hatching, standing tall and proud in the nest, only two or three weeks short of fledging, as well as images of adult birds catching fish with great efficiency. Looking forward and upward, our next talk is an AV Extravaganza entitled "From Bo'ness to Outer Space", which promises to offer an unusual experience.

For those who wonder how we fared in the Inter-Club Competition with Cupar and St Andrews, we graciously conceded victory by two points to St Andrews this year, having beaten them last year.

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

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Portmoak Community Woodlands

Portmoak Community Woodlands had a great start to the year with a star cast and capacity crowd at their annual Burns Supper in Portmoak Village Hall. Alexander Baird of Scotlandwell gave the Selkirk Grace. Dr Bill Carr, the flamboyant GP from Leslie, addressed and dismembered the haggis. It was piped in by fellow Fifer, Tom Brown, with Chrissie Robertson, Kinnesswood, as Poesie Nancy. The toast to the Immortal Memory was proposed by actor, Crawford Logan, who is about to open in *The Woman in Black* in London's West End.

Kinross-shire talent filled most of the other roles; John Maxton of Kinnesswood toasted the lassies and Maggie Marr of Kinross replied. Elaine Carruthers, Scotlandwell, recited Tam O'Shanter while musicians Gerry Marshall and Mike Lithgow, Kinnesswood, performed traditional songs and accompanied the audience in favourites like *A Man's A Man for A' That*.



Actor Crawford Logan giving his Immortal Memory
Photograph: Stewart Nven

Wendy MacPhedran of Kilmagadwood was pianist for the night, accompanying soloist, Jessie Pryde and joined by Krys Hawryszczuk (oboe) and Louise Batchelor (cello) to play a Haydn arrangement of Burns's *A Rosebud By My Early Walk*, sung by baritone, Jo Falla. The Portmoak Players performed *The Quodlibet* from *The Jolly Beggars*.

Louise gave the final toast of the night to Mosses, Waters, Slaps and Styles, reminding everyone why they were really there – to hear about what's happening in the local woodlands. She presented a £200 cheque to Gary Bolton of the Woodland Trust, PCW's contribution towards the new viewpoint indicator recently installed on the hill above Kilmagadwood.

There was no shortage of food and drink. Ken Robertson Associates of Kinnesswood generously provided the whisky while the catering was by Lochend Farm Shop. Chairman Dave Batchelor brought the evening to a close by announcing that the main raffle prize, a beautiful wooden bird table, hand-crafted by Matt Hogg of Kinnesswood, had been won by Joan Smith of Scotlandwell.

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Kinross and District Art Club



Our new Friday sessions have begun and a full programme of weekly events on both Tuesdays and Fridays can be seen on our web site at www.kadac.co.uk along with some new pictures of our recent group activity. This was a demonstration by Rumbling Bridge artist **Babs Pease**, who has an interesting technique of producing dramatic shadows in watercolours and whose work was recently on show at the Royal Scottish Academy Winter Exhibition in Edinburgh. Babs also does lino cuts, mostly of animals, from which she produces prints and cards. Forty-six club members attended the session. Babs has a web site with many examples of her work at www.babspeasedesign.weebly.com

Another date for your calendar is Easter weekend, the weekend of **30 and 31 March**, when we are planning a **Paintings and Crafts Spring Fair** at the Tripudio Studio, formerly known as Kincraft, across at the Motorway Service Station. We will be joined by some of the other artists, including Babs, who exhibit at Perthshire Open Studios. More details will be available nearer the event.

One piece of sad news is that John Bramwell, MBE, who joined the club last year, passed away on 1st February. John was a real gentleman, a talented artist and such an interesting person with whom to have a conversation. He will be sadly missed at the club.

If you are interested in joining us, please get in touch with Club Secretary, **Sybil**, on **01577 830347** or visit our website where you can learn more about us and see the full calendar of events.

Inner Wheel



President Liz Pottie opened the February meeting by welcoming a potential new member, Carol McIntyre, and our speaker for the evening, Roger Stark. Roger has been involved in food sciences for all of his working life, and is also a keen runner, who has taken part in many long distance races. His talk was entitled 'Food for Life'.

He gave a very instructive and humorous talk about the merits of a healthy, balanced diet combined with exercise, just the thing for those of us struggling with post-Christmas excess. The group were most impressed however with Roger's reminiscences of his mother and showed us a photograph of her looking absolutely wonderful on her 100 birthday. Roger told us that 'Granny knows best', (something the grannies amongst us have known all along) and that the advice to eat up our greens, fish gives you brains, and carrots make you see in the dark etc were all excellent advice, despite Granny not having any scientific knowledge. He stressed that diet alone is not the answer; regular exercise is also needed for a healthy lifestyle. Following last year's very successful **Charity Bridge**, it has been decided to hold it again this year, at Milnathort Bowling Club on **Friday 29 March**. Volunteers were sought to provide refreshments and to help serve at the event.

Nomination forms for the election of next year's Vice President and Secretary were issued. These should be returned to Secretary Christine Maclure by 4 March, in time for the next committee meeting.

Ann Barlow, Club Correspondent

Kinross and District Junior Agricultural Club

The AGM will take place on **Tuesday 5 March** at 7.30pm in the Carnbo Hall and anyone is welcome to attend.

West Fife are planning to host a **Stock Judging** on **26 March** which all Kinross members are welcome to attend. Please look out for further details in the press.

January and February have been very busy for all the cast members who are taking part in the East Region Cabaret Competition.

The club had a very successful Dinner Dance held at the Windlestrae Hotel. The Club also held its annual Burns Supper at the Balgedie Toll and the haggis, neeps and tatties went down a treat.

There was a sheep stock judging meeting held at Easter Craigduckie Farm and congratulations must go to Kirsty Paterson for winning overall. There was also a beef stock judging held at Hilton of Beath Farm and congratulations must go to Ian Cullens for winning overall.

The club thanks Eve Callaghan from Inglis Veterinary Practice, Dunfermline, who took time out to speak to our members and gave us a very interesting account of her day to day life as a vet.

If anyone would like a DVD from our comedy concert then they must contact Rab Drysdale on 07742 346777.

If you would like to get involved in Kinross JAC, then please contact our club secretary, Mr Richard Harvey, on 07568 075898 or email rwh_v8@hotmail.co.uk

Kinross-shire Ladies Circle



Thank you to everyone who attended our comedy night in Milnathort on 16 February. This year the sell out crowd was entertained by Billy Kirkwood and Bruce Fumme and a raucous time was had by all. We raised a fantastic £2200 for CRY – Cardiac Risk in the Young. We hope to see you all again next year.

We would like to thank the following businesses for supporting the event by contributing raffle prizes:

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Probus Club

Scottish Bank Notes

The Club enjoyed an interesting talk on 23 January by Dr M Hepworth on the subject of 'Scottish Bank Notes'.



Dr Hepworth opened by explaining that prior to the issue of notes, the currency was the sovereign coin. This was followed by hand-written notes known as Treasury Notes, which were written by hand and on one side of the paper only. The paper used was stamp paper and had the disadvantage of having a six-week life span. This was replaced with paper reinforced with cotton or linen. In Scotland, as early as 1835, cheques had been made up in books. When they were issued they were hand signed and dated. They were cut out of the book and to facilitate this a decorative border, known as a Cartouche, was printed on the edge of the page where it was bound in to the book. The cheque was cut out along the Cartouche. This decorative edge was a feature of banknotes long after the need to cut the cheques from a book.

This was the state of affairs until 1927 when the Bank of England issued notes. Notes were printed on both sides and initially all notes had a representation of the Houses of Parliament on the back. Bank of England notes in the thirties showed Britannia on the first notes of denomination £1 and 10/- (ten shilling).

Forgery was always a concern and the idea of incorporating a metal thread in the banknote was first introduced during the Second World War. This time, too, was especially worrying as regards forgery when the Nazi regime produced forged notes, using the skill of a Jewish engraver, which were intended to be widely distributed within the UK in an attempt to weaken the British economy. Some of these notes were recovered by a dredging operation carried out in Austria in 1959.

The end of the war in 1945 saw eight Scottish banks issuing notes, among them the Bank of Scotland, The Royal Bank of Scotland, the British Linen Bank, the Clydesdale Bank and the Commercial National Bank. The Bank of Scotland issued notes with depictions of famous ships, known as Ship Notes. Various other patterns and designs were brought out by the different banks including a sunburst design, pictures of famous people, buildings and prominent landmarks.

The banks' own buildings were depicted and showed some prominent architecture, especially in the headquarter buildings. Many are now used for other purposes, including the Dome pub in George Street in Edinburgh and, nearer to home, the former Central Bank of Scotland headquarters in Perth is now the home of the Lakeland shop.

A noteworthy benefit of the banking system was the founding in 1700 of New Lanark and Blantyre by David Dale who was Agent for Royal Bank of Scotland. This project showed the kinder side of banking as opposed to recent happenings.

John Mills gave the vote of thanks for an interesting talk.

Old Tom Morris

The subject of the club's first meeting in February was 'Old Tom Morris' and was given by Mr Keith McCartney.

Old Tom Morris was born on 16 June 1821 in St Andrews, a town which had once prospered as an important pilgrimage destination. However, after the Reformation the boom times disappeared and the St Andrews into which Tom Morris was born had become a poor backwater. But another boom

was building in the town and Tom Morris was to play a big part in the regeneration. The cause and driving force of the regeneration was the game of golf, which, in the beginning, was a game for the rich and the landed gentry. In the 18th Century it became popular, helped by the links land on the Scottish coast and the Scottish climate. Clubs were formed, the first being the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers followed by what would become the Royal and Ancient Golf Club in St Andrews. Another club was formed in Prestwick.

Of course, ordinary folk were barred from becoming members of these clubs. However they were required to provide services such as club making, ball making and carrying the clubs, or caddying. Balls were made from tightly packed feathers initially, but the discovery of gutta percha, which could be easily moulded, made this the choice of material for the manufacture of golf balls. People who made the clubs and balls, as well as caddying, soon themselves became proficient at the game and became known as professionals who were often entered into competition by their sponsors against other professionals. These contests were rowdy affairs with much harassment from the crowd in contrast to today, when absolute silence is required as a player makes his shot. Side bets were placed and jostling and shouting at the contestants was commonplace.

Thus it was that Old Tom Morris became apprenticed to Alan Robertson to learn the skills of club making and ball making. It soon became apparent, too, that Tom Morris was a talented golfer. He and Alan Robertson eventually fell out over the manufacture of balls and Tom Morris set up on his own.

In 1851 Old Tom Morris got the chance to move to Prestwick under the patronage of a Captain James Ogilvy. Tom's son, also Tom, had died in 1850, but a second son was born shortly before Old Tom's move to Prestwick and he, too, was named Tom and was to become known as 'Young' Tom Morris. He would go on to be as talented a golfer as his father.

One of Old Tom's first acts upon moving to Prestwick was to form the Prestwick Mechanics Golf Club in order to provide a platform for the professional golfers. It was this club that organised a competition for professional golfers in 1860 and this was won by Willie Park. This was the forerunner for what would become the Open Championship. It was won by Old Tom in 1861 and again in 1862.

Old Tom moved back to St Andrews in 1864 for the princely sum of £50 per year. He won the Open again in 1867 and became the oldest man at the age of 46 to win the Open. In 1868 Young Tom won the Open to become the youngest player to win.

The Claret Jug Trophy was introduced in 1872 and the first name to appear on it was that of Young Tom. The competition was held in St Andrews for the first time in 1873 on what has become known as the Old Course.

Young Tom's wife died in childbirth soon after and he then deteriorated and died in 1875. Old Tom, however, kept going and became in great demand for designing and building courses. He was involved in 100 courses, including courses in America – the St Andrews Golf Club of New York – and one in Ireland. The New Course was built in 1895, the Jubilee in 1897.

Old Tom died in 1908 in the New Club.

Boys' Brigade

Kinross BB Double Champs

Bell's Sports Centre hosted the Perth Battalion Boys' Brigade annual basketball and volleyball competitions on the first Tuesday evening of February, with four teams competing in the basketball and seven competing in the volleyball. After all twenty-one volleyball games, it was the Kinross A team which finished first, with Kinross B and C following in second and third place. The 3rd Company finished in 4th place with Scone, 17th (Letham) and 16th (North Church) respectively finishing in 5th, 6th and 7th places.



Kinross BB basketball and volleyball teams

The basketball competition saw four Company teams take part. Scone lost to the Kinnoull boys who stormed to a 14 points to zero victory in the first game. Next it was a meeting of the two Kinross teams and the A team won by 8 points to nil.

Scone then played Kinross B and this was a close game with a four points each draw probably being a fair result.

Kinross A then took on the 3rd Company and this was always looking like being the deciding game. Possession was even between both the sides but the Kinnoull boys' shooting lacked accuracy and they paid for this with the Kinross boys winning by 4 points to zero.

Kinross A followed this up by securing the championship, defeating Scone 10-0.

The final game of the evening saw Kinnoull defeat Kinross B by 8 points to 1, having finally found their shooting form to finish in runners-up position.

Scripture Search

Members of the Company Section took part in the Battalion Scripture Search competition, which was divided into four categories with each age-related category having questions on Bible knowledge. The results should be available by the end of March.

Drill Competition

The Battalion annual drill competition will take place in early March. This year's judge is ex-Kinross captain Alex Melville.

National Competitions

The Company Section table tennis team lost out in the quarter finals of this year's national competition but the badminton team has won through to the Scottish semi-finals which will see the team travel away to Largs before the end of February.

Camps

Junior section members are preparing for their May weekend camp, whilst the Company Section summer activity camp will take place in Kenmore from 20 - 27 July.

Kinross Primary School

Reported by Cara Winton, Renee Chan, Josie Hawdon, Rana Brewer and Kayla Douglas.

Swap Shop: The children in P1 and P6a organised a Swap Shop. Children brought in their old belongings and swapped them for other people's belongings. This was our own KPS recycling system! The children worked extremely hard in organising the event; the P1's even made posters to advertise the swap shop around the school. Well done!

Dragon Re-visited!: The P2's have been working on their topic which is "Fairyland" and the dragon has left them letters. The letters contained a warning message that "Fairyland" was fading away and that the fairyland characters needed their help to bring it back. The children have been very enthusiastic and they have even created their own Fairylands in their classrooms!

SSPCA Visit: P3 had a visit from the SSPCA-Scottish Society Prevention Cruelty Animals. They learnt a lot. Did you know that pigs are smarter than cats and dogs? The SSPCA do everything they can to help animals that are neglected or live in poor conditions.

Learning Assembly: Primary 3/4s shared their learning in an assembly in which they created a play to explain their

topic "Mechanisms". In their play, a pupil dressed up as a German Professor to explain mechanisms. The children also performed a few songs and a sketch that they had written themselves.

Squash Taster Session: P5a have taken part in a Squash taster session to encourage the pupils into the sport. It was an hour long session and the children were coached by our local squash coach Mark Beaumont at Loch Leven Leisure Centre. They were very enthusiastic and had lots of fun. To cool down after the energetic session they went to the local library in the campus where they were shown around the junior section and took part in a book/film quiz.

Science Centre: All P6 children went to the Glasgow Science Centre this week. They had a great time and were shown the planetarium. They thoroughly enjoyed this as it was relaxing, entertaining, educational and fun.

School Football Team: On 7 February the school football team competed in a football festival at North Inch Community Campus. They won 3 games and drew 2. They finished 2nd overall behind the winners St. Francis. They showed great skill and sportsmanship and were a credit to the school. The captain was Struan Fotheringham and their coach was Mr. Robertson. Congratulations team!

Kinnesswood in Bloom

Kinnesswood in Bloom members have had a quiet time from December through to February, getting together for a meal at the end of January. A good time was had by all. It gives everyone a chance to reflect on the busy year of 2012 and look forward to gardening activities in 2013.

Work continues with children at Portmoak Primary School, particularly the Health Group this year who are planning what they will grow in their raised beds. There are plans to produce some painted boards of plants, birds and animals in the Loch Leven area later in the year, possibly in conjunction with the Portmoak Festival.



Daffodils in Lavender Walk

This year Kinnesswood in Bloom will have the help of two young men from Kinnesswood who are participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Their involvement will be well appreciated.

It was agreed that the upgrading of tubs is essential this year and our budget will be spent on purchasing new wooden tubs for the main street. We continue to receive income from the Easy Fundraising website and the bonus ball which is organised by Gordon.

Work parties will start again on 2 March at the Picture Garden. Information about work parties is always on the notice board. If your New Year resolution is to get out more in the outdoors we would be delighted to see you. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 7 March at the Well in Scotlandwell.

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Fish Curry

This is a colourful fish dish made with potatoes, peppers and traditional Indian spices. It will provide a warm meal in the cold weather.

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons of oil
- 1 teaspoon cumin seeds
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 1 red pepper, seeded and thinly sliced
- 1 clove of garlic, finely chopped
- 2 bay leaves
- ½ teaspoon of salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon chilli powder
- 400g tin chopped tomatoes
- 2 large potatoes, cut into small cubes
- 300ml fish stock
- 4 whitefish fillets

Method

Heat the oil in a wok or deep frying pan and fry the cumin seeds for 2 minutes.

Add the onion, red pepper, garlic, chillies and bay leaves and cook over a low heat, stirring occasionally for about 6 minutes until the onions have softened and browned.

Add the salt, ground cumin, ground coriander and chilli powder and cook, stirring constantly for a further 3-4 minutes.

Increase the heat to medium and stir in the chopped tomatoes, potatoes and fish stock. Bring to the boil then lower the heat and simmer for a further 10 minutes.

Add the fish to the pan, then cover and simmer for about 10 minutes, or until the fish is tender.

Serve immediately with rice or chapattis.



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Rotary Club of Kinross & District



The first meeting of 2013 provided the opportunity for Council members to both review the activities of their respective Committees over the past 6 months, and to confirm plans for the rest of the Rotary year. One of the encouraging aspects noted, was the enthusiasm of the current members of the Interact Club at Kinross High School. Interact is an organisation for senior High School pupils, formed and supported by the Rotary movement. The pupils form their own management structure and programme of activities from guidelines provided, which include public service and voluntary work in the community. Their programme for the next few months includes litter picking around Kinross and Milnathort, charity bag-packing at Sainsbury's, a Musical Talent competition and a Beetle Drive for Kinross-shire Primary 7 pupils. There are also plans for contact and activities with Interact Clubs at some Fife High Schools. Interact members recently took part in an Indoor Games evening at Kinross Rugby Clubhouse competing against a combined Rotary and Inner Wheel team, the 'oldies' just managing to edge a win.

In place of one of the January meetings, Club members supported the annual Burns Supper held in the Windlestrae Hotel and organised by the Kinross-shire Volunteer Group when the usual high standard of entertainment was provided. Those present contributed generously to the fundraising for the valuable work carried out in the community by the Group.

A large contingent of Rotarians and family members enjoyed a Sunday visit to Edinburgh for lunch, followed by a guided tour of the site of the extension to the Edinburgh International Conference Centre, a multi-million pound project due to be completed shortly. As a working site, it was high-visibility jackets and hard hats for all. Our host, club member and site Project Manager for Sir Robert McAlpine, Simon Byford, achieved the seemingly impossible task of actually persuading all ladies in the company to part with their handbags while on tour! (Health & Safety strikes again.) The centre-piece of the extension involves the construction of a multi-purpose hall with what will be the world's largest moveable floor, providing a variety of configurations and layouts. Three of the extension's floors are below ground level, with upper levels providing office accommodation available for lease. It is a most impressive project, which should ensure that the capital retains its place as a leading venue for International events.

The winners of the Rotary sponsored Young Chef competition reported on in the last Newsletter, Lauren Miller and Abby Johnson, were welcomed to the Club's meeting on 11 February, accompanied by their parents. They were met by former Kinross Rotarian and Past President, Ron Kitchin, who conveyed a message from his Michelin Star Chef son Tom, and congratulated them on their achievements. Lauren, who won the senior competition held in the High School in December, was presented with a copy of Tom Kitchin's latest book 'Kitchin Suppers' (a follow up to his first cook book 'From Nature to Plate'). Lauren now goes on to represent Kinross High School at the Rotary District Young Chef competition to be held in Aberdeen.



Young Chef winner, Lauren Miller, receiving a Tom Kitchin Cookbook from Ron Kitchin

The North of Scotland Rotary District Grant's Officer, Janet Lowe, updated the Club on the latest activities of our own Charity - Rotary Foundation, and the system of matching grants, which complements the fundraising efforts of the Club. We were reminded that Rotary Foundation is the largest single charity in the world, with around US\$2m per week being provided towards the Foundation's Mission to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty. Janet also outlined the contribution that the Microsoft founder, Bill Gates, was playing in working with Rotary International to achieve these aims.

For more than 25 years, Rotarians have been at the forefront of the campaign to eradicate Polio around the world, and Kinross members have made their own significant contribution. Members of the public can now 'do their bit' by spending £1 to purchase a purple crocus which can be found on various shop counters in Kinross-shire. Doing so will assist us to do what it says on the label, and 'End Polio Now'!

The Club meets on Monday evenings at the Windlestrae Hotel at 6pm for a meal at 6.30pm. For more information, contact Secretary Neil Maclure by Email at: neil.maclure19@gmail.com

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Kinross Museum

Carsegour Food Vessel "comes home"

The latest accession to the Kinross (Marshall) Museum collection is perhaps the most exciting since the Museum opened its doors in 2010. On 1st February Mr Robert McEwan of Dunfermline gifted to the Museum a 5,000-year-old Bronze Age food vessel that was found during the summer of 1963 by workmen excavating gravel on Carsegour Farm to the south of Kinross.

In the absence of a museum in Kinross at that time, the owners of the food vessel, William and Charlotte Watson of Hatchbank Cottages, loaned it to Dunfermline Heritage Trust for public display at Abbot House in Dunfermline. The return 'home' to Kinross-shire of this Bronze Age find is perfectly timed to



The Bronze Age food vessel found at Carsegour in 1963

coincide with the mounting of a Bronze Age exhibition to be opened this summer in Kinross Museum. Featuring the Bronze Age hoard discovered two years ago near the shores of Loch Leven by metal detectorist Jim Crombie, this special exhibition is currently being planned by the Kinross (Marshall) Museum Trust in association with Perth Museum and the National Museums of Scotland. This is a splendid opportunity to put the Carsegour food vessel on public display in Kinross-shire for the first time since it was discovered 50 years ago.

Craft Day

As a partner in the HLF-funded Living Lomonds Landscape programme, Kinross Museum is playing its part in developing a number of projects including one entitled *Crafts around the hills*. Designed to highlight craftwork both past and present around the Lomond Hills, it also aims to encourage people to learn craft skills and create new work for themselves and for their communities.

If you would like to learn more about local crafts or share your own particular interest in craftwork of any kind, come along to Kinross Museum's Craft Day on **Thursday 7 March**. In addition to a small display mounted by the Museum, Jan Hendry from Strathmiglo will be demonstrating her own textile handicraft work and exchanging information on crafts around the Lomond Hills.

Kinross Garden Group

We were delighted to welcome Stella and Jim Cormie to our meeting on 14 February to give us a presentation entitled "A Red, Red Rose." This consisted of a film of many Scottish Gardens set to Burns music, beautifully done by Jim and Stella. Jim's talent as a photographer and his skill at using up-to-date equipment produced a wonderful, professional result: a perfect pick-me-up for a February afternoon.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 14 March** in the Millbridge Hall, Kinross at 2pm. We will be delighted to welcome Anthony McClusky from the Bumblebee Conservation Trust who will give us a talk on "The Blight of the Bumblebee".



Milnathort in Bloom

The 2012 AGM was held at the end of 2012 at which David Henry was elected Chairman, Graeme Stewart as Secretary and Linda Palmer as Treasurer. More importantly, however, was that four people joined our group, which will help greatly in the coming year.

The audited accounts showed we finished the previous year with a healthy balance of £3616.

The major event for us for 2012 was the construction of our new polytunnel, which helped us combat the poor weather we had in the Spring and Summer. While the displays of the tubs and baskets weren't quite up to previous years' standard, they still looked very good but the bed at the Cross had to be re-planted using extra plants grown on in the polytunnel. The permanent features such as the rose beds, the heather garden and the orchard continue to develop and produce excellent displays with minimum effort required from ourselves.

Thanks to all our efforts, we were rewarded with a Silver Gilt award at the Take a Pride in Perthshire Awards.

This year's objectives are to continue with our tubs and baskets while improving the permanent features. Two major projects we have on hand are working with Gosia Sozanska to help improve the biodiversity of Tillywhally Wood using the plan she developed.

The second project is the refurbishment of the Orwell War Memorial. This has developed into a project with three parts. The first is to refurbish the Memorial itself, the second to edge the beds then plant them up and re-lay the paths and the third is to rebuild the wall and railings on the east side. The total estimated cost is £54,638 of which we have raised £19,728 to date. We currently have a number of applications in place for further funding and if all goes well we hope to start work in May. More details can be found on the Milnathort in Bloom web page linked to the Kinross CC web and on the forthcoming Facebook page.

If you would like to help with any of these projects or with the planting around the village, please get in contact with Graeme Stewart at graemehs@yahoo.com

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Kinross and District Pipe Band

Congratulations to some of our younger band members who picked up prizes at the Vale of Atholl solo piping and drumming contest in Pitlochry in January. Alasdair Bennet (13) won first prize in the Chanter, 13-18 years, while Sophie Bryson (10) also took first place in the Drumming on Pad, Under 12 and also collected a trophy for youngest drumming contestant! Elsewhere in the drumming, Amy Bryson (14) came second in the Novice Drumming, Lewis Cox (13) also took second in the Under 18 Drumming, March, while his brother, Alexander Cox (15), came third in the Under 18 Drumming, March, Strathspey and Reel. Well done to all who took part!



*Alasdair Bennet and Sophie Bryson,
both first place winners at Pitlochry*

There will be a couple of final solo contests during March, but otherwise the Band is gearing up now for the competition season, kicking off with the Lothian and Borders Mini-Bands contest in Livingston on 23 March, our own Branch Mini-Bands in Forfar on 27 April, and then the **2nd Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest on Saturday 11 May** here in Kinross, which, once again, will be combined with the Loch Leven Half Marathon and the KLEO Feel Good Fair and will all take place at the campus. We expect the event to be even more popular this year, with a significant increase in the number of bands attending. This year there will also be a Massed Bands send-off for the runners down at Bridgend, followed by a Street March from Millbridge Hall up to the old High School. Look out for flyers for the day through your letterbox nearer the time.

For any queries about the Band, contact Nigel Kellett on 01577 863738 or email nigel.kellett@talktalk.net

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Milnathort Primary School Parent Council

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The Parent Council will be meeting on the following dates:
Monday 22 April and Monday 3 June.

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

Milnathort Primary School Fundraising

Bingo Tea: Come along for a fun evening at Milnathort Primary School on **Tuesday 12 March** at 6.30pm (eyes down 6.45pm). Children who plan to play bingo are very welcome. Tickets: £1.00 per person to include one bingo book and refreshments. Additional books can be bought on the night.

A small raffle will be held. Donations welcome in advance. Please hand in to the school office. Thank you.

Tickets can be bought in person or by your child from Tuesday 26 February, 9am & 3pm in the school hall.

Summer Fair: Members of the Parent Council have started organising the annual Milnathort Primary School Summer Fair, planned for **Saturday 1st June**. This year they are considering making it an event for the wider Milnathort community, with participation from local clubs and organisations. Please get in touch with Gerrold Kuijpers on gerrold.kuijpers@milnathortprimary.org.uk if your club or organisation would like to be part of the Summer Fair.

Milnathort and Kinross Allotment Association

www.milnathortandkinrossallotments.org.uk



The group was formed and officers formally appointed in December. We meet on the **first Thursday of each month** in the community campus. Anyone with an interest in allotments is welcome to come along to our meetings. Or if you would like to put your name on the waiting list, please see our website (see heading) where you can print off a membership form.

This month we received a visit from Gill Motion, who has had lots of experience setting up the South Perth Community Garden Project. She explained the pitfalls and joys of the project, which is now in its fourth year, but was very encouraging about our fledgling group. Gill brought along some before and after photographs, which prove what can be achieved with hard work and determination.

After her talk we discussed funding, with suggestions as to where we can apply for grants. There are many association and funding bodies that are willing to support community projects such as ours. We already have ten signed up members, with more potential plot holders on the waiting list. Allocation of plots will be in order of the date of joining.

A potential site has been identified and negotiations are well underway. If all goes well, we are hoping to be able to do some growing in the coming season.

**Deadline for all Submissions
5.00 pm, FRIDAY 15 March
for publication on Saturday 30 March**

Milnathort Primary School

You can catch up by following us on Twitter where we regularly post snapshots of news and photographs as events unfold! See www.twitter.com/MilnathortPS

Breaking all records at cluster cross country: Milnathort P6 and P7 children were well rewarded for the effort they put into the lunchtime cross country training as they came out on top at the local cluster event on 12 February at LLCC! A huge well done to all runners for their great effort and team spirit. The following made the top ten in their respective categories: **P7 Girls:** Katie Leslie 1st, Amy Hardie 3rd and Catriona Upcroft 8th. **P7 Boys:** Rory Hutchinson 1st, Brian McCormick 4th and Sam Linn 7th. **P6 Girls:** Audrey Doyle 1st, Orla Stanton 2nd, sisters Libby and Sarah Broadhurst 8th and 9th respectively and Holly Guest 10th. **P6 Boys:** Cameron Wallace 2nd and Sam Freeman 10th. These athletes will represent Milnathort at the Perth & Kinross finals in Scone on 19 February.

Learning Experiences

Nursery have had a visit from Zoolab and there was much fun and excitement at the variety of animals brought in to visit them. Ratatouille the rat was particularly popular with the children (less so with the adults!). Nursery have also been working with our local branch of Dobbies and Amanda has been visiting to help us make bird boxes and feeders to encourage wildlife into our grounds! (See *Dobbies Community Champion news*, p. 66)



Children from Milnathort nursery class learn about feeding birds

P2/3 have taken advantage of the wide variety of houses (design and structure) we have on our doorstep and have taken a walk around to study this architecture as part of their House & Castles learning. We're very lucky to have a dad

who is an architect and is organising a trip to a new build site for us!

Our P3/4 & P4/5 classes are learning all about the rainforests and they too have had a visit from Zoolab as well as a trip to RSPB Loch Leven and, whilst not a rainforest on our doorstep, there was much to be discovered about endangered species and sustainability.

Our Global Citizens Responsibility Group has been busy getting ready for Red Nose Day and amongst taking orders for Red Noses and compiling a Milnathort Red Nose Day Joke Book, they have also found time to visit the local Sainsbury store to find out about Fair Trade and how we can help through the choices we make when food shopping.

P6, P6/7 and P7 have been totally absorbed in their learning context, WWII, and we have been overwhelmed by the support of family, friends and local groups coming to share stories, facts and memories of this important period in our history. We have had visits to our school from Perth Museum Outreach, input from "The Scottish Military Group" and from family currently serving in the forces who are able to help us better appreciate the role Milnathort veterans played. We visited the War Memorial in our village and heard stories about the bravery of local people and the impact on their families.

Sharing Learning is an opportunity for parents, family and friends to come along and experience learning for themselves. **P1 and P1/2** had lots of science experiments and children were eagerly explaining all about planets and space! **P5** shared their "Skeleton Board Games" with their Friday Afternoon Learners: learning and fun at the same time! Thanks to everyone for making it one of the best Sharing Learning Fridays we have had!

Two School Discos organised by our Events Team took place on Valentine's Day!

Bible Bus: this was brought to our local community by Orwell Parish Church and Primary schools across the cluster were invited to attend Bible World Mobile at LLCC. **P6 & P7** children who visited the Bus all commented on it being a worthwhile experience.

Powering for points! Milnathort house captains came up with a fun way for all **P1-P7** to earn house points! Awe, Tay, Leven and Ness took part in a friendly House Point Competition with house members power walking around our school pitches!

Invitation to our Bingo Tea on 12 March See p. 61.

We are delighted to share our learning experiences and school news with you. There is always an opportunity for members of our community to be part of our school so if you have a story to tell, a skill to share, some time on your hands then please feel free to contact us as on 01577 867260.

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Portmoak Primary School

Scottish Poetry Winners: Margaret Wilson (our retired Headteacher) and Alistair Morgan (from the Jolly Beggar's Burns Club) had their work cut out once again this year when judging the winners for our Scottish Poetry Competition. Very well done to everyone who learned their poem. There was a big difference in the number of children who chose to compete across the classes this year, so we decided to award more certificates to children in classes where there was a lot of competition. The winners for the 2013 are:

P1/2 Karis Jeffrey and Ella Forbes

P2/3 Niamh Brown, Louis Scott, Finlay Clark and Lewis Dall

P4 Ryan MacFarlane, Katie Robertson, Emma Mitchell, Louisa Muszynski, Katie Chrystal and Emily Welsh

P5/6 Charlotte Smith and Krystyna Muszynski

P6/7 Alasdair Munro, Grace Cowie, Euan Cowe and Cameron MacFarlane

Winners from P1-7 received a certificate and the overall P7 winner, Cameron MacFarlane, received the Burns Quaich.



Scottish poetry winners with Alistair Morgan

Kinross-shire Cross Country: Our wee school was once again well represented at the Kinross-shire event on Tuesday 12 February, with a total of 11 of the 40 top results (top 10 each of P6 boys/girls and P7 boys/girls) coming from Portmoak. Our results were:

P6 girls 3rd Rebecca Mitchell, 4th Eve Robertson

P7 girls 5th Grace Cowie, 6th Esme Allen

P6 boys 1st Thomas Gray, 3rd Gregor McPherson, 4th Alexander Baird, 7th James Lornie

P7 boys 5th Robert Yeaman, 8th Max Spenke, 10th Euan Cowe

Pupils coming from 1st-3rd were presented with medals. Feedback from staff at the event once again praised the sportsmanship and support for one another shown by Portmoak pupils. Very well done to all who took part.



Thomas, Gregor and Rebecca with their cross country medals

P6/7 Mary's Meals: As part of their RME work, P6/7 will be taking part in a Backpack Project for the charity, Mary's Meals. We will be working on this project with members of Orwell and Portmoak Guild. Mary's Meals aims to provide one meal per school day for chronically poor children in centres all over the world. The vision is to offer children an escape from one cycle of poverty through education. The Backpack Project provides basic educational needs for these children. We will be collecting backpacks and other materials this term. P6/7 explained the project at assembly and they will write an information leaflet for families.

Fundraising: We have just received a cheque from Bag2school. We raised £145 this time, which is great, but we have done an awful lot better in the past. Perhaps some spring-cleaning over the Easter break will help us to beat this amount for the next one on 18 April. We would like donations from the community of clothes, shoes and textiles by 9am in school on 18 April, or by 5pm on 17th at Buchan's Garage, Kinnesswood.

I would like to ask you to visit 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.

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Dobbies Community Champion

As part of the “Here we Grow” project, I have recently donated some **bird feeding equipment** to the nursery classes at Milnathort and Kinross Primary schools, with a bird identification book, to coincide with the RSPB school garden bird watch. They are both planning to develop their garden areas this year, and are looking forward to encouraging birds into the gardens.

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.



Colvin, Grant, Rachel and Konner from Kinross nursery class with bird feeding equipment donated by Dobbies

There was a great attendance at the February **Little Seedlings Club**, thanks to some parents sharing the news on Facebook, and I hope to see many of you again, and any new members, at the next meeting on **Sunday 3 March** at 11am. The club is fun, and free, for children aged 4 to 10 years, learning about gardening and the environment. Please register your interest at Dobbies, so we know how many people to expect; an adult needs to stay with the children during the sessions. At the next meeting on 3 March, **we will be looking forward to Mother's Day**, learning about how mother animals care for their young in the wild, and painting a pot for your Mum.

If you would like your charity to be considered as **Local Charity of the Year** for the Kinross store, please ask at the store and submit an application form as soon as possible in March.

I only work part-time at Dobbies, but if you would like to leave a message there for me, I will contact you as soon as possible.

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Sunday 3 March: South Queensferry to Dalmeny House circular, 5 miles. An easy stroll on coastal tracks and quiet roads from South Queensferry along the shore to Dalmeny House, hopefully amid the snowdrops and return through Dalmeny village to start. Accompanied children welcome if fit. Registered assistance dogs only.

Sunday 17 March: Holl Reservoir - Bishop Hill circular, 7½ miles. Circular walk on hill paths and tracks. Up and round Bishop Hill, along ridge, steep descent to Glen Vale, up path opposite John Knox's pulpit to Harper Leas reservoir and back to Holl. Fine views all around. Some sections can be boggy. Accompanied children welcome if fit. Registered assistance dogs only.

Sunday 31 March: Lochearnhead and Glen Ogle, 6½ miles. Climb good metalled track up to old railway line (route 7 cycle track) then gradual easy walk to head of Glen Ogle. Return by track in the valley. Pleasant, not too taxing after initial ascent to old line. 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.

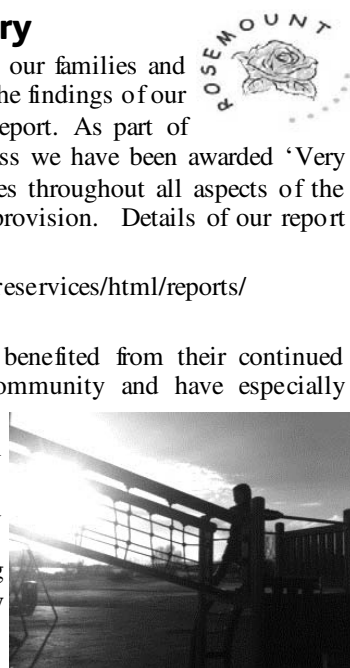
For further details and where to meet us, please call our Group Secretary Jacqui Ritchie on 01577 866813.

Rosemount Nursery

We are delighted to inform our families and the wider community of the findings of our recent Care Inspectorate Report. As part of our annual inspection process we have been awarded 'Very Good' in the Quality Grades throughout all aspects of the education and the nursery provision. Details of our report can be found on:

www.scswis.com/berengCareservices/html/reports/getPdfBlob.php?id=256636

The children have greatly benefited from their continued involvement within the community and have especially enjoyed their regular outings to the Church Centre, Loch Leven Community Campus and Kinross Primary School. Rosemount will be holding an **Open Day on Saturday 27 April** to welcome prospective families.



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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. The third meeting of the 2012/13 session was held on 14 January and the KHSPC discussed the following items.

School Fund: Sheila Herron explained how the fund is administered. The School Fund represents money that flows into and out of the school which is not part of the Perth & Kinross budget.

Ways of Engaging Parents: The school has hosted discussion groups at parents' evenings with parents selected at random. Topics have included homework, S3, workload and communication. Discussion has been mainly positive but some concerns have been aired, which is the whole point of the exercise. It is intended to use the HMIE model to invite parents during the day to expand discussion of issues raised and it is hoped one session will take place before Easter holidays and two after.

Headteacher's Report: Dick Keatings noted that generally the S4 prelim results had been good and explained a little about how the school analysed such results. A social questionnaire covering P5-S2 will be rolled out in Perth & Kinross schools and the resulting data will be available for all schools in Perth & Kinross to use. The school uniform leaflet has been finalised and will be circulated and the information will also appear in the School Handbook.

Parent Council Job Fair: There was discussion of the possibility of the Parent Council co-ordinating a job fair to highlight the many varied employment paths followed by members of our school community with the aim of highlighting possible employment options to pupils. Further consideration is being given to this. If you think you might be interested in supporting this, please contact the Clerk.

End of year events: The high standard of talent displayed at the Christmas Concert was highlighted and consideration was given to more ways of showcasing the many talents of our young people once exams are past.

Young Person of the Year Award: Ways of securing nominations for this award were discussed. Nominations are required by June and awards are made later that month. The award aims to recognise the achievements and contributions to the community made by pupils from the school outwith their normal school activities.

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

Current postholders of the Parent Council are: Douglas Ogilvie (Chair), Rory Stewart (Vice-chair), Alan Miller (Treasurer). The Parent Council is in place to represent the views of parents and guardians of pupils at the school, to help ensure that our young people can learn and develop to their maximum potential. We work in partnership with the school to create a positive and proactive environment which supports pupils, staff and parents. The Parent Council is on hand to help support the process of communications with the School and we are always keen to hear from you, whether it be good, or not! If you would like to join the parent Council you would be most welcome. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested. Thank you.

Kinross High School



Each time I write my report for the Newsletter I try to convey the range of activities and issues keeping us busy in the complex organisation that is Kinross High School. There is so much going on involving so many people that it is tempting to cram in as many stories as I can. This month, however, I am going to focus on a single item because in many ways it encompasses the very best of what our young people and their parents and teachers are all about. On Wednesday 13 February I experienced one of the proudest moments of my life when it was announced that the KHS Rock Challenge team were the winners of the Perth and Kinross heat and would be going forward to the national final in June. As cheers rang round the Caird Hall and the audience rose to their feet, the lump in my throat nearly choked me.

The evening had been a stunning showcase of young talent as groups of performers from schools across Dundee and Perth and Kinross battled it out for two places in the final. The brief for the event was to tell a story through the medium of dance. Music, costume, hair and make-up as well as technical production aspects were all assessed. The Rock Challenge philosophy is very much grounded in promoting more than just the razzle dazzle, however, and groups had to show how they had developed their teamwork, personal confidence and awareness of a healthy lifestyle as well as increasing creative opportunities for their own communities.

To say that the Kinross team managed all this would be criminal understatement. They blew the brief clear out of the water! As well as being overall winners they won awards for costume, choreography, student leadership, press coverage, community involvement, and video production.

Why was I so proud? The efforts of many young people and their superb supporters were being rewarded. The hours of effort and practice and focus paid off. This project was shaped by Lauren Moss, then taken forward by pupils who led, included, imagined, supported, devised and performed their way to success. They were ably challenged and encouraged and supported and calmed and - well you get the picture - by a band of staff and parent helpers who gave selflessly of their time and talents.

For me this is a perfect example of KHS at its best.

The cherry on the cake (if the English dept will forgive me the cliché) was the way they won. Not just victory but gracious victory! No group cheered louder when Kingspark, the Dundee school for Children with Special Needs, won an award. No group yelled with as much delight when our sister school, Perth High, won their "Performer's Choice" accolade. There have been a few times in my job when I have felt stretched, frustrated and even downright narked. There have been a very few moments in my career when it feels like things just can't get any better. For me, Wednesday 13 February was a perfect illustration of the latter. Thank you to each and every person involved. Looking forward to June already!

R H Keatings

Kinross-shire Visitor Information Points

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



The Kinross-shire Civic Trust

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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Kinross-shire Civic Trust will take place in the Loch Leven Community Campus on **Wednesday 10 April** at 7.30pm, followed by refreshments.

After the meeting there will be a presentation by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) about Loch Leven and the work that SNH carries out on the Loch and its surrounding areas. Anyone interested in the work of the Civic Trust is cordially invited to attend and it will be an excellent opportunity to talk to the local members of SNH about the work that they do. Please do come along.



Kinross-shire Civic Trust



ARCHITECTURAL AWARDS COMPETITION

Open to anyone who has undertaken building work to an existing building, situated within Kinross-shire, between June 2007 and April 2013.

Applications are invited from owners, architects or other interested parties, for the conversion of a building to a new use, an extension to an existing structure, the conservation to an historic fabric or any combination of these.

Entries to be submitted by Monday 29 April

Further details and entry forms can be obtained from the KCT website: www.kinross-shirecivictrust.org
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Buildings of Interest in Kinross-shire

The Chapel, St Serf's Island

Although you cannot visit St Serf's island without special permission, because it is privately owned and designated as a protected bird sanctuary, from the Loch Leven Heritage Trail near Vane Farm you can make out a small roofless building perched on a low ridge on the south side of the island. This is all that remains of a medieval church associated with a priory that survived here until the Reformation in the 16th century. Originally an early Gaelic Culdee establishment, possibly founded as early as the late 7th century, the priory was granted to the Augustinian Canons of St Andrews by King David I in 1145.



The Chapel on St Serf's Island

Apart from some earthworks to the west of the chapel, next to nothing remains of the priory as a result of the clearance of the site for agricultural improvement following the lowering of Loch Leven in 1830. The chapel survives, but in a much altered state, after being reconstructed as a bothy for the use of shepherds and cowherds looking after livestock brought over to the island.

The chapel itself, which may mark the site of a shrine to St Serf or the Virgin Mary, has Romanesque features that have close similarities to St Rule's in St Andrews and St Drostan's at Markinch and what is visible today may have formed the nave of the priory church. The whole structure is built on top of a stepped base and while the medieval stonework is well preserved on the windowless north side, round-headed arches in the east and west gables suggest that doorways have been blocked up when the building was turned into a bothy. Additional stone, including part of an old hand quernstone, has been used in the rebuilding process. Just east of the door in the south wall of the chapel is an elegant, pointed window that has been filled in, and on the inside are the remains of a holy water stoup.

Excavated by antiquarians in 1860 and 1877, a detailed record of the chapel and adjacent earthworks was more recently made by the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historic Buildings of Scotland (RCAHMS) in 2002 and, since 2011, traces of the ancient Culdee abbey and Augustinian priory have been identified during archaeological surveys carried out under the direction of Dr Oliver O'Grady. One of the most fascinating monastic sites in eastern Scotland, the full story of St Serf's priory is yet to be revealed.

Kinross-shire Community Learning & Development Group

Spotlight

WORKING TOGETHER

February 13



First Edition

Welcome to the first edition Kinross-shire Community Learning and Development Groups (KCLDG) newsletter.

We hope that you find this edition informative and would welcome any feedback or suggestions you may have, as we are planning to produce a couple of editions per year to highlight some of the joint work the group has been doing in the area.

Working together we have undertaken a variety of joint working activities and projects including:

- Created a Partners Directory – available on PKC.com
- **Spotlight**
- Organised and delivered two Better Place To Live Fairs
- Undertaken specialist initiatives targeting young people including Street Football and other diversionary activities
- MEAD 'Support for Minority Ethnic Community members'
- Established a webpage on the Local website (Kinross-shire CC)
- Organised and delivered a wide range of Training Opportunities including – Protecting Vulnerable Groups, Computing, Relaxation, Coping with Stress

Who are we and what do we do?

KCLDG is made up of people who live and work in the Kinross-shire area, we established two years ago and when we started we simply set out to work together to share information with individuals, groups and communities to improve services, identify and respond to needs improving the quality of life in our local communities.

Over the past two years the level of involvement of local groups, organisations and public services has and is steadily growing and currently includes:

Kinross-shire Volunteer Group & Rural Outreach Scheme

Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS)

Kinross Learning Centre (Perth College)

Minority Ethnic Access Development Project (MEAD)

Springwell Mental Health Day Services

Tayside Police - *community team*

Housing & Community Care

Perth & Kinross Council

Education & Children's Services
-Community Learning & Development,
-Youth Services,
-Libraries & Active Schools

Caledonia Housing Association

Community Councils

Kinross-shire Partnership

Kinross Day Centre

Live Active Leisure

PKAVS - Voluntary Action Perthshire

NHS Tayside

Kinross Local Events Organisation (KLEO)

Early Years Co-ordinator

Alzheimer Scotland

Kinross Local Website

In the spring 2012 we undertook a brief review in order to assess how we were doing and to discuss and consider together what the future role, priorities and function of the Group should be. All the organisation and service representatives who actively engaged in the exercise concluded that the benefit of networking and undertaking joint projects together was not only beneficial to their own organisation but it had a positive impact on the area. Feedback comments from workers and volunteers included:

Benefits are partnership working and being aware of what activities and events are taking place in the local area.

We have become more involved

Keeps me in touch with all the various groups in the area

Contacting partners and knowing who they are

Find us at : www.kinross.cc/cld_group/index.htm

Better Place to Live Fair 3 March 2012

The Group organised and ran its second better place to live fair which brought together 87 groups, organisations local services and businesses. The event attracted over 500 visitors and again was a resounding success, as it highlighted and celebrated the wide variety of work and opportunities on offer within the area.

In the meantime thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the 2012 event. Our next event will be held in 2014.

Voluntary Action Perthshire is now offering smaller charities (income under £25k) Independent Examination. Small charities are welcome to contact Nicholas Morris (VAP Development Officer) for further information. Independent Examination is currently being offered without charge.

Dates for your diary!

Community Representatives are welcome!

Kinross-shire Community Learning & Development Group forthcoming meetings for 2013 at Loch Leven Campus;

Mon 11 Mar, 2pm

Wed 17 April, 10am

Wed 5 June, 10am

Mon 26 August, 2pm

Wed 2 Oct, 10am

Wed 13 November, 10am

Information evening: Thurs 16 May, 7 – 8.30.

Local community members, groups and organisations are invited to a:

Community Networking Event

Loch Leven Community Campus

14 March 2013,

7pm – 8.30pm

For further information please contact
T Ramsay.

Searching for funding?

Then why not register with P&K Grants Direct online community funding website:
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Tramsay@pkc.gov.uk
Voluntary Action Perthshire 01738 456707
info@vaperthshire.org.uk,
Website: <http://vaperthshire.org>



Focusing on Volunteering

In June there was a Kinross-shire Volunteer Fayre supported by the KCLDG group and local organisations seeking to recruit volunteers. Although the turnout from the public was disappointing, the encouragement and feedback from all the groups and organisations who attended the event influenced the decision to promote the national Make a Difference Day

The Make a Difference Family Fun Day

at Loch Leven Community Campus in Kinross took place on 27 October 12, organised by the local Community Capacity Building worker and supported by the Kinross-shire Community Learning and Development Group, provided a fun day of activities for all the family with an opportunity for residents of Perth and Kinross to find out how to get involved in volunteering and benefit their communities.

Over 30 local groups and organisations in Perth and Kinross came together to highlight the important role that volunteers play locally, nationally and globally. They all promoted the work they do, volunteers were recruited and a wide range of interesting and fun activities, were available, which made it a fantastic day for all the family.

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

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



Loch Leven Community campus Library!

During the month of November 2012, six of the seven primary schools were visited by a member of the library team to hand out the free Scottish Book Trust P1 Book Gift Pack (Blairingone being missed due to them having no P1s). This was preceded by a 30 minute storytelling session.

At Portmoak and Kinross primaries, the Early Years Coordinator, Catharine Findlay, worked in partnership with the library to speak with parents about the importance of reading and to give some reading tips, whilst the P1s were enjoying a storytelling session.

If you would like more information:

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Loch Leven Community Campus
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Kinross, KY13 8FQ
01577 867124 or Email: KinrossComLearn@pkc.gov.uk

Find us at : www.kinross.cc/cld_group/index.htm

Sports News



Kinross Volleyball Club

The Club has been successful in gaining PACES accreditation at foundation level with Perth & Kinross Council.

In the local Perth District Volleyball League, the Kinross Scotrange team is currently top of the Premier League although there are still a number of fixtures outstanding. The Kinross Kintronics team has slipped down the league table over the past month with some poor performances.

In the Recreational League, the Kinross BB team is currently in second position and still have a chance of winning the championship. Other Kinross teams competing in the Recreational League are Kinross BB Girls' Association, Kinross High School and Mongrels.

In the South East Regional League, the Kinross men's team recorded a 3-0 win over Perth away and a 3-1 win over Linlithgow Hornets at home. The games against Perth at home and Linlithgow away should be completed by the end of March.



The Kinross Men's team which defeated Perth 3-0

Scottish Volleyball's Plate Competition saw the Kinross men defeat Stirling University 3-1, and in the quarter-finals the Kinross team will host Edinburgh Jets, who play in the National League.

The club will be entering teams in the Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament in May, with teams already entered from the USA and Italy. The Italian connection is interesting in that Kinross Club member Carlo Fiorentini has invited his brother Piero's team to travel across from Italy to take part in this year's tournament.

Women's Volleyball

Having secured a Big Lottery Grant to promote beginners' women's volleyball, twelve new girls and women are enjoying coming along regularly on a Monday evening to the Loch Leven Campus from 8 till 9.30pm free of charge, with a view to entering a women's team in this year's Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament over the last weekend of May.

There are still plenty spaces for newcomers to join in on a Monday evening - no special kit required, just tee shirts, shorts or tracky bottoms and trainers. Just come along and enjoy a fun evening.

Kinross Tennis Club

www.kinrossstennisclub.org.uk

Secretary:

Vivien Clarke: kinrossstennis@gmail.com



To officially start the season our **Open Day** will take place on **Saturday 23 March** from 10am until 3pm. Existing members can come along and pay their memberships for the year and exchange their court key for the new season. It is also the ideal opportunity for new members to make enquiries and learn what the club has to offer. Come along and join in one of the **three free on court sessions** that we are running – the sessions are suitable for both beginners and experienced players, young and old and will be lots of fun!

12 noon to 12.45pm

1pm to 1.45pm

2pm to 2.45pm

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A four-week block of **adult coaching** is scheduled to start on **Tuesday 5 March** – these sessions are aimed at beginners and intermediate players but can be adapted to suit demand. Details can be obtained from our secretary Vivien Clarke (see heading).

Due to the success of last year's camps, we are running **two Easter Camps** this year on weeks commencing **1 April** and **8 April**. These camps are open to members and non-members. The term time block of 10 weeks will start thereafter on Monday 15 April. Details will be emailed to members shortly by our junior coordinator, Helen Buchanan. Groups fill up fast, so if you have an interest in junior coaching please contact Helen at kinrossstenniscoaching@gmail.com.

Recent taster sessions at Kinross and Cleish Primary Schools were a great success and the club will be running further taster sessions at the local Primary Schools over the next few weeks.

New members are always welcome and enquiries can be made to our secretary, Vivien Clarke. Visitor keys are available from Sands the Ironmongers for a small fee.

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Kinross Ladies Hockey Club

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The past month has been a little quiet on both training and match fronts. When the pitch has not been covered in snow it has been frozen. When it has not been frozen it has been covered in snow. During the training sessions that have taken place, players have dug deep and worked hard whilst bemoaning and expressing amazement at how quickly our fitness has deteriorated over such a short space of time (well – who really *wants* to go for a run when it is cold outside?) Diminished fitness levels unfortunately became the nail in the 2nd team's coffin in our first and only match last month. Against St Andrews University 3rd team we played an excellent, controlled and tight match, holding the opposition to a nil-nil score – until about 10 minutes to go, when unfortunately our legs just gave up running. Then they put three past us. But they were all under the age of 22 and we, sadly, are not.

The following day the 1st team had a better result against St Andrews University 2nd team, winning two goals to nil. Michelle and Maggie Best kept it in the family, scoring both goals for Kinross.

We are now eagerly anticipating our matches this weekend and, perhaps even more than that, the arrival of some shiny new kit that was ordered at the end of last year. I myself am looking forward to donning my new team hoodie with my name emblazoned across the back – here's hoping I spelt it correctly on the order form.

If you are interested in playing, training or even coaching us, we would love to hear from you or see you at training on the Astro pitch at KGV playing fields, the Muirs, Kinross every Wednesday from 6.30pm until 8pm; training fee £2. We won't charge you to coach us. For any other details, see our website or contact the club secretary, Libby Simpson, on 07941 465811 or e-mail libbysimpson1@gmail.com.

Kinross Kobras - Junior Hockey

Despite the best efforts of the weather, the Kobras have managed a few training sessions since the turn of the year and held an Under-14 tournament on 3 February, with the Kobras playing against teams from Perthshire Hockey Club and Blairgowrie. The Kobras won one out of three matches in the eight-a-side series, with Perthshire showing good individual skills and good team working. The players then had a go at playing full pitch eleven-a-side, when they beat the Blairgowrie team but lost to the Perthshire team. Teams at all levels U14, U12 and U10 will be in action over the coming weeks.

Training continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays 6.30pm to 7.30pm at the KGV astroturf pitch.

Kinross Badminton Club



After a mixed season in terms of success in the Perth and District League, Kinross will have their last match on 13 March. We will be looking to field our strongest team, and will be pushing for the best result we can get. The match is against Scone and will be held at Bells Sports Centre from 8pm onwards. The club would just like to thank all of the players who have participated in any of the League matches, especially to those who were called up at the last minute due to injury of a fellow team member/s.

At the start of February some members of the Junior Club were playing in the annual Perth and Kinross Schools Tournament. Our juniors normally have a lot of success at this tournament, and this year was no different. Results:

Under 19

Boys Singles winner	Rory Muir
Boys Doubles winners	Rory Muir and David Black
Girls Singles winner	Katy Johnston
Mixed Doubles runners up	Ben Cooper and Katy Johnston

Under 16

Boys Singles winner	Colum Stevenson
Boys Doubles runners up	Daniel Black and Adam Sweeney
Mixed Doubles runners up	Colum Stevenson and Jennifer Weir

The club would like to congratulate the juniors for their success and hope that they all keep up the good work.

The committee will be having their second meeting towards the end of February and will be discussing the organisation of the annual tournament – this will be taking place in March, and when the club will be stopping play for the summer. This will probably be towards the end of April.

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 you can log onto the Club's website: www.kinrossbadmintonclub.co.uk



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Kinross Otters

Carnegie Graded Meet, Carnegie Leisure Centre, Dunfermline, 19 and 20 January

The Otters achieved a fair degree of success at this tough graded meet. Foremost in terms of medals was **Euan Boyle** (13), who secured a second, third and fourth in the 12-13 yr old 100m Freestyle, 100m Breaststroke and 400m Freestyle respectively. Foremost in terms of achievement was **Kirstin Haig** (12) who took huge chunks out of her personal best times to qualify for the National Age Group Championships in April in the 100m Butterfly, Backstroke and Freestyle. All at one meet!! She came 5th in the 100m Freestyle and 6th in the 100m Backstroke in the 12-13 yr old category. **Rory Hutchison** (10) showed what an excellent competitive addition he was to the team winning a bronze medal in the 8-11 yr old Butterfly and coming sixth in the 100m Breaststroke. **Elliot Hogg** (11) won a well deserved bronze in the equivalent 100m Backstroke event. **Iona Crawford** (12) was 5th in the 100m Breaststroke in the 12-13 yr old category (having already qualified for the Nationals in this event) and **Mhairi Boyle** (15) was 6th in the 100m Backstroke in the 14 and over category.

Scottish Schools National

Swimming Championships 2013

Dollan Aquatics Centre, East Kilbride, 26 January

Congratulations to **Conor McCormick** (13), representing Kinross High School in the 100m Breaststroke, who came 4th in 1.22.18 and missed bronze by a whisker (0.1 secs) and to **Niamh Mullen** (13), also representing Kinross High School in the 100m Butterfly, who came 7th in 1.16.78. They were the only two Otters to make the finals.

Jags Meet, Grangemouth, 3 February

One of the most popular meets of the year for the young Kinross Otters is the Jags meet in Grangemouth, where they have often done extremely well. This year was no exception. They were up against teams from as far away as Dumfries.

Jack Watson (12) had the day of his life and surprised even himself by winning the best 12 year old boy at the whole meet. He won gold medals in the 50m Butterfly and Backstroke and bronze medals in the 50m Freestyle and 100m Individual Medley. Every race these days seems to be a personal best!

Ever impressive **Ola Stanton** (10) was the quickest over the 50m Breaststroke in a lightening 45.57 secs and also won the gold medal in the 100m Individual Medley in 1.31.92. This ranks her third and seventh quickest 10 year old girl in Scotland respectively.

The results just kept coming. **Jack Muncey** (9) was fastest in the 50m Freestyle in 38.17 and third quickest over 100m Individual Medley in 1.36.72. This ranks him 4th and 7th quickest 9 year old boy in Scotland respectively.

Amy Hardie (11) won a gold medal in the 50m Butterfly and **Rory Hutchison** (10) was quickest in the 50m Breaststroke. **Zosia Stanton** (8) won silver in the 50m Breaststroke in 52.88 and was the only 8 year old in the first seven swimmers in this combined 8 and 9 year old race. Results at this age are few and far between, but this, interestingly, ranks her second quickest 8 year old girl in Scotland. **Rory Nesbitt** (10) also won a bronze in the 50m Backstroke.



There were many other swims worthy of a mention but sadly too little space to do so.

However, this little pack seems set to make waves literally and metaphorically for many years to come.

Midland District 2013 February Championships

Olympia Pool, Dundee, 2 and 3 February

This was to be the last (?) major competition at the Olympia Pool prior to the transfer across the road to the all new pool. The Otters enjoyed an excellent weekend at this mainly 100m and relay event. Seven different swimmers won medals and the total haul was 22.

Leading the pack this time was **Aaron Gillon** (14) who showed his all round ability by winning the 100m Freestyle, 100m Backstroke, 50m Freestyle and 200m Individual Medley and coming second in the 100m Butterfly and 100m Breaststroke (14 yr old boys).

Finlay Nesbitt (12) was not far behind in the 10-12 yr old category as he won the 50m and 100m Freestyle and 200m Individual Medley (IM), came second in the 100m Backstroke and third in the 100m Butterfly.

The girls were well represented by **Niamh Mullen** (13) in the 13 yr old category when she produced what was arguably the best Otters performance of the weekend in her speciality 100m Butterfly event. 0.2 seconds down at the halfway point, she produced a storming finish to win by 0.8 seconds in a new 1.2 second personal best of 1.14.18. She also won bronze medals in the 100m Freestyle and 200m IM.

Cameron McCloskey (14) won silver medals in the 100m Backstroke and 50m Freestyle and bronze medals in the 100m Freestyle and 100m Breaststroke. **Conor McCormick** (13) got a couple of silvers in the 100m Freestyle and 200m IM. **Euan Boyle** (13) and **Kirstin Haig** (12) both won a bronze medal in the 50m Freestyle.

Midland District (Tayside) Premier League 2013, 9 February

The top league in Tayside kicked off the season with the home leg for the Otters against Perth City (holders), Dundee City Aquatics (DCA), Arbroath St. Thomas and Menzieshill/Whitehall. The Otters struggled uncharacteristically throughout but a very strong final quarter saw them secure a solid 4th position just four points off St. Thomas (134) and six off DCA (136). Team selection is going to be absolutely key this year and our best team is going to have to be available each and every time.



Some of the team from the Midland District Championships

Kinross Golf Club

Well the new season isn't too far away so time to get the clubs out and get practising in readiness for the season **opening match** between Captain (Jim McKay) and Vice Captain (John Fraser). The date of the match is **Saturday 30 March**, so get it in your diary. Don't forget to add your name to a list, which will be posted in the locker rooms. The draw will take place at 8.30am for 9am tee off. Jim McKay will be partnered by Heather Gough, the Ladies' Captain. Vice Captain John Fraser, will play with Anne Moore, representing the Ladies. Bacon rolls and tea or coffee will be available before tee off, followed by soup and sandwiches after the match.

Seventy-nine members joined in the opening match in 2012, with the Captain's team winning by a narrow margin of two matches. By taking part in this fun but competitive match, the opening of the season is an ideal opportunity for members to meet up and ease themselves into the new season.

For those of you who haven't yet seen the new season Fixture List, the main dates are:

Ladies' Invitation Greensomes	Sat 20 April
The Mixed Open	Sun 12 May
The Men's Open	Sun 2 June
Millennium Cup (Gent/Lady/Junior)	Fri 21 June
Senior Ladies' Open Greensomes	Thu 11 July
Junior Open	Tue 23 July
Men's Invitation Fourball	Sat 3 August
Senior Open	Wed 4 September
Ladies' Open Greensomes	Sat 7 September

Welcome to Carol MacLeod, who has been appointed as Club Manager. Carol is a familiar face to us all. Apart from Clubhouse duties, Carol is actively involved helping husband Ian with Junior medals on Tuesday evenings.

Thinking of joining a Golf Club? Well, look no further, we have both Full and Social memberships available. We can offer you a very comfortable clubhouse with magnificent views overlooking the courses and across to the Lomond Hills. There are a variety of snacks, meals, wines and spirits available, all at very competitive prices. Why not bring your friends along? A maximum of two guests can be signed in at any one time. In addition we offer an excellent Social Calendar of events throughout the year, which you can join in. Dates for 2013:

30 March	Opening Season Dinner Dance
27 April	Charity Quiz Night
26 Oct	Halloween Night Dinner Dance
2 Nov	Prize-giving Dinner Dance
7 Dec	Children's Christmas Party
14 Dec	Christmas Party Night
31 Dec	Hogmanay Dinner Dance

Full details of each event will be posted in the clubhouse or further information can be obtained from Carol or Liz.

Membership Application Forms can be obtained by calling Liz McKay, The Club's Admin Secretary on 01577 862237, or email: office@kinrossgolfclub.co.uk.

Milnathort Golf Club

Senior Section

Well we are well into February, and I trust you all remembered to send off countless Valentine cards! The weather has not been too conducive to golf, although some hardy souls have braved it. The remedial work on the drainage has progressed well so hopefully that will make a big difference.

The new season will be upon us before we know it. The fixture lists have been distributed so we can all see what is planned. **Saturday 30 March** is the **Opening Game**, so let us have a good turnout and just trust that the weather will favour us.

Junior Section

Winter coaching took place at Gleneagles for Blair Addison, Gareth Hutchison and David McIntyre through the Perth & Kinross County Golf scheme. This series culminates in the U14 Coaching Medal held at Blairgowrie in early April. The junior club competitions also start in April as will junior coaching during the Easter Holidays. Milnathort juniors will also be encouraged to enter the junior matchplay competitions held at Elie from 8th to 10th April. This attracts the best junior golfers in the Fife, Tayside area and provides great early season matchplay experience.

Kinross Road Runners

Hill Running award

At our AGM in January, KRR member Marino Calothis was presented with Hill Runner of the Year award. This is a new award for the club and the trophy has been kindly donated by fellow runner Norman Smith.

The award reflects the growing popularity of hill running with our members. This rise in interest has a lot to do with Marino's infectious enthusiasm and his instigation of a hill running championship.

Devil's Burdens

Needless to say, Marino took part in the Devil's Burdens on 9 February. This is a relay race over 31 km of the Lomond Hills. It consists of four legs for teams of six (two legs run in pairs). This year the course was run in the reverse direction and this added a bit of variety. The weather was misty which caused navigational problems for some teams, though not for Kinross Road Runners, who know the hills pretty well from their Sunday runs.

There were over 110 teams competing and we had five teams taking part. The first KRR team to finish the gruelling course was one of the male teams consisting of Gregor Malcolm, Allan Kemp, Andy Johns, Graham Kemp, Martin Hill and David Scott. Their total time was 3 hours 7 minutes.

New members welcome

If you are interested in coming to the club, you are welcome to join us for a few evening sessions before you commit to membership.

Please visit our website for contact information and details on our training schedule: www.kinrossroadrunners.co.uk/



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5.00 pm, FRIDAY 15 March
for publication on Saturday 30 March

Primary School squash sessions

The sports buzz that has surrounded us since the Olympics last year has gone a long way to encouraging youngsters to get out from behind their X-Box and try something new. Perth & Kinross's leisure trust, Live Active Leisure (LAL), is using the opportunity to highlight new and varied sports to children in the area.

Although pipped at the post for London 2012, squash is a growing sport. The recent success of the Scottish squad at the European Under 17 Championships in Spain – where they brought home a Silver – prompted Kinross based coach, Mark Beaumont, to team up with LAL to offer free taster sessions for local primary school children.



Coach Mark Beaumont, right, with children from Kinross Primary School who enjoyed squash taster sessions

Mark, who helped coach the aforementioned under-17 squad, commented: "I approached Live Active Leisure to assist us in introducing children to the sport. It's a great way of keeping fit and lets kids try out something that may not been on their school curriculum. I'm delighted with the response we've had and would like to thank Loch Leven for the use of their courts and support in the project." Thirty children from Kinross Primary School received an hour's session on 1 and 8 February. Teacher, Mrs Douglas, said: "This was fantastic. The children really enjoyed both sessions. They learned new skills and had a lot of fun with many of them keen to continue to develop."

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Kinross Men's Hockey Club

The snow and freezing conditions have disrupted a lot of games with a backlog starting to appear but there has been some excellent hockey with some of the young Kobras getting some great experience with the 2nd XI, so well done to David MacIntyre, Ben Montgomery and Sam Smith.

1st XI

Kinross eventually overpowered Stirling Wanderers 5-1 with goals from Bradley Harrison, Hamish Donaldson and a hat-trick from David Googenough. Against University 6ths, Kinross fought back from behind with goals from Angus MacLaughlin, James Johnston and Dave Goodenough in the last minute to snatch a 4-3 victory. Kinross then drew 2-2 against Rievers before overpowering Alloa 5-1 before being beaten 6-2 by a strengthened Grange Development side and then losing 1-0 to Erskine S/M 3rds. So far, played 12, won five, drawn two and lost five and currently in fifth place in East District Division 1 with 10 games still to play.

2nd XI

Kinross were well beaten by Dunfermline City with a solitary goal by Dougie Ogilvie preventing a whitewash. Against Edinburgh University 7ths, Kinross worked away with goals from Ian Clark, Ollie Voland and Struan Hepburn sealing a 3-1 victory before a succession of three losses: 4-3 to Watsonians, 8-0 to a strengthened WI Trinity 3rds (their first league win) and 2-1 to Erskine S/M 4ths. Played 11, won four and lost seven and currently lying in eighth place in East District Division 2, with 11 games still to play.

Training is at KGV on Tuesday nights, 7.30 to 9pm, and everyone is most welcome no matter what your age or ability.

Andrew McIntyre runs a mixed youth development team, the Kinross Kobras, with training on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at KGV from 6.30pm.

Forthcoming league fixtures:

2 March	1st v Carnegie at KGV at 12pm
	2nds v Stirling Uni 2nds (A)
9 March	1sts v Stirling W 2nds (A)
	2nds v Dunfermline City (A)
16 March	1sts v Edinburgh Uni 5ths (A)
	2nds v Edinburgh Uni 7ths (A)
23 March	1sts v Grange 6ths at KGV at 10.30am
	2nds v Inverleith 3rds at KGV at 12pm

For further information either contact Hamish Donaldson on e-mail: captain@kinrosshockey.co.uk or Gordon Balfour: secretary@kinrosshockey.co.uk or visit our website at www.kinrosshockey.co.uk or why not come down to watch a home game, your support will be most welcome.

KINROSS TENNIS CLUB

Easter Holiday Camps

1 - 5 April and 8 - 12 April

Mini Camp 9am - 10.15am	Ages 5-8yrs	£22/£24
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Curling

Kinross and District Ladies Branch

The **Points Competition** was held on 17 January. The winning team was **Orwell Ladies Curling Club**. The top-scoring individual was **Debbie Weir** of Fossoway Ladies Curling Club. KDLB is grateful to Loch Leven's Larder for generously sponsoring this event.

Twelve pairs took part in **The Thistle Pairs Competition**, which was held over 13 and 14 February. The winners were **Valerie Inglis** and **Fiona Rutherford**, who beat Morag Wellman and Dottie Burt 6-5 in the final. The Pairs low road was won by Wilma Brownlie and Caroline Liddle, with runners-up Enid Brown and Helen Gordon. KDLB is grateful to Baillie's newsagent for generously sponsoring the Pairs Competition.



Participants in the high road and low road Pairs finals, with Irene Baillie of sponsor, Baillie's

The Kinross and District Ladies Branch is delighted to announce that Kinross has made it through to the final of the Morton, a national ladies' curling competition. The final will be played on 12 March in Kirkcaldy.

Kinross Junior Curling Club



Our club nights every Sunday evening are still well attended and the junior curlers have been eagerly contesting our club competitions in recent weeks. The Points competition was closely fought with the winner being James Russell who was only one point ahead of last year's winner, Fraser Thomson. In third place was Grant Barr. Our Pairs competition on 3 February saw Alison Wood and Lewis Leslie win the high road with Linzi Sim and Gavin Hay the victors of the low road. The Jubilee Cup was played over two sessions. Eight rinks were split into two sections which saw the final being contested between the rinks skipped by Andrew Johnston and Gregor Bousie. This competition is pot-lid curling and so drawing all your stones into the house is essential to gain maximum points. Andrew's team of Linzi Sim and Beth Sutherland had this down to a fine art and were declared the winners. One more trophy is still up for grabs and the final of this will be played towards the end of our season in March.

As well as all our own events our junior curlers travel far and wide taking part in various different competitions. The month of December was very busy on the junior curling calendar and many of our curlers had success at different stages of the under 17 slam. At Greenacres in early December, Finlay Campbell and Grant Barr were in the rink that won the low road, and at Forfar at the end of December, James Hay was part of the rink that secured the runner-up position of the high road. At the same competition, Callum McFarlane's rink of Ross Cormack, Drew Thomson and Gavin Hay were the runners-up of the low road. On the same day the Kinross rink of Ben Cormack, Beth Farmer and Kirstin Bousie, skipped by Craig Barr, were runners-up of the under 13 competition.

The Scottish Junior Play downs took place at Perth in December with Kinross Junior Curling Club being well represented at this competition. Alison Wood, Grant Barr, Fraser Thomson, Hamish Geyer, James Hay and sub Finlay Campbell all qualified to play at the Scottish Junior Championships in Aberdeen in January. Unfortunately we had no winners at this event; however it was still a great achievement to have played at such a high level of Junior Curling.

Kinross Junior Curlers were also very much to the fore at the Hay Trophy schools competition in Perth, with our junior curlers making up most of the top three rinks. Dollar Academy was first (James Hay, Callum McFarlane and Gavin Hay), Beath High was second (Grant Barr, Drew Thomson and Craig Barr) and Kinross High was third (Alison Wood, Finlay Campbell, Ross Cormack and Kathryn Spain). These three teams have also all qualified to play in the Scottish Schools finals in March.

At the beginning of January two rinks set off to Murrayfield to compete in Division 2 of the Junior Challenge, having gained promotion from Division 3 last season. After two days of competition, Kinross ended up in third place behind Hamilton B and Dumfries, so just narrowly missed out on getting up to Division 1; hopefully next year!

The second leg of the Under 14 slam was held at Stranraer in January and at this event Ben Cormack and Gavin Hay were in the winning rink.

If you require any information about the club, please contact Fiona Campbell (secretary) on 01577 830268.

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Kinross-shire Cricket Club

2013 – A new name, a new ground and a new season

The 2013 season is about to start and the club has a number of new beginnings. Over the winter we held our AGM and it was unanimously agreed that the club would change its name to Kinross-shire Cricket Club to reflect the increasingly wide area of membership and to recognise that club coaches provide cricket training to all of the Kinross-shire Primary Schools Cluster Group.

New Logo Competition

With the new name comes the need for a new club logo to go on playing shirts, kit bags and the club website. Throughout March we are running a competition to design the new logo. The logo should contain the words “Kinross-shire Cricket Club” and a design that reflects the club’s core values of Fun, Family and the local community/area. If you are under 18 and would like to submit a design, then go to the club website www.kinrosscc.co.uk and get the entry details. The winning design will feature on all club equipment and promotional materials, with the winner and two runners-up receiving prizes.

New Ground

Work will be starting in mid-March to prepare the season’s wicket and to install the temporary pavilion and toilets. As it was clear that the building works for the new pavilion would not be completed in time for the 2013 season, the club has decided to hold off on the construction of the building until later in the year. For the coming season we will be installing a small mobile pavilion unit with separate toilet block. This will allow the club to play all home fixtures without having to be concerned about the health & safety management of a construction site. The club would like to pass on a huge thank-you to Andrew Turnbull of Fruix Farm for the donation of the mobile pavilion and to the Kinross-shire Fund for providing a grant of £2500 to cover the costs of the temporary toilets. The biggest thanks must go to Rob and Emma Niven of Loch Leven’s Larder for the donation of the field and access facilities for our new home.

The first match at the new ground will be on Saturday 27 April, when the Kinross-shire U18s, led by Scotland U17 player Fraser Gosse, will play a Club Captain’s Select XI in the annual Captain’s Shield match. The following day the club will host the Scotland Wildcats Ladies team when they play a Kinross-shire Ladies Select XI.

The 2013 season has a number of new fixtures including “The Phoenix Ashes”, a series of four matches against Breadalbane CC, a three-team T20 tournament on the T in the Park T20 weekend, a club T2 tournament and an invitational “6’s” tournament. Add to that a full season of senior league, U18, U15 & U13 Scottish Cup fixtures, Junior and ladies league fixtures, Sunday friendlies, the annual community “6’s” and two Kwik Cricket festivals and it’s clear to see we have a busy year ahead of us. The complete fixtures list for all teams is on the club website.

International Players

For two of our members 2013 will be a very special year. On 15 February, U17 Scotland girls player Zoe Conway flew off to the United Arab Emirates to represent Scotland in the ICC Sport Arabia ARCH Trophy competition. Zoe was selected as a member of the Scotland Women’s Development Squad based in Abu Dhabi with games at venues in both Abu Dhabi and Dubai.

Club coach and current Scotland U19 World Cup player, Peter Ross, is spending most of March in South Africa as part of an MCCU Academy team playing a series of 1st class games against leading South African Academy sides and ECB county side Glamorgan, who are on tour at the time. Peter then returns in early April to make his UK county debut for Leeds & Bradford MCCU against Yorkshire at Headingley. The club wishes Zoe and Peter all the best on their overseas adventures.

The club has recently learned that 15 year old Hannah Drew has been selected to train with the Scotland U17 girls’ squad this season. We wish Hannah all the best in her quest for a place in the team this summer.

Other News

Longstanding club stalwart, Ken Reilly, has been recognised by the club for his outstanding contribution to junior coaching and officiating by being awarded the club’s first ever Honorary Life Membership. Ken has been playing for the club since the 1990s and was one of the first club coaches. His many roles have included club captain, Sunday Development XI captain, U13 and U15 coach, ladies coach, club chairman and he has been a regular face in all the primary schools as a development coach.

Committee members, John Ross and Anthony Drew, were guest speakers at a club development event in the AK Bell lecture theatre at the end of January. The talk entitled “What if no-one turns up?” outlined the development of Kinross CC since the start of the junior section in 2004 right up to the development of the new ground. An audience of 50 representatives from clubs and national governing bodies from across Scotland were sufficiently impressed by the Kinross story that John and Anthony have been approached by SportsScotland about taking the talk on a mini-tour of Scotland and the North of England; more to follow on this in the coming months.

Junior outdoor training will commence on 15 April at the new ground at Loch Leven’s Larder at 6.15pm. Full detail will be in next month’s Newsletter and on the club website.

KINROSS TENNIS CLUB Open Day

Saturday 23 March - 10am til 3pm

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News from the Rurals

CLEISH – Vice president Mrs Margaret Kilpatrick welcomed members to our January members' night.

After business our president Alison led us in a fun music quiz based on TV programme theme tunes. We then enjoyed a very tasty supper.

Competitions:

Pot Plant	- Dorothy Morris
Favourite Ornament	- Faye Gibb
Flask of Soup	- Faye Gibb

President Mrs Alison Morris welcomed fourteen members to our February meeting. After business Mrs Yvonne Bell from AK Bell library was introduced. She went on to give us a talk on how to research and compile a family history. Mrs Kilpatrick gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

Flower of the Month	- Mrs Fiona Barnfather
Valentine Card	- Mrs Dorothy Morris
3 Cup Cakes	- Mrs Fiona Barnfather

MILNATHORT – President Fiona Hynds welcomed members to our January meeting. We enjoyed stovies, oatcakes and shortbread.

After business Fiona introduced our speaker for the evening, Mr J Paterson, Kinross, who gave us a very interesting talk on The Jolly Beggars and enlightened us how Kinross is involved and how it was started, and the connection to Robert Burns.

Grace Drysdale gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

Coaster	- Fiona Hynds
Oatcakes	- Nan Paterson
Flower of the month	- Nan Paterson

CARNBO – The December meeting took the form of a very enjoyable Christmas meal.

Competitions:

Decorated Christmas Cracker	- Susan Malcolm
Flower of the Month	- Francis Drysdale

The January meeting was cancelled due to snow.

President Mrs Elizabeth Campbell welcomed members to the February meeting. Mrs Chris Scholes gave a most interesting talk on Crown Derby Ceramics.

Competitions:

Prettiest Cup and Saucer	- Lily Hall
Flower of the Month	- Josephine Paterson

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CROOK OF DEVON – President Isobel Mill opened the February meeting. As our speaker for this month had to postpone at short notice, Graham Butler from Rumbling Bridge Nursery kindly came along a month earlier and gave us a very interesting slide show and talk on his unique collections of rare alpine and woodland plants he grows at his nursery supplying garden centres around Scotland. We were also able to purchase some he had brought along; needless to say there was a queue waiting.

Vote of thanks was given by Mrs C. Bennett.

Competition:

Flower of the Month	- Margaret Paterson
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BISHOPSHIRE – Adam and Jacqueline Winski, jewellers in Kinross, told of the history of the business, and explained the services they now provide, such as repairs, polishing, and even buying gold. The members learned about the care of their jewellery, and then enjoyed a fun quiz about which gemstones relate to different wedding anniversaries. Joanne Cowan won this, and received a voucher for the shop, as did the runners-up. Jacqueline also explained how they chose the winners for the competition.

Competitions:

Flask of soup	- Joanne Cowan
Favourite piece of jewellery	- Jenny Sword

GLENFARG – “The History of the Jute Industry” was the title of this month's talk but that was a rather dull name for what was a stimulating, witty and inspiring gallop through the story of the middle of Dundee's three Js. Told by Sandra Thomson, she described the trials and tribulations as well as successes of keeping alive a section of the industry in the city. With asides into such diverse subjects as the dearth of loo seats in Calcutta and pockets in shrouds, she kept her audience entertained throughout.

Competitions:

Child's Back Pack	- Catherine Fairweather
Chocolate Mousse	- Liz Yull
Flower of the Month	- Allison Messenger

POWMILL – President Mrs Mary Wilson welcomed members to the Burns Supper held in Moubray Hall, Powmill. The haggis was carried in by Fiona Black and the address to the haggis was given by Mary Wilson. A lovely meal, prepared by the Committee, was then served - haggis, mince, neeps and tatties followed by cloutie dumpling and custard. Mary Wilson then read a few verses of a poem by the bard.

Competitions:

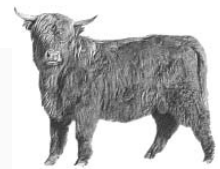
Birthday Photograph	- Mrs Wilma Sim
(Cameron Quaich Competition)	
2 Scotch Eggs	- Mrs Janet Mitchell
Garden Gem	- Mrs Mary Wilson

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Out & About

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Hi, folks! Well it might no seem like it jist yet, but Spring is creepin closer. If ye listen when yer oot fur a wee daunder ye'll here the birdsong volume startin tae rise, a shair sign spring is oan the wey!

Oan the reserve, numbers o' lapwing hiv been buildin up again in preparation fur the breedin season. We still hiv a wheeng o' the winter ducks aboot but as shair as nicht follows day they will leave the area and the summer yins will come back. At the time o' writin, birds like brambling hiv been seen fae time tae time oan the feeders in the front gairden alang wi the usual suspects – greenfinch, siskin, blue, great 'n' coal tits, 'n' noo and again long tailed tits as weel. The odd male reed bunting his been pittin in an appearance enaw. Further oot oan the reserve a male hen harrier, short eared owl, red breasted merganser 'n' red head smew ur also aroond oan the reserve and the loch, wi hunners o' teal, wigeon mallard, pochard seen daily.

We will be renovatin the front gairden ower the next wee whiley, so bear wi us when the wark is ongawn.

In the centre, Emma Coyle hiz joined us in the caffè, tae replace Hazel, and we hiv also been helpin four young chieles work towards thur Duke o' Edinburgh awards. They come in and help oan a Sunday. Atween them and the yins helpin in the shop it's like a crèche at the weekend! Chefy boy is gettin gallous again and is noo makin his ain hamemade paninis. Dinnae like tae gie him ower much praise cos it jist swells his heed up n' the doors ur jist a certain width fur fittin though. Apart fae that, think we hiv hid enough renovations lately, but fur research purposes I've sampled them masel an a hiv tae say they ur pretty tasty. Better than the mass-produced stuff, and awe organic. Gie them a go the next time ye visit.

We hiv also startit a 'Café Saver Caird'. When ye spend a certain amount ye get yer caird stampit wi a wee red cup o' coffee or a suppose it kid be tea. Onywey whitever wan it is, ye save them up and yince yev collectit enough o' the said wee red cuppies ye kin cash them in fur a freebie.

The shop seems tae keep gettin filled up wi mair and mair new lines. The latest offer is oan "Estella Bartlett" silver and gold plated jewellery at a 20% reduction. Some braw stuff if ye like that kinda thing, as the ladies seem tae dae.

Finally, tho it's gettin a wee bit late, ye might jist hae time tae clean oot yer gairden nestbox afore they start being purloined by the birds. The motto bein, tho, if in doot, leave it oot. The best time bein in the late autumn. If they seem tae be takin an interest, mibee better jist tae leave it so ye dinnae pit them aff.

Ta ta till next time,

Colin

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Loch Leven NNR



Attendees at our Walk for Wetlands on World Wetlands Day last month were treated to the full assemblage of wildfowl at Loch Leven last month, as well as a rare blue sky day in February. Throughout the winter the variety of ducks, geese and swans here can be incredible, and with Pintail, Teal, Wigeon, Goosander and Goldeneye all showing well, this morning was the perfect day to see the diversity that affords Loch Leven status as a Ramsar site of wetland importance.

Coming up this month, we look forward to welcoming participants of the Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland's **Loch Leven Walkathon 2013**. Now in its third year, the event has raised over £13000 for the charity so far, and they are hoping for another great turn out this year when the event takes place on **Sunday 24 March**. For more information, or to take part this year, you can visit www.scotlandwalkathon.com, call 0300 1212444 for an entry form, email fundraising@chss.org.uk or call into the CHSS charity shop in Leven, Cupar, Kirkcaldy or Crieff. See notice on page 103.

With the help of our dedicated team of Wednesday volunteers, as well as additional help from various groups including Elmwood College Countryside Management students, Kinross High School's Conservation in Action Group and the YMCA group from Perth, we have now cleared and burned the cut gorse from Carsehall Bog. Days have varied from torrential rain to glorious winter sunshine, but each day has been both rewarding and challenging in equal measure. The removal of gorse will allow more retention of water on the bog, and improve botanical diversity on the site.

You may see us out on the reserve wielding chainsaws this month, as we embark on a couple of tasks. We'll be tidying up some of the fallen trees at Mary's Knowe, and beginning a fen management project over by Levenmouth Farm, which will involve the removal of a number of encroaching birch trees. Please be aware if you hear us working, and we'll aim to create as little disturbance as possible, aside from the sound of machinery.

Next month we look forward to introducing our Artist in Residence, being recruited this month to assist in the promotion of the Year of Natural Scotland at Loch Leven NNR. The request went out to Scotland's four art schools, and so far the response has been very encouraging. The calibre of art work on the basis of applications received so far is also promising, so it is with excitement that we await the final announcement in March.

That's all for now folks.

Craig

Fact of the Month

Mary Stuart became Queen of Scotland at just 6 days old!



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Farming



Well time is galloping away so I'd better horse on and get this article done because the window for this newsletter won't be open furlong. I've got a cup of tea and put plenty shergar in it. Okay, I couldn't resist putting in a few horse-related items. I suppose using humour is a good way of dealing with what is the very serious subject of food quality and labelling. The fact that horsemeat has been found in very popular foodstuffs made by what are perceived as reputable companies is bad enough, but if some of it should never even have been entering the human food chain, it is an absolute disgrace and hopefully the perpetrators will face criminal proceedings.

It is very easy for us as farmers to take the moral high ground and say: "Buy local, buy Scottish (or at least British), support your local butcher, cook all meals from scratch," and while following these guidelines would give the consumer the greatest guarantee that what they think they are buying is what they are getting, it's not that simple in the modern day food retail industry. The fact is that over the past fifty years, people's shopping and cooking habits have changed. People travel to large supermarkets where parking is easier and prices are generally (but not always) cheaper. The number of village and town grocers and butchers has been decimated. This, in turn, has led to a drastic change in the food production and supply trade. Supermarkets don't want to deal with a lot of small suppliers, and undoubtedly, there are efficiencies of scale to be made, so auction marts, abattoirs etc have become larger but much fewer, often foreign-owned, and, in the case of abattoirs and vegetable industry harvesting and processing, very often staffed by a largely foreign workforce.

It is also easier for the large retailers to import food. As the UK is not self sufficient in its food supply, imports will always be needed to make up the balance, but it has to be questioned whether it is wise to let the home industries suffer as a result. The electronics and clothing industries are classic examples.

Farmers' markets have become more popular recently for giving people the opportunity to buy local produce but they are likely to remain relatively small scale. The fact is that everybody has got used to food becoming cheaper and cheaper and who can blame them, but the current horsemeat scandal is the consequence reaped by the seeds sown of the quest for ever cheaper food. There will always be individuals and companies who will try to break the rules but the intense pressure put on wholesale food manufacturers by some of the multiple retailers to supply ever cheaper products will inevitably lead to corners being cut and rules being broken in the demand for ever greater consumer 'value'. The inspection authorities, such as the Food Standards Agency and Trading Standards in this country and abroad, need to have appropriate funding to help ensure people are getting what they think they are. It is no use having farmers producing food with the highest possible quality controls and levels of traceability in this country only for this to be undermined by lack of care further down the food chain or from imported food not produced to the same standards.

Traceability here at Backward Farm means that all the cattle have two officially stamped tags (one in each ear) and a 'passport' with all their details printed on it. This information is kept on a national database, and is inspected regularly.

It is similar story with the sheep, and although there is a national database, there are no individual passports, but all sheep have to be tagged with an officially sourced electronic tag, which is scanned and recorded whenever they are sold. It is possible to trace all animals sold by us if there was to be a problem on our behalf.

We as farmers in Scotland are doing all we can to guarantee quality. It is vital every other part of the food chain is doing the same.

John

Weather



January Weather Report From Carnbo

The weather in January was much like that of November and December. It was on the cold side, especially during the day, leading to low maximum temperatures. The weather was also very unsettled, with fronts attacking from the normal West, but unfortunately some also coming in from the East, giving rise to very cold periods with some snow, especially over the higher ground where snow became very deep at times.

Total rainfall	169mm (111% of average)
Heaviest fall	23.2 mm (29th)
Snow days 6, lying days 17, total depth 61cms	
Highest temperature	9°C (4th)
Lowest temperature	-6°C (16th)
Average temperature	1.2°C (2012: 2.2°C)
Ground frost on 22 nights, air frost on 19 nights	
Ice days 12 (maximum temp. below 0°C)	
13 sunless days, cloud cover 75% app.	
Thunder not recorded	

January Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall	129.1mm (5.16 inches)
Heaviest fall	20.2mm (25th)
Snow recorded 11 days, heaviest snow fall 22cm (25th)	
Total sunshine for month	9.7 hours
Sunniest day	2.2 hours (31st)
Maximum temperature	average 5.3°C
Highest temperature	10.9°C (3rd)
Minimum temperature	average -0.75°C
Lowest temperature	-7.5°C (16th)



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Kinross-shire Churches Together



Kinross Parish Church of Scotland

10 Station Road, Kinross KY13 8TG (Charity number SC 012555)

Rev Alan D. Reid MA, BD Tel: (01577) 862952

Probationer Ordained Local Minister:

Margaret Michie Tel: (01592) 840602

Session Clerk: Jaffrey Weir Tel: (01577) 865780

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

Church E-mail: office@kinrossparishchurch.org

Church/Church Centre Lets: lets@kinrossparishchurch.org

Church website: www.kinrossparishchurch.org

Church open for visiting or quiet contemplation Mon-Fri 10am-

12 noon (Note Pram Service on Tues mornings during school term).

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

Leasing Church or Church Centre

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.

The Easter Code - Can you crack it?

Friday 29 March, Good Friday

10am – 12.30pm in Kinross Parish Church

Children of all ages along with their families are invited to an exploration of the Easter Story through drama, multi-sensory activities, games, crafts, music and video. The **Easter Code**, which includes a light lunch, will be a similar event to ADVENTure in December and all families are invited – whether or not they are associated with a church. Contact Margaret Michie 01592 840602 or Ewan Cathcart 862039.

Regular Services and events

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

Tues 10am Pram Service (during term time).

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

Fri The Brigade, Church Centre.

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

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

Special Services and events in March

Sun 3 10.30 am: Quarterly Communion. 2.30pm: Short informal Communion, open to all but designed especially for those who normally have difficulty getting to church.

6.30pm: 'Inside Out – exploring our part in God's mission': This course for Lent explores different ways in which, as a church, we can be involved in our community

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

Tue 5 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court

7.15pm: Guild, Church Centre. 'A Faith to Proclaim'

Thu 7 7.30pm: Thursday Group, Church Centre - Charity Fundraiser

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

Sun 10 10.30am: Service followed by Annual Stated Meeting

6.30pm: 'Inside Out – exploring our part in God's mission'

Sun 17 6.30pm: 'Inside Out – exploring our part in God's mission'

Tue 19 7.15pm: Guild, Church Centre.

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

Sun 24 10.30am Palm Sunday Service, followed by a Walk of Witness through the town with the other churches of Kinross

6.30pm: 'Inside Out – exploring our part in God's mission'

Tues 26 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court

8pm Bible Study/Prayer Meeting:

Fri 29 10am - 12.30pm: The Easter Code, for families (see box above)

Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

Church of Scotland

Minister - Rev Dr Angus Morrison

Telephone: 01577 863461

Email: angusmorrison3@gmail.com

Website: www.orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk

Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:

10am Portmoak Church,

11.30am Orwell Church.

All children welcome. Crèche available during Sunday Services.

Prayer Meeting held 30mins before each service

Evening Service at 6.30pm in Orwell Hall (1st and 3rd Sundays of month).

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

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

Morning Prayers at 9am

Each Thursday at Portmoak Church New Room.

Each Friday at Orwell Church.

Dates and events for your diary

Sunday 24 March 10.30am, Palm Sunday.

Joint Service in Orwell Church (No service at Portmoak).

Walk of Christian Witness - departing Orwell Church at 11.45am, arriving Millbridge Hall, Kinross at 12.45pm.

Joining others churches for Praise & Refreshments.

Everyone most welcome.

Thursday 28 March Maundy Thursday, 7.30pm at Portmoak Church.

Sunday 31 March Easter services

10am at Portmoak Church, 11.30am at Orwell Church.

Oasis – meeting in Portmoak New Room 22 March

10.15-11.45am Speaker Mrs Marion Morrison

Guild – meets 5 and 19 March in Orwell Hall

7pm - All welcome.

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

29 South Street, Milnathort KY13 9XA.

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

Contact the Office 01577 861200

orwellportmoakchurch@yahoo.co.uk

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.

Discover Loch Leven Website

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

Cleish Parish Church Church of Scotland

(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**March**

Sun 3 11.15am All Age Service and Dedication of Cleish School Jubilee Banner: Brian Ogilvie.
We welcome children, their parents and staff from Cleish School to this service.

Sun 10 11.15am Morning Worship: Brian Ogilvie. Service will be followed by the Stated Annual Meeting.

Sun 17 10.00am Early Birds Service.

11.15am Morning Worship Brian Ogilvie.

Sun 24 11.15am Palm Sunday All Age Worship: Brian Ogilvie.

Sun 31 11.15am Easter Sunday Worship: Brian Ogilvie.

Other Activities

Friday 1 March World Day of Prayer Service at Cleish at 7.00pm.

Monday 25 March Cleish Guild meeting in Village Hall at 7.15pm. Speaker: Rev. Christine Sime, topic: Out of Africa into Malta.

All welcome

Advance Notice:

Friday 19 April Concert in Cleish Church at 7.30pm.

"A Little Evening Pleasure" with Quattro Vocal Ensemble.

St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AY

Fr David Mackenzie Mills, Rector Telephone: 01577 863795

Email: frdavidkinross@gmail.com

Mrs Sarah Oxnard, Vestry Chair Telephone: 01577 864213

Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk

March Services

Sun 3 The Third Sunday of Lent. 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 10 Mothering Sunday. 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist. (Posies of flowers will be blessed and distributed at the end of the service).

Tue 12 6.30pm Informal worship and Discussion: 'St Paul's - an eco Church'. Speaker: Robert Walker.

Sun 17 The Fifth Sunday of Lent. 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 24 Palm Sunday. 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist joining with the Churches Together procession to St James' Catholic Church, the Church Centre and finally gathering at Kinross Christian Fellowship.

Fri 29 Good Friday. 2pm The Last Hour service.

Sun 31 Easter Day. 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.

Everyone welcome at all services

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**March**

Sun 3 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum Brian Ogilvie. Followed by tea, coffee and Traidcraft.

Sun 10 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum Brian Ogilvie. Followed by Stated Annual Meeting.

Sun 17 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum Brian Ogilvie.

Sun 24 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum Brian Ogilvie.

Fri 29 2 - 4pm Good Friday Reflections.

7.30pm Good Friday evening service. Locum Brian Ogilvie.

Sun 31 9.45am Easter Sunday Worship. Locum Brian Ogilvie.

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.

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.

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 (termtime)

Kinross Christian Fellowship

Further information: (01577) 863509

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

Church and Children's Sunday Club: Every Sunday at 10.30am in the Millbridge Hall, Old Causeway, Kinross. During each service there will be a time for ministry and prayer for healing.

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

Newsletter Deadlines

A list of future deadlines can be found on our website

www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Obituary

DUGUID, Robert (Bob). Died peacefully, at home in Kinross, after a short illness, on Friday 18 January 2013, aged 67.

Robert was born in Calcutta, India, the oldest son of Robert and Isobel Duguid. He left India at the age of five, and spent the rest of his childhood in Aberdeenshire and Canada.

He qualified as a Civil Engineer from Aberdeen University, and went on to spend a varied career working on projects throughout the UK, including engineering work on the Tay Rail Bridge and Deep Sea World in North Queensferry.

He had lived in Kinross with his family since 1988, and was well known to many, being a past president of the Kinross Camera Club, and an active supporter of the Orwell Curling Club, the Perth U3A, the Fifty Plus Club walking group, Kinross volunteer drivers, the Kinross Jolly Beggars Burns Club and the Kingdom Singers choir.

He leaves a loving wife Janet, and family Alistair, Fia, Heather, Alastair and Andrea, and grandchildren Owen, Finn and Carl. He will be sadly missed.

Healing Rooms Kinross and Loch Leven

Every Thursday from 10.30am to 12 noon
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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

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(Bereavement Group)

meets at the Health Centre, Kinross
on the last Friday of the month, 2.30pm to 4pm

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For details phone Marg 01577 863557

Kinross-shire Churches Together Holy Week Services

- 28 March** Maundy Thursday Communion at Portmoak Church at 7.30pm
29 March Good Friday Services: St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 2.00pm. Fossoway Church at 7.30pm.
30 March Easter Eve at Kinross Parish Church at 7.30pm
31 March Easter Morning - Joint Lochside Service at 7.30am.

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Acknowledgements

DUGUID – The family of Robert Duguid would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all of their friends, colleagues and relatives for their kindness and support during Robert's illness and for the many kind words of sympathy following his passing in January. Thanks also to those who braved the weather to attend the funeral service at Perth crematorium and help celebrate his life, and for all the generous donations to Macmillan Cancer Support, Water Aid and Cystic Fibrosis Research, which raised a total of £1090.

We would also like to thank the Stewart Funeral group for their sensitive help and support with the funeral arrangements, and Denis Madden, Keith Green and the Kingdom Singers choir for helping to make the funeral ceremony a true reflection of Robert's life.

A special mention must be made to Dr McCracken and the District Nurses, as well as the Marie Curie and Macmillan staff, who all went above and beyond the call to provide the very best of care over his last two weeks, and allow him a dignified and graceful passing in the comfort of his family home.

HUTTON, Alistair – Dorothy and the family were completely overwhelmed by all the kindness they received following the sad loss of Alistair.

We would like to thank most sincerely, all relatives, friends and neighbours for the lovely flowers, cards, and other thoughtful gifts. Our doctor Alistair McCracken for his care and support, and minister Alan Reid for the tribute he gave to Alistair and for his service which the family found very comforting. Also Gordon Stewart, funeral director, for his professional help and support. Last but by no means least, all those who attended the Church service. It has been a great comfort to know how highly respected and well thought of Alistair was.

Donations to Macmillan Cancer Relief raised a total of £600.



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Contact Pat Irvine 07703 177766 or
www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross



LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Session times (term time only)

Tuesdays 9.30- 11.15, Fridays 9.30- 11.15

Contact Sylvia Flynn 07793 005732,
sylviaastewart@hotmail.co.uk

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

FOSSOWAY TODDLERS

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

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We meet in the newly refurbished village hall, Greenbank Road, Glenfarg on Wednesdays, 9.30-11.30am.

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Contact Lucie on 07810 201935 or just come along!



Notices

BluesUp

BluesUp is a new Monthly Music Night at the Thistle Hotel in Milnathort. On the first Saturday of each month we put on live blues music featuring some of the best Blues Artists from around Scotland.

Entry is FREE and the music starts at 9pm.

Upcoming shows include:

Sat 2 March	Boston Tea Party
Sat 6 April	The Bel-Airs
Sat 4 May	Baby Isaac

Please come along every month and enjoy a night of great blues music. BluesUp would like to thank the Thistle Hotel for their support of this monthly event.

For information online, Google BluesUp + Thistle

Royal Scottish Geographical Society Talk

Perth Concert Hall

Neil Laughton: *Adventures on Seven Continents*

7.30pm on **Tuesday 5 March**

£8 adults. Students, U18s and RSGS members free.
www.rsgs.org



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 Mar Bats. This talk will also include going outside with a bat detector. Richard Smith, Lochore Meadows Ranger Service.

A Community Networking Event

is being held on

Thursday 14 March

from 7pm until 8.30pm

at Loch Leven Community Campus

Community Learning and Development are inviting local community members, groups and voluntary organisations to a networking event. This is an opportunity for you to network with other community groups and organisations from across Kinross-shire. You will also be given the chance to participate within discussions regarding topics such as communication, the benefits of working together and how you can increase attendance at your groups or events.

You will also hear from **Ailsa MacMillian**, Client Services Executive, Foundation Scotland / Kinross-shire Fund. Book your place as soon as possible using the contact details below. Only 20 places available.

For Further Information:

Tracey Ramsay - Senior Capacity Building Worker
Email: TRamsay@pkc.gov.uk Tel: 01577 867124 or
Community Learning Base 01577 867177

or

Jill Pringle - Capacity Building Student
Email: JAPringle@pkc.gov.uk Tel: 01577 867225
Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8FQ

Bus Outing to Creative Stitches and Hobbycrafts

at SECC Glasgow

Saturday 9 March

Seats available, various pickups

For more details contact Mrs C Rodger 01577 863785

Perth Samaritans

Volunteer Information Evening

Friday 15 March

at 7.30pm

In the Samaritan Centre, 3 King's Place, Perth, PH2 8AA

Perth Samaritans are currently looking for volunteers. If you think you might be interested in volunteering, please come along to our information evening. If you would like more information please call our recruitment phone number 07908 874017 or e-mail us at perthsamaritans@hotmail.co.uk.

Red Nose Day!

To celebrate the 25th year of Comic Relief

Simpli Yoga

are holding a

FUN YOGA CLASS

on

Friday 15 March

10am-11.30am

Upper Hall, Kinross Church Centre

All Welcome! Wear something red!

Hope to see you there!

Cost: by donation - proceeds to Comic Relief



Kinross Parish Church Thursday Group

invite you to hear

The East Fife Male Voice Choir

in Kinross Parish Church

on **Saturday 16 March** at 7.30pm

in aid of Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and
Rural Outreach Scheme

Tickets £8 from:

Angela Browning (864952) or Molly Dobson (863421)

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 Mar Around Loch Leven: A photographic look around Loch Leven, its scenery, history and tales. Willie Shand.



LADIES NIGHT

FRIDAY 22 MARCH

7pm-10pm

The Windlestrae Hotel

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Kinross Primary Nursery

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Book a slot on the night to have a massage taster or your nails painted amongst many other treatments

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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 Mar Beinn Artair Piano Trio (piano, violin, cello)

Celebrating Women Health and Wellbeing Event

Loch Leven Community Campus, Kinross

Sunday 24 March 11am – 3pm



International
Women's Day

You are invited to:

Try a range of activities for women and girls of all ages, support and be involved in your community, have fun, relax and find out what different organisations do to promote health and wellbeing in Kinross-shire.

Beauty Craft Fitness Information
Fashion Show Refreshments

Free Entry

For Further Information:

Tracey Ramsay - Senior Capacity Building Worker
Email: TRamsay@pkc.gov.uk, Tel: 01577 867124

or

Jill Pringle – Capacity Building Student
Email: JAPringle@pkc.gov.uk

Loch Leven Community Campus, The Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8FQ
www.internationalwomensday.com

Kinross Floral Art Club

AGM on **Thursday 28 March** at 7.00pm
at the Windlestrae Hotel.

Please bring entries for the Renton Trophy.
The more entries the better.

Celebrating Women Health and Wellbeing Event



International
Women's Day

Loch Leven Community
Campus, Kinross



International
Women's Day

Sunday 24 March 11am - 3pm

INVITATION TO ORGANISATIONS TO PARTICIPATE

- A day to celebrate women
- Opportunity to promote your organisation to the local community
- Chance for your organisation to raise awareness about the services you offer
- An opportunity to provide local women and girls with lots of activities they can take part in which will promote health, wellbeing and positive lifestyles.

5 great reasons to take part

Celebrate Women Promote your organisation
Network with other groups in the area
Raise your profile Workshops for women and girls

Ideas for you

Can you offer a short activity that will promote Health and Wellbeing that people can participate in on the day?

What can you do to get people involved in your organisation?

What can you do to celebrate women and girls?

To ensure you get the appropriate space please book your place as soon as possible.

For Further Information:

Tracey Ramsay - Senior Capacity Building Worker
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or

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Loch Leven NNR Events Programme 2013



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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).

ROTARY CLUB OF KINROSS & DISTRICT



Find out more about Rotary and how YOU can make a difference

- Would you like to enhance the quality of your life and in the process, those of others?
- Would you like the chance to forge new friendships with like minded people, especially if you are new to Kinross-shire?
- Would you like to enjoy dinner in a local hotel in good company & listen to interesting after-dinner talks on every topic under the sun?
- Would you like to help others in the local community?
- Are you interested in professional networking?
- Would you like to be part of an organisation that has the capacity to react fast and effectively to worldwide disasters with humanitarian aid and whose charity arm has virtually eradicated the scourge of Polio from mankind?

W: www.kinrossrotary.org E: neil.maclure19@gmail.com

Milnathort
filmhouse
madagascar 3
europe's most wanted



big screen movies Find us on Facebook

sunday march 24th 3pm

MADAGASCAR 3 (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.

Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland

LOCH LEVEN WALKATHON

Choose from a 6km or 11km walk alongside beautiful Loch Leven



10am Sunday 24th March 2013

Put a spring in your step and help beat Scotland's biggest killers

Entry Fee £10 for adults & £5 for young persons (5yrs - 17yrs) children under 5 free

We are Scotland's health charity

Enter online at
www.scotlandwalkathon.com

For a walk entry form:
Call: 0300 1212 444
email: fundraising@chss.org.uk
text: "Scotland" to 60777
or call in to our Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland shops in Crieff, Leven, Cupar or Kirkcaldy

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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

The hub cafe is an informal meeting place to chat over a cuppa with other carers, cared for and family members.

8 April 2013
Mandy law
Welfare Rights

Contact Gail Boath
or Elaine Kincaid
Tel. 01577 867306 or 867310

NHS Tayside



Loch Leven Community Campus
Take part in

English as a second language -
help build your confidence
Relaxation • Cookery • Origami
Music and Art activities • Sports

Mondays 7pm - 9pm

Please contact
Roseanne Gray Tel: 01577 86721 Email: RGray@pkc.gov.uk
Jayne Ramsay, Mon - Fri 9.00am-1.00pm
Tel: 01577 867177 Email: JSRamsay@pkc.gov.uk

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



Music in Kinross Parish Church

Trio Dalriada

on **Saturday 2 March** at 7.30pm.

Violinist **Paul Livingston**, guitarist **Ian Watt** and soprano **Beth MacKay**. Scots songs, Paganini pieces for violin and guitar, music by Rodrigo and Albeniz and arias from Bizet's Carmen. Tickets: £7/£5, U16 free, from Milnathort PO or Alex Cant (alexcant44@aol.com) or at the door

The Easter Story

on **Sunday 31 March**

Choir from Auchterarder Church

Scottish Concert at Fossoway Church

Scottish Charity No. SC013157

Saturday 27 April
at 7.30pm



Members of Dundee Strathspey & Reel Society
with singer Layla Brown
(Silver & Gold Medal Winner, Perform in Perth 2012)

**present an Evening of Music and Song
in aid of funds for Audio Visual System**

Tickets £10.00 including teas and coffee
Available from: Alan Harper 01577 840225;
Fred Aitken 01577 840833; Stewart Roberts 01577 840822;
Rosemary Monaghan 01577 840664;
Ian Robertson 01577 840526

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

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

Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com
www.scottishcf.org



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
April	Fri 15 March	Saturday 30 March
May	Fri 12 April	Saturday 27 April



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 & 16 March

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.

Perth Autism Support

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We are looking for a number of volunteers to work with Perth Autism Support, a local charity who support children under the age of 16 who have been diagnosed with Autism and their families.



If you would like to learn new skills, improve your CV, meet new people and most importantly have fun, then we may have the right opportunity for you.

We are looking for:

- Befriending Volunteers (1 or 2 hrs every fortnight)
- Activity Volunteers (term time)
- Holiday Programme Volunteers

For more information on these opportunities, please visit our website

www.perthautismsupport.org.uk/volunteering.html

email: info@perthautismsupport.org.uk
or call 01738 646759

We look forward to hearing from you!!

Perth Autism Support, Inveralmond Business Centre, Auld Bond Road,
Perth, PH1 3FX

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



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@scottishhcf.org

Community Councils

Kinross: Secy: Mrs M Scott (01577) 862945
KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
Cleish & Blairadam: Secy: Patty Fraser (01577) 850253,
CleishCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
Milnathort: Chair: Bruce Hamilton (01577) 830616
MilnathortCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
Fossoway & District: Secy: Kevin Bothwick (01577) 840845,
fossoway.cc@gmail.com
Portmoak: Secy: Mr J Bird (01592) 840368,
PortmoakCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Perth and Kinross Councillors Kinross-shire Ward

Councillor Mike Barnacle (Independent)

Tel/Fax (home): 01577 840516.

Email: michaelabarnacle@gmail.com

Moorend, Waulkmill Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross, KY13 0UZ

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Tel (home): 01577 861681. Email: dcuthbert@pkc.gov.uk

8 Highfield Circle, Kinross, KY13 8RZ

Councillor Joe Giacopazzi (Scottish National Party)

Tel (home): 01577 864025.

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38A New Road, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XT

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85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XA

Member of Parliament for Ochil & South Perthshire Constituency Gordon Banks MP

www.gordonbanksmp.co.uk

Email: banksgr@parliament.uk

For dates and locations of regular advice surgeries, or to raise any concerns you may have, please contact the constituency office: telephone 01259 721536, fax 01259 216761 or write to 49-51 High Street, Alloa, FK10 1JF.

Loch Leven Community Library

Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8FQ

Telephone: 01577 867205

Email: lochlevenlibrary@pkc.gov.uk

Opening Times

Monday	10am – 6pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	10am – 8pm
Friday	10am – 6pm
Saturday	10am – 3pm

Fossoway and Cleish Community Office

A service for the Community, open:

Thursdays	2 pm - 4 pm
Saturdays	10am -12 noon

Out of hours there is an answering machine

Tel: 01577 840185 Email: fccooffice@btinternet.com

Perth Association for Mental Health

PAMH is a community based non-profit organisation providing services for people recovering from mental health problems. PAMH offers Counselling, Day Services and hosts a Depression Support Group and Bipolar Support Group. For more information telephone (01738) 639657. Website: www.pamh.co.uk

Kinross Community Councillors

Margaret Blyth	6 Muir Grove	
David Colliar (Vice Chair)	10 Rannoch Place	864037
Barry M Davies	60 Lathro Park	865004
Bill Freeman	64 Muirs	865045
Ian Jack (Treasurer)	Burnbrae Grange	863980
Laura Mackay	Brunthill Farm	07872 499145
Dot Mackay	29 Green Park	864635
Margaret Scott (Secy)	21 Ross Street	862945
Campbell Watson	7 Gallowhill Gardens	861544
David West (Chair)	9 Leven Place	07824 313974
Malcolm Wood	The Woodlands, Hatchbank	850394

Member of the Scottish Parliament for Perthshire South & Kinross-shire Roseanna Cunningham MSP

To raise a concern or issue or to book an appointment to see Roseanna, you can contact her directly by email or by phoning or writing to her constituency office at:

9 York Place, Perth, PH2 8EP

Email: Roseanna.Cunningham.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

Telephone: 01738 639598

Fax: 01738 587637

You can also follow Roseanna on Twitter @strathearnrose

Members of the Scottish Parliament for Mid Scotland and Fife Region

All MSPs can be contacted at the following address:

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Claire Baker MSP (Labour) Tel: 0131 348 6759

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Elizabeth Smith MSP (Cons) Tel: 0131 348 6762

Email: Elizabeth.Smith.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

Perth & Kinross Council

www.pkc.gov.uk

Customer Service Centre

Tel: 01738 475000

(Mon to Fri, 8am-6pm)

Out of Hours Emergencies

Tel: 01738 625411

(Roads, flooding, environmental health and dangerous buildings)

Clarence (for non-emergency road and lighting defects)

Tel: 0800 232323

Regular Library Sessions for Young Children

At Loch Leven Community Library.

No need to book, just come along.

Story Telling

every Monday morning	10.15 – 10.45 am
and every Thursday afternoon	2.15 – 2.45 pm

Bookbug Rhymetimes

every Saturday	10.30 – 11 am
and every Wednesday	2.00 – 2.30 pm

Bookbug Library Challenge: For children aged 0 to 4: On each visit to the library, children are given a sticker. After collecting four stickers, they are awarded a certificate.

Kinross-shire *Day Centre*



**Table Tennis • Videos • Cards • Dominoes • Carpet bowls
Daily Papers • Chiropody • Trips • Exercises**

Weekly Programme

Monday	Exercise Class	11 am	Elderberries	1.30 pm
Tuesday	Relaxation Class	1.15 pm	Bingo	1.45 pm
Wednesday	Morning Service	10.45 am	Quiz Afternoon	1.30 pm
	Dominoes	1.30 pm	Scrabble	1.30 pm
Thursday	Film Afternoon	1.30 pm	Dominoes	1.30 pm
	Art Class	1.30pm		
Friday	Scrabble	1.30 pm	Dominoes	1.30 pm

Additional Events for March

Photography Exhibition **Tuesday 12th** 10.30am - 3pm
Everyone welcome - refreshments provided

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 March**

Mobile 2, Week 2, every second Tuesday:
Visiting Mawcarse, Glenlmond, Kinnesswood,
Scotlandwell, Levenmouth Farm, Hatchbank and Cambo.
Next visit: **12 March**

Mobile 1, Week 2, every second Wednesday:
Visiting Glenfarg and Duncruevie. Next visit: **13 March**
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>		
	Mon 15 Apr 2013;	
	Mon 6 May 2013 (May Day, tbc).	
<i>The Academic Year ends on Thu 27 June 2013.</i>		

Kinross Recycling Centre

Bridgend Industrial Estate

Opening Times: **Mondays to Fridays** 9am to 7pm
Saturdays and Sundays 9am to 5pm

Bicycles, cans (inc aerosols, biscuit tins, aluminium foil), car and household batteries, cardboard, cooking oil, electricals (WEEE), engine oil, fluorescent tubes, long life light bulbs, food and drinks cartons (Tetra packs), fridges, freezers, garden waste, glass, large domestic appliances, paper, plastic (rigid plastic packaging), rubble stone and soil, scrap metal, telephone directories, textiles (clothes and shoes), timber, tyres (maximum two per visit, strictly householders only) and non recyclable (general) waste.
Compost can be collected from the Recycling Centre, subject to availability. Maximum of 2 x 25kg bags per visitor.

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.

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

Mandolin **£60.00**
Excellent condition. Scarcely played. Hard case included. Was £130 new.
Seller details: Ruth Lauener 01577 864242
ruth.lauener@btinternet.com

Trailer **£675.00 ono**
6"1 x 6"h x 4"w. Full height rear ramp, rear stands, jockey wheel, spare wheel, locking hitch, galvanized. Lower half, deck and ramp timber-lined. Tailboard and electrics all complete and working.

Pillar Drill **£40.00 ono**
SIP Bench mounted Pillar Drill 13mm drilling capacity, 5 speed, 1/3 HP. Good working order.
For above items contact: Marie Young 01577 865205
raymar57@talktalk.net

Kids play table **£90 ono**
Playtable from Great Little Trading Co. with two large drawers underneath. Great condition. To buy new £199.
Seller details: Lorna Howard 07535 399723
lomahoward@hotmail.co.uk

Side board **£45.00**
Beech effect 2 door, 5 drawer sideboard. Can email/text picture.

Dining table & 6 chairs **£200.00**
Good condition, wooden dining table with 6 faux brown leather chairs. Can text or email picture.
For above items contact: Kim Stormont 07833 914289
Kim.stormont@yahoo.co.uk

Purple Triple sleeper bed frame **£100.00 ono**
A very good quality bed which slots and bolts together. All corners are rounded and ladder has moulded treads for safety. Top is single and bottom double. Suit boys or girls room. Dismantled and ready for collection.
Seller details: Dawn Ramage 01577 861492
dawnramage@hotmail.com

Exercise Bike **£20.00**
In working condition, needs a bit of a clean but functions.

Office/computer chair **£10.00**
Black upholstered, swivel and adjustable. In good condition.
For above items contact: Val Oswald 01577 864020
val@flutterbytherapies.com

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.)

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').

Chef de Partie (full time), Loch Leven's Larder

We are currently looking for a chef de partie to join our kitchen team.

For more information please email and submit your CV to *emma@lochlevenslarder.com*

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*

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 March

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)

Nanny share available – Kinross area

Looking for someone to share our wonderful nanny now that one of our boys is at school. Dot currently works Monday – Wednesday full days and Thursday mornings although we are both flexible and willing to change these days if needed. Dot is based with us but we would be happy to split her time at another house if required. If you think this might suit please call either Liz 07796 885709 or Dot 07776 885709, or email *liz.somerville@btinternet.com*

Diary

*A more extensive and regularly updated
Diary of Events can be found on www.kinross.cc*

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