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# Letters

## Editorial

As we worked in mid to late March producing this issue, the weather was of an exceptionally wintry nature. One casualty of this was the Chest, Heart and Stroke sponsored Walkathon around Loch Leven, which had to be postponed from its due date of Sunday 24 March. It will now take place on Sunday 28 April – see page 100 for details.

We had so much material for this issue that we did not have space to begin the traditional spring-summer feature Gardens Open, but with all this wintry weather, perhaps the plants will be a month behind anyway!

Could we issue another plea to clubs and organisations to be reasonably brief with their reports – around 350 words should be enough for most clubs, unless they have been exceptionally busy.

I am sure we will all be hoping the weather improves for the Easter weekend, including Historic Scotland, as the boat to Lochleven Castle begins its seasonal ferrying of visitors on Good Friday, 29 March.

We wish all our readers a Happy Easter.

### Note to Contributors

A great deal of the Newsletter comprises reports supplied by local clubs and other organisations. These reports are accepted in good faith. Clubs etc should ensure that reports are factually accurate and do not contain material which could cause legal proceedings to be taken against the Newsletter.

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CC: Community Council

CLlr: Councillor

CCllr: Community Councillor

## CORRECTIONS

Page 21 of March 2013 issue.

In the article entitled 'Local Plan – a flawed process?', the email address for the Planning Directorate should have read:

sgplanning@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

On the same page, in the section about the Main Issues Report, the Press Release referred to was issued in September 2010, not September 2009 as stated.

### Need Equipment for a Community Event?

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[www.kinross.cc/equipment\\_hire/equipment.htm](http://www.kinross.cc/equipment_hire/equipment.htm)

Would the Kinross family, friends of

**JOHN E GRAY**

**of California**

please contact Peter Scott (ex Earnside coaches)

01738 812481

## Car Park Notice Cancelled

Regarding the incorrect car parking charges at the Co-op car park, on 16 March we received a letter from Civil Enforcement Ltd saying "we refer to recent communications with this office in respect of the parking Contravention Enforcement notice. We now confirm that this notice has been cancelled".

As we did not contact them we can only conclude that the Co-op has done the decent thing cancelling it for us and appreciate them coming to sense over the matter. We had withdrawn our custom for the last month but will now reconsider this position.

We were contacted by others who had been incorrectly sent fines and hopefully all have had theirs cancelled.

Hopefully the Co-op will now remove this liability to their reputation by removing the unneeded and faulty ANPR cameras. It cannot be that hard to use staff to notice persistent offenders to their car park and deal with them appropriately rather than aggravate genuine customers.

M Cuthbert

Ardoch House, Claysyke Farm  
Kinross, KY13 0UP

## Charity Plant Sale on Saturday 18 May

It's difficult to find a Saturday when there isn't anything on in Kinross, and May this year seems particularly busy, but I have decided to keep with the original date of Saturday 18 May.

There is also a Greenfingers Day at the campus on that date. It will be promoting local gardening groups so I think the two should work well together and we are both at the same end of town. Unfortunately there is no way I can move my sale to the campus as I have far too many plants, so it will still be in the garden at 24 Gallowhill Road.

Plants are coming along fine so far; greenhouse is full of bedding plants - stock, snapdragon, ageratum, sweet pea, lobelia.

Marigold, nasturtium, cornflower larkspur, cosmos etc and the perennials, shrubs and summer bulbs are doing well too.

So please keep the date in your diary and remember that this year all the proceeds on the day go to both Kinross-shire Day Centre and CHAS.

Jean Miller

24 Gallowhill Road, Kinross

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### New Era for Milnathort Town Hall

Milnathort Town Hall is run by an elected committee of unpaid volunteers - Milnathort Town Hall Association. We have fought hard and managed to finalise the lease for Milnathort Town Hall with PKC. Hooray! (This has taken over six years, as I am sure most of you are aware!) This means we can begin reaching out to funding organisations etc so the renovation of our well-loved Town Hall can get underway.

We have been busy behind the scenes putting together Business Plans, Building Plans etc. There will be an open day/afternoon/evening etc soon for you all to come along and see our plans – watch this space!

The Town Hall Committee would like to thank you for your understanding over the past year. It was a very sad time when our caretaker, Angus passed away last year. We have been doing our best as a committee to ‘hold the fort’ and ‘muck in’ until we could get the lease signed and the renovation underway (which has taken much longer than any of us could have anticipated!). Your patience has been greatly appreciated.

It is very important to us that, as we move forward into the next era for our Town Hall, the lines of communication between us all are as open and transparent as is possible. We are a dedicated group that only want what’s best for our village and environs. We would like to remind you all that our committee meetings are open to everyone. If you would like to come along, you would be made very welcome, you might even get a cup of tea! We are also on the lookout for someone to take the minutes of our meetings. If you feel you could spare the time, your help would be greatly welcomed!

From now on, the date of our meetings will be displayed on the door of the Town Hall. If you would like to come to any meetings you would be made very welcome.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 07737 461 293.

Susan Britton  
Milnathort Town Hall Association Secretary  
57 New Road, Milnathort, KY13 9XT

### Just who is running the Council?

PKC is meant to represent the interests of the public by means of Councillors being elected to serve them. In turn, Council Officers (employees of the Council) are tasked with carrying out the wishes of the Council, i.e. the wishes of the public through their elected Councillors.

The Local Development Plan is a Planning process with far reaching implications for everyone in the community due to impact on new housing numbers, roads, schooling etc and is a template for development within the next ten years.

The Plan allocates land for development, which in many cases can result in multi-million pound schemes. Often relatively low value land can be increased massively by designation to development land for housing for instance. It follows that with so much money at stake, the application of the system should be exemplary.

The Plan process is Statutory with an obligation that PKC engage in “satisfactory consultation” with the public.

Recent revelations regarding the flawed processing of the Plan by PKC suggest that democratic procedures have not been upheld by officials within PKC. Their employment of high-handed tactics has resulted in a faulty public consultation process, resulting in a Plan that does not take full account of the aspirations of the public. While making little attempt to take on public concerns, there seems, by contrast, great focus on the wishes of developers.

Meanwhile elected Councillors are being disadvantaged by inaccurate and misleading reports and risk reprimand should they voice public criticism of officer failings. Members of the public who justifiably protest at Council bad practice become tangled in a bureaucratic web whose sole intent seeks to neutralize complaints at any cost.

It seems that core elements amongst Senior Council Officers are content to maintain this unacceptable culture. Although public employees, they seem to have somehow acquired powers beyond their status and are in effect “running the show” with a freedom that is contrary to the public interest.

Ken Miles  
Turfhills House, Kinross

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# News & Articles

## Report by Councillor Robertson

### Green Park

I have been contacted by residents of Green Park who are concerned by the lack of maintenance to fences, and communal areas by the Council in the estate. Since that time I have had two meetings on site with Council officers and residents. Apparently the only funding available is £10,000, which is to be used to resurface the area in front of the lock up garages.

I have raised the matter at the Council's Housing and Health committee and have been assured that residents' concerns will be addressed. I want the Council to draw up a plan to replace the broken fences and repair the paths. I will keep pressing until this work is carried out.

### Dog Fouling

This is an ongoing problem throughout Kinross-shire and seems to have been particularly bad over the last few weeks. Most dog owners are very responsible but there are a few who are not. The Council take dog fouling seriously and will take action if they catch offending dog owners.

Let's make a real effort this spring to keep our paths, pavements, parks and play areas free of dog mess.

### Milnathort Town Hall

Congratulations to the Milnathort Town Hall committee who have recently agreed a lease of the building with Perth & Kinross Council. The committee have ambitious plans to renovate this much used and important building and make it fit for the 21st century. Planning consent has been granted and the committee are now actively fundraising to allow the works to go ahead.

## 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](http://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](mailto:CDevanny@pkc.gov.uk)

## Planning application for Town Hall

A fresh application concerning Kinross Town Hall has been submitted to PKC. The application is very similar to the one that was rejected by the Council's Development Management Committee in October 2012.

The application is for the "erection of an apartment block (8 units), formation of access, parking and amenity space and change of use of Kinross Town hall and related buildings to Class 1 (shops) and Class 2 (offices) and alterations to buildings (amended submission), 108-114 High Street and land to the rear of 106 High Street, Kinross".

The applicant is 'Town Hall Developments' (director, Simon Wilson) and the proposal involves building a new block of flats on ground owned by Mr Wilson behind the Town Hall. The L-shaped new build block would be 2½ storeys high, and would be partly visible from the High Street, via the gap between "The Dog House" and the Carnegie Library. Detailed plans have been provided for the new-build block.

The Town Hall, Library, former Post Office and clock tower are still owned by Perth & Kinross Council. The Council decided in September 2010 to sell the buildings to Simon Wilson. Missives for the sale have been concluded, but there is a "suspensive condition relating the grant of planning permission", i.e. a satisfactory planning application must be submitted and consent granted.

The planning proposal for the Town Hall buildings is to demolish the billiard hall at the back of the Carnegie Library and reinstate the affected part of the Library building. The applicant proposes to use the ground gained by demolishing the billiard hall to create parking space for the new-build flats.

The applicant does not propose to carry out any internal alterations to the Town Hall buildings at this stage – indeed, there are no detailed drawings. He proposes to make the buildings wind and watertight. A change of use has been requested which would potentially allow the buildings to be used as shops and offices in the future.

The difference over the previous application appears to be that the applicant has provided PKC with further information regarding the external repairs. The 'Planning, Design and Access Statement' says:

"It has been agreed with Perth and Kinross Council that some additional information related to the extent and the related costings of the Listed Building works should be provided as part of the re-submission, this information being provided separately to Perth and Kinross Council and not as part of the submitted planning application for commercial reasons."

The drawings etc can be viewed on the Council's website. Go to [www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk). On the home page, under 'Most Popular', click on 'Viewing and commenting on planning applications' and follow the relevant link on the next page to get to the search facility. Enter the reference 13/00462/FLL.

The closing date for comments is **Friday 5 April 2013**.

### Community Website

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

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

## Report by Councillor Cuthbert

### Former Kinross High School site

I received notification on 13 March that the Council had received a Pre Application Notification for the former Kinross High School site. This pre-application is from Persimmon Homes, who state that the application will be to build "circa 90 dwellings". Their intention is to consult with local CCs and to advertise in the Fife and Kinross Extra and the Perthshire Advertiser.

In addition they have said that they will hold a **Public Meeting on Tuesday 21 May between 4pm and 8pm at the Community Campus.**

This is perhaps a chance to hear what is being proposed for this very important site in the heart of Kinross.

### Kinross Town Hall

A revised planning application for the Town Hall was received by PKC on 8 March, reference 13/00462/FLL.

If you want to see the details of what is being proposed, the best way is to access the Council's planning portal. (*See p. 4*)

### Grounds Maintenance Cuts

Following the budget meeting last month, the Council has announced cuts on grounds maintenance.

These are listed below.

As stated in last month's Newsletter the budget is in essence the work of the SNP administration with support from the Tory group, so please don't get upset with your Independent or Liberal Democrat Councillors – we are as upset as you are about this.

A letter is going out to CCs which I would summarise as follows:

Due to budget constraints, a review of the Council's grounds maintenance activities across Perth & Kinross has been carried out.

As part of this review, the Council is proposing to reduce maintenance on smaller shrub beds and on sites which are less prominent. In addition they are proposing to remove shrubs from some areas and to reduce grass cutting at selected sites.

**Reduced Maintenance:** These sites will receive two maintenance visits per annum, once in July and once between November and March at which point all litter will be removed. Any weeds present will be treated with non-selective herbicide during the scheduled visit in July. Pruning will only be performed if shrubs are causing a hazard by encroaching onto footpaths and roadways or are blocking sightlines. No other pruning operations will be carried out.

**Remove Shrubs:** The letter states that any shrub beds which are in a poor condition, do not provide any aesthetic enhancement to the area or are of little value to wildlife will be removed, and replaced by grass or other lower maintenance surface.

**Comments welcome:** The letter states that the Council appreciate this will mean changes for some sites and communities, and therefore would be pleased to take on board any comments you may have. The Council need to ensure that they are balancing their maintenance schedules with the resources available, however there may be alternative suggestions which would allow them to do this.

They are particularly keen to hear from individuals or groups who would be interested in taking on the maintenance of the areas the Council have identified. There may be opportunities for communities to use some of the spaces to grow food, plants or manage woodlands, possibly in

association with the Woodland Trust ([www.woodlandtrust.org.uk](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk)) or develop and maintain the shrub beds to suit the area.

A list of the sites affected and a description of the changes are available on the Council website [www.pkc.gov.uk/groundsmaintenancereview](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/groundsmaintenancereview) and hard copies will be available in the Council Building, Pullar House, 35 Kinnoull Street, Perth and Loch Leven Community Library at the campus from **8 March to 12 April 2013**. Any comments or suggestions should be sent to:

CommunityGreenspace@pkc.gov.uk **no later than noon on Friday 12 April 2013.**

If you want any further information on these issues, please contact CommunityGreenspace@pkc.gov.uk or the Council's Customer Service Centre on 01738 475000.

### Sites in Kinross-shire

#### Blairingone - Reduce Maintenance

Amenity Area, School House and Crook of Devon to Rumbling Bridge gorge.

#### Crook of Devon - Reduce Maintenance

St Serf's Road, Waulkmill Road, Fossoway Glebe, West Crook Way, Railway Path.

#### Crook of Devon - Remove Shrubs

West Crook Way.

#### Glenfarg - Reduce Maintenance

School area outside Glenfarg, Greenbank Crescent, Ash Grove.

#### Kinross - Reduce Maintenance

Nan Walker Wynd, Springfield Estate, Bowton Road, play area Montgomery Road, Ochil View housing estate, Station Road verge, Broom Road, Whinfield Drive, Argyll Road, Morlich Place, Gallowhill estate, Lochburn Park, Burnbank Meadows, car park Curate Wynd, Sandport to Millbridge, rear of Whyte Court, Davies Park (reduce area of grass cutting).

#### Kinross - Remove Shrubs

Nan Walker Wynd, Springfield Estate, Ochil View housing estate, Broom Road Park, Morlich Place, Gallowhill estate, Burnbank Meadows, car park Curate Wynd.

#### Cleish - Reduce Maintenance

Amenity plots.

#### Gairney Bridge - Reduce Maintenance and Remove Shrubs

#### Kinnesswood/ Wester

#### Balgedie - Reduce Maintenance

Buchan Avenue, Kinnesswood to War Memorial, Wester Balgedie Junction, Wester Balgedie to Easter Balgedie.

#### Kinnesswood - Cut annually as Roadside verge Main Street.

#### Cleish - Remove Shrubs

Church Yard.

#### Maryburgh - Reduce Maintenance

Maryburgh to Kinnaird Farm.

#### Milnathort - Reduce Maintenance

Mayfield Gardens, Auld Mart Road, Bridgefauld Road, Crawford Place, By Stirling Road car park, Old Bowling Green, Manse Road Wellfield Housing, Orwell Park, Curlers Crescent, grass verge of Old Perth Road.

#### Milnathort - Remove Shrubs

Mayfield Gardens, Auld Mart Road.

## Provost celebrates community

Held within the atmospheric surroundings of St John's Kirk in early February, the Provost's Burns Supper was an opportunity for the Provost to thank some of the many individuals in Perth and Kinross who give of their time throughout the year in the service of their community. The invitees, pictured here, were chosen for their commitment to Community Councils, Bloom committees, The Kinross Newsletter, Milnathort Town Hall Committee and other local activities. Attending his first ever Burns Supper, Community Councillor David West frankly admitted his total bewilderment at the language of Burns and had to have 'Tam o' Shanter' translated into English by Councillor Joe Giacomazzi. Language barriers apart, the event went very well against the backdrop of the historic Kirk where, in 1427, King Magnus the 4th of Norway ceded

certain territories to James 1st of Scotland in return for the payment of 30 merks. The Norwegians, we were told, are still waiting for their money! In the interests of economy, the table

wine was supplied by the Councillors themselves. It seems that in these difficult times, even the Provost's hospitality budget will only stretch to neeps and tatties.



*The Kinross-shire table at the Provost's Burns Supper:  
Back, l to r: Rosemary Tolson, David West, David Henry, Helen Manzie, Bruce Hamilton  
Front, l to r: Cllr Joe Giacomazzi, Eileen Thomas, Robin Cairncross, Susan Bathgate, Cllr Dave Cuthbert*

## Church dedication for Diamond Jubilee Banner

To celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, Cleish school pupils, assisted by Sherri Conn, a parent at the school, designed and produced a banner commemorating the Queen's reign. The banner was on display in Perth Museum for a time before being returned to Cleish. In February of this year, the school invited Cleish Church to give the banner a permanent home in the Church. A service of dedication was held at Morning Worship on Sunday 3 March 2013, and was attended by pupils, parents and staff, together with the Church congregation.

The main theme of the banner was events that took place in and around Cleish during the Queen's reign so far.

A picture of the banner is shown on the front cover of this Newsletter. Starting at top left and going clockwise, the pictures depict:

- The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in June 1953
- The sale of Cleish Castle in 1958
- The 'Best Kept Village' prize won by Cleish village in 1969
- The installation of the organ in the Church in 1992
- The Diamond Jubilee street party held in Cleish village in June 2012
- The construction of the Millennium Way in 2000
- The connection of Cleish village to mains water in 1991
- The installation of the lamps at the Church steps, turned on by Sir Alec Douglas-Home who served as Prime Minister from October 1963 to October 1964

In the centre, the three circles depict (from top to bottom):

- the School badge
- the Queen's initials and crown
- the emblem of Kinross-shire.



*Sherri Conn with pupils who helped make the banner*

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## Community art project

A recent art project brought together local community members of all ages to learn new photography skills.

PKC Arts Development Service brought together a group of local residents, young people and staff in the Loch Leven Community Campus as the steering group for a public art project within the campus. The group selected artist Stephen McCullough, a recent graduate from Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art. Stephen worked with a variety of community groups, on and off campus, to explore how to make pinhole cameras and how to create a 'camera obscura'.



*Upside down images in one of the camera obscura workshops*

Two prominent local buildings, Kirkgate Tower and Kinross County Buildings, were transformed during the camera obscura workshops, which involved blacking out all light sources to create a darkened room. Using a simple lens positioned in front of an aperture in a window, these interior spaces magically filled with projected 'upside down' images from the world outside.

A small publication of the project was distributed to participants as a memento of the project.

Participants commented that they thoroughly enjoyed being involved in the steering group, learning new skills and having their opinions listened to.

*Liz Conacher  
Arts Development Officer, PKC*

## Secret Dealers coming to your area!

Would you like to cash in a few of your valuables or do you just fancy a fresh start?

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## Kinross-shire in 'Green Routes' pilot project

A number of local roads are to be designated 'Green Routes' by Perth and Kinross Council in a bid to make them more attractive to cyclists and walkers.

The Council has looked at a similar successful scheme in Clackmannanshire, where speed limits have been lowered on a number of rural roads linking villages that were already being regularly used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders. Speed limits on these roads were lowered to 40mph or 30mph, and signage was introduced warning motorists that they were likely to encounter cyclists and pedestrians.

It was found that the signing of these routes had a positive impact, and that cycling and walking increased significantly.

At a meeting of the Council's Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee on 30 January, it was agreed that sixteen routes – twelve of them in Kinross-shire – will be used as a 'Green Routes' pilot project. Each route has been assessed and current speed limits recorded. The plan would see speed limits reduced to either 30mph or 40mph. Average speeds used by motorists on most of these routes are already well below the speed limit.

The roads where Green Routes will be introduced are:

- U246 Middle Balado
- C494 between B9097 and A977 Balado
- C494 between Powmill and B9097
- U241 between A977 Drum and B9097
- U222 between U238 and A977 at Drum
- U238 between Crook of Devon and U222
- U237 between A823 and Crook of Devon
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- U213 between Blairingone and Easter Muirhead
- U213 Easter Muirhead and Tethyknowe
- C470 South Lochearnhead Road
- C450 South Loch Rannoch Road
- B846 North Loch Rannoch Road
- C484 Templehall to Kingoodie

Some Traffic Regulation Orders will need to be changed to introduce the reduced speed limits.

Committee Vice Convener, Councillor Joe Giacopazzi, said: "This is a very positive move that could bring many benefits to the local communities linked by these Green Routes.

"As well as the health and environmental benefits, and infrastructure improvements, there are economic benefits that can be realised by providing a network of cycle and walker-friendly routes. Clackmannanshire has experienced an increase in visitor number since the introduction of their Green Routes, and we anticipate the same thing will happen in Perth and Kinross.

"A number of the proposed Green Routes will also tie in with our local Core Path Network and other popular walking and cycling routes.

"We will monitor the success of this project, with a view to rolling it out to the whole of Perth and Kinross."



## Sir Alan Smith, CBE, DFC, CompTI An appreciation

On Friday 1 March, Sir Alan Smith, in the words of the American aviator poet John Magee, Jr., “slipped the surly bonds of earth” for the last time at the age of 95. A week later, on Thursday 7 March, a celebration of Sir Alan’s life was held in a packed Cleish Kirk, with readings and tributes from members of his family and business colleague Roger Rankin. After the service, friends and family gathered at the *Windlestrae*, which had been built by Sir Alan as a private home before it became a hotel.

Tributes in the national press have focused on Sir Alan’s distinguished wartime record as a Spitfire pilot and his subsequent career as a prominent businessman, but in Kinross-shire he will also be remembered for his dedication to the local community, which he served in many different capacities.

Born in South Shields on 14 March 1917, Alan Smith came from a family of Tyneside sailors. At the age of 14 his father, captain of a Merchant Navy ship, died at sea, just like his grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great grandfather before him. In a rags to riches story, he and his family survived the depression through enterprise and sheer hard work, but with war on the horizon he decided to take up flying as a member of the RAF Volunteer Reserve rather than go to sea. Awarded his wings in time to be called up on the first day of war in September 1939, Alan Smith joined the famous Tangmere Wing as a Spitfire pilot, taking on the role of wingman to flying ace Douglas Bader, protecting him from enemy fire. Awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross in 1941 with a Bar to the Cross added a year later following service in North Africa, Alan Smith retired from the RAF in 1945 with more than 1,500 flying hours on his record.



*Sir Alan was a Spitfire pilot and ‘wingman’ to Sir Douglas Bader in WWII*

Sir Alan’s long association with Kinross-shire began during the war when he came north to Balado Airfield as a Spitfire instructor. Here he met his first wife, Margaret Todd, who worked for the Women’s Voluntary Service in the mobile canteen. She was the daughter of Herbert Todd of the Todd & Duncan wool spinning mill at the foot of the town. They married in July 1943 and at the end of the war Alan Smith joined his father-in-law’s business by the side of Loch Leven. Years later he was to wryly comment on this, saying of Herbert Todd, “I suspect he thought I was going to take his daughter down south so he offered me the job!”



*Alan Smith, Provost of Kinross 1956-62  
Photo courtesy of Kinross Museum*

Joining the staff of Todd & Duncan, however, proved to be a smart appointment, as Alan Smith turned out to be as much a high flyer in business as he had been in the RAF. Based on the spinning of cashmere, the company was transformed by Sir Alan from a modest local business into Dawson International, one of Britain’s top performing enterprises, with 9,000 employees and annual sales that approached £200 million by the time Sir Alan retired as chairman and chief executive in 1982. Appointed Life President of Dawson International and awarded a knighthood in the same year for services to UK industry, he was made a Companion of the Textile Industry (CompTI) a year later in 1983.

Citing ‘work’ amongst his recreations in *Who’s Who in Scotland*, Sir Alan was an energetic man who thrived on keeping busy. In addition to his role as the “Cashmere King”, managing first Todd & Duncan as chairman and chief executive (1946-60) and then Dawson International (1960-82), he maintained a string of additional business appointments that stretched well into his seventies. The list is impressive and includes being founder and chairman of the Scottish Cashmere Association (1964-92), chairman of the Edinburgh-based investment bank Quayle Munro (1982-93), a board member of the Scottish Development Agency (1982-87), a board member of the Scottish Tourist Board (1983-86), a director of the Global Recovery Investment Trust (1981-86) and chairman of Gleneagles Hotels (1983-84).



In addition to a seemingly endless catalogue of business interests, Sir Alan Smith devoted much of his time and energy to public service, mainly in support of the town and former county of Kinross. As a member of Kinross Town Council for 14 years from 1949, he served as Housing Convener and Dean of Guild during a significant period of post-war development in which he was able to use his commercial experience to bring prosperity and employment to the town. As Provost of Kinross (1956-62) he played a leading part in receiving The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh on the occasion of their visit to the Burgh in October 1960.



*As both Provost and Managing Director of Todd & Duncan, Alan Smith guided the Queen on a tour of the mill during her visit to Kinross in 1960. Image courtesy of Kinross Museum.*

In a 2002 interview, Sir Alan, who always liked to go to bed early, described how as Provost, "I got away for a year or so with having all the street lamps put out at 10 o'clock, because I thought everybody should be in bed." He went on to say that "there was an uprising in the town about that!"



*After the war, Alan Smith joined his father-in-law's business. Todd & Duncan staff social 1947:  
Back, l to r: Will Hodge, Isobel McKinlay, Alan Smith, Sybil Forbes, Dave Chapman  
Front, l to r: Mary McLeod and ? McCartney  
Photo courtesy of Kinross Museum*

The last surviving Provost of Kinross, Sir Alan made much of the fact that politics played little part in Town Council decision-making, the councillors' sole concern being "the welfare of the people of the Burgh and the efficiency and economy of the various services required."

All of that changed with local government reform in 1975. Sir Alan found himself elected to Tayside Regional Council on a Conservative ticket in a 1979 bye-election. He was appointed Finance Convener in 1981, often spending three out of five days in the week fighting for a fair deal for Kinross-shire or doing his best to prevent rates from rising too sharply. He finally stepped down as a regional councillor on 3 May 1990 and in paying tribute to him for his service as a councillor, former Provost Rosamunde Beveridge thanked him for his "dedication to local affairs". But it did not end there. His chairmanship of the Kinross-shire Day Centre, membership of the Kinross-shire Crime Prevention Panel and membership of Kinross Community Council (1992-98) ensured a continuing role in the community that was recognised in April 1998 when he was presented with a Good Citizenship Award.



*Sir Alan with Nan Walker, founding Newsletter editor, receiving Good Citizen awards in 1998, when they retired from Kinross CC*

Sir Alan's first wife Margaret, with whom he had two daughters and three sons, sadly passed away in 1971, but six years later he married Alice Moncur who shared the rest of his life at Ardgairney. Commenting on retirement, he once said that part of it was given over to "thanking God that I've got good health and a good wife who ticks me off!" As a war time fighter pilot Sir Alan Smith had, as in *The Aviators' Timeless Anthem*, "topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace." That easy grace was an endearing quality that remained with him throughout a long and well filled life as a successful businessman and as an active and much respected member of the community in Kinross.

*David M Munro*

## Loch Leven Community Library

Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross  
Tel: 01577 867205 Email: lochlevenlibrary@pkc.gov.uk  
See p. 107 for library opening times.

For more information on the events listed, telephone, email or call in at the library. (See contact details above.)

### Loch Leven Easter Treasure Hunt 2 - 13 April

Come and join the fun at this free family event! Take part in this 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. Suitable for all ages.

### Explore the World of Peter Rabbit Mon 8 April

Come to the library to be inspired by Beatrix Potter's characters during this fun storytelling and activity session. Discover her favourite characters, and enjoy the holiday atmosphere with your children or grandchildren.

Suitable for 3-9 years. Monday 8 April, 2.45 - 3.30pm.

### E-Book & E-Magazine Taster Sessions for Everyone

Are E-Books and E-Magazines a mystery? Why not come along to our taster sessions on **Monday 22 April**, 2pm-4pm to have some of your questions answered, or to have an introductory session.

Library and Access Services staff are jointly organising one to one taster sessions lasting approximately 45 minutes. To find out more, book a place and let us know what you want to learn, please contact the library. We look forward to seeing you all.

### IT Taster Sessions for Everyone Fri 26 April

Are computers a mystery? Can you text on your mobile? How can you get an email address? How do I shop online? How do I download an E-Book? These are just a sample of the questions that will be answered during the IT taster sessions to be held on Friday 26 April at the library between 1.30pm and 4pm. Library and Community Learning Development (CLD) staff are jointly organising one to one taster sessions lasting 30 minutes. To find out more, book a place and let us know what you want to learn, please contact the library. We look forward to seeing you all.

### Easter Holiday Closure

Perth & Kinross Libraries will not be open on the following dates:

Friday 29 March, Saturday 30 March, Monday 1 April.

## An Evening of Favourite Songs, Arias and Duets

**Cleish Parish Church, Friday 19 April, 7.30pm**

All those who attended the concert in October 2012 of the Cleish & Fossoway Joint Choir will remember the lovely singing of all our soloists, in particular the tenor, Warren Gillespie. Warren very much enjoyed singing in Cleish Church with its wonderful acoustic and has agreed to return, along with Mezzo Soprano Beth MacKay and Pianist Geoffrey Tanti, to present an evening of songs, arias and duets on Friday 19 April in the Church, starting at 7.30pm.



Beth MacKay



Warren Gillespie

The programme will consist of favourites from the world of Opera, Song and Oratorio including the famous Dido's lament by Purcell and Ivor Novello's "We'll Gather Lilacs" and some beautiful Scot songs.

Please join two young Scottish singers and recent graduates from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland's prestigious Alexander

Gibson Opera School for a shared recital with Maltese pianist Geoffrey Tanti.

Warren and Beth have considerable experience on the concert platform, both being soloists in Vaughan-Williams' *Serenade to Music* under Donald Runnicles with the SSO for the BBC Proms at the Royal Albert Hall.

"Cleish Parish Church holds some lovely memories for me when being asked by Jenny Macleod to sing in the recent Choral Society concerts and I look forward to an evening of great music making" said Warren Gillespie.

For more information and tickets (£10/£8 concession. Under 18's free), please contact Christine Maclure (01577 864826, email maclure19@gmail.com) or Alex Cant (01577 862923, email alexcant44@aol.com).

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## Loch Leven – Returning to health, but still more work to do

*Richard Lockett – Lockett Agri-Environmental*

It's been a long time since 'Scum Saturday' in June 1992, when a large algal bloom spread across Loch Leven. Since then a huge amount of work has gone into improving water quality and reducing nutrient inputs into the Loch. Loch Leven's international importance for wildlife means that it has been subject to detailed water quality monitoring since the 1970s. The results of this work show that the phosphate levels in the loch have reduced significantly. Phosphate levels are critical when it comes to algal blooms and artificially enhanced levels of this nutrient can be highly damaging.

Phosphate can come into the loch from a wide range of sources, including sewage and septic tank outflows and run-off from agricultural land. Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) has been funding some work to help farmers do what they can to reduce the risk of nutrient losses. This latest project builds on the work of the late 1990s which focussed on the creation of buffer strips, particularly in the north-east of the catchment.

Wetter summers (and winters!) mean that preventing soil and nutrients getting into burns and ditches is more challenging than ever before. Soil erosion can be a significant source of



*Some of the work being done in an effort to combat erosion*

nutrients and we've been using a range of techniques to tackle this problem. Erosion prone crops such as potatoes can be a particular issue and cultivating fields after tattie harvesting makes a big difference. We're also looking at more innovative solutions such as silt traps and one farmer is trialling the use of a 'filter fence' to see if this can help.

Buffer strips continue to play an important role, as do soil testing and the careful use of fertilisers and manures.

Keeping nutrients in the fields and out of the loch is the aim of the game. The monitoring shows that there is still more work needed to give Loch Leven a clean bill of health, but so far it's a positive story.



*Loch Leven from the air, with Kinross in the foreground. Photo courtesy of Scottish Natural Heritage*

For more information contact Richard Lockett on 01738 813054 or [lockett@agri-environmental.co.uk](mailto:lockett@agri-environmental.co.uk) or to find out more about Loch Leven's international importance for wildlife visit [www.nnr-scotland.org.uk/loch-leven/](http://www.nnr-scotland.org.uk/loch-leven/)

## Local B&B wins international marmalade competition

Owners of a Kinross-shire Bed & Breakfast are toasting their success in the eighth annual World's Original Marmalade Awards.

Bob and Helen Pass of Dalqueich Farmhouse won the B&B and Hotel competition with their Seville Orange, Apricot and Amaretto Marmalade.

Marmalade fans Bob and Helen make their own marmalades and jams to serve to guests visiting from all over the world. Another of their marmalade recipes, made with home-made rhubarb liqueur, was also a hit, winning a silver medal.



*Paddington Bear congratulates Helen and Bob on their awards*

Helen said: "We were so thrilled to win this international competition, especially as marmalade originated in Scotland. Our guests love our marmalades and most end up taking some home with them. We enjoy cooking and especially experimenting with different flavours; the apricot and amaretto has been very popular and goes really well with croissants. Guests often leave Dalqueich with copies of our recipes and we love to hear how they work for them."

Helen and Bob have been making a wide variety of marmalades and jams in their traditional rural stone farmhouse for some years. Their favourites are those with fine spirits or their homemade liqueurs that complement the strong Seville orange flavour. The apricot and amaretto winner is described by their daughters as "jamalade", with the sweetness and fruit character of the apricot and amaretto enhancing the characteristic bitterness of Seville oranges. The World's Original Marmalade Awards and Festival are sponsored by some of the most famous names in marmalade, including Paddington, Mackays and Fortnum & Mason.

Over 1,000 jars of marmalade – some from as far afield as Australia and the Phillipines – were entered into the competition, which was judged by a prestigious panel of experts.

## Traidcraft products now available weekdays in Kinross



Kinross-shire was the first Fair Trade County in Scotland and local churches have been in the forefront of this movement, with St Paul's Episcopal church and Kinross, Cleish, Orwell, Fossoway and Portmoak Parish churches all committing to 'using serving and/or selling fairly traded goods'.

Part of that commitment has been through selling Traidcraft products. Traidcraft is the UK's leading fair trade organisation, founded by Christians in 1979 as a response to poverty. As well as passing on a fair price to producers, it runs development programmes in some of the poorest countries in the world and campaigns in the UK and internationally to bring about trade justice. Sales of Traidcraft products in the county amounted to over £5,000 last year with outlets at some churches on Sundays and at Orwell and Portmoak Church Office in Milnathort and Buchan's shop in Kinnesswood during the week.

Now, to coincide with Fairtrade Fortnight in March, a new outlet has been opened with Traidcraft goods being available on weekdays between 10am and noon from Kinross Parish Church (use the rear, west door).

Local organiser Isobel Watt says: "We can all make a contribution to promoting fairer trade even if we only change one thing we buy. We are delighted that you can now buy Traidcraft goods from Kinross Parish Church during the week. So if you've forgotten to pick up that jar of coffee or need some Divine chocolate to get you through the day, do try out this new 'shop'"



### 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](http://www.kinross-shirecivictrust.org)**  
or

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## Calling all dog owners – get your dog a good name!



As spring approaches, dog owners are being encouraged to pick up after their dog when out and about. Our annual monitoring records at Loch Leven National Nature Reserve have shown that dog owners have been largely adhering to our local access guidance with regards to keeping their dogs under close control. We'd like to thank you all for your continued co-operation in this matter, as it benefits not only the wildlife at Loch Leven, but also other trail users too. However, one issue that has been raised locally has been dog fouling.

The latest national radio campaign from Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) began in March, focussing on the issues surrounding dog waste, as part of ongoing work to publicise access rights and the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.

Kirstin Guthrie, SNH Communications Officer said: "Our radio campaign introduces the character 'Jess' - a wise border collie - who helps dispel some myths, as well as highlight how not cleaning up after your dog can kill livestock and encourage other people to think badly of you and your dog."

Stephen Jenkinson, Kennel Club Access Advisor added: "Most dog owners understandably tend to be very protective of their dogs, treating them as part of the family and so cleaning up after their pet, wherever they are, is second nature.

"But some owners still get their dogs a bad name by not picking up in places ranging from city parks and paths to informal tracks across fields in the countryside. Worse still, some owners leave bagged poo hanging from trees or on the ground. To reduce this problem, we want people to know that if there's no dedicated dog bin, bagged poo can go in any general litter bin.

"We know some people may think it's okay to leave their dog's waste where farm animals graze, but this can spread disease which can kill sheep and make cows lose their unborn calves. Simply bagging it and binning it wherever you are prevents this needless suffering and protects your dog's reputation."

Scotland enjoys some of the most advanced countryside access rights in the world. These access rights apply to anyone walking their dogs provided they're kept under proper control. The Scottish Outdoor Access Code includes practical advice for dog owners on where they can go and what they can do. This advice becomes particularly relevant as spring approaches, when it's important to properly control dogs to protect young farm animals and ground-nesting birds. (Over half of Scotland's birds nest on the ground.)

At this time of year, dog owners' main responsibilities are:

- **Lambs:** Don't take your dog into fields where there are lambs, calves or other young animals. Go into a neighbouring field or on to land next to it.
- **Farm Animals:** Never let your dog worry or attack farm animals.
- **Safety Around Cattle:** Cattle can act aggressively. Keep yourself and your dog at a safe distance and if necessary let your dog go so that you can both seek safety. Where possible, choose a route that avoids taking your dog into fields with farm animals.
- **Ground Nesting Birds:** During the bird breeding season (usually April to July), keep your dog under close control or on a short lead in moorland, forests, grassland, loch shores and the sea shore.
- **Planted Fields:** Don't take your dog into fruit and vegetable fields unless there is a clear path, and keep your dog to the path.
- **Public Places:** Keep your dog under close control and avoid causing concern to others, especially those who fear dogs.
- **Dog Waste:** Pick up and dispose of carefully.

Know the Code before you go; enjoy your access rights responsibly. Find more advice and handy downloadable leaflets at [jessthe dog.org.uk](http://jessthe dog.org.uk).



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## Turffit supports charity garden

Local company Turffit Ltd is teaming up with a former soldier from Fife to create a Chinese-inspired show garden for Gardening Scotland 2013.

Veteran Ray Howie, from Balingry, is creating an Oriental themed garden in support of horticultural therapy charity Gardening Leave, which helps veterans across Scotland with combat-related stress.

Local business Turffit, based just south of Loch Leven, heard of Ray's plans and offered their backing. As well as soil, turf and logistics, the company will be supplying two turf pandas for the garden; one representing the Giant Panda, and one the lesser-known Red Panda. The show garden, entitled "The Five Elements of the Orient", will show the pandas in their natural habitat and will feature horticultural references to the Chinese five elements – earth, fire, water, metal and wood.

Gardening Scotland 2013 takes place at The Royal Highland Centre, Ingliston, Edinburgh and runs from Friday 31 May through to Sunday 2 June. For more information, see: [www.gardeningscotland.com](http://www.gardeningscotland.com)

## Campus users – feedback time

The annual community campus surveys run by Perth & Kinross Council are now underway.

Anyone who uses any of the six campuses is being invited to give feedback on their experience as part of the Council's commitment to customer care and continuously improving the services it provides.

A short survey is available online. To comment on our local campus, go to: [www.pkc.gov.uk/lochleven](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/lochleven)

The link is live until **Friday 19 April 2013**.

### Dressmaking and crochet classes in Kinross-shire.

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Fibreshed Studio, Lethangie Farm, Kinross

## Keep Calm and Shop Local!

Recently staff at Hunters of Kinross were the first in Scotland to wear special T-shirts designed to raise awareness of the benefits of Scotch Beef. Celebrities and Scottish Ministers have also been wearing the T-shirts, commissioned by Quality Meat Scotland.

Following media coverage of the food scandal earlier this year – when some cheap supermarket burgers and ready meals were found to contain undeclared ingredients, including horsemeat masquerading as beef – more and more consumers have been turning to their local butcher.

Hunters of Kinross is a member of the Scotch Butchers Club, part of Quality Meat Scotland. The QMS brands Scotch Beef, Scotch Lamb and Specially Selected Pork are traceable from farm to shop and are governed by strict standards of quality and animal welfare.

Recently staff at Hunters have been hard at work creating mouthwatering recipes for the “Craft Butchers Premium Sausage Awards”.



*Keep calm – staff at Hunters put the emphasis on quality*

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## High Fibre Business Breakfast

Early-rising Kinross-shire entrepreneurs were only too happy, on Wednesday 6 March, to leave the grey mist looming over Loch Leven outside and to make their way inside Loch Leven's Larder for a full Scottish breakfast plus an hour or more of valuable networking at the latest Kinross-shire Partnership Business Breakfast.

In addition to the conventional sausage, bacon and eggs, fibre was very much on the menu at this month's breakfast – fibre optics, that is. For Serge Merone, the Senior Projects Officer, Planning & Regeneration at Perth & Kinross Council, spoke to attendees about the current and future availability (or not...) of broadband, especially in the more outlying areas of Kinross-shire.

Serge explained that while it is not the Council's official responsibility to provide broadband to the communities they serve, they nonetheless strive to facilitate each household in Perth & Kinross having access to the baseline target broadband speed of 2 Mbps. In reality, as one of the breakfasters pointed out during question time, there are still numerous properties in this area where even a speed of 2 Mbps is but a pipe dream. And for the unlucky few who live in so-called “not spots”, there is no broadband at all.

In a digital age, with businesses relying heavily on access to high broadband speeds, this situation is obviously economically undesirable, which is why the government – along with councils around the country – are ploughing resources into improving broadband speeds nationwide.

Investment in copper technology is not seen by experts as a long-term measure, whereas investing in fibre optic “highways” (which are considerably more expensive) could deliver ultrafast broadband speeds of up to 100 Mbps.

Serge Merone stressed that even if Kinross were fortunate enough to benefit from the installation of fibre optic technology (at some future, unspecified time), outlying areas might still struggle to achieve comparable speeds. The one glimmer of hope is that by harnessing the increased speed at the Kinross hub via other methods, speeds in current low-speed areas might at least be enhanced.

As ever, funding will be key to the success of any upgrade, and Serge intimated that while the public sector will be investing in digital connectivity improvements, private investment will be essential, with BT and Fujitsu now the only two remaining bidders for the contract to install the new generation fibre optic super highway.

This was the final business breakfast in the 2012/2013 series, and KP Chairman Alisdair Stewart concluded proceedings by thanking administrator Sandra Ralston for all her work organising the breakfasts and Sid Grant for facilitating networking.

The final meeting before the summer break will be an evening reception, with wine, soft drinks and canapés, at Kinross House on 3 April – it is undoubtedly testament to the success of the Partnership's activities that this event sold out rapidly and is already oversubscribed.

*Karen Elwis*



## Spring into Learning at Kinross Learning Centre!



Kinross Learning Centre's spring programme gets under way in mid-April and with subjects on offer ranging from Birdwatching to Sage Accounting, there should be something for everyone!

Birdwatching for Beginners will make the most of local surroundings to introduce you to a range of different birds, helping you identify indigenous and migrant species both visually and by their calls.

Also new for April is Spanish Cookery: Tasty Tapas course. From Patatas Bravas to Gambas Pil Pil, the course will cover a range of tapas recipes, enabling you to create authentic dishes to impress family and friends.

For local businesses, the 10 week Sage Accounting course will provide an introduction to this versatile package introducing the basics of computerised book-keeping.

The full programme listed below also includes beginners' IT, a range of art and craft classes, and a brand new Sculpture and Modelling with Clay course.

To find out more or to book your place, contact Maureen Ross on 01577 863863 or visit Kinross Learning Centre at Swansacre, Kinross.

### Computing

Welcome to Computing	Tue 16 Apr	12 - 2pm	8 weeks	£55
Internet and Email	Tue 16 Apr	2 - 4pm	5 weeks	£40
Get Connected: A Guide to Social Networking	Tue 21 May	2 - 4pm	5 weeks	£40
Sage Accounting	Mon 15 Apr	7 - 9pm	10 weeks	£68

### Arts and Crafts

Painting with Acrylics 3	Mon 15 Apr	10 - noon	10 weeks	£68
Sculpture & Modeling with Clay <sup>NEW</sup>	Wed 17 Apr	1.30 - 3.30pm	10 weeks	£68
The Art of Drawing Beginners 3	Thu 18 Apr	9.45 - 11.45am	10 weeks	£68
The Art of Drawing Intermediate	Wed 17 Apr	9.45 - 11.45am	10 weeks	£68
Watercolours 2	Thu 18 Apr	1.30 - 3.30pm	10 weeks	£68
Watercolours 4	Mon 15 Apr	1.30 - 3.30pm	10 weeks	£68
Sew SMART – Sewing, Mending,				
Altering, Recycling, Tailoring	Tue 16 Apr	7 - 9pm	10 weeks	£80
Soft Furnishings	Wed 17 Apr	7 - 9pm	10 weeks	£80
Upholstery	Wed 17 Apr	4.30 - 6.30pm	10 weeks	£80

### Languages

Everyday Spanish for Complete Beginners <sup>NEW</sup>	Wed 17 Apr	1 - 3pm	10 weeks	£68
Beginners Spanish 2	Wed 17 Apr	7 - 9pm	10 weeks	£68
Beginners Spanish 3	Mon 15 Apr	7 - 9pm	10 weeks	£68
Everyday French for Complete Beginners <sup>NEW</sup>	Tue 16 Apr	7 - 9 pm	10 weeks	£68
Improving French Conversation	Tue 16 Apr	1-3pm	10 weeks	£68
Intermediate French Conversation	Wed 17 Apr	10.15 - 12.15pm	10 weeks	£68
Advanced French Conversation	Tue 16 Apr	10.30 - 12.30pm	10 weeks	£68
Everyday Italian for Complete Beginners <sup>NEW</sup>	Thu 18 Apr	3.30 - 5.30pm	10 weeks	£68
Beginners Italian 3	Thu 18 Apr	1 - 3pm	10 weeks	£68
Advanced Italian	Thu 18 Apr	10 - 12pm	10 weeks	£68
Russian Intermediate	Thu 18 Apr	7 - 9pm	10 weeks	£68
Polish Intermediate	Wed 17 Apr	7 - 9pm	10 weeks	£68
Beginners Gaelic 2 <sup>IL.A</sup>	Thu 18 Apr	7 - 9pm	10 weeks	£68
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Donated bicycles are refurbished and repaired by qualified mechanics before they are made available, at affordable prices, for reuse. Bikes in poorer condition are salvaged for parts.

The Bike Station charity, which began in Edinburgh, expanded into Perth & Kinross just over two years ago. Since it opened a base in Perth, over 7,500 bikes have been collected locally, with three staff and around 15 volunteers working hard to encourage cycling and divert waste from landfill.

In addition to these key areas of work, the Perth Bike Station has also developed links with local prisons and community groups.

Mark Sinclair, Manager of Perth Bike Station explained: "A number of the unwanted bikes are refurbished and repaired during the many prison workshops held throughout central Scotland. The people who work on these bikes benefit from learning new skills and training which prepares them for life after prison. We also work with a wide variety of other community groups, who benefit from their participation in our volunteer workshops."

All the bikes refurbished and repaired during these workshops are checked over by The Bike Station's mechanics before being sold on to members of the public.

Perth Bike Station is open for donations of bikes, parts and accessories Mondays to Saturdays 10.30am to 4.30pm, with late opening until 8pm on Wednesdays.

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For further information, please call 01738 444430, email [perth@thebikestation.org.uk](mailto:perth@thebikestation.org.uk) or go online to: [www.thebikestation.org.uk](http://www.thebikestation.org.uk)

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A crèche can be provided for the daytime courses if there is sufficient demand.

For further details about childminder training options or childcare provision in the local area, please call the Childcare Strategy Team on 0845 601 4477 or email [childcare@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:childcare@pkc.gov.uk)

## Kinross-shire home composting project

Residents within a 5km radius of Milnathort who do not have a Brown-Lidded Bin Service for food and garden waste are now being invited to take part in a Kinross-shire Home Composting Project to help play their part in diverting food and garden waste from landfill. The Project is being delivered by Zero Waste Volunteers in partnership with PKC, with the support of Milnathort In Bloom and The Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens.

The first of the project workshops was held on Saturday 9 March with another on Thursday 14 March to find out the needs of householders. A range of composters that can treat raw food, cooked food, garden waste or a combination of these materials will soon be offered to householders, along with advice and support throughout the duration of the project from Zero Waste Volunteer, Amanda James.



*At the first composting workshop: (l-r) Ruth MacCallman, Zero Waste Volunteer, Environment Convener Councillor Alan Grant and Zero Waste Volunteer Amanda James, who is leading the Kinross-shire Home Composting Project and is the local fieldworker for The Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens*

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The purpose of the 101 number:

- **101** is now the main number to call your local police, when it is less urgent than 999
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- **101** is also the number to call to talk to a local police officer
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### Security Tips for Motorists

Car crime can be distressing and annoying as it can cause a lot of inconvenience waiting for repairs or for your insurer to pay. A lot of vehicle crime results from individuals seeing opportunities and taking them. By taking some simple precautions you can prevent this happening to you.

**Don't leave anything on display in the vehicle.** The temptation is there even if it is a worthless item – the thief

will steal first then consider value later. If you can't take your belongings with you, lock them in the glove compartment or boot prior to your journey. Always take personal correspondence, cash, credit or debit cards with you. Never leave any documentation pertaining to the vehicle, service record, registration document etc.

**Satellite Navigation Systems:** Portable satellite navigation equipment is becoming very popular with motorists – but it's also becoming very popular with criminals. If you have a portable system then keep it safe by taking it with you, together with any cradles and suction pads, when leaving the car. Remember to also wipe away any suction pad marks on the windscreen or dashboard – thieves will look out for these. Don't simply put your sat-nav under the seat or in the glove box, these are the first places that a thief will look.

You can also help by following these tips :

- **Use a UV pen** to mark your equipment with your postcode and house number or your vehicle registration number – anything that can help the police identify your property if we find it in the possession of someone else.
- **Make a note** of the make, model and serial number of your equipment and keep that information in a safe place at home – not in the car.

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# Community Council News



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## Kinross Community Council

### News from the March Meeting

Present at the meeting held on Wednesday 6 March 2013 were: CCllrs D Colliar, B Davies, M Wood, I Jack, M Blyth and M Scott; P&K Cllrs D Cuthbert and M Barnacle; a police representative (part of the meeting) and 15 members of the public.

Apologies were received from CCllrs L MacKay, D Mackay, W Freeman, D West and C Watson and P&K Cllrs Giacopazzi and Robertson.

In the absence of CCllr West, CCllr Colliar chaired.

**Sir Alan Smith:** CCllr Colliar mentioned the sad passing of Sir Alan Smith. The CC will send condolences to Lady Alice and his family. CCllr Colliar would attend the memorial service at Cleish Parish Church.

### Police Report

**Speeding (Springfield Road-Wilson Court):** PC Allan advised by email that an opportunity has not yet risen to carry out a speed check here. She asked for the name and address of the member of public who raised this at the CC meeting and this was provided.

The police representative apologised for her lateness, adding that the front door to the Masonic was locked.

**Indecent exposure, High Street, 3 March:** a male has been cautioned and charged.

The police representative reported on other incidents including diesel theft, a break in at Balado Fisheries with malicious damage and theft. The Crime Prevention Officer can advise on personal alarms, burglar alarms, cctv etc. Also, the public are reminded not to leave valuables in vehicles.

Balado residents were concerned at speeding along the A977.

The Roads Safety Department could find no evidence of excessive speed. The speed cameras are located in the same place each time and drivers are aware of this. It was suggested that these be relocated. Cllr Barnacle asked that the Camera Safety Partnership look at positioning themselves in the lay-by off A977 at Balado, rather than on A977. There was one fatal accident some time ago. Overtaking on the hatched lines at A977 Balado is occurring regularly. The CC will ask the Roads Safety Department for their comments. The Police are also to contact them.

### Future of Kinross Buildings

**Town Hall:** Missives have been concluded. A new planning application should now be lodged by the developer.

**County Buildings:** A 'For Sale' board has not yet been raised.

**Mill Street** (former Social Work Dept): There is a difficulty in relation to the title; the Macintosh Memorial Institute was on part of the site. Research is ongoing.

**Newsletter Funds:** A letter from the Kinross-shire Duke of Edinburgh Awards group was read out. A representative of the group, Mike Spain, provided information. An application is to be completed, then the CC will consider this request.

**Reports from CC members:** CCllr West suggested new heading to include a short written report to the Secretary prior

to the meeting, i.e. organisation name, who attended, number of meetings in the past year, issues which were dealt with, issues going forward, anything else. Postponed to next meeting.

### Planning

**13/00381/FLL Chance Inn Farm:** Erection of an agricultural storage shed.

**13/00335/FLL Gowanlea, Pier Road, Kinross:** Alterations and extension to dwelling house.

**Wind Development at Oath Muir, near Knockhill:** A Community Liaison Group was established to consider the impact and community benefit arising from this proposed development. The wind turbines will have a visual impact on Kinross. Mr Tom Wood, Independent Facilitator for the Community Liaison Group, was present and provided further information on this proposed development. Being members of the Liaison Group does not indicate whether or not you support the proposal. The purpose behind the group is to allow a flow of communication between developers and the community. Open meetings have been arranged and Mr Wood invited a member from the CC to attend. If we prefer, he can keep us in the loop through correspondence and minutes. A planning application has yet to be lodged and it may be some time before a decision is reached. The proposal is for six wind turbines at over 100 metres in height and each turbine is 2.3 megawatts. Mr Wood left paperwork for consideration by the CC. Cllr Barnacle stated that the application would be dealt with by Fife Council, however, Perth and Kinross may wish to be involved as the development is on the boundary with Kinross-shire. The applicant is REG, Architects - National/International Wind Farm Developers, Based in Devon, Cornwall. The land owner is an Investment Trust based in London.

**Wind farms:** PKC provided a copy of their Supplementary Guidance and Policy for Wind Energy.

**Former Kinross High School site:** Proposal of Application Notice received from Persimmon Homes for erection of 90 dwellings and associated works. They propose to meet with the CC, hold a public meeting and advertise in the press.

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**Planning application refused by PKC:** 12/02140/FLL Land 20 metres north west of Balleave Farm Cottage.

#### Reports from P&K Councillors

##### Councillor Barnacle

Speed limit issue (referred to at last month's meeting): the alteration to the speed limit has been approved; signage is awaited. A consultation has been held with Bear Scotland in relation to junctions. The programme should be carried out in the beginning of the new financial year, subject to Bear Scotland co-operating.

**Grounds maintenance review:** Following the budget review, information on this is still awaited.

**Hatchbank bus shelter:** Cllr Barnacle confirmed that he supports the CC on this matter and has also approached the Council in relation to this issue.

**LDP:** Cllr Barnacle referred to his article in the March Newsletter. He has written to the Reporters Unit to comment on the process and has included his full submissions since 2008.

On a question from Mr Miles, Cllr Barnacle confirmed that it was open to anyone to query the planning process.

A report was also received from CCllr West: "In the past month I attended a Debrief Meeting on the LDP at which Kinross-shire was well represented and along with others from places away from Perth City the Officers' complacency was challenged on a number of issues. It was interesting to hear the Officers genuinely express satisfaction on how the process had gone and their delight in proudly revealing that the PKC LDP will be one of the first to be submitted - bursting the myth that was being pedalled about the need to rush the Report. Clearly this was not the case. The only concession I was able to extract was a promise to meet with those unhappy with process issues and this should take place in April."

**Budget debate:** Cllr Barnacle stated that the budgeting process was not satisfactory. Around 45 minutes was allocated to review four different budgets, involving eight papers. It would be more beneficial to allow a couple of weeks to look over the paperwork.

**Councillor Cuthbert** commented that the budget process is a complete farce, with 45 minutes allotted to study and consider the various proposals. The SNP budget receives the largest share of the pot with a number of smaller amounts allocated to other areas. He added that this process requires to be reviewed.

**Hatchbank:** Following further discussion, it was agreed that the CC write to Roads Dept requesting a speed limit.

**Balado/A977:** Cllr Barnacle commented on the meeting held at Fossoway in relation to the speed limits. The public are asking for a 50 speed limit out to Middle Balado past the Crossroads. The Roads Dept say no to this. The local Councillors are to meet with Jim Valentine and senior officials to discuss the whole road.

**Regeneration:** One of the applications lodged for funding was rejected. Further consultation is proposed. The Council money is still in place.

##### Councillor Giacopazzi

**Bus stop opposite the Green Hotel:** The Passenger Transport Unit will provide such bus flags as are needed. The matter is being dealt with. There is no longer a national standard for "Express" stops.

At the last CC meeting, it was pointed out by a resident of Katrine Place that pedestrians crossing at the bollard to the south side of street were in danger from fast vehicles. Cllr

Giacopazzi organised a meeting between the residents and Daryl McKeown, which he also attended. The problem seems to be from traffic coming from the east and mainly due to privately owned hedges which have been allowed to grow to a great size. Mr McKeown will address the hedge issue and consider other solutions.

#### Correspondence

**Gordon Banks MP:** Dates of March surgeries given.

**Scottish and Southern Energy:** Second consultation paper now available online. Consultation meeting to be held on 26 March.

**Green Routes:** See articles p. 11.

**Scotlandwell Washhouse:** Invitation to re-opening on 27 March. CCllr Wood accepted this invitation.

**T in the Park Forum:** Meeting held on 18 February. CCllrs D Colliar, M Blyth and B Davies represented the CC. The festival will follow the same format as in previous years with no alterations to times or schedules. A complaint was received in relation to the noise from one of the campsites but it was determined that this was not an area run by T in the Park. Traffic management schemes etc were discussed at the meeting.

#### Other Business

CCllr Scott advised that a number of issues had been raised by a resident at Bridgend. The matters addressed were:

- There is no uplift by the town bus at the bottom end of Kinross. The CC will write to Mr Warrington requesting that this service be extended.
- The right of way from Bridgend to the Pier is difficult to negotiate with brambles and overgrown greenery. The same situation arises in the Sandport area. Community Payback Scheme to be asked to clear this.
- The fence is down in the area to the south of Queich Place and the ground there is extremely neglected. It was commented that this is private land.

**Car parking:** CCllr Jack read out a letter received from a resident in the vicinity of the Masonic Hall. This was as a result of an incident involving CCllrs Colliar, Wood and Scott at last month's meeting. CCllr Colliar emphasised that parking on the pavements should be avoided.

**The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 3 April 2013 at 7.30pm at the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.**

#### Agenda for the Meeting on 3 April

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the March meeting.
3. Police report.
4. Matters arising from March minutes.
5. Future of Kinross Buildings.
6. Planning matters.
7. Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors.
8. Miscellaneous Correspondence.
9. Other Competent Business.
10. Date of next meeting (AGM).

**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.

Kinross CC minutes are posted on the webpage:  
**[www.kinross.cc/cc.htm](http://www.kinross.cc/cc.htm)**

## Milnathort Community Council

### News from the March Meeting

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

**Police matters:** The Police provided a written report.

PC Allan had spoken to the owner of the horse and cart using Donaldson Park and had advised him of legislation and the possible consequence of breaching it.

Recent crimes included two detected instances of shoplifting and thefts of a trailer, tools and diesel fuel.

**Noticeboard:** PKC will address the issue of the leak in the community noticeboard in South Street.

**The pothole** in Church Street had been filled.

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

13/00280/FLL Renewal of consent. Erection of a dwelling house and removal of condition 9 (Occupancy condition) Craiglow, Milnathort.

13/00015/IPL Modification of existing consent. Variation of condition 9 (landscaping), land to north of Kellieside, Milnathort.

11/01537/IPM Modification of existing consent. Variation of condition 1 (to extend time limit), Land at Pitdownies Farm, Manse Road, Milnathort. – Pending consideration.

The CC content with the above.

**Application approved by PKC:** Erection of two dwelling houses in Wester Loan (13/00462/FLL).

**PKC grounds maintenance cuts:** Cllr Robertson explained the reductions. Following discussion, MCC agreed to monitor maintenance activity and to report any concerns to PKC. *See also p. 7.*

**Gaelic signs:** The MCC discussed the issue of PKC's intended budget (£350,000) for The Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005, noting that the CC had not been consulted by PKC. Cllr Robertson agreed to send the paper to the Secretary. MCC agreed to write to PKC objecting to the proposed provision of bilingual road signs, when local roads are in poor condition, and asking PKC to consider reallocating some of the assigned budget to road improvements instead.

**Post Meeting Note:** A significant proportion of the £350,000 budget is from the Scottish Government. The proposed investment is for a period of 5 years. A copy of the draft GLP and the public consultation survey is available online via the PKC website at: [www.pkc.gov.uk/Gaelic](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/Gaelic)

**PKC Community Wood:** The Chair advised that George Lawrie, TRACKS, had reported his investigations into the ongoing problems in Kinross Community Wood. George Lawrie advised that up to three horse-owners had been riding in the wood, and that he had received assurances from two of them that they would not use the wood during poor weather conditions. He had also spoken to Dave Stubbs, PKC Access Officer, who has agreed to speak with the third horse-owner informing them that PKC intended to put up notices in the wood which will ask horse-owners not to use the wood for the next two months till the ground dries out. George Lawrie had also reported that Kinross Estate cuts the grass as part of an agreement when the wood was established.

**Home composting:** PKC intend to offer a home-composting scheme within 5km of Milnathort. CCllr Milne-Home reported that he had attended a meeting on 14 March with the aim of encouraging householders not to use the green bins for compostable waste.

**Horse and cart in park:** The Chair had not yet received a response from PKC to the MCC concerns about the horse and cart using Donaldson Park, particularly the safety issues. Cllr Robertson advised that Dave Stubbs, Access Officer, had undertaken to speak to the owner of the horse. Dave Stubbs had also advised that PKC were considering legal action. Several members of the public had also contacted MCC with concerns of horse waste being discharged into the drainage along Church Street, as well as the safety issues in the park, particularly near the football pitch.

**Paths:** The bird box project in Tillywhally Wood had been successful, and endorsed the value of the wood to the local community.

### New matters and correspondence

The MCC discussed the following new matters:

**Potholes:** MCC's concerns about dangerous potholes in the local area, particularly near Middleton and Tillyrie. MCC noted that Stuart D'All, PKC Roads Dept, had advised that some work had been done by PKC to alleviate pothole issues.

**Horse in Donaldson Park:** The Secretary had received three complaints from members of the public expressing concerns.

**LDP:** The Secretary had written to the SG Reporter raising issues with the Local Development Plan, but had not received a response. MCC then discussed the LDP; they were concerned that PKC had not listened to representation from the MCC and the public. In particular MCC was not happy with the process adopted by PKC in what appeared to be a rushed-through LDP without due consultation.

**AGM:** The MCC confirmed that the Annual General Meeting would be held on Thursday 9 May 2013.

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**Comments/Questions from the Floor**

A member of the public raised concerns about access to provide care to a severely disabled resident living near the Heaven Scent Café. To access the property it was necessary to use a shared private gravel area, which was the joint responsibility of five householders. The gravel surface and vehicles parked there sometimes made carer or wheel-chair access and manoeuvre difficult. Attempts had been made to provide a more suitable surface, but not all householders responsible could agree and an impasse had been reached. Additionally lighting is needed by carers to safely access the house, but complaints about disturbance by the lights at night had been made by residents. The Police were aware of the issues, but thus far the issues had not been resolved. Cllr Robertson advised that PKC offered a mediation service; he offered to provide details. CCllr Thomson advised that the Church Office may be able to offer assistance. The Chair agreed to speak to the Police to find out their intentions and to express MCC's concerns. The Secretary would write to local charities to see if they could provide financial support to provide funding for improvement works which would be to the satisfaction of all five householders.

The CC also discussed reports in the Courier (14 March) of a recent meeting in Perth, held by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) to set out the latest news on draining and ditches. SEPA explained that it was not necessary for farmers to contact SEPA before starting work on underground drains or man-made watercourses less than one metre wide at the bed of the stream. It was also permissible to clear sediment 10 metres above or below a bridge on a watercourse of any width. Other larger works required registration or for major projects, licences.

**Perth & Kinross Councillors' Comments**

**Dog fouling:** Cllr Robertson advised that anyone witnessing dog fouling which is not picked up by the owner should report it to PKC. If two people witness an instance of dog fouling without the owner clearing it up, then it may be possible to take court action.

**Trail:** Good progress was being made on negotiations to complete the Loch Leven Heritage Trail.

**Police:** Cllr Barnacle queried the frequency of Police attendance at MCC meetings. The Chair advised that the police aim to attend six meetings each year and submit a report each month. The Police had been meeting this aim.

**HGVs:** Cllr Barnacle raised concerns about heavy goods vehicles using inappropriate roads; he advised that HGV operators could install a special Sat Nav showing correct routes for their vehicles, but not all had done so. Information was available on the website: [www.tactramconnect.com](http://www.tactramconnect.com) which shows the Scottish Government's agreed routes.

**The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will take place on Thursday 11 April 2013 at Orwell Church Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.**

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**Fossoway and District CC****News from the March Meeting**

In attendance at the meeting held on 5 March 2013 were: Sandy Morrison, Trudy Wigman-Duffy, Alastair Lavery, Kevin Borthwick, Angus Cheape, Sheila Anderson; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, J Giacomazzi, D Cuthbert, W Robertson and nine members of the public.

Apologies were received from Rod Paterson and Graham Pye. There were no declarations of interest.

**Community Policing:** PC Sadie Allan reported a rise in rural thefts, mostly quad bikes, farm equipment and fuel oil. There is now an action plan "Operation Purvis" to address the problem. Vigilance is called for and any information should be given to police. The CC asked for feedback on the Community Speed Check operation. Other community groups were interested to pursue it if it had been a success.

**Outh Muir Wind Farm:** Tom Wood, Community Liaison Officer, gave a talk about the proposed Wind Farm on Outh Muir. An application has not been lodged yet, but he is inviting a member of the CC to join the group in order to feed back information to the community. This will enable them to be aware of local issues, such as noise impact, visual impact, flora, aircraft, birds, and watercourse impact, also the community benefit aspect. The six turbines proposed are 115m tall and will be seen across a large area. Dates of public meetings in March were given.

**Crook of Devon Church car park:** Church requested support for funding applications. Sandy agreed that the CC would assist if possible.

**Signposting core paths and rights of way:** Dave Stubbs gave the details of signage proposals in the area. He is consulting with local farmers and land owners in order to get the way-markers in the best position and with the correct information. There was considerable discussion on this item. Farmers are concerned about paths going through land containing vulnerable or dangerous livestock at certain times of the year. Signage to warn dog owners was considered to be important, with particular signage stressing the dangers at calving time, indicating the months that this would apply. There was also concern about the amount of signage on particular routes, and Mr Stubbs said he would consult with the affected landowners. Core Paths in Blairingone and Cambo are to follow in future years.

**Lambhill wood chip plant at Blairingone:** Awaiting feedback. Alastair would write again to PKC.

**Travellers' site at Crook Moss:** A generator has been relocated and the noise from it has abated. Environmental officers from PKC said that there should be a condition that the site was connected to mains electricity. However PKC legal dept had advised that this was not enforceable. The legal basis on this condition had been queried, and a response from PKC legal dept stated that they could not discuss the basis of the advice as it was covered by legal privilege. The CC proposed to challenge this interpretation. There is still no answer as to why the site is needed considering the local, and surrounding, area has the largest concentration of sites in Scotland.

**Crook of Devon water supply:** No further complaints so the matter is to be dropped.

**B9097:** Resurfacing work now scheduled for 18 March for two weeks. A977 in Blairingone, re-scheduled to 22 to 29 April.

**CC Business**

**Green Routes:** We had been notified that the loop road green route has been extended to the old road leading to the back Crook. At the meeting Cllr Giacopazzi advised that this had been extended to cover the whole of the U222 at the meeting considering green routes. The CC thanked Cllr Giacopazzi for his efforts in having the route extended. It was pointed out by members of the public that the widening of the footpath along the A977 between Powmill and Rumbling Bridge meant that there would be no barrier between the footpath and the A977 (a very busy road), which would increase the danger to children walking and cycling. The CC supported this view and asked the P&K Councillors to take the point up. *See article, p. 11.*

**T in the Park:** Kevin and Trudy attended a meeting. There were few points raised as it had all gone well last year. However, there were concerns about amplified music in the campsite being allowed until 2am.

**CPKCC:** Kevin had attended a convention meeting. There were only three people present so there was no quorum. It was recommended by those present that the CC organised a quorum in order to close the organisation through lack of interest.

**LDP stakeholder evaluation:** Alastair attended a meeting. The aim was to improve the consultation on the LDP when it comes up for review in five years time, with a new plan in 10 years. PKC were first to submit their plan to the Scottish Government, which would take around six months to process. After much consultation, it is felt that we have ended up with much of what we wanted. There is to be a zoned site for houses in Blairingone.

**Reports by Perth & Kinross Councillors**

**Cllr Robertson** reported that budget cuts were inevitable, resulting in less grass cutting etc. PKC is seeking to achieve a surplus to avoid future cuts and to keep money for staff severance pay when reducing the service.

**Cllr Cuthbert** had a meeting with local residents on the Muirhead Stables road to the Fife border in Blairingone. Progress was being made and two passing places were to be provided by P&K. It was acknowledged that the three passing places already provided were too small.

**Cllr Barnacle** has asked for a meeting with J Valentine to deal with the A977 mitigation measures. He also commented that 45 minutes given in Council to discuss the budget was insufficient. He also feels that the representations about the Local Plan were ignored.

**Planning**

13/00359/FLL. Extension to dwelling house. Larachbeg, Drum. A single storey extension. No CC comment.

13/00328/FLL. Alterations and extension to dwelling house and erection of retaining wall. Littlerigg, Dunning Glen, FK14 7LD. No CC comment.

13/00331/FLL. Alterations and extension to dwelling house, The Meadows, Vicar's Bridge Road, Blairingone. No CC comment.

13/00318/PN. Erection of a storage/workshop. Mayen of Tullibole, Crook of Devon. No CC comment.

13/00289/AML. Erection of a dwelling house (approval of matters specified in conditions) (plot 2). Land opposite Devonbank, Crook of Devon. No CC comment.

13/00229/IPL. Erection of dwelling house for agricultural worker (in principle), land 550 metres south of Middleton Fossoway. PKC be asked to ensure agricultural use.

**Application not discussed at meeting**

13/00117/FLL. Change of use and extension of existing building to form a stable block, Cairnfold House, Blairingone.

**Correspondence**

Full list was circulated to the attendees.

**Other Business**

**The snack bar** at Powmill was discussed and the CC agreed to email Cllr Barnacle and say, as a result of the planning decision, there was now a considerable amount of litter and parking of vehicles causing obstruction. In addition it would appear that this additional temporary facility had precipitated the closure of the village shop, which was the only amenity in the village.

A member of the public raised the matter of signage at **Gartwhinzean Loan**, which he had taken up with the council in 2011, but no action had been taken. The CC would follow this up. Also the state of the hotel site, and redundant signage was an eyesore and the CC was requested to ask Mr K Thompson to take some action.

**Draft Agenda for Next CC Meeting**

Welcome and Apologies. Declarations of Interest. Community Policing. Minutes of Last Meeting. Matters Arising. Community Councillors – meetings attended. Perth & Kinross Councillors' Reports. Planning Applications. Correspondence. AOCB.

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## Portmoak Community Council

### News from the March Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 12 March 2013 were: CCllrs M Parkin (Chair), M Strang Steel, R Cairncross, T Smith, S Forde, J Bird and R Williamson; P&K Cllr M Barnacle and four members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllr B Calderwood and P&K Cllr Giacomazzi.

### Matters Arising

**Roads:** The following matters are still in hand with PKC Roads Dept:

- Refreshing of the surface painted road signage on the A911 from Milnathort to Auchmuir Bridge.
- Improved signage and road markings at the Wester Balgedie junction with the A911.
- Drain covers collapsing on the A911.
- Resurfacing of the B9097 South Loch Road.
- Replacement reflective signs at New Gullet Bridge on the B920.

**Flooding** on road between Wester Balgedie and Glenlomond: This problem has been resolved for the time being.

**Stephen's Field:** There was still no reply from A & J Stephen Ltd to matters raised in the CC letter of October 2012, and the follow up letter of 16 January 2013. The Chairman had spoken to the Managing Director's PA on 28 February 2013, and she had promised to expedite matters.

**Living Lomonds Landscape Partnership:** The open afternoon held by LLLP at Rothies Halls on 20 February to explain their plans for paths in Fife and Portmoak was attended by CCllr Cairncross. The Chairman asked CCllr Tom Smith to contact LLLP with the intention of joining their committee, as previously mentioned.

**Wester Balgedie to Easter Balgedie Footpath:** In January 2013, TRACKS and PKC had 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. Mr George Lawrie of TRACKS is to report on the progress of this application at the April 2013 meeting of the CC. The Chairman was still in touch with the Climate Challenge Fund in respect of possible alternative funding for this project.

**Opening of the Wash House:** After a long period of restoration, Scotlandwell in Bloom will be holding a grand re-opening of the Scotlandwell Wash House on 27 March. The CC will be represented by CCllrs Susan Forde and Malcolm Strang Steel. The CC congratulated all those involved with this project.

**HGV traffic:** Elizabeth Smith MSP was unable to attend the CC meeting so the Chairman reported on her behalf. Following her attendance at the December 2012 meeting of the CC, Elizabeth had met with Mr Phil Flanders of the Road Haulage Association, and also with other relevant organisations, following receipt of useful information from our four Ward Cllrs. Transport Scotland is due to combine its website freight and traffic sections so that all are aware of others movements. The RHA (a national body) has enquired about pilot studies in England, which indicate that there are moves to improve signage in areas similar to ours at Portmoak, and to develop a purpose-made HGV satellite navigation system for HGVs. Discussions between Transport Scotland, the RHA, and PKC are on-going.

Elizabeth had asked if the CC could provide the names of transport companies who use the A911, as the HGV Association is generally co-operative if told about any problems that their members may cause. She has contacted Portmoak residents who responded to her traffic survey, and some have responded with names that have been passed to the RHA.

There is government interest in the dangers of HGVs in small villages, following the accident and loss of life at Fairlie, in Ayrshire, after a HGV collided with a house.

Elizabeth will again be meeting Phil Flanders of the RHA at Holyrood, and will report further.

Cllr Barnacle said PKC were to shortly hold a meeting to review road classifications throughout the Council area.

**Car park at Moss Road, Scotlandwell:** The CC is still working on the provision of a car park at Moss Road. This item will be on the agenda for the April CC meeting, to be held in Portmoak Hall. It is hoped that there will be a good representation and input from Scotlandwell residents at that meeting.

**Locked gates at Heritage Trail, Levenmouth:** It was decided to have a site meeting to determine the facts and review this situation.

**TRACKS proposed path at Portmoak Airfield:** There was some discussion as to where this path would be situated, and it was decided to leave further discussion until a TRACKS representative was present.

**Gritting and snow clearing:** The Chairman has asked Mr Stuart D'All, Deputy Manager, PKC Roads Maintenance Partnership, that the Wester Balgedie to Glenlomond road be gritted at weekends, as well as weekdays, and he has also provided the names of private contractors who can be called upon at short notice to assist with snow clearance in Portmoak during a severe snow event.

**A911 Access to field north of Woodmarch.** An access from the A911, to a field just north of Woodmarch, has been constructed. The purpose of this access is not known. The CC would determine whether planning permission was required for such an access to a highway.

**Traffic problems in Wester Balgedie:** The CC is considering methods of preventing the damage caused by agricultural and other traffic to walls and verges in Wester Balgedie. There was also the problem of an already damaged wall, which is near collapse and dangerous.

### Reports

**Police:** The Police Report had been sent via e-mail. There were no incidents to report. Speed checks continue within Portmoak. There has been an increase in rural thefts this year, mainly targeting fuel in remote areas. Operation Purvis aims to specifically tackle these thefts, and will continue indefinitely. Anyone seeing anything suspicious is asked to record registration numbers, and inform the police, who would welcome any information.

**Treasurer's report:** No income or expenditure during the month. Bank balances at 28 February: General account £417.16; MBW account £355.75; total £772.91.

### Planning

13/00278/FLL Removal of extension, and erection of sun room, 2 The Crescent, Scotlandwell. No objection. 13/00401/FLL Arnot Tower: Erection of dwelling house. A new application based on a previous application to which the CC had not objected. The CC will consider this application.

It was noted that PKC does not inform Community Councils of planning applications for advertising signs.

There was discussion about the statistics used by PKC when determining future demand for housing. CCllr Forde suggested that PKC could be using information that was out of date and based on the 2001 Census. Cllr Barnacle assured the CC that the latest information from other sources, such as the Office of National Statistics, was used.

**Local Development Plan:** The CC was considering, and may comment on, those Schedules relevant to Portmoak, which had been submitted by PKC to the Government's Reporters. A letter may also be sent to widen the context of those Schedules.

#### Ward Councillor Reports

Cllr Barnacle confirmed that following the PKC submission of the proposed LDP, and accompanying Schedules, two Reporters had been appointed. He would be writing to these Reporters to express his view that certain issues raised during the LDP consultation period had not been reflected in the Schedules, and he was concerned that the consultation process had been inappropriately accelerated.

He considered that there had been a lack of dialogue between the political groups involved with confirming the PKC budget.

He understood that the problems of resurfacing the South Loch road (B9097) would be addressed, although the positioning of blind summit signs remained unresolved.

He had attended a meeting about the proposed HS2 rail line which is to terminate at Leeds and Manchester. He had learned from this meeting that train journey times within central Scotland exceeded accepted standard journey times.

#### Other Business

##### View of Wellside Park development from Well Green:

CCllr Forde said that this view was untidy, and considering the impending opening of the Wash House, she asked if anything could be done to improve the situation, such as by screening the north boundary of the Wellside building site. Cllr Barnacle said that there was a PKC enforcement officer who could instruct individuals and companies to maintain certain standards. It was however decided that initially the Chairman would contact the developer, to discuss and resolve this problem.

**Broadband speeds:** The Chairman is presently investigating Broadband speeds within Portmoak with a view to improving these. Any residents who have an interest in this subject are asked to contact him.

**Ground maintenance reductions by PKC:** CCllr Cairncross queried the basis on which PKC had made these decisions. For example, maintenance for Wester Balgedie had been almost completely removed. The CC would contact PKC to discover the reasoning behind these decisions. *See p. 7.*

**Speeding on A911 between Scotlandwell and Auchmuir Bridge:** A resident had asked for a 40 mph speed limit on this part of the A911, because of the danger posed to children crossing the road to board buses. There were now some 22 private houses along this stretch of the A911. Cllr Barnacle said that he would include this problem when he met to consider lorry routes within Portmoak. He had previously asked PKC for a 40 mph limit on this part of the A911, but to no effect. It was noted that Fife Council had reduced the A911 road to 40 mph from Glenrothes to Auchmuir Bridge, whilst PKC had maintained the 60 mph limit thereafter. The effect of this was that the straight stretch of the A911 after Auchmuir Bridge presented the first opportunity for vehicles to resume higher speeds and to overtake, and this had increased the problem of speeding vehicles on this section of the A911.

**Reflector plates at New Gullet Bridge on B920:** Following an accident, these had not been replaced. Cllr Barnacle said that he had informed PKC Roads. A resident reported that the anti-skid surface on the downhill approach of the A911 at Auchmuir Bridge had not been replaced after speed bands had been laid, and a road sign had not been replaced on the A911 north of Auchmuir Bridge. The CC would report these two items. It was pointed out that residents themselves can report problems via the PKC website, without having to wait for CC meetings.

**Water on road:** CCllr Cairncross raised the problem of water on the Mawcarse Road, north of Balgedie Toll. This could be a leak from a water main, and would require further investigation.

**CCllr Bird** informed the meeting that he had previously told the CC that he would be resigning at the AGM in May 2013. However, he might now not be able to attend the April and May meetings, and therefore this might be his last meeting. The Chairman, and all other CCllrs, thanked him for his valuable and appreciated service to the CC over the years.

**The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 9 April 2013 in Portmoak Hall.**

Portmoak CC minutes are posted on the website  
[www.portmoak.org](http://www.portmoak.org)

#### Cleish & Blairadam CC

There was no meeting of Cleish and Blairadam CC in March. **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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# Club & Community Group News

## Kinross Museum



The celebration of local crafts held in the Museum on 7 March proved a great success, with Jan Hendry demonstrating rag rugging in addition to the mounting of a fine display of assorted craft work, much of which was supplied by members of Milnathort Women's Rural Institute. You can still see some of the work, including notes on historic crafts such as the making of parchment, clocks and cutlery, currently on show in the display panels in the Museum Study Room, which is open on Thursdays and Saturdays.

Amongst a number of items kindly gifted to the Museum in March were fine oil portraits of two notable Kinross churchmen, the Rev Robert Leishman and the Rev John Wright. These were generously donated by Mrs Sue Moncrieff of Kinmonth near Bridge of Earn.



*The Rev Robert Leishman, one of two fine oil portraits recently gifted to the Museum*

Leishman, who was minister of the Secession Antiburgher Church in Mill Street for 51 years from 1804 to 1855, was related to Wright, who was minister of the Chalmers Free Church in Swansacre for 58 years from 1844 to 1902. John Wright lived in the house known as Talla Park in the High Street which had been built as a manse for him in 1848. Some detective work is required to identify the artists who painted these long-serving ministers but the return of these paintings and other associated items to Kinross adds to the body of church archival material already held in the Museum.

Drawing on the Museum's sources on monumental inscriptions in the Kirkgate Churchyard, volunteers are planning to carry out a survey of the churchyard later this year. If you are interested in taking part in this project, please drop by the Museum to find out more.

## Kinross Garden Group



Members were entertained to a talk and slides from Anthony McClusky of the Bumblebee Conservation Trust at our meeting on 14 March, encouraging us to plant our gardens with the bumblebee in mind.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 11 April** when Jimmy Fraser will speak on 'Fuchsias, from Cuttings to Show Bench'. This will be preceded by the AGM.

The summer outings are:

9 May Explorers Garden, Pitlochry

13 June Lindisfarne

18 July Wormistone House, Crail

8 August Logie House Gardens, Elgin

12 September Pebbles and Kailzie Gardens

We may have spare seats so if you are interested in joining us, contact Mrs Rodger 01577 863785.

## Loch Leven Community Campus

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### 2013 Programme of Events

**Antiques, Vintage, Retro 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 Company Performance - Friday 19 and Saturday 20 April.** The performance will be 'Boston Marriage' by David Mamet – a witty comedy of manners set in Boston in 1899. Performance will start at 7.30pm. All tickets are £8.00 and are available from the Campus Box Office (Campus Reception) on 01577 867200.

**Recording Studio Open Days – Sat 20 and Sun 21 April.** This is 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. If you wish to book a session please contact Gerry McGregor (Campus Assistant) on 01577 867119 or 867200. Only a couple of spaces left!

### Car Boot / Table Top Sale – Sunday 21 April.

There will be a Car Boot and Indoor Table Sale with 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 or 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).

### Further Programme for 2013

Sat 27 April	Kinross Cycling Club Event
Sat 11 May	Loch Leven Half Marathon / Feel Good Fair / Pipe Band
Sat 18 May	Green Fingers Day - Gardening Event
Sat 15 June	Antiques and Collectors Fair
June/July	Car Boot Sale (date TBC)

Sat 17 Aug	Antiques and Collectors Fair
Sat 24 Aug	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

### Ideas for Events

If you have any ideas or suggestions for any events you would like to see at the Campus or ways to improve on the ones we are already doing then please contact Gerry McGregor (Campus Assistant) on 01577 867119 or 867200.

**Future Events:** Information regarding all other events will be published in due course.

**Deadline for all Submissions**  
**5.00 pm, FRIDAY 12 April**  
**for publication on Saturday 27 April**

## Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

Springtime at last - the perfect time to get out walking, make new friends and improve your general health and fitness. Whether you're new to walking, returning to walking or a regular walker, try out a walk or two to see if you'd like to join us. Walks are led by volunteers from our group. New members and returning members will be made very welcome.

**Saturday 13 April:**

**Coastal Walk from Kirkcaldy to East Wemyss**, six miles. Fine coastal walk with interesting sites and views along the way. Some small ascents. Return by service bus to Kirkcaldy. Children welcome with a responsible adult. Dogs welcome on leads.

**Sunday 28 April:**

**Dunkeld, The Hermitage and Birnam** seven miles. Walk alongside both the Tay and Braan Rivers, past waterfalls and rapids. There is one long uphill stretch which is on easy terrain. Children welcome with a responsible adult. 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.

## Boys' Brigade

In the national badminton competition, the Kinross side lost out at the semi-final stage with an away match in Largs. In the Perth Battalion five-a-side football competition, Kinross lost out to 3rd Perth Company. Having drawn 3-3 in their first match against the 3rd Company, the Kinross boys led 1-0 with two minutes to play and unfortunately two defensive lapses let the 3rd lads in to score two to win 2-1 at full time. This month the Company Section will be taking part in the Battalion Drill Competition, which is being judged by ex-Kinross Captain Alex Melville although I am sure there will be no favouritism shown to Kinross.

Juniors are preparing for their own figure marching and singing competitions in Bankfoot.

All members have been looking at the Easter story and all that it means in the 21st century.

Junior members are preparing for their annual camp over the May bank holiday weekend. Company Section members are also looking forward to their summer camp at Kenmore from 20 to 27 July.



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## Kinross & District Town Twinning Association



The Kinross Twinning Committee is making preparations to receive an official twinning visit from our twin town of Gacé in Normandy. The Gacé Twinning party will leave Normandy on 3 August to be in Kinross late afternoon or early evening on 4 August and will leave Kinross on the morning of 12 August, returning to Gacé on 13 August.

Between 25 and 30 travellers from the Gacé area of Normandy will be participating in this summer's official twinning visit. As there will be some new Gacé members travelling this year, 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 of cheeses, cider and calvados for a promotion event at Kinross Show. Anyone interested in becoming involved in our local twinning or in hosting this summer should contact chairperson Jeannie Paterson (telephone 862159).

## Fairtrade Fortnight



The Kinross-shire Fairtrade Steering Group are delighted to report that all of the Fairtrade events held during the Fairtrade Fortnight went very well - many people came to the various events and displayed much interest in the Fairtrade movement.

The children who took part in the sculpture competition produced artistic works of art - we congratulate the Brownies with their winning 'Fergus the Bunny'.

Many thanks to the Co-op, Sainsbury's, Lochend Farm and Baillies for their kind donation of raffle prizes.

The rice challenge was well received - many families no doubt enjoying the fruits of their purchases.

At the Coffee Morning in the Church Centre, John Riches of Just Trading enlightened all present with an interesting account of how rice growers in Malawi benefit from the Fairtrade premium payment. The additional money enables the farmers to send their children to school.

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## Tillywhally matters

Although winter is lingering, Tillywhally Woodland has been warmed up with preparation for spring. On 16 February, families and friends of the woodland met in the Orwell Church Hall for a bird box building family event lead by Bob Halford, Woodland Manager. The hammering filled the hall and soon little conservationists created 15 homes for a variety of birds. The volunteers put them up later in wintery woodland before enjoying some hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows. Since the event, the first inquisitive birds have arrived in the woodland, viewing their new homes and inviting partners with beautiful songs. When the spring comes, new boxes will provide warm and dry homes for little chicks.

Warm thanks to Bob Halford for preparing the pre-cuts and expertly leading the workshop. The wood for the boxes had been bought for a generously reduced price from Webster's of Milnathort.

This workshop was part of the on-going conservation project to improve biodiversity of Tillywhally Woodland, funded by Tayside Biodiversity under the umbrella of Milnathort in Bloom.

In April the project will involve planting wild native species and removal of hybrid Bluebells. All the work at Tillywhally is carried out by

volunteers, who generously contribute to making the woodland more attractive for the community and wildlife. If you would like to get involved, please contact Gosia Sozanska-Stanton, Project Manager, on 01577 861238, or email [mmm.sozanska@btinternet.com](mailto:mmm.sozanska@btinternet.com)



Volunteers get ready to put up bird boxes in Tillywhally Wood

## Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation

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**Feel Good Fair at Loch Leven Half Marathon and Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest**

Twenty-five stalls have already signed up for the Feel Good Fair! Like last year it will be a fun event in conjunction with the Kinross Road Runners who organise the Half Marathon and the Kinross Pipe Band who organises the Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest. KLEO will be arranging some entertainment and fun activities at the finish line of the Loch Leven Half Marathon. While you wait for the runners coming in, come along and browse through the wares of local stallholders, take part in a tug of war or in other mini Highland Games. The whole event will take place on the playing fields behind the Community Campus on **Saturday 11 May**. Put this date in your diary!

Stalls are going quickly so let us know as soon as possible if you would like one. Businesses can hire a stall space for £10 (you have to bring your own table and chair but we can provide a gazebo). Local groups, clubs or charities can have a free stall. Please e-mail [info@kleo.org.uk](mailto:info@kleo.org.uk) or call 863107.

**BluesUp and Open Mic Night**

Nigel Ewen, one of our KLEO members, organises two monthly music nights 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. Upcoming shows include **The Bel-Airs** on **6 April** and **Baby Isaac** on **4 May**.

Also a new monthly **Open Mic Night** at the Thistle on **Friday 26 April**, starting at 8.30pm. All welcome. Drop Nigel a message ([nigewan@gmail.com](mailto:nigewan@gmail.com)) if you would like a



slot (10-15 minutes) or just turn up! All acts welcome – singers, musicians, comedians, poets.

For information online, Google BluesUp + Thistle or Thistle Open Mic Night.

**Leven Voices**

The first block of ten sessions of Leven Voices has been a great success with approximately 40 people attending every week. After the Easter break, Leven Voices will continue with another block of ten sessions on the Tuesday evenings. This time all the sessions will take place at the Kinross Parish Church as the acoustics are very good there! The sessions will be led by Horsecross Arts tutors.

Enrolment fee for the next block is £5 (which will be used to pay for the hire of the hall) and £4 a session (concessions £3). The group is for anyone who just wants to sing and have fun! You can join in anytime.

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

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## Kinross Camera Club

We redeemed our reputation in Inter-Club Competitions when we narrowly beat the Dunfermline and Glenrothes Clubs in a competition which we also hosted. The judge, Malcolm McBeath, congratulated all of the clubs on the high standards achieved in Colour and Monochrome Prints and also Projected Digital Images

While Inter-Club contests are a regular part of the programme, our Syllabus Secretary tries to ensure that our lecturers display a wide selection of subjects and we have had a very interesting talk about Loch Leven Natural Nature Reserve, and on another occasion we were taken in a very enjoyable series of videos from the Clyde to Barcelona, Waverley, through the old age of steam, Venice, Marrakesh and other places and subjects.

At this time in the season, however, the Committee are not merely sitting back and enjoying the work of the Syllabus Secretary and her assistant, we are also actively planning our summer programme. This is informally arranged, a list of events of photographic interest being circulated to members; those who wish to participate contact the organiser and arrangements for attendance are made. Examples in April are the Fire Festival on Calton Hill in Edinburgh and the Links Market at Kirkcaldy, while the formal syllabus continues with further talks, the Treasure Hunt and the Annual Competition and Annual Dinner among other things events.

For further details of membership, please contact the Secretary: [alisonbradley101@btinternet.com](mailto:alisonbradley101@btinternet.com) or via the web site [www.kinrosscameraclub.org.uk](http://www.kinrosscameraclub.org.uk)



## Kinross and District Junior Agricultural Club

The club held its AGM on 5 March and there was a great turnout of members to help elect a new committee for the 2013-14 year. The outgoing Chairperson, Gayle Bennie, gave a comprehensive report on the successful year Kinross Young Farmers have had, followed by a secretary's report by Richard Harvey. The new chairman for the year ahead is Ian Cullens, with Charlotte Erskine taking on the role of Secretary.

There will be a busy summer syllabus with plenty on for the members in our club. Meetings include Stock Judging, Mock Auctions, Go Karting, Clay Pigeon Shooting, The Highland and Kinross Show and also many more.

This month will see our members venture to Dundee Swimming pool on 9 April and there will be lifts going from the Green car park if anyone is interested. There is a District Hockey & Football tournament on 26 April so there will be a couple of practices at the KGV a few weeks before hand. Tug of war training has started again with training on Wednesday and Sunday nights, so if anyone is interested in coming along then speak to Jonathan Marshall on 07864 121420.

Huge congratulations must go to the club for winning the Jubilee Cup for District Club of the Year. A lot of effort has been put in by everyone involved over the last year and it has paid off.

If anyone would like to get involved in Kinross JAC, then don't be hesitant to get in touch with either Ian Cullens (07805 051062) or Charlotte Erskine (07999 818245).

## Milnathort Primary School Parent Council

For the most up to date minutes and other information please see our website [www.milnathortprimary.org.uk](http://www.milnathortprimary.org.uk)

Alternatively, contact the Clerk, Elyse Kirkham on 07747 534513 or e-mail [elyse.kirkham@milnathortprimary.org.uk](mailto:elyse.kirkham@milnathortprimary.org.uk)

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.

### Fundraising

The school is collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers; there is a collection box in the school foyer. Thank you.

**School Summer Fair:** Saturday 1st June 2013.

## Kinross-shire Round Table

On 14 March it was Round Table Day, aimed at creating awareness about Round Table internationally. Round Table began on 14 March

1927 in Norwich. Today there are 32,000 members in more than 52 different countries. Together we stand for fun, friendship, service towards our communities, for unique and everlasting friendships beyond any border.

On Tuesday 5th we had a talk from Kinross First Responders on what their job entails. They also told us about the kit that Round Table had donated funds to them to purchase.


The RoundTable AGM will be on **Friday 19 April.**

On **Tuesday 30 April** we will see a demonstration by Kinross horse vaulters.

For further information on our programme, look on [www.kinross-shire.roundtable.co.uk](http://www.kinross-shire.roundtable.co.uk)

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



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## Kinnesswood in Bloom

Plans are going ahead to involve the pupils of Portmoak Primary School in producing artwork of plants, animals and birds around the loch. This project will be done with the help of RSPB education staff. The pictures will be displayed at the Portmoak Festival and eventually made into murals to brighten up the bus shelter. It will also tie in with "The Year of Natural Scotland".

Work continues with the school healthy eating group. The raised beds have been cleared and dug over in preparation for planting and various seeds have been planted in pots.

Projects have been suggested for the two young men taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. In all, they will be completing 13 hours of weeding and cutting back bushes on local paths.

New tubs are to be purchased to replace several which have come to the end of their useful life. Funds are healthy at the moment and there are plans to have a joint fundraiser with Scotlandwell in the autumn.

The group feel that while our membership is small we should only enter the local competition. Our main aim is to keep the village looking good throughout the year. We will be taking part in Greenfingers Day at the Loch Leven Campus, a chance to showcase our work and possibly raise some funds. Our first work party of the year took place on the second of March.



## Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

### Orange Marmalade Cake

#### Ingredients

- 175g butter
- Grated rind of one orange
- 175g caster sugar
- 2 eggs, separated
- 280g self raising flour
- 2 heaped tablespoons medium cut orange marmalade
- 75ml water
- 100g dried fruit

#### Method

Butter and lightly flour an 18cm cake tin.  
 Soften the butter and beat in the grated orange rind.  
 Gradually add the sugar and beat until light and fluffy.  
 Beat in the egg yolks one at a time, adding a little flour each time.  
 Stir in the marmalade and dried fruit and mix well.  
 Add the water and lightly stir in the sifted flour.  
 Fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites.  
 Turn the batter into the prepared tin. Bake in the centre of the oven at 350°F, 180°C for 1¼ to 1½ hours.  
 This is a lovely moist cake, which will keep well.



*A work party at the Picture Garden*

Two members will be attending the opening of the Washhouse at Scotlandwell. We want to congratulate our neighbours on their achievement and all look forward to seeing the finished project.

All details of work parties are on the village notice board and new members are always welcome. No great gardening skills are required. Much of the work involves weeding, tidying up and cutting back.

## Portmoak Hall 100 Club

### February Draw

- 1st No. 36 Margot Elder, Kinnesswood
- 2nd No. 28 Margaret Baird, Righead House, Ballingry
- 3rd No. 16 Tom Morrison, Scotlandwell



## Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



On Wednesday 13 March the speaker, Ian Smith, gave an informed and interesting talk on Mauchline ware. He traced its evolution from the "secret hinge" snuff boxes made in Alyth by James Sandy, copied by Charles Stiven in Laurencekirk and ultimately spread into the Ayrshire villages of Cumnock, Catrine and of course the synonymous Mauchline where the firm W.A. Smith dominated its manufacture from the early 19th century. Ian showed us a huge variety of items – the "inimitable razor strop" bearing the arms of William IV, cheroot cases and numerous needlework items.

He surprised us by showing the great variety of finishes used by the factories, from the familiar black prints and photographs to finely executed fernware and the traditional tartans to floral decoration, some with "little people" nestling in the foliage and even the most exquisite hand painted snuff box, surely the possession of a fine lady. He triumphantly finished with two pieces he had found showing Kinross. Not bad for someone who had started out 20 years ago to collect "something Scottish".

Members, please note that the annual visit this year will be to Bowhill House, home of the Duke of Buccleuch, on **Sunday 2 June**. Please let the chairman know if you intend to come as soon as possible. Guests will be welcome. Enquiries to 01592 840437 or 01592 840368.

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## Seamab School

In my last Newsletter article, I wrote that I planned to write some articles about why Seamab exists, what we do, and the support we would value from others. This article will focus on why Seamab exists – or, perhaps more straightforwardly, what are we here for? The simplest answer to this question is that Seamab exists because children need us, often due to their experiences when they were younger.

Sadly, some children grow up in Scotland without parents that can care for them. Some children are also treated very badly by their parents and carers. Children who have been through difficult and damaging experiences are deeply affected by what has happened to them. They may have learnt not to trust other people, can't form relationships, don't know how to look after themselves and have developed problems with their behaviour. Children growing up with these experiences have also often not had the kind of care and interest from adults that helps develop language, social and thinking skills.

Sometimes these behavioural difficulties will have helped them cope with very difficult and challenging early experiences when they have been frightened or hurt. For example, running away and hiding can help children cope in a family where there are adults who are unpredictable and violent. But this behaviour, which has helped the child cope with traumatic experiences, causes real problems when the child is in school or with a new family.

Many children who have had difficult early lives are looked after very successfully in foster families. They are able to accept the care foster parents provide and learn to behave in different ways, as well as building relationships. However, some children, because of their difficulties, and often very complex needs, cannot live with foster carers, and need to be cared for by a team of adults as well as attending a school which can help them through specific difficulties so that they can learn. These are the children that Seamab exists to look after.

To help us look after the children, we have employed people with specialist skills and experience. As the children have complex needs, we need to have people in Seamab who understand these needs and can work with the children to make a difference. This is why we have care workers, teachers, a psychologist, social workers, a speech and language therapist and an occupational therapist. We also use therapeutic ways of working with the children to help them.

In the next Newsletter, I will write more about how we work with children at Seamab to support them to heal, grow and learn. This will include how we care for the children, teaching in the school and the therapeutic support we provide.

*Joanna McCreadie, Chief Executive*

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## Kinross and District Pipe Band

Once again our youngsters did us proud recently at the Perform in Perth festival, where Amy Bryson (15) collected first prize in Under 16 Snare Drumming while her sister, Sophie (10) came second in the Under 13 Novice Snare Drumming. Elsewhere, Alasdair Bennet (13) won the Under 16 Chanter and Douglas Mair (14) took second place in the Under 16 Piping. Congratulations to them all!

The band competition season is now already underway with three Mini-Band events all taking place over March and April, prior to the main outdoor contests. As the Newsletter was going to press we had literally just taken part in the first of these, the newly resurrected Fife Mini-Bands contest, which took place on 16 March in Dunfermline. Kinross & District entered two Grade 4 Mini-Bands in a field of 15, and swept the board, taking both first and second place trophies! We also played up into Grade 3 with one Mini-Band, where there too we took a creditable third place, so an excellent start to the season!

The first of the outdoor contests for us this year will be our very own **2nd Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest**, taking place once again at the Community Campus on **Saturday 11 May** and sharing the stage with the 30th Loch Leven Half Marathon and the KLEO Feel Good Fair. A full programme of events is lined up, including a Massed Bands send-off for the runners at one o'clock down at the Gacé Garden, followed by a Pipe Band Street March back up the High Street. This is set to be a great day out for all the family with lots going on up at the campus fields - look out for the flyers through your door nearer the time.

As always, for any queries about the band, contact Nigel Kellett on 07801 182283 or email [nigel.kellett@talktalk.net](mailto:nigel.kellett@talktalk.net)

## Kinross Ladies Circle

Thanks again to everyone who supported the comedy night in Milnathort Town Hall.

In April, we look forward to a night at Edinburgh climbing arena at Ratho, not for the faint-hearted apparently, and our **AGM** from 7pm on **Thursday 25 April** at Reminisce in the High Street.



*The Ladies Circle at the annual comedy night*

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

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Issues from September 2006 to two months ago available

## Kinross High School



Easter is a time in the school year when matters become more serious. The days to the holidays tick away, classes reach a crescendo and exam talk fills the corridors. Fourth year pupils have almost reached the end of the road in relation to Standard Grade and Intermediate courses. The many months of lessons, exercises and homework will be ending soon, to be replaced by the sharp excitement of the exam room. The situation for years 5 and 6 is very similar, although they have the advantage of real experience. They have already tasted the successes and failures of the exam room. More importantly, perhaps, they have realised the improvement from prelim to final exam. The message to all pupils in the senior school, but particularly to year 4, is to get organised.

Whilst the number of lessons left may be diminishing, the opportunity to study is now heightened. Our teachers will have given pupils much good advice as well as the techniques and strategies to use this time effectively.

Parents will be sensing a kind of study fever, I hope, and be mindful of the anxieties associated with this activity. We always advise pupils to strike a balance and to build in some time away from the desk and the notes; some physical exercise is also advised. I am firmly of the belief that we have prepared the pupils well and look forward to the results in August when we can measure those successes. My annual wish is that all of our exam candidates give of their best.

For other year groups the excitement arises in other areas. Course choice is a new feature for our S3 pupils, and they now have the opportunity to decide on the subjects they will take forward to the qualification stage at this time next year. Whilst some may find it easy to leave behind a few subjects they have studied this year, others will not. I know that our Guidance team has been working alongside these pupils to help them make these choices. Many will have gained further assistance at our recent Careers Fair when much up to the minute information was available.

S2 pupils are also coming to a point where they are making choices. This is the point in our Broad General phase of the Curriculum for Excellence when pupils are given the opportunity to personalise their learning by choosing within the curricular areas as well as some additional choice opportunities. Again the pupils have been carefully prepared for this important choice point by our Guidance team who remain available to the young people – and their parents – throughout this significant period.

For S1 the crescendo is the thought that pretty soon they will have finished their first year in High School. They will begin their second year classes in late May and very soon thereafter they will cease to become the youngest people in Kinross High School. This is a big moment for many in First Year.

For staff this is a time for looking both back over what has been achieved and forward as evaluations of our current improvement plans are completed and plans for next session are drawn together. We already know we will be delivering for more pupils next year as numbers continue to grow. Happily we are also looking forward to welcoming new staff into our midst. This process will begin immediately after the Easter break when we welcome Mrs C Cairney,

who will be joining us to take over the leadership of our Home Economics department. I should also congratulate Mrs S Morran who was recently appointed PT Guidance as replacement for Mr D Morris who left us at Christmas time. All of this excitement and Easter as well, I trust that you will have a happy one with only a small amount of chocolate.

*R H Keatings*

## 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 fourth meeting of the 2012/13 session was held on 25 February and the KHSPC discussed the following items.

**Headteacher's Report:** Mr Keatings described current staffing levels and outlined action being taken to cover temporary and permanent vacancies. He noted that school numbers were increasing which may lead to slightly increased staff numbers next school year. While KHS receives a number of requests for placements of pupils from outwith its catchment area, there is as yet no indication these will be capped.

HMIE inspections have identified differences in schools and PKC are encouraging all their schools to move towards allowing S3 pupils to study seven subjects. Currently they do eight. Practice papers for the new exams being presented for the first time this year are being produced by the SQA. Mr Keatings noted that old past papers will still be useful in many cases. Teachers will be guiding pupils.

The recent K Factor show has just taken place and was absolutely fantastic with many younger pupils taking part this year. A dance troupe from KHS performed fabulously in the Rock Challenge in Dundee and have qualified for the Scottish final.

**Parent Council Job Fair:** A parent-led job fair to complement current activities of the school was generally felt to offer potential benefits to our young people. A working group of parents will take this forward. If you think you might be interested in supporting this, please contact the Clerk.

**The Parent Council.** Current postholders are: Douglas Ogilvie (Chair), Rory Stewart (Vice-chair) and 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 communications with the school and we are always keen to hear from you, whether it be good, or not! If you would like to join the Parent Council you would be most welcome. The next meeting is planned for **22 April**. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested. Thank you.

## Milnathort Primary School

Milnathort is "Making It Happen" in many ways – too many to share here, so feel free to check us out on Twitter where we regularly post snapshots of news and photographs as events unfold! [www.twitter.com/MilnathortPS](http://www.twitter.com/MilnathortPS)

### Success at PKC Cross Country in Scone!

In the last edition we shared with you our success at the Kinross Cluster Cross Country events and promised to keep you posted on our team and individual results at the finals. We're delighted to announce that the Milnathort athletes pulled it out of the hat again! Our individual winners were Katie Leslie who was overall third P7 Girl in Perth & Kinross, Rory Hutchison overall third P7 Boy and Audrey Doyle overall third P6 Girl across the authority. Our P7 Boys Team of Rory, Brian McCormick, Declyn Paton and Sam Linn finished overall third in their category and P6



*Paul Zarb, Kinross Cycling Club Chairman, accompanied by club members Veronica Duncan and Angus McCulloch, presents a cheque for £500 to Libby Broadhurst and Rory Ferguson (Junior Road Safety Reps)*

girls Audrey Doyle, Libby Broadhurst, Sarah Broadhurst and Ola Stanton were overall third in their category. Special mentions to our P6 Boys Team of Cameron Wallace, Sam Freeman, Calum Kitson and Dougal Sands and P7 Girls team made up of Katie, Eleanor Senior, Catriona Upcroft and Amy Hardie.

### More Sporting News!

Rugby Taster sessions are well underway with the support of Darren Moon, Rugby Development Officer, and similarly cricket with James Ross from Kinross Cricket Club: we're looking forward to getting a chance to take part in the festivals planned later on in the terms and who knows, perhaps come back with a few more successes!

Our friends at Kinross High have started a series of Lunchtime Activities every Wednesday aimed at our P2-P4s. There is a real buzz about whenever the KHS young people come along: they are great role models!

### Events and News!

Our Transport Responsibility Group managed to source £500 funding from Kinross Cycling Club and Sportive Kinross to go towards a much needed bike shelter: so many Milnathort Learners are cycling and scooting to school (especially since we have been taking part in The Big Pedal, a Sustrans initiative) that we really do need somewhere to safely store bikes and scooters. This is another example of the support we get from the wider community.

We're so lucky to have such a great library facility on our doorsteps and our P7s took advantage of this when they attended a Murder Mystery Event in February, using books to turn into Super Sleuths and using clues to solve crimes! P6/7 & P7 attended an author reading on World Book Day by Keith Charter, so again a huge thanks to our friends at LLCC Library for bring these super learning experiences to us.

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.

## Kinross Primary School

*Reporters: Eilidh Smith and Emma Bathgate.*

**Termly update:** Veronica Formosa-Hamilton, waste coordinator from Perth and Kinross Council, chatted to P1a about litter and recycling.

"Daisy the cow" paid the P3's a visit to teach them about farming.

P4a have been growing marigolds and nasturtiums to put in the tyre flowerbeds.

P4/5 went to Vane Farm and even climbed all the way up the hill!

The P6 boys are delighted after winning the Cross Country trophy this term.

**Primary 5 Trout:** This term the P5's took care of 60 fish in their classrooms which they then set free at Hatton Burn. At Hatton Burn, the children took part in many different activities, including one where someone threw a ball into a net in the water to demonstrate how fast the trout could swim. The P5s all loved watching the trout swim away.

**"Kinross has Talent" Show:** This year for Comic Relief, Katie and Daniel, our Pupil Council representatives, arranged a talent show. Lots of children entered but the Pupil Council reps auditioned everyone and chose only 12 acts to participate in the final.

The final was judged by Mrs Hynd, Mr Methven, Mrs Blackadder and Mrs Kirk. The winners were the 5 Amigos from P6 and Libby Kinninmonth in P1b. Well done to everyone who took part.

**Outdoor Learning:** These sessions have been a big success this term. All pupils have thoroughly enjoyed them. Mr McNaughton has taught pupils about safety outdoors, how to build a fire and how to do safety checks. He has even taken some pupils to Burleigh Sands to teach them about conservation.

**Perform in Perth** was a huge success again this year with many pupils coming back with awards. Our Brass Band was placed first in its class. Well done.

Yet again our three choirs did very well in this competition. For the third year in a row our Boys' Choir came first. What a fantastic achievement. Our Infant Choir were first in their class again and our Mixed Choir came second.

Thank you to Mr Young for preparing the choirs every year.

**Ladies' Night** will be a great fun night out at the Windlestrae. There will be stalls selling candles, jewellery, cards and handbags. Tickets cost £4 and are still available from the Nursery and Baillie's. Tickets include one free raffle entry.

## Kinross Potager Garden



With Easter, and hopefully some warmer weather approaching, we have now started our **volunteer sessions at the garden on Monday mornings** from about 10.30am to 12.30pm, and anyone is welcome to come along for a chat, or to help out. This is also a good time for **plant sales** or to **get advice** about your gardening questions.

The garden will be **open for visitors** every day from the start of April.

We are looking forward to our first **Plant Sale** of the year, at the Spring Tea in Crook of Devon Village Hall on Easter Saturday.

**Mrs Wardlaw's class** from Kinross Primary School will be visiting us on 27 March, and then on Thursday afternoons after the holidays, to learn about plants and the environment, and grow their own vegetables.

We are also very proud to have been chosen by the Manager and staff at **Dobbies in Kinross, to be their Local Charity of the Year**. It is great to be recognised for the work which our volunteers do with the children, and others in the local community, and we look forward to working with Dobbies, with some fundraising and fun events at the garden centre over the coming year. We will also be working to develop a special, easy access, **Sensory area at the garden**.

For further information contact Amanda James on 01577 840809, or [amanda@tyafon.plus.com](mailto:amanda@tyafon.plus.com) or check out our website at [www.potagergardenkinross](http://www.potagergardenkinross)

## Inner Wheel Club of Kinross & District



March is a busy month for Kinross Inner Wheel club, starting with our usual monthly meeting at the Windlestrae Hotel at which President Liz Pottie welcomed Robin Webster as speaker for the evening.

Robin Webster has been a lawyer for many years and has spent some time working in Tonga, as Attorney General of Tuvalu, Judge of the Supreme Court of Tonga and later as Chief Justice of Tonga. His talk was illustrated with beautiful slides of Tonga and its people and even included a dvd of the funeral of a local dignitary: altogether a very interesting and informative talk about the people and customs of the islands.

Later in the month we held 'First Day of Spring' tea party at a member's home raising funds for 'LemonAid', a Dunfermline-based charity working to help the people of Haiti. Our major fund-raiser for the year is our Charity Bridge Day to be held at Orwell Bowlers' Hall, at the end of March.

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## Kinross and District Art Club



A trip to the Scottish National Galleries in Edinburgh was a double delight in March. The morning was spent at the National Portrait Gallery, with a conducted tour by **Robert Galbraith**, who was Project Manager for the recent £17m refurbishment. Those members who recall the gallery before its facelift were simply amazed at the transformation. Skilful planning and sensitive alterations have achieved a superb lighting effect that shows off some glorious Scottish paintings to their best advantage. Robert's expert knowledge of the building and its contents provided a most illuminating dimension to our visit and we all left feeling that a return visit would be very much worthwhile.

The afternoon was another treat, visiting the Gallery of Modern Art, formerly known as the Dean Gallery. Here we saw the current exhibition of the wonderful paintings of Samuel Peploe, a leading light in the group of artists known as The Scottish Colourists. Our guide was **Guy Peploe**, grandson and biographer of the artist. Guy is Managing Director of the Scottish Gallery in Dundas Street, Edinburgh and internationally recognised as the authority on The Scottish Colourists, in particular, Peploe. His enthusiastic and informative commentary was interspersed with anecdotes from family sources which gave a real insight into this 'gifted and driven' artist, who was one of the most influential Scottish artists of all time.



*Guy Peploe talking to KADAC members about his grandfather's paintings*

It was a truly inspirational day and has encouraged us to pick up the brushes back at the Millbridge Hall where we meet on Tuesdays and Fridays from 2.00-4.00pm. We will soon be preparing for our annual exhibition in the Parish Church in September, but in the meantime we are joining with other local artists for an **Easter Weekend Art and Craft Fair at Tripudio Dance Studio at the Motorway Service Area**. There will be paintings, crafts and produce for sale and we are hoping to attract lots of local families as well as visitors stopping off for a break as they head along the M90.

Also starting Easter Weekend, the club's professional adviser, **Tom Sutton-Smith**, will be launching an exhibition of his paintings at **The Grouse and Claret**.

If you are interested in joining us, please get in touch with Club Secretary, **Sybil**, at: **01577 830347** or visit our web site **[www.kadac.co.uk](http://www.kadac.co.uk)** where you can learn more about us and see the full calendar of events.

## Partnership off to a flying start...



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Planes need fuel. MAF in Scotland has launched a "Fuel for Life" campaign and Kinross Parish Church has entered into a partnership with them to support this effort through 2013. The partnership was launched in church on Sunday 17 February when Andy Martin, MAF in the Community Scotland Manager sought support from the congregation.

It costs approximately £5 for a gallon of aviation fuel, ie £200 to fill a 40 gallon drum. One such drum was displayed in the church for 4 weeks in February/March during which time members had the opportunity to prime the pumps by "posting" a donation into the drum. The congregation responded enthusiastically, donating over £1400 - enough to buy seven 40 gallon drums of aviation fuel.

Further awareness and fundraising activities are planned for the rest of the year including:

- For those (aged 16 and over) who prefer to burn off calories rather than fuel, there will be an **adrenaline fuelled adventure** in the Scottish Highlands over the weekend of **Fri 21 to Sun 23 June**. This will be an unforgettable journey, hiking, biking and canoeing 73 miles from Fort William to Inverness.
- A MAF **photographic exhibition** will be mounted at Loch Leven Community Campus on **Friday 20 and Saturday 21 September**. Pupils of Kinross High School will augment the MAF exhibition with their own displays about the topic.

For further information about the work of this amazing organisation, visit the website at: [www.maf-uk.org](http://www.maf-uk.org) or contact the local area representative: Alisdair Stewart: [alisdairstewart@yahoo.com](mailto:alisdairstewart@yahoo.com) Tel: 01577 862262

## Lodge St Serf No 327

### April

- Tue 2nd Regular Meeting at 7.15pm.  
Master Mason Degree.
- Tue 9th General Committee Meeting at 7.30pm.  
Arrange work for next regular meeting.
- Tue 16th Regular Meeting at 7.15pm.  
Entered Apprentice Degree.
- Tue 23rd General Committee Meeting at 7.30pm.  
Arrange work for next Special Meeting.

### May

- Sat 4th Special Meeting 4.00pm. Mark Master Mason Degree to be conferred by Lodge Balgonie No.764. All Master Masons are eligible to take this Degree.

**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.



## Common Grounds



Just as we thought winter was past and we were enjoying nice warm days, behold, the snow is back but then this is March. Lots happening here at Common Grounds; our plans for celebrating our passing having donated £100,000 to projects over the past 13 years are nearing completion. Firstly we are having a Ceilidh evening and secondly we have just had confirmation that the author Alexander McCall Smith will be coming to a celebration lunch in June – more details on that in May.

**Celebration Ceilidh: Saturday 13 April** at 7.30pm in the Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort. Dancing to The Ceilidh Trio. Tickets £10 each from Milnathort Post Office, Common Grounds or telephone 01577 865818. Price includes finger buffet, tea/coffee. Bring your own bottle.

**Project Lunch:** Our project lunch went ahead as planned on Tuesday 12 March with Louise Johnston giving a very amusing and informative talk with slides on her charity RUDA (Ruvuma Development Aid), Ruvuma being an area in Tanzania. Louise explained how the donation from Common Grounds was being used in assisting women to start a soap making business and the continuing building work on NMSE School. Many thanks to those who contributed over £200 towards further projects at the lunch.



James Henry with Louise Johnston from RUDA

**Project:** Our project for April is Garden Africa which is currently focused on South Africa, Swaziland, Namibia and Zimbabwe. It provides training in special gardens of sustainable food they can grow for themselves rather than rely on aid. There are also agriculture centres which provide tools and knowledge to help farmers grow more.

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We are once again in need of **firewood** in order to keep our popular open fire burning. Uplift of donations of wood can be arranged if local. Our logs are also used by the Guides and Brownies – the least we can do for our use of the hall, a big thank you.

**Our opening hours** are still 10am-1pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at the Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort. Contacts outside of opening hours are: James Henry (Convener) 01577 864452 and Linda Freeman (Secretary) 01577 865045.

## Rotary Club of Kinross and District



Club members were pleased to learn that the Scouting movement continues to provide an opportunity for adventure for young people, as 12 members of the Kinross Explorer Scouts discovered when they visited Iceland last summer for the International Scout Jamboree. They joined around 3000 others from around the world for a week of outdoor activities and exploration. Local Scout leader, Robert Morton, accompanied by three members of the group, gave a most interesting presentation, which included an update on the current structure of the scouting movement through the various age groups.

Our next speaker was Willie Couper, a Rotarian from the Perth Club, who had been an officer in the Army Education Corps during the Falklands conflict in 1982. He was responsible for keeping up the morale of the British troops, and employed various forms of education and amusement which, interspersed with the serious business of training for war, assisted in taking soldiers' and sailors' minds off a long and potentially tedious voyage. Dry land was reached only after hostilities had ceased, and by the time he returned home, Willie had been at sea, transferring from ship to ship, for almost three months.



*New member Malcolm Wood (right) receives his Club Badge from President Sandie Pottie*

The March Business Meeting was attended by the Governor of the North of Scotland Rotary District, Cath Chorley, a member of the Burntisland & Dalgety Bay Club. That evening, we were pleased to welcome a new member to the Club when Malcolm Wood was inducted by President Sandy Pottie. Malcolm lives at Hatchbank and is a Director in the family fruit and vegetable wholesale business of Ivan Wood & Sons based at Navity Farm, Ballingry.

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A week without a guest speaker provided the opportunity for some club members to take the floor. The topics ranged from knots (the tying kind), to shinty. Not many people knew that the Shinty Club with the largest youth membership in Scotland is not in Inverness-shire, but in Aberdeen!



*Primary School Quiz winners from Milnathort PS with their Shield and Certificates. From left - Catriona Millar, David Shepherd, Hannah Black, (Mr Fluffy - Mascot), Katie Leslie, Emily Willingale.*

The Assembly Hall at Kinross High School was the venue for the local area final of the Annual Rotary organised Primary School Quiz, when teams representing the Primary Schools of Cleish, Fossoway, Kinross, Milnathort and Portmoak put on their thinking caps. The teams of 4 had to answer 60 questions, split into 10 rounds of 6 per round and covering a wide range of topics. Milnathort came out on top with a 5 point lead over their nearest rival, and now go on to represent Kinross-shire Primary Schools at the Rotary District Final on Thursday 18 April, which is being hosted this year by Kinross High School. The winning team was presented with the Rotary Quiz Challenge Shield, and participants from all the schools received a Participation Certificate. The Rotary team running the event was led by Rotarian (and High School Head of English), Carolyne Poller, with valuable assistance on the day provided by members of the Kinross High School Interact Club.

The Club also recently provided judges for the annual Poetry Reading competition at Kinross Primary School.

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 at

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## Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



The April 2013 Club meeting will be held on **Thursday 4 April** at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall. Entertainment will be provided by Iain Hunter, the "Singing Butcher".

The March meeting consisted of the AGM followed by lunch and entertainment provided by the accordions and fiddles of the "Alan Small Workshop" which certainly got our feet tapping. Alan Small's virtuoso performances were amazing. The Windlestrae Hotel provided an extremely good lunch and their staff were very attentive to our needs; a really enjoyable afternoon.

### Away Days April

**Thur 11 April** - Five Sisters' Zoo

**Thur 25 April** - Dalkeith & Jedburgh

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 2013**. There are still five seats available for this show. The total cost of seats and coach is £23 per person inclusive of tips. However it will be necessary for club members, who have not already booked and wish to attend, to pay the full amount of £23 at the Club meeting on 4 April. Those members who have already paid the £10 deposit could they please ensure they pay the balance at the April meeting. By paying early the theatre gives 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

**12 April:** Dunblane for the "Pie Walk No. 3", starting at the Cathedral and going along the Old Doune Road to Kilbryde Chapel, to finish with a hot pie when we get back.

**26 April:** St Andrews for the walk along the Lade Braes to have lunch in Craigton Park, and coming back the same way.

Contact: Ian Simpson 01577 863691.

### Friday Hill Walkers

5 April: Cramond Anne 8.30am

19 April: Glen Tarken Jock 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. Please note that this group will stop meeting for the summer with the last day being Monday 15 April and will recommence September or October. Contact: Helen Duncan 01577 863638.

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

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

**Keep-Fit:** 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.

Please note this group will stop meeting for the summer with the last day being 26 March. Contact Val Oswald 01577 864020.

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

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

## Portmoak Community Woodlands

The big news in our community woodlands is the rapid action being taken by Scottish Natural Heritage and the Woodland Trust to speed up the restoration of Portmoak Moss. The Moss is, of course, not so much woodland as bog - a rare lowland raised peatbog.

Back in November the Portmoak Community Woodlands Steering Group held a 'boginar', a seminar on the future of the Moss, because it looked as though the restoration project might come to an end and the bog be allowed to turn into wet woodland. The Woodland Trust were worried that the restoration was taking much longer and requiring more money and manpower than they had expected.

One of the speakers at the 'boginar' was wetland ecologist Andrew McBride, who had just been put in charge of SNH's peatland restoration programme, with a budget of £1.7 million from the Scottish Government's Green Stimulus fund. Luckily for us, Andrew was looking for projects that could move ahead quickly and where everyone knew what needed to be done. Our gathering of experts in November meant that we had all the information and advice; we simply lacked the money. We don't have the final figures yet, but SNH have committed many £ thousands to the work of removing unwanted tree growth on the peat dome, the removal of old stumps (which created dry areas) and the insertion of extra dams to hold water in the bog and encourage the growth of specialized bog plants. Since mid-February there have been teams of forestry workers busy in the Moss. It looks a bit of a mess, because of the vehicles and equipment that have had to be taken in, but the contractors have been told to leave us with a tidy site and, from previous experience, we know that, come the summer, new undergrowth should soon cover up the mud. And, most importantly, public access is being maintained throughout the works, so you can still walk the dog or go for a run!

Our 'boginar' attracted not only bog restoration experts but many other specialists, such as Duncan Davidson, from Butterfly Conservation, who has already begun recording moths in Portmoak Moss and whose findings we'll be reporting in due course. One exciting footnote: Professor Des Thompson of Scottish Natural Heritage saw a rare goshawk in the Moss in December. Please let us know if you see any unusual wildlife. [www.portmoakcw.org.uk](http://www.portmoakcw.org.uk)

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## Kinross-shire Historical Society



Following the AGM on Monday 18 March, Kinross-shire Historical Society was treated to a wonderful hi-tech illustrated journey around Loch Leven with Willie Shand. Using the music of Gaberlunzie to complement the slides, the members were taken to many interesting and beautiful parts of the county in all seasons and lights. They learned about people and places in the county since the last ice age. The slide show started by looking down from Vane Hill and worked its way round the loch through countryside, towns and villages until back again to Vane. Mary Queen of Scots' imprisonment on Castle Island, the tale of William Wallace attacking the English after they took the castle in 1296, Kinross House built by William Bruce, old buildings in Kinross, Kinross an old coaching town with three fairs and an agricultural show each year were some of the interesting pieces of information that Willie Shand included in the talk.

David Walker gave the vote of thanks, saying that Willie had surpassed himself this time with his use of new technology added to the high quality of his images.

Robin Eadie, President, said that this talk had been a stunning way to end the season. He reminded members that there was an outing to Blairadam House on 11 May, which should be paid (£10) in advance to Ronnie Muirhead. He also announced that the Historical Society has organised an event for PKHT's Perthshire Archaeological Month (PAM). This will be a Place-Name walk in June led by Prof David Munro and Dr Simon Taylor and members should watch out for the PAM booklets places like the library and museum. There was also an invitation to members to become volunteers in the Graveyard Survey being planned for this summer in the Kirkgate Graveyard. Anyone interested should contact the Secretary, Catriona McLeod, telephone 863718 or contact Kinross Museum.

## Portmoak Film Society

Tempted as I am to review 'The Angel's Share' in the language of Weegie banter that was the hallmark of the March film, I don't think the editor would let me away with the abundance of f-words necessary to do that! However, it didn't appear to put off the 30 filmgoers who rated it excellent at 93% and laughed all the way through.

On **Saturday 13 April** we're showing the all-time Scottish favourite '**Local Hero**', written and directed in 1983 by Bill Forsyth about a tiny village on the north coast ready to sell its soul for American dollars in the shape of oil boss Burt Lancaster. Full of whimsy and warm-hearted humour, it's a strange counterpoint 30 years down the line to these days of Trump takeovers of coastal communities...

This is the last film of the season and will be preceded by the Film Society's **AGM** which will report on its activities in the past year (very briefly) and give the audience the chance to select films for the next season. So make sure you're there!

Proceedings start earlier this month at **7 o'clock** with doors opening at 6.45pm. All members and visitors are welcome to join us after the film for refreshments and the chance to chat.

To find out more, go to [www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk](http://www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk)

## Dobbies Community Champion

A special Spring Preview evening took place at Dobbies Kinross on 7 March, in aid of Clic Sergeant, Dobbies' national charity. Visitors were offered sangria and canapés, and were shown how to decorate their own cupcakes. Julia and Anna, shown in the photo, enjoyed the cupcake making, (and eating!) and having their faces painted by volunteers Kirsty and Gemma. Thank you, girls, for your help.



*Julia and Anna at the spring preview evening*

During March we choose a **local charity** to benefit from some fundraising events at the store over the coming year. Luke Chamberlain, Manager at Kinross says: "We were looking this year to support a truly local charity, with a gardening connection, and all the staff are pleased to have chosen the Kinross Potager Garden, in Bowton Road, as our Local Charity of the Year. We hope that this support will help the volunteers at the garden to continue their good work with school children, and involving other member of the community in growing activities."

The Dobbies "**Here we Grow**" programme is designed to help schools and other local groups to get growing. If your group would like to be considered for this programme, please email [herewegrowkinross@dobbies.com](mailto:herewegrowkinross@dobbies.com).

The next **Little Seedlings Club meeting** will be at the Garden Centre at 11am on **Sunday 7 April**, about "The Enormous Turnip", learning about root vegetables, and sowing your own seeds to take home. This is for children aged 4 to 10 years, who should be accompanied by an adult during the session. Please call at the garden centre, or phone to register if you are coming in April, so we know how many to expect. (01577 862337)

We are also holding a **special free Easter Fun session for children** on **Wednesday 3 April** from 2.30 pm to 4pm. This will include mask making, a spring chick hunt and growing eggheads. I look forward to seeing you there! Again, please phone to book for this event, and children need to be accompanied.

*Amanda James, Community Champion  
Dobbies, Kinross*

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## Probus Club



The meeting on 20 February concerned the Battle of Loos - pronounced 'loose' rather than 'lose' - which was known as the Unwanted Battle of World War I. The speaker was Mr Willie Coupar who had recently been elected as President of St Leonard's Probus Club in Perth. The reason for the title 'unwanted' given to this battle, which took place in September 1915, was that the British and French side was totally unprepared for battle. This was especially so of the British contingent which was almost totally comprised of volunteers. (Conscription was not introduced until 1916.)

At the end of 1914 the Germans occupied part of the north east of France around Loos. This was a mining area and included an area designated as Hill 70. The terrain favoured the Germans who were well dug in to the most advantageous sites. But there was pressure to push the German army out of French territory, especially after the failure of the Gallipoli invasion in Turkey. Earlier attempts had been made but these were on a narrow front, which allowed the enemy to infiltrate the flanks in a pincer movement. This time it was decided to attack on a much broader front, which would include the Hohenzollern Redoubt in the northern half of the six-mile wide front.

Two Scottish Divisions were involved, the 15th in the centre of the northern half, with units from the Black Watch, Gordon Highlanders, Seaforth Highlanders, Cameron Highlanders, Kings Own Scottish Borderers (KOSB) and the Highland Light Infantry (HLI), and the 9th Division in the centre of the southern half, again with units from all the Scottish Regiments. Six divisions were barely capable of covering the whole front but part of the plan was to use gas.

After four days of preliminary bombardment, the 15th Division went forward to take Loos. Gas was released but this blew back, causing casualties. They managed to capture Loos and Hill 70 but with some 6000 casualties. The Germans counter attacked and pushed back the weakened British attackers, despite acts of heroism. The 9th then attempted to take the Hohenzollern Redoubt. Again gas was released but the attack on the left failed after coming up against barbed wire, the HLI lost contact with the KOSB and although the right flank fared better, the German counter attack was successful and another 6000 casualties were sustained. Again great bravery was shown and Victoria Crosses won, but 12000 casualties had been sustained over a 36/48-hour period and no ground had been gained. Reserve troops under Sir John French consisting of new volunteers did not arrive at the front until 26 September, by which time the Germans had regrouped. Although fighting continued until 18 October, the battle was lost with a count of 60000 casualties.

Jim Ferrier proposed the vote of thanks.

The talk on 6 March was given by Mr Ragnar Ingebritson, a member of Raith Probus Club. This time the scene was World War II and concerned the adventures and heroism of his Norwegian father.

Mr Ingebritsen's talk centred on the northern most part of Norway, known as Finnmark, during World War II. This region bordered Russia and Finland and was an area rich in

minerals including iron ore, nickel and coal. More coal is found in Spitsbergen, which is an island halfway between the northern tip of Norway and the North Pole and on the edge of the Polar Icecap. This was an area that was not of much interest to the Germans from a military point of view as they were not at war with Russia or Finland - at least not at the start of hostilities. However, it was of importance as a source of minerals and coal. Mining on Spitsbergen was dominated by Russian and German companies. Because the Norwegian coast line was indented and broken, the ports in the north were virtually ice free; shipping could move up and down the coast in the lee of a myriad of islands without enduring the rigours of the open North Sea.

Thus, when the British started showing an interest in taking over the iron ore trade, the Germans invaded Norway in 1940. They occupied the whole of Norway including Finnmark and up to the Russian border, although the actual presence was relatively small until Germany declared war on Russia in what was known as Operation Barbarossa. The offensive in Finnmark was known as Silver Fox. Fighting continued until the Russian offensive of 1944 with a hundred thousand men when the Germans retreated from the region while evacuating some 43000 people and destroying infrastructure as they went.

However, before the battles later in the war, Mr Ingebritsen's father, who lived near Kirkenes in a small farmhouse with his own father, close to some German camps and with a German officer billeted in the neighbouring farmhouse, decided in 1941 to attempt to escape. He was 22 years old. He set off with a friend to travel to Harsted on the North Sea coast, a journey of some 750 miles. To make the journey easier they borrowed a bicycle from a one legged farmer. The Germans had purloined all bicycles in the area both for their own use and also to limit the mobility of the local population but had not bothered to search the farmer's barn on the assumption that a one legged man would have no need for a bicycle.

They reached Harsted and boarded a steamer for Tromso but were apprehended by the Gestapo. Despite not having proper travel papers, their story of attempting to reach Spitsbergen to seek work in the mines was accepted and they were allowed to carry on. The ship carried some 2500 tons of coal. On reaching Spitsbergen they joined others on board a ship that was hijacked in an attempt to go to Iceland. It was running out of fuel and food and had to return to Spitsbergen where it was intercepted by a British cruiser and escorted to Shetland via the Faroes. The escorting vessel was a Polish ship called Wastwater.

After Shetland, en route to Orkney, two bombs from a German plane hit the steamer when they were some 50 km off Shetland. They managed to reach lifeboats with 62 on board one lifeboat, which was hit by further bomb blasts. Mr Ingebritsen Snr has no recollection until finding himself back on the sinking trawler. He was one of only five who were rescued from the original shipload. The trawler sank next morning and he reached Orkney on the escort ship. It was here that he met his wife to be.

After interrogation by MI9, he was accepted, sent to Canada for training and ended up as part of the Shetland Bus saga. But that is a different story.

The vote of thanks was given John Pleass.



## 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. The loch is a vital element of Kinross-shire and SNH's work is essential to the preservation of the Loch and its National Nature Reserve category.

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.

New members are always welcome, so we will be pleased to see you.

### PKC Proposed Local Development Plan

Perth and Kinross Council has now submitted the Proposed Local Development Plan to the Department of Planning and Environmental Appeal (DPEA). In this context the Scottish Ministers have now appointed two reporters to examine the Plan.

The Trust has been very concerned about the process that the Council has followed before submitting the plan and so the Trust has written to the DPEA, listing their concerns in detail and asking that the Plan be reconsidered by the Council.

### Kinross – Town Buildings

The Trust has been very concerned for some time now about the state and the future of several prominent and important buildings in Kinross, which are the responsibility

of Perth and Kinross Council. At very least they are giving Kinross centre a very run down and dilapidated appearance, with the potential loss to the town of these buildings.

The Trust has therefore written to the Chief Executive of Perth and Kinross Council listing all these buildings and asking what plans the Council has for the future of them.

**Copies of the letters** mentioned above can be viewed on the Kinross-shire Civic Trust website:

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# Sports News

## Kinross Rugby Club

### Seniors

As the six nations championship comes to a close, so do our league matches, with only one left on 13 April where we take a trip to Broughty Ferry to play Panmure. It looks like Kinross have contested most of the season and we have had our ups and downs.

During the next few months the Rugby Club has a few dates to look forward to, with a trip to Crieff on 20 April, where we play a friendly, followed by the Vice Captain's wedding up in Crieff Hydro, where I feel the rugby lads will have the most fun.

On **Friday 24 May** we have our **Annual Club Dinner**, which should be good this year, with a special guest speaker and celebration of the past season with awards and prizes. Tickets will be on sale at the rugby club; limited spaces, so get in early.

**Wednesday 29 May** will be the club's **AGM**, again held at the club.

Are you keen on playing rugby? If so, why not get involved? Training is every Tuesday and Thursday at 7pm at the KGV.

Why not hold a function in the club? Rates are reasonable. Pop up and have a look around.

### Juniors

The Kinross Cougars mini section (P1-P7), have played a number of matches from P3 age upwards since Christmas,



with mixed results for all playing ages. As the season nears the end in May, we will be attending some of the end of season tournaments across the country.

On Friday 15 February some of the junior players from Kinross RFC went to Murrayfield stadium to act as the "guard of honour" for the Edinburgh v Cardiff match. The P6/7 boys also had the opportunity to play on the famous turf at half time of the Edinburgh match, playing against Penicuik. The short ten-minute match ended in a well-deserved 4-0 win for Kinross. This was a great experience for those who attended.



*The P6/7 players who played a ten-minute match during the Edinburgh v Cardiff half-time on 15 February*

*Photo: Teresa Geissler, TG pix*



*The P6/7 players in action at Murrayfield. Photo: Teresa Geissler, TG pix*

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## Kinross Tennis Club

www.kinrossstennisclub.org.uk

The season has officially started!

**Junior Easter Camps** are taking place during weeks commencing 1 April and 8 April. Ages 5 to 16 are welcome, whether you are a member or not. The coaching is great fun, good value for money and is a great way to experience tennis on a daily basis prior to the term time coaching blocks!

**Junior summer term coaching** (members only) commences 15 April for 11 weeks with daily sessions and invitational performance groups to further improve the keen beans! For junior bookings and enquiries, please contact Helen Buchanan by emailing kinrossstenniscoaching@gmail.com.

Exciting things to come for juniors this season include Mini Tennis Rally Awards, AEGON Team Tennis and The Road to Wimbledon competition. The Perth & Kinross Team Tennis Primary Schools Competition will also take place in May so listen out at school and show your prowess on court. Adults are also busy dusting off their rackets!

League matches start for the ladies on 22 April and for the Gents on 25 April. **Club sessions** rev up on Wednesday evenings 6.30pm and Sunday mornings 10.30am. The **Thursday afternoon social session** at 1.30pm is great if you are not a member and want to come along and try it – at £2 a session it's a great way to meet other players whilst considering membership.

Open to members and non-members, **adult coaching** starts on Tuesday 16 April with beginners at 7pm and improvers at 8pm. This block is flexible depending on demand so if you are interested but don't know whether either of these groups is for you, just let us know and we will fit to suit - details from our secretary Vivien Clarke at kinrossstennis@gmail.com.

Recent taster sessions at Kinross, Cleish, Portmoak, Fossoway and Amgask Primary Schools were a great success and the club is grateful for the Big Lottery Funding that has assisted us with this programme.

New members are always welcome and enquiries can be made to our secretary, Vivien Clarke, at kinrossstennis@gmail.com.

Visitor keys are available from Sands the Ironmongers for a small fee.



## Anyone for Croquet this year?

The Kinross Croquet Club will start the 2013 Season on **Monday 15 April** at 2pm. on the lawn of the Green Hotel. If you would like a shot of it why not come along and try your hand? We are badly in need of new members and you will be made most welcome.

Croquet is a fascinating game and requires good ball control, planning ahead and some cunning, and it is an ideal way of passing an afternoon on a fine summers day – and surely we cannot have another wet summer like last year.

We play every Monday afternoon commencing at 2pm. We provide all the equipment to start and tuition. All you need is a pair of flat shoes or trainers.

The annual subscription is only £15 but beginners may play for the first four weeks free of charge.

For further information please telephone Brian Smith, the Club Secretary, at 01383 722252.



## Volleyball

Kinross Scotrange remain in the top position in the Perth & District Premier League, with Kinross Kintronics in eighth place. In the Recreational League, Kinross BB are the current league leaders with Kinross High School and Kinross BB Girls' Association in the bottom half of the table.

In the East Central Scotland Regional League, the Kinross Men's Team have won home and away against Perth and won at home against Linlithgow Hornets. The return match away to Linlithgow will take place at the end of the month with the Kinross side being favourites to win and thus finish top of the East Central League. The winners of the West and North leagues will meet with the East winners in play-offs to decide an overall Regional Champion later on in May.

The **'Free Coaching for Ladies'** is going down well locally, with anything between 10 and 14 turning up regularly on Monday evenings at the Loch Leven Campus. It is hoped to enter a ladies' team in this year's Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament over 25 & 26 May. The 'Free Coaching' evenings continue at the campus on Monday evenings from 8pm till 9.30pm. New members are welcome to come along to take advantage of free, fun evenings.

The Kinross High School S2/3 boys' team reached the semi-finals of the Scottish Schools Volleyball Cup, losing out at home to Kyle Academy. There will be S1 boys' and girls' teams as well as S2/3 boys' and girls' teams participating in an all day festival at Bell's Sports Centre on the Friday prior to the Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament, 24 May.

The Kinross Club has entered a team in the de Haan, Belgium tournament in mid-August with bookings made with P&O Ferries from Hull to Zeebrugge. There are still a few seats left on the mini-bus for players and/or spectators, with spaces also available on the ferry. The group will leave Kinross on the morning of Thursday 8 August, driving to Hull for the overnight crossing as foot passengers. The return ferry journey from Zeebrugge will be on 12 August, returning to Kinross late afternoon on 13 August.

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## Curling development

It has been another busy season of curling at Kinross and the strong Junior sections show how important it is for the curling rink to remain in Kinross.

Coaching has been carried out throughout the year by a great bunch of coaches from Kinross Coaching School with Try Curling, Beginner Courses, Improver Coaching, Visually Impaired and Wheelchair Curling all available for the community to come along to.



1st place L-R: Callum Kinnear, Gavin Hay, Ben Cormack, Mark Watt

The U21's are catered for, with P7 pupils attending for a block of lessons during school time through the Curling's Cool Programme and then there are After School Sessions for Primary pupils on a Monday and Secondary on a Friday. Juniors can also join the Kinross Junior Curling Club, which gets coaching on Sundays and plays games internally as well as in the local rink leagues and around the country. This year the juniors have done very well both locally, winning Division 3 of the rink's Super League, and a team of under 14's won the 3-4 playoff in the RCCC event held at the Aberdeen rink recently and two youngsters were members of the National U14 Slam Winning Team – a great example of talent travelling further afield. Many have completed their RCCC Skill Awards this year and the Coaching School honoured them all with a presentation of Awards on the last After School session of the year.

There is great potential of curlers for the future in Kinross, here is hoping we can keep a rink for them to play in and represent.

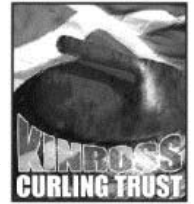


Lewis' team at the U14 event. 3rd Place L-R: Lewis Leslie, Craig Barr, Beth Farmer and Kirstin Bousie.

## Kinross Curling Trust

The Trust continues to move towards a permanent solution which will result in curling continuing to flourish in the Kinross area. Progress is being made in setting up a lease which will allow curlers to run the rink and make essential refurbishments. The trustees are also pursuing many avenues to raise the necessary funding.

The board have invited all curlers who use the facility to a meeting in the Windlestrae Hotel on 24 March (while this Newsletter is at press) where the current situation will be explained.



## Ladies Curling

### The Morton Trophy

Curlers representing Kinross ice rink did very well this season to reach the final stages of the Morton, a national competition, the finals of which are always held at the Fife Ice Arena, Kirkcaldy.

Kinross played Inverness in a semi-final on 12 March. Three teams from each played, with Kinross winning one match 15-1, but losing the other two matches 4-8 and 5-7.

The other semi-final was between Lanarkshire and Ayr, with Ayr going through to triumph over Inverness in the final.

## Kinross Cycling Club

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



### Second Annual Family Cycle Challenge

After the great success of last year's family cycle challenge, the club has once again teamed up with local businesses The Green Hotel, who will provide the start point at the Bistro; Loch Leven Cycles, who will provide mechanical support on the day, and Cree8, who will provide rider numbers.

As last year, the event is being organised as part of Bike Week and will be fully marshalled and include a feeding station, rider numbers, certificates and, this year, completion medals.

Last year the club raised money for Scottish Cot Death Trust. This year the club is supporting two local charities: Kinross-shire Outreach and the Day Centre, with money raised from the event being split between the two charities. Club Chairman, Paul Zarb, said: "We are delighted to be supporting family-related local charities with our event. Our premier event, Sportive Kinross, has been a great success and now enters its third year. We hope to make this event equally successful."

To find out more about the Family Cycle Challenge and how to enter, visit [www.kinrosscyclingclub.co.uk](http://www.kinrosscyclingclub.co.uk) or [www.bikeweek.org.uk](http://www.bikeweek.org.uk) and search for Kinross events.

### Club donates £500 towards new bike shelter

Kinross Cycling Club presented a cheque for £500 to Milnathort Primary School towards the cost of a new bike shelter. The money was raised from the club's sell-out cycle event Sportive Kinross, which runs on 27 April. Pam McGregor, the P7 teacher in charge of the project, was delighted with the donation. Milnathort Primary School tweeted: "A massive thanks to @Zarbio & @SportiveKinross for their donation of £500 to help us get a cycle shelter! Great community support! Thanks."

See Milnathort Primary School news for photo, p. 54.



## Kinross Kobras Junior Hockey

The Kobras have been busy during February and early March. The first tournament was held at Kilgraston in the East District U12 League on 17 February. Two Kobras teams took part, playing against the stronger teams from Carnegie, Perthshire and Grange. The first won three of its four games, and was narrowly pipped by Perthshire, who came top. The second team featured two of the youngest players in the tournament, Oli Wilson and Luke Volland, who both did very well against stronger opponents.

Players from U10 to U14 took part in a series of matches the following Sunday. The U10 team did best after a tough opening match against a strong Carnegie team.

Kinross was the venue on the 3 March for an U14 Tournament with teams from Grove Menzieshill, Perthshire and Blairgowrie. There were two Kobras teams and a third team called the All Stars, which included many Kinross players as well. All teams had four matches and the Kobras team, coached by Monty, won three of its games and came second overall. The other Kobras team fought hard and drew three of their games, including that against the eventual winners Perthshire.

As we move towards the end of March and into April, several Kobras are going into the Midland District U14 trials and hope to be selected for the District squads playing in the National Inter-district tournament on 3 May. There is also an ongoing programme of matches at U10, U12 and U14 level, so plenty of opportunities to put the training to good use. Training continues on a Tuesday and Thursday evening, 6.30-7.30, at the KGV Astro turf pitch in Kinross.



*The two Kobras teams that competed in the Kilgraston tournament*



## Kinross Bowling Club

The Annual General Meeting was held on 17 February 2013 and the office bearers were appointed as follows: President – Douglas Hague, Vice President – B. Moffat, Secretary – George Rennie (01577 864727), Treasurer – E. Paterson, plus committee members.

The **Opening of the Green** is on **Saturday 20 April** at 2pm. We hope to see all existing members on the day and anyone who would like to try the sport is welcome to come along and join us (the more the merrier). Hopefully we will get a better summer this year (after last year's rain) and it will make us all happy and smiling.

Anyone requiring more information on the bowling game etc can get in touch with the Secretary, George Rennie, on 01577 864727.

## Orwell Bowling Club (Milnathort)

Orwell Bowling Club extends a warm welcome for all existing and potential members for the start of the coming season.

The **Opening of the Green** is on **Saturday 13 April**, 1.30pm for 2pm. Soup, sandwiches and a blether after the game.

All are welcome to come along and try with no obligation to join there and then but feel free to join in. (Shoes and bowls can be provided on the day.)

This is a sport open to all ages and abilities with coaches and members available to provide help and encouragement throughout the bowling year.

As a club we can offer something for most people, whether it's a friendly 'roll up' or a competitive game which could see you winning through to represent your club in the County or Scottish finals if that's what you want.

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## Kinross Otters

**Bellshill Sharks Open Meet,  
Sir Matt Busby Leisure Centre, Bellshill  
16 - 17 February**

Two Otters attended and won medals at this tough event.

**Finlay Nesbitt** (12) continued on his winning ways with an excellent gold medal in the 11-12 year old 100m Freestyle event. He was fourth at the halfway point and gradually overtook the opposition to win by 0.3 of a second in 1.08.13. He also won bronze medals in the 200m Breaststroke, 400m Individual Medley and 200m Butterfly.

**Kirstin Haig** (12) performed well as she has done of late, by winning a bronze medal in the 11-12 yr old 400m Freestyle in 5.26.90.

### First Division, 16 February

The Otters second team got promoted from the Second Division last year and this was the first meet of the new year. After the long trek to Montrose, they performed admirably, coming a strong fourth behind the first teams of Blairgowrie, Forfar and Brechin with Menzieshill/Whitehall's second team bringing up the rear.

### Scottish National Age Group Championships

This cream of the crop event is due to take place at the Royal Commonwealth Pool in Edinburgh (the venue for the Commonwealth diving) from 10 - 14 April. Congratulations to **Conor McCormick, Iona Crawford, Kirstin Haig** and **Aaron Gillon** on qualifying for this competition. Good luck!

### Premier League, 9 March

After another tough League match at Olympia pool in Dundee this time, the Otters' best team came equal third with Arbroath St. Thomas. This was an improvement on last month's home tie and leaves the Otters in a strong 4th position overall after Perth City, DCA and St. Thomas with Menzieshill/Whitehall once again bringing up the rear. The Otters look safe in this Division and it is going to be a right scrap for 3rd overall.



## Majorca Swim Camp

In October 2011 Kinross Otters went on their first ever warm weather intensive training camp to Majorca. Following seven days with four hours training in a 50m pool PLUS daily land training, the club saw members achieve amazing results in the competitions which followed, culminating in the first ever Otter being crowned Scottish Champion at a National event.



*Some of those attending the intensive warm weather swim camp before training, with coach David Haig*

This October will be our second venture, this time to Majorca, for which the 16 swimmers going are actively fund-raising in an effort to keep costs down and help with the travel costs of the coaches attending. So far they have sold football cards, guessed the bear's birthday, sent people animal crackers with a very cryptic quiz sheet, had a successful bag pack at Sainsbury's and are having a sponsored swim in the very near future. Local Quiz master Mike Spain has agreed to officiate at a quiz night for adults (ticket details will be available on our website nearer the time!) but the swimmers decided to set themselves a challenge - scaling Ben Nevis on 8 June. For those more comfortable in the water, it will be mentally as well as physically demanding. If anyone has any advice on carrying out a group climb or would like to donate towards the swimmers' efforts (and the parents/coaches who have to get fit to join in the climb!), please contact the club at [kinrossotters@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kinrossotters@hotmail.co.uk) or text 07914 300456. More information about the club and ongoing fundraising efforts can be found at [www.kinrossotters.org.uk](http://www.kinrossotters.org.uk).

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## Portmoak Ladies Badminton Club



The Portmoak Ladies Badminton Club recently hosted a morning of badminton with Kinross Badminton Club members Charmian Reid and Anne Milburn. The two clubs enjoyed several good matches and a few laughs over tea. The two clubs hope to continue an exchange of members in the coming months. Anyone interested in playing badminton with the Portmoak Ladies Badminton Club can simply join us on a Thursday morning from 10am to 12.30pm at the Portmoak Village Hall in Scotlandwell.



*Portmoak Ladies Badminton Club welcomed guest members from Kinross, Charmian Reid and Anne Milburn (second & third from left in front row)*

The Portmoak Ladies Badminton Club recently made a donation of £200 to the Portmoak Under-5s in recognition of the service they provide to the children in our community. It was noted that a few of the women in the club were the original founders of Portmoak's Under-5 playgroups many years ago.



*Club Treasurer Muriel Markland presents a cheque to Under-5s representative Beth Cox, with her children Caitlin and Heather*

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## Kinross Road Runners

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We are now into our summer training schedule. This means we are doing speed work at Kirkgate Park on Tuesday evenings and enjoying off-road/multi-terrain runs on Wednesdays. Once a month we have a two-mile time trial. We have recently changed venue for this, now running it on the new link road and adjoining paths.

### Loch Leven Half Marathon is now open for entry - Saturday 11 May

Don't miss out on this fabulous local event, a scenic 13.1 miles around Loch Leven. It will be extra special this year because it's the 30th anniversary of the race. There will be plenty of entertainment for your supporters at the Feel Good Fair – stalls, pipe bands and much more. There will be a technical t-shirt for each finisher. You can enter online at Entry Central: [www.entrycentral.com](http://www.entrycentral.com)

### Smokies

The 25th Ladies Only 10-mile 'Smokies' race in Arbroath took place on 3 March. Running conditions were excellent: still and calm, not too warm, not too cold. Better still, there was a bottle of wine and commemorative t-shirt for each entrant.

Jillian Gordon was third overall and first in her age category. Judith Dobson came second in her category. The other KRR ladies taking part were: Alison Robertson, Anne MacIntyre, Gill Lopez, Valerie Findlay, Allison Smith, Ann Malcolm, Linda Palmer, Gillian Reid and Sarah Eaton.

### Junior Cross Country news

We have a small group of junior members who come to Club training with their parents. In the Scottish 2013 Cross Country Championships in Falkirk recently the young team did the Club proud in the last and hardest / longest event of the cross-country season. The results were:

Boys under 13, 3.2k: Ewan Boyle in 13.33 and 15th out of 130.

Boys under 15, 4.0k: Gregor Malcolm (15.40), 47th of 112 and Conor McCormick (17.27, 97th of 112).

Girls under 17, 4.8k: Annabel Simpson (19.34 and 17th of 49) and Mhairi Mulhern (20.19 and 30th of 49).

Well done to them.

### 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.

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## Milnathort Golf Club

It was "snow" joke playing the winter finals on Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 March. Word went round that on the Saturday the Captain had shot a 37 for the front nine so for us mere mortals we knew that there was no chance of the match being cancelled and the 15 of us carried on and braved the elements. Bob Tolson was the only one with a two that day and went on to win the finals with a truly magnificent net 63, which considering the weather must have been one of the outstanding games of the year. In second place came Charlie Payne (65) with Phil Leiper third (66) and John Mills fourth (69). A vote of thanks was given to Jim Marshall for organising the Saturday League.

The Thursday Winter League final was postponed on the 14th because of the snow and will hopefully be played before the start of the new season at the beginning on April. For all you fair weather golfers out there, you'd better dust off your clubs and get your swing going again!

Ken Dziennik organises the Sunday Winter League and advised us that, due to the weather, we only played 13 out of a possible 24 dates over the winter.

Nine stalwarts (well golfers by another name) turned out on Sunday 17th and although the first two places were pretty well uncatchable on the day, it went to the final hole between Jack Mackintosh and Jim Hunter. Jim Hunter's 31 points over the winter was one better than Jack's 30, with John Mills in third place on 22 points. Roll on next winter to renew some friendly rivalry!

Our thanks also go to Colin Wilson who kindly donated a bell to replace the old one at the Spire hole. Hopefully our members will not drop any clangers when teeing off beside the new addition.

### Senior Section

By the time this goes to press, the season will have started with the Opening Day Texas Scramble (weather permitting) and let's hope we have a sunnier season than last year.

The Seniors organised an outing to Charleton Golf Club on 13 March (not limited to Senior Members) when 16 players took part, followed by a light lunch.

The competition for the day was in Stableford format, played over eighteen holes, which was enjoyed by all. The winner on the day was John Mills, with Willie Reid second and third place shared between Billie Kay and Jim Hunter. It is hoped to organise similar outings later in the year and we would look for your support at these events.

### Dates for your diaries

**Thursday 4 April** we entertain Dundas Park at Milnathort in our Annual Friendly Match, 9.00 for 9.30 Tee off.

**Thursday 11 April:** Senior Captain v Vice-Captain Match, 9am tee-off.

**Thursday 9 May:** Friendly Match v Falkland GC at Milnathort, 9.00 for 9.30 tee-off.

Entry sheets for these events have been/will be posted on Notice Board, so please get your names down to avoid disappointment.

## Junior Section

With the golf season officially starting at the end of March, two of the juniors, Gareth Hutchison and David McIntyre, will be taking part in the Captain vs. Vice Captain Opening Day Texas Scramble. The rest of the juniors will have their first competition on 4 April. To get their swings in check and iron out the odd hook or slice, Andrew McHardy from Noah's Ark will be providing some coaching on 3 April. Andrew will be coming down to the club on a regular basis over the summer months to provide clinics on areas of the game such as putting, chipping and bunker play so the quality of play from the club's juniors is expected to improve steadily over the season.

The Clubgolf for the younger beginners will start in early May on a Wednesday evening from 6.30pm to 7.30pm and a sheet is up in the clubhouse for those that want to sign up for this.

For details on the coaching, the Clubgolf or junior memberships at the club please contact the club on 01577 864069 or Andrew McIntyre, the Junior Convenor, on 0797 407 2085.

## Ladies Section

Following the very wet winter, our Ladies section is looking forward to the start of the season with a nine-hole opening Greensome on Monday 1 April followed by tea and sandwiches in the clubhouse. We look forward to meeting new members and catching up with others who did not manage to play in our winter sweep on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The weather on some of those days was very challenging!

Our fixture list includes games on Mondays and Wednesdays along with the very popular Ladies 2 Ball Open on Sunday 5 May, The Senior Ladies Open on Wednesday 24 July and the Ladies Open on Saturday 31 August.

We play friendly matches with other clubs and enjoy socialising over a meal in the clubhouse following the game.

The Ladies section wishes all our club members a very good golfing season.

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# News from the Rurals

## KINROSS GROUP

Kinross SWRI Group held their Spring Meeting on 16 March. The sketch for the Ramage Dawson Trophy was 'The Doctor's Waiting Room'. The winners were Glenfarg WRI, runners-up and winners of the Erskine Trophy were Bishopshire WRI and Avril Roger from Bishopshire WRI won the Jessie Smith Trophy for best individual performance.

Competitions:

Wedge of chocolate cake	- Mrs A Morris
Small table decoration	- Mrs M Moran

**MILNATHORT** – President Mrs Fiona Hynds welcomed everyone to the February meeting. After business, Fiona introduced Lesley Bruce, Colour Analyst and Cala Jewellery. Lesley explained the colours Spring-Summer-Autumn-Winter. We all are a season according to complexion, eye colour and hair. Also on display was a beautiful display of her jewellery, which she makes. Fiona Hynds gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

Cup cakes	- Nan Paterson
Vests for Charity	- Sheila Wardell
Flower of the Month	- Nan Paterson

**CROOK OF DEVON** – President Isobel Mill introduced Adam and Jacqueline Winski, jewellers from Kinross, who told us a bit of history of the business and the services they provide. They also brought some jewellery and gemstones and explained about the care of your own jewellery. Anything you want to know about gemstones, ask Jacqueline - she is a walking encyclopaedia on the subject. Betty Paterson gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

Old piece of Jewellery	- Margaret Arbuckle
Flower of the Month	- Chris Bennett

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**POWMILL** – President Mrs Mary Wilson welcomed members to the February meeting which took the form of a "Show and Tell" evening. Each member was asked to bring an item from home and tell a little story about it. A wide range of items were shown including a hand carved wooden walking stick, a QChord, a hand painted ostrich egg from Africa, and an old charm bracelet.

Competitions:

Trinket Box	- Janet Mitchell
Jar of Marmalade	- Ella Shand
Garden Gem	- Mary Wilson

**GLENFARG** – With Mary's Meals Backpack Project as this month's topic, President Margaret Scott thanked members for the many filled backpacks they had donated. She then introduced David from Mary's Meals who described the origins of the charity and the wonderful work it does for children in Malawi and Liberia.

Lynda Stuart proposed the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

Pencil case	- Margaret Scott
Open Sandwich	- Lynda Stuart
Bowl of bulbs	- Liz Yull

**BISHOPSHIRE** – Our speaker was Lisa Cunningham, an officer with the Salvation Army. She first showed a video charting the life of General William Booth, founder of the Army, and telling of his concern for the poor and underprivileged. There followed slides detailing the various work that the Army does, and highlighting that done in various countries overseas, especially Africa. At home the Army provides care for those in need through poverty, health issues and loneliness. When working with young people, there is always a Christian message brought into the activities. This was a revealing and thought-provoking talk.

Competitions:

3 fruit scones	- Joanne Cowan
Design for a 90th birthday card	- Sylvia Herrington

**CARNBO** – President Elizabeth Campbell welcomed fewer members than usual to the March Meeting because of snow. As the original speaker cancelled, Mr Graham Butler came and showed beautiful slides of a Spring Garden.

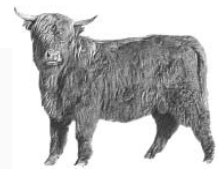
Competitions:

Gypsy Creams (Anne Wallace Sugar Sifter Competition)	- Christine Dawson
Flower of the Month	- Josephine Paterson
6" Crochet Square	- Josephine Paterson

**CLEISH** – President Mrs Alison Morris welcomed everyone to our March meeting. After business, she introduced our speaker for the evening, Mrs Gillian Taylor, who gave us an interesting talk and insight on hypnotherapy.

Competitions:

Flower of the Month	- Faye Gibb
Floral Arrangement in a Tea Cup	- Faye Gibb



# Out & About

## RSPB Loch Leven

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



Well, spring wiz oan the way then decided it wisnae oan the way cos it's turned a bit baltic again! The reserve inhabitants seem tae be makin the best o' it tho. Pinkfoot geese hiv been mair in evidence around the loch, wi ower fower thoosand at the last coont and we are still seein the odd sea eagle aboot as weel. Duck numbers remain guid; mainly teal, tufted and pochard. Lapwing hiv startit display flights so spring is in the air.

Oor volunteers hiv been revampin the front gairden. They are also pittin new walkways doon at the edge o' the teachin ponds afore the new season gets ower busy in education terms. The auld yins wur a bit past thur sell buy date – bit like masel really! Onyway they are gettin replaced and wi ony luck ahm no? Still a bit o' life in the auld dug yet.

The shop offers fur this month include suet sprinkles doon tae £1.99 fur a 550g poke, subject tae availability. Then effer yiv fed the birds ye kin treat yersel tae a wee biscuit fae oor "Love Nature" range. Reduced tae £1.99 fur a pack. Awe made wi the best possible ethical ingredients 'n' they taste no bad either. Go on! Treat yersel!

Talkin aboot feedin things, mind tae keep feedin yer gairden birdies cos they are gonnas be expendin a wheeng o' energy in the comin weeks wi coortin n' nestin, so keep them in tip top condition by providin sustenance. Ony advice ye need aboot feedin, nestboxes or whatever taks yer fancy, just ask when yer in.

Wi Easter holidays loomin we hiv a pickly events oan the go. The first yin oan Easter weekend is the **Easter Egg Trail**. Follow the quiz sheet clues around the reserve, fund the giant nest, bring the sheet (no the nest, else naebody else will fund it) back tae reception and get yer reward. Oan everyday fae **Friday 29 March** until **Monday 1 April**. Cost: £2 per quiz sheet, plus normal entry fees for non-members.

**Friday 5 April** fae 11am – 2pm and **12 April** fae 1-4pm it's the **Family Bushcraft Challenge**: adventures in the woods, mak survival shelters, whittle a toastin fork, start a fire then toast marshmallows then eat them ah suppose. Yummy, gooey deliciousness! Cost: £7 per member, £3 child members, £15 adult non-members and £6 child non-members. Join on the day, get the difference refunded and then save on future event bookings as weel as free entry to all our reserves.

**Sunday 7 April** it's **Swim, Bubble and Splash** time, fae 2pm tae 3.15pm. Storytelling by Clare Milne, pond dippin, meet the story creatures. Cost: £2 members and £4 non-members.

Lastly, oan **Saturday 13 April**, **Intro to Digital Photography** from 10am tae 4pm. Learn the basics to get you startit oan the road to better photographs. Lunch and refreshments provided. Cost: £50 members and £60 non-members.

All of the above events need to be pre-booked to ensure a place other than the Easter Egg Trail, which is a come along and hiv fun event.

Ta ta till next time,

Colin

## Weather



### February Weather Report from Carnbo

February continued the cold theme of this winter, but the weather was much drier than recently, the only stormy spell being during the first week or so. A deep low to the south and high pressure over Scandinavia giving rise to stormy East winds with snow at times.

Total rainfall	35mm (35% of average)
Heaviest fall	19.5 mm (mostly snow)
Rain days 10, trace days 5, dry days 13	
Snow days 6, lying days 6, total depth 6cms	
Highest temperature	7°C (17th)
Lowest temperature	-6°C (27th)
Average temperature	1.5°C
Ice days 1	
Ground frost on 25 nights (very high)	
Air frost on 20 nights	
6 sunless days, cloud cover 50% app.	
Thunder days 1	

### The highs and lows of Winter 2013 (December, January, February)

A cold winter overall with few mild spells, the main feature was the high number of frosty nights. Snow was very heavy from mid to late January, especially on higher ground.

Total rainfall	371mm (104% of average)
Rain days 56, trace days 7, dry days 27	
Heaviest fall	33.3 mm (22nd Dec)
Ground frost 66 nights, air frost 49 nights	
Snow days 17, lying days 13, total depth 80cms	
Highest temperature	10°C (28th Dec)
Lowest temperature	-8°C (13th Dec)
Average temperature	1.5°C (2012 2.5°C)
31 sunless days, cloud cover 72% app.	

### February Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall	57.9mm (2.31 inches)
Heaviest fall	19.4mm (13th)
Total sunshine for month	58.3 hours
Sunniest day	7.7 hours (26th)
Maximum temperature	average 6.1°C
Highest temperature	10.1°C (17th)
Minimum temperature	average -3.6°C
Lowest temperature	-8.4°C (19th)
3 days recorded snowfall, heaviest snow fall 5cm (12th)	

**Gardens Open** – We are sorry, but due to space constraints we have not been able to bring you Gardens Open this month. The information is, however, on our website [www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org)

**Deadline for all Submissions**  
**5.00 pm, FRIDAY 12 April**  
**for publication on Saturday 27 April**

## Loch Leven NNR



With spring right around the corner, times of change have been noticed, particularly with ducks beginning to pair off ahead of the breeding season, and Great-crested Grebes and Goldeneye displaying in their characteristic ways. A recent Wetland Bird Survey featured a few interesting findings, including a possible record count of 35 Scaup off Carsehall shoreline, at least a couple of Slavonian Grebes, and a 2011 White-tailed Eagle, identified by its 'Red 2' wing tag.

### Loch Leven's Artist in Residence

It gives me pleasure to announce that we have recently recruited our Artist in Residence and two Volunteer Artists to assist us in the promotion of the Year of Natural Scotland 2013. **Alison Buckle** is currently studying at Edinburgh School of Art, and will be out and about at Loch Leven throughout the course of the year, gaining inspiration from the NNR and transmitting this through her varied body of work. **Louise Kernaghan** and **Amanda Bataller** will also be out and about this year, as they seek to develop personal art projects based on Loch Leven. Their work will feature in the Artist in Residence blog, due to be established and maintained by Alison in April. Look out for all three artists over the next few months, particularly as we approach Discovery Day in June, where we hope to showcase some of their work and skills. More information regarding this blog, as well as the Loch Leven National Nature Reserve blog will follow in next month's Newsletter, so watch this space.

### 'I-Spy' Nature Detectives – Sunday 21 April, 10am-12pm. Findatie Car Park.

Join reserve staff on John Muir Day, to celebrate the 175th anniversary of his birth, and to explore Scottish nature with the help of your young nature detectives. He was known in America as the godfather of National Parks, and in keeping with his sense of exploration, we will be encouraging kids and adults alike to look more closely at the nature that surrounds them every day. To help us do this we'll be using the ever-popular Michelin I-Spy Scottish Nature booklets, and we'll see just how many I-Spy points it's possible to gain on a two-hour walk around the loch. For more information, or to book a place for you and the family, please call the reserve office on the usual number, 01577 864439, or email me [Craig.Nisbet@snh.gov.uk](mailto:Craig.Nisbet@snh.gov.uk)

### Insect Survey Training Day – Saturday 27 April, 11am-2pm. Reserve Office, the Pier, Kinross.

It will soon be time to dig out those butterfly nets and insect field guides, get those hand lenses ready, and call in the troops again as we prepare to embark on the sixth season of insect surveying at Loch Leven NNR. This project has truly taken off over the last couple of years thanks to the dedication of a core group of surveyors, and the commitment of Dick Alderson, who has recently completed the second series of insect survey reports. These reports have been sent to Butterfly Conservation, Bumblebee Conservation Trust and British Dragonfly Society respectively, and are also available on our website by visiting [www.nnr-scotland.org.uk/loch-leven/publications](http://www.nnr-scotland.org.uk/loch-leven/publications). This year Dick has also prepared more user-friendly photo identification guides to the dragonflies and bumblebees at Loch Leven, primarily for the benefit of new surveyors interested in participating in the project. The survey training day is free and open to all, and we will aim to cover the efforts from previous years, as well as discussing our approach to surveying through 2013, and introducing new surveyors to the team.

In addition to this, we will also be teaming up with local moth recorder Tim Brain this year to run a series of scheduled moth trapping nights, the first of which will take place on the same evening at the Pier, Kinross, from 8.30pm onwards. For those insect surveyors interested in broadening their horizons and delving into the more complex world of mothing, this will be an excellent opportunity to develop your knowledge and skills.

As always, please feel free to get in touch for more information, or to book your place on either the training day, or the moth night.

That's all for now folks,

Craig

### Fact of the Month

Dragonflies are among the world's largest flying insects, but the largest member of the Order Odonata is in fact the Central American Helicopter Damselfly *Megaloprepus caerulatus*, with a wingspan of up to 19cm.



## Farming

I always eagerly anticipate the start of lambing and become very annoyed if I miss the arrival of the first lamb because I am at my other job.

Lambing is exciting and also an exceptionally busy time, so it's natural to feel almost anxious before it starts. My friend who has a flock of fifty ewes expected their first lamb to arrive on 16 March. You count five months forward and five days back from the date the tups were introduced to the ewes to get this date, but like eagerly anticipated babies they don't always arrive on their due date. So imagine the surprise when Gaye awoke in the early hours of that morning, sat bolt upright in her bed and proclaimed to her husband of 25 years, 'I can hear a lamb.' Despite the lambing shed being across the yard and the double glazed velux windows being tightly shut, she could hear the cries of the new arrival. Without hesitation, she pulled on her wellies, grabbed the torch and ran to investigate; she wasn't disappointed and met her first Beltex lamb of 2013. It turns out that the ewe needed a bit of help delivering the second lamb so the quick attention saved her a lot of distress and pain.

I think you call this a sixth sense and it can come in very handy when you are dealing with livestock of all shapes and sizes. Farmers who work with their stock daily and truly understand their natural ways do tend to possess a sixth sense regarding their welfare and habits. I have worked with farmers who knew before we opened the gate to a field if a calf was with the wrong mother; they could tell just from looking over the herd at a distance if a mix up had taken place and therefore could intervene to sort the problem out and reunite the calf with its mum before it became upset, stressed and hungry. This natural ability to pick up on what's happening is what makes a good stockperson; in addition to using their five senses they have a heightened level of perception that will help avert disasters.

Unfortunately my lambing shed is five miles from where I am safely tucked up in bed so we have a rota covering 24 hours to make sure someone is on hand to hear the new night-time arrivals and assist the ewes if required. We've nearly 650 ewes to lamb in April and next year we hope it will be even more. Never mind a sixth sense, says my family: 'When will you come to your senses?'

Fiona

## Congratulations



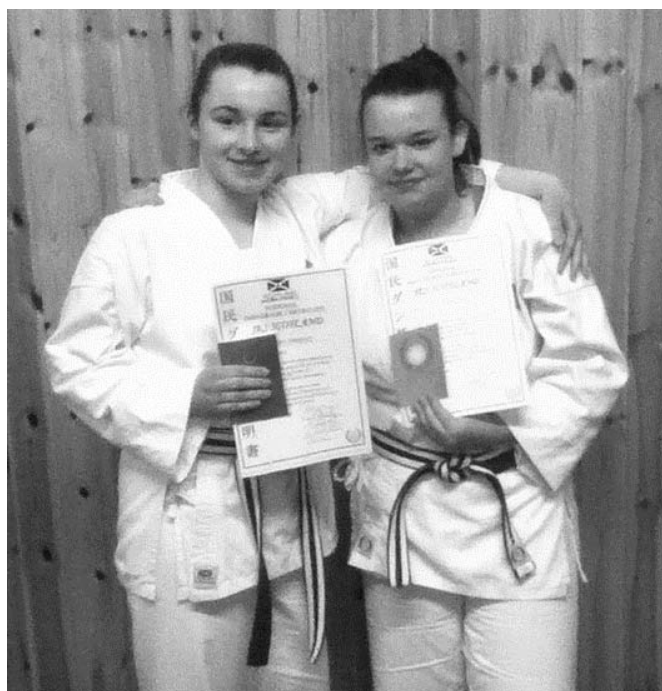
**GABBY VAN DEURSE** and **CHRISTOPHER SHARP** were married at the Holy Trinity Church, Pitlochry on Friday 15 February 2013. Congratulations from both families.

**MARY MacGILLVRAY** of Milnathort will be 80 on 2 April 2013. Very best wishes for a happy birthday from daughter Fiona, son-in-law Hugh and grandchildren Emma and Josh.

**EILIDH CHILD**, originally from Kinross, had great success at the European Indoor Athletics Championships in Gothenburg in early March. Eilidh won a silver medal in the 400m race in a personal best time, coming second to fellow Briton Perri Shakes-Drayton. Then, as part of the GB team, Eilidh went on to win gold in the 4x400m relay. At the same championships, **LAURA MUIR** of Milnathort achieved a personal best time in the heats of the 1,500m and was eighth in the final.

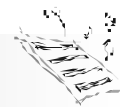
**SOPHIE ROSS**, former Kinross High School pupil, has received the 'Enterprise Award' from the Institute of Entertainment and Arts Management. Sophie moved to London two years ago and has worked as an event manager at one of Westminster's largest venues as their sole wedding planner. She has also managed various events, from the celebrity Laureus World Sports Awards to international conferences. Sophie would like to thank those who encouraged and supported her.

Well done to **ERINN BELL** and **ISLA SIMPSON** in obtaining their black belt in Shotokan Karate on 9 March 2013. What a great achievement. Love from both families.



*Isla Simpson (left) and Erinn Bell*

## Perform in Perth



### Local success at the 89th Perthshire Music Festival

*Only first place results are listed*

**Alistair Bennet**, Kinross – Practice Chanter, aged 13-16.  
**Amy Bryson**, Kinross – Solo snare drum, Novice, aged 13-16.  
**Kinross Primary School** – Choir, Infants (P1, 2 and 3).  
**Kinross PS Boys' Choir** – Choir, Boys (Treble Voices).  
**Bryony Pettinger**, Milnathort PS – Violin Solo, Beginners.  
**Zosia Stanton**, Milnathort PS – Violin Solo, Elementary.  
**Lilly Roy**, Milnathort PS – Violin Solo, Transitional.  
**Audrey Doyle**, Milnathort PS – Violin Solo, Intermediate.  
**Iona Sutherland**, Kinross PS – Viola Solo, Elementary.  
**Lorna Doyle**, Kinross HS – Cello Solo, Advanced and Oboe Solo, Beginners.  
**Blythe Johnston**, Kinross HS – Trumpet Solo, Intermediate.  
**Lillian Swanson**, Kinross HS – Trumpet Solo, Advanced.  
**Johnny Mullen**, Kinross PS – Trombone Solo, Elementary.  
**Douglas Mair**, Kinross HS – Tuba, Eflat/B flat Bass Solo, Transitional.  
**Struan Smith**, Kinross HS – B flat Euphonium/Baritone Horn Solo, Intermediate.  
**Niamh Mullen**, Kinross HS – Drum Kit Solo, Elementary.  
**Iona Sutherland & Eleanor Baughn**, Kinross PS – Duo (Strings), Elementary.  
**Lorna Doyle & Shona Rae**, Milnathort & Perth – Duo (Strings), Intermediate.  
**Audrey Doyle, Ola Stanton, Lilly Roy & Lorna Doyle**, Milnathort – Small Ensemble (Strings only), Intermediate.  
**Kinross PS Brass Ensemble** – Brass Ensemble (Schools), Elementary.  
**Irene McFarlane**, Kinross – Vocal Solo – Music Hall, aged 18 and over and Burns Poems, aged 18 and over.

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[www.visitlochleven.org](http://www.visitlochleven.org)





## Thanks

**ALAN and MARGOT ELDER**, Bishop Terrace, Kinnesswood, would like to thank all their neighbours and friends for their help and assistance, and dog walking Suzy, after Alan's accident and subsequent three months of being housebound. Special thanks to "Doug" who rescued me from the hill and transported me and Suzy home on 14 November.

**THE KINROSS HUB, CAFÉ FOR CARERS:** We would like to thank Forth Wines, Milnathort for their kind donation for our Burns-themed Café, which was held in January. Thanks also to Dobbies Garden Centre, Kinross for their kind donation for the Spring Café (March), which will keep our "Green fingered" Carers and families busy. The Kinross Hub is now on its ninth Café and is proving to be very successful in providing a great support to local carers and families.

Continued thanks to our volunteers, Kathleen Little and Iris Raitt, who support us on a monthly basis.

The Kinross Hub, Café for Carers, is held in St Paul's Church Hall, Kinross on the first Monday of every month between 10am and 12 noon.

*Elaine Kincaid and Gail Boath*  
01577 867310 or 867306

## LIGHT UP KINROSS CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The LUK committee thanks the following for their donations and assistance:

Adam Neilson, Bower Hair Design, Costcutters, Country Affair, Hunters, Koronka, S M Bayne, Smith Street Motors, Stewart Funeral Directors, Todd & Duncan, Williamsons, Winski's of Kinross, Alan Copland and his team (Tayside Contracts), Stuart Skinner (fireworks), Mr & Mrs Mullen (use of garden), Cliff Megginch (electrician), Kinross Rotary Club (stewarding), Kinross Round Table (Santa and sleigh), Kilted Christmas Tree Co. (Christmas tree), Perth & Kinross Council (use of County Buildings), Kinross Community Council Newsletter (grant), Kinross Pipe Band, Robert Purves (barriers).

Thanks also to all members of the public who have supported our fund raising events and switch on ceremony and generously donated to our collecting cans.

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## ART @ EXIT 6

# SPRING ART & CRAFT FAIR

**COME AND SEE WORK BY LOCAL ARTISTS AND CRAFTMAKERS**

**Sat.30 & Sun.31 March**

**Tripudio Dance Studio**

**M90 Junction 6**  
(service area)

**10am to 5pm**



# Kinross-shire Churches Together



## Kinross Parish Church of Scotland

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

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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

The church is glad to host many local clubs, societies and other enterprises in the church itself or at its suite of halls at the Church Centre, High Street, Kinross. To book rooms, contact Church Office or Church Centre Lets email (see above).

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

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

**Events listed below are in the church unless indicated otherwise.**

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

### Regular Services and events

**Sun** 10.30am: Morning Service. Crèche, Junior Church (age 3 to P7) and 'JamPact' (Secondary age) during Morning Service and, at 7.30pm, 'Crossfire' (£1 upwards) in church centre.

**Tues** 10am Pram Service (during termtime).

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

**Fri** The Brigade, Church Centre.

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

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

### Special Services and events in March

**Sat 30** 7.30pm Easter Vigil, Kinross-shire Churches Together

**Sun 31 Easter Sunday**

7.30am Open Air Service. Kirkgate Pier, Kinross-shire Churches.

7.30pm 'The Easter Story': the story of Easter in musical form.

### Special Services and events in April

**Mon 1** 8am: Time for Prayer- Silent Meditation (30min).

**Tue 2** 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.

7.15pm: Guild, Church Centre. 'Armchair Fitness', Val Oswald.

**Thu 4** 7.30pm: Thursday Group, Church Centre- 'A Month in Ethiopia'.

**Sun 7** 11.45am: Informal Communion, after Service at 10.30am

**Sat 13** 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (numbers in advance to church office).

**Thu 18** 9pm: Time to Pray: late evening service of Compline (20min)

**Sat 20** Crossfire Youth Group - sponsored walk on Forth Road Bridge.

**Sun 28** 6.30pm Informal evening service: 'Prayer Stories'.

**Tues 30** 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.

8pm Bible Study/ Prayer Meeting.

## Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

### Church of Scotland

Minister - Rev Dr Angus Morrison

Telephone: 01577 863461

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Website: [www.orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk](http://www.orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk)

### Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:

10am Portmoak Church,

11.30am Orwell Church.

All children welcome. Crèche available during Sunday Services.

**Prayer Meeting** held 30mins before each service

**Evening Service** at 6.30pm in Orwell Hall (1st and 3rd Sundays of month).

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

**Services at Levenshulme:** first Tuesday of the month at 4pm

### Morning Prayers at 9am

Each Thursday at Portmoak Church New Room.

Each Friday at Orwell Church.

### Dates and events for your diary

#### Wednesday 17 April

2 - 4pm in Orwell Hall, Bring & Buy. Cake & Candy, Green stalls.

Everyone welcome

**Oasis** - meeting in Portmoak New Room 26 April

10.15-11.45am Flower arranging with Jinty

**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](mailto:orwellportmoakchurch@yahoo.co.uk)

## The Easter Story

**Sunday 31 March, Easter Day**

**7.30pm in Kinross Parish Church**

Hear the story of Easter portrayed in musical form. Performed by augmented choirs from Auchterarder, Kinross Parish Church and friends from various other churches. Directed by Sandra Miller and accompanied by Stephen Miller.

Entry free, but collection in aid of Breakthrough Cancer in memory of Joëlle Jack, Kinross, who sang in 'The Easter Story'.

## Kinross Parish Church

**Family Week 2013, 29 July - 2 August**

We are already planning our Family Week for 2013. Young people age 3 to 14 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.

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

## Cleish Parish Church Church of Scotland

(Charity number SC003168)

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Session Clerk: Gordon McMillan

Telephone: (01506) 825641

E-mail: [gordon.b.mcmillan@tak21.com](mailto:gordon.b.mcmillan@tak21.com)Website: [www.cleishchurch.org](http://www.cleishchurch.org)**Sunday Services** 11.15am**Crèche and Junior Church** 11.15am

### April

**Sun 7** 11.15am Morning Worship: Brian Ogilvie.**Sun 14** 11.15am Morning Worship: Brian Ogilvie.**Sun 21** 10.00am Early Birds Service.

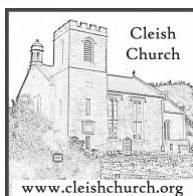
11.15am Morning Worship Brian Ogilvie.

**Sun 28** 11.15am Morning Worship.

### Other Activities

**Thursday 11 April** Cleish Guild: Daffodil Tea in Cleish Village Hall 2 - 4pm (tickets £3).**Friday 19 April** An Evening of favourite songs, arias and duets with Warren Gillespie and Beth Mackay in Cleish Church, 7.30pm (see Notices).

All welcome



## 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 31** 9.45am Easter Sunday Worship. Locum Brian Ogilvie.

### April

**Sun 7** 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum Brian Ogilvie.**Sun 14** 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum Brian Ogilvie.**Sun 21** 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum Brian Ogilvie.**Sun 28** 9.45am Morning 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'.**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

<b>Mass Times</b>	Saturday Vigil	7.00pm
	Sunday	9.30am

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

## Kinross Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross

Website: [www.kinrossgospelhall.info](http://www.kinrossgospelhall.info)

Sunday	10.30am	Breaking of Bread
	12.00pm	Sunday School
	6.00pm	Prayer Meeting
Monday	6.30pm	Gospel Meeting
	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
Wednesday	8.15pm	Bible Study
	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.

## St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AY

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Mrs Sarah Oxnard, Vestry Chair Telephone: 01577 864213

Website: [www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk](http://www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk)

The Rector's hour is usually 4pm-5pm every Thursday in the Meeting Room beside the Church. Changes to this will be notified on the Church's website.

8am Morning Prayer (Mondays and Wednesdays).

### April Services

**Wed 3** 7.30pm Holy Communion followed by Said Compline.**Sun 7** The Second Sunday of Easter. 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism.**Mon 8** 12.00pm Holy Communion for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**Tue 9** 6.30pm Informal worship and Discussion: The Reverend Alan Reid, Minister of Kinross Parish Church.**Sun 14** The Third Sunday of Easter. 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.**Sun 21** The Fourth Sunday of Easter. 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.**Thu 25** 12.00pm Holy Communion for the feast of St Mark the Evangelist.**Sun 28** The Fifth Sunday of Easter. 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.

Everyone welcome at all services

## Discover Loch Leven Website

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

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

## Obituaries

**SIR ALAN SMITH**, CBE, DFC and Bar, CompTI, of Ardgairney, Cleish, died on Friday 1 March 2013 at Perth Royal Infirmary, aged 95.

Predeceased by his first wife Margaret and their eldest child Susan, Sir Alan is survived by his second wife, Alice, his children Michael, Bruce, Stuart and Ailsa, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

*For an appreciation of Sir Alan's life, see p. 12.*

**PHILIP (PHIL) URQUHART** of Kinross died peacefully in PRI on 1 February 2013, aged 84.

Phil was raised at Tillyrie near Milnathort, having moved there as a toddler from the highlands, and came from a family of thirteen.

Phil served his time as a joiner and became a skilled craftsman, whose work was of a very high standard.

Phil lived in Kinross for over sixty years with his late wife Margaret. Father to their children, Phyllis, Lillian and James, he will be sadly missed by his three grandchildren Jill, Jason and Gabriel, and all who knew him, but he leaves behind happy memories.

### Healing Rooms Kinross and Loch Leven

Every Thursday from 10.30am to 12 noon  
at 29 South Street, Milnathort, KY13 9XA.

No appointment needed. No charge. Totally confidential.

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

[www.healingrooms-scotland.com](http://www.healingrooms-scotland.com)

### Recently bereaved? Needing some support? AMONGST FRIENDS

(Bereavement Group)

meets at the Health Centre, Kinross  
on the last Friday of the month, 2.30pm to 4pm

A warm welcome awaits all

For details phone Marg 01577 863557

### JOE BURNS

#### Computer Repairs & Servicing

Computer slow, virused,  
needing upgraded or internet problems?

If you suffer from any of the above or just need advice,  
give me a call.

Local collection and delivery, competitive rates, call-outs  
and evening visits available.

**01577 862399 (24hr Ans Mc)**

**07850897924 Mobile**

[JBcomputing@btinternet.com](mailto:JBcomputing@btinternet.com)

### DRIVING TUITION

#### LOCHLEVEN DRIVING SCHOOL

Call Marie Scott  
on  
Kinross 862266

Established 23 years

## Acknowledgements

**HUTTON** – I would like to thank Dr Caroline Osborne for the first class care shown to my mother, Joy Hutton, before she sadly passed, peacefully, on 2 February 2013. I would also like to thank Jaci Hamilton and all the devoted staff at Ashley House; Mum had a relatively short stay of seven months but each day was packed with care and attention from all at Ashley House – *Susan Drysdale*.

**MENZIES** – The family of the late Hamish Menzies would like to thank all relations, friends and neighbours for their kind cards and support at this dreadful time. We would like to thank Stewart Funeral Directors for their kindness and for the nice service given by Harry McLennan. Donations of £487.10 were given to Ninewells ICU and HDU.

**URQUHART** – Phyllis, Lillian and James wish to thank all family, friends and neighbours for flowers and cards received in their recent sad loss. Also thanks to Margaret Michie for a most comforting service both at church and crematorium. Also to Stewart Funeral Directors. Special thanks to doctors and nurses of ward three and the Coronary Care Unit for looking after dad during his short illness. Donations of over £500 were raised for Macmillan Cancer Support.

### Kinross-shire Churches Together Holy Week Services

**30 March** Easter Eve at Kinross Parish Church at 7.30pm

**31 March** Easter Morning - Joint Lochside Service at 7.30am.

### Cleish Church Guild Daffodil Tea



Teas and Sales Table in  
Cleish Village Hall

Teas £3.00

**Thursday 11 April 2pm to 4pm**

Cleish House Daffodil Display  
Daffodil Walk

*Church open for visitors*



### Tuesday Mornings

Loch Leven Leisure Centre

@ 9.45 - 10.45am

11-12, 12.15 - 1.15pm

All levels welcome!

[www.simpliyoga.com](http://www.simpliyoga.com)

### Tuesday Evenings

Kinross Church Centre

@ 6.45 - 8pm – Beginners

@ 8 - 9.15pm - Yoga for Active Sports

Drop in or block booking!

[enquiries@simpliyoga.com](mailto:enquiries@simpliyoga.com) 07466 360152

# Playgroups and Toddlers

## Milnathort Babies & Toddlers

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

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

**PLACES NOW AVAILABLE ON FRIDAYS!**



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



## FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

**Glenbank Cottage, Powmill**

Partner-provider for P&K Education

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

Contact Pat Irvine 07703 177766 or  
[www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross](http://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](mailto:sylviaastewart@hotmail.co.uk)

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

## FOSSOWAY TODDLERS

**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  
 Kinross-shire Playgroup Association  
 Aka Swansacre Playgroup  
 Reg Scottish Charity No SC017748



**Tel: 01577 862071 Mobile: 07592 392235**

*We provide a warm, friendly and stimulating environment in which children can learn and develop through play.*

**Playgroup:** Tues to Fri 9.15am-11.45am; Mon 12.45pm-3.15pm. Children from the age of 2 years welcome.

**Inbetweeners:** Mon 9.05am-11.20am; Tues & Fri 12.45pm-3.15pm with Lunch Club before or after. Children from the age of 3 years welcome.

**Rising Fives:** Wed 1pm-3.15pm with Lunch Club beforehand. Complementary to preschool Nursery.

**For availability or more information, please contact:**

Kim 07504 445949, [enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com](mailto:enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com)  
 or Playgroup on telephone numbers above.

**Baby and Toddler Group – Thurs 12.45-2.45pm**

Ante-natal to pre-school. Fun for children; coffee and chat for the parent/carer. For more information, please contact Playgroup on 07592 392235.

The premises are available to hire for **Private Functions**. For more information, please contact **Michelle 07894 305272** or the Playgroup.

## LOCHLEVEN TWOS CLUB

**Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross**

**Thursdays 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](mailto:victoriajackson1@hotmail.co.uk)**

## GLENFARG BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We meet in the newly refurbished village hall, Greenbank Road, Glenfarg on Wednesdays, 9.30-11.30am.

Healthy snack for children

Coffee/tea & biscuits for carer

Lots of toys

Friendly support for all carers

First session free, £2 thereafter (£1 for additional children)

Contact Lucie on 07810 201935 or just come along!

## Private Nurseries and Childcare

For private nurseries and childcare services, please see advertisements throughout the Newsletter.



# Notices

## Music in Kinross Parish Church

### The Easter Story

on **Sunday 31 March** at 7.30pm  
Choir from Auchterarder Church

## The Thursday Group

**4 April**

*A Month in Ethiopia* – Jo Middlemiss

This is a women's group which meets on the first Thursday of the month in the Lower Hall of the Church Centre at 7.30m. New members welcome. Contact 863421.

## 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 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

## Orwell and Portmoak Guild

### Spring Afternoon Tea

in Orwell Church Hall  
on **Wednesday 17 April**  
2pm – 4pm

## Annual General Meeting

### Light Up Kinross

The Green Hotel, Kinross  
**Thursday 18 April** at 7.30pm  
All Welcome

## Orwell Bowling Club

Come along and enjoy an evening with  
**GABERLUNZIE**

7.00pm

**Saturday 20 April**

Tickets £10. For information, contact:  
Jim 01577 862195 or Andy 01577 864410

## Kinross Floral Art Club

### COFFEE EVENING

**Thursday 25 April**

at 7.15pm

in Kinross Parish Church (new venue)

Demonstration: 'Melody Time' by Mrs Moyra Turnbull

## 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



## Annual General Meeting

7pm

**Tuesday 30 April**

The Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross

All Welcome

Please let Sandra Ralston know if you plan to attend:

mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk or call 07774181768

www.kinrosspartnership.org.uk

www.kinross.cc

## Bishopshire Horticultural Society

### PLANT SALE & COFFEE MORNING



Portmoak Hall

**Saturday 4 May**

**10am – 12 noon**

Bedding Plants, Vegetable Plants, Tomato Plants,  
Perennials

**COME ALONG AND STOCK UP YOUR  
GARDEN FOR SUMMER**

## PLANT AND BAKE SALE

### Scotlandwell in Bloom

invite you to their plant and bake sale on

**Saturday 11 May**

at the Well Country Inn, Scotlandwell, starting at 11am.

There will be a variety of plants on sale as well as stalls of home baking, home-made jams, chutneys etc. If you would like to donate any plants or home baking, please contact Elaine (01592 840652) or Karen (01592 840379).

## Loch Leven NNR Events Programme 2013



Scottish Natural Heritage  
All of nature for all of Scotland



Year of  
Natural  
Scotland  
2013

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).

### CEILIDH DANCE

with the Glenfarg Ceilidh Band

8pm – midnight

Saturday 18 May

Portmoak Village Hall, Scotlandwell

Tickets: £10 adult, £5 child

Supper included Licensed bar

Tickets at Kinnesswood Village Shop

or John Nicol 01592 840573

or Wendy MacPhedran 01592 840779

### Bric à Brac Event

Balhousie Care Home, Rumbling Bridge

Monday 27 May

2pm – 4pm

All Welcome

### 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!



Loch Leven Community Campus, Kinross  
Adult Learning and Springwell



### Confidence Course

Confident communicating • Information about confidence  
Getting your point across • Learn Confidence Techniques

Free, local, friendly service

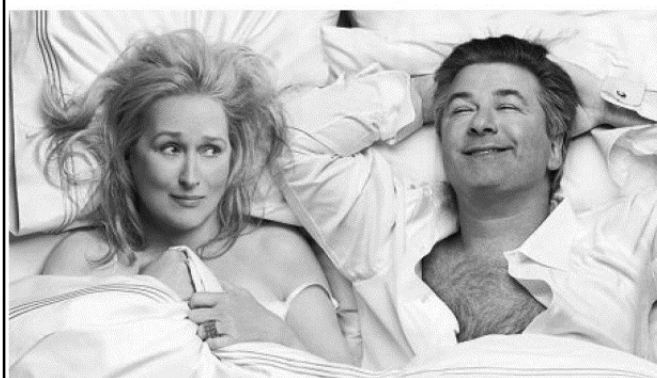
Four week course starts

Tuesday 30 April, 6.30pm - 8.30pm

To book a place, please contact

Jayne Ramsay, Mon-Fri 9am - 1pm on 01577 867177  
jsramsay@pkc.gov.uk

## Milnathort filmhouse big screen movies it's complicated



sat may 11th 8pm

It's Complicated (15) tickets available on the door and in advance through our Facebook page. Adult £5 (OAP & Student concession £3), Screening 8pm at Milnathort Town Hall, doors open 7.15pm.

Bring Your Own Bottle - Tuck shop available.

Sorry, over 18's only.

### 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.



Springwell  
Free local and friendly service  
Loch Leven Health Centre, Kinross



### Relaxation Taster Session

29 April 1.45pm - 2.45pm

Information about relaxation

Difference between stress & relaxation

Why relaxing is good for you • Hints and tips

Learn various relaxation techniques

Venue: Loch Leven Health Centre

Course is free

Wear comfortable clothing and bring a blanket

### Six week course

Starts Monday 13 May, 1.45pm - 2.45pm

To book a place, please contact

01577 867320

charles.wilson@pkc.gov.uk, ibrown@pkc.gov.uk



Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland

# LOCH LEVEN WALKATHON

Choose from a 6km or 11km walk alongside beautiful Loch Leven



**10am Sunday 28th April 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

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

**8 April 2012**  
Mandy Law  
Welfare Rights


**6th May 2013**  
Amanda James  
(Dobbies & Potager Garden)

**3rd June 2013**  
Charlie Wilson (Springwell)

**1st July 2013**  
David Munro (Historian, Kinross Museum)

The speakers will give a brief talk at 10:30am then allowing time for one to one advice.

The hub cafe is an informal meeting place to chat over a cuppa with other carers, cared for and family members.

**ST. PAULS CHURCH HALL  
KINROSS**  
1st MONDAY of EVERY MONTH  
10am – 12noon

Contact Gail Booth  
or Elaine Kincaid  
Tel. 01577 867306 or 867310

**NHS**  
Tayside

**PERTH & KINROSS COUNCIL**  
Housing & Community Care

### 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

### Art for Recovery Kinross

*Confidence building Skills Sharing Socialising*

ARK provides support through arts and crafts for people with health issues in Kinross and surrounding areas.

ARK offers peer support to those in need of a little company to socialise and learn new skills. Try drawing with pencils and pastels, painting with acrylics and watercolours, working with clay, felt-making and patchwork. Or just have a cup of tea or coffee!

The group meets **weekly on a Wednesday** from 1pm to 3pm in Orwell Church Hall, Ba' Hill, Milnathort. £1 per session. For more information, email arkforart@gmail.com or call the Chair on 07590 387189.



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



**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



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.careconfidential.com)

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre, 40 St John Street, Perth, PH1 5SP  
[www.careconfidential.com](http://www.careconfidential.com)

email: [hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com](mailto:hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com)

Helpline 01738 621174

We are a Scottish Charity SC037103

### Newsletter Deadlines 2013

Please note, deadlines are now on a **FRIDAY**. More deadlines for the months ahead can be found on our website. In very rare circumstances it may be necessary to change a deadline at short notice. Check Newsletter website for latest information: [www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org)

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
May	Fri 12 April	Saturday 27 April
June	Fri 17 May	Saturday 1 June



**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](mailto: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 for others.

If you are interested in this service you can self-refer via email to [info@mindspacepk.com](mailto:info@mindspacepk.com), by telephone on 01738 631639 or by visiting our website at [www.mindspacepk.com](http://www.mindspacepk.com). You can also be referred by your GP.



### 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:

**9 & 23 April**

No appointment is necessary as the surgery is a drop-in service. For complex issues a further appointment may be necessary. Perth CAB can help you – our advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent. Contact us: Advice line 01738 450580; Appointment line 01738 450581.



### Ceilidh Dancing

Come and join us from 2 till 3 every Monday in the Guide Hall, Milnathort, and learn to ceilidh dance. You don't need a partner and it is all very informal and great fun.

All proceeds go to the Scouts and Guides.

Just come along – the more the merrier. No age limit.

### Kinross 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](mailto: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](http://www.kinross-shirefund.org) or contact Annabel Bath on 0131 524 0300

or email [Annabel@scottishcf.org](mailto:Annabel@scottishcf.org)

### Need to consult an old Newsletter?

The Kinross (Marshall) Museum at the Loch Leven Community Campus houses a collection of every Kinross Community Council Newsletter ever published (July 1977 to the present day). Newsletters can be consulted when the Museum Study Room is open:

Thursdays, 10am – 8pm and Saturdays, 10am – 3pm.

Electronic versions of Newsletters from September 2006 to the present day can be downloaded from the Newsletter website: [www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org)

### Blythswood Care

Sainsbury's Car Park

(if car park is full, van will park nearby, e.g. Park & Ride or Ochil View)

**Tuesday 16 April**

**between 10.30 am and 11 am**

Further details from 862258

## 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  
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## Loch Leven Community Library

Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8FQ

Telephone: 01577 867205

Email: lochlevenlibrary@pkc.gov.uk

### Opening Times

Monday	10am – 6pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	10am – 8pm
Friday	10am – 6pm
Saturday	10am – 3pm

## Fossoway and Cleish Community Office

A service for the Community, open:

Thursdays 2 pm – 4 pm

Saturdays 10am – 12 noon

Out of hours there is an answering machine

Tel: 01577 840185 Email: fcco@btinternet.com

## Perth Association for Mental Health

PAMH is a community based non-profit organisation providing services for people recovering from mental health problems. PAMH offers Counselling, Day Services and hosts a Depression Support Group and Bipolar Support Group. For more information telephone (01738) 639657. Website: www.pamh.co.uk

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## 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

Tel: 0800 232323

road and lighting defects)

## 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

<b>Monday</b>	Exercise Class	11 am	Elderberries	1.30 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Relaxation Class	1.15 pm	Games	1.45 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Morning Service	10.45 am	Quiz Afternoon	1.30 pm
	Dominoes	1.30 pm	Scrabble	1.30 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Film Afternoon	1.30 pm	Dominoes	1.30 pm
	Art Class	1.30pm		
<b>Friday</b>	Bingo	1.30 pm	Dominoes	1.30 pm

## Additional Events for April

<b>Open Evening</b>	<b>Monday 8th</b>	6.30pm - 8.30pm
<b>Memory Lane (Dundee)</b>	<b>Friday 12th</b>	leaving centre at 1.15pm
<b>Fashion Show</b>	<b>Tuesday 16th</b>	1.15pm

**Everyone welcome - refreshments provided**

**Please note:** The Day Centre are holding an **OPEN EVENING** on **Monday 8 April**. If you are interested in using the Centre either by, taking part in activities, having lunch, being a volunteer or are interested in what we do. Please feel free to come along anytime that evening.

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**

## Perth & Kinross School Holidays, 2012-2013

	<i>Start</i>	<i>End</i>
<b>Spring Holiday</b>	Fri 29 Mar 2013	Fri 12 April 2013

*In-Service Days and Occasional Holidays:*

Mon 15 Apr 2013;

Mon 6 May 2013 (May Day, tbc).

*The Academic Year ends on Thu 27 June 2013.*

## Mobile Library

*Mobile 2, Week 1, every second Wednesday:*

Visiting Powmill, Rumbling Bridge, Crook of Devon, Fossoway, Cleish and Milnathort. Next visit: **3 April**

*Mobile 2, Week 2, every second Tuesday:*

Visiting Mawcarse, Glenlomond, Kinnesswood, Scotlandwell, Levenmouth Farm, Hatchbank and Cambo. Next visit: **9 April**

*Mobile 1, Week 2, every second Wednesday:*

Visiting Glenfarg and Duncricvie. Next visit: **10 April**

For times of stops, see PKC website: [www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk)

Any queries, telephone AK Bell Library 01738 444949.

## 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](mailto:CMNess@pkc.gov.uk)

## 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

#### Boys Trespass Snow Suit £5.00

Two piece suit water resistant and windproof fabric. Mainly red in colour with grey and white flashes. Age 7-8 but would suit bigger boy too. Five concealed pockets. Selling at low price only because the bottom of the trousers have frayed slightly during use.

*Seller details: Debbie Gachagan 07973 533468  
stackyard4@aol.com*

#### Two divan bases with drawers £50.00 each

2 brand new Laura Ashley 6ft single divan sprung edge bases (each with drawer). Can be linked together.

*Seller details: Jo Houldsworth 01577 863225  
jo.houldsworth@btinternet.com*

#### Kingsize Headboard £50.00 ono

Black metal, as new condition, cost £120 originally.

*Seller details: Debbie Dickson 07716 233650*

## Kinross Recycling Centre

Bridgend Industrial Estate

Opening Times: **Mondays to Fridays 9am to 7pm**  
**Saturdays and Sundays 9am to 5pm**

Bicycles, cans (inc aerosols, biscuit tins, aluminium foil), car and household batteries, cardboard, cooking oil, electricals (WEEE), engine oil, fluorescent tubes, long life light bulbs, food and drinks cartons (Tetra packs), fridges, freezers, garden waste, glass, large domestic appliances, paper, plastic (rigid plastic packaging), rubble stone and soil, scrap metal, telephone directories, textiles (clothes and shoes), timber, tyres (maximum two per visit, strictly householders only) and non recyclable (general) waste.

Compost can be collected from the Recycling Centre, subject to availability. Maximum of 2 x 25kg bags per visitor.

## The Bike Station

Donate unwanted bikes, parts and cycling accessories for reuse. Bikes are refurbished and sold on to the public at affordable prices. Poorer bikes are salvaged for parts.

Bikes can be donated at the Kinross Recycling Centre (Bridgend Industrial Estate) or at The Bike Station at Mid Friarton, just off the Edinburgh Road in Perth.

Bike Station opening hours: Monday to Saturday, 10.30am to 4.30pm and late opening to 8pm on Wednesdays.

Weekly bike sales: Fridays, 10.30am-4.30pm (children's bikes) and Saturdays, 10.30am to 12.30pm (adults' bikes).

Tel: 01738 444430. Email: peth@thebikestation.org.uk Website: www.thebikestation.org.uk

## Funding Alert!

P&KC produces a huge list summarising funding opportunities for the voluntary sector. There are dozens of Trusts and Foundations giving away grants.

The list will be posted on **www.kinross.cc** or go to **www.pkc.gov.uk** and look for the voluntary sector page.

*Contacts:*

The P&K Grants Direct Team 0845 605 2000

Steve MacDonald, P&KC External

Funding Officer 01738 477963

(Contact Steve MacDonald if you would like to subscribe to P&KC's regular e-funding bulletin.)

## 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').

### Gardener (part time)

Eight hours per week, timing and rates negotiable.

Please call or text Mrs N Kennedy 07743 341541.

## 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](mailto:liz.somerville@btinternet.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](mailto:CharlesWilson@pkc.gov.uk)

## Local Attraction Opening Times

### Lochleven Castle, Castle Island, Kinross



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

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

Opening times:

29 March to 30 September: Daily, 9.30am to 5.30pm  
(last outward sailing 4.30pm)

1 to 31 October: Daily, 9.30am to 4.30pm  
(last outward sailing 3.30pm)

Admission prices: Adult £5, Child £3, Conc £4.  
(includes boat trip) HS members free.

## Discover Loch Leven Website

To discover the myriad things to see and do in Kinross-shire and its neighbouring counties, visit **[www.visitlochleven.org](http://www.visitlochleven.org)**

# Diary

*A more extensive and regularly updated  
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