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# Letters

## Editorial

As the Newsletter is going to press, spring seems to have arrived at last! Let's hope the good weather continues, as lots of outdoor events are planned for the coming weeks.

On the weekend that this Newsletter is published, there's the **Sportive Kinross** – look out for lots of cyclists leaving the campus on the morning of **Saturday 27 April**, and returning late in the afternoon.

On **Sunday 28 April** the Loch Leven Heritage Trail will be busy as the postponed Chest Heart and Stroke **Walkathon** takes place.

The biggest event in the coming month is the triple combination **Loch Leven Half Marathon, Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest** and **Feel Good Fair** on **Saturday 11 May**. The massed band send off for the runners at Sandport and subsequent march by the bands up the High Street should be spectacular! Residents and businesses are asked to be patient, as the High Street will be closed to traffic for around half an hour.

Fingers crossed for especially good weather that day as the **Cleish Fête** also takes place.

### New look for community website

The kinross.cc website has a fresh new look. It is now compatible with tablets and smartphones, so wherever you are you can check what is happening in Kinross-shire! There's an online diary of events, contact lists for community groups and businesses, classified ads and much more.

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CCllr: Community Councillor

## Viewforth in Curate Wynd

American relatives wish to identify the house in Curate Wynd which was called Viewforth and where **William and Lena Gibson** lived from about the 1930s to the 1950s. Thereafter they moved to 3 Queen's Crescent.

Lena died in 1959, and William died in 1960 as a result of a car accident near Kinross.

I would be pleased to hear from anyone who knew the Gibson family. Lena was the sister of my American step-father's first wife Johan/Joan.

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## Charity Plant Sale

In spite of the terrible weather and plants which are still hibernating, I'm sticking with Saturday 18 May for the plant sale. With a bit of luck and some sunshine, everything will burst into bloom and it won't rain on the day. However with gazebo's for cover (or shade from the sun!) the sale will be on come rain or shine.

The sale will open at 10.30am and continue till at least 4.30pm but anyone is welcome to pop round later or even on the Sunday – the more plants I sell, the more the two charities get. I don't have supermarket baskets or trolleys but a chair with your name on it means you can reserve and browse – and if you end up with more than you can carry (I'm always hopeful!) you can pick them up later!

I hope you will manage to come along as it's for two good causes and, remember, there is a Greenfingers Day at the campus at the same time and it's only 5 minutes from there to **24 Gallowhill Road**.

Keeping my fingers crossed the weather improves,

Jean Miller

24 Gallowhill Road, Kinross

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# News & Articles

## Viewpoint from Councillor Robertson

### Council Tax

The dust has now settled on the Council budget and the cuts which were proposed by the Council administration are now coming forward.

Reductions in the management of our green areas and the removal of shrubbery in places will be the most noticeable. What will be less obvious are the cut backs in funding for things like street lights, bridge repairs, school crossing patrollers, community use and access to schools and family and youth services.

Added to this we can expect increases in charges for all Council services that can be charged for. Car parking costs will rise and all other charges will increase by around 10%. You will know from the poor condition of many of our roads and pavements that spending is being substantially reduced in other areas as well.

It is expected that this situation will only get worse.

The Government has told Councils they are not permitted to raise the Council Tax. They also tell local authorities exactly how they want the grant they give them spent. So this gives Councils very little room for manoeuvre.

A few years back many of our schools, especially our High Schools, were in a very poor state. To address this, the Council embarked on a programme to replace these schools and your Council Tax was raised by 1% each year for three years to pay for new campuses throughout Perth & Kinross. The Loch Leven Community Campus was a result of that investment.

Such a thing could not be done now due to central Government controls. Instead we are trying to manage decline and decay. Even if local people were prepared to see a small increase in their Council Tax to help maintain the fabric of our communities, the Council is powerless to respond.

Everyone is pleased (including me) when taxes like the Council Tax are frozen but we must all recognise that this comes at a price. We may all be a few pounds richer because of this policy but our communities will ultimately be the poorer for it.

*Councillor Willie Robertson*

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## Viewpoint from Councillor Giacopazzi

### Potholes, Long Grass, Relaxation and Self Confidence

Seemingly unrelated topics, you might think, but bear with me.

Following a decade of economic mismanagement of the UK economy on a heroic scale by Gordon Brown, Perth and Kinross Council, in common with every other Council, finds itself having to trim its budget to meet the reduced support from central government. The challenge is great. Consider the figures. In the year 2012-13 (last year) the Council's revenue spend was £329 million. This year, 2013-14, the budget has is set at £315 million. Next year, spending will drop to £304 million.

So, how's it spent? Education and Children's services is top at £182 million this year, followed by Housing and Community Care at £73 million. The Environment Service, of special interest to me as Vice Convener of Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee, spends £62 million.

How are budget reductions arrived at? When the next budget is being set, each service submits a list of possible savings to the Budget Review Group or 'BRG'. The BRG consists of Heads of Service together with the Council Leader, his Deputy and two other Councillors, of which I am one. The Councillors on the BRG assess the budget cuts set forth by the heads of service, deciding which possible savings to reject and which to accept. All as boring as it sounds; but necessary.

Recently I've been aware of (justified) grumblings at Kinross-shire Community Council meetings which I attend, relating to the state of our roads, grass cutting and drains i.e. matters for which the Environment Service is responsible; regrettable, but necessary, if we are to live within our means. So, imagine my surprise when I was invited to free courses at the campus on 'Self Confidence' and 'Relaxation', open to any member of the public. I enquired why PKC felt it was necessary to teach its citizens how to relax and how to be self confident. It's part of the Council's strategy to have 'informed communities', apparently.

Now, don't get me wrong, I'm as much in favour of relaxation as the next man, but how do you, the Council Tax Payers, view PKC's priorities? Would you like to see more grass cutting, say, and less 'relaxation' courses, or do you think that teaching 'self confidence' trumps road improvements? As I shall be pressing for an increase in the budget for essential maintenance at the next round of BRG meetings, I would very much like to have your views on how YOU think YOUR MONEY should be spent. I was elected to represent your views, not mine, so please, take the trouble to e-mail me at [jgiacopazzi@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:jgiacopazzi@pkc.gov.uk), or write to me at 38a New Rd, Milnathort, KY13 9XT.

Some say the issue should be addressed by increasing Council Tax, (which is not possible). **I totally reject higher local taxes on our citizens at a time of falling living standards.** I think the Council must restrain its expenditure but arrange its spending priorities sensibly.

*Councillor Joe Giacopazzi*



## Loch Leven Half Marathon in combination with Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest and Feel Good Fair

### The Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest and more!

by Nigel Kellett of  
Kinross & District Pipe Band

Well, it's been a busy few months in the run up to our second RSPBA local branch **Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest**, which, as you may have noticed from the front cover, takes place this month right here in Kinross on **Saturday 11 May** at the Community Campus sports fields. The contest itself will kick off quite early - from 9.45am - due to the additional number of bands having signed up for this popular event, with the Grade 4, Grade 4 March, Strathspey and Reel, and the Drum Major's Dress events all taking place before lunch.



*Kinross Pipe Band on the march*

Most of the bands will then be bussed down to the Gacé Gardens at Sandport, where they will form a Massed Bands send off for the **Loch Leven Half Marathon**, which kicks off at 1.00pm precisely. As the last runner disappears from view, the bands will then all form up individually and march back up the High Street, one after the other, right up as far as the roundabout between the Co-operative and the Chemist. In all, the Street March should take only around 20 to 30 minutes maximum, and we would ask all businesses and residents living south of the roundabout to bear with us as the High Street will necessarily be closed to all traffic for that short period.

Back up to the campus, and by this time the **KLEO Feel Good Fair** will be in full swing, with around 30 stalls of arts, crafts, charities and goods all on display, and a number of activities for kids including bouncy castle, fun run, tug of war, face painting and more.

From just after 2.00pm the first of the top athletes from the Half Marathon will start to arrive back at the Finish Line, which, along with everything else, will also be positioned on the campus sports fields. The campus canteen will be serving meals, burgers and snacks throughout the day, and a

Beer Tent, kindly staffed by volunteers from the Round Table and Ladies' Circle, will be on hand to serve appropriate refreshments to adults and kids alike.

The Pipe Band Contest will get back underway with the Grade 3 contest at around 2.15pm, followed immediately by the Drum Major's Marching & Discipline event at about 3.00pm. And, finally, the Grade 2 and Open events will complete the contest schedule, while a display of Highland and Scottish Dancing by youngsters of all ages from the Lawson School of Dancing will take place just after 4.00pm. The whole day will then be rounded off with the traditional Massed Bands and prize giving at around 5.15pm. Fingers crossed for a sunny day!

**One final note to all local businesses:** As many of you know, we are always looking for financial sponsorship or donations towards the prize fund for both the Pipe Band contest and the Street March, without which these increasingly popular events would not be able to take place. If you have already contributed, then we are hugely grateful, and we will be featuring adverts for your business in the event programme. If you haven't already contributed

this year, then we would really encourage you to consider supporting this community event in the future, and to that end we are setting up a simple patronage system whereby local businesses and even any interested residents can contribute a small amount each month, avoiding the need for us to come round looking for cheques once a year!



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*There will be plenty of stalls to visit, and lots to see and do!*

# Programme of Events for all the Family at Loch Leven Community Campus Saturday 11 May



The 30th Loch Leven Half Marathon will finish on the playing fields at the Loch Leven Community Campus. The Half Marathon's organisers, Kinross Road Runners, have been working together with the Kinross and District Pipe Band and KLEO (Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation) to ensure there is a wide variety of entertainment and activities on offer so that the competitors' friends and families, as well as the wider local community, have a fun-packed afternoon while they await the arrival of the runners at the end of the race.



Come along and enjoy!



*Come and see the highland dancing displays!*

09:45-17:30	Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest with bands from all over Scotland!
13:00	Half Marathon Start with Massed Pipe Bands send off (at Gaoé Garden, Sandport, at the south end of Kinross)
13:00	Local Market Stalls, Street Football, Bouncy Castle, Tug of War (come along with a group and take part!) and other highland games.
13:30	Fun Run by Swansacre Playgroup. This popular event is open to all children under 12 years old.
14:00	From 14.00 onwards Half Marathon runners finish on the campus playing fields.
15:00	Drum Major's Contest
16:15	Highland Dancing accompanied by Kinross Pipe Band
17:15	Final Massed Pipe Bands



*The Fun Run at the community campus*

## Houses on former High School site – public event

Persimmon Homes will be holding a public event on **Tuesday 21 May** to let people know about its proposal for the former High School site. The company would like to erect approximately 90 dwellings on the 2.95 hectare site.

The event will take the form of a drop-in session, when members of the public can come along at any time during the four-hour period to look at plans and ask questions. Comment cards will also be made available at the event – these are for the developer and are not official representations to the planning authority.

Persimmon Homes has lodged a 'Proposal of Application Notice' with PKC and the public consultation is a requirement of that. A full planning application would come later.

The consultation event will run from 4pm until 8pm on Tuesday 21 May at the Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross.



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## Charity Quiz Night

Local firm of solicitors, J & G Wilson, is organising a Quiz Night to raise funds for Scottish Huntington's Association (SHA).

The quiz takes place on **Thursday 23 May** in the Windlestrae Hotel. J & G Wilson welcomes donations, prizes and entries (teams of four) to the quiz. (*See their advert on page 65 for more details.*)

This is J & G Wilson's 125th year providing legal services in Kinross, and the firm wanted to mark this special anniversary by arranging an event to support a worthwhile cause. They are pleased to have the opportunity to draw attention to the immensely valuable work carried out by the Scottish Huntington's Association in providing a wide range of support services to sufferers of Huntington's Disease (HD).

HD is a devastating inherited neurodegenerative disorder. It causes problems with thinking, mood, movement and behaviour. Each child of a parent with HD has a 50% chance of inheriting the same faulty gene.

**Deadline for all Submissions  
5.00 pm, FRIDAY 17 May  
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## Kinross Show gets go ahead for 2013

Kinross Show Committee has announced that this year's show will be held once again at RSPB Loch Leven on Saturday 10 August.

The show, now in its 183rd year, used to be held in the grounds of Kinross House. An alternative site was found last year but fell through due to planning difficulties. RSPB Loch Leven then stepped in to offer land for the 2012 event. Robert Bell, President of Kinross-shire Agricultural Society, commented: "We are exceptionally grateful to RSPB Vane Farm for providing us with a show ground again in 2013. Last year's show was a great success and we hope to build on that this year"

Along with the great new location, with stunning views over Loch Leven, there are some exciting attractions this year including main ring entertainment "The Drakes of Hazard".

A glance through the Premium List indicates that there are to be the usual classes for dairy, pure and crossbred cattle, along with a large horse section, sheep and goats. The Flower Show will again include the ever-popular Hen and Duck egg classes and classes for fruit and vegetables.

Show Secretary, Mary Morgan is currently taking enquires for Trade Stands. Please contact via the website or by emailing belmonte70@aol.com

For the latest Kinross Show news, please log on to [www.facebook.com/KinrossShow](http://www.facebook.com/KinrossShow) or look at our new website [www.kinross-show.com](http://www.kinross-show.com)

Don't miss a great family day out – remember to put Saturday 10 August in your diary!



## Hold the date!

This year we will be celebrating the 10th Portmoak Festival – put the dates in your diary and join our local community for a week of entertainment and fun. A full timetable of events is currently being devised and will be available early June. Firm favourites of cream teas, pudding club, Jazz Night, family ceilidh, classical concert and children's concert will all be making their annual appearance as well as the Art Exhibition in the hall. The church this year will host a "Wildlife around Loch Leven" exhibition as well as the flower festival. Anyone interested in helping with the wildlife exhibition should contact us on the numbers or email below.

We still have space available for anyone interested in exhibiting their artwork during festival week. Please contact Janice Grant on 01577 861200, or email

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We are always looking for helpers before and during festival week for numerous tasks, including pudding donations, electrical work, hanging of bunting, marquee field preparation, selling raffle tickets, recycling, set up of marquee between events..... the list is endless! If you can help in any way please call Elizabeth (01592 840655) or Kathrine (01592 840767), or email us at [prtmkfestival@googlemail.com](mailto:prtmkfestival@googlemail.com)

We look forward to seeing you at Portmoak Festival 2013.

## Historic evening marks end of Kinross-shire Partnership's networking season

by Karen Elwis

On Wednesday 3 April, recently refurbished Kinross House was the iconic venue for the final event in Kinross-



shire Partnership's successful 2012-2013 networking series. From the moment guests arrived to be greeted individually on the doorstep by the kilt-clad houseman, the unique and special nature of this stunning historic location became apparent. And the neoclassical Palladian mansion's wow factor only increased as attendees passed through the light, capacious entrance hall and climbed the sweeping flight of stairs which led up to the Grand Salon function room.

As the evening progressed, and guests enjoyed wine and sumptuous canapés served by highly attentive Kinross House staff, it was impossible not to gaze around the room, appreciating the artistry of the stunning paintings lining the walls and marvelling at the immaculate interior design, with its carefully chosen colour schemes and soft furnishings.

Proprietor Donald Fothergill, who had hoped to be present to greet his first official guests at Kinross House, had unfortunately been called away on business. However, his marketing manager Helen McKenzie Smith extended a warm welcome to the 60 attendees representing a wide range of local businesses.

She explained that after purchasing Kinross House from the Montgomery family in 2011, First Sight Estates Ltd – a luxury property and leisure company – had undertaken a full restoration programme, based on the plans originally drawn up in the 1680s by the man who designed and built the property, eminent Scottish classical architect Sir William Bruce.

During the 14-month renovation programme, one of Mr Fothergill's principal aims was to complete the elements of Sir William's designs that had remained unfinished due to budgetary constraints. It was evident to everyone present that this aim had been fulfilled with the utmost attention to detail, and the results were simply stunning. The house is to be used as a part-time residence for Mr Fothergill; in addition, its 12 bedrooms – all with en-suite – will be available for exclusive hire, corporate hospitality and occasionally as a wedding venue.

Spending an evening in such an important Kinross-shire landmark was a perfect way to conclude the season, and the memory will undoubtedly last long in the minds of all those present. Sincere thanks go to Mr Fothergill for allowing Kinross-shire Partnership to hold the first function at the refurbished Kinross House.

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## Loch Leven Lodges: Another outlet for Traidcraft products



The Coffee Shop at Loch Leven Lodges, Findatie on the south side of the loch is the latest outlet for Traidcraft in Kinross-shire, Scotland's first Fair Trade County. The Coffee Shop, adjacent to a car park giving access to the Loch Leven Heritage Trail, is now selling Traidcraft chocolate, biscuits and other goodies. In addition the Coffee Shop itself is using Traidcraft goods such as tea, coffee and sugar.



*The coffee shop at Loch Leven Lodges*

This follows the successful Fair Trade Fortnight in the county in March and the opening in the same month of an outlet at Kinross Parish Church on weekday mornings for Traidcraft sales. 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.

Elsewhere in Kinross-shire there are Traidcraft outlets at some churches on Sundays and at Orwell and Portmoak Church Office in Milnathort and Buchan's shop in Kinnesswood during the week.

The total turnover for Traidcraft in Kinross-shire in the past year was £8,850 and Traidcraft has sent a message describing this as 'an excellent performance. Well done and thank you'.

## MSP visits Kinross Learning Centre

Roseanna Cunningham, MSP for Perthshire South and Kinross-shire visited the Kinross Learning Centre on 26 March where she met with staff and learned more about the facilities available. The centre is one of Perth College's network of learning centres across the Perth and Kinross area. Perth College is part of the University of the Highlands and Islands.

Ms Cunningham said: "This network brings Perth College and the UHI closer to people and to a wider group than just the immediate community in which the Learning Centres are located. I learned, for example, that in Kinross they have students from Clackmannanshire and Fife, so they really are widening and deepening access to education."

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## Viewpoint from Councillor Cuthbert Loch Leven Half Marathon, Pipe Band Contest and Feel Good Fair – Saturday 11 May at the Community Campus

I am Chair of Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation who are working with Kinross Road Runners and Kinross & District Pipe Band to put on the event this year.

It should be a fun event with things for all ages to take part in.

Organising it is an interesting experience and useful for me in my position as a local Councillor, as it gives me exposure to working with the Loch Leven Community Campus and Council as a facility user.

Initially the organising group was told that they would not be able to hire the games pitches, as priority was given to sport use, they were well used for that purpose and that the fee for the hire would almost double from last year's, which took place on the hockey fields. (It is hundreds of pounds and not free for community events such as this.)

This is apparently the Council policy, so the group had to point out that the event included a lot of fun sporting activities for adults and children like a tug of war, a children's fun run, street football, the finish for the half marathon etc and it was for these purposes that the group wanted to hire the pitches.

Following this, the group was told that "The use of external areas for sports use is a contractual arrangement PKC has for the Campus, this means that for any damage caused by non sporting use, the Campus will be liable for costs of reparation", and that the potential cost of repair could be up to £3,000 which might have to be paid by the organisers. After a couple of weeks of to-ing and fro-ing and with official and unofficial intervention by myself and others, the group was eventually allowed to hire the pitches apart from one which is being used by an out of the area football team who have a regular booking for it. (I believe this is Dunfermline Athletic Football Club.)

Next a request was made to allow buses to park on the bus parking area outside the campus, with an option to bus the pipe bands to Bridgend Industrial Estate to give the runners a massed pipe band send off, followed by a pipe band street march up Kinross High Street. The idea was that the buses would collect the bands after this and take them to the campus where they would park outside the building until the end of the day when they would be used to take the bands home.

This request was initially rejected on the basis that the parking area was a no parking zone, thereby leaving the organisers with a challenge of where to park half a dozen buses in Kinross. However, with my intervention, and with the help of Hunter Hope, the Council's Performance and Support Manager (he is in charge of traffic wardens), it was agreed that something would be worked out to make this possible.

Meanwhile the pipe band street march up the High Street is finally going ahead now – following a lengthy permission process. Gone are the days when one can just march a pipe band up the High Street with no marshals and no permission. A permit is required with lots of associated paperwork, along with lots of meetings to discuss the route and so on. Happily, I have not been involved in this!

All in all, a most interesting experience which raises some interesting points for me as a local Councillor.

The group started the process without me, and I only got involved in an official capacity when they reached an impasse. They asked me to intercede as they felt they had nowhere else to go as there does not appear to be a system in place within the campus where community issues can be raised and resolved.

It implies to me that the Council have not yet got their strategy for the Community Campuses worked out correctly and I ask myself whether they are really just schools with money-making sports facilities, rather than a replacement for the Town Hall and the other facilities lost by Kinross.

There also appears to be a problem with the charging structure within the campuses and I would ask where the money for the hire of the ground is supposed to come from? Should we charge an entry fee for people to attend a community event in a venue which is effectively owned and paid for by the same community?

I will be investigating these and other questions with officers in the future.

The event itself will be worth the effort, I am sure, and I would strongly recommend coming to it, especially the grand finale of the massed pipe bands. This is quite mind blowing as all the bands involved in the competition join forces and march before the crowd.

*Councillor Dave Cuthbert*



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## Community celebrates Wash House restoration

In bitter cold and occasional sleet, members of the Portmoak community and guests gathered on 27 March 2013 to mark the reopening of the Wash House at Scotlandwell following its restoration.

Speeches were made by Karen McDonnell, project leader, who thanked everyone involved in the project, and Elaine Carruthers of Scotlandwell in Bloom, also a member of the project team, who spoke of the tremendous community spirit locally. Jane Martin, former head teacher at Cleish Primary School and historical researcher for the project, recalled childhood memories of the Wash House in use before cutting a ribbon and declaring the Wash House open.

The Wash House was part of a range of village improvements carried out between 1857 and 1860 by Thomas Bruce of Amot. By the 1960s, however, piped water and electricity to households made the Wash House redundant.

In 2009 members of the community, concerned at the continued deterioration of the building, launched a project to restore it and turn it into an educational resource. Interpretation panels have been erected outside and inside the building.

In a nice reference to history, Kinross

High School Brass Band was asked to come and play at the reopening ceremony. The original event in 1858 had been attended by Leslie Brass Band.

The occasion was also marked by the planting of a sessile oak on the Well Green by Rosie MacDonald and Margaret Hyndman, the last people to use the Wash House before it closed.

The day also saw the launch of *Where Poets Dream'd*, a definitive history of the area by Professor David Munro.

The Wash House will be open to the public on Saturday 22 June, 2pm-4pm, as part of the Portmoak Gala and on Wednesday 26 June, 2pm-4pm (Portmoak Festival week).

For a longer article about the restoration project, please see the March 2013 issue of the Kinross Newsletter. And more project information can be found on the website [www.wellwashhouse.co.uk](http://www.wellwashhouse.co.uk)

For more photographs of the event, go to the Photo Library at [www.kinross.co](http://www.kinross.co)



The Project Team: Dave Carruthers, Christie McNaughton, Jane Martin, Elaine Carruthers, Karen McDonnell, Joe Smith and Zoe Gamble. David Munro was unable to be present.



Left:

Jane Martin, restoration project historical researcher and longtime resident of Scotlandwell, cut the ribbon

Right:

Margaret Hyndman and Rosie MacDonald, the last people to use the wash house before it closed, planting a sessile oak on the Well Green to commemorate the restoration



## Loch Leven Community Library

Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross

Tel: 01577 867205 Email: lochlevenlibrary@pkc.gov.uk

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

### Loch Leven's Spring Bookbug Ball

Come and join the fun at this free family event in the library. Special guests, David Hood and Bookbug, will help us celebrate through songs, rhymes and stories at this specially extended Bookbug Rhymetime session on **Saturday 25 May** at 10.30am until approximately 11.15am. Suitable for 0-4yrs with accompanying parents or grandparents.

### New novelist to visit Loch Leven Library

The library is hosting an event as part of a national campaign to raise the awareness of the visually impaired and libraries. **Make a Noise in Libraries (MANIL)** Fortnight is an annual campaign run by the RNIB to encourage blind and partially sighted to use public libraries to gain access to specialist books and local information.

On **Tuesday 4 June**, Dundee author **Gordon Anthony**, who lost his eyesight in 2008, will be speaking about his second novel 'World's End'; this is the first in a series of stories set in the years after the Roman invasion of Britain. The novel has already received favourable reviews, and the Historical Novel Society made it their Editor's Choice in February. His first novel, 'In the Shadow of the Wall' received critical acclaim for its depiction of a Pictish warrior who is captured and enslaved by the Romans.

This **free** event will take place between 7pm and 8pm, and everyone is welcome to come along.

## The William Soutar Writing Prize 2013

On **Saturday 27 April**, the A K Bell Library in Perth hosts the launch of this year's William Soutar Writing Prize. This annual competition is held in memory of Perth's greatest poet and this year invites entries of poems, in English or Scots, to compete for a first prize of a prestigious Arvon residential writing course.

To mark the start of this year's competition, the award winning Brian Johnstone will give a reading of his own work at the launch. The highly acclaimed poet will also be acting as judge for the competition, which has a deadline of **Tuesday 2 July**. The winner will be announced at the Writers' Day at the A K Bell Library on Saturday 31 August.

Entry is free and forms, along with copies of the competition rules, are available at all libraries in Perth & Kinross. They can also be downloaded from [www.pkc.gov.uk/library](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/library).

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## Explore the Creepy House at your local library this summer

There's a spine-tingling adventure waiting for children when they take part in the 2013 Reading Challenge at their local library this summer. Discover the secrets of Creepy House and meet some of the hair-raising residents! Are you brave enough to explore The Awful Upstairs, The Gruesome Ground Floor and The Spine-tingling Cellar?

The challenge is to read at least six library books over the summer. Children can read whatever they like – fact books, joke books, picture books, audio books – just as long as they are borrowed from the library.

Every time a child finishes a book they get stickers and rewards and there's a certificate for everyone that finishes. Make sure you read the six books and you will be presented with your very own medal.

It is open to all children, aged 4-11 years, and is designed for all reading abilities, so head along to your local library at the beginning of the summer holidays and enrol. It's completely free and anybody can take part but you will have to join the library if you are not already a member.

Creepy House will bring an exciting and fun theme to libraries this summer so watch out for lots of entertaining activities during the holidays. For further details of the Summer Reading Challenge and this year's launch date, go to [www.pkc.gov.uk/library](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/library) or visit your local library for more information.

The Summer Reading Challenge is coordinated nationally by the Reading Agency and helps get three quarters of a million children into libraries to keep up their reading skills and confidence over the long summer holiday. Further information is available at [www.creepy-house.org.uk](http://www.creepy-house.org.uk)

## Quarrymill Macmillan Café open

The popular charity coffee shop at Quarrymill, Isla Road, Perth, is now open for the 2013 season.

The café is set in a beautiful woodland park and serves soup, sandwiches and home baking from Monday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm.

The coffee shop is staffed by volunteers and since first opening in 1991 has raised almost £700,000 to help cancer patients in the Perth & Kinross area.

As well as refreshments, the shop sells greetings cards, jams and gifts and will be open until 26 October.

Website: [www.macmillancoffeeshop.webs.com](http://www.macmillancoffeeshop.webs.com)

## MP visits Milnathort Primary School to learn more about the rainforests

Local MP Gordon Banks met staff and pupils of Milnathort Primary School at the end of March to learn more about the pupils' latest project, the rainforest.

Mr Banks was given a tour of the school by Primary 7 pupils. Later in the day pupils performed a number of rainforest related songs for Mr Banks and parents at a Big Brew Event, which was designed to raise awareness and money for Fairtrade organisations.

Speaking after the event, Mr Banks said: "It was great to meet with staff and pupils again in Milnathort and learn more about the rainforests. I am always struck when I meet

school pupils from any school at how engaged and enthusiastic they are about topics such as the rainforest. That is of course a great testament to the teachers who make learning very engaging and enjoyable.

"The rainforests are an extremely important eco-system and it's right that our children are learning about how to preserve these habitats and in turn protect the planet.

"It was also pleasing to see the school and pupils recognising the importance of the Fairtrade movement with many Fairtrade farmers dependent on the rainforest and similar eco-systems for their livelihood.

"I'm sure, like me, the parents of the pupils were thoroughly entertained by the class performances and I'm looking forward to coming back to the school soon."



*Gordon Banks with Milnathort pupils after their 'Rainforest' performance*

## Photographers could see their work on new library cards

A new competition is offering amateur photographers the chance to see their work grace new Perth & Kinross Council library cards.

The competition is looking for photographs that capture the natural beauty of the area and also have a literary connection.

Winning pictures will be used as backgrounds on future library cards. Photographs will be judged on relevance, composition, lighting, originality and creativity. There will be three winners whose photographs will be used for library cards and up to five commendations may be given. Commended photographs may be used for library promotions and activities.

The three winning entries will each receive a £150 voucher for JRS Photo Hardware Ltd, 42 Scott Street, Perth, and the three runners up will each receive a £50 voucher, also from JRS Photo Hardware.

The closing date for entries is **Friday 31 May 2013** with winners announced at a prize giving ceremony at the end of June.

How to Enter:

1. Email your pictures to [librarycompetition@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:librarycompetition@pkc.gov.uk) with "Literary Perthshire Competition" in the subject heading.
2. Include your full name, address and telephone number with your entry.
3. Include your age if under 18.
4. Images should be accompanied by a short caption describing where and when the picture was taken and the literary association.

For further information and to read the terms and conditions of entry, visit the Libraries webpage:

[www.pkc.gov.uk/article/4716/Literary-Perthshire-Photographic-Library-Card-Competition](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/4716/Literary-Perthshire-Photographic-Library-Card-Competition)

Despite the name of the competition, the boundary area for photographs is the Perth and Kinross local authority area.

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## Suggestions for a Spring Detox

by Simpli Yoga

It is a tradition for a lot of people in Spring to clear out the old and make way for the new. Why stop with your cupboards and household items? Take it a stage further and give your body a clean out too.

If you have been feeling lethargic, bloated and irritable then you may benefit from cleansing your body, especially if you have over indulged.

Here are some gentle suggestions to help you get started with a healthier regime in your daily life, resulting in a more energetic and balanced mind and body.

Gradually reduce the bad habits and excessive use of stimulants e.g. tea, coffee, sugar and carbonated drinks that your body has come to rely upon over a long period of time. The body's main fuel is food, therefore it is important to eat quality fresh food and avoid processed items. Food containing preservatives, additives and chemicals are much harder for our body to digest and do not provide the nourishment of fresh produce. The same applies to deep fried food. Although very tasty and great at taking away our appetite in the short term, it slows down our digestive system and makes us feel sluggish afterwards. It is highly beneficial to eat seasonal vegetables and if possible local produce. By doing so we are providing our bodies with the best quality nutrition and promoting a more eco-friendly lifestyle.

A recommended daily routine would be to eat three fresh meals a day. Healthy snacks like fruit, nuts and seeds between meal times helps to keep blood sugar levels constant and avoid low energy spirals. This is normally when we reach out for that much needed cup of tea to get us through the need to rest. A balanced meal of protein, carbohydrates and vegetables will ensure our body is given a good supply of essential minerals, vitamins and energy producing substances.

### Healthy snacks like fruit, nuts and seeds between meal times helps to keep blood sugar levels constant and avoid low energy spirals

If possible have your main meal of the day at lunchtime. We are generally more active during the day and our body needs the energy supply from food to keep it going. Otherwise it will deplete your organs to find what it needs. The last meal of the day is best before 7pm and soup would be ideal as it's easily digested. This will allow your body to be resting during sleep and healing itself, instead of working on emptying the contents of your stomach.

Daily exercise and being active will help your body to detox. Take advantage of the lighter mornings/evenings and spend time outside during Spring. Walking in the fresh air is very good and free, and everyone can do this at their own pace and level. A brisk walk will help to stimulate your body's systems and raise your energy levels.

Simple yoga postures also support a detox programme. Seated twists stimulate certain organs and help rid the body of unwanted toxins. The breathing exercise Bhastrika is excellent at eliminating toxins and stale air from the lungs. This energetic practice floods all the organs and body tissues with oxygen and promotes good blood circulation to all the cells in the body. As a result we feel more energetic and clearer in the mind. With regular practice our diaphragm and lungs will become stronger and more efficient.

Drink plenty of water throughout the day. Regular sipping of water will create a hydrated body that can perform at its optimum level. Gulping a large quantity at one time will probably pass through the body quickly and not be absorbed as it should.



*Daily exercise and being active will help your body to detox*

*Photo: Pauline Watson, www.kinross.cc photo library*

To finish off the day and further support a detox, aim to have a regular good sleeping habit. Now that Spring is here, it is easier to sleep early and rise early. The hours before midnight are very beneficial. Keeping a balance is crucial as too much sleep will make us feel lethargic. Eight hours should be adequate for most people.

If you do decide to begin a detox, always remember to do it gradually and allow your body time to readjust to new habits. Going cold turkey and cutting everything out at once is not a good idea and will shock your whole system. Start to notice how you feel after eating certain foods. Do you feel light enough but energised, or does your system feel overloaded and heavy? We recommend that you seek professional advice and a qualified Nutritionist if you really want to begin a more in-depth detox.

#### Community Website

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## Police Scotland Goes Live

Tayside Police ceased to exist on 1 April 2013 with the Police Service of Scotland taking over as the national service from this date. Chief Constable Stephen House heads the new service.

Inspector Iain Ward, the senior officer for this area, told us what this means for local policing locally:

“This change is the biggest that policing has seen in more than a generation. My job was to ensure a seamless transition into the new service and that we continue to deliver the highest quality of policing in the area. There has been no reduction in service or numbers of police. If the community have seen no real change, then I and my staff will have done their job.”

In real terms, what changes will people will see?

“With a national service we now have access to all of the resources that Police Scotland has at their disposal. If we require it, we now have access to a helicopter and a vast array of specialist support. The introduction of a standard national non-emergency number of 101 was a great step forward for Scotland, rationalising a host of non-emergency numbers across the country and one that is much easier to remember. All of our vehicles have been de-branded, with Tayside Police logos removed, so too has the police uniform.

“Our job is all about Keeping People Safe and working with the community to do this; this will not change – we have great relationships in the community. There were concerns that a national service would be centralised to the bigger cities and I can reassure everyone that there is a real focus on local service delivery in more rural areas such as Kinross-shire. I have developed a local policing plan which is all about responding to what the community has raised as their priorities, so its all about responding to what the real local issues are.”

## Bogus Workmen

At this time of the year Trading Standards and Police see a rise in the number of people knocking on residents' doors touting for business. Trading Standards advice is:

**DO** look for tradesmen who are members of a trusted trader scheme, e.g. the Better Business Partnership scheme run by PKC.

**DO** ask family members and neighbours for recommendations.

**DO** ask for references and names of previous clients. Speak to them and look at their previous work if possible.

**DO** make sure you have sufficient contact details for the tradesman – address and landline telephone number.



**DO** get at least two detailed quotes in writing for the work to be done (three quotes for larger jobs) and check that VAT is included in the final figure.

**DON'T** rush into anything – take your time to make a decision on which tradesman to use.

**DON'T** agree to have work done on the spot by someone who knocks on your door touting for work, especially if they tell you there is something wrong with your property.

**DO** check any claims by the tradesman that they are a member of a trade association.

**DO** agree on the work being carried out and payment terms before the tradesman starts the job.

**DO** make sure you receive your cancellation rights if you enter into a contract/agreement with a tradesman during a visit to your home or work – in most cases the tradesman must give written notice of your right to cancel the agreement.

**DO** have regular meetings with the tradesman if it is a building job to make sure everything is on track.

**DON'T** pay the final bill until the job is done and you are happy with the work – you have the right to withhold a reasonable amount of money until the work has been done to your satisfaction.

**DO** make sure you have any instructions and warranties for goods.

**DO** know your rights – contact Citizens Advice Consumer Services on 08454 04 05 06 if you have any queries about your rights, or alternatively go online to [www.adviceguide.org.uk](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk)

**\*\*\* Contact the police immediately on 999 if you see anything or anyone acting suspiciously \*\*\***

## Crime Stoppers – Telephone 0800 555 111

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

## Community Officers – Telephone 101

Community Officers can be contacted on 101.

**Constable Sadie Allan** Kinross and Milnathort

**Constable Victoria Riches** Kinross landward

**Constable Jim Pentley** Abernethy, Bridge of Earn and Glenfarg

## Lottery grant for Allotment group

The recently formed Milnathort and Kinross Allotment Association has received a £1319 Awards for All grant from the Big Lottery Fund. The project meets the Awards for All outcome of 'People have better and more sustainable services and environments'.

Both Roseanna Cunningham MSP and Gordon Banks MP welcomed the news.

*For more about the Association, see p. 53*

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# Community Council News



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

## Kinross Community Council

### News from the April Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 3 April 2013 were: CCllrs C Watson, M Blyth, D Mackay, M Scott (Secy), D West (Chair), D Colliar, B Davies, M Wood and I Jack; P&K Cllrs J Giacopazzi and W Robertson; Sgt Ian Shepherd and six members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from CCllrs W Freeman and P&K Cllr Cuthbert.

In opening, CCllr Watson commented on the passing earlier in the week of CC member Laura MacKay. He added that this was the second month in succession when such sad news was imparted, following on the recent announcement of Sir Alan Smith's death. Laura was a CC member for some seven years. She was 24 years old with her 25th birthday approaching. CCllr Watson stated that his recollection was that, although she struggled daily with her disability, Laura attended meetings when she could. She assisted with correspondence for the CC and offered views on a variety of subjects. She was always interested and cheerful despite her disabilities. Laura accomplished quite a lot for someone of her age and years and the disadvantages she had. Our sympathies are with her family at this sad time. The Secretary will send a sympathy card to her family from the CC.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Proposed by CCllr Jack and seconded by CCllr Wood, under correction that reference to CCllr Davies attending the T in the Park meeting should record that he represented the Rotary rather than the CC.

**Matters arising - Newsletter funds:** CCllr Watson advised that KLEO repaid the sum of £2,000 which was advanced to them prior to the event last year. A letter of thanks was also received. CCllr Watson confirmed that the amount at credit of the Charitable Account now stands at £26,300. The CC has donated around £10,000.

### Police Report

Sgt Ian Shepherd reported two shopliftings and theft of tools from a garage - all are under enquiry. Properties at Clashburn Industrial Estate have also been targeted on a number of occasions. There has also been an audacious shoplift at Sainsbury's.

Following the last meeting, an email was received from the Police in relation to complaints from Balado residents regarding speeding on the A977. Cllr Barnacle had asked that the Camera Safety Partnership look at positioning themselves in the lay-by off the A977 at Balado, rather than on the A977, as they may have more luck catching speeders that way. A message has been left by PC Allan for the Safety Camera Manager in relation to this.

Speed checks on **Springfield Road**: Due to other operational commitments these checks have not been able to be completed, however it is hoped that this will be dealt with by the next meeting.

**Operation Purvis:** An ongoing initiative against rural crime theft of items such as plant and diesel. The Police are liaising with the National Farmers Union and neighbouring forces in relation to this issue. Both commercial and agricultural properties are being targeted.

**Scottish Police Force:** On day three of the newly introduced force, a question was raised as to whether there were any strategic changes in relation to manning etc. The Sgt replied that they had occasion to ask for assistance and received this from both Glasgow and Aberdeen.

CCllr Davies commented on the **link road**, asking if the Police had noted any problem with speeding and CCllr Wood questioned whether the location of the snack bar might not create an obstruction. It was confirmed that a licence was issued allowing the vehicle to park there. Cllr Giacopazzi will again check this out with the Council and the Police will also approach the driver. The concern is that large vehicles have to manoeuvre around this in passing and an accident may occur.

**Town Centre redevelopment:** A local resident, who will be affected by the proposed changes planned to the roads and footpaths, asked if the Police were aware of the single lane system to be introduced. He questioned whether the Police were consultees in the process, adding that an assurance was given at the consultation that a Traffic Survey would be carried out and trusted that the Police would have a say in the outcome. The Police representative will speak to someone in regard to this matter. Cllr Robertson confirmed that the Roads Department would be carrying out a traffic survey, adding that industrial traffic can travel down the link road avoiding the town centre. The member of public commented that there were considerable problems, there being no proposals for traffic crossings and that this, added to the pollution and congestion, were of some concern. In relation to the link road, Cllrs Giacopazzi and Robertson asked that the Council look at the junction again and this was agreed. They will report back on the outcome. Parking was discussed. It was commented that people park on the High Street opposite or near to the shops they are visiting. Frequently there are empty parking spaces as a result of this. It was suggested that this should be monitored and controlled. The member of public added that he would like to see a Traffic Survey of the whole of Kinross.

### Future of Kinross Buildings

**County Buildings:** A sign has now been displayed.



A "For Sale" sign is now on display at the County Buildings



**Mill Street:** This matter is still ongoing. The Council will be attempting to identify any parties associated with the Macintosh Institute. CCllr Watson commented that there are legal options available to the Council to allow them to progress matters.

#### Planning

**13/00462/FLL** 108-114 High Street and land to the rear of 106 High Street: 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). The Council notified the CC of this application. Some discussion was held in relation to this matter. CCllr Colliar advised that he had no outright objection, however held a number of issues in relation to this application. This is a new application. The CC are aware that there were objections from some members of the public to the erection of apartments and an application for the apartments was lodged previously and rejected. CCllr Colliar added that in his opinion the size of the proposed buildings, being two and a half storeys high, were large and cumbersome for this site and that a two-metre stone wall with pillars and electric gates would also be erected around the area. There are 1½ parking spaces allocated per unit and comment was made that this will add to the parking issues in the centre of town. It was added that the Town Hall is to be made wind and watertight before the developer can sell the apartments. Mr Wilson has given assurances that the Town Hall would be preserved and brought back into use and that he has no wish to see the building demolished. CCllr Colliar added that if the Town Hall is beyond recompense the only solution is for it to be demolished. CCllr Watson questioned whether it would be possible to place a condition in relation to ongoing maintenance to the Town Hall following on the sale (a Section 75 Agreement was mentioned). The Clock Tower is included in the sale and the billiard hall is to be demolished. The developer will pay over the price to the Council if planning consent is agreed. It was to be noted that the Common Good Fund is currently in deficit and that this price will go towards clearing the balance. Further discussion was held on this subject and it was agreed that we ask the Council for a four week extension in order to consider all aspects of this application and to reach a determination at our next CC Meeting. The developer, Simon Wilson, also to be invited to our next meeting. CCllr Colliar will contact Mr Wilson with this invitation should it be necessary.

**13/00489/FLL** Site of former Falconry Centre, Turfhill, Kinross: Formation of community allotments and erection of ancillary structures.

**13/00360/FLL** Bellfield House, Bellfield, Balado, Kinross: Erection of 3 dwelling houses. CCllr Colliar stated that there have been six planning applications for this site, some approved and some still in abeyance. As such, it is difficult to determine what is proposed. Despite this, it was agreed that there were no grounds for objection.

**13/00421/AM** Torriebank, Carsegour, Kinross: Erection of two dwelling houses (approval of matters specified by conditions - 07/01823/IPL). PKC notified the CC of this application. The CC had no comment to make.

#### Report from Perth & Kinross Councillors Councillor Robertson

**Heritage Trail:** Negotiations are going very well with land owners and further works should commence around May. Funding is in place and the works should be completed by next May.

**Green Park:** Cllr Robertson held concerns over the condition of this area. A site meeting was arranged with residents and Council Officers. The Council owned land was in dire need of repair, with broken fences etc. The cost of this work is £22,500 and PKC is hopeful that this money can be sourced and that repairs can be carried out. PKC will also approach tenants whose gardens require tidying.

#### Councillor Giacopazzi

**Wilson Court:** The hedge has been pruned back and visibility is now improved.

Two other problems were raised by members of the public – one concerning the height of a fence at Wilson Court (Cllr Giacopazzi will follow this up) and the other a grass embankment which requires cutting back. It was suggested that this could be dealt with under the Community Payback Order.

#### Correspondence

**1. T in the Park Public Entertainment Licence:** Application submitted for a two-year period referring to a figure of 92,500 as the maximum number of persons proposed to be admitted to the site at any one time. This figure represents 85,000 ticket holders and 7,500 staff members and artists and remains unchanged. Planning consent was approved in January 2013. The timings are: the arena entertainment closes at midnight, with the amplified sound on campsite finishing at midnight on Thursday and 2am on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Sunset Strip (Food Alley) 3am on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There is a dedicated number to phone during the event should anyone have a problem with sound levels.

**2. Local Development Plan:** The Reporter's Office commented that the DPEA recently received the local development plan for examination. The plan was allocated to two Reporters who consider all aspects of the proposed plan where there are unresolved representations. The Reporters commenced examination on 25 March 2013. It is likely that all the unresolved issues will take approximately six to nine months.

A further communication was received from the Reporter's Office in response to our email: "I can now confirm that the Reporter has concluded his examination of conformity with the planning authority's participation statement under Section 19(4) of the Town and Country Planning Scotland Act 1997. He had regard to the concerns you raised over the adequacy of the consultation process and, in particular, the authority's decision not to amend the proposed plan and publish those modifications for further representations. However, the authority's participation statement did not commit it to producing a modified plan and the Reporter is satisfied that the consultation process that the authority carried out was in accordance with what it said it would do in its participation statement. This is as far as the legislation permits the Reporter to consider the participation process. The examination of the proposed plan will therefore commence."

The CC also received a copy of the response received from the Reporter's Office by the Civic Trust together with a copy of their communication. The H46 Action group confirmed that they received a similar letter.

**3. Sunnypark:** Notice received regarding a temporary traffic regulation order.

**4. Grounds maintenance review:** PKC are proposing to reduce maintenance on smaller shrub beds and on sites which are less prominent. [See April Newsletter or PKC website for more details.] It was confirmed that there would be no



change to grass cutting by residents who pay £5 for the service. Cllr Robertson said this was a sad fact and added that PKC should cut back on large schemes, such as those proposed for Blairgowrie and Perth. The small saving that will be achieved from the cut backs to the grounds maintenance will result in untidy areas which down the line might cost more to bring to a reasonable standard. Cllr Giacopazzi stated that various bodies might be interested in assisting in the short term and that the information should be advertised so that they are aware who to approach. This would be under the remit of the Environmental Service. CCllr West suggested that this could be dealt with under "Carbon Trading" - some areas be taken over by the community with the Council doubling resources to other areas. The CC is not happy about the situation but has to accept it in light of the Council cut backs. It was agreed an Officer be asked to the next meeting to discuss community involvement.

**5. Gritting and snow clearing:** PKC requests feedback. CCllr Jack mentioned the A977, stating that there was no sign of a plough at 7am, and in relation to the B918 the plough travelled up the road, threw the snow over a bridge, continued up the road and repeated this exercise. A reply was given that the vehicles are now stored in Crieff and have to be collected from the depot there and it would all depend on the timing issues. CCllr Wood added that the Loch Road is similar; the Fiè end is cleared, however.

**6. Blairadam Forest plan:** Deadline 5 April. A disc was received in relation to this consultation.

**7. KCLD:** A Minute of Agreement has been drawn up with existing partners to be listed on an appendix. A profile has to be completed. Copies of the minutes will continue to be sent to the CC. An information meeting is to be held at the campus on 16 May, 7.30- 8.30.

**Reports from CC members:** CCllr West invited reports from the CC members on any meeting etc attended over the last month. He confirmed that he had attended none on behalf of the CC, adding that he believed a Newsletter meeting would be held shortly. There was a Kinross-shire Fund meeting, however he was unable to attend this. Apart from CCllr Wood who mentioned that he attended the launch of the Washhouse at Scotlandwell and CCllr Colliar who reported that Light Up Kinross AGM is to be held on 18 April at 7.30 in the Green Hotel, no other CC member had anything to report. CCllr Wood reported that the launch project was a community effort with everyone working together and that the event he attended was very successful.

**Newsletter grants:** CCllr Davies reported on applications received from the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme and Kinross in Bloom. Following discussion it was agreed that the sum of £2,000 be awarded to the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme and £2,000 to Kinross in Bloom. It was added that there should be a proviso that the vehicle to be purchased by Kinross in Bloom should be made available to other community groups. Cllr Giacopazzi asked if applications could still be made and mentioned that funding was being sourced for the upgrading of Milnathort Town Hall. They can, if they wish, submit an application if it meets the criteria. The Chairman mentioned that he had approached all CCs and made them aware of the funding disbursement and that this covers all Kinross-shire. We have had requests from Crook of Devon, Kinnesswood and Powmill.

**Light Up Kinross:** CCllr Colliar advised those present of an alleged incident which arose at the Switch On in December. There is an ongoing complaint and for clarity he as Chair of Light Up Kinross was taking full responsibility for resolving the matter. There followed a series of points and comments.

CCllr Jack questioned the discussion last month on the Reports from **CC Members**, adding that the Newsletter Editor was aware of this. CCllr West stated that she had contacted him following receipt of the agenda and asked for more information.

**The Next Meeting and the Annual General Meeting of Kinross CC will be held on Wednesday 1 May 2013 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.**

### Agenda for the Meeting to be held on 1 May

Apologies for absence

Personal statement

Annual General Meeting:

Previous Minutes, Chairman's Report,

Treasurer's Report, Accounts,

Appointment of Officers, Any Other Business

Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 April 2013

Police Report

Presentation re Grounds Maintenance

Matters Arising from the Minutes of 3 April 2013

Future of Kinross Buildings

Planning Matters

Planning applications received (including Kinross Town Hall application)

Applications determined and other planning matters

Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors

Reports from CC Members (re meetings attended etc)

Miscellaneous Correspondence

Other Competent Business

Date of Next Meeting

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

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## Milnathort Community Council

### News from the April Meeting

CCllr Hamilton, Chair, welcomed CCllrs Bennet, Cottingham, Halford, Smith and Thomson to the meeting held on Thursday 11 April 2013. Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs Giacopazzi and Robertson, and eight members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllrs Milne-Home and Pettinger, P&K Cllr Cuthbert and Barnacle and from the Police.

**Police matters:** The Police did not provide a report.

**Matters arising:** CCllr Smith advised that the horse and cart, previously reported as exercising in Donaldson Park, had not been seen recently, however another horse had been seen grazing untethered, but under the eye of its owner. The MCC agreed that allowing the horse to graze untethered was potentially dangerous to members of the public.

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

13/00504/FLL: Alteration and extension, Tillyrie Farm.

13/00557/FLL: Alterations and sub-division of existing building to form two workshop units, Premier Wheels Limited, Crawford Place, Milnathort.

13/00655/IPL: Erection of a dwelling house (in principle), 16 Burleigh Road, Milnathort.

**Planning applications determined:** The MCC noted that the following had been approved:

13/00126/FLL: Siting of two storey portacabins (in retrospect), 89A South Street, Milnathort.

13/00179/IPL: Demolition of existing workshop and erection of 2 flats (in principle), GA Millar Joiners workshop, 46 New Road, Milnathort.

**Sewer Flooding:** The Chair advised that Scottish Water had appointed a consultant to investigate issues with properties on the south side of New Road, which are on the flood register and at a risk from internal flooding from sewers, in order to determine a long-term solution. In addition the consultant would be investigating if other properties on New Road were vulnerable. From discussion it emerged that there were issues with a slow-running drain, in the vicinity of the five properties at risk.

### New Matters and Correspondence

**Access:** The MCC discussed at length the issues of access for a disabled resident living in the vicinity of the 'Heaven Scent' café, previously raised at the last meeting. The Secretary has written to the Head Injuries Trust in Glasgow about possible funding to assist the gentleman concerned. CCllr Thomson advised that she had visited the resident. As previously established, the main issue was with access over a stretch of gravel jointly the responsibility of the five residents in that area, but only three had agreed to allow PKC to replace the gravel with paving. A member of the public advised that she had telephoned the PKC mediation service, but established that the service was a voluntary one and the five property owners could not be required to attend. The MCC recorded its dismay that the issue was still unresolved, but noted that the issue had been referred to PKC Social Work department. Cllr Robertson agreed to investigate the issue with PKC and report back to the MCC. CCllr Thomson proposed that, if the PKC Social Worker could not resolve the issue, the Orwell Parish Church office might be able to assist.

**Milnathort in Bloom:** Graeme Stewart, Secretary to the Milnathort in Bloom group, reported that £38,545 had been raised, together with £1,000 in kind (top soil and labour) towards repair of the Milnathort War Memorial plus landscaping and restoring the surrounding wall. Work on the monument itself was planned to begin in May, and tenders for other work were expected soon. He also advised that he had written to the Newsletter providing full details of the project including the sources of funding. (*see p. 44*)

**Rural roads:** CCllr Halford raised an issue with upkeep of rural roads, in particular the lack of maintenance of the verges, which were encroaching on the roadways. The MCC noted that the road leading from Tillywhally to Tillyrie was an example. Following discussion, Cllr Giacopazzi offered to explore the issue with PKC.

**Middleton:** The Chair asked about progress with the dangerous stretch of road near Middleton, raised in February 2013. Cllr Robertson reported that repairs had now been included in PKC's programme of works, but as yet a date had not been advised.

**Insurance:** CCllr Bennet agreed to again send the MCC insurance document to the website providers so that it could be incorporated in the MCC section.

### Comments/Questions from the Floor

Members of the public raised concerns about maintenance and cleanliness in the village, in particular the pavements in Stirling Road, and cleaning of the area of Whyte Place. Cllr Robertson advised that PKC had completed cleaning on 10 April, including drains clearance. He asked those concerned to meet with him to discuss the issues raised. Cllr Giacopazzi also offered to meet on site, with the member of the public living in Whyte Place, so that he could be advised of the particular concerns and represent these to PKC.

### Reports by Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllr Giacopazzi had no issues to report.

A member of the public raised concerns about the amount of money to be spent by PKC on providing dual English and Gaelic language road signs. Following discussion it was established that the four local Councillors had represented local views at PKC, however the Scottish Government had directed Councils throughout Scotland to progress dual language signs. It was noted that dual language road signs would be progressed when signs were due to be replaced. Cllr Robertson updated MCC on the final stage of Loch Leven Heritage trail. The route had been agreed and funding was in place. TRACKS had issued tenders and it was expected that work would begin in May 2013 and probably completed within one year.

**The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will take place on Thursday 9 May 2013, including the AGM, at Orwell Church Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.**

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## Fossoway and District CC News from the April Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 2 April were: CCllrs Sandy Morrison, Trudy Wigman-Duffy, Alastair Lavery, Kevin Borthwick, Sheila Anderson and Rod Paterson; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, J Giacomazzi and W Robertson and 11 members of the public (MoP). Apologies for absence were received from CCllr A Cheape and P&K Cllr D Cuthbert. There were no declarations of interest.

**Community Policing:** No officer present, however a report was received after the meeting: Warning of bogus workmen in area; Theft of batteries from temporary traffic lights at Powmill under enquiry; Speed checks continue at Rumbling Bridge. Note that the new non-emergency number (101) to contact the police, mentioned last month, is subject to a 15p flat rate charge from any phone (land line or mobile).

**Outh Muir Wind Farm:** John Anderson reported that the liaison meeting covered the risk to private water supplies from the works, although the hydrologist assured residents it would be safe. Proposed turbine numbers down from eight to five and reduced to 110 metres in height. Fife has produced a consultation document recommending that turbines be placed only on low areas rather than hills. Next meeting of the liaison group will be on 24 April.

**Signposting core paths and rights of way:** A number of local landowners and farmers met Mr Laurie, and Mr Stubbs, to discuss the core path through Craigton Wood, and along the old railway line. It was unanimously agreed that this should be replaced by a circular path through Craigton Wood, although some work (bridging ditch, clearing branches etc) will need to be done to complete it, possibly with community help. The CC fully endorsed this result. Thanks were recorded to Mr Stubbs for his flexible approach on this matter.

**Lambhill wood chip plant at Blairingone:** Alan Kinloch's letter to Bernadette Malone of 27 March (escalating his letter to Nick Brian) elicited a reply from Mr Brian the same day. However there's no change on the separation of the two applications even though one site needs the other to accommodate its turning circle, and meanwhile work on the site continues in the absence of approval. Nevertheless, the valid points raised in Alan's letter have still not been addressed prior to the application being submitted to Committee, so he has written to Mr Brian again. Mr Lavery would write again stressing the four planning law points which were in Mr Kinloch's letter and reiterating the CC's view that this was one site, and should be treated as such.

**Travellers' site at Crook Moss, Crook of Devon:** Cllrs Giacomazzi and Robertson described the contents of the Contamination Report which says that the contamination is not sufficient to prevent the application going forward, and any risk can be eliminated with Radon barriers under each pitch. Traces of lead and nickel were found in the groundwater, and grey asbestos found in one borehole, however PKC do not believe the amounts are significant. No investigations were done on the part of the site which was previously a waste dump as that is not included in the current application even though a successful application might result in expansion into that area in the future. The CC would expect there to be an exclusion on any development outwith the original site until a full contamination report had been completed on the remainder of the site.

Grey water is still being disposed on the site, but that is also not considered to be a concern. A new proposal for sewage disposal is being prepared by the applicant who hopes to include other existing properties in the area, in order to meet the Loch Leven Catchment 120% criteria.

Cllr Barnacle points out that even with the above points being addressed by the applicant, there are still the matters of the site being contrary to the local plan, and adequate provision for travellers already being available at other sites. The CC still believes that the calculation of need is incorrect and will be resubmitting their calculations on this matter.

Cllr Giacomazzi reported that the planning department had confirmed that the occupants were in breach of the timescale allowed for submitting plans, but this had been exacerbated by the death of their agent. However planning's patience was not everlasting.

**Glenquey Quarry:** May be on the agenda for the DMC meeting on 24 April or 22 May.

**B9097 works:** Sandy reports that the signage was installed as agreed. A977 in Blairingone: work now re-scheduled for 22 to 29 April – see also Cllr Barnacle's report.

**Green Routes:** Cllr Giacomazzi confirms that the Green Route including the loop road has been extended to the old road, not the A91.

**Local Development Plan:** The proposed plan has been submitted to the Scottish Government for approval. Kinross-shire Civic Trust mounted an appeal against the way that PKC had conducted the public consultation, but the Reporter stated that they thought the process was adequate. Cllrs Barnacle and Robertson made similar representations to the Recorder, with the same response.

**Gartwhinzean Loan signage:** The CC contacted PKC. This is not currently a high priority, however PKC will attempt to resolve.

**Gartwhinzean Hotel site:** the CC contacted Ken Thompson who has agreed to take down redundant signage and trim overhanging bushes; the latter has been done and the former will be dealt with over the next week. The CC thanked Mr Thompson for his prompt response.

**Powmill Snack Bar:** The CC emailed Cllr Barnacle regarding problems with parking, litter, etc discussed at the last meeting. The complaint has been passed to Ray Short. Parking is a Police matter, other concerns have been passed to the appropriate departments, and our complaint will be passed to the Case Officer if the planning application is renewed, since the current permission expires in September.

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**Church Community Office:** Meeting on Friday to try and find more volunteers.

**PKC Ground Maintenance Review:** Various cost-saving measures have been proposed, e.g. verge cutting stops at 30mph signs, poor condition flowerbeds returned to grass, etc. Full details were made available for inspection. There is an opportunity for the community to retain the maintenance of these areas, but proposals would have to be discussed with PKC, also taking into account health and safety requirements. The main concerns from those present was that reduced verge cutting would be a safety issue; it was also stressed that verge cutting should not be left until T in the Park, but should be dealt with when required. Any comments about these proposals should be sent to PKC by 12 April.

**Dead sheep in River Devon:** The CC was contacted by a member of the public to report a dead sheep in the river above the Scout camp, having not gained any useful response elsewhere. Angus removed it and contacted the owner.

**Community Plan consultation:** Sandy reports that he will respond in accordance with discussions held in meetings of this CC.

**Gritting and snow clearing:** PKC have asked for comments on this process. The general view of those present was that a good job has been done in spite of the conditions. However in some areas the bins were unable to be emptied due to bad weather.

#### Reports by Perth & Kinross Councillors

##### Cllr J Giacopazzi

A Crook of Devon resident had complained about a letter from PKC concerning the electricity supply to Crook Moss. He had investigated with an independent legal source and was informed that the response was legally correct, although the terms of the letter could have perhaps been better phrased.

##### Cllr M Barnacle

Area at end of **Aldie Road** – PKC will look into tidying up.

**Carnbo post box:** Royal Mail are investigating Cllr Barnacle's complaint about its removal.

Development Management Councillors are taking a tour of **wind farms** in Kinross-shire to compare the reality with photo-montages submitted with previous planning applications.

PKC have agreed to create a business case for **A977 improvements**, as the first step towards actually doing something.

A new **HGV sign** has been put up at the Drum road end.

A member of the public notes that the **A977 closure** will result in diversion via the Knockhill road, which is already damaged (and has temporary lights) so is not appropriate for this use. Cllr Barnacle will investigate.

##### Cllr W Robertson

Work should commence at the end of May on the **Loch Leven Heritage Trail** as all the landowners have agreed the route, and all other requirements in place.

**Greenknowes Wind Farm:** Why weren't Fossoway CC consulted about this? Cllr Robertson will find out whether this community should receive some benefit from this.

Yesterday (1 April) was the start of the new **Policing** structure, so it's important that we make sure the contact with the community continues as before.

#### Planning

13/00561/PN Erection of an agricultural building, Viewfield, Carnbo. No CC comment.

13/00544/FLL Erection of a dwelling house and garage with ancillary storage. Plot 3, Muirfield, Fossoway, KY13 0UN. No CC comment.

13/00508/FLL Extension to dwelling house. 10 The Old Station, Rumbling Bridge. No CC comment.

13/00426/FLL Erection of a single 37m wind turbine, Gelvan Farm, Fossoway. The CC did not agree a recommendation on this particular application, but the continued absence of a detailed policy for wind turbines make these applications difficult to determine.

13/00396/FLL Installation of biomass boiler and associated housing structure (in retrospect), Tullibole Mill, Crook of Devon. No CC comment.

#### Correspondence

Full list was circulated to the attendees.

Clydesdale Bank Community Fund still has £175,000 available to community groups.

#### Other Business

**Devonshaw Quarry** site is on the market; the CC will investigate any extant planning permissions and report at the next meeting.

#### Draft Agenda for Next CC Meeting

Welcome and Apologies. Declarations of Interest. Community Policing. Minutes of last meeting. Matters Arising (Outh Muir Wind Farm, Blairingone War Memorial, Crook of Devon Church Car Park, Signposting core paths and rights of way, Lambhill site Blairingone, Travellers' site Crook Moss, Glenquey Quarry, Resurfacing A977, Church Community Office, PKC Ground Maintenance Review). Community Councillors - Meetings Attended. PKC Councillors' Reports. Planning Applications. Correspondence. AOCB.

**The Next Meeting and the AGM of Fossoway and District CC will take place on Tuesday 7 May 2013 at 7.30pm at Fossoway Primary School, Crook of Devon. All welcome!**

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## Portmoak Community Council

### News from the April Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 9 April 2013 were: CCllrs M Parkin (Chair), M Strang Steel, R Cairncross, T Smith, S Forde, R Williamson and B Calderwood; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, W Robertson, D Cuthbert and J Giacomazzi and nine members of the public. There were no apologies.

#### Matters Arising

**Living Lomonds Landscape Partnership:** Efforts continue to have CCllr Smith appointed to the committee.

**Gritting and snow clearing:** The CC will be submitting their usual annual report to PKC Roads Department on the effectiveness of snow clearing activities during the winter. The CC had assisted the Nursing Home at Glenlomond by establishing contact with the Roads Department when the home was cut off by snow drifts, and had also asked PKC to provide a private contractor to assist with re-opening the road.

The CC had also asked PKC Roads to continue gritting work at Wester Balgedie and Glenlomond during the weekend, to prevent a more difficult situation from having to be dealt with each Monday.

The CC had also provided Mr Stuart D'All of PKC Roads with the names of three potential private contractors who are interested in working with PKC to assist with snow clearance on local roads, on a call-out basis, when the Council is fully committed elsewhere.

**Access from fields to main roads:** The CC has asked PKC for the position regarding planning consent when a permanent access from a field to a road is constructed by a landowner.

**Local broadband speeds:** The CC is presently trying to compile information about Portmoak broadband speeds with the purpose of dealing with BT to improve these, particularly in remoter areas.

**Water on Mawcarse Road:** Scottish Water has inspected this site to diagnose the source of the water, and their report is awaited.

**Lomond Country Inn:** The CC has written to the believed purchaser of the Lomond to establish contact.

#### TRACKS Report

To cover for the previously notified absence of Mr George Lawrie, Cllr Robertson reported on the current position regarding the Wester 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 project was within the Sustrans criteria, and the SITA Trust application result would be known in July 2013.

Subject to negotiations with landowners, the project seemed to be on target.

Robertson also reported that as part of a plan to provide footpath access from the B920 at Lochend Farm to the Loch Leven Heritage Trail, TRACKS was exploring the possibility of a path along the perimeter of Portmoak Airfield.

He accepted that the piecemeal nature of TRACKS planning applications sometimes caused problems for PKC Planning Department.

Arrangements were in hand to secure the final link of the Heritage Trail around Loch Leven.

#### Car park at Moss Road, Scotlandwell

The possible development of a site on the B920 (H54), plus sundry infill development, could increase the size of Scotlandwell by 66%. Parking in Scotlandwell is already limited, and there is no provision for public parking. The leisure proposals for the Moss itself, together with visitors to the recently restored Wash House and Well, will further increase the demand for parking.

CCllr Cairncross pointed out that in the 2004 Local Development Plan, PKC had required provision of land for car parking, and that in the 2013 Draft Local Plan they had agreed that encouragement would be given to proposals that provided additional parking. The CC accordingly feels the need for car parking to be a vital part of the village infrastructure that is being overlooked, and will therefore continue to work for the provision of car parking at Moss Road.

Cllr Robertson mentioned that Scottish Water, who use Moss Road, had agreed to repair the potholes.

#### Grounds Maintenance

The CC will write to PKC about the proposed reduction to grounds maintenance, particularly at Wester Balgedie, at the junction of the A911. This is a prime tourist viewing location that has been enhanced and cared for by local residents, and to reduce its maintenance to that of the status of a verge would be counter-productive for both PKC and Portmoak.

#### Local Development Plan

The Plan has been submitted to Government Reporters, prior to approval by the Scottish Government. Unfortunately, the usual stage of publishing a Plan for further consideration after amendment by the consultation process, has been omitted. There is therefore a need to emphasise the representations made by Portmoak CC, so that these are fully considered by the Reporters. Accordingly the CC will write to the Reporters.

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## Reports

**Police:** There was no Police presence, and no written report had been submitted.

The **Treasurer** presented accounts to the year ended March 2013 that showed a balance of £355.78 in the Michael Bruce Way account, and £247.90 in the General account.

**Planning:** The CC had considered three Planning Applications made to PKC.

13/00401/FLL: Erection of dwelling house, Arnot Tower. No objection, but comment to be made on the setting.

13/00552/FLL: Alterations and extension to dwelling house at 27 Whitecraigs, Kinnesswood. No objection.

13/00505/FLL: Land at Loch Leven's Larder. Change of use to form cricket ground, pavilion, car parking etc. No objection. The CC will write to PKC Planning to emphasise their support for this application.

These decisions were those of the entire CC.

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

- 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 Portmoak length of the A911.
- Resurfacing of the B9097 South Loch Road. Cllr Cuthbert reported that the deterioration of the B9097 was considered to be cosmetic by PKC Roads, and there was no immediate plan for repair. Cllr Barnacle also reported that PKC did not consider the re-instatement of blind summit signs on the B9097 to be needed.
- Replacement reflective signs at New Gullet Bridge on the B920.

In addition, Miss Elizabeth Smith MSP had been unable to have a meeting with the Road Haulage Association at the Scottish Parliament, regarding the passage of HGVs through Portmoak. She will report again.

## Ward Councillor Reports

Cllr Barnacle reported that the Local Plan process was adjudged to have been correctly performed, and that it would be appropriate for the CC to make its points to the Reporters, as mentioned above.

## Other Business

CCllr Cairncross pointed out that there were two walls in danger of collapse, one at the foot of the field on the landward side of the A911 at the entrance to Kinnesswood, and the other in Wester Balgedie. He asked for the assistance of Ward Councillors to resolve these situations, and Cllr Giacopazzi agreed to a site meeting on 10 April to review these, and to invoke PKC help as needed.

**Mr John Bird** had resigned from the CC on 1 April 2013. The Chairman and the CC had thanked him for his work over the years.

**The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 14 May 2013 at Portmoak Primary School. This will also be the AGM of Portmoak CC.**

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## Cleish & Blairadam CC

### News from the April Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 1 April 2013 were: CCllrs P Fraser, R Kitchin, H Somerville, F McGregor, J Moore, N Robertson and M Traylor; Associate Member C Culley and three members of the community.

Apologies were received from CCllr R Jeffrey, P&K Cllr M Barnacle and the Police.

**The by-election** has successfully taken place with all those putting themselves forward for election being elected unopposed. The CC therefore is fully constituted with eight members, three of which are from the Blairadam end of the ward thus addressing the previous lack of balance in representation. The members of the CC are Ron Kitchin (Chair), Patty Fraser (Secretary), Richard Jeffrey (Treasurer), Hugh Somerville (Minute secretary), Fiona MacGregor, Margaret Traylor, James Moore and Nigel Robertson. The chairman welcomed the newly elected members; Margaret Traylor was welcomed back to the CC!

**Crime Prevention:** No report provided. There have been some local stories of dogs being stolen (supposedly for fighting). There is again fly tipping (garden waste mainly) past the pillars in Blairadam.

**Correspondence:** The secretary reported on letters received, particularly on one from the Civic Trust highlighting their perceived inadequacies in PKC's handling of the Local Development Plan which has now been submitted to the Scottish Executive.

The T in the Park group has made contact with the CC as part of their annual planning for the event. The CC will write back again requesting that the white lines at the M5 junction and at the Cleish Mill bends be repainted as the increase in traffic associated with the event raises the considerable hazards at these sites.

The Cleish Field Association has written to the CC requesting their support in the application for grants being made to purchase the Cleish Playing Field, the lease on which expires in July 2013. The CC agreed that the Playing Field is an important asset to the community and will provide a letter of support.

**CC website:** A general request for more photographs from Blairadam. There will be links on the site to both PKC and Kinross CC.

**Wind turbines:** The applications at Blairadam and Outh Moor are both expected to be submitted in the middle of this year.

**Report from Blairadam:** The condition of the roads and verges continues to be one of the main concerns. This deterioration is exacerbated by heavy farm vehicles, and also the passing of buses which have no choice but to mount the verges. Some of the potholes have been temporarily filled, but quickly need refilling. There has been correspondence from PKC with regard to cuts in ground maintenance. The CC plan to meet with Bruce Reekie to discuss what should be done in the Blairadam/Maryburgh and Cleish areas, acknowledging that in the current economic climate we should prioritise the works that are most pressing.

A member of the public highlighted that the Forestry Commission has been informing local groups of their ten-year plan. They, as yet, have not contacted the Cleish and Blairadam CC and we would expect them to do so.

### Planning

**Cleish Mains Steading** – erection of dwelling house. This application was submitted previously but for 2 houses. The CC objected to this on that occasion on the basis of it being out of keeping with the neighbouring listed Cleish Castle. The CC has lodged an objection again on this basis.

A further retrospective application has been made for the Greenacres site. There are now 7 access points onto the main road, with many plots being subdivided. It is also noted that a number of portacabins have been installed in the woodland area opposite. The CC will contact Cllr Barnacle for guidance on how to take this forward, given the lack of information and reassurance we have had from PKC on the ongoing expansion of this site.

**Community Office representative:** The Cleish and Fossoway Community Office requires a representation from either the CC or from the community in their constitution. There were no immediate volunteers and so this will posted on the website.

### Other business

A member of the public asked about the ten-yard stretch of pavement which has been built at Coldrain, leading nowhere. It is thought that it may be part of the Green Zone pilot, but the CC will make enquiries.

There was a question regarding Village Hall annual revenue grants – someone had heard possible reports that they may be stopped.

**The Next Meeting of Cleish and Blairadam CC will take place on Monday 3 June 2013 at the Cleish Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

Cleish & Blairadam CC minutes are posted on the website

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# Club & Community Group News

## Rotary Club of Kinross & District



The George Cross island of Malta was the subject of an illustrated talk by Graham Harrower, when he compared life on the island today compared to the time he spent there as a serving officer in the RAF in the 1960s. The days when British warships filled Valetta's harbours are long gone!



*The contents of a Shelter Box, the Charity where you know exactly what your donation buys. Visit [www.shelterbox.org](http://www.shelterbox.org)*

At the last meeting in March, we heard from Dr John Kerr, a member of the Howe of Fife Club, who had brought along the most recent version of a Shelter Box. The Shelter Box Charity was set up by a Rotarian in Cornwall in 2000, as a means of ensuring that victims of disasters anywhere in the world are provided with family survival packs as quickly as possible. Each box contains essential equipment for heat, light, water purification and cooking, along with a family tent which can provide shelter in a wide variety of conditions including temperatures ranging from -20c to +50c and winds up to 100kph. Charitable donations are used to purchase these Green Boxes, many of which are now stored in depots located in or close to the most vulnerable regions of the world. Rotarians are involved in all stages of the distribution, including, in some cases, directly to disaster sites. Even the Royal Navy now holds a stock of 200 on board an auxiliary vessel. The Kinross Club has already purchased a number of these life saving and sustaining aids.

In August last year, the Club hosted a Group Study Exchange (GSE) team of four young people from Pennsylvania USA, on the first leg of their visit to Scotland. A return GSE visit to the USA will be made in May by a team of four young Scots, one of whom, Ruth Turner, is being sponsored by the Kinross Club. Ruth, who is employed as a Health & Safety Advisor with Perth & Kinross Council, will join three others from the North of Scotland Rotary District, each with a different occupational background. They will be hosted by Pennsylvanian Rotarians and will be able to study working practices in their own area of responsibility, along with the opportunity to tour the area and learn more about life and work in that part of the USA.



*Group Study Exchange team member Ruth Turner receives Kinross Rotary Club Banners from President Sandy Pottie*

Kinross High School will be the venue for the **Rotary District final of the Primary School Quiz** on 18 April when the local heat winners from Milnathort Primary School will be representing Kinross-shire, competing against nine other teams from Fife schools.

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

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## SSAFA's new brand puts family first

### Armed Forces charity updates image to reach the Forces and their families

On 10 April 2013, the Perth and Kinross Branch of military charity SSAFA Forces Help changed its name to SSAFA, as part of a universal, charity wide rebrand, aimed at improving awareness of the charity.

The rebrand is designed to help SSAFA reach more clients by describing the charity, and the support it provides, in a more clear and consistent way.

This is particularly important at a local level, where SSAFA's teams of trained volunteers work hard to ensure that help and advice are always close at hand. Last year, the Perth and Kinross Branch supported over 120 veterans and their families, in our local community, in a wide variety of ways.

SSAFA's long history of supporting the Forces and their families since 1885 has made it one of Britain's most trusted and respected charities. But a recent brand audit found that many people thought that the charity needed to modernise its identity, to better reach its key audiences. The charity is increasingly helping younger veterans, many of whom are in their 20s and 30s. Last year SSAFA supported 3,812 veterans and their families in this age range.

Families have always been at the heart of what SSAFA does, and they have been put at the centre of the brand. A new descriptive strapline reiterates the charity's commitment to families, as well as those who serve. The change of name is supported by a modern new logo, with a three colour underline, to represent the charity's lifelong support to the Navy, Army and RAF.

Andy Middlemiss, Chairman of SSAFA locally, said:

"These changes follow a long period of consultation with volunteers and staff, as well as members of the military community. SSAFA has supported our Forces and their families for more than 125 years, but the work we do now is more vital than ever before. It's really important that those who serve, and those who used to serve in our Forces, know that SSAFA is here for them and their families for life."

SSAFA provides lifelong support to anyone who is currently serving, or has ever served in the Royal Navy, British Army or Royal Air Force, and their families.

Each year, the staff and network of 7,500 volunteers are there for more than 50,000 people, ranging from D-Day veterans, to the families of young soldiers wounded in Afghanistan.

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## Kinross in Bloom



When writing this, the temperature had just started to rise above freezing, and we were slowly but surely advancing into Spring, and we were glad to see that the snowdrops which were planted at the Community Campus were coming to life. Although a bit sparse at the moment, they will surely spread year on year to give a fine display. Also the daffodils planted at the gateways to the Community Campus, and at the corner, have all survived the pipe laying work which took place in that area. Elsewhere in the town, crocus plants have provided colourful carpets, and the daffodils are looking great.

In our own polytunnel, the plants for this year's hanging baskets, barrels and planters, are being tended by our members, in readiness for our summer displays.

With all the "potting on" and watering to be done, we could do with some extra hands, so if you feel that you could give us an hour or so per week, we would welcome all the extra help we can get; phone Iain Todd on 01577 208110 or Aileen Sorbie at 01577 861477, and we promise you won't have to come to any meetings or join a committee.

Our 200 Club winners are as follows:

### March

- |                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. No.24 Mr & Mrs Burnett | 2. No.6 Mr & Mrs Simpson |
| 3. No.8 Mr R Findlay      | 4. No.39 Mrs E Thomas    |

### April

- |                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. No.2 Mrs E Oswald  | 2. No.77 Mrs M Archer |
| 3. No.33 Mrs M Dobson | 4. No.13 Mr I Todd    |

## Scottish Handcraft Circle

### Biennial Exhibition comes to Kinross

The Scottish Handcraft Circle was started in 1945 from an idea at a Guide Commissioners' Conference. The aim is to "provide activities which will encourage members to create things of high standard and good design." The motto "Never an idle moment, never an angry word" was adopted. The first exhibition was held in the Edinburgh Guide HQ in 1950.

The 2013 exhibition of stitched textiles and handcrafts will take place in Kinross, in the Parish Church on Station Road, from **16 to 18 May** (see p. 95 for details).

Kinross is a new branch, started in 2009. This will be the first time they have hosted the biennial exhibition of the Scottish Handcraft Circle.

The exhibition will showcase the many classes the branches have completed over the past two years, ranging through wire birds and animals, book making, jewellery and many types of sewn work.

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## Potager Garden



After the long, cold spring, we are hoping for an improvement in May, so that we can start vegetable growing with the **pupils from Mrs Wardlaw's** class at the Primary School. We are also looking forward to starting work on the new **Sensory area** at the garden.

We have started our **Monday morning volunteer sessions**, between about 10.30 and 12.30, when all are welcome, and you could also call for **advice or plant sales**. Plant sales also on Thursday afternoons from 3pm to 4pm, and the **garden is now open for visitors**; children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult, and as this is a working garden, please take care, and don't touch or taste the plants. If any group would like to **arrange a visit to the garden**, please contact Amanda.

We would like to thank **Crook of Devon Village Hall** for hosting our first plant sale of the year, on 30 March, which was very successful for us; also **Fossoway Store**, and **Hunters the butchers**, who are again making our plants available at their shops.

We are also very grateful to **Dobbies in Kinross** for a donation of items to help with our growing with the children, under their "Here we Grow" programme.



*Luke Chamberlain, Manager at Dobbies, presenting items to Margaret Greener, Potager Garden Vice Convenor*

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held in the Garden Room at the Church Centre, on the High Street, on **Wednesday 29 May, at 7.30 pm**, and all are welcome to attend, to hear about our activities over the last year.

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

## Common Grounds



Let's hope we won't be mentioning snow in the June issue – having said that, it did snow on 1st June in the mid seventies, at least in the Borders where we lived at the time. Now please don't get depressed, for the rest of that summer was very warm and dry with the grass in the parks all brown. By the time you read this, our celebrations for reaching £100,000 will be well under way. As we write this, we are looking forward to our ceilidh on 13 April, which sold out very fast.

**Project Lunch:** Our next project lunch is on **Tuesday 7 May** at 12 noon prompt. Our guest speaker will be Judy Thomson from the Balcraig Foundation, which is based in Perth. Please accept our invitation to our lunch – you will be made very welcome.

**Project:** Our project for May is the Northampton Trustee Fund, who operates exclusively in The Gambia. They operate projects along with local volunteers. So far they have secured funding to employ a doctor/nurse for the developing Penyem Health Centre, built two classrooms in 2012 at the school and this year a new toilet block. A really amazing charity and so busy.

**Donate** to Common Grounds on MyDonate.Com and find out more on the website:

[www.spanglefish.com/commongroundscharitycafe](http://www.spanglefish.com/commongroundscharitycafe)

Please keep us in mind if you have firewood you wish to dispose of, especially tree limbs. Finally, to end on a high, we are delighted to confirm that **Alexander McCall Smith** will be our guest speaker for our celebration project lunch on **Wednesday 12 June**.

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.

## Tillywhally Woodland

Please, contact Gosia Sozanska-Stanton, tel: 01577 861237, email [mmm.sozanska@btinternet.com](mailto:mmm.sozanska@btinternet.com), for details of upcoming **Meadow Planting Event** on **4 May**. Apologies for an error in the April Issue.

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## Milnathort War Memorial

### Milnathort in Bloom

For 2013 Milnathort in Bloom had decided that the renovation of the Orwell War Memorial in South Street, Milnathort should be one of our main projects. To that end, we drew up a project plan with three objectives. These are, in order of priority:

- Renovate the War Memorial. This would involve cleaning the stonework, re-pointing, re-laying the base stones which have moved and refurbishing the plaques.
- Raising and defining the edges of all the beds around the periphery of the monument park and laying down new gravel, selected to highlight the monument, on the paths. In addition, the path between South Street and Donaldson Park would be a resin set permeable path with the same colouring as the gravel paths. The beds will then be planted in the autumn.
- For the east facing South Street, replace the metal railings, refurbish the wall and renovate the gates at the centre.

To date we have raised £38778, with the money having come from Kinross-shire Fund, A&M Thompson Trust, PlaceCheck, Perth and Kinross Council, War Memorial Trust, PKC Challenge Fund and the National Lottery Awards for All Scotland.

This money will allow us to start the renovation of the War Memorial and the work on the beds and the paths in the next couple of months. All the work we intend to do will have been agreed with PKC before we start and we will work closely with them on the planning and execution of the project.

To renovate the east wall in its present style the cost is substantial and we may not be able to raise the money to finance this. We are therefore exploring alternatives solutions.

We have created a Facebook page on which we will post details of the project and progress of the work. This can be found at:

[www.facebook.com/MilnathortWarMemorial](http://www.facebook.com/MilnathortWarMemorial)

There are other ideas we would like to include, such as putting all the details of those named on the Memorial on line, but for these we will need some help. If you would like to be involved or want more information, please contact Graeme Stewart at 864357 or [graemehs@yahoo.com](mailto:graemehs@yahoo.com)

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## Kinross and District Art Club



Meeting twice a week as we now do, gives the opportunity for an increased number of workshops to help our members develop and expand their skills and painting styles. During April two club members shared their expertise: David Cochrane demonstrated how to achieve a sepia effect in a watercolour painting and Tom Sutton-Smith showed us how to create a landscape by identifying the essential elements of a photograph and adapting them in a painting.

We also make use of 'teaching DVDs' and our Learning Resources Co-ordinator, Archie Scott, has recently selected two DVDs to show us, by Hashim Akib, one of the professional artists of the Society of All Artists, on producing vibrant Acrylic paintings.

This month the focus will be on preparing for our Outdoor Painting Days in June. John Tydeman organises these events for the club each summer and also provides preparatory tuition on how to make the most of painting outdoors whether or not we have brilliant sunshine on the day.

The increasing variety of our work will be a feature of our annual exhibition in September and in the meantime you can see a selection of paintings by club members at The Boathouse Bistro.

If you want to find out more about the club, go to our website at [www.kadac.co.uk](http://www.kadac.co.uk) or ring Sybil, the Club Secretary, on 01577 830347.

## 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.

Due to our annual weekend away, we only have one walk on offer this month – if you decide to join, you'll be eligible to come on future away weekends.

**Saturday 11 May: Bluebell Walk to Benarty Hill**, nine miles. Beautiful circuit through the bluebells of Harran Hill Wood and Benarty Wood, on to Benarty Hill and return. Splendid views over Loch Leven.

Children welcome with a responsible adult. Dogs welcome on leads.

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.

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## Dobbies Community Champion

On 3 April, we held an **Easter fun session** at the store, with a chick hunt, and growing egg heads, and the photo shows Courtney, Gabrielle and Kyle with the excellent Easter bunny masks which they made.



*Courtney, Gabrielle and Kyle made Easter bunny masks*

Dobbies have recently made a donation of seeds, and other equipment to the Potager garden, as part of our **“Here we Grow” programme**, to get groups in the community growing. Several school groups are also in the pipeline for donations in the coming weeks. If your school or community group would like to be considered for this programme, contact Amanda James at [herewegrowkinross@dobbies.com](mailto:herewegrowkinross@dobbies.com)

The next **Little Seedlings children’s gardening club** meeting will be on **Sunday 5 May at 11 am**. This is free, for children aged 4 to 10 years, who must be accompanied by an adult. We will be learning about fruits and vegetables for making salads, and growing lettuce seeds to take home. The meeting on 2 June will be all about flowers and bees, and what you can do to help bees in your garden. Please contact the garden centre to book your place for these sessions on (01577) 863327. Our apologies for the wrong phone number appearing in last month’s Newsletter.

On **Thursday 23 May, there will be a fundraising celebration evening at the Kinross store, from 5pm to 8pm**. It will be in the form of a **Chelsea Party**, celebrating Chelsea Flower Show, which this year has its centenary. There will be drinks and canapés, a raffle, and talks and advice about summer crops and flowers. We will also be pleased to welcome **Claire Paton**, with **“a taste of honey”**, a talk and information about honey bees, and information too from the Bumblebee Conservation Trust, and related children’s activities. Advice will also be available about growing native plants, and other flowers, to attract pollinators such as hoverflies and butterflies to your garden. Do join us for this celebration of the best of the summer garden! **Tickets will be available at £1**, in aid of the local charity, from the garden centre, or on the evening.

For further information about any of our community activities, please contact the manager, or Amanda James Community Champion, on (01577) 863327, or at [herewegrowkinross@dobbies.com](mailto:herewegrowkinross@dobbies.com).

## Inner Wheel of Kinross and District



April’s meeting was preceded by an interesting talk by Liz Rattray, from the Pitlochry Inner Wheel. Her subject was the Amish people. She first became interested in them whilst on holiday in Lancaster County Pennsylvania in the USA. She was so intrigued, she has since undertaken to find out more about their beliefs and life style. Originating in Germany in the 16th century, the sect split from the Christian church and many moved to America because of the promise of religious freedom. Today they still follow the rigid teachings of their church and live without most of the technological trappings we all take for granted. They are skilled crafts men and women and produce many beautiful and useful items which they sell to tourists; Liz had brought some along to show the group. Fiona Mapp thanked Liz for the fascinating talk.

The business meeting followed. Liz Pottie, President, thanked everyone for their help with the very successful bridge event to raise money for charity, and also Christine Maclure for hosting a First Day of Spring afternoon tea at her home in aid of Lemon Aid, a local charity. A club outing to Glendoick Gardens is planned in May to see the spectacular Rhododendrons and Azaleas before they are finished for the season.

The committee are to meet later in the month to pack the backpacks to be sent to Mary’s Meals and wish to thank everyone who contributed items to this very successful collection.

## Kinross-shire Historical Society



Although the monthly talks have finished for this winter, those members who have booked to go on the visit to Blairadam House on 11 May are reminded to meet opposite the Green Hotel at 1.30pm.

Members are also reminded that if they would like to help to survey the Kirkgate Graveyard, they can still be included by contacting the Secretary, Catriona McLeod, telephone 863718 or Kinross Museum, telephone 867153 (Thursdays and Saturdays).

The other activity organised for this summer is through Perthshire Archaeological Month. There will be a Place-Name walk on the Michael Bruce Way led by Professor David Munro and Dr Simon Taylor. Watch out for the PAM booklets giving the details.

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## Kinross High School



I am certain that many of you will recognise the term 'Curriculum for Excellence' as the working title for the reforms happening currently in Scottish schools. I am also pretty sure that many of you will have wondered what it's all about. Let me share with you what it entails in KHS.

A national debate on education, held almost a decade ago, clarified what Scotland wished its schools to produce. There was almost universal agreement that we should be producing pupils who had a range of capabilities termed the 'four capacities'. Genuinely well-educated pupils should be successful learners and confident individuals. As well as being effective contributors they should also be responsible citizens. So far: so good. These were goals that KHS has long held for its pupils, believing that the job of a school is to educate the whole person and to go well beyond the walls of its classrooms.

Other big questions being considered were around the 'what?' and the 'how?' of learning and teaching. This is where things have become really interesting!

In terms of what should be taught, national guidelines set out the curricula for each subject area in terms of 'outcomes' and 'experiences'. Teachers were then free to develop programmes of study to ensure these were delivered. As well as the traditional areas such as language and science, newer aspects such as global citizenship, enterprise and innovation were to be covered. Further, the links between subjects were to be made much clearer.

New emphasis was given to the importance of literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing, with each subject area and every teacher making a contribution to building the pupils' abilities in these core skills.

Skills themselves got a much higher profile with an expectation that all schools focus on much more than simply imparting knowledge and developing understanding. Young people are now to be helped to develop the transferable skills required for life as well as for learning: a tall order indeed, but one we are relishing delivering.

Within KHS some of the most exciting developments have come in the area of *how* pupils are learning. Active, participative learning is now the norm. No more sitting back and just listening to the teacher! Our staff have been upskilling to meet these new demands and have embraced 'new' approaches such as cooperative learning.

An obvious structural change within CfE has been the way the six years of secondary schooling are grouped. S1-S3 is now termed the Broad General Education (BGE) and covers eight wide-ranging curricular areas which head into the Senior Phase (S4-S6) where the focus is on qualifications.

As well as all of this, our pupils have the benefit of increased opportunities for personalisation and choice in their learning. The idea of 'one size fits all' no longer applies and schools have been encouraged to fit their curricula to their local circumstances.

Within KHJS this means that we have been keen not to throw out any babies with the bathwater! We have worked hard to maintain the qualification pathways and opportunities offered to our pupils at the same time as seeking to deliver them the possibilities of new approaches.

Are we done yet?

The short answer is no. Delivering CfE is, to use a fairly local metaphor, a bit of a 'Forth Rail Bridge' job. We have made some changes and we will continue to seek to refine and improve what we do.

One last thought. This has been a very brief thumbnail sketch of CfE in KHS. If you would like more detail, please contact me at the campus.

*R H Keatings*

## Kinross High School Parent Council



Clerk: Jennifer Sneddon, telephone 0794 667 9815

Email: jms927@btinternet.com

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

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

Thank you.

## 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 07747534513 or email

[elyse.kirkham@milnathortprimary.org.uk](mailto:elyse.kirkham@milnathortprimary.org.uk)

The MPS Parent Council will be meeting on **Monday 3 June** at 7.30pm at Loch Leven Community Campus in ICT Room 1. All welcome.

### Milnathort Primary School Fundraising

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

### Milnathort Primary School Summer Fair

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## Portmoak Primary School

### World Book Day

Portmoak Primary welcomed a whole host of book characters into school to celebrate World Book Day in March. The staff were impressed by the imaginative outfits and range of ideas that our pupils came up with and had a tricky job on their hands choosing a winning costume from each class. The class winners were:

- P1/2: Fergus Drummond as Fantastic Mr Fox
- P2/3: Louis Scott as Long John Silver
- P4: Emily Welsh as Babar the Elephant
- P5/6: Rory Lithgow as James Bond
- P6/7: Niamh Quinn as Amy Fleming from the Heartlands books.

### P2/3 Trip to RSPB Loch Leven

On 7 March primary 2/3 visited RSPB Loch Leven as part of their topic 'Living Things'. They were learning about the variety of living things in both the woodlands and the wetlands. In particular, the class really enjoyed going on a minibeast hunt, pond dipping and learning all about the endangered bird – the Lapwing. Although the weather was a little miserable they were all wrapped up and had a fantastic day outdoors.

### P 6/7 Trip to Dynamic Earth

P6/7 visited Our Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh where they travelled back in time to understand how the earth was formed, experiencing the big bang, earthquakes and volcanoes along the way.

### P5/6 Trip to Edinburgh Zoo

On Friday 8 March, P5/6 visited Edinburgh Zoo. They had a session in the Zoo's Educational Centre linked to their Rainforest topic. They learned about animals from the different rainforests around the world and took part in an activity where they had to think about the animal's habitat then place these animals in their correct layer of the rainforest. After lunch, there was some time to explore the Zoo in small groups – the Monkey House seemed to be the favourite stopping point! Despite the weather, everyone enjoyed the trip and had a great day.

### Fundraising News

We have raised £94.09 so far in fundraising through parents supporting our school by using easyfundraising when shopping online.

Thank you to those of you who have already visited [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk). If you haven't already used this site, please consider joining to boost our fundraising efforts. Don't forget to download the 'find and remind' toolbar to remind you when Portmoak Primary could benefit from any online shopping you may be doing.

As Mrs Gordon is currently on maternity leave, I have been in the post of Acting Headteacher at Portmoak since we returned from our Easter holiday and would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff, pupils, parents and members of the community who have made me feel very welcome.

If you have any expertise to share or would like to become involved with our school, we would love to hear from you.

Thank you for taking an interest in reading our news.

*Anna Nesbitt, Acting Headteacher*

## Fossoway Primary School

### Show Review – Ye-Ha!

What do you get if you cross no-good mayor Tex Truman with a giant snake, a feisty heroine, a reluctant sheriff with a mean line in bar snacks and a landscape of P2 sized cacti? A riproaring, rootin' tootin' end of term western set in Splodge City – population 150... 149... actually, better make that 148!

Fossoway Primary School's Easter show *Ye-ha!*, performed at the Loch Leven Community Campus, was a wise-cracking, all-singing extravaganza that showcased weeks of hard work by P7 teacher Miss Elliot and a cast of (almost) hundreds.



*Fossoway Primary School's Easter show, Ye-ha!*

In a town full of glamorous bar girls, Billie-Jo Brisket (Charlotte Glover) doesn't do frills and flounces, and Wilbur Hubbard (Jamie Roberts) would rather scramble an egg than take on evil mayor Tex Truman (Jacob Streatfield) and his troop of baddies in a town where no sheriff has ever made it past Tuesday.

All three excelled in their roles, which was no mean feat when the script required songs performed solo, snappy comic timing and (in Streatfield's case) an American accent that didn't waver once in a show that lasted around two hours.

Their performances were ably assisted by great comic turns from the rest of the cast, notably Ma Annie Hubbard (Carly Mullen), Chip Checker (Murray Logan) and Truman's sidekick, Dwayne Dimples (Mia Fawsitt). The largest laugh of the night though came from Dr Cornelius Spooner (Emma Rose) and his assistant Rooster (Chloe Watts), although the exchange was far too cheeky to repeat in print! All in all it was a fantastic show, so well done to the townsfolk, horses, the undertakers (Snuffitt and Rott), bongo players and mystery-solving Indians who helped it all come together, not to mention Lightnin' the Pantomime Horse (James Shortt). Congratulations Fossoway Primary and roll on next Easter – ye-ha!

*Sue Wheatley (Proud P7 Parent)*



## Kinross and District Junior Agricultural Club

With many of the club members busy in lambing and calving season, there have only been a few meetings including a new members night at Kinross Rugby Club kindly hosted by our girl and boys club leader, Linda Stevenson and Jonathan Sloan. Other events included dairy stock judging, kindly hosted by West Fife JAC, and swimming at Dundee pool. All of the events were well attended.

If any girls are interest in arts and crafts please get in touch with Gayle Bennie (07743150344) as she will be hosting an information night on what is involved.

This month will see our members take part in practices for our district field day, which will be held at Classlochie Farm, Kinross kindly hosted by the McLaren family.



Pictured are some of our club members with the presentation of a cheque for £550 to the Kinross Day Centre after raising funds back in November at our concert held at the community campus. As we have held events at the Day Centre previously, we felt that they deserve it because of their commitment to the elderly community of Kinross. 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).

## Portmoak Hall 100 Club

### March Draw

1st	No. 23	Alistair Morgan, Kinnesswood
2nd	No. 19	Tom Lawrie, Kinnesswood
3rd	No. 57	Janice Broadhurst, Kinnesswood

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## Loch Leven Community Campus

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### 2013 Programme of Events

**Sportive Kinross – Saturday 27 April.** This cycling event is organised by Kinross Cycling Club. For more details go to [www.kinrosscyclingclub.co.uk](http://www.kinrosscyclingclub.co.uk)

**Loch Leven Half Marathon/Pipe Band Contest/Feel Good Fair – Saturday 11 May.** For more information on this combined event, see page 6.

**'Green Fingers Day' – A Gardeners Delight! Saturday 18 May.** Open to public from 10am – 4pm with free admission. This will be a gardening event including 'Bring and Buy Plant Sale', gardening and history of gardening displays, children's seed or bulb planting, composting workshop together with local community groups such as Allotment and In Bloom Groups. In addition the Fife Craft Association will be holding a Craft Fair throughout the day. If any individuals or gardening groups would like to sell plants or put on a display, then please contact Gerry McGregor (Campus Assistant).

**Northern Counties Brass Band Association Contest – Sunday 26 May.** The NCBBA (part of the Scottish Brass Band Association) will be holding an Open Brass Band Contest. The contest will be run with an entertainment programme format. Details can be obtained from Richard Kidd at [Richardkidd56@hotmail.com](mailto:Richardkidd56@hotmail.com) NCBBA covers bands from Perthshire in the south up to Lerwick Town Band in Shetland.

See [www.sbba.org.uk/northern-counties-bba](http://www.sbba.org.uk/northern-counties-bba).

**Antiques, Vintage, Retro and Collectors Fair – Saturday 15 June.** This is the third Kinross Antiques, Vintage, Retro and Collectors Fair 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 entry fee of £1.00 per person.

### Further Programme for 2013

June/July	Car Boot Sale (date TBC)
Sat 17 Aug	Antiques and Collectors Fair
Sat 24 Aug	Vintage Day
Sun 1 Sep	Unique Events Craft Fair (date TBC)
Sat 14 Sep	Antiques and Collectors Fair (TBC)
October	Car Boot / Table Top Sale (date TBC)
Sun 6 Oct	Unique Events Craft Fair (date TBC)
Sat 19 Oct	Antiques and Collectors Fair
Sat 2 Nov	Charities Christmas Cards Sale
Sun 3 Nov	Unique Events Craft Fair (date TBC)
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.

### Newsletter Deadlines

A list of future deadlines can be found on our website  
[www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org)

## 'Green Shoots' for local allotments

Milnathort and Kinross Allotment Association took a giant step forward this month with the signing of the lease for the disused land behind Dobbies Garden Centre. Thanks to generous contributions from the Lottery 'Awards for All' scheme and the Kinross-Shire Fund, the group were able to not only sign the lease but apply for the necessary planning consent.



*Derek and Ann Marie Lawrence, planting the first of 80 oak whips, which will go to form the perimeter hedge. These were kindly donated by the Woodland Trust.*

Robin Thomson, Chair, said, "We are delighted to be given the opportunity to make use of this disused land. We envisage it becoming a recreational facility for many community groups in Kinross".

The group will be attending both the Feel Good Fair and the Green Fingers Day at the Community Campus in May. If you would like to find out more, or put your name down for an allotment, stop by our stall. You might even pick up plants or produce made by members of the group to assist with their fund raising.



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## Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



The May Club meeting will be held on **Thursday 2 May** at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall.

The speaker will be Doctor Simon Taylor who will give a talk on the "Origin of Scottish Place Names". At the April meeting members were treated to a superlative performance by, amongst others, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Elvis Presley and Nat King Cole. The voices were provided by Iain Hunter the "Singing Butcher". Not all the ladies attending could restrain themselves! - A really enjoyable afternoon.

### Away Days May

**Thurs 9 May** - David Livingstone Centre, Blantyre.

**Thurs 23 May** - The Verdant Works and Botanic Gardens, Dundee.

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.

**Summer Outing:** The summer outing this year will be a steamer trip on Loch Katrine followed by high tea at the Loch Achray Hotel. The list will be out at the May meeting when details of the cost will be advised. The outing will take place on **Sunday 14 July**.

**Theatre Outing:** "Hello Dolly" Pitlochry Festival Theatre on **3 July**. There are still two seats available for this show. The total cost of seats and coach is £23 per person inclusive of tips must be paid on booking with Edith. 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

**10 May** Our annual visit to Loch Ordie, and this time we are starting from Dowally - up the two steep paths and then along the Atholl Estate roads - a good 6 miles to go there, round the Loch and back again.

**24 May** A new circular walk for us, starting at Charlestown and Limekilns, going through the Broomhall Estate, and working our way back to Limekilns. This is along a mixture of paths and pavements, and about our normal distance. Contact: Ian Simpson 01577 863691.

### Friday Hill Walkers

**3 May** Auchterarder/Glen Devon, Malcolm, 8.30am.

**17 May** Little Glenshee, Bill, 8.30am (NO BUS).

**31 May** GlenBanvie (Blair Castle), Bill, 8.30am.

### Activities

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

**Carpet Bowling:** This group has ceased activities for the summer and will re-commence September or October. Contact: Helen Duncan 01577 863638.

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

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

**Keep-Fit:** This group has ceased activities for the summer. 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.

## Kinnesswood in Bloom

Last month we showed a picture of smiling ladies in sunshine at the Picture Garden. That was the last time we managed to get out gardening till a month later on 6 April. Let's hope the current brighter weather keeps up a bit longer. Kinnesswood in Bloom will be taking a stall at the car boot sale in the campus on Sunday 21 April. Our funds are healthy at the moment but we are aware that in the future there may be more need to have contingency funds. On **Saturday 18 May** we will be manning a table at the **Green Fingers Day** at the community campus. If anyone has any plants to donate, please let any members of KIB know and we will pick them up.



*Jan and Shelagh filling in tyre marks below the golf course*

Work parties in March were disrupted by the weather but Carol has rescheduled the programme and the details are posted on the notice board. In addition to gardening we will be taking part in the "Clean Up Scotland" campaign.

Janette and Norma, on behalf of KIB, were pleased to attend the opening of the Washhouse at Scotlandwell and the buffet in the Well afterwards.

Many of the seeds planted by the children at Portmoak Primary are now sprouting well in a local polytunnel, their tatties are chitting on their windowsill and they will be ready to plant out in the summer term.

We would welcome new members to the group whether you can spare half an hour now and then or join in our regular work parties.

### DOG GROOMING BY KIRSTEN

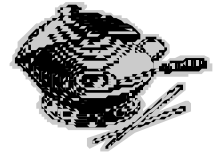
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## Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom



### Stir fried noodles

Stir fried noodles is a quickly made dish and you can add any leftover vegetables or meat to this recipe. It's a family favourite.

#### Ingredients

- 110g rice noodles
- 2 tablespoons of oil (preferably groundnut oil)
- 1 medium onion, finely diced
- 50g mushrooms
- 50g small prawns
- 2 rashers streaky bacon
- 1 garlic clove, chopped (optional)
- 1 heaped teaspoon freshly grated ginger
- 2 teaspoons coriander powder
- ½ teaspoon of salt
- 50g cooked chicken or pork, finely shredded
- 4 spring onions, finely chopped
- 1½ tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons dry sherry

#### Method

Place the noodles in a large bowl, cover with hot water and leave to soak for 15 minutes.

Heat the oil in a wok and when it's very hot add the onions, mushrooms, prawns, chopped bacon, garlic and ginger. Reduce the heat, stir, then let all ingredients cook together for about 15 minutes to allow the flavours to be absorbed.

Add the coriander and salt then drain noodles in a colander.

Turn the heat up to medium, add the chicken followed by the chopped spring onion. Next add the drained noodles and toss the ingredients.

Finally add in the soy sauce and sherry and give everything a stir.

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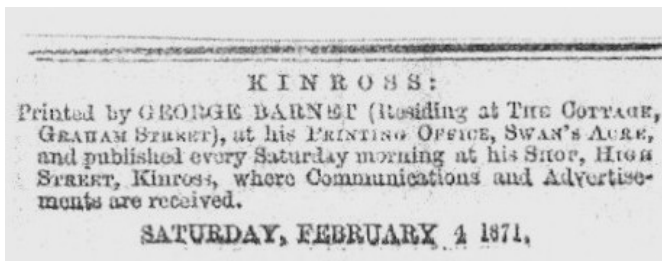
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If your community group has items it would be prepared to lend or hire out, please add them to the list.

## Kinross Museum



In addition to preparing for a new exhibition entitled *A Loch of Bronze*, volunteers at the Museum have been busy cataloguing new acquisitions and responding to enquiries. Amongst the visitors to the Museum in April was Mr D Bruce Comrie from Kamloops in Canada, a descendent of George Barnet who was a bookseller and printer in Kinross. It was Barnet who founded *The Kinross-shire Advertiser*, which first made an appearance in 1847 as a monthly newspaper sold for one penny. The Barnet family lived in The Cottage which is situated next to the Parish Church on Station Road, the eastern end of which was known as Graham Street in the 19th century. It was only a short walk from George Barnet's home to his Printing Office in Swan's Acre and on the High Street he had a shop selling books and newspapers. You would have found on sale in Barnet's shop copies of books written by Robert Burns Begg such as *The Loch Leven Angler* (1874) and his *History of Loch Leven Castle* (1887), which were printed by Barnet's son who was also called George.



Footnote from an 1871 issue of *The Kinross-shire Advertiser* printed by George Barnet junior

A search of assorted archives in the Museum shed more light on George Barnet's life and a family tree shown to us by Mr Comrie indicated how he was related to the journalist John Guthrie Barnet, who published in 1927 the Cottage Edition of the life and works of the Kinnesswood poet Michael Bruce (1746-67).

On 11 April Kinross (Marshall) Museum Trust Chairman David Munro gave his talk on *The Braes of Benarty* to the Kelty Heritage Group and on 19 April the Museum participated in another Day Centre reminiscence group meeting on the subject of "Working life in Kinross-shire".

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## Kinross Camera Club



The Club has been fortunate to have an excellent talk from Duncan McEwan, who treated us to landscape photography of sumptuous quality and stunning variety.

We have also had a joint meeting with Scottish Wildlife Trust, a large group of whom came to the meeting. The speaker was an SWT Young Ambassador, Katrina Martin, who gave an extremely enthusiastic illustrated talk outlining her career and current role in the Living Landscapes Partnership. Most recently John Simpson commented most instructively and sympathetically on the images entered in our Annual Competition.

Our season is now drawing towards its end; we have one further talk and the presentation of images from the groups who took part in our Treasure Hunt. This took place on 6th at St Andrews and we were lucky enough to have a sunny, albeit rather chilly, day in which to take pictures. The final item in the formal season will be the Prize Giving Dinner, but the Club's activities do not end there – we then continue with an informal season of visits and other activities, as described last time.

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 Garden Group



Mr John Porter Chairman gave the reports for the AGM of the club, thanking all the committee and the members for the support over the last year. Mrs Helen Leslie has stood down as Secretary and we are looking for a member to take this post on. The rest of the Committee are willing to carry on for another year.

The Chairman then introduced Mr J Fraser from Errol who gave us a talk and slides on Fuchsias which was enjoyed by the members, encouraging us to grow them.

This was the last indoor meeting before the summer trips, the first outing being on **Thursday 9 May to The Explorers Garden at Pitlochry**. There are some seats available. If you would like to join us, contact Mrs C Rodger on 01577 863785.

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## Probus Club

Lt Commander Ewart Shields, the Treasurer of the Sea Cadet Association in Scotland, gave a talk on 3 April about the activities of the **Sea Cadet Association**.



The movement was started after the Crimean War in 1856, gained Royal Recognition in 1899 and was recognised by the Ministry of Defence in 1909. However, the movement is not funded by the MoD but is a charity which raises money from the local community, unlike the Army and Air Force Cadets which are funded by the MoD. The Sea Cadet movement has always been considered to be a community-based organisation, supported by the local community as well as local businesses.

By the outbreak of World War I there were 100 units and there are now some 400 units, 37 of which are in Scotland, with headquarters in Rosyth.

The Association provides training in leadership skills, and it is here that the Royal Navy does give assistance to the Association in the form of seconding Trainers. Cadets attend courses in such disciplines as Sailing, Shooting and Seamanship as well as other useful skills such as Cooks and Stewards. Cadets are prepared for and achieve youth awards such as the Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

The largest training vessel is the 'Royalist', which has provided training to some 30,000 cadets over the years. This vessel has now reached the end of its working life and funds are being raised to commission a modern training ship.

Harry McLennan gave the vote of thanks.

On 20 March, Mr David Nicholson gave a talk on the life of **Paul Robeson**, the world famous singer, and punctuated his talk by playing recordings of Paul Robeson's better known songs such as 'Old Man River' and 'Just A wearying For You'.

Born in 1898 to a runaway slave who became a Methodist minister and to a teacher mother, he developed socialist views from his father who instilled in him that he could do anything a 'white man' could.

In 1919 he graduated with Honours from Rutgers University where he sang in the Glee Club, joined the Debating Society as well as excelling at Baseball and American Football. Indeed, he played professional Football to fund his time in Columbia Law School. However, while he participated in sports and activities, he was not allowed to mix with white students outside these activities. Upon graduating from Law School, he obtained a job with a law firm but quit when one of the secretaries refused to work with him.

He then spent nine years in England singing and acting – he became the first black man to play Othello – and visited Russia during this time. He spent a lot of time working to raise money for projects in Africa and worked with Trade unions.

But because of these activities and his connections in Russia he was accused of being a Communist, although he never espoused Communism. On return to the States he was arraigned before the notorious McCarthy Committee and stripped of his passport. He became a 'non-person' in America and died a pauper and a recluse in 1976.

Alex Cant gave the vote of thanks.

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

## Kinross and District Pipe Band



After their outstanding success at the Fife Mini-Bands contest in March where the two Kinross mini-bands came first and second respectively, they then went on to the Lothian and Borders Mini-Bands contest in Livingston and took very creditable second and fourth places, while one of the newest band members, Alasdair Bennet (13), once again took first place in the chanter competition, thus ending his chanter competing days on a high, having won all three of his last contests in quick succession! He now looks forward to the challenge of competing as a novice piper.

By the time this goes to print the Band will have competed once more in the local branch Mini-Bands contest in Forfar, and so will have notched up three 'dry run' practice contests prior to the Loch Leven contest on 11 May, and then on to the first of the 'Majors' - the British Championships - later on in May in Bathgate.

As always, for additional information and **sponsorship or patronage queries**, please feel free to contact Nigel Kellett, 01577 863738, or email [nigel.kellett@talktalk.net](mailto:nigel.kellett@talktalk.net)

*To find out more about the Loch Leven contest on Saturday 11 May, see p. 6*

## Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation



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

### BluesUp and Open Mic Nights

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. The next one is on **Saturday 4 May** with **Baby Isaac** performing.

We are hoping to hold another Open Mic in May; please check the Facebook page nearer the time.

For information online google BluesUp + Thistle or Thistle Open Mic Night.

### Leven Voices

Leven Voices is a community singing group led by Horsecross Arts tutors. The current block of ten sessions is led by Debra Salem and Irene Railley. The group meets on Tuesdays at the Kinross Parish Church.

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.

### The Feel Good Fair at Loch Leven Half Marathon and Pipe Band Contest, Saturday 11 May

*KLEO is one of the organisers of this combined event. For more information, see p. 6*

## Lodge St Serf No 327

**Saturday 4 May:** Special Meeting at 4pm. Mark Master Mason Degree to be conferred by Lodge Balgonie No. 764. Harmony to follow.



## Kinross Parish Church Easter Story in Kinross

A choir of 70 singers, from Auchterarder, Kinross, Fife, Stirling and beyond, performed *The Easter Story* before a packed Kinross Parish Church on Easter Sunday.

This piece, for choir, soloists and narrator, tells the story of Easter Week, from the time of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem, through the events of the Passion until the Crucifixion and then the joy of the Resurrection.

The performance was in memory of former choir member, Joëlle Jack. A collection taken for Breast Cancer Research raised almost £1,000.

The words, written by Ernie Dick, were set to music by Stephen Miller, who was the accompanist. Sandra Miller conducted the choir. Stephen Miller said: "*The Easter Story* is returning home, as it was first performed here in 2001".



Performers of *The Easter Story* at Kinross Parish Church

## Boys' Brigade

Both Junior and Company section teams won their respective battalion drill competitions – well done to both teams.

Congratulations are due to two senior boys, Matthew McDonald and Jack Finnie, who have been awarded their Queen's Badges following a residential course at the Carronvale Scottish BB Headquarters.

**The annual display and presentation of awards** will take place in Kinross Church Centre on **Friday 17 May** commencing at 7pm. Individual and Battalion awards will be presented along with Company awards for best member and best squad over the three sections of Anchors, Juniors and Company.

Bookings for the Company's marquee have started to come in – the 40' x 20' white tent is available for hire at £200 per occasion. The Company will erect and dismantle the marquee before and after each event. Bookings can be made by contacting Company Captain David Munro, telephone (01577) 862126.



## Town Twinning Association

Preparations are fairly well underway to receive the 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 (01577) 862159.



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## The Kinross-shire Civic Trust

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### Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Kinross-shire Civic Trust took place in the Community Campus on 10 April.

The Chairman presented his Annual Report on the Trust's activities. The three Committees, the Awards Committee, the Planning Committee and the Events Committee, had busy years. The Awards Committee had the annual Best Kept Village Competition which as usual was very well supported by the villages. This coming year the Trust is holding its Architectural Award Competition, this time for restoration of buildings.

On the planning front there has been a considerable decline in the number of planning applications for the Trust to look at, due to the economic downturn, which is drastically affecting the housing market.

The Trust continues to object to new applications for wind turbines, specifically as PKC continues to fail to produce a policy. The Trust feels very strongly against wind turbines, not only on their environmental impact, but their total inefficiency and cost compared with any other energy source. The Trust has also expressed its grave concern regarding the processes followed by PKC with regard to the progress of the new Local Development Plan.

The Events Committee arranged a very informative and enjoyable visit to Blairadam House. The Trust also attended the Better Place to Live Fair and the Kinross Show at its new venue last year.

The Treasurer presented the Accounts for the year, which show sufficient funds in the Trust's account.

The office bearers were elected as follows: Chairman, Alistair Smith; Secretary, Eileen Thomas and Treasurer, Ken Miles. Patrick Milne Hume will continue as Chairman of the Awards Committee, Bridget Lindsay as Chairman for the Events Committee and Alistair Smith as Chairman for the Planning Committee.

After the meeting there was an excellent presentation by Craig Nisbet, Deputy Range Officer for **Scottish Natural Heritage** (SNH) about **Loch Leven** and the work that SNH carries out on the Loch and its surrounding areas. Craig's enthusiasm for the work SNH does was imbued to everyone and he gave a very beautifully illustrated presentation of the wildlife that exists in and around Loch Leven, the works that SNH is currently carrying out in the area and the impact that the very successful Loch Leven Heritage Trail has brought about in a vastly increased interest by the public in Loch Leven and its surroundings. His presentation was followed by a stimulating question and answer session which brought the evening to a very satisfactory close.

### Club Correspondents

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

### Buildings of Interest in Kinross-shire Kirkness House

At the eastern end of the Benarty ridge, where Navity Hill tapers off across the road to Ballingry, a ruined building stands on the skyline 400 yards to the east of West Mains of Kirkness. This is all that remains of Kirkness House, which was last occupied at the beginning of the 20th century before having its roof removed in 1920.

When the lands of Kirkness were gifted by Macbeth and his wife Gruoch to the Culdees on St Serf's Island in the mid-11th century, a Prior's Manse and Ward or residence belonging to the Prior was established here. Later to form part of the ecclesiastical Barony of the Bishopshire, Kirkness became a temporal lordship after the Reformation when it fell into the hands of the Douglas family. The Douglasses went on to occupy Kirkness for nearly 200 years until the 1780s when the property passed by marriage to the Clephanes of Carselogie. Through a later marriage, Kirkness became the property of the Marquis of Northampton and in 1900 it was sold to the Wilson & Clyde Coal Company.



*Kirkness House*

Now reduced to a shadow of its former glory, Kirkness House exhibits features that suggest at least four phases of construction with gatehouse buildings and stables to the east and a large walled garden to the south. Linked by a long two-storied range, the house in its last years of occupation had two large extensions with fine views looking out towards Loch Leven. One of the extensions is square, the other has an elegant rounded face with tall windows on the upper floor.

Said to have been visited by Mary Queen of Scots, Oliver Cromwell and Bonnie Prince Charlie, Kirkness House has a long and fascinating history. Sir Walter Scott was the guardian of Margaret Clephane of Kirkness and the house was noted for its fine library containing rare books and valuable manuscripts. Grass-covered mounds "Where stood a townie wi' its trade," according to the Victorian poet A N Dundonald, can still be seen nearby and a field still named the Gallow Hill is a reminder of rough justice handed out in medieval times by the local Barony Court. Abandoned by its lairds and cottars, "Noo silence reigns within the glade at Kirkness."





# Sports News

## Kinross-shire success at Perth & Kinross Sports Awards

### Kinross mother and son win awards

Kinross-shire was well represented at the Perth and Kinross 2012 Sports Awards.

**Eilidh Child** was named Perth and Kinross Sports Person of the Year. Originally from Kinross and now training in Bath, Eilidh represented Team GB in the 400m hurdles and the 4 x 400m relay at the London 2012 Olympics.

Upcoming Milnathort athlete **Laura Muir** was also one of the three nominees in the Sports Person of the Year category.

**James Ross** of Kinross was awarded the Coach of the Year Award sponsored by Tactran. This award was in recognition of the wide and varied coaching programme that James delivers to children in primary and secondary schools across Perth and Kinross, both in PE time and as extra-curricular activities.

James is the lead coach developing disability cricket and coaches the Perth and Kinross "No Limits" cricket team each week as well as being the Area Performance Development Head coach for the talented player pathway programme. James is also a volunteer coach at Kinross-shire Cricket Club where he works with the junior players as well as the senior men's and ladies' teams. He also delivers two weeks of summer holiday camps each year and works every Friday with the local Kinross-shire Primary Schools delivering fun taster sessions, introducing hundreds of local children to the game and promoting school to club links.

James's creative side was also a big part of the award nomination as he has developed lots of new fun and exciting cricket games which can be modified for use in other sports. James presented his creative coaching workshop at the November Perth and Kinross Coach Development Evening. His commitment to devoting large amounts of time to his personal development as a coach was also a major positive factor for the decision makers.

James also holds the title Sport Scotland Young Coach of the Year 2012.

### James has developed lots of new fun and exciting cricket games which can be modified for use in other sports

James was not the only Kinross-shire cricketer to be recognised at the Sports Awards. His mother, **Kirsteen Ross**, who is the Perth and Kinross Cricket Development Officer as well as a volunteer coach at Kinross-shire Cricket Club, was presented with the Sport Innovation Award. This was in recognition of the work Kirsteen has done creating a "fast-track" talent development programme to get teenage girls involved in cricket. The project was started in 2012 and was delivered in the majority of secondary schools across Perth and Kinross. To date, over 100 girls have started playing cricket, nearly all of them for the first time.

The programme offered girls the chance to try the various skills of the game such as catching, throwing, batting, fielding and bowling in a fun environment. All of the girls, regardless of their abilities, were provided with local training opportunities either at their own school or at one of the specially created Perth and Kinross girls' cricket groups to make it easy for them to continue to play.



*James Ross, P&K Coach of the Year, with his mother Kirsteen, winner of the P&K Sport Innovation Award*

*Photo courtesy of John Glen Photography*

Additionally, the school taster sessions enabled Kirsteen to identify girls that had the right attributes and attitude to progress quickly and develop cricket skills in a relatively short period of time with a view to them playing competitive cricket this summer. Forty of the girls have so far been offered places on the newly created Perth and Kinross Girls "Fast-track" talent programme and the winter indoor weekly sessions have seen the girls make superb progress.

Kirsteen said: "Engaging Cricket Scotland was integral to the programme, enabling selected girls to be fast tracked from Perth and Kinross straight into the national under-17 girls' squad. The 13-16 year old age group is crucial to the player pathway and to sport generally as the numbers of girls who drop out of sport altogether at this age group is staggering. This girls' initiative enables girls to play in a female only environment and ensures there are local opportunities for recreational girls' cricket as well as an effective performance pathway for players that have the potential and desire to play cricket at a higher level."

In other categories, although not ultimate winners, two Kinross teams were honoured with nominations. The **Kinross Cricket Club U12 Girls' team** was nominated for the Team of the Year Award and **Kinross High School Swim Team** was nominated for the School Team of the Year Award. (See also p. 72)

The presentation of awards took place at the Dewar's Centre in Perth on 29 March 2013.

## Kinross Curling Trust

Kinross Curling Trust held a meeting of local curlers on Sunday 24 March to update them on progress with plans for refurbishing the Green Hotel curling rink. The Trust is negotiating a lease with Montgomery Hotels which will allow the rink to be run for curlers by curlers. Trustees are also considering the practicalities of taking over the running of the rink for next season.

Fund raising from the curlers has been revitalized and the gap between the target and the total of current funds and pledges is closing. Sportscotland have approved, in principle, a grant towards some aspects of the work and a Stage Two Application will be submitted as soon as possible. Several charitable bodies have been applied to and the trust awaits their decision.

Perth and Kinross Council are aware of the risk of losing a much valued sporting facility and local councillors support the efforts curlers are making to ensure the continuation of this traditional Scottish pastime. Trustees are seeking a meeting at senior level to secure some tangible financial support.

It is hoped that local businesses will become involved in supporting the facility which has approximately 900 people through its doors every week during the season.

Whether you are a curler or not, you probably know someone who is. Perhaps your children have had a taster session at school, and you would like them to continue to enjoy one of Scotland's truly native sports. Or perhaps you just believe that Kinross needs to retain its diversity of community facilities. You can do your bit to support this by watching out for fundraising events, encouraging your community councillors and local PKC councillors to support the Trust, or drop the Trust a line with your ideas through its website [www.kinrosscurlingtrust.org](http://www.kinrosscurlingtrust.org)



## Kinross Kobras - Junior Hockey

Snow curtailed much of the planned hockey over March with the KGV pitch suffering worse than most others. Several players took part in a bitterly cold U12 tournament in Edinburgh and many of the U14 players have been taking part in the U14 Midland District trials. Nearly 80 kids from the Perth, Kinross and Tayside regions took part, which was double the numbers attending the previous year. Despite the increased competition, six Kobras made it through to the final selection trials for the SHU U14 Inter-district Tournament that takes place in Edinburgh in May.

The traditional hockey season is winding down but there are upcoming tournaments in Dundee and Perth to allow the Kobras to put their training into practice.

Kobras training continues through the summer time (why not play when there is some decent weather?) on a Tuesday and Thursday evening 6.30 - 7.30 at the KGV Astro turf pitch.

Do you have

### Photographs of Kinross-shire

you'd be happy to share with others?

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## Curling

### End of season results from the Kinross Curling rink



Results of various leagues for the 2012-13 season are shown below. For full tables of results, log on to:

[www.kinrosscurlingrink.blogspot.co.uk](http://www.kinrosscurlingrink.blogspot.co.uk)

### The NFU Mutual Sunday Super Leagues

L McCleary was Division 1 champion for season 2012-13.

Division 1 runner-up was M Sutherland.

The following will occur for season 2013-14:

B Melville and 'Pye' are relegated from Div 1 to Div 2.

P Lang and S Scougal are promoted from Div 2 to Div 1.

E Brown and S Grant are relegated from Div 2 to Div 3.

J Steel and D Murray are promoted from Div 3 to Div 2.

### Green Hotel Leagues

Kinross was the Division 1 champion, with Dunfermline runner-up.

The following will occur for season 2013-14:

Broomhall and Dollar will be relegated from Div 1 to Div 2.

Kinross Juniors and Orwell are promoted from Div 2 to Div 1.

Glenfarg Ladies and Dalgety Bay are relegated from Div 2 to Div 3.

Falkland and Aberdour are promoted from Div 3 to Div 2.

**The Mixed League** was won by D Bell. Runner-up was L Rennie.

**The Ladies Super League**, sponsored by Coady's Bar, Dunfermline, was won by team Scougal (skipped by V Inglis). Runner-up was Mary Barr's team.

**The Fifty Plus League** was won by J Paterson. Runner-up was S Campbell.

### Easter Pairs

Craig Lindsay and Pete Lang won the Easter Pairs competition for the fourth year in a row! Runners-up Sheila Swan and nephew Lewis Leslie gave them a really good challenge, however, tying after five ends, blanking the sixth and only just losing out in the last end with a couple of unlucky shots. The final score was 4-3.

The Easter Pairs low road was won by Ben Thomas and Craig Whyte. Angela and Steve Wilcox conceded after six ends.

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## Kinross Road Runners



Imagine running non-stop for 62.2 miles. For most sane people, it hardly bears thinking about but ultra running (runs in excess of the standard marathon distance of 26.2 miles) is becoming increasingly popular. This year's Self-Transcendence 100k/50k Races took place at the North Inch in Perth on 31 March. The event attracted runners from all over the UK, including our own Andy Johns. Andy was the only Kinross Road Runner brave (or mad) enough to take part. Aside from the physical effort, Andy admits that running the same lap of the North Inch, 42 times was 'mentally challenging'. But he completed the 100km in 9 hours 46 minutes and 34 seconds. He was 25th overall and 7th in his age category. Very well done, Andy! For more information and photographs from the event, please visit: <http://run.runandbecome.com/event/self-transcendence-100k-50k-2013/>

Over a shorter distance, nineteen members of Kinross Road Runners ran in the 31st Alloa Half Marathon (a mere 13.1 miles) on 17 March. It's one of our Club Championship races, hence its popularity with our members. Andy Johns was the first KRR to finish in a time of 1:20:41; Jillian Gordon was first female KRR. Her time was 1:24:02. The other members taking part (in finishing order) were: David Scott, Nick Rowan, Graham Kemp, Paul Allcoat, Judith Dobson, Steve Hopton, Ashley Balfour, Peter Edgerton, Julie Rose, Simon Parsons, Amanda Rennie, Struan Robertson, Wendy Grieve, Geoff Bilton, Bill Nouillan, Norman Smith and Sarah Eaton.

As always, if you are interested in coming to the Club, you are welcome to join us for a few evening sessions before you commit to membership.

Please visit our website for contact information and details on our training schedule: [www.kinrossroadrunners.co.uk](http://www.kinrossroadrunners.co.uk)

## Kinross Rugby Club

by Jonny Davies, Club Captain



Well, at long last the seniors rugby season has now finished. We finished seventh in the league, with a great effort by everyone involved. This year we have seen a turn around from last season with a big emphasis on team spirit and fun.

We have had some key players this year that need to be mentioned: one of youngest 1st team players, Ben Mitchell – he has had a massive learning curve this year but a great team player; Stuart Hunter, aka Shunter, for playing every game this year and one of the key people to keep the motivation within the club; also the two Kilby brothers and also the two Tolson brothers, who, throughout the season, have shown great experience and youthfulness.

At the other end of the scale we've had great performances from our veteran prop Neil Gibson. There are other guys to mention but this could go on and on. However there needs to be one other mention, which is Coach Kelman, who has been there for the whole team.

During the next few months, before pre-season training starts again, there is still rugby being shown at the club starting with the British Lions Tour from 1st June. So come along for a few beers and a good bit of 'banter'.

Some dates for your diary:

**Friday 24 May**      **The Annual Club Dinner**  
**Wednesday 29 May**   **Annual General Meeting**

## Kinross Tennis Club

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



After a delayed start due to the snow in March, the tennis season is now in full swing!

It's not too late for Juniors to join our Junior summer term coaching programme (members only) which started mid-April with daily sessions and invitational performance groups to further improve your tennis skills! For junior bookings and enquiries please contact Helen Buchanan by emailing [kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com](mailto:kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com).

New for 2013 is combined Adult & Junior (3 to 8 years of age) coaching starting **13 May** for 6 weeks (Mondays and Fridays) – ideal for Mum and Dad (or grandparents) plus Juniors to receive coaching all at the same time!

Junior events planned for this season include Mini Tennis Rally Awards on **2 June**, AEGON Team Tennis and The Road to Wimbledon competition. The Perth and Kinross Team Tennis Primary Schools Competition takes place on **8 May** so listen out at school and show your prowess on court.

Adult League matches started for the ladies on 22 April and for the Gents on 25 April – results available in the next Newsletter!

Regular Club open tennis sessions for Adults on Wednesday evenings 6.30pm and Sunday mornings 10.30am are proving popular and the Thursday afternoon social session at 1.30pm is great if you are not a member and want to come along and have a game – at £2 a session it's a great way to meet other players whilst considering membership.

An Open Day is planned for **Saturday 29 June** during Wimbledon, for members and non-members to come along and play tennis at KTC.

Adult coaching started in April with beginners at 7pm and improvers at 8pm on Tuesday evenings - if you are still interested in participating, details are available from our secretary Vivien Clarke at [kinrosstennis@gmail.com](mailto:kinrosstennis@gmail.com) - open to members and non-members.

New members are always welcome and enquiries can be made to our secretary Vivien Clarke at [kinrosstennis@gmail.com](mailto:kinrosstennis@gmail.com). Visitor keys are available from Sands the Ironmongers for a small fee.

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## Kinross Volleyball Club

### Kinross Maintain 100% Volleyball Record

The Kinross men's team travelled to Linlithgow to meet the Hornets in their final fixture of the South East Scotland Regional Mini-League and it was another success for Kinross as they finished with a three sets to one win, which sees them maintain their 100% record to qualify for the regional finals later on this season.

The first set opened with the home side forcing the visitors into a number of errors as Kinross struggled to find their usual rhythm. As the set progressed, Kinross began to pull back the deficit as they found some form with Kieran Small and Jamie Booth's hitting putting them back in the driving seat. Young Mitchell Brown, playing libero, performed heroics in back court and the 14-year-old's defensive skills allowed Kinross to build some effective attacks to win the set 25-17.

Kinross shuffled their pack for the second set with Daves Mackay and Munro along with promising youngster Ruari Souter. The changes didn't do Kinross any favours as they struggled before momentum swung their way with the set score poised at 16 points each. Hornets then went on a scoring run with Kinross again making too many errors. The home side finished on top to win the set 25-20 and level the scores.

The third set saw Kinross revert to their original line-up and they stormed back with a vengeance with Craig Donaldson rallying his troops to an easy 25-11 win to take Kinross ahead by two sets to one.

Kinross again changed things for the fourth set and this time they made no mistake as they ran out comfortable winners 25-19.

Kinross team members: John Booth, Craig Scott, Kieran Small, Craig Donaldson, Jamie Booth, Andrew Hutchison, Mitchell Brown, Ruari Souter, Dave Mackay and Dave Munro.

### South East Regional Mini League

Pos	Team	P	W	L	F	A	Set Perc.	Pts Perc.	Pts
1	Kinross	4	4	0	13	2	86.67%	56.36%	12
2	Perth	3	1	2	3	8	27.27%	45.76%	5
3	Linlithgow Hornets	3	0	3	3	9	25.00%	45.84%	3

Set Perc - Percentage of sets won

Pts Perc - Percentage of points won

Kinross now qualify for the Regional finals to take place at Linlithgow on Sunday 12 May. They have also entered a Regional mixed team in the Scottish District Cup competition which will take place at Ravenscraig on Sunday 5 May.

In the Perth District Premier League, Kinross Scotrange are currently top of the league with six games left to play but they are followed closely by Team Fife and Dodgy Spikers. Team Fife meet Scotrange in the penultimate round of fixtures with Dodgy Spikers playing both Scotrange and Team Fife in the final round of fixtures at the end of April.

In the Perth District Recreational League, Kinross BB sit top with again six games left to play.

### MacVolley

The Scottish Volleyball Association has adopted the Kinross "Mac" volley initiative with the Mac standing for "More Active Communities."

### Women's Volleyball

Thanks to the Big Lottery Fund, free volleyball coaching continues at Loch Leven Community Campus on Monday evenings from 8pm until 9.30pm. It is planned to enter a ladies' team in this year's Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament, which takes place on the North Inch at the end of May, with teams coming from Belgium, Italy and the Faroe Islands as well as the rest of the UK.

## Orwell Bowling Club

Our season opened officially on 13 April so our fixtures are well under way now, both competitive and friendly matches, and hopefully in fine weather. We continue to extend a warm welcome to any new members, and it's not too late to join or even just to come along and try. Bowls can be played by all ages on equal terms. If you want to improve, coaches are also available. Remember that bowls is a sport included in the Commonwealth Games!

Orwell Bowling Club play our County competitions in Clackmannanshire and this year we are fortunate to be hosting some County Competitions; the first important of which is a Hamilton trial which is Clackmannan County versus West Fife on 5 May at 2pm and then follows the main event on 11 May at 2pm and is the match between Clackmannan versus Dunbartonshire West. The bowling in these games is highly competitive, fiercely fought and great games for spectators as a result! Please come along, as all are welcome on these days to add to the atmosphere.

If more information is needed on any of the above, please contact Diane on (01577) 865538.

## Kinross Bowling Club

Kinross members are looking forward to the new season getting underway after the opening of the green on 20 April. We are hoping to hold a number of Open and Family Fun Days to encourage anyone, whether children or adults, to have a try at this sport. We have coaches on hand to give you the basics, so come and have a go at this healthy and friendly sport.

The first of these days is on **Saturday 18 May** between 10.00am - 2.00pm. Don't be shy, give it a try.

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## Milnathort Golf Club

### Senior Section

Ah! The best laid plans of mice and men, etc, etc, etc.

Opening day came and went on Saturday 30 March and the course was as white as a new bride's dress. Who would have thought it? So the grand day was deferred until Saturday 6 April.

On Thursday 4 April we were due to entertain Dundas Castle at Milnathort in our annual Friendly match, BUT due to the weather and snow on the course, that had to be re-arranged. Dundas Park very kindly agreed to host the match at their course, which relieved us of having to cancel or postpone it at home. The game was played in the best of spirits and, despite the final result of Dundas Park winning 4-2 on this occasion, a grand time was had by all.

Thursday 11th saw the traditional opening game of the Senior Captain v Senior Vice Captain being played. There was a good turnout for this event, which was played in what, compared with recent events, was fairly moderate weather. This was a pairs event played in better-ball, stableford format. The winning pair with a fantastic score of 62 were new member Bill Morrison and John Mills. Well done to both of them and all who took part.

### Dates for your diaries

Our senior Friendly Match with Dunning GC has been arranged to be played at Dunning on Monday 24 June; times etc to be announced, but watch the noticeboard.

### Ladies Section

Our Opening Nine Hole Greensome was delayed a week because of snow on the course and was played on Monday 8 April. Thirty ladies turned up to play in a fierce cold wind and enjoyed tea and sandwiches afterwards in the clubhouse.

The winners of this fun competition are: 1st Deirdre Calderwood and Margaret Fleming (35), 2nd Claire Abbott-Smith and Margaret Hooper (35.25).

The results of the Nine Hole Qualifying Stableford on Wednesday 10 April are: 1st Claire Abbott-Smith 23 points, 2nd Gillian Pemberton 22 points, 3rd Nancy Sutherland-Brown 21 Points.

### Junior Section

As the snows cleared in early April, the golf season finally started for the juniors at Milnathort Golf Club.

A Junior coaching session was held by Andrew McHardy from Noah's Ark Golf Centre in Perth to give advice on golf swings and their general play; Andrew will be running clinics for members throughout the season to help all improve their golf.

The first Junior Competition was the Junior and Friend Greensome held on 11 April; Cameron Wallace and Sam Freeman came first of those playing nine holes, Ryan Brown and Kyle Fleming had the best net scores of those playing 18 holes and David McIntyre and Rory Hutchison had the best gross score.

Away from the club, Milnathort juniors have taken part in the Perth & Kinross County Golf Under 14 Coaching Medal where Rory Hutchison won the second Handicap prize. Rory, his brother Gareth and David McIntyre also played in the Elie Boys matchplay competitions.

## Kinross Cycling Club



### Family Cycle Challenge postponed

In response to a request from Chest Heart Stroke Scotland, the club has postponed this year's Family Cycle Challenge (scheduled for 28 April) until September. The new date will be confirmed shortly. The original date for the Family Cycle Challenge clashed with the reserve date for Chest Heart Stroke Scotland's Loch Leven Walkathon.

### Sportive Kinross

Scotland's fastest selling cycle sportive, Sportive Kinross, will be run for the third successive year on Saturday 27 April. 700 cyclists will take part in the event, which sold out in around eight hours last October.

The event takes in three routes of varying distances which take the riders around, through and over the surrounding hills. Riders depart from the Community Campus at 8.30am with last one back around 5pm. Event Director, Paul Zarb, said: "Once again we are hoping for a good show of local people at the campus to cheer the riders off."

The event is run in support of CHAS, for which it has raised over £20,000, but the club also donates money to local good causes from any surpluses.

## Kinross Badminton Club

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



This was another successful season for the Junior Club, which was busy all the way through.

The club closed at the end of March and will reopen in September. Many thanks to Kirsty Flockhart who put a huge effort into the smooth running of the Junior Club and improving everyone's game. Kirsty will not be with us next season and we wish her all the very best in her next coaching venture. Lewis Hunter put a tremendous effort in to assisting Kirsty with the coaching. Jennifer Weir and Daniel Black also helped out while doing their Duke of Edinburgh awards.

### Tournament results

	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Runner-up</i>
<i>Primary Group</i>		
Girls Singles	<b>Hannah Robb</b>	<b>Lily Spenke</b>
Boys Singles	<b>Alasdair Finlay</b>	<b>David Cormack</b>
<i>Junior Section</i>		
Girls Singles	<b>Katie Johnson</b>	<b>Phoebe Somervail</b>
Boys Singles	<b>Ben Cooper</b>	<b>Alexander Pirie</b>
<i>Most improved Player</i>	<b>Charlie Turnbull</b>	

The committee would like to remind all adult members that the annual barbecue will be held at Bill's house on **11 May**, when there will be a presentation of the adult trophies.

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

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## Kinross-shire Cricket Club

**NEW, NEW, NEW!**

### New Ground

The 2013 cricket season has begun with the club relocating to a new ground at Loch Leven's Larder. Whilst the club still awaits planning permission for the construction of a new cricket pavilion (held up by SEPA), temporary facilities have been installed in the interim and training and matches are now full steam ahead.

### New Logo

The club also ran a competition to design a new logo and over 50 entries were received. We have three joint winners who all came up with similar designs depicting the main features of our new location – the hills and the loch with the cricket club in between, so we've decided to incorporate aspects of each of the three drawings into the final badge. The winners are Joe Jennings and Kirsty Galloway (both aged 10) and the Volland family. We will now have their designs worked up into a finished logo by a graphic designer so it's ready to go on our new kit this summer.

### New Name

And the final "new" thing for 2013 is the club's new name. Previously known as Kinross CC, we have made a slight alteration and we will now be known as Kinross-shire Cricket Club. This reflects the club's wider position in the community with members from all parts of the area, the recent relocation to Wester Balgedie and the strong links with all of the Kinross-shire County's schools. It's very exciting times as the club looks to put down strong roots and build a community sports hub for the benefit of local people in years to come as well as offering a fun environment for everyone to enjoy playing cricket.

### Come & Have a Go at Cricket ... New Members Wanted

New members are very welcome to all sections of the club. Boys and girls aged 7 to 15 train on Monday evenings from 6.15pm to 8pm. 1st XI and Sunday XI players train on Thursdays from 6.30pm – 8.30pm as do the ladies section. Coaching is available for all players. Come and have a go.

### Club Successes

Several of the club's members enjoyed the recent Perth and Kinross Sports Awards for 2012 which were held at the Dewar's Centre in March.

The girls' under-12 team was nominated for team of the year for their success winning the national under-12 girls kwik cricket cup. They didn't win the award in the end but they thoroughly enjoyed the evening and the recognition of their efforts and success. Go Girls!

James Ross, the Sport Scotland Young Coach of the Year 2012 was honoured to be awarded the Perth & Kinross Coach of the Year Award. And club ladies coach, Kirsteen Ross, was delighted to be awarded the Sport Innovation Award for her work increasing girls' participation in cricket.

### Fixtures

The fixture list for May is on the club website [www.kinrosscc.co.uk](http://www.kinrosscc.co.uk) and spectators will be made very welcome at all games. Matches can be watched from the comfort of the restaurant or outdoor seating areas at Loch Leven's Larder or on the grassy banking which will be perfect to enjoy some take-away cakes and ice-creams on those long hot sunny days we are expecting!

You can also follow the club's cricket season on Twitter @Kinross Cricket

## Kinross Otters Swimming Club

**Scottish National Age Group Championships 2013**

**Royal Commonwealth Pool, Edinburgh, 10 - 14 April**

The Scottish National Age Group Championships are only for the crème de la crème of the swimming world. This was emphasised further this year when the event was opened up for the first time to adults, allowing the likes of Olympic stars Hannah Miley, Craig Benson and Caitlin McClatchey to compete alongside the young up and coming swimmers. The Otters did remarkably well to again have five swimmers qualify. This year, though, there were a few different names in the form of **Amy Broadhurst, Kirstin Haig, Conor McCormick, Iona Crawford** and **Aaron Gillon**, with only **Conor** surviving from last year. At the time of writing, the event is still ongoing and in *every* race so far *all* the Otters have broken their personal bests and exceeded their rankings. A fantastic start. Here are the results so far:

**Conor** (13): An excellent 2.4 sec personal best (pb) in the 10-13yr old Boys 200m Freestyle to come 14th in 2.17.51 (ranked 26th). Also, a 0.4 second pb in the 10-13 yr old Boys 200m Breaststroke to come a superb 10th in 2.54.71 (ranked 12th).

**Iona** (12): A quite amazing 3.4 sec pb in the 10-12 yr old Girls 100m Breaststroke to come 16th in 1.28.73 (ranked 29th).

**Aaron** (14): A 0.9 sec pb in the 14 yr old Boys 100m Backstroke to come 17th in 1.08.79 (ranked 23rd).

**Kirstin** (12): A 0.7 sec pb in the 10-12 yr old Girls 100m Freestyle to come 29th in 1.09.20 (ranked 31st).

The Boys 10-14yr old 4 x 100m Medley Relay team of **Aaron Gillon, Conor McCormick, Ryan Curtis** and **Euan Boyle** came 10th out of 16 teams in 4.15.42 taking 1.2 secs off their best time.

### Perth and Kinross Sports Awards

Congratulations to **Kinross High School S2** swimming team, aka Kinross Otters **Aaron Gillon, Gregor Malcolm, Cameron McCloskey** and **Cameron Nelson** (now Carnegie). They were voted runners up in the School Team of the Year 2012 category across all age groups and all sports.

Their relay team retained both the Medley and Freestyle Relay titles at the National Schools Relay Championships in Edinburgh at the Royal Commonwealth Pool in June 2012 and attracted national media attention at the time.



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# News from the Rurals

**MILNATHORT** – President Fiona Hynds welcomed us all to the March meeting, slightly down in numbers due to the bad weather. We were treated to a great food demonstration by Mary Wilson, assisted by Fiona Black. She made a lovely salad, a spinach roulade and a vegetable terrine and savoury crepes.

Competitions:

- Sausage rolls short crust pastry - Fiona Hynds
- Floral arrangement in a teacup - Nan Paterson
- Flower of the Month - Grace Drysdale

President Fiona Hynds welcomed us all to the April meeting. After business, she introduced us to ladies from Dunning Institute. We had a very funny sketch about a boy pestering his dad for a “dug”. We then had a cookery demo with a difference, a poem about The Rural Walkers and a floral art demo with a twist, finishing up with a quiz. A really fun night was enjoyed by all.

Competitions:

- Something new from something old - Nan Douglas
- Gypsy Creams - Fiona Hynds
- Flower of the Month - Jean Paterson

**CLEISH** – President Alison Morris welcomed all members to the April meeting. Business completed, she introduced the speaker, Mr McGroarty of the Caledonia Kilt Company, who gave us a most interesting insight into the traditional way of making a good kilt, the work almost completely stitched by hand, using eight to nine metres of fabric. Meeting concluded with raffle and tea.

Competitions:

- Flower of the Month - Fiona Barnfather
- Article in tartan - Alison Morris
- 3 pieces shortbread - Fiona Barnfather

**CARNBO** – President Mrs Elizabeth Campbell welcomed members and visitors to our April meeting. We enjoyed a very interesting presentation by Mr Willie Shand who took us on a trip around Loch Leven. His show covered a wide variety of subjects from Mary Queen of Scots, witches, Michael Bruce to the Leven Cut and many more. Mrs Josephine Paterson gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

- Favourite piece of jewellery - Mrs F Drysdale
- Flower of the Month - Mrs J Stirling

**BISHOPSHIRE** – On a very cold April evening, the members were transported to the Greek island of Skopelos, courtesy of Anne Cragoe, who spent some years living there with her husband. As well as sharing a little of Greek village life, she had some tales to tell of her time there when ‘Mamma Mia’ was being filmed. Life as an extra could mean a long day, but well worth it to see the stars in action, and Anne was also able to help find such props as aprons for one of the songs, and transport some of the stars about.

Competition:

- Household tip - Joanne Cowan

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# Out & About

## RSPB Loch Leven

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Telephone: (01577) 862355



Here we go again then, nae cheenge in the weather, still baltic but shairly it's bound tae get better sain? Birds seem tae be mackin the best o it mind, singin thur wee hearts oot, but the cauld will hiv an effect o somekind. Plants hiv certainly been knocked back, wi a visitor sayin the ither day that they reckon the daffodils are around three weeks late in flowerin – some o them jist startin tae come oot noo and it's the middle o April nearly. Michty me, global warmin, eh! In spite o the cauld, the summer migrants are startin tae appear back. We hiv seen several Ospreys ower the loch. Chiff chaff n sand martin hiv been seen locally and by the time ye read this we shid hae swallows beltin around the courtyaird at the centre. So far we hiv plenty lapwings aboot but nae sign o nestin activity jist yet – it'll happen, tho, at some stage.

Several meetings have taken place recently tae work oot the management plans for the next five years so as developments unfold we will keep ye informed as tae future plans fur the reserve and centre.

Wur volunteer team hiv been revampin the front gairden so it's startin tae look a bit mair spruced up again. We see them every week regular as clockwork and wur really grateful fur the fantastic work that they dae fur us, so a big thanks tae them!!

Shop promotions fur May: If ye buy a pair o Puffin binoculars ye get a free "Whit's that bird book". They are brilliant value n start around £50 a pair fur an 8 x 32 size and make an excellent starter binocular for kids or a reasonably priced spare pair fur the car glove box. Available in black or if ye prefer a rather fetchin shade o cerise pink fur the laydeez. Or mibeas some guys as weel! Whitever, come in and check them oot.

Upcomin events fur May: **Sunday 5th, Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th** it's **Build a Lapwing Nest fur the Kids**, £2 members or £4 non-members.

**Sunday 5th** we are holdin an **Intermediate Digital Photography** course run by Dave Taylor. They are very popular, so book early since we only dae eight places per course. Learn advanced techniques tae tak better picturs, lunch and refreshments included. £50 members £60 non-members.

**Sunday 19th** also sees a **talk** on his book "**Birds in a Cage**" by Derek Niemann, a story aboot prisoners birdwatching while in a POW camp. Soonds interestin stuff, £3 members or £5 non-members.

**Sunday 26th** it's a **We Love Lapwings guided walk** tae hear and learn awe aboot the lapwings that nest oan the reserve. Whit do you ken boot this declining species? Come alang and add tae yer knowledge or, if ye ken hee haw, fund oot fae scratch. £3 members £6 non-members.

We will also hiv a Lapwing quiz trail fur the little people runnin durin the whole month.

If ye wid like tae fund oot aboot or book oan any o the events above or onything else ye kin think o, gie us a tinkle oan the usual number 01577 862355.

Think that's it again then. Ta ta till next time,

Colin

## Loch Leven NNR



It's that time of year again when Ospreys can be seen hovering in search of food over the loch, having returned from their long migration from West Africa. The first record at Loch Leven was picked up by Jeremy on 28 March, and has been seen fairly regularly since. We can sometimes have a dozen or more Ospreys fishing the loch later in the season, suggesting that their population is expanding quite successfully. Other spring migrants are somewhat delayed however, with Sand Martins yet to make an appearance, possibly due to the unseasonably cold weather we've been experiencing.

### **Insect Survey Training Day and Moth Trapping Evening, Saturday 27 April**

Insect surveying started at Loch Leven in April, and our insect survey training day this Saturday is an opportunity for perspective surveyors to come along, meet the team, learn about the project so far, how to survey for butterflies, dragonflies, bumblebees and moths, and decide how you would like to participate. For more information, or to ask how you can participate, please call me at the reserve office on 01577 864439.

### **Loch Leven Walkathon for Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland, Sunday 28 April**

As you may be aware, last month's terrible weather and snowfall led to the walkathon being postponed. The new date is now Sunday 28 April, so if you are out and about on Sunday morning, expect to see large numbers of participants using the trail between Kirkgate and Loch Leven's Larder.

### **Loch Leven NNR Artist in Residence Blog**

Following her introduction last month, I can now confirm that our Artist in Residence blog is now up and running, and can be viewed at [www.alisonbuckle.wordpress.com](http://www.alisonbuckle.wordpress.com)

Alison brings a fresh new perspective to the reserve, and her ideas for artwork inspired by, and situated at, Loch Leven are very exciting. Keep track of her research trips through her blog, where she'll also be reporting on how our two volunteer artists are getting on with their projects. Her first trip out with us was to assist with our annual heronry count on Castle Island, which included an exploration of the island where we discovered an interesting rhizomorph mycelium, or honey fungus root rot, which Alison photographed.

She'll also be involved in developing a variety of kids' activities for the forthcoming **Discovery Day**, which takes place on **Sunday 16 June** (date for your diaries!). You might like to take this opportunity to pop down, say hello and have a chat with Alison directly. Look out for more information on Discovery Day, this year in celebration of the Year of Natural Scotland, in next month's Kinross Newsletter.

An early heads up also, for our forthcoming botany walks, this year taking place on **Tuesday 4 June** at Findatie, and the slightly later date this year of **Tuesday 18 June** at Burleigh. Please give us a call at the reserve office on 01577 864439 to find out more about botanical diversity at Loch Leven.

That's all for now folks,

Craig

### **Fact of the Month**

Last year, a young Osprey from Loch Garten made what is thought to be the fastest migration for any tagged European Osprey, in approximately 2 weeks. The journey to West Africa usually takes young Ospreys a couple of months.

## Farming



As I am writing this I am wondering if I have become trapped in a time warp or a parallel universe, because the calendar says it is almost the middle of April and the clocks changed two weeks ago, but looking round the countryside it looks more like the middle of January. There is hardly a blade of grass to be seen and autumn – sown cereals are still at the stage of having just poked their heads through the soil. As for colour, well I seem to remember a Dulux colour chart having a shade called “apple white” which was as green as things are at the moment. Hopefully by the time you are reading this, the warmer weather will have come and it will look like spring, and the daffodils will have replaced the snowdrops.

A Cambridgeshire farmer who writes in an agricultural magazine recently wrote that a benchmark of expected spring growth was that a hare should be able to hide in a wheat field with the crop taller than it by the end of March. If we assume that particular farmer's crop would be a month ahead of 'Newsletter' country crops, then we might expect similar growth by the end of April. The fact that you could still see a mouse running through any local crops by mid April suggests that target won't be met this year - not by a long way.

Livestock farmers are getting very anxious too, as cattle were housed early in the autumn due to wet weather and many farmers struggled to make enough hay and silage to last the winter, so a late spring is not what is needed, as feed stocks throughout the country are running very low.

The recent heavy snow combined with high winds resulted in large numbers of sheep being buried under drifts. On many farms the depth of the snow has made it impossible to reach stranded animals with feed, which will have a knock-on effect for lambing time as the ewes are now heavily pregnant and in need of plenty to eat.

Here at Backward Farm, we are 90% through lambing and, all things considered, it hasn't gone too badly. We bring the ewes inside to lamb with the idea that they go back outside with their lambs at a couple of days old. So far we only have let out about half of the strongest ones, as it has been so cold and the fields covered in snow. Fortunately there is enough room to keep in the rest until they are hardy enough to go out. There is no grass for them to graze at the moment, so they are just as well inside as they are being fed silage and cake outside anyway. The lambs will grow better in the warmth of the shed but we will need to keep a close watch for potential health problems.

The cows are calving just now as well, although we have a smaller herd than we used to have so it is not such an onerous task. Like the sheep, the cows have had extra feeding over the winter as they were quite thin after the poor summer. There is a fine balance to be struck when feeding pregnant animals since if you over feed them late in pregnancy the cow or ewe will use the extra feed to grow the calf or lamb rather than improve her own body condition. This can result in more problems when giving birth, leading to higher mortality rates.

I am just about to start some field work now, as conditions are nearly dry enough, and the snow is almost all gone. There is some ploughing to be done for sowing spring barley and wheat and it is probably time to spread some fertiliser on grass if the weather is to warm up. That can't happen quickly enough.

John

## Weather



### March Weather Report from Carnbo

Not much can be said in favour of the weather during March this year. Day and night time temperatures were low throughout the month, snowfalls were quite frequent, giving some heavy falls, but this once again was mainly on the higher ground.

Total precipitation for month 60.3mm  
(only 50% of average)

Heaviest fall 6.8 mm (18th)

Rain days 14, trace days 8, dry days 9

Snow days 18, lying days 14, total depth 36cms

Highest temperature 8°C (1st)

Lowest temperature -7°C (12th)

Average temperature 2.5°C

Ice days 3 (maximum temperature below 0°C)

Ground frost on 26 nights

Air frost on 25 nights

Total cloud cover 8 days

Westerly wind component 3 days, Easterly component 25 days (enough said)!

### March Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall 67.6mm (2.70 inches)  
includes measured snow

Heaviest fall 20.2 mm (19th)

Total sunshine for month 68 hours

Sunniest day 7.1 hours (13th)

Maximum temperature average 4.8°C

Highest temperature 11.1°C (2nd)

Minimum temperature average -3.3°C

Lowest temperature -10.0°C (11th)

16 days recorded snowfall, heaviest snow fall 11cm (18th)

### Local Attraction Opening Times

#### Lochleven Castle, Castle Island, Kinross



Famously where Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned in 1567 and forced to abdicate before dramatically escaping, this semi-ruined 14th century castle is set on an island in beautiful Loch Leven, within a National Nature Reserve. There are lawns and picnic benches on the island. No wheelchair access. Dogs not permitted.

The property is reached by boat, operated by Historic Scotland and departing from the fishery pier, where there is parking, a Historic Scotland shop and a bistro.

Opening times:

29 March to 30 September: Daily, 9.30am to 5.30pm  
(last outward sailing 4.30pm)

1 to 31 October: Daily, 9.30am to 4.30pm  
(last outward sailing 3.30pm)

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

#### Burleigh Castle, Milnathort

A fascinating tower house dating from around 1500. The grounds are open during daylight hours. The keep can be opened on request. Please follow signs on site for key.

# Gardens Open

More information about these gardens  
can be found on our website,  
[www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org)  
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Gardens, and some properties, open regularly not too far from Kinross				Admission		Disabled	Contact
	Opening Arrangements			Adult	Child	Access	Number
Dowhill, Cleish KY4 0HZ (SGS)	2 May-27 June	Tue&Thu	1000-1600	£4		no	
Falkland Palace & garden (NTS)	to 31 Oct	Mon-Sat	1100-1700	£12.00	£8.50	gdn only	0844 4932186
		Sun	1300-1700				0844 4932186
Hill of Tarvit mansion & gdns (NTS)	23 Mar-27 Oct	Thu-Mon	1300-1700	£10.00	£7.00	partial	0844 4932185
Hill of Tarvit grounds only (NTS)	all year	daily	to dusk			yes	0844 4932185
Kellie Castle & garden (NTS)	23 Mar-31 May	Sat-Wed	1230-1700	£9.50	£7.00	partial	0844 4932184
Kellie Castle garden & estate only (NTS)	all year	daily	0930-1800			yes	0844 4932184
Culross Palace, town hse and gdns (NTS)	23 Mar-31 May	Thu-Mon	1200-1700	£10.00	£7.00	no	0844 4932189
Culross Palace gardens only	all year	daily	0900-1700			difficult	0844 4932189
Branklyn Gdns, Dundee Rd, Perth (NTS)	23 Mar-31 Oct	daily	1000-1700	£6.50	£5.00	partial	0844 4932193
Glendoick Gardens, Glencarse, PH2 7NS	1 Apr-31 May	Mon-Fri	1000-1600	£4.00	free	yes	01738 860205
	1 Apr-31 May	Sat&Sun	1400-1700	£4.00	free	yes	
Scone Palace grounds only	1 Apr-31 Oct	daily	0930-1745	£6.00	£4.20	yes	01738 552300
Botanic Garden, Canongate, St Andrews	Apr-Sept	daily	1000-1900	£2.00	£1.00	yes	01334 477178
Pittencreeff Park, Dunfermline	all year	daily	dawn-dusk	free	free	yes	01383 720285
Braco Castle gardens, FK15 9LA (SGS)	1 Mar-31 Oct	daily	1000-1700	£3.50		partial	01786 880437
Cambo House, Kingsbarns, KY16 8QD	all year	daily	1000-1700	£5.00		yes	01333 450313
Drummond Castle Gdns, Crieff, PH7 4HZ	1 May-31 Oct	Daily	1300-1800	£5.00	£2.00	yes	01764 681433
<b>Gardens open by arrangement</b>							
Arndean, by Dollar FK14 7NH (SGS)	15 May-15 Jun	by arr		£5.00	free	yes	01259 743525
Rowberrow, 18 Castle Rd, Dollar, FK14 7BE (SGS)	on request	by arr		£4.00	free	yes	01259 742584
Barham, Bow of Fife, KY15 5RG (SGS)	1 Apr-30 Sep	by arr		£3.00	free	no	01337 810227
Glassmount House, by Kirkcaldy	19 Mar-30 Sep	by arr		£3.00		no	01592 890214

**Notes:** Other prices may be available, eg Concessions, Family. NTS = National Trust for Scotland (entry free to members). At some gardens there are plants for sale and refreshments available. Some gardens do not allow dogs.

## Scotland's Gardens Scheme

SGS, a registered charity since 1931, organises the opening of hundreds of gardens to raise money for charity while giving pleasure to garden lovers. 60% of entry fees to gardens in this scheme benefit SGS's charities, which include: The Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland, Gardens Fund of the National Trust for Scotland, Maggie's Cancer Caring Centres and The Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society. 40% of entry fees goes to a charitable cause chosen by the garden owner. For more information, see the book "Scotland's Gardens Guide for 2013" or the website [www.scotlandsgardens.org](http://www.scotlandsgardens.org)

## Special Days Open in May under SGS

There will be a huge **Plant Sale** and Open Garden at nearby **Rossie House, Forgandenny**, PH2 9EH, on **Saturday 18 May**, 11am-5pm. The garden is full of magnificent trees, shrubs and beautiful rhododendrons, set off by a carpet of bluebells, trillium and other woodland plants. Stream, bridges, walled garden, sculptures. Attractions on the day include children's entertainment, venison barbecue, teas, and a pipe band. Also many stalls, including Diana Drummond skincare, The Potting Shed gloves and tools, Cecilia the Jam Lady, pots and pergolas and more. Admission: £4, OAP £3, children free. 40% to Camphill Village Trust. Forgandenny is on the B935, about 18 minutes' drive from Kinross.

**Bonhard Garden, Scone, Perth**, PH2 7PQ is open on **Sunday 12 May**, 10am to 4pm. Sensible footwear should be worn. Teas and coffee available at adjacent Bonhard Nursery. Partial disabled access. Admission: £3.50.

The grounds at **Fingask Castle, Rait**, PH2 7SA are open on **Sunday 26 May**, 2pm to 5pm. Admission £4, children free. Halfway between Perth and Dundee.

Admissions to **Branklyn Garden** in Perth (see chart) on **Sunday 5 May** will benefit SGS charities.

Admissions to **Glendoick** on **Sundays 5 and 12 May** will benefit SGS charities. Glendoick is celebrating its 60th anniversary. Booking required. See SGS book or website. Just off A90 Perth-Dundee road.

## Local Garden open regularly in May and June

The garden at **Dowhill** at **Cleish** (see chart) is set off by the background of Benarty Hill and magnificent trees. Lovely woodland walks to the ruins of Dowhill Castle. Nine linked ponds. Blue poppies and primulas. 40% of admission to MND. Dowhill is ¾ mile off the M90, exit 5, towards Crook of Devon on the B9097.

## Local Gardens open by arrangement

**Arndean** by **Dollar** (see chart) extends to 15 acres including a woodland walk. Vegetable garden and orchard, shrubs, azaleas and specimen trees. Contact 01259 743525 or email [johnny@arndean.co.uk](mailto:johnny@arndean.co.uk)

**Rowberrow** in **Dollar** (see chart) is on the way up to Castle Campbell overlooking Dollar Glen. Mixed shrub and herbaceous borders, wildlife pond, rockeries, fruit and vegetable gardens. Featured on the Beechgrove Garden in 2011. Phone (chart) or email [rjarvis1000@hotmail.com](mailto:rjarvis1000@hotmail.com)

## • Gardens info on our website •



More information about gardens open can also be found on our website, [www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org)

## Congratulations



**RHONA MUNRO** of Kinross and **BARRY GUNN** of Dundee are pleased to announce their engagement on Friday 5 April 2013.

**DONALD** and **CATHARINE ERSKINE** of Cleish have celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. They were married on 15 April 1953 in Catharine's home town of Melrose, and have lived in Cleish since 1961.

Congratulations to former Kinross High School pupil **STEWART BROWN** of Milnathort who has been awarded trainee of the year by Exxon Mobil, Mossmorran, Fife.

**GIACOPAZZI'S** of Milnathort has been named Licensed Retailer of the Year at the Scottish Grocer Awards. The shop was also Highly Commended as a Sustainable Retailer.

## Thanks



On behalf of the Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest, **the Dundee, Perth & Angus Branch of the RSPBA** would like to thank **Betty and Mark McEwan**, who have kindly donated a trophy to the contest in memory of Betty's late husband, Bill. The "Bill McEwan Memorial Trophy" will be presented as second place prize in the Grade 4 contest.

**Marie Curie Cancer Care** says a huge thank you to everyone who supported this year's Great Daffodil Appeal. Money raised from the Great Daffodil Appeal helps Marie Curie Nurses to provide more free care to people with terminal illnesses in their own homes.

**Comic Relief Fundraising:** The Manager at Kinross **Sainsbury's** would like to thank his colleagues and customers for all their support in raising a fantastic £1,941 for Comic Relief.

The colleagues got involved in a variety of events from dressing up days, second hand book sale and colleague home baking sale. Special thanks to Kathy Robertson for her delicious tablet and Amanda Evans-Nash for her wonderful Victoria sponge. Alan Cammock, store manager, said: "Without the support of our customers and colleagues we could not have raised such a terrific amount. Thank you to everyone."

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*Sainsbury's colleagues Tina Brain and Jane Thomas raising funds for Comic Relief*

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# Kinross-shire Churches Together



## Kinross Parish Church of Scotland

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

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

Probationer Ordained Local Minister:

Margaret Michie Tel: (01592) 840602

Session Clerk: Jaffrey Weir Tel: (01577) 865780

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

Church E-mail: office@kinrossparishchurch.org

Church/Church Centre Lets: lets@kinrossparishchurch.org

Church website: www.kinrossparishchurch.org

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

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

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

### Leasing Church or Church Centre

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).

*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' (S1 upwards) in church centre.

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

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

**Fri** The Brigade, Church Centre.

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

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

### Special Services and Events

#### April

**Sun 28** 6.30pm Informal Evening Service: 'Prayer Stories'

**Tues 30** 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.  
8pm Bible Study/ Prayer Meeting.

#### May

**Thu 2** 7.30pm Thursday group, Church Centre - Annual General Meeting.

**Sun 5** 11.45am: Informal Communion, after Service at 10.30am.

**Mon 6** 8am: Time for Prayer - Silent Meditation (30min).

**Tue 7** 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.

**Sat 11** 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (numbers in advance to church office).

**Sun 12** 10.30am Morning Service - start of Christian Aid week.

**Thu 16** 9pm: Time to Pray: late evening service of Compline (20min).

**Sun 26** 6.30pm Informal Evening Service - Elaine Duncan, Scottish Bible Society.

**Tue 28** 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.  
8pm Bible Study/ Prayer Meeting.

### 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)

## Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

### Church of Scotland

Minister - Rev Dr Angus Morrison

Telephone: 01577 863461

Email: angusmorrison3@gmail.com

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

### Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:

10am Portmoak Church,

11.30am Orwell Church.

All children welcome. Crèche available during Sunday Services.

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

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

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

**Services at Levens:** 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

**Milnathort Festival Weekend, 1 & 2 June**

**Saturday 1 June** - Milnathort Summer Fayre at school

**Sunday 9 June** - Communion in both churches

**Portmoak Festival, 23 - 30 June**

**Sunday 23 June** - Portmoak Festival Opening in Portmoak Hall

**Sunday 30 June** - Joint Service in Festival Marquee

Everyone welcome

**Oasis** - meeting in Portmoak New Room 31 May

10.15-11.45am Bead Creations with Anne Hughes.

**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)

## 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 Parish Church

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

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

### Cleish Parish Church Church of Scotland

(Charity number SC003168)

Locum Minister: Mr Brian Ogilvie

Telephone: (01592) 840823

E-mail: [brianj.ogilvie1@btopenworld.com](mailto:brianj.ogilvie1@btopenworld.com)

Session Clerk: Gordon McMillan

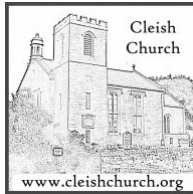
Telephone: (01506) 825641

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**May****Sun 5** 11.15am Morning Worship: Brian Ogilvie.**Sun 12** 11.15am Morning Worship: Brian Ogilvie.**Sun 19** 10.00am Early Birds Service.

11.15am Morning Worship Brian Ogilvie.

**Sun 26** 11.15am Morning Worship.**Other Activities****Saturday 11 May** Cleish Fête opens at 2.00pm (see Notices for more information).

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**May****Sun 5** 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum Brian Ogilvie, followed by fellowship, refreshments and Traidcraft.**Sun 12** 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum Brian Ogilvie.**Sun 19** 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum Brian Ogilvie.**6.30pm KCT Pentecost Service of Praise &****Thanks giving** Join us to enjoy an evening of favourite hymns and readings. Choir led by Jenny Macleod, organist Bruce Ingles.

Followed by refreshments and fellowship.

**Sun 26** 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum Brian Ogilvie.**June****Sun 2** 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.

Fossoway Parish Church

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### St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AY

Fr David Mackenzie Mills, Rector Telephone: 01577 863795

Email: [frdavidkinross@gmail.com](mailto:frdavidkinross@gmail.com)

Mrs Sarah Oxnard, Vestry Chair Telephone: 01577 864213

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

You can also find us on Facebook

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. **The Rector will be on holiday between Saturday 27 April and Saturday 4 May.**

8am Morning Prayer (Mondays and Wednesdays).

**May Services****Sun 5** The Sixth Sunday of Easter. 8.30am Said Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism.**Thu 9** 7.30pm Said Holy Communion to celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord followed by a short candlelit service of Compline (Night Prayer).**Sun 12** The Seventh Sunday of Easter. 8.30am Said Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist marking Christian Aid Week.**Tue 14** The Feast Day of St Matthias the Apostle. 8am Morning Prayer followed by Said Holy Communion.**Sun 19** The Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday). 8.30am Said Holy Communion, 11.00am All Age Sung Eucharist.**Sat 25** 7.30pm Meeting Room. 'Small, green, and has three leaves.' A short talk given by the Rector about who God the Holy Trinity is and what God isn't.**Sun 26** Trinity Sunday. 8.30am Said Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.**Thu 30** The Day of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion (Corpus Christi). 8am Morning Prayer followed by Said Holy Communion.

Everyone welcome at all services

### 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
	6.30pm	Gospel Meeting
Monday	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
	8.15pm	Bible Study
Wednesday	6.30pm	Children's Club (termtime)

**Deadline for all Submissions**  
**5.00 pm, FRIDAY 17 May**  
**for publication on Saturday 1 June**

## Obituaries

**JAMES DONALDSON** (Cuddles), formerly of Sunny Park, Kinross, died peacefully at Perth Royal Infirmary on Sunday 14 April 2013. Beloved husband of the late Brender and dear brother of Tom. Funeral Service was held at Kinross Parish Church on Monday 22 April followed by interment in the North Cemetery, Kinross.

**DAVID SINCLAIR** died peacefully at his home, 5 Green Park, Kinross, on 19 March 2013 after a long illness. David was raised in Dunfermline before moving to Kinross where he spent most of his adult life working at various occupations, the last being the Green Hotel before he retired.

David has left behind him a large family: Frances, David, William, Elizabeth, Paul, James and his wife Margaret, to whom he was married for 54 years. He was a Grandfather to nine and Great Grandfather to eight, and he would make time for them all.

He has left his family with many fond memories and will be greatly missed by all those who knew him.

### 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.



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## Acknowledgements

**ALEXANDER** – The family of Grace Alexander would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and kind words received during their recent loss; the Rev Angus Morrison for his kind words and the staff at PRI. A special thank you to Gordon and staff at Stewart's Funeral Directors for all their help and support, and to all who paid their last respects to mum at the crematorium.

**McDONALD** – Cathie and family wish to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, phone calls and visits in their recent sad loss of Fred. Special thanks to all the staff and nurses at wards 4 and 5 Perth Royal Infirmary, the Rev Alan Reid for his kind words and comforting service, Stewart Funeral Directors for all their help with arrangements and to all who paid their respects to Fred at Perth Crematorium. Grateful thanks also for the generous donations received for Rachel House Children's Hospice, Kinross, and Parkinson's UK, which amounted to £910.

**SINCLAIR** – The family of the late David Sinclair would like to thank all relations, friends and neighbours for their flowers and cards. They would also like to thank ILS and Elite Care teams, Council home team, District Nurse, Doctor Richmond, Rev Allen Reid and Stewart Funeral directors.

The family would like to give a special mention to the Marie Curie nurse whose help was invaluable towards the end of what was a long and difficult illness for Dad and his family.

### 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

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

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## FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

**Glenbank Cottage, Powmill**

Partner-provider for P&K Education

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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

**Crook of Devon Village Hall**

Friday 9.30am - 11.00am

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

Contact - Christina Smith 01577 840733

## PORTMOAK UNDER 5s

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

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

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

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

Email: [portmoakunderfives@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:portmoakunderfives@hotmail.co.uk)  
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## 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.

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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

## 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.**



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Fred Aitken 01577 840833; Stewart Roberts 01577 840822;  
Rosemary Monaghan 01577 840664;  
Ian Robertson 01577 840526

## Loch Leven Walkathon

6m or 11km walk alongside Loch Leven to raise funds for  
Chest, Heart & Stroke Scotland

**Sunday 28 April at 10am**

See [www.scotlandwalkathon.com](http://www.scotlandwalkathon.com) for more details



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## Relaxation Taster Session

**Monday 29 April 1.45pm - 2.45pm**

Information about relaxation  
Difference between stress and 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](mailto:charles.wilson@pkc.gov.uk), [ibrown@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:ibrown@pkc.gov.uk)

## 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 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

## Kinross-Shire PARTNERSHIP



## 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](mailto:mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk) or call 07774181768  
[www.kinrosspartnership.org.uk](http://www.kinrosspartnership.org.uk)  
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Jayne Ramsay, Mon-Fri 9am - 1pm on 01577 867177  
[jsramsay@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:jsramsay@pkc.gov.uk)

## The Thursday Group

**2 May**

*Annual General Meeting*

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.

## Bishopshire Horticultural Society

### PLANT SALE & COFFEE MORNING



Portmoak Hall

**Saturday 4 May**  
**10am - 12 noon**

Bedding Plants, Vegetable Plants, Tomato Plants,  
Perennials

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## Bric à Brac Event

Balhousie Care Home, Rumbling Bridge

**Monday 27 May**

2pm - 4pm  
All Welcome

*Milnathort*  
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**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.**

**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).

**Scottish Handcraft Circle**  
**Exhibition of Stitched Textiles**  
**and Handcrafts**

**16 – 18 May**

Kinross Parish Church  
 10 Station Road, KY13 8TG

11am – 5pm                      10am – 3pm  
 (Thursday and Friday)              (Saturday)

£2 admission including refreshments

**Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and**  
**Rural Outreach Scheme**  
**Annual General Meeting**



**Tuesday 28 May**

at 7.30pm in the Kinross Church Centre.

After the business part of the meeting there will be a short update on the Heritage Trail by Neil Kilpatrick.

All welcome.

**Cleish Church Fête**

**A Brilliant Family Afternoon Out !!**

**Dog Show**  
**Tombola**  
**Children's Games**  
**Plant Sale**  
**Bric a Brac**  
**Baking & Produce**  
**Afternoon Teas**



**2.00pm**  
**Cleish** **SAT. 11th MAY**

**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

**CHARITY PLANT SALE**

in Jean's Garden, 24 Gallowhill Road

**SATURDAY 18 MAY**

10.30am to 4.30pm

Gazebos up for sun or rain

**LOTS OF BARGAINS, including:**

Petunia, Marigold, Sweet Pea; Pansy, Snapdragon,  
 Larkspur, Allium; Cornflower, Nasturtium, Geranium, pinks;  
 Aster, Lily, Peony, Alstromeria, Sunflower; Rudbeckia,  
 Lupin, Grasses, Hosta; Potentilla, Willow, Succulents,  
 Herbs; Gooseberry, Tomato; AND MORE!  
 (try Electric Daisy Inca Berry & Tomatillo!)

Please come along to raise

**Cash for CHAS & Kinross-shire Day Centre**

**Grants and Funding Websites**

[www.pkgrantsdirect.com](http://www.pkgrantsdirect.com)

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

## Proposal of Application Notice

**Applicant: Persimmon Homes East Scotland**

The proposed development is proposed on the site of the old Kinross High School site, High Street, Kinross.

Date of Event 21 May 2013  
Time 4pm-8pm  
Location Loch Leven Community Campus,  
Muir, Kinross, KY13 8FQ

Comment cards will be made available on the night for members of the public to make representations with regards the development. These comment cards are for the developer only and not a representation to planning authority.

## CEILIDH

to raise funds for **Milnathort WRI**

**Friday 31 May** at 7.30pm

Masonic Hall, Muir, Kinross

Tickets £8, including stovies

For tickets and more details, please contact Vi on  
01577 863244 or 07736451919

## Kinross Otters Swimming Club QUIZ NIGHT

**Saturday 1 June**, 7.30pm for 8pm

Kinross Otters Swimming Club is once again hosting a quiz night for adults and older children at Orwell Bowling Club, Milnathort (behind Westerloan).

Tickets are priced at £5 per person and there is a maximum of four people per team. Local quizmaster **Mike Spain** will be fronting the show, so be quick, as tickets are sure to go fast. Reasonably priced bar. Raffle and small auction. Can anyone beat the undefeated Village Inn team of eggheads?

To book tickets, contact [wilkiemcc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:wilkiemcc@tiscali.co.uk)

## 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)

## Greyhound Rescue Fife 6th Annual Dog Show 12th May 2013

Sponsored by



Please note this show is held indoors and there is plenty of free parking available!!!

Advanced Tickets £3.50  
Or £4 on the door kids (under 16 free)  
See Posters or our Website for details  
[www.greyhoundrescuefife.com](http://www.greyhoundrescuefife.com)

Caldwell's Farm,  
Collesie,  
By Ladybank,  
Fife, KY15 7UY.

Various Commercial,  
and fund-raising  
Stalls Available.



## Can you give A Greyhound A Home

Look on our Website  
contact us to arrange a suitable time to come along  
and see them for yourself find **your** perfect hound  
Mob: 07826244765 Phone: 01592 890583 (evenings)  
email us on [ferniejimmyf@aol.com](mailto:ferniejimmyf@aol.com)

## 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



## Art for Recovery Kinross

*Confidence building Skills Sharing Socialising*

ARK provides support through arts and crafts for people with health issues in Kinross and surrounding areas.

ARK offers peer support to those in need of a little company to socialise and learn new skills. Try drawing with pencils and pastels, painting with acrylics and watercolours, working with clay, felt-making and patchwork. Or just have a cup of tea or coffee!

The group meets **weekly on a Wednesday** from 1pm to 3pm in Orwell Church Hall, Ba' Hill, Milnathort. £1 per session. For more information, email [arkforart@gmail.com](mailto:arkforart@gmail.com) or call the Chair on 07590 387189.



## Loch Leven NNR Events Programme 2013



Scottish Natural Heritage  
All of nature for all of Scotland



Year of  
Natural  
Scotland  
2013

<b>Tue 4 Jun</b>	<b>Findatie Botany</b>	6pm-8pm
<b>Sun 16 Jun</b>	<b>Discovery Day</b>	12pm-4pm
<b>Tue 18 Jun</b>	<b>Burleigh Botany</b>	6pm-8pm
<b>Thu 15 Aug</b>	<b>Osprey Walk</b>	6pm-8pm
<b>Sun 29 Sep</b>	<b>Fungi Foray</b>	2pm-5pm
<b>Sat 26 Oct</b>	<b>Pink Sunset</b>	4.30pm-7pm
<b>Sat 28 Dec</b>	<b>Winter Bird Walk</b>	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).



**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
June	Fri 17 May	Saturday 1 June
July	Fri 14 June	Saturday 29 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



## 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.



## Blythswood Care

Sainsbury's Car Park

(if car park is full, van will park nearby, e.g. Park & Ride or Ochil View)

**Tuesday 21 May**

**between 10.30 am and 11 am**

Further details from 862258

## 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:

**14 & 28 May**

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)



## 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](mailto:RGray@pkc.gov.uk)

Jayne Ramsay, Mon - Fri 9.00am-1.00pm

Tel: 01577 867177 Email: [JSRamsay@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:JSRamsay@pkc.gov.uk)

## Community Councils

**Kinross:** Secy: Mrs M Scott (01577) 862945  
KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk  
**Cleish & Blairadam:** Secy: Patty Fraser (01577) 850253,  
CleishCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk  
**Milnathort:** Chair: Bruce Hamilton (01577) 830616  
MilnathortCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk  
**Fossoway & District:** Secy: Kevin Bothwick (01577) 840845,  
fossoway.cc@gmail.com  
**Portmoak:** Malcolm Parkin (01592) 840389,  
PortmoakCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

## Portmoak Community Councillors

Robin G Cairncross	01592 840672
Bruce Calderwood	01592 840423
Susan Forde	01592 840128
Malcolm Parkin	01592 840389
Thomas Smith	01592 841160
Malcolm Strang Steel	01592 840459
Richard Williamson	01592 840538

## Perth and Kinross Councillors Kinross-shire Ward

**Councillor Mike Barnacle** (Independent)  
Tel/Fax (home): 01577 840516.  
Email: michaelabarnacle@gmail.com

Moorend, Waulkmill Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross, KY13 0UZ

**Councillor Dave Cuthbert** (Independent)  
Tel (home): 01577 861681. Email: dauthbert@pkc.gov.uk  
8 Highfield Circle, Kinross, KY13 8RZ

**Councillor Joe Giacomazzi** (Scottish National Party)  
Tel (home): 01577 864025.  
Email: jgiacomazzi@pkc.gov.uk

38A New Road, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XT

**Councillor Willie Robertson** (Scottish Liberal Democrats)  
Tel (home): 01577 865178. Email: wbrobertson@pkc.gov.uk  
85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XA

## Member of Parliament for Ochil & South Perthshire Constituency Gordon Banks MP

www.gordonbanksmp.co.uk  
Email: banksgr@parliament.uk

For dates and locations of regular advice surgeries, or to raise any concerns you may have, please contact the constituency office: telephone 01259 721536, fax 01259 216761 or write to 49-51 High Street, Alloa, FK10 1JF.

## Loch Leven Community Library

Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8FQ  
Telephone: 01577 867205  
Email: lochlevenlibrary@pkc.gov.uk

### Opening Times

Monday	10am – 6pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	10am – 8pm
Friday	10am – 6pm
Saturday	10am – 3pm

## Fossoway and Cleish Community Office

A service for the Community, open:  
Thursdays 2 pm - 4 pm  
Saturdays 10am -12 noon

Out of hours there is an answering machine  
Tel: 01577 840185 Email: fcco@btinternet.com

## Kinross Community Councillors

Margaret Blyth	6 Muir Grove	
David Colliar (Vice Chair)	10 Rannoch Place	864037
Barry M Davies	60 Lathro Park	865004
Bill Freeman	64 Muirs	865045
Ian Jack (Treasurer)	Burnbrae Grange	863980
Laura Mackay	Brunthill Farm	07872 499145
Dot Mackay	29 Green Park	864635
Margaret Scott (Secy)	21 Ross Street	862945
Campbell Watson	7 Gallowhill Gardens	861544
David West (Chair)	9 Leven Place	07824 313974
Malcolm Wood	The Woodlands, Hatchbank	850394

## Member of the Scottish Parliament for Perthshire South & Kinross-shire Roseanna Cunningham MSP

To raise a concern or issue or to book an appointment to see Roseanna, you can contact her directly by email or by phoning or writing to her constituency office at:

9 York Place, Perth, PH2 8EP

Email: Roseanna.Cunningham.msp@scottish.parliament.uk  
Telephone: 01738 639598 Fax: 01738 587637

You can also follow Roseanna on Twitter @strathearnrose

## Members of the Scottish Parliament for Mid Scotland and Fife Region

All MSPs can be contacted at the following address:  
The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP

**Claire Baker MSP** (Labour) Tel: 0131 348 6759

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Email: jaynebaxter.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

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**Dr Richard Simpson MSP** (Lab) Tel: 0131 348 6756

Email: Richard.Simpson.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

**Elizabeth Smith MSP** (Cons) Tel: 0131 348 6762

Email: Elizabeth.Smith.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

## Perth & Kinross Council

www.pkc.gov.uk

### Customer Service Centre

Tel: 01738 475000

(Mon to Fri, 8am-6pm)

### Out of Hours Emergencies

Tel: 01738 625411

(Roads, flooding, environmental health and dangerous buildings)

**Clarence** (for non-emergency road and lighting defects)

Tel: 0800 232323

## Regular Library Sessions for Young Children

At Loch Leven Community Library.

No need to book, just come along.

### Story Telling

every Monday morning	10.15 – 10.45 am
and every Thursday afternoon	2.15 – 2.45 pm

### Bookbug Rhymetimes

every Saturday	10.30 – 11 am
and every Wednesday	2.00 – 2.30 pm

**Bookbug Library Challenge:** For children aged 0 to 4: On each visit to the library, children are given a sticker. After collecting four stickers, they are awarded a certificate.



# Kinross-shire *Day Centre*

**Table Tennis • Videos • Cards • Dominoes • Carpet bowls  
Daily Papers • Chiropody • Trips • Exercises**

## Weekly Programme

<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 May

**Dance & Concert**

**Tuesday 21st** 1.30pm

**Annual General Meeting**

**Wednesday 29th** 1.30pm



**Please note: Public Holiday** - The Day Centre will be closed on **Monday 6 May**.

The activities that take place in the Day Centre are open to anyone. Please feel free to come in and have a game of Scrabble or bingo, swing your hips in our exercise class or dance the afternoon away at the Tea Dance, you will receive a very warm welcome.



**Coffee Bar open 9 am - 4 pm, Senior Citizens Lunches Daily**  
**Telephone: 01577 863869**

## LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



### Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

(opposite David Sands)

Mon - Fri: 9.00 am - 6.00 pm

Saturday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

Tel: 862422

### Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

Mon to Fri: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm &

2.00 pm - 6.00 pm

Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm

Tel: 862219



**Sundays:** The nearest open pharmacy is Asda,  
Dunfermline

## Mobile Library

*Mobile 2, Week 1, every second Wednesday:*

Visiting Powmill, Rumbling Bridge, Crook of Devon, Fossoway, Cleish and Milnathort. Next visit: **1 May**

*Mobile 2, Week 2, every second Tuesday:*

Visiting Mawcarse, Glenlomond, Kinnesswood, Scotlandwell, Levenmouth Farm, Hatchbank and Carnbo. Next visit: **7 May**

*Mobile 1, Week 2, every second Wednesday:*

Visiting Glenfarg and Duncricvie. Next visit: **8 May**

For times of stops, see PKC website: [www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk)

Any queries, telephone AK Bell Library 01738 444949.

## 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](mailto:kerry.donaghy@pkavs.org.uk)

## 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!

## 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

#### Lemony Snicket box set books £30.00

Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events Hardback Books 1-13 Box set. RRP £80, asking for £30 ono.

#### The Chronicles of Narnia box set books £35.00

Never been used – Chronicles of Narnia complete box set, hardback. RRP £90, asking for £35 ono.

For items above contact: Liam Duffy  
liamduffy1205@hotmail.co.uk

#### Jodhpurs £10.00 each

Harry Hall Atlanta jodhpurs, almost new (some still have tags on): blue check 24", brown check 24", lilac check 26" (will sell together for £20). Also unbranded 32" navy jodhpurs £5.

#### Reebok Treadmill £75.00

Electric treadmill with digital display. Folds for storage. Good working order. Can deliver in Kinross area.

For above items contact: Patricia Mulrine 07780 551904  
Patriciamulrine@aol.com

#### Vax Bagless Upright Vacuum VS-190C £25.00

In very good condition – new head, belt and filter. Reason for sale – looking for vacuum for homes with pets.

#### Freezer £40.00

Tabletop 'Coolzone', colour white. Width 47cm, height 46cm, depth 44cm. Weight 21kg, capacity 42 litres. Excellent condition.

For above items contact: Michelle 01577 208269  
miche00@live.co.uk

## CEILIDH

in aid of Breast Cancer charity

Three bands! The Lomond Ceilidh Band, The Pentland Ceilidh Band and David Cunningham SDB

Compered by comedian Eddie Rose

**Friday 7 June**

Reid Hall, Forfar (bus leaving from Milnathort at 6.15pm)

For tickets and more details, please contact Vi on

01577 863244 or 07736451919

## Portmoak Gala Day

The Well Green, Scotlandwell

**Saturday 22 June**

Please join us for a fantastic family day out.

Gala Parade starts at 1.45pm, Church Car Park

Traditional family activities - tug o war, displays, stalls, crowning of gala queen, pipe band

Donations would be welcomed for our Bottle Stall, Bric à Brac and Baking stalls

Contact Sandra Davidson, 07900 196742  
sdavidson01@btinternet.com

## Perth & Kinross School Holidays, 2012-2013

*In-Service Days and Occasional Holidays:*

Mon 6 May 2013 (May Day).

Mon 27 May 2013 Extra In-Service Day for secondary schools only.

*The Academic Year ends on Thu 27 June 2013.*

## 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').

### Civil Engineering Operatives (full time), Hatrick Bruce

Experienced Civil Engineering Operatives required for contracts in Peterhead area. Preferably have CSCS and Dumper/Mini-digger tickets.

Send CV to: admin@hatrickbruce.co.uk

## 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)

## 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 drink 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](mailto:peth@thebikestation.org.uk) Website: [www.thebikestation.org.uk](http://www.thebikestation.org.uk)

## Springwell

**Inclusion • Wellbeing • Recovery**

*Supporting positive mental health in Strathearn and Kinross-shire for adults between 16 and 65.*

We support people to improve the quality of their life and wellbeing, be more involved in their community, help them achieve their ambitions and manage their mental health. We support people to get involved in their community, improve social contact, be more active, access education, voluntary opportunities or work. The support and activities we offer are flexible and can change and develop over time, depending on what people need and benefit from.

For more information or an informal chat phone Charlie Wilson 01577 867320, [CharlesWilson@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:CharlesWilson@pkc.gov.uk)

# Diary

*A more extensive and regularly updated  
Diary of Events can be found on [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)*

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