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Letters

Editorial

As this is the last piece of the Newsletter to be composed before it goes to print, we can include news of things that occurred during Newsletter production week.

The planning proposal relating to Kinross Town Hall that Cllr Giacomazzi's writes about in his column (p. 4) was granted permission at PKC's Development Management Committee meeting on 22 May.

On another planning matter, the Persimmon Homes exhibition at the campus on 21 May was very well attended by members of the public interested in finding out about Persimmon Homes' plan to develop the former High School site.

We plan to publish a 'Yellow Pages' Register of Local Organisations with the August issue. This will be created from the database of community organisations held on the kinross.cc website. Secretaries of organisations are therefore requested to check their details on the kinross.cc website as soon as possible and confirm to the website administrator, Pauline Watson, whether or not the details are correct. Please see the notice on page 4 for more information.

Summer is the time of university graduations and we would be delighted to share news of your (or your offspring's) success in the Newsletter. The suggested format for graduation announcements is:

'John Smith of 12 South Street, Kinross, has graduated from Glasgow University with a BSc (Hons) degree in Mathematics.'

We also publish engagement, marriage, birth and baptism announcements. There is no charge for this, or indeed any, of the community information we publish. We only charge for commercial advertising.

Note to Contributors

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

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CC: Community Council

Cllr: Councillor

CCllr: Community Councillor

Viewpoints from Councillors

Three interesting Viewpoints printed in the May edition of the Newsletter and I would, in particular, pick up on the point made by Councillors Robertson and Giacomazzi that Council spending is largely controlled by the Scottish Government. Unfortunately this is only too true and has been slyly introduced by politicians over the years and is being refined by whichever party is in power; local elections are no longer contested on local issues but on national manifestos.

With the greater majority of the finance for Local Authorities coming from the Scottish Government, it is not surprising that they dictate how this is spent. Preventing Councils from raising the rates does not save any of us from paying tax but conveys the bogus impression that central government is on our side and controlling the irresponsible local authorities (by raising other taxes!). The Scottish Government should be there to set the national priorities/strategy, not to dictate what the local priorities should be.

As locals we know what our local priorities are and I would rather pay higher local rates to ensure that my local Councillors actually achieved something for us, rather than for them to toe the central party line. I hope that at the next local elections that there will be more candidates standing for election on local issues, not national ones.

Patrick Milne Home

Craigow, Milnathort

Viewpoint from Councillor Giacomazzi

I have to say I read with dismay the comments in the May Newsletter made by Councillor Giacomazzi, regarding Relaxation Classes. Whilst I appreciate he may have no need for them, I am sure that there are plenty of people in our community who find them invaluable. At a time when our National Health Service is so over burdened, I would have thought any attempt at reducing the load on the Health Service, with these courses, would be welcomed.

To think that by stopping them will somehow release money to repair roads and pavements, or tidy common areas, is naive to say the least. Has he bothered to find out the cost of these classes to the community? The classes are held in the Health Centre, at no additional cost to the council taxpayer, and are facilitated by Council employees, who already have full time jobs, so the net cost to the taxpayer is zero.

If Councillor Giacomazzi concentrated his efforts on trying to get a fair share of the Council tax which is paid in by the local community, to Perth and Kinross Council, spent in Kinross-shire, I doubt we would need to concern ourselves with road or pavement repairs, drains, or the condition of Common areas.

I had not made up my mind about the Independence question, but if this is what we have to look forward to, under an SNP led Independent Government, then I know now what my vote will be.

Jack Cannon

41 Lathro Park, Kinross

A Quick Ten Years!

Please may I take this opportunity to thank the people of Kinross, Milnathort and surrounding areas for their continued support and use of the services of Scott Hospitality Services Ltd.

On 1st June 2003 I took over the owner operation of Café 98 in Kinross and so began Scott Hospitality Services. Click your fingers and ten years have passed, got a lot older, greyer and apparently wiser!! Café 98 seems like a distant memory when we look at Heaven Scent, Kinnairds at Knockhill and our ever-expanding outdoor and corporate catering business.

We have hosted over 1000 weddings, christenings, graduations, corporate events, barbecues and even had events featured on TV.

This would not have been possible without the public supporting all of our businesses and I am truly grateful. There was even time to settle down in Milnathort and start a family. (Well, you still have to have a couple of days off.)

Here's to the next ten years!

Andrew Scott
Scott Hospitality Services Ltd
19 South Street, Milnathort



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Discover Loch Leven Website

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

Congratulations



DAVID COLLIAR, formerly Kinross, son of David and Willis, Kinross, and **EMILY McNEILL**, formerly Portrush, daughter of Mervyn and Patricia Foulden, were married in the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, on Saturday 27 April 2013 by Jane Patmore. The couple now reside in Edinburgh.

MATHER – Andrew and Lesley (née Blyth), Lathro Park, Kinross, are delighted to (finally) announce the safe arrival of (amazing) **GRACE ALEXANDRA** on Wednesday 13 March 2013 at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee. Grand-daughter to David and Margaret, niece to Lynn and Andrew Caldwell and wee cousin to Flora and Thomas.

TRACY GOW has been named Scottish Wedding Awards 2013 Photographer of the Year for the South East.

Public voting put Tracy Gow Photography in the list of eight finalists, with the regional winners and overall winner being judged by a panel just prior to the dazzling awards ceremony held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Glasgow in April.

"I am absolutely delighted to be the South East regional winner," said Tracy. "I am grateful to all my couples who took the time to nominate me. I love being a wedding photographer and will continue to deliver both the quality images and the quality service that have earned me this award."



Tracy Gow at the Scottish Wedding Awards

LOCH LEVEN'S LARDER is due to open a second shop. It will be a store within a store, at the long-established McEwen's of Perth. The Loch Leven's Larder Perth shop is expected to open on 31 May and is located next to the cook shop at McEwen's.

Local businesses **HUNTERS OF KINROSS** and **BARKING MAD** have received awards recently. See stories in Articles section.

Thanks



MARIE CURIE NURSES thank everyone who made the charity's Great Daffodil Appeal a roaring success this year. 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.



News & Articles

Report from Councillor Giacopazzi Forth Bridge Closure

As you may be aware, I am Perth and Kinross Council's sole representative on the Forth Estuary Transport Authority, better known by the cheesy acronym of 'FETA'. The other Councillors hail from Edinburgh, Fife and West Lothian.

At the recent Board meeting Councillors were told of plans for the bridge's 50th birthday celebrations and, before you say it, yes, it's a weird idea. What do you buy a bridge for its birthday? Although I was prepared to go along with the principle of celebrations, as this seemed to be what the other board members wanted, I could not agree to the proposal to close the bridge for a parade. In my killjoy way, I grumbled that FETA was there to run a public utility, not a fun fair.

The celebrations would run from 4 September 2014, lasting for ten days, with the bridge closure on the morning of Sunday 7 September, from early until 2pm. So put this date in your diary (if you have a 2014 diary!), particularly if you plan to use Edinburgh Airport on that morning. My other serious objection was that any ambulance on an emergency trip to the Edinburgh hospitals from north of the Forth would be seriously compromised. Apparently this has been considered. In any event, closure would cause real disruption to delivery vehicles on the way to supermarkets on our side of the water.

Although I voiced my objections in my usual 'forthright' manner (actually, I threw my toys over the Forth Bridge), I received no support from the others. My consolation prize was the promise of a sub-committee to consider how best to mitigate the problems which closure would bring.

Kinross Town Hall

Fresh proposals for improving the hall are being brought to the Development Management Committee on Wednesday 22 May. The previous proposal was rejected by the committee owing to a perceived lack of detail and concerns over the timescale of the works to the hall. Kinross CC had expressed strong reservations about the proposal. These issues are addressed in the new application and will be considered this week.

The applicant has submitted a report on the extent of the works which will be needed to secure the condition of the listed building. The report anticipates the need for:

- Extensive repairs to the roofs, including repair and replacement of cast iron downpipes and gutters
- Repair and replacement of windows and external doors
- Demolition of billiard hall and repair to the building fabric.

The applicant has agreed to undertake the repairs **before** any of the proposed flats at the rear of the hall are occupied, thus alleviating a previously held concern of the community.

In response to my concern over the lack of any plan to enhance the public area in front of the hall, the applicant will undertake to agree a scheme with the Council, possibly in conjunction with the wider scheme of improvements for the town centre. This will be made subject to a condition if the application is approved.

Kinross High Street environmental improvements

by Perth & Kinross Council

The proposals for the High Street environmental improvements are currently being progressed following the very positive feedback from the consultation held last autumn.

The feedback has been very helpful in developing the detailed designs to show the materials and layout for the street. This includes ensuring the layout takes into account all the underground services, ground levels and drainage. The final design is also being developed to ensure the maximum space is available to encourage pedestrians and shoppers whilst maintaining good traffic flows.

It will significantly enhance the town centre as a pleasant and attractive place to visit and complement any future building refurbishment.

Regarding the future of the former Social Work office in Mill Street and the proposed public car park, the Council intends to bring forward a report to its Property Sub-Committee once title issues for part of the site can be resolved.

In relation to roads issues, traffic and parking surveys have been carried out in the town centre area. A consultation exercise is being prepared for the traffic management proposals at Swansacre, and proposals to improve the High Street/Clashburn Road junction have been developed.

Previous consultation advised that the Council were pursuing applications for external funding to provide grants to property owners for the conversion, repair and improvement of properties within the town centre. Historic Scotland have indicated that they would consider providing grant funding to undertake improvements to Kinross Town Hall.

The Council is also continuing to pursue opportunities for other external funding assistance.

An exhibition of the final proposals, planned for summer 2013, will be displayed for an extended period to accommodate summer holidays and will be well advertised beforehand.

Calling all Club Secretaries! Be part of the next Yellow Pages!

By now all club secretaries should have received an email asking them to confirm that the details held about their organisation on the kinross.cc website are correct. This is so that an up-to-date Register of Local Organisations can be published with the August issue of the Newsletter.

If you have not received an email but think your organisation should be included, please contact Pauline Watson, kinross.cc website administrator, by email at admin@kinross.cc or telephone (01577) 862685.

If you have received an email, please remember to reply to Pauline by the deadline of **Friday 14 June**.

Pipe Band Contest, Loch Leven Half Marathon, Feel Good Fair, Saturday 11 may



Kinross and District Pipe Band leads the parade up the High Street



Kids' tug-o-war at the Feel Good Fair



Above: sack race. Below: pipe band competition



Above: Jozsef Farkas, Winner of the Half Marathon.
Below: Runner-Up Ross Houston



Many thanks to Jonathan Ross for sending us photographs 2, 4, 5 & 6. Photo 1: N Kellet. Photo 3: E Thomas.

For the full story of all the day's activities, see Clubs page 44 and Sport, page 82

Steve Williams Action Challenge – Jordan 2013 for BHF

Steve Williams of Milnathort, a member of Orwell Curling Club, is preparing for a challenging cycle ride across Jordan in November of this year in aid of the British Heart Foundation (BHF).



Steve Williams

Steve says: "I am undertaking this challenge in memory of my late father Peter, who died of heart disease in 2011, and as a thank you to BHF whose research helped diagnose and fix my own coronary artery problem last year.

"The event involves 40 participants, with guides and support vehicles, cycling 250 miles in five days across the biblical landscape of Jordan. The route starts at Jerash, often described as the best-preserved Roman city outside Italy, then down to the Dead Sea at 1,400 feet below sea level, before the killer 4,000 feet, 15-mile climb to the Crusader castle of Kerak.

After recharging, we head out across the desert towards the city of Petra, carved out of the solid rock (remember Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade?) and voted one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. We will sleep in large

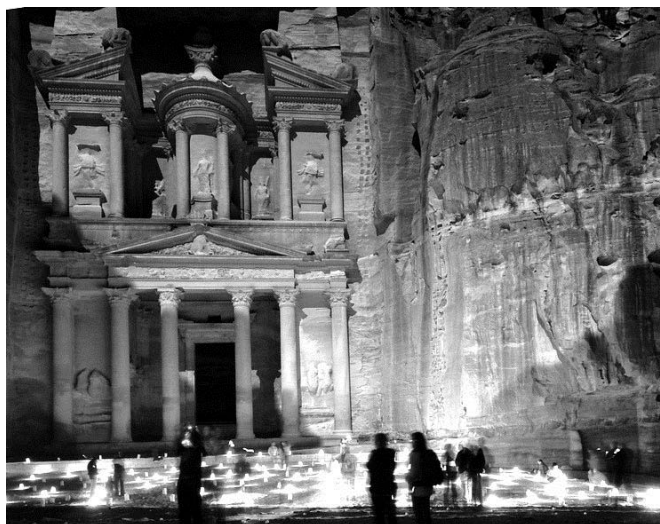
communal tents and eat Bedouin food while trying to avoid such local celebrities as the Camel Spider and scorpion.

"My training for the event is going well, averaging 50 miles during the week with a weekend 40 miles – this needs to become 80 midweek miles with over 100 weekend miles by September, so not much opportunity for housework or DIY, much to wife Lesley's disappointment!

"Now for the sales pitch – my fundraising commitment is £2,800, of which I have so far raised over £800 – please visit my Just Giving webpage at

www.justgiving.com/Steve-Williams-Big-Heart-Ride

and donate what you can, or call me on 01577 863871 and I'll collect in person - it's for a really good cause."



Petra, Jordan

Have your say on the future of services for older people

A consultation is currently being carried out on a new strategy that aims to deliver high quality health and social care for older people in Perth and Kinross over the next ten years. Drop-in events are being held to enable local people to comment.

Copies of the consultation are available from any local library, housing office, NHS building, PKAVS office and care home. The consultation can be completed online at www.pkc.gov.uk/JCS

A DROP-IN FOCUS GROUP SESSION for people to come and chat about the strategy will be held at the Loch Leven Community Campus on **Monday 3 June at 6.30pm.**

JD Fergusson Arts Award

Scottish artists are being invited to apply for the prestigious JD Fergusson Arts Award, which for 2014 provides a significant travel bursary of £4,750 to aid them in furthering their work.

To obtain an entry form and Information and Guidelines, please go online to www.pkc.gov.uk/museums or, for further information, call 01738 783425 or email museum@pkc.gov.uk

Deadline for all Submissions
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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.)

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.

What Can You Get From Your Library?

Are you getting the most from your library?

To help you, your library has arranged **FREE** sessions on how to access e-resources (free e-books, e-magazines and e-audio books) and on 'Know Your Library' (all about resources, making requests, renewing books and much more).

E-resource sessions are held on the following dates:

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| Saturday 8 June | 1115 - 1245 hrs |
| Monday 10 June | 1400 - 1530 hrs |
| Wednesday 12 June | 1030 - 1200 hrs |

'Know Your Library' sessions are held on the following dates:

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| Wednesday 3 July | 1030 - 1200 hrs |
| Saturday 6 July | 1115 - 1245 hrs |
| Monday 8 July | 1400 - 1530 hrs |

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SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2013

www.creepy-house.org.uk

Creepy House starts in Loch Leven Community Library on Friday 28 June to Saturday 17 August – and it's absolutely free to take part!

Spine-tingling exploration and hair-raising adventure are at the heart of this year's Summer Reading Challenge in libraries.

Children aged 4-11 are invited to come along for the thrilling adventure and start reading their way through the summer. Within the Creepy House children can explore The Awful Upstairs, The Frightful First Floor and The Sinister Cellar, whilst receiving rewards for their reading.

There will also be special Creepy House stories and activities including:

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| Mon 1 July 1500-1600 hrs | Spine-tingling tales and scary bookmarks |
| Mon 8 July 1100-1200 hrs | Explore the world of 'Meg and Mog' <i>Witch hat and cat mask, activity sheets</i> |
| Mon 15 July 1500-1600 hrs | Magical monsters with 'Beastquest' <i>Read opening paragraphs; create monsters</i> |
| Mon 22 July 1100-1200 hrs | Ghostly tales and 'Horrid Henry' hunt <i>Ghost rescue books, Horrid Henry hunt; Ghost strip</i> |
| Mon 29 July 1500-1600 hrs | Concoct a creepy tale <i>Dress up as a character, creepy objects in a bag to weave a story, activity sheets</i> |
| Thu 8 August 1100-1200 hrs | 'Worst Witch' spells and potions <i>Quill writing in blood, making potions, Worst Witch activities</i> |

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Mobile: 07427 684 887

Email: cg.languageservices@gmail.com

portmoak festival, 23 ~ 30 june

This year we are celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Portmoak Festival and it promises to be another fun-packed week of entertainment and community based events. All the events of the original festival are still there, together with new slants on the events which have been added over the years.

We have taken note of the celebration of the Year of Natural Scotland and so the theme for our church exhibition this year is "Wildlife around Loch Leven". Our local schoolchildren are working very hard on producing artwork for this exhibition, and we expect to have the work of local photographers on display as well as displays from other local organisations.

As always there will be something for all ages, including the regular favourites such as the Pudding Club, Cream Teas, Children's Concert, Jazz Night (with the Batchelors of Jazz), Family Ceilidh, and the School Prom. We are repeating our successful charity fashion show, this year in aid of Hospices of Hope, and are pleased to welcome back the ever popular Portmoak Players to the Classical Concert. David Munro will be in the Hall on the Thursday evening giving another of his fascinating talks. For those who enjoy walking there will be guided walks along the Michael Bruce Way with explanations of the place-names passed on the way, courtesy of the Kinross-shire Historical Society.

Local talent will be on display at our Art Exhibition in the Hall, with local craft work being demonstrated at the cream teas.

There is an assortment of events organised for the children this year including: Ceilidh Kids, Buddha Bairns (to stretch their muscles and their imaginations), Junior Football, A Stars, and an Under 5s party. In addition to this, the children



are welcome to come along and try their hand at the craft demonstrations at the cream teas throughout the week.

The Portmoak Festival is based in local venues including the church, village hall, pubs, school and the Festival Marquee. The marquee will be sited at the Old Bee Garden, Main Street, Kinnesswood (east side) – the same site as last year. One new venue is the recently refurbished Wash House in Scotlandwell, which will be open on the Wednesday afternoon giving a unique insight into the history of the village.

The Festival starts with the Grand Opening of all the exhibitions in the Portmoak Village Hall at 2pm on Sunday 23 June.

For the majority of events, entry is paid at the door or by donation. Tickets for the Jazz night, the Family Ceilidh, and the Hospices of Hope Fashion Show may be bought at the Village Shop, Kinnesswood or the Church Office Milnathort. Tickets will also be on sale during festival week at Portmoak Hall during exhibition hours. Alternatively, call 01592 840655.

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 on the address below.

For additional information, and a full timetable of events, please visit the website www.portmoakfestival.org.uk or email prtmkfestival@googlemail.com. You can also follow us on Facebook: Portmoak Festival

We look forward to welcoming you all to this year's Festival.

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Flagging up the issue

by Craig Nisbet, Reserve Officer, Loch Leven NNR
Tel: 01577 864439

Last month, with the help of the Conservation in Action group from Kinross High School, we embarked on a project to flag up the issue of dog fouling on the National Nature Reserve, which attracted some media attention through the Courier and the Herald.



The Kinross High School "Conservation in Action" group, at work near Burleigh Sands

It was an eye-opener for us, and certainly attracted the attention of a few passers by. Many thanks, as always, to those responsible dog walkers who are cleaning up after their pets and ensuring that they are under close control in nature sensitive areas. The areas have now been cleared, and hopefully we'll see some improvement in these areas over the coming weeks. I'd like to ask you all to remain alert with regard to this anti-social issue, and be prepared to get in touch with me, or the PKC dog warden, should you witness an incident.

Turffit move to new premises

Local turf-growing business Turfitt has moved to new custom built premises at Levenmouth Steadings, Scotlandwell.

William Baird, company director, said: "We were at our Kirkness Farm premises for 16 years and had outgrown the space. Our new custom-built premises are literally around the corner from our Kirkness site and give us a much improved customer-friendly facility. We are now right next to our production area which makes the business more efficient and also gives our customers the opportunity to inspect our turf in the field."

Turfitt is one of Scotland's leading suppliers and installers of turf. The company is also expanding its range of complementary products such as top soil, bark, fertilizers and moss and lime treatments.

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Carol encourages families to get 'Round the Table'

TV personality Carol Smillie visited Kinross in early May to launch a new charity cookbook, which will raise funds for two Scottish children's charities: the Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS) and Children 1st.

As well as raising funds for these good causes, the book is part of a campaign run by Quality Meat Scotland (QMS) to encourage people to rediscover the benefits of taking time to eat together, away from TV and mobile phones.

"When I was growing up, family mealtimes were important – we all took our turn at setting the table and helped with the washing up," said Carol.

"Sitting down to enjoy a meal together is a precious moment of family interaction which shouldn't be, but often is, taken for granted. I hope this fantastic cookbook helps to rekindle some of those precious family occasions that are such a valuable part of family life."

'Round the Table' is a full colour, hardback book featuring simple, delicious, family favourite beef, lamb and pork recipes from the likes of actor Ewan McGregor, TV presenter Lorraine Kelly and football legend Sir Alex Ferguson.

Local butchers Hunters of Kinross were delighted to be asked by QMS to help Carol launch the book and there was 'chaos and hilarity' during the photoshoot at the Kinross High Street shop.

Copies of the book, priced £10, can be purchased from Hunters or from selected branches of Waterstones or online from Amazon.



There was hilarity at Hunters when Carol Smillie (pictured with Iain Hunter) dropped by

Contributors

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Historic oasis in the centre of Kinross

The garden in front of Kinross Parish Church of Scotland, 10 Station Road, and the graveyard behind provide an oasis in the centre of the town, available to all to enjoy. The graveyard served the parish of Kinross from the 1830s and recently has been tidied up by Perth and Kinross Council. This has revealed many interesting gravestones previously overwhelmed with vegetation. Why not explore this historic graveyard, full of the social and family history of the town and parish?



Kinross Parish Church has a garden that everyone can enjoy

Occupations are frequently noted on the stones and many of the names of farmers remain those of farming families in the county today. One of the trades recorded is 'Surveyor of the Great North Road,' which passed through Kinross. Some names which would be rare elsewhere appear frequently: Beveridge, for example – the fifth most common surname in Kinross-shire in the census of 1901 but not in the top ten in any other county. Two stones of special interest are, on the north wall, to the Burns-Begg family, descended from a sister of Robert Burns, and the Celtic cross in the north-east corner to Rev. Ruthven, a local minister for 50 years.

If you need a rest from contemplating graves, the area between the church and Station Road is the church garden, maintained by the church itself and recently tidied up by church members. Relax and contemplate here, using the bench given for that purpose in memory of Tom Beveridge. The church building dates from 1832 and is open to visitors Monday to Friday 10am – noon. If you've never visited yourself or are hosting visitors coming to Kinross this summer, pop in for a look around. There is a leaflet explaining the architecture and history of the building which, since renovation in 2005, is now frequently used as a venue for talks, concerts and exhibitions by groups from the wider community.

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Beware new phone scam

The SNP's Pete Wishart MP has passed on a warning he has received from Ofcom – the telecommunications industry regulator – regarding a new telephone scam that targets the elderly and vulnerable. Mr Wishart said:

"The way in which the scam works is that the fraudsters phone their intended victim pretending to be from the bank, the police or some other authority to say that their bank account has been compromised and they need to collect the card.

"Then comes the 'confidence' part of this confidence trick – they suggest you hang up and call back to check on a number you have yourself – again your bank or the police – but they do not terminate the call and when you think you are dialling a genuine number you are in fact still connected to the fraudster.

"They then ask you to read out your PIN or type it on your phone keypad – they can tell which keys have been pressed. Finally, they send a taxi or courier to you to collect your bank card. With this and the PIN they can empty your bank account.

"Neither the Police or the banks will ever ask for your PIN or bank card. If you are contacted by someone who asks for these, hang up.

"Use a different phone line to report it to the police using the 101 number (or allow at least five minutes for the telephone line to automatically clear). If the crime is in progress then call 999 immediately.

"Please remember – always be vigilant when answering telephone calls from people you do not know and remember that you should also never give your PIN or bank card to anyone."

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Foster carers wanted

Perth & Kinross Council is appealing for anyone interested in fostering to get in touch for a chat.

At any one time in Perth and Kinross, 70 children and young people are looked after by foster carers.

Duncan is a foster carer and explains the impact it has had on his life: "Together you can make a difference and make something meaningful happen - for them and for you".

Foster carers can look after children for a few days or longer term. The Council provides carers with ongoing support and enhanced allowances for looking after teenagers.

Gail Harris of the Family Placement Team said: "We're here to support our foster carers and make caring for a young person a rewarding experience for everyone. You don't need formal qualifications, but qualities such as patience, understanding and a good sense of humour are essential."

For an informal chat, or more information please contact 01738 477806 or email

ecs.fosteringandadoption@pkc.gov.uk

Sainsbury's Charity Partner

There might just be time to nominate a local good cause to be Sainsbury's Charity Partner for the next year.

Throughout May forms were available in the Kinross store to enable customers to nominate a new charity partner. The current partner is The Kinross Day Centre.

The winning charity will be announced in June.

Sienna release EP

Local band Sienna have been on tour. In May the talented six-piece band played live in Liverpool, Inverness, Edinburgh and Glasgow.

They have also released an EP, called Roots 1, with the tracks: Little Rich Boy, Country Dreams, Believe and Riding in the Rain. It is available from iTunes.

Formed in Kinross in early 2012, the members of Sienna are: Danny McAtear, Ross Mathieson, Andrew Clarke, Benjamin Watt, Calum Anderson and Stella Reilly.

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Hunters of Kinross scoop six Craft Butcher awards

Local butchers Hunters of Kinross gained six awards at the 2013 Scottish Craft Butcher Awards, including a top-level Diamond Award for their Scottish Venison Stir Fry. Hunters also won a Gold and four Silver Awards.

The Gold Award was for the shop's Sweet & Spicy Chicken recipe, created by first-year apprentice Conner Stewart.

The Silver Awards were for: 'The Beefy Banger', a high beef content sausage; 'Premium Pork', a high meat content sausage; the 'Smokey BBQ Pork Sausage' and 'The Steak Burger', a delicious, juicy, very high quality burger made from rump steak.

The awards were presented at the Scottish Federation of Meat Traders Association Trade Fair held at Dewar's Centre, Perth, on 12 May. On the day Iain Hunter gave a venison butchery demonstration along with Nichola Fletcher, leading authority on venison and author of Ultimate Venison Cookery.



Hunters of Kinross staff with their 2013 Scottish Craft Butcher Awards. From left: Pamela Hunter, David Winton, Dean Maguire Miller, Conner Stewart, Frank Mitchell and Iain Hunter holding the Diamond trophy.

A delighted Iain said: "For us it was a great day – possibly a record! It's a credit to everyone who works for us that we came away with so many awards, and quite extraordinary that on the day that I'm showcasing venison to my fellow butchers, we are recognised with a Diamond Award for a venison product."

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Consultation on PKC Forest Plan Davies Park part of plan

PKC has launched a consultation on the production of a Forest Plan for the local authority area.

The exercise will lead to a management plan that will run for 20 years, with reviews throughout the period. This will allow greater continuity of management and the plan will help to attract external funding and encourage community groups to participate in management of the sites.

The PKC Forest Plan is about management of Council-owned sites only. The only piece of land locally that is affected by the Forest Plan is the Davies Park, adjacent to Springfield Road, and the footpath (former railway track) north of the Davies Park.

The PKC Forest Plan proposals for the Davies Park and footpath area are:

- to maintain the footpath and continue regular safety inspections,
- to manage woodland as continuous cover to provide wildlife habitats and reduce noise from motorway,
- to maintain open areas as amenity land and remove any stumps from mown grass area,
- to plant replacement trees when older trees are removed.

A DROP-IN SESSION will be held at the Loch Leven Community Campus on Tuesday 18 June, from 1pm to 2.30pm. There will be a map and other consultation documents at the Drop-in Session and Council staff will be there to answer questions.

Responses to the consultation are being encouraged through the Council's website. All the information can be viewed on the webpage: www.pkc.gov.uk/forestplanconsultation and there is an online survey. The consultation ends on 31 July.

Loch Leven fishing record smashed!

On 7 May 2013, Alan Campbell of Kirkcaldy arrived back in harbour with the largest Brown Trout ever caught in Loch Leven. The fish weighed in at 11lbs 5 3/8 ozs, smashing the previous record set over a hundred years ago! The previous record-holder was a specimen weighing 9 lbs 13 ozs, caught by Colonel Bob Scott on 4 September 1911. Mr Campbell fishes regularly at Loch Leven and everyone at Loch Leven Fisheries is delighted for him.



*Alan Campbell with his record breaking brown trout
Photo courtesy of Loch Leven Fisheries*

For fascinating reports on the fishing at Loch Leven – even for non-fisherfolk – we recommend 'Willie the Ghillie's Blog'. Find it at: lochlevenfisheries.wordpress.com

Third award for Barking Mad

The local branch of Barking Mad has been named Franchisee of the Year 2013 at the company's national conference.

Barking Mad provides dogs and their owners with an alternative to house-sitting and kennels.

It is the third award for Chris and Alex Cowe of Kinross-shire, who were named Best Newcomers of the Year in 2008 and Brandbuilders of the Year in 2010.

Managing Director of Barking Mad, Lee Dancy, said of Chris and Alex: "They are devoted to their customers and genuinely care about every dog holiday they organise. They have continued to grow and improve their business, setting a fine example to our national network."

Chris and Alex began their franchise in 2006, covering Perthshire and Clackmannanshire, and have now grown their business to cover West and Central Fife. They have brought in additional staff and continue to look for hosts to care for their holiday-maker dogs in order to meet customer demand.



l to r: Lee Dancy, National Managing Director, Chris and Alex Cowe and Nikki Brown, National Operations Manager

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Local initiatives

During the summer months, when hopefully the weather will improve, many of our local beauty spots are visited by tourists and locals alike. Unfortunately there are some who spoil it for others by engaging in drunken, rowdy behaviour, dropping litter and driving or parking without any consideration for others. We will target our resources through Operations such as Ironworks and the National Driving Campaigns to ensure that our countryside remains a pleasure to be enjoyed. If you are aware of any areas which are being spoiled in such a way, please don't hesitate to contact us.

T in the Park

This annual event will take place at Balado by Kinross during the weekend 11 to 15 July. Up to 89,000 people a day will attend this musical extravaganza and we in the Local Policing Area will do our very best to ensure that there is as minimum disruption to local residents as possible. Sergeant Sandra Williams, Constable Sadie Allan and Constable Victoria Riches are the main points of contact for the local community, so if you have any concerns please don't hesitate to contact us. For issues relating to parking, please contact Perth and Kinross Council as Police Scotland will **not** be putting out No Waiting Cones in the Kinross area this year.

Diesel thefts warning

Police Scotland, Tayside Division are once again urging the rural communities, particularly owners of commercial business premises, to be on their guard against fuel theft. The appeal follows incidents in recent days where fuel has been stolen.

As well as offering security advice, Tayside Division is urging farmers, business owners and their staff to be suspicious of people who arrive unannounced at their premises.

Wherever possible, they should note the details and descriptions, not just of people who come to their yard or compound, but, importantly, of their vehicles (registration numbers in particular) and alert the police where they have even the slightest suspicion.

Wherever fuel is kept in large quantities, fuel storage tanks should be kept in an area that is well lit. Tanks and containers should be secured with a closed hasp and high quality padlock on the filler cap.

If possible, tanks should be relocated inside suitable, lockable outbuildings that can be fitted with an alarm. Otherwise, tanks can be given the additional security of being surrounded by a metal cage. Fuel valves should be guarded against attack from bolt cutters.

In relation to general security of commercial premises, security lighting should be used, access gates should always be locked out of hours and serious consideration should be given to installing CCTV systems.

Vehicles left in an open compound, yard or driveway can also be vulnerable and should, therefore, be fitted with lockable fuel caps. Again, where possible, vehicles should be parked hard up against a fence or wall to prevent easy access to the fuel cap for thieves.

There are also many products on the market that are specifically designed to prevent siphoning, as well as adapted locking caps or devices. These items are designed to be permanently fitted to fuel tanks and make it more difficult for the thief.

Anyone who is offered cheap or cut-price diesel to buy should be aware that they too could end up committing a crime. They should decline any such offers and report them to the police.

Anyone wishing to report suspicious activity or who has information that could assist police enquiries should call Tayside Division on 101 or speak to any officer. Alternatively they can pass information anonymously via the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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.



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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 AGM and May Meeting

Present at the meetings held on 1 May 2013 were: CCllrs D West, C Watson, D Mackay, M Blyth, M Scott, D Colliar, M Wood, W Freeman and I Jack; P&K Cllrs D Cuthbert, J Giacomazzi and M Barnacle; PC Victoria Riches and 13 members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllr Davies and P&K Cllr W Robertson.

Annual General Meeting

Chairman's Report: The Chairman CCllr West read out a statement as follows:

"First some acknowledgements: this CC could not function without the tireless efforts of the Secretary whose workload far exceeds any of the rest of us, thank you Margaret. But there are two others that are worthy of mention, firstly in the past year we lost one of our members, Laura packed much in to her all too short life and we offer our prayers and thoughts to her family at their loss. It is also time to embarrass David Cuthbert whose reward for his efforts on the CC is a five-year sentence at P&K Council, but we are indebted to his efforts here.

"Nobody really can prepare you for the things that crop up during a year in the life of a CC, often much heat is generated in areas and on issues that catch you by surprise.

"The Local Development Plan proposals for H46 are a good case in point. Till the latter stages those that were most affected had not been reached by Perth's efforts at consultation and the consequences are that a bad idea may end up being implemented, and a park that the CC had worked to get established back in the 1970's will be compromised or destroyed forever.

"The state of the abandoned public buildings continues to cause concern but at least the prospects going forward are better that they were a year ago.

"What has been pleasing this year has been the sense of real co-operation and working together shown by our elected local P & K Councillors, may they long keep it up as it is clearly needed if the interests of Kinross-shire area are to be heard and met.

"This year I have tried to shift the emphasis at the meetings by bringing to the fore the support we can give to local organisations through the money raised from the Newsletter. I have also tried to have aired the wider work of the CC by seeking more formal feedback from CC members on the things they do for the CC outwith the meetings.

"For the coming year I hope that we can improve on the way we share information between meetings, a failing that has led to misunderstanding at a number of points during the year. I also hope that we can refocus our efforts to influence the Council's efforts to improve the Town Centre. I also hope that we can find a more effective way of dealing with the straightforward planning applications and more time can be spent on the areas of controversy.

"Thanks to you all for your efforts."

The Chairman then invited questions (none).

Treasurer's Report: Copies of the signed accounts, which follow the format required by PKC, were circulated to the CCllrs. Treasurer, CCllr Jack, reported a surplus of £252. Income was down slightly. The net cash position is £1,162.19, however there has been a suggestion that a new laptop be purchased which will reduce this figure. It was commented that the Newsletter has provided funds to the kinross.cc website. The Treasurer and Ross McConnell were thanked for their services.

Appointment of Officers

Chairman: D Colliar was proposed by CCllr Mackay, seconded by CCllr Blyth. D West was proposed by CCllr Watson, seconded by CCllr Wood. Four votes for D Colliar, three for D West. At this point CCllr Colliar took over the meeting as Chairman.

Vice Chairman: W Freeman was proposed by CCllr Jack, seconded by CCllr Wood: agreed.

Treasurer: I Jack was proposed by CCllr Blyth, seconded by CCllr Wood: agreed.

Secretary: M Scott was proposed by M Blyth, seconded by M Wood: agreed.

Planning: W Freeman was proposed by CCllr Watson, seconded by CCllr Blyth: agreed.

The Chairman thanked CCllr West for his services as Chair over the last year. He added that although they had not agreed on everything, he held a lot of respect for him as a member of the CC and hoped that he would remain as a very valued member of the CC.

Date of next AGM: 7 May 2014.

May Meeting

Police Report: PC Riches reported on the following:

Burger van parked in Clashburn Road – under enquiry. Speed checks carried out for link road, Springfield Road and Argyll Road – no offences detected.

Recent issues: Theft of fishing equipment from Easter Balado – detected. Shoplifting at Co-op – detected. Theft of caravan – under enquiry. Fraud – under enquiry. Possession of drugs – detected. Housebreaking with intent – under enquiry. Possession of drugs with intent to supply – detected.

The Review Report of the pilot Community Speedwatch scheme introduced at Crook of Devon was completed on 26 November 2012 and it was recommended that the Crook of Devon scheme be formalised on a permanent basis. Tayside Division, Perth and Kinross Local Policing Area Command Team are still considering the Review Report and no decisions have yet been made relative to the future of the Crook of Devon scheme.

PC Riches reminded those present about the new non-emergency number 101.

At this time of the year there is a rise in the number of people knocking on residents' doors touting for business. Trading Standards offer valuable advice to the public in relation to bogus workmen.

PC Riches was thanked for attending and reporting.

Future of Kinross Buildings

County Buildings: On the market for sale or let. Several

notes of interest have been received. Cllr Cuthbert is pushing for an early closing date.

Former High School: Persimmon Homes presentation on 21 May. Cllr Cuthbert suggested that, should they not approach the CC, we should invite them to a meeting.

Shops: Work is being carried out currently on two shops and there are interested parties looking to let them. Research is required to identify the owner of the third shop. Cllr Cuthbert will follow up.

Former PKC offices, Mill Street: Solicitors have been engaged to progress the issue with the title.

Former Health Centre, Lathro: The closing date was 24 April. Four offers were received. Cllr Cuthbert has asked the Planning Department for an update on the planning situation on this ground, in particular as to what or would not be acceptable.

Planning applications submitted to PKC

13/00762/FLL Land 20 metres northwest of Balleave Farm Cottage: Erection of a dwelling house and garage.

13/00560/FLL Chance Inn Farm: Restoration of disused quarry.

13/00606/IPL Gairneybridge Farm Cottage: Erection of dwelling house (in principle).

13/00630/FLL Land 550 metres north east of Baltree Farm, Hatchbank: Erection of an agricultural shed.

13/00626/FLL 24 Muirs: alterations and extension to dwelling house.

The CC made no comment on the above applications.

Town Hall: PKC advised that the application goes to the Development Control Committee on 22 May and the Report has to be finalised by 1 May. Therefore, the extension was denied, however, any concerns raised by the CC will be verbally advised to the Committee by Nick Brian. Last month CCllr Colliar said the meeting with Simon Wilson was in relation to the planning application for 2 houses (CCllr Wood later corrected this in saying it was for a block of flats.) The application for 2 houses was approved by PKC previously. With regard to the current application the CC are not objecting to the flats or the Town Hall being made wind and water tight. Our concerns are in relation to the construction of a gated entrance and pillars in a conservation area. The developer, Simon Wilson, was present and offered to discuss the matter with the CC and members of the public following on the CC meeting.

Planning applications approved by PKC

09/00968/AML Land north of Kellieside: erection of two houses. 13/00015/FLL Land north of Kellieside: modification of existing consent (06/01779/OUT): variation of condition 9, landscaping. 13/00335/FLL Gowanlea, Pier Road: alterations and extension to dwellinghouse. 13/00381/FLL Chance Inn Farm: erection of agricultural storage shed. 13/00489/FLL Site of former Falconry Centre, Turfhill: formation of community allotments and erection of ancillary structures.

Reports from Perth and Kinross Councillors

Cllr Barnacle reported on **roads** issues, adding that he had been sceptical regarding the introduction of the national **Police Force**. However, he was aware of a recent incident where specialists and a helicopter were called in and his view has now changed.

Curling rink: This is under discussion with PKC who have asked for a Business Plan to be produced.

Kinross Common Good Fund: Comment was made to the deficit balance in relation to the Town Hall which will be settled following the sale of the building.

A977: PKC has been persuaded to look at a business case for improvements on this road. CCllr Colliar asked about the introduction of the speed limit for the section of road entering Kinross. Cllr Barnacle advised that this has been approved but not yet augmented.

Hatchbank shelter/bus service: Still under consideration by PKC.

Station Road roundabout: It was commented that the roundabout should be removed and an operational junction created.

Local Development Plan: Cllr Barnacle advised that four Reporters are now working on the plan.

Cllr Giacopazzi reported that he had asked for the licence conditions in relation to the **burger van**, but has yet to receive a response. He is not looking for the removal of the van, only its relocation away from the junction.

Bridgend junction: He has spoken to the Depute Head of Environment Service in relation to the junction, which is still very dangerous to the south, and has asked for the signage to be moved and the size increased.

Springfield Road: The hedge in question has been pruned. Cllr Giacopazzi asked PKC for any other ideas that could be put in place at this junction; again, he awaits their reply.

Cllr Cuthbert reported on his meeting with the Roads Dept and their proposal for resurfacing some roads.

Co-op car park: Cllr Cuthbert commented on the serving of penalty tickets and asked for any persons being involved in these circumstances to contact him.

Town Centre regeneration: the delay in progress was the result of an officer having left Council employment.

A977: It was commented that another location should be identified for the speed camera.

Campus parking: Some discussion was held on car parking at the campus. It was suggested that there should be a Temporary Traffic Order to allow parking in the bus bays during certain times in the day (with the exception of the bus shelter to allow free access for the service bus).

Reports from Community Councillors

Forth Wines: CCllr West attended the open event, explaining that they were relocating. Their existing site is to be demolished and converted into housing. The Secretary added that Forth Wines would be happy to meet with the CC to explain their plans.

Light Up Kinross AGM: CCllr Colliar reported on this, held on 18 April. LUK were negotiating with PKC in relation to finding storage accommodation for the lights.

Correspondence

Brian Taylor's Big Debate: Invitation for CCllrs to join the audience on Friday 10 May at Perth Museum.

Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust: Request for two people to join the Board. Closing date is 10 May.

Kinross-shire CLD Group: Open meeting on 16 May.

TAYplan Strategic Development Planning Authority: Key issues, Big Ideas and Projects for the next TAYplan 2013 available now online, closing 11 June 2013. Also update on current position of the LDP. TAYplan seek our views on the key issues that we think the next TAYplan should focus on for the Perth and Dundee region. A questionnaire has been developed where questions are posed under each of TAYplans's 4 outcomes. www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk

Big Lottery Fund recently launched a new programme in conjunction with the Scottish Government – the Communities and Family Fund. This joint fund offers small grants (of between £250 and £10,000) to support projects working with

young children (pre-birth to 8 years) and their parents.

Dog fouling: Complaint received from a Kinross resident in relation to the Heritage Trail. The resident asks if the CC, PKC and SNH could work together to solve the problem.

Parking complaint: The CC received a communication from PKC in relation to a CCllr parking on the pavement. CCllr West added that he had spoken to a Council Officer in relation to this matter. This was not a breach of the CC Code of Conduct as the incident did not occur during CC business. He further added that in regard to the legality of pavements, the consensus was that legislation was not passed that would make this an offence, although driving onto the pavement is. CCllr Colliar reported that the matter is now in the hands of the Procurator Fiscal.

PKD Draft Community Plan for 2013-23 received.

Hatchbank bus stop: PKC checked visibility and there were no noted difficulties. The adjacent hedge has been pruned back and this may have solved the problem. PKC will check again over the summer. The hard standing needs to be cleared of surface vegetation; this work will also be ordered. The assessment of the shelter request will be concluded shortly.

Bus service, Kinross south: PKC replied that residents at the south end of Kinross have raised their request previously with local Councillors, but to date there has not been a clear solution without withdrawing Service 201 from another part of its current route. The opening of the new link road, however, presents PKC with a possible opportunity to look at providing more direct transport between the south of Kinross and Sainsbury's. At present 204 provides such a link but only on a Wednesday or Saturday. PKC will discuss with the Road Transport Unit and the bus service. PKC propose inserting a questionnaire in the Newsletter in relation to public transport issues in the town.

Kinross Common Good Fund: Communication received from PKC advising that there is currently a deficit of £16,984.00 in Kinross Common Good Fund; this will be repaid from the sale of the Town Hall.

Myre Park: PKC proposes that the Myre Park become a "Field in Trust (FIT)". If agreed this means that the Myre Park will become a QEII Field for the use of the inhabitants of Perth and Kinross in perpetuity.

J & G Wilson charity quiz invitation to submit teams.

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Other Business

Notice Board: CCllr Freeman will place a copy of the Minutes and Agenda on the Notice Board each month.

Casual vacancy: CCllr West advised that PKC provided a nomination form for casual vacancies and that he has received one email note of interest.

TRACKS: George Lawrie was present and updated everyone on the current situation with TRACKS.

They are within a month of starting the new trail from the Mill to Vane Farm. They have a landowner agreement in general, with two or three areas to tidy up, and then can put the work out to tender and accept a contractor. There is a tight timescale and for this reason the squads will be doubled up. They hope to have the trail finished by this time next year. The current route is 6½km of path, with a major bridge crossing and a superb viewpoint identified. With regard to funding, they are around £18,000 short. It is hoped that a determination should be made shortly in relation to an application for funding, however should this be rejected it will not present a problem but only delay matters slightly.

A feasibility study is to be carried out to link Crook of Devon to Kinross along the old railway; funding is required for this project. They will liaise with Cllr Barnacle.

A link from Easter Balgedie to Wester Balgedie was also proposed; funding is required for this as well.

Living Lomond Landscape, linking Falkland to Lochore Meadows: a new path was proposed around this area. A Heritage Lottery Grant has been applied for in this regard.

Smaller countryside links also to be considered, with a proportion of the work being carried out by volunteers.

Newsletter: CCllr Colliar asked if the Editor would arrange for a report and a copy of the balance sheet to be produced at the next CC meeting.

Newsletter grants: Applications received from KLEO and Kinross Curling Trust. These have been passed to CCllr Davies.

The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 5 June 2013.

CCllr Blyth unable to attend this meeting and apologised in advance.

Agenda for the Meeting to be held on 5 June

(1) Apologies for absence. (2) Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 May. (3) Police Report. (4) Presentation re Grounds Maintenance and Community Assistance. (5) Newsletter Report. (6) Appointment of CC Member (casual). (7) Matters arising from the Minutes of 1 May. (8) Future of Kinross Buildings. (9) Planning Matters. (10) Reports from P&K Councillors. (11) Reports from CC Members. (12) Miscellaneous correspondence. (13) AOCB. (14) Date of Next Meeting.

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

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Milnathort Community Council

News from the AGM and May Meeting

CCllr Hamilton, Chair, welcomed CCllrs Bennet, Cottingham, Halford, Milne-Home and Thomson to the meetings held on 9 May. Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs Giacopazzi and Robertson, and five members of the public. Apologies were received from Cllrs Pettinger and Smith, P&K Cllrs Barnacle and Cuthbert and Minute Secretary David Baudains.

Annual General Meeting

Chairman's Report: Since the last AGM we have had 12 monthly meetings to hear and discuss local issues with the Community Councillors and three PKC Councillors as well as a good turnout of members of the public. At five of these meetings we also had a local Police Officer keeping us up to date with local police matters. A very brief summary of the year is as follows:

- We discussed 35 planning applications during the year including three wind turbine applications, two of which have so far been refused.
- We privately arranged for the long grass to be cut in Donaldson Park and negotiated for the wild flower area to be reduced right down to one area at the top of the hill where we planted a ring of daffodil bulbs. These are just coming into bloom now.
- A problem with an out of control horse and cart in and around Donaldson Park came up again and again and we are pleased to report that the issue has been resolved as the owner has sold the horse.
- The Tillywhally road that is liable to icing was gritted far more regularly after a lot of pressure from ourselves and the PKC Councillors.
- Placecheck improvements were finally completed with the tree on Wester Loan being re-planted (again).
- Liz, our long time and much appreciated, minute secretary retired and David Baudains has taken over and is doing an excellent job.
- We co-opted Martin Pettinger onto the committee and appointed him secretary. He is also doing an excellent job.

As usual I would like to thank all the Community Councillors and PKC Councillors for their hard work and efforts during the year.

Treasurer's Report: CCllr Bennet reported a surplus of £550 after having replaced the benches in Tillywhally Wood. It was agreed that the following donations should be made to distribute the majority of the funds: Milnathort in Bloom £200, Guide Hall £100, Church Hall £100 and Town Hall £100.

Election of Office Bearers: It was unanimously agreed that the current office bearers remain in place for the next year: Chairman, CCllr Hamilton; Vice, CCllr Milne-Home; Treasurer, CCllr Bennet; Secretary & Data Controller, CCllr Pettinger; Planning, CCllr Cottingham; Minute Secretary, David Baudains.

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May Meeting

Police Matters: It was emphasised that the police number for non-emergency is 101, and still 999 for emergency calls. A Local Speed Watch was conducted at Crook of Devon and they do not mean to do another in the local area at present. There was strong concern from the public regarding early morning fast traffic on South Street.

The issue of bicycles being ridden on pavements within the 30mph limits: cyclists must give due consideration to pedestrians; not to do so is illegal.

The police were congratulated on the recovery of a locally stolen quad bike.

Matters Arising

Balfour Crescent and Coventry Way were resurfaced by a new method of a dressing over the whole area then cutting out drains afterwards. This caused concern to some residents when the drains were covered.

The access near Heaven Scent is a work in progress with the property owners.

Rural Road Repairs: Stuart D'All of PKC reported that surface water drainage systems were being fitted on the Tillyrie Road. The Middleton Road holes are under instruction, and the road be resurfaced, and the failed chipping on rural roads including the Craigow/Stronachie road. The A91 Ledlanet /Dalqueich road will be surfaced and dressed. Linden Park Terrace will be reconstructed.

It was suggested that money from the idea of Gaelic Road Signs in lowland areas would be better spent on the Road structure repairs. It is requested that Mr D'All keeps Cllrs and MCC in touch with construction.

It was pointed out how many of the rural roads are becoming narrower as weeds and grass encroach on the road surfaces. Some roads are up to two feet narrower than they should be.

CCllr Thomson is again resident in the MCC area.

Planning Applications Submitted to PKC

The following applications were discussed but no objections raised: Alterations and extension to 32 Manse Road (13/00709/FLL). Alterations and Extension to Burleigh House (13/00756/FLL). Erection of three houses on the Red House Wood at Tillyrie (13/00792/IPL).

Planning Applications Determined by PKC

Renewal of consent and removal of conditions were approved for a house at Craigow (13/00280/FLL).

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The Path Promotion Training Event run by Paths For All, was attended by Cllrs Hamilton and Thomson. It was very interesting and informative. Grants can be applied for to promote local paths and sites of interest to promote our village. A collection of material, photographs, and local knowledge will be collated towards such a project.

TRACKS: The path round Loch Leven in the final stretch from Loch Leven Mills, via Cavelston to RSPB Loch Leven is to start soon. The contracts are awarded, and two squads of workers will work from each end of the new track. A new bench is being installed on the Auld Mart to Tarnhill track, east of "the Cut".



Work on the final stretch of path around Loch Leven will start soon

Placecheck: This exercise is now finished with the planting of the tree at the Gusset on Wester Loan.

Public Comments

A member of the public remarked on the wonderful work done by Placecheck and the big improvement made to the village. However the 20mph limit is not being adhered to. It was suggested a large 20 and a different colour on the road surface (a rumble strip) may help to make motorists notice and keep the 20mph limit.

Speeding on South Street was brought up again. Cllr Robertson said there was funding from Council to do our

own speed checks, with them providing the "speed gun" and equipment. This has proved dramatic in reducing speeding in other areas, and will hopefully be rolled out all over Kinross-shire. Results showed that large vehicles did not speed as much as imagined. The speed trap at Auld Mart caught two vehicles.

It was asked when Victoria Avenue was to be a one-way system. The yellow lines are down, but it will be about September before it is one-way.

Tillywhally Wood: The bird boxes are in place, and wild flowers were planted last week. Spanish Bluebells are to be dug up, and English native Bluebells planted. Cllr Thomson offered to recycle the Spanish Bluebells elsewhere.

Comments from P&K Councillors

Cllr Giaccopazzi

Overgrown trees and shrubs overgrowing pavements and roads is the responsibility of owners, and must be trimmed back.

Police Plan. An incident in Cleish asked for specialist divers; they got two and two helicopters as we are now all one Scottish Area.

Appeals to the Local Review Body are heard by independent planners listening to why a plan is refused and why the applicant is aggrieved. One permanent and one floating member hear and judge the case.

The grass at the Hilton Path will be done in due course.

Cllr Robertson

The wall of the cemetery is broken, and will be mended.

Flooding on the Blainnathort to Duncruevie Road after the corner and before the Chicken Farm needs piped off lets.

A new team of two from the PKC Roads Department are to come out to small issues and routine maintenance. This will speed up these issues.

The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will take place on Thursday 13 June 2013 in Orwell Parish Church Hall at 7.30pm.

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Fossoway and District CC News from the May Meeting

The meeting held on 6 May 2013 was attended by Councillors Sandy Morrison, Trudy Wigman-Duffy, Alastair Lavery, Kevin Borthwick, Sheila Anderson and Angus Cheape. Also in attendance were P&K Cllr M Barnacle, PC Pentley and 17 members of the public. Apologies were received from Cllr Rod Patterson and P&K Cllrs D Cuthbert, J Giacomazzi, and W Robertson.

Declarations of interest: Trudy declared interest in Planning Application 13/00658/IPL.

Community Policing: PC Jim Pentley attended and reported that speed checks continue on major roads. Theft of two road rollers in Blairingone is being investigated – plant thefts are very prevalent at the moment, please take extra precautions. Community Speed Watch has been recommended for continuation, however with the new Police organisation it may take some time to reach the right people. Trudy notes that the community would need to raise the funding for the equipment.

Rumbling Bridge Hydro Scheme: Hugh Wallace of Glendevon Energy gave a presentation about the scheme. Output will be 500kW p.a. Costs up to planning stage £170,000. Final cost £2.5 million. Return of water type scheme with a 1.3km pipeline. SEPA specify a compensation flow – the amount of water bypassing the turbine and continuing down the river. In periods of low water, the scheme will not operate. Intake weir will be just downstream of the deer farm, follow line of Devon Valley railway, running roughly parallel to A977 going underneath Rumbling Bridge road and finally re-joining the river SW of Rumbling Bridge close to Scottish Water pipeline. Test drilling to establish ground conditions is currently taking place. The work involving Rumbling Bridge road can be compressed into 4-5 weeks to minimise disruption. The aim was to minimise disruption to landowners during the construction period, and have things in a better state than when the scheme commenced. There is a new opportunity for Community investment via the Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (the charity Community Energy Scotland can help with this) to borrow up to £250k, repayable over eight years, to invest in the project, however the originally proposed Community benefit is still on the table. Cllr Barnacle asks if it would be possible to reinstate the missing bridge as part of this scheme – that could be looked at, however the intake weir would be designed to enable it to act as a public crossing. Aim is to submit planning application in late May or early June this year. There was considerable discussion on the project, and contributions from various members of the public. G Lawrie suggested that the CC should contact Glenfarg CC, who were involved in a community energy project. The CC's position was one of general support but it required considerably more detail and regular updates to determine its position on community involvement.

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Outh Muir Wind Farm: No CC member was able to attend the last meeting, and minutes have not yet been published. However a new wind farm is being proposed at Blairadam. (Presentations were due to be held on 20 May at Saline and at Keltly on 23 May.) The concern is that the two schemes might eventually expand to join each other.

Blairingone War Memorial: The developer has invited the CC to a site meeting to discuss the new location with the Planning Officer and PKC's Graves department. It is important that the memorial's new location is achieved before the significant anniversary of 2014.

Crook of Devon Church car park: No news yet from the church about funding.

Signposting Core Paths and Rights of Way: George Harley has not yet had the meeting with D Stubbs.

Lambhill Wood Chip Plant at Blairingone: Nothing further to report; no response to CC's letter.

Travellers' site, Crook Moss: Still awaiting the application to be resubmitted. Cllr Barnacle has requested Nick Brian to meet with the four councillors to discuss the proliferation of traveller sites in this area – it would be a good idea if the CC was also represented.

Glenquay Quarry: No date for DMC meeting.

Glendevon Pollution Incident: No progress to report.

Local Development Plan: Four reporters have been assigned to consider the plan.

Powmill Snack Bar: Correspondence had been received from the owner, who had been invited to attend this meeting. At the meeting the owner challenged the previous reports of litter, parking problems and closure of local shop. Sandy replied that the CC meetings are not secret and their minutes are published. Minutes are merely a recorded summary of comments made by attendees at these meetings. The CC was not taking sides with any party. The owner asserted that there are currently no litter problems, no parking problems, and the business was not responsible for the closure of the local shop. A member of the public present observes that the litter at the site is now no worse than it was before the opening of the Snack Bar.

Church Community Office: Angus reports that a new committee has been created. The original purpose of the Office was to enable access to computing, which is no longer a common requirement, but the Office is a very good resource for high quality and good value printing, and urged that the resources be utilised.

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PKC Ground Maintenance Review: Email sent to Community Green Space Team. No response as yet.

Community Plan consultation: Reply sent.

Gritting and snow clearing: Response sent in line with the discussions held at CC meeting.

Core Paths: George Lawrie has been liaising with local landowners about signage on behalf of PKC. Core path plan has now been approved by Central Government and is now fixed. Proposing creation of a Community Group to improve or create path through Craighton Wood – funding can probably be obtained to finance this. The CC approves of this plan, and a sub-group chaired by Kevin Borthwick with an initial membership of Duncan Carmichael, Karen Heriot, and Sheila Anderson was set up. Other members from the community would be welcome to join the group.

Green Routes: PKC have now received some more funding. A member of the public has raised concern regarding the foot/cycle path between Aldie Road and Rumbling Bridge, since there is now no barrier between the path and the A977 – this concern was supported by the CC as the A977 was a very busy road for HGVs, and the draught from these vehicles could destabilise a child on a bicycle. It was felt a barrier of some sort was necessary. This has come about because the previous verge has been removed to allow the path to be widened to 2.5m, which is a requirement for dual-use paths. Cllr Barnacle points out that part of the Green Route programme will be to lower some speed limits which should help allay this concern. **Millennium Path:** This will join core paths and old railway line to create a cycle path connecting Kinross and Crook of Devon – currently being researched and £300k needs to be raised. Members of the public thank George for all his (and his committee's) efforts in creating paths, and raising funds. G Lawrie suggested asking Brian Cargill to the next meeting to discuss Green Routes.

CC business: No meetings this month.

Report from Councillor Barnacle

Track between Naemoor Road and river: PKC has funding to resurface this, but landowner is currently refusing access to the contractor.

Carnbo Post Box: Could not be returned to its original location due to increased traffic, and boxes are no longer put in walls. Royal Mail replied that where there is no local post box, then post can be handed to delivery staff.

U213 Passing Places: Meeting to discuss these with various PKC Officers, local residents and Councillors will be 28 or 29 May.

Litter: Alan Briscoe's complaint about litter has been passed to the appropriate departments in PKC.

Planning

13/00658/IPL Erection of a dwelling house (in principle), land 40 metres west of Devonlade Main Street, Crook of Devon. CC notes that it's not qualified to comment on detailed flooding issues, although there was robust discussion about this amongst the members of the public present. Following the meeting, PKC's Report of Handling for 12/01189/IPL was reviewed. This confirms that previous applications were rejected on grounds of road safety at the access point on to the A977. However, new Government regulations and the reclassification of the A977 in 1996 remove these grounds for refusal. While the CC has consistently disputed the "local network" status of the A977, it is clear that no valid objection on grounds of road safety would be recognised by PKC. Recommendation: no CC comment.

Profile Projects sent details of a proposed new house east of Blairingone. This was noted and the CC will take no further action till an application is submitted.

Correspondence

A full list was circulated to the attendees.

Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust is looking for two people to join the board.

There was a request from Paul Phare from Energy4all to give a presentation regarding two proposed 250kW turbines on two sites in the Fossoway Area. Due to the already full agenda, an invitation was sent to attend the next meeting.

AOCB: There seems to be a shortage of signs for Powmill. Alastair explained that there is an agreed hierarchy of towns which are signposted on major roads; sadly it appears that Powmill didn't make the cut...

Draft Agenda for Next CC Meeting

- (1) Welcome and Apologies. (2) Declarations of Interest. (3) Community Policing. (4) Minutes of last meeting. (5) Matters arising: Outh Muir Wind Farm, Blairingone War Memorial, Crook of Devon Church car park, Signposting core paths and rights of way, Lambhill site at Blairingone, Travellers' site at Crook Moss, Glenquey Quarry, Glendevon Pollution Incident, Green Routes. (6) Community Councillors – meetings attended. (7) P&K Councillors' reports. (8) Planning applications. (9) Correspondence. (10) AOCB.

The Next Meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place on Tuesday 4 June at 7.30pm in Moubray Hall, Powmill. All welcome!

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Portmoak Community Council

News from the AGM and May Meeting

In attendance at the meetings held on 14 May were: CCllrs M Parkin (Chair), T Smith, R Williamson, S Forde and B Calderwood; Ward Councillors W Robertson, M Barnacle, J Giacomazzi and three members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllrs R Cairncross and M Strang Steel and Ward Cllr D Cuthbert.

Annual General Meeting

The Chairman gave his annual report:

"The Community Council has enjoyed another busy year across the range of its activities and responsibilities.

"During the sixteen months from 1 January 2012 to April 2013, Portmoak CC considered the merit of 29 planning applications made to PKC and commented on these in the best interests of Portmoak. Planning applications for the year 2012 and for 2013 to date are reduced by some 20% when compared to previous years. Of those applications going forward for determination by PKC, just under 10% are refused. Portmoak CC also objected to less than 10% of all applications.

"An analysis of planning applications since January 2010 reveals that a quarter of these are for new housing. This shows that windfall applications are far in excess of the 10% allowed for by PKC in their estimate of new housing needed for Portmoak in the recent Local Development Plan. This has implications for the provision of infrastructure to support an increasing population, and the CC has been emphasising this in its dealings with PKC.

"Efforts have also been made to ensure that developer contributions are actually used in Portmoak.

"In April 2012, the CC submitted responses to the Perth and Kinross Local Development Plan; and recently to the Government Reporters now considering the Plan. We highlighted various significant issues regarding the future of Portmoak. In particular we have worked to improve the local infrastructure as housing development continues, as previously highlighted. Through representations and discussions with officers, the CC has participated fully in the process that will lead to the new Local Development Plan.

"We are also working to create a pedestrian access between Wester and Easter Balgedie, and to create car parking and safe pedestrian paths in Scotlandwell.

"The long outstanding matter of Stephen's Field was positively addressed during the year by productive meetings with A & J Stephen Ltd, and a full assessment of the implications of ownership and development of the field as a community asset for the future.

"We have been supported in our work by our four Perth & Kinross Ward Councillors, who regularly attend our monthly meetings and help our relationship with PKC as well as taking on a variety of projects and tasks for us.

"The CC has also enjoyed a productive relationship with the executives of PKC across a wide range of subjects, including Roads, Planning, and Snow Clearing.

"Examples of successful outcomes include the installation of the correct specification of signage on the build-outs in Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell, the renovation of the Kinnesswood bus shelter, a safer bus stop for school use at Scotlandwell, and soft verge markers and warnings on the B920.

"The success of Portmoak CC is not only due to the work of our Community Councillors, but it is also due to an interest in Portmoak that is reflected by the many residents and representatives of local organisations who regularly attend our meetings and provide input to our activities. So to those residents and representatives I give thanks. I also thank our regional MSPs Mr Willie Rennie and Miss Elizabeth Smith, who have taken an interest in local matters, as well as our Westminster Member of Parliament, Mr Gordon Banks.

"In conclusion, Portmoak CC looks forward to another year of progress, with our target objectives in mind, including the provision of a pedestrian path along the A911 between Wester and Easter Balgedie, increased car parking in Scotlandwell, the ownership and enjoyment of Stephens Field in Kinnesswood, and the reduction of HGV traffic through the Parish.

"I thank all individuals and organisations who have assisted Portmoak CC during the past year, and brought benefit to Portmoak by their efforts, and I thank my fellow Community Councillors for their hard work and enduring good humour."

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer provided audited accounts for the year to 31 March 2013 and gave an explanation of the figures. The balance of Funds on hand is £603.68p. The full Income and Expenditure account can be found on the Portmoak CC website.

Office bearers for 2013-2014

Chairman: CCllr M Parkin, proposed by CCllr B Calderwood, seconded by CCllr R Williamson.

Treasurer: CCllr R Williamson, proposed by CCllr M Parkin, seconded by CCllr S Forde.

Following the resignation of Mr John Bird from the CC, the position of Secretary remains vacant and a replacement is being sought. The Chairman will perform the duties of Secretary in the short term, until an appointment can be made.

Date of next AGM: 7pm on Tuesday 13 May 2014 in the Primary School.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and the AGM closed at 7.20pm.

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May Meeting

Previous minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman, after correction to the statement that a Police Report had not been received, when in fact it had, and to a clarification to Ward Cllr Robertson's statement about the piecemeal nature of planning applications from TRACKS at Levenmouth Farm making it difficult for PKC Planning Department to apply an access condition through the site to the Loch Leven Heritage Trail.

Co-option of Community Councillor: Under item 7b of the Constitution, the CC unanimously agreed to the co-option of Mr Ian McGrattan as a Community Councillor, and CCllr McGrattan was then formally welcomed to the CC by the Chairman.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Gritting and snow clearing: The Chairman asked CCllrs for their input so that this report could now be prepared and submitted before the end of May. Cllr Giacomazzi mentioned that the PKC snow clearing budget for this season had been exceeded by a considerable amount.

Local broadband speeds: CC work continues with a view to improving local broadband speeds. More input from residents is required to prepare a case for presentation to BT.

Lomond Country Inn: The CC has established contact with the recent purchaser.

HGV traffic: Liz Smith MSP is meeting with Mr Phil Flanders of the Road Haulage Association this month and will report further. Names of HGV operators using the A911 route to Glenrothes have been noted and passed to appropriate owners and haulage associations.

A911 speeding: Following representations from the CC and Cllr Barnacle and a resident, a review of the speed limit on the stretch between Scotlandwell and Auchmuir Bridge will be undertaken by Jillian Robinson, Principal Engineer of Road Safety and Design at PKC Roads, in the light of increased private housing there, and the fact that the last A911 survey was made in 2009.

Kinnesswood bus shelter: The external pointing and finishing is to be carried out now that warmer weather is here.

Wester Balgedie bus shelter: A letter has been received from PKC asking if we wish this wooden bus shelter to be replaced by a metal shelter, in line with PKC current practice. A picture of the metal shelter has been requested by the CC, and local residents are being consulted, particularly those adjacent to the shelter.

A911 footpath between Easter and Wester Balgedie: TRACKS and PKC submitted an application to Sustrans for part funding (£49,403) of a sealed-surface path costing £98,807, with matched funding to be sought from PKC Community Greenspace (£14,822) and SITA Trust (£34,582). The project was within the Sustrans criteria. Subject to negotiations with landowners, the project was on target.

Mr George Lawrie of TRACKS now reported that the £49,403 Sustrans application has been approved, with a final draw down date of 31 March 2014. The SITA Trust application was still in process, with a decision date in July, as was the PKC Community Greenspace application.

He further reported that there was positive progress with negotiations for the purchase of a 5-metre strip of land needed for construction of the complete path on the landward side of the A911, and also for the funds needed for the purchase of this land.

The Chairman asked if the CC should proceed further with the Climate Challenge Fund, with whom he had been maintaining contact. He stressed that carbon saving was the sole criteria for success and this would have to be quantified with acceptable methodology. After brief discussion it was decided to keep this on hold until July 2013, and the result of the SITA application.

Car parking for 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.

In the 2004 Local Development Plan, PKC had required provision of land for car parking in Scotlandwell, and in the 2013 Draft Local Plan they had agreed that encouragement would be given to proposals that provided additional parking. As a source of such parking, the CC is presently in discussion with Bishopshire Curling Club regarding the possibility of combining car parking within their proposals for the restoration of their outdoor curling ponds at Moss Road. It was suggested that the Community Challenge Fund might be a source of funding for this, but it was hoped that the resources of Bishopshire Curling Club would be sufficient. CCllr Bruce Calderwood is managing this project for the CC.

Grounds maintenance: The CC has written to PKC about the proposed reduction to grounds maintenance, particularly at Wester Balgedie, at the junction of the A911, and a response has been received from the Executive Director (Environment) to say that a further response from the Principal Parks Officer will be made by 1 May. This has not yet been received.

Living Lomonds Landscape Partnership: Mr George Lawrie reported that the LLLP would be creating a forum of CCs if their Lottery funding application was successful, and that rather than have CCllr Tom Smith on their Committee – as had been requested – the forum would serve the same purpose, and that application for inclusion should be made to the LLLP in due course.

It was also mentioned that the Community Fund to be formed by the developer of the Westfield wind farm wished to deal only with one of the Fife Community Councils, and any dealings for the possible benefit of Portmoak should be addressed to that CC.

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Police Report: A written report was submitted and PC Sadie Allan was also present. No actions from previous meetings. A road roller has been stolen from Powmill. The Crook of Devon Speedwatch scheme has been reviewed and may be formalised on a permanent basis. There are no proposals to implement any other Speedwatch schemes because of the present re-modelling of the Road Policing Unit in Tayside.

There was an explanation of the new 101 non-emergency number, but 999 should still be used for anything suspicious. PC Allan warned that bogus workmen are more prevalent in the better weather and urged caution if residents are cold-called by workmen wishing to carry out repairs of their own description, the need for which was previously unknown.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer presented audited accounts to the Year ended March 2013 showing a balance of £355.78 in the Michael Bruce Way account, and £247.90 in the CC General account. Total £603.68. These audited accounts will be submitted to PKC.

Planning: The CC had considered one planning application made to PKC and had agreed not to make any comment or objection. This was 13/00700: Levenbank, Wester Balgedie: addition of a single storey sunroom, plus extension to form new study, lobby, and utility room.

PKC has granted consent for alteration and extension to 27 Whitecraigs, Kinnesswood (13/00522/FLL).

It was also noted that the application for a dwelling house at Arnot Tower has been withdrawn (13/00401/FLL).

13/00505/FLL: Land at Loch Leven's Larder: change of use to form Cricket Ground, Pavilion, Car Parking etc. The CC has written to PKC Planning to emphasise their support for this application.

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. No response as yet.

CClIr Cairncross had attended the Planning Users Forum held by PKC on 9 May, and had submitted a report to CCllrs. In particular it was noted that PKC are proposing to work with some individual CCs on specific matters which may involve more than just planning. Presently under consideration for this proposal are the 12 CCs of Highland Perthshire and the Kinross CC group of six.

It was noted that a £12,790 developer contribution in respect of the Kilmagadwood site had been paid to PKC, and that this was intended for use by Portmoak Primary School. The School had been alerted to this by the CC. This contribution would pay for a proposed library extension at the school.

Roads: The following matters are still in hand with P&KC Roads Department: Refreshing the surface painted road signage on the A911 from Milnathort to Auchmuir Bridge; Improved signage etc at the Wester Balgedie junction with the A911; Drain covers collapsing on the Portmoak length of the A911; Replacement reflective signs at New Gullet

Bridge on the B920; Hidden Dip signs to be erected on the A911 and the B9097.

Cllr Robertson suggested that if any collapsed drain cover or other defect is causing immediate danger, then this should be reported via e-mail to clarence@pkc.gov.uk or by phoning 01738 625411.

Paths: It was agreed to launch another fundraising effort for the Michael Bruce Way, and to form a paths group that could assist with work on the MBW, and also contribute to the upkeep of this well used local attraction.

The present balance in the MBW account would probably be insufficient to pay for another complete season of grass cutting. George Lawrie of TRACKS mentioned that there was a Community Paths Group run by Dave Stubbs at PKC that could assist by lending tools to any Portmoak paths group.

Reports by Ward Councillors

Cllr Robertson reported that access to the Heritage Trail via Levenmouth was still being investigated. Cllr Giacopazzi indicated that an alternative proposal to use a path on the SW side of Portmoak Airfield would be unsafe because of glider movements, and would probably not be an acceptable alternative.

Cllr Giacopazzi reported that he had inspected damaged and collapsing walls at Wester Balgedie and also beside the pavement at the north entrance to Kinnesswood on the A911, and that PKC would be contacting their owners regarding the need for repairs.

He also reported that replacements are still available for defective cat eye road markers, and it is PKC policy to replace these where defective, finance permitting, but not to install new markers.

Cllr Robertson also reported that at his suggestion, PKC had created a small rapid response maintenance team, capable of dealing directly with minor road and other repairs. This would dispense with the usual lengthy inspection and report process.

Other business: A resident reported that the **Post Office van** that visited Kinnesswood was now fully operational due to the provision of broadband access, enabling the use of its computer and equipment for cash and other online transactions.

The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will take place on Tuesday 9 July 2013 at 7pm at Portmoak Hall.

There will not be a meeting in June 2013.

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Club & Community Group News

News from the Kinross Day Centre

by Jean Marshall

It has been a while since I wrote a piece for the Newsletter about The Kinross Day Centre, so I thought it was time for an update. This really is a wonderful resource for our community and makes a difference to the lives of many of the 'more mature' residents of Kinross and the surrounding villages.

The staff of the Kinross Day Centre, headed by Nan Cook, have continued to provide us with never failing care and support, a great programme of events, outings and entertainment and, of course, delicious lunches.

The team of drivers have taken the minibuses out in all weathers, collecting people from their homes, returning them and when necessary giving assistance and making sure that they are safely inside. We owe a huge debt of thanks to The Margaret & Arthur Thompson Trust for the minibuses. Because of their generosity, not having a car and not being on a bus route is no excuse! If you want to use the Centre, transport and assistance can be arranged.

A hearty and healthy three-course lunch is served in the Centre every weekday, along with a variety of activities for those who want to join in. On Mondays, for example, we do an exercise class to keep us fit and flexible, on Wednesdays there is a general knowledge quiz to keep us mentally fit!

We have been on barge trips from Ratho near Edinburgh, visited the cinema, the theatre, Falkland Palace, Pitlochry and St Andrews. For Christmas lunch we were joined by members of Sainsbury's staff who helped to serve the meal and brought gifts for everyone. Burns Night was celebrated in style, complete with piper. David Cochrane comes to the Centre on a Thursday to supervise an art class and this year two senior pupils from the High School have joined us to act as Quiz Master for our Wednesday quiz. Ian continues to entertain everyone with his piano playing and you will often find us singing along and enjoying a tea dance.

Every year Nan organises a holiday which is open to all Centre users. This year a group of us headed north to the Craiglynn Hotel in Grantown-on-Spey for five days. The food, accommodation and the service could not be faulted and the whole trip offered superb value for money. We went on daily outings and visited Loch Ness (no monster sighted), The Black Isle and Dingwall.

The highlight of the trip, however, had to be our visit to the Women's Land Army monument at Clochan, near Fochabers. Opened in 2012, it is a sculpture by Yorkshire artist, Peter Naylor, of a group of young land girls standing on a farm gate. Having our very own Land Army Girl Christina Dall with us, this was a photo opportunity not to be missed and Christina posed for us proudly wearing her medal.



Christina Dall at the Women's Land Army monument at Clochan

For younger readers:

Before the outbreak of WWII, Britain was importing 70% of its food, around 55m tonnes each year. With the nation's shipping routes under severe threat, Britons would have starved if an alternative workforce was not found. The Women's Land Army was established in 1917 by the UK Board of Agriculture, which drafted 20,000 women to work on the land. In WWII the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries overtook organisation of the WLA under the honorary leadership of Lady Denman. At its peak there were over 80,000 members of the WLA until it was disbanded in 1950.

Sadly this year we have lost many good friends. We miss them all but have wonderful memories of the lunches and conversations we have shared. I would thoroughly recommend this service to all pensioners in Kinross-shire, especially those of you who live alone. Knowing you have somewhere to go motivates you to get up and out of the house. For a small charge you get a hot, home cooked meal, company and conversation.

You can go as frequently as you want on whichever day you choose. If you need assistance, someone will be there to help you. If you need transport the drivers collect between 10.30am and 11.30am and you have the option to return home at 1.30pm or 3pm.

I am sure my fellow Centre users join me in giving a huge vote of thanks to Nan, her wonderful team and all the voluntary helpers. This is a very special service which really enriches lives and, as they say, if you don't use it we may lose it! We are lucky to have this great resource right here in Kinross so if you would like to join us, know someone who would benefit or are a carer who could do with a break, visit the Centre or give Nan Cook a call on 01577 863869 between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday.

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Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest

Despite weather conditions, which could have been a little kinder, the 2nd Loch Leven Pipe Band contest went ahead at the Community Campus on Saturday 11 May, joining forces with the 30th Loch Leven Half Marathon and the KLEO Feel Good Fair. Occasional rain showers made competitive piping a little tricky in the morning and early afternoon, and the brisk breeze didn't help the Drum Majors for flourishing their maces during the 'Marching & Discipline' event, but the sun came out to shine on the Massed Bands and prize-giving at the end of the day!

One of the major highlights of the day was the Massed Bands send-off for the Half Marathon runners down at Gacé Gardens. The organisers are grateful to the residents of Smith Street who kindly allowed their street to be filled with "overflow" pipers and drummers as more bands turned up for the street march than the police were comfortable having in the Gardens all at the same time. Nonetheless, everything appeared to go without a hitch, the Massed Bands all launching into "Scotland the Brave" immediately the starter's horn sounded at one o'clock, giving the runners a rousing send off! Shortly afterwards, led by Kinross Pipe Band, all nine bands marched individually up the High Street, as far as Mill Street, before disbanding and returning to the shuttle buses, which were very generously provided by Earnside Coaches.

It seemed like almost no time after the bands had returned to the campus that the first of the runners started arriving back, having run a staggering 13+ miles around Loch Leven! By this time the sports fields at the campus were buzzing with crowds as runners continued to come in, bands continued to compete, visitors browsed the 30 stalls of the KLEO Feel Good Fair, and through it all members of the Round Table and Ladies' Circle kept everyone supplied with refreshments from the Beer Tent. The Campus canteen, too, did a roaring trade, declaring themselves more or less out of food by around 4pm!

The Massed Bands at the end of the day saw prizes presented by Contest Chieftain Dick Keatings, Campus Leader, among them the brand new "Bill McEwan Memorial Trophy" for best Novice Juvenile Band, which Mr Keatings ended up presenting to his own nephew, Andrew Keatings, Pipe Major of neighbouring Kelty and Blairadam Pipe Band! The young Kelty Band also picked up the "Meiklem Salver" for Best Band on Display during the Street March, which had been independently judged by three of the contest sponsors on the High Street parade route; A Country Affair, Smith Street Motors and Winski's of Kinross.

Kinross & District managed to win the Grade 4 March, Strathspey and Reel contest, and took third place in the Grade 4 March Medley, picking up 4 Branch Championship points in this, the first of six Branch contests this season. Kinross managed to win the overall Grade 4 Branch Championship last year, so these points are all important in their bid to hold onto the title, which will be decided at Crieff later in August. All in all, this was a highly successful day, and huge thanks are due to all those who sponsored, donated, policed or helped out in any way. We hope to continue to build on this popular combination of events in future years, and would welcome input from anyone who has an interest in helping make this happen.

For further information, or any queries, please contact Nigel Kellett: 01577 863738, or email nigel.kellett@talktalk.net

Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation

Ricky Ross (from Deacon Blue) at Kinross-shire Music Festival



We are delighted to announce that Ricky Ross will perform at the Kinross-shire Music Festival on 16 November at the Community Campus.

Ricky celebrated 25 years in Deacon Blue in 2012. In 2013, Ricky has done something a little different, releasing a stripped down solo album 'Trouble Came Looking'. That gave him the opportunity to hit the road again performing songs from throughout his solo career, as well as classic Deacon Blue songs and some of their less well-known tracks.



Ricky Ross from Deacon Blue

Ricky says: "The tour was a great opportunity for me. Gregor Philp joined me on guitar and the two of us set off around the country playing places we couldn't get to with Deacon Blue, and sharing the untold stories behind my songs."

Ricky's concert will be on **Saturday 16 November**, 8pm at the Community Campus in Kinross, so, as from the quote from the Glasgow Evening Times: "Sit down and listen to a master songwriter".

Tickets are for sale from 1 June through our website www.kinrossmusicfestival.co.uk, TicketWeb, Milnathort Post Office and the Macbeth & Currie Estate Agents in Kinross.

'Mary's Ceilidh' in Kirkgate Park

In conjunction with the Rotary Club, we will be organising a Mary Queen of Scots event in Kirkgate Park on **Saturday 17 August**. There will be an afternoon programme with a historic walk and exhibition in the park and a period dress/Scottish dress ceilidh in the evening. More information about the whole programme will feature in the next newsletter but put this event in your diary!!!

BluesUp

BluesUp - at the Thistle Hotel - takes place on the first FRIDAY of each month for the rest of the summer. Our lineup of bands through till September:

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| Fri 7 June | Jed Potts and the Hillman Hunters |
| Fri 5 July | GT's Boos Band |
| Fri 2 Aug | Dirt Road Blues |
| Fri 6 Sep | Laura Mays Blue Rays |

Entry is FREE and the music starts at 9pm.

Piping Competition and Feel Good Fair at Loch Leven Half Marathon

We hope you enjoyed the Piping Competition and Feel Good Fair at the Loch Leven Half Marathon on 11 May. We were very lucky with the weather! Many thanks for those who helped out and for everyone who attended. Special thanks to the Road Runners who organised a great event again and kindly allowed us to join in the fun of the day with our fair. The Pipe Band Competition and street march were also great additions to the whole event. All organised by the Kinross Pipe Band! We would also like to give our thanks to the Round Table who helped out with the marquee and the bar and the Rotary who helped out with guiding the traffic. We also enjoyed the magnificent show from Mrs Crawford's Highland Dancers!

Tillywhally Woodland attraction

It has been a year since I wrote my first submission to the Newsletter about this beautiful little wood. Since then the Milnathort in Bloom Biodiversity Project funded by Perth and Kinross Quality of Life has made great progress.

We had two successful volunteer action family events – Snowdrop planting in November last year and Birdbox building in February this year (featured in the Newsletter). Thanks to fantastic help from the participating volunteers, the woodland is becoming a better wildlife habitat and a more attractive outdoor destination.

Spring has not been very warm this year and plants are developing slowly, but the birds have filled the woodland with their spring symphony. If you take a walk among the trees you will hear and observe Blue tits, Great tits, Longtail tits, Chaffinches, Wood pigeons, Willow warblers and Blackbirds. Bluetits have taken up residence in some of the birdboxes installed in February. Blackbirds made their nest in a den raised by children in February. Wrens have claimed territory at the end of the wood. On the edge of the woodland, Yellowhammer and Corncrakes can be spotted, and occasionally you will see a great shadow of Buzzard.

The wood is dressing up in colour – after the first appearance of Pink purslane, the Bluebells (hybrid species) are springing up. Soon the meadows will display the rainbow of colours with the queen of Tillywhally – Common spotted orchid. May weekend saw a small group of conservationists planting woodland mix flowers around the forest and hopefully we will soon see Violets, Foxgloves,



Volunteers of all ages have been helping out in the wood!

Giant bellflower, native Bluebell, Red campion and Primrose. In the wetland area, volunteers planted Meadowsweet, Yellow Flag Iris, Ragged Robin and Valerian.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who gave their time to make our community woodland a beautiful ecosystem. This project would not have progressed without your help. All the family events were documented through images that you can view on:

www.facebook.com/TillywhallyCommunityWoodland.

Lastly I would like to mention another important improvement in the woodland - a new bin for dog waste at the eastern entrance to the woodland, courtesy of the council. All dog owners are greatly encouraged to take advantage of this new facility and I would like to politely ask them to be considerate of other walkers, in particular little children, who come to the forest to enjoy nature. There is truly nothing more off-putting seeing a beautiful flower next to a large dog poo.

More details about the Biodiversity Project from Gosia Stanton on mmm.sozanska@btinternet.com, 01577 861237.

Loch Leven Community Campus

Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross

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2013 Programme of Events

Antiques, Vintage, Retro and Collectors Fair – Saturday

15 June. There will be buying, selling and valuations given. Admission will be from 9.30am – 3.30pm with entry fee of £1.00 per person.

Car Boot Sale – Sunday 7 July

Outdoor pitches and indoor tables available. Free public admission from 10am – 1pm with sellers set up from 9am. All pitches and tables must be booked in advance. Please contact Gerry McGregor at lochlevenreception@pkc.gov.uk for a booking form. Price is £10.00 per outdoor pitch or indoor table.

Vintage Day 40's Style – Sunday 25 August

This will include an Afternoon Tea Dance, Scottish Military Vintage Vehicles, Vintage Fair and many other 40's displays and activities. Further details will be published in due course.

Other Events for 2013

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| Sun 23 June | Loch Leven Diamonds Baton Twirlers Competition |
| Sat 17 Aug | Antiques and Collectors Fair |
| Sun 25 Aug | Vintage Day '40's Style' *Date change* |
| Sun 1 Sep | Unique Events Craft Fair |
| Sat 14 Sep | Antiques and Collectors Fair (TBC) |
| October | Car Boot / Table Top Sale (date TBC) |
| Sat 19 Oct | Antiques and Collectors Fair |
| Sat 2 Nov | Charities Christmas Cards Sale |
| Sun 3 Nov | Unique Events Craft Fair |
| Sat 9 Nov | Christmas Festival and Craft Fair |
| Fri 15/Sat 16 Nov | KLEO Music Festival |
| Fri 22/23 Nov | KLEO Music Festival |
| Sun 1 Dec | Unique Events 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.

Kinross and District Town Twinning Association



There is a smaller than usual number of Gacéans travelling to Kinross for this year's official twinning visit from 5th to 12th August, so the new families who have become interested in hosting will have to be disappointed on this occasion. The Gacéans will be present at the Town Twinning stand at Kinross Show, promoting their local products of the 'Three Cs' – cheeses, cider and calvados. Interested parties can also find out more about twinning from asking those who are directly involved.

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Kinross-shire Round Table

Round Tablers have recently enjoyed an evening of clay pigeon shooting at Craigluscar, Dunfermline and a very interesting visit to the Kinross Vaulting Group near Carnbo where we were given a demonstration of what they do. Kinross-shire Round Tablers are pleased to have recently donated money to this worthwhile organisation. On 23 May we took part in an Area event Karting at Knockhill. We are very much looking forward to the talk to be given by Prof David Munro at the Green Hotel on Tuesday 4 June. More on this next month. Our programme, with details of events, is available on www.kinross-shire.roundtable.co.uk

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



Milnathort and Kinross Allotment Association

A total of 15 volunteers turned up to make a start on clearing the land in readiness for starting the allotments in April. Lots of scrap metal and plastic was removed and a small bonfire made short work of wood which was not good enough to be re used. It is the intention of the group to make use of anything which is re-useable, so lots of bricks and slabs will come in very handy.

A small group of members also took a stall at the Kinross Feel Good Fair, selling home-made produce, plants, jams and chutney, delicious tiffin and flapjack, all in aid of fund raising for the venture. The group were also at the Green Finger Day, which thankfully was indoors, so no high winds meant that children could be involved in making 'fruit and vegetable faces', and take away a sunflower or courgette seed to grow at home as a reward for their efforts.

The Allotment Association now has a membership of 22 so with only 30 allotments available initially, if you are interested, now is the time to get your name down, get digging and get healthy! Application form on line at www.milnathortandkinrossallotments.org.uk



Jimmy, Neil, Ann and Rory at the Feel Good Fair

Kinross Camera Club

www.kinrosscameraclub.org.uk



Our formal season ended in fine style, with the competitive entries from the Treasure Hunt teams being complemented by an audio-visual presentation by a member who, though unable to participate in the actual competition, took numerous photographs around St Andrews and provided an interesting alternative view of the town.

The Annual Dinner and presentation of prizes was held at The Thistle Hotel in Milnathort and was generally very well received, especially by the prize-winners!

A group of members went to the Beltane Festival on Calton Hill in Edinburgh and despite a very chilly night, enjoyed the entertainment and obtained some very interesting photographs.

This weekend (17 May) is the club's annual weekend away and the venue this year is Seahouses, where we will be staying at the Bamburgh Castle Inn. It is located in a beautiful part of the country and if the weather takes pity on us, we hope to have a very enjoyable time. There are various other excursions and visits planned during the summer, including a visit to Brechin to attend the Scottish Photographic Federation's 90th Scottish International Salon of Photography. This is being hosted by Brechin Photographic Society as part of the celebration of their 125th Anniversary. Another exhibition currently running is being hosted by the library at the community campus and features prints from members of our own club. Regrettably this will have finished before the Newsletter becomes available, but we hope those who have seen it will have enjoyed it, and for those who have missed this one, we will be holding another one in the summer.

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

Kinross and District Junior Agricultural Club

Now that lambing is coming to an end, many of our members have more free time on their hands, so last month saw a Field Day practice, Dairy Stock Judging and a Mock Auction and Valuation meeting kindly hosted by West Fife. Considering many younger members are currently sitting their exams at School and University, attendance to meetings has been good.

This month's syllabus consists of Go-Karting in Dundee on 11 June. Anyone wishing to go is to give their name to Charlotte Erskine (07999818245) ASAP and the club will be part subsidising this event due to its popularity. Then comes the main event of the Young Farmers diary! The Royal Highland Show takes place 20-23 June and will see members take part in a variety of events from Stock Judging, Arts and Crafts, The Robert Wiseman's Milk Challenge and Tug of War. One member (Jonathan Sloan) is doing a cabinet making and furniture restoration demonstration over two days in the Crafts Pavilion.

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

Kinross-shire Historical Society



Having had a talk on the Adam family by Elizabeth Adam last year, a group of members of Kinross-shire Historical Society thoroughly enjoyed a visit to Blair Adam House on Saturday 11 May.

Keith and Elizabeth Adam led the tour, giving an insight into the famous family, which included architects, lawyers, politicians and Naval Officers. Several rooms were on display with a wealth of portraits, architectural drawings and watercolours. Using a selection of family items, events of history, both family and national, were brought to life.

After tea and cake in the dining room, the visit finished with a walk through the grounds to the walled garden.



Keith Adam addresses members of the Historical Society on the steps of Blair Adam House

Scotlandwell in Bloom

The coffers of Scotlandwell in Bloom have well and truly swollen after our very successful Plant and Bake sale on Saturday 11 May in the Well Country Inn. The group would like to extend a huge thank you to those who very kindly handed in goodies to be sold and to everyone who came along and spent their hard earned cash, and also for the cash donations from those who were unable to attend. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Thanks also to Claire and Sue for organising the 'Butterfly Square' quiz and supplying the prize of an ornamental garden planter. The winner of the quiz was Elaine Carruthers. Last, but by no means least, grateful thanks to Ronnie and Tanya of the Well Country Inn, whose support of Scotlandwell in Bloom, as always, goes above and beyond the call of duty.

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Kinross & District Art Club



The club is in its summer recess at the moment, and will start again on Tuesday 27 and Friday 30

August. We will be busy over the next few weeks, however, preparing for our annual exhibition in September and in the meantime, enjoying some outdoor painting sessions.

These are organised annually by John Tydeman and this year we are fortunate to be able to make a second visit to Blair Adam House and Gardens on Tuesday 25 June, to Cleish village on Friday 5 July and to the Boathouse at Kinross, plus the surrounding park area and a trip to Castle Island, on Tuesday 9 July.

If you are thinking about joining us and would like to participate in one of these outdoor painting sessions, do get in touch with Sybil at: sjgmurthly@onetel.com or on **01577 830347**

You can also find out more about the club and see some of our work at www.kadac.co.uk

Potager Garden

www.potagerardenkinross.com



At the garden we are busy with the schoolchildren's visits, and starting to plant vegetables in pots, and outside, now that the soil is finally warming up. **We have young vegetable plants and herbs, bedding plants and perennials for sale** at the garden on Monday mornings from 10.30am to 12.30pm or on Thursdays, from 3pm to 4.30pm. If you would like to arrange to visit at another time to look at our plant stock, please contact Amanda, as below.

We are also preparing for our AGM at the end of May, and making plans for the sensory area at the garden. **The garden is open every day** in good weather and you are welcome to come to sit and listen to the birds, and watch the bees and butterflies. **Children MUST be accompanied by an adult** for safety reasons, and dogs kept on a lead, and please do not eat anything you find in the garden, even if you think you know that it is safe.

On the morning of **Saturday 8 June**, from 10.30am to 12 noon, we will be holding a **"Blooming Great Tea Party"** at the garden, in aid of **Marie Curie Cancer Care**. All welcome; please tell your friends, and plants will also be for sale then as well.

For further information, contact Amanda James, on (01577) 840809, or amanda@tyafon.plus.com

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Ladies Circle



At the end of April we held our AGM at Reminiscence Café, Kinross, and it was the ideal venue to reminisce and reflect on yet another fantastic year of 'Fun and Fundraising'. What a jam packed year we have had, with great girls' nights out including cocktail making, cinema trips, the President's Ball in Falkirk, treasure hunts and the one we all really enjoyed – hover crafting! It was also a hugely successful fundraising year with the food stop for the Lepra Bike Ride, Glenfarg Santa Sleigh, Bag Packing at Sainsbury's, Comedy Night, and T in the Park Refresh Area, all of which helped to raise enough to bring the CRY Screening van to Kinross for two days. CRY, which stands for Cardiac Risk in the Young, was the nominated charity of last year's Chair, Angela Gault. We also donate to local organisations who contacted us for financial support. Last year we helped Kinross Badminton Club, Kinross Family in Need, Kinross Diamonds, Glenfarg Brownies & Scout Groups and Anna Gourlay, donating a total of £800.

Looking forward to the next year, we selected Kate Low as Chair. It is the responsibility of the new chair to nominate a charity to benefit from this year's fundraising and Kate has chosen JDRF, the type 1 diabetes charity. It is run by people with type 1, for people with type 1. They fund research to cure, treat and prevent type 1 diabetes. They provide information for children, adults and parents living with the condition, at all stages from diagnosis and beyond. They give a voice to people with type 1 diabetes.

Ladies Circle meets every second Thursday, and if you would like to join us for some of the great nights we have planned for the year ahead, then please call Emma on 07967155234 or check out our website www.ladiescircle.co.uk/kinross

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Dobbies Community Champion

I am currently in the process of making donations of gardening equipment and plants to the Nursery class at Kinross Primary School, and Crook of Devon Village Hall committee, as part of the **Dobbies "Here we Grow" programme**. If your school or community group would like to be considered for support through the programme, please contact me at herewegrowkinross@dobbies.com.

At the beginning of May, I was invited to **visit Duncricvie**, near Glenfarg, to meet members of BUD (Brighten up Duncricvie) and see their wonderful display of daffodils throughout the village, most of which were donated by Dobbies in Kinross in October 2011. The photo shows Marion Knott, Anne Coudrey, Margaret Scott, Kate and David Arnold, and their Westie, Alfie, in typical May weather! I would like to thank them all for their warm welcome, and gratitude for our earlier donation.



Members of BUD (Brighten up Duncricvie) with their daffodils

The next **Little Seedlings children's gardening club** meeting will be on **Sunday 2 June 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 bees and pollination, and planting sunflower seeds to grow at home, for our sunflower competition, at the beginning of September. The meeting on 7 July will feature more about flowers, and helping butterflies in your garden. Please contact the garden centre to book your place for these sessions on (01577) 863327.

We are also planning some **free activity sessions for children** during the summer holidays, further details at the Garden Centre and in the next newsletter.

I work part time at the Kinross store, please leave a message with any ideas or questions, and I will contact you as soon as possible.

Amanda James, Community Champion

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Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



The June Club meeting will be held on **Thursday 6 June** at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall. The speaker will be Jim Patterson who will give a talk on Kinross. At the May meeting Doctor Simon Taylor, ably assisted by Professor Munro, gave a very interesting talk on Scottish place names.

Away Days June

Thur 27 June: Kenmore Picnic – please remember to bring your own food.

There is only one away day this month as the mini-bus is being used for other purposes.

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: This year the outing will be a steamer trip on Loch Katrine followed by High Tea at the Loch Achray Hotel. Before going on the cruise there will be a stop at Aberfoyle. The inclusive cost will be £28.50 dependent on numbers attending. The outing will take place on **Sunday 14 July**. The list will be available at the June meeting. Contact: Pat Crawford on 01577 862962.

Theatre Outing: “Hello Dolly” Pitlochry Festival Theatre **3 July**. There are still two seats available for this show. The total cost of seats and coach, £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.

The Club has made an advance booking for the show “It’s a Wonderful Life” at the Pitlochry Festival Theatre on **Wednesday 4 December**. More details will be provided at a later date.

Annual Holiday 2014: This holiday, to the Royal Clifton Hotel, Southport, will be a month later than previous years

and will be for the period 9 to 14 March. Contact: Pat Crawford on 01577 862962.

Friday Walkers

7 June: The Glendevon Wind Farm from the car park at the foot of Glensherrup. The walk starts with a steady climb up a roadway to get up to the level of the turbines, but once the first one is reached the others are easy to get to. On a fine day, the views from the hill are spectacular – a there and back walk, which is about our usual distance.

21 June: Starting from the Falkirk Wheel, we go to see the Antonine Wall and Rough Castle and continue down to Bonnybridge to come back along the Forth and Clyde Canal, to get back to The Wheel. This is an easy walk along good paths, and less than 6 miles.

Contact: Ian Simpson 01577 863691.

Friday Hill Walkers:

14 June Loch Ordie (NO BUS) 8.30am

28 June Balmerino Margaret 8.30am

12 July Loch Skiach 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 and will re-commence on **Tuesday 3 September**. 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.

Kinross in Bloom



Another month has passed and although the days are longer and the sun, when it appears, is getting warmer, mother nature is still blessing us with low temperatures. This has slowed the growth of most of our spring flowers, and whilst the snowdrops and crocuses are already over, the daffodils are in full bloom. The tulips have now come away, although some foliage seems to have been frosted slightly, and some stems slightly bent and twisted.

Our polytunnel is presently full of plants, carefully tended, and will be ready for planting into hanging baskets on **Saturday 1 June**, so if you are interested in lending a hand, please come along to the polytunnel from 10am onwards; you will be made very welcome.

Our 200 Club winners for May are:

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| 1. No.9 Sandra Findlay | 2. No.1 Elizabeth McBain |
| 3. No.77 Margaret Archer | 4. No.4 John Dryburgh |

Our **AGM** will be held on **Wednesday 12 June** in the Kinross Church Centre, followed by our normal monthly meeting.

Kinross Parish Church

Time

‘For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven’

Ecclesiastes chapter 5, verse 3

Along with all other congregations of the Church of Scotland, the members of Kinross Parish Church are considering their stewardship of Time, Talents and Money over a three-year cycle. Having considered Talents in 2012 with its ‘Faith in Action’ programme, the church is considering Time this year.

This period of reflection on Time will start off with the Elder-led Morning Service at 10.30am on **Sunday 9 June**. The elder-led service has become an annual event and involves not just the elders but other members of the congregation including young people. There is always a special collection for the Church of Scotland’s HIV/AIDS project work.

The service last year was described as ‘a wonderful celebration of talents – singing, acting, prayerful worship (and tray baking!)’ and raised £200.



Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



At the April meeting we enjoyed a glimpse into Edinburgh's past provided by Graeme Cruickshank's fascinating illustrated talk on The Edinburgh International Exhibition of Industry, Science and Art held in 1886. He showed rare slides and contemporary photographs of the huge building in the Meadows which housed the exhibits and, although not as large as the Crystal Palace, it was clearly intended to be the Scottish equivalent.

The spacious layout, impressive entrances and countless stands attracted exhibitors from all over Europe. Nearly a quarter of the space housed huge working machines such as a sugar processing machine from Glasgow while the transport section had an entire railway engine shown by Caledonian Railways. It was a celebration of Scottish manufacturing skills.

Another section was in domestic scale. It housed craft workers, prominent among whom was a number of Shetland women demonstrating Fair Isle knitting. There was a specially constructed Old Edinburgh Street (made of lathe and plaster) which housed shops selling a variety of goods. Among other quintessentially Scottish objects there was Tartanware and Mauchline.

Entertainments such as hot air balloon racing provided relaxation.

The exhibition was a success; it lasted for six months and attracted 2¾ million visitors, yet no trace of it stays in the Meadows.

Graeme Cruickshank's research provided a splendid evening.

Members are reminded that the visit to Bowhill is on **Sunday 2 June**, and the AGM is on **Wednesday 12 June**.

Kinross-shire schools boost Fairtrade



Two Kinross-shire Primary Schools have raised over £500 selling Traidcraft goods this year, helping the county maintain its position as a 'Fair Trade County' and to achieve the highest-ever annual turnover for Traidcraft in Kinross-shire. Traidcraft is the UK's leading fair trade organisation, founded by Christians in 1979 as a response to poverty.

Class 6B of Kinross Primary School, under the guidance of their teacher Mrs Dryden, held an afternoon stall to sell Traidcraft products as part of Fairtrade Fortnight which raised £215 and a further event at the school raised another £175.

Milnathort Primary School organised a coffee morning during Fairtrade Fortnight and raised £50 from the Traidcraft stall alone. Another event at the school raised a further £91.

One of the local organisers for Traidcraft, Isobel Watt, said that they were delighted by the efforts of the school pupils who had helped not only to raise money but also to raise awareness of the need for Fair Trade.

Isobel has herself now launched a project locally whereby jewellery, phones and old coins can be recycled through Traidcraft Exchange. Anyone who has anything they wish to give should contact her on 07961919967.

Kinross Museum



Amongst a number of recent donations to the Museum has been a fine collection of minute books, correspondence, cups and medals associated with the Orwell Curling Club and on 18 May, on a day devoted to horticulture in the Community Campus, the Museum mounted a display of trophies, minute books, photos and programmes related to Milnathort Horticultural Society and its annual shows held from 1886 to 2005. June sees the opening of a new exhibition entitled *A Loch of Bronze: New finds from Kinross-shire's Bronze Age*. If you have not yet visited the Museum, this display is a must to see.



Rink, Orwell Club, winners of Loch Leven Province Match in 1903

Kinross Garden Group



Group members and friends had a successful trip to The Explorers Garden at Pitlochry in May.

Our next trip is to Berwick and Lindisfarne on **Thursday 13 June**. This is a National Trust property. If you are interested in joining us, contact Mrs C Rodger 01577 863785.

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Kinross & District Probus Club



Mr Lloyd Pitcairn gave the talk at the last meeting of the season on 17 April. Mr Pitcairn spent the early part of his career serving with the Military Police and upon his demobilisation he took up the study of genealogy. He describes himself as a professional genealogist and employs his skills searching for relatives of persons who have died without leaving a will (intestate). Thus the title of his talk 'Heir Hunters', as shown on television.

Mr Pitcairn told of various scenarios to illustrate the highs and lows of the job and the difficulties of tracing the relatives and descendants of the deceased. For instance, the deceased may have siblings dispersed to other countries. And brothers and sisters may, themselves, have died but have left large families. Finding children was one of the most difficult tasks.

Over the years, many people from this country have emigrated to countries such as Canada, Australia and the United States. This made the tracing of descendants even more difficult. In his experience, Mr Pitcairn estimated a 40% success rate in finding relatives in America after requesting the authorities there to make a search. Other difficulties with overseas enquiries came about because of the different legal systems in those countries. It was in such cases that the lack of information, as was the case in most of the enquiries, proved to be the biggest problem.

Heir Hunters worked for a fee, usually 10% or 20% of the estate, and sought to enter into a contract with the heirs. This, of course, brought its own problems. Firstly there was competition from other heir hunters. Secondly there was the problem of getting all the heirs to sign up, especially with large families and especially with large families overseas. And, lastly, the fact that the estate may not be large enough to provide cover for the costs involved in tracing relatives. Obviously there is strong competition to secure contracts with relatives who are in line to inherit large sums.

This is where the moral responsibility of the heir hunter to complete investigations is invoked. The hunter has to bear in mind that they bear sad tidings of deaths to people who may have lost touch with their family. Children may be brought together with lost parents or brothers and sisters. People may have no inkling that they are entitled to any inheritance. The hunter must proceed in his quest with dignity and with compassion. Fortunately, there are more successes than failures, with 60% a success rate.

Bill Gibson gave the vote of thanks for an interesting talk.

The Annual General Meeting of the club was then held. **Mr W C (Bill) Michie** was elected, unanimously, as President for Year 2013-2014 (telephone 01592 840602). **Mr R G (Bob) Ballard** (telephone 01577 865936) was elected as Secretary. The next Probus meeting will be held on **Wednesday 4 September 2013**.

Lodge St Serf No 327

Lodge St Serf No 327 held a Social Evening for members and friends on Saturday 11 May in the Masonic Hall, which was a huge success. We would like to thank all who attended, especially those who donated so generously and the entertainer who supplied the music.



Common Grounds



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June should be bursting out all over with long warm summer days and all that goes with it; holidays, going to lots of nice and interesting places. The sound of lawn mowers cutting grass and of course the smell of food cooking on barbecues. Ah! Summer at last, my best wishes for that.

Our **Project Lunch** held on 7 May was a real success and heartfelt thanks go out to Judy Thomson from Balraig Foundation and Freedom from Fistula Foundation. These two charities were set up by Ann Gloag of Stagecoach to help the needy in Kenya and East Africa. Briefly what they do is help feed the hungry, educate the children and provide healthcare and surgery for the ill. By ill, we mean childbearing females who, after giving birth, suffer from fistulas and require surgery. They are based at the Kenya Children's Home Campus in Nairobi. Judy gave a really heartfelt talk on the work of these charities and used two DVDs in which Ann Gloag explained in person what the charities meant to her and how she was able to help in many ways, especially meeting government ministers etc. Judy and the charities can be contacted at their shop Afri-Can in Perth High Street, which sells goods from Kenya which Common Grounds also stocks on their behalf.

Our project for June is Lively Minds which provides community-run play centres that help children learn through play, promote good health and hygiene and empower communities to change their children's lives and their own, for the better. They work in Uganda and Ghana.

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www.spanglefish.com/commongroundscharitycafe

Do please remember our great need for **firewood** to keep our home fire burning at Common Grounds, if you can help, then please telephone James Henry on the number below. As previously confirmed our **June Lunch** has Alexander McCall Smith coming to speak to us. Due to circumstances (mostly numbers) this event is by **invitation only** and is our celebration of reaching the target of donating £100,000 to self-help charities, mainly in Africa.

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

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Kinnesswood in Bloom

Kinnesswood in Bloom were to be represented at the Greenfingers Day at the Campus on 18 May. They would sell some plants, raffle a knitted scarecrow and show pictures of the work done by the group.

The recent car boot sale had made £85 on the day but more income was expected after selling some items on e-bay.

Kinnesswood in Bloom are once again working with the children of Portmoak Primary School to produce artwork for the Portmoak Festival. In cooperation with SNH and RSPB there will be a theme of "The Year of Natural Scotland 2013". The individual pictures of wildlife around Loch Leven, drawn or painted by the children will be made into murals with the help of the resident artist with SNH. During the last week in June the individual pictures will be on display in Portmoak Church. Funding has been applied for to take this project forward.



Under new management
Simon Jr., the Tots' garden

Kinnesswood in Bloom has pledged to take part in the National Spring Clean event. This year the groups will take part at any time in cleaning up their area and promise to keep it clean throughout the year. We will be concentrating our first efforts before the Portmoak Festival.

During the last work party at the school the group were pleased to welcome some mums who were recruited by Kirsty, showing that direct contact can be most effective.

Work with the school health group continues and a recent planting of barley was showing an excellent crop. We look forward to making lemon barley water or barley soup in due course. Many thanks are due to Moira Drysdale for providing the barley and instructions.

Once again hanging baskets have been ordered and watering arrangements will be the same as last year.

The latest work party was at Lavender Walk when some lavenders were replaced and general maintenance took place. For other work parties please look on the notice board.

Portmoak Hall Draw 100 Club

April Draw

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| 1st | No. 64 | Susan Forde, Scotlandwell |
| 2nd | No. 44 | Joe Smith, Scotlandwell |
| 3rd | No. 55 | Nora Austin, Kinnesswood |

Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

Orkney Oatmeal Soup

Ingredients

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| 50g butter | 2 medium-size carrots, grated |
| 1 leek, chopped | 150g cabbage, finely chopped |
| 25g fine oatmeal | 600ml stock |
| 400ml milk | salt and pepper |

Method

Melt the butter in a good-sized pot and add all the vegetables. Stir with a wooden spoon and reduce to a low heat. Cover and cook gently for about 5 mins, stirring occasionally. Add the oatmeal and stir in. Cook for another 5 mins. Add the stock, salt and pepper and simmer for about 15 mins. The soup can now be liquidised or sieved. The milk can be added before serving. It only remains to heat well to make a good flavoursome soup.



Home-Start training course starting in September

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Volunteering for Home-Start Perth can be very rewarding. If you have parenting experience and feel you could spare some time to support a family in your community, then please get in touch. After an initial training course (4 hours per week for 8 weeks) we can offer expenses, support, ongoing training and opportunities to meet other volunteers in return for two hours of your time each week.

The next course will take place at The Gateway in Perth from 10am to 2pm over an eight-week period, starting on **Wednesday 25 September**. Travel expenses will be covered.

We are always looking for new volunteers, male and female. If you are interested, please let us know and depending on demand we could arrange to deliver the training course locally to save participants having to travel into Perth each week.

We are also keen to encourage new Trustees to Home-Start Perth. If you feel you have skills that could benefit the organisation, please get in touch for an informal chat in the first instance.

If you are interested in the Home-Start's work, becoming a volunteer or a Trustee, please give Susan or Fiona a call on 01738 638847. Alternatively have a look at our website www.homestartperth.org.uk or email us on info@homestartperth.org.uk.

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

Rotary Club of Kinross & District



Guest speaker, Arthur Lloyd, took members on a fascinating tour of Barra and other Hebridean Isles with excellent slides enhanced by the audio accompaniment of music and sound effects. Identifying bird calls proved to be an enjoyable extra! An example of the laid back way of life in that part of the country was highlighted by the notice in a local shop window "Open except when closed"!

We were delighted to welcome back former member and retired Parish Church Minister the Rev Dr John Munro, who delivered a thought provoking and challenging Easter message which encouraged some lively discussion.

The Community Campus was the venue for the Area final of the Rotary sponsored Primary School Quiz, when local qualifier, Milnathort Primary School competed against nine Fife Schools. St Margaret's PS from Dunfermline emerged as winners, with Kirkcaldy West PS the runners up. They now go on to the District final to be held in Perth on 18 June. All participants received an Usborne Dictionary for Life presented by Rotary.

Members of the Club nominated for positions on the Club Council for 2013/14, attended the District Assembly held in the Rothes Halls in Glenrothes at the end of April.

The final speaker in April was Helen Galloway of the Hearing Dogs for the Blind Charity. The star of the show was Cherry the spaniel, who gave an impressive demonstration of the skills which these dogs can learn to carry out everyday tasks when they become the 'ears' of those that they are attached to. This Charity was established 30 years ago, and is now employed in dog breeding, training and matching to 'customers'. No government funding means that raising the money required to continue and expand the service is an on-going task. Consideration is now being given to the options available to the Club to assist this Charity in the most meaningful way possible.

Five members donned their Rotary tabards for duty at the Feel Good Fair held at the Community Campus on 11 May, and organised by the Kinross Local Events Organisation (KLEO) in conjunction with the Annual Kinross Half Marathon and Pipe Band contest. The cold weather was appreciated more by the athletes than by those Rotarians on gate duty!

The Annual Club Assembly was attended by Assistant District Governor Mike Jamieson from Perth, when presentations were made by members of the incoming Club Council. The proposals and projects outlined for 2013/14 should ensure an active and enjoyable year ahead.

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

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Loch Leven Community Campus

The PKC annual Campus Users Survey has recently been completed. Thank you to those of you who responded to the questions.

The summary can be viewed on the campus pages of KHS website: kinross.myallocator.com

We are currently reviewing the findings at the LLCC Management Group and will publish a draft Improvement Action plan shortly to detail developments at the campus and its services, and address issues raised.

You can also view a summary of a face-to-face survey campus staff carried out in April, at a weekend and one evening, which will be repeated quarterly to keep in touch with your views. The Campus Annual Report to 2013 is available on the website too.

We are planning an evening **Campus Consultation** session in August, for you to have the opportunity to discuss topics from the surveys, campus development and other issues you may wish to raise. This will be an open meeting, **provisionally booked for Monday 5 August** at 6pm.

If, at any time, you would like to give us feedback on the campus facilities and services, both positive and negative, please contact us at the campus, or complete a feedback form, which you can pick up at reception.

KHS Mary's Meals project

Kinross High School is starting the new school year with a new resolution. We have decided to commit our fundraising effort to a single charity for the coming year. It is a charity that we feel a close connection to: Mary's Meals.

This charity's aim is to feed children one nutritional meal a day in a place of education. At present they are feeding in excess of 750,000 children across the world. Just £10.70 will pay for one meal a day for one child for a whole year. Our aim is to raise £10.70 for every member of our school campus community; somewhere in the region of £11,000. Having spoken with the charity, £7,000 of this total has been earmarked for the construction of a new kitchen in a Malawi village.

Gemma Matthews, an S5 pupil said: "We have an enthusiastic and motivated team who are planning to hold fundraising events and promote Global Citizenship within the community. We are passionate about this inspirational organisation and hope to convince others to join us in our worthy quest."

More information on the organisation can be found on the Mary's Meals website www.marysmeals.org

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Kinross High School



By the time you read this, we will have reached the end of another era here in Kinross High School. Our sixth year pupils will have left us to take their next steps in work, training or tertiary education. It is a personal and communal moment. The end of schooldays is a significant and life-changing moment shared, in their turn, by most of the population. Many will remember that poignant moment when the realisation dawns that the final day in school has arrived. Many will have relived the highlights of the previous six years with friends and have been gifted final words of wisdom by teachers. This year – as ever – we wish all our leavers well and trust that their time with us will stand them in good stead whatever the future holds for them.

And for those returning? It is also the time of the year when we look back over the session and evaluate the progress made. There are key questions for all. Have we done all we said we would? Have we made the desired impact? Have we grasped the opportunities that arose? As I begin to pull together the answers, I am struck by the sheer complexity of the school's work in a single year and what has been achieved by the various groups that make up our community – pupils, parents and staff.

So how is the school's Report Card looking? Well, progress has certainly been made in all target areas. The pace of change has been variable with a few developments really flying ahead. Where the pace has been slower, we are in a good position to move further (and faster) next session. In the main, pupils have been well prepared for what lies ahead. New courses are in place and appropriate assessment lies ready. Next steps? Our teachers are ready to tackle the next phase of CfE development having gained valuable experience of the early stages.

An area of significant success is the achievement of our pupils during the past school year. Dozens have represented themselves and the school in a dazzling range of events and environments. Our annual Awards Evening will give us the chance to recognise and celebrate their successes within the academic context and our Achievement Ceremony will do the same in the contexts of sport, music, art, debating and much, much more.

The end of session is always a mixture of highs and lows. Celebrations and partings. Laughter and tears. In June we will say a final farewell to one of our longest serving staff members: Mr Fyfe will be leaving his globe and atlas behind and heading off to retirement. He has been a good and loyal servant to Kinross High School for many years, not just as a Geography teacher but also as a musician, DJ, lighting and sound engineer, minibus driver and in many other roles. We are sad to lose him but wish him and his wife and family the best in this new life phase.

The process of looking back also encourages us to look forward and we are, of course, also making preparations for the next generation of KHS pupils who will join us in August. I am confident that we will do a good job for them also and that in six years' time they too will be sad to leave this special place.

Have a glorious summer.

RH Keatings

Kinross High School Parent Council



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Email: jms927@btinternet.com

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

The fifth meeting of the 2012-13 session was held on 22 April and the KHSPC discussed the following items.

Headteacher's Report: Dick Keatings described current staffing levels and outlined action being taken to cover temporary and permanent vacancies. PKC conducted interviews at the school with parents, pupils and staff re progress on HMIE recommendations. There has been a price increase for school meals of 10p to £2.05. Teachers accompanying pupils on a recent skiing trip had received positive comments about pupils' behaviour from people who shared their hotel. Study leave has begun for S4, S5 and S6. We wish them exam success!

School blazers will be on sale at the school on the evening of **11 June** and at lunchtimes on **17 and 24 June**.

The Evidence2Success survey and concerns about this were discussed at a meeting of Parent Council Chairs. Bill Atkinson, Depute Director of Education and Children's Services, outlined the context and components of the survey. Education and Children's Services will continue to follow up the issues raised and communicate further with parents about any learning from the process.

It is hoped that the Parent Council website will soon be available as part of the High School website. Please bear with us while this change takes place. In the meantime, if you wish a copy of the current minutes, please contact the Clerk.

Current postholders of the Parent Council are: Douglas Ogilvie (Chair), Rory Stewart (Vice-chair) and Alan Miller (Treasurer). The Parent Council is in place to represent the views of parents and guardians of pupils at the school, to help ensure that our young people can learn and develop to their maximum potential. We work in partnership with the school to create a positive and proactive environment which supports pupils, staff and parents. The Parent Council is on hand to help support 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. There will be a meeting on **Monday 17 June**, which will include the **AGM**. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested.

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Milnathort Primary School

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Wider Sporting Success: Our cross country champions made their way to Kirkcaldy on a very cloudy day in late April to participate in the Scottish Schools Athletics Association Primary Schools Cross Country Championships. P7s Rory Hutchison, Sam Linn, Brian McCormick and Katie Leslie along with P6s Audrey Doyle, Calum Kitson and Sam Freeman gave it their all in this national event! Well done to them and thanks to their parents for their support!

Supporting Wider Reading with World Book Night: For the second consecutive year we were honoured to be designated "Givers" on World Book Night. Our application was chosen from thousands to share the pleasure of reading and we were given multiple copies of "The Island" by author Victoria Hislop to give away to parents or carers. The contribution to our children's love of books and reading that we can make by being great role models cannot be under estimated: we trust that all who got a copy of this novel have started reading it and have enjoyed it!

Sharing Learning between schools and across communities: We opened our doors to Cleish Primary school in May when they came along to perform two short dramas related to their learning about China. Our whole school was captivated by their colourful and engaging adaptation of traditional Chinese tales! That same afternoon our Festival of China continued as we welcomed friends and family to join us with a programme of events that covered Tai Chi, Mandarin Taster lessons and traditional storytelling, all washed down with some Chinese refreshments! We have also been the "Curators" of an Art Exhibition of Chinese art work on display at Loch Leven Library, pulling together work from our own learners and from Blairingone and Cleish Primaries.

School Summer Fair: A reminder to come along on Saturday 1 June 1pm-4pm to join in the fun at our annual Summer Fair! There will be stalls with things of interest for everyone! It's always a great family day out and this year will be no exception! See you there!

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

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For the most up to date minutes and other information please see our website.

Alternatively, contact the Clerk, Elyse Kirkham on 0774753513 or email:

elyse.kirkham@milnathortprimary.org.uk

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 Morrison's Let's Grow Vouchers. Please hand in to the school office. Thank you.

Milnathort Primary School Summer Fair

Saturday 1st June 2013, 1pm-4pm

Bouncy Castles, Tombola, Bottle Stall, Face Painting, Home Baking and Fair-Trade Refreshments, BBQ, RSPB Loch Leven, Scottish Natural Heritage and lots of great stalls. Fun for all the family. Everyone Welcome. Free Admission.

Kinross Primary School

Reporters: Renée Chan, Abigail Davidson and Amelia Bland.

Nursery News: The Nursery's ladies' night, raised £1,106 to go towards developing the nursery gardens!

The children are very excited about the transition into Primary 1.

P1 Plants: This term the P1 topic is 'Plants'. P1b are currently growing sunflowers, P1c are growing cress and P1a are growing flowers and cress. Happy growing!

P2 Under The Sea: The P2's are currently learning about the sea. They have learnt many things and both P2 classes shared what they have learnt at their 'Learning Assemblies'.

Playpod: As you may have noticed, there is a big blue container in the nursery and main school grounds. These are our 'Playpods'. They contain safe, scrap items for the pupils to play with. A quote from a P3 pupil said it all: "It is amazing, you can make lots of things with the stuff and you get to work as a team." The pupils who have used the pod so far have had great fun. Lots of dens, time-machines, spaceships and cars have been made!

Running Club: P6 and P7 runners took part on Scottish Schools Cross-country Championships, on 20 April at Kirkcaldy High School. We were very proud of our runners as there were almost 170 runners in each race from all over Scotland. Blair White, P6b, came 4th in his race. Well done to all and many thanks to parents/carers who supported us.

P7 Orienteering: On 18 April, all the P7s took part in an orienteering event at Lendrick Muir. Well done to everyone who took part.

Charity Hair Cut: On 6 May, P7 pupil, Renee Chan cut 15 inches off her hair for charity. Renee's hair was donated to "The Little Princess Trust" to make wigs for those with cancer. Renee raised over £300 for CHAS too. Well done, Renee!

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.

Kinross Boys' Brigade Display and Presentation of Awards



The following awards were presented at the Company's Annual Display and Presentation of Awards held at Kinross Church Centre on Friday 17 May where former Junior Section officer in charge Mr Rob McLachlan was inspecting officer with his wife Linda presenting the awards.

Anchor Section (primaries 1, 2 & 3)

Promotion Certificates to Junior Section: Aaron Ferguson, Ruairidh Sturgess, Grace Bland, Sean Michael, Tor McCulloch, Jamie Ferguson, Zoe Webster, Charlie McCaffrey, Grady Kinneil.

Best Squad: Squad 2 (The Snakes).

Best Anchors (1st Year): 1st Martha Harvey, 2nd Elizabeth Savage, 3rd Ingrid McCulloch

(2nd Year): 1st David Savage, 2nd Oliver Dunn.

(3rd Year): 1st Ruairidh Sturgess, 2nd Grace Bland, 3rd Sean Michael, 4th= Tor McCulloch & Jamie Ferguson.

Junior Section (primaries 4, 5 & 6)

Promotion Certificates to Company Section: Amy Wilson, Rory Ferguson, George Milne, Iona Thomson

Best Squad: Squad 2

Best Juniors (1st Year): Dylan Davidson, 2nd Jack Bird, 3rd Rebecca Roe, 4th Liam Menzies.

(2nd Year): 1st Thomas Caldwell, 2nd Andrew Clark, 3rd Matthew Dunn, 4th Charlotte Smith

(3rd Year): 1st Amy Wilson, 2nd George Milne, 3rd Iona Thomson, 4th Rory Ferguson

Best Junior Overall: Amy Wilson

Battalion Drill Championship Shield: Rory Ferguson

Company Section (P7 to S6)

Promotion to Staff Sergeant: Douglas MacKessack

Promotion to Sergeant: Billie McGregor, George Dick, Geordanne McLaren

Promotion to Lance Corporal: James Morrison

10 Pin Bowling Challenge Trophy: Mark Cathro

10 Pin Officers' Bowling Challenge Trophy: Paul Coulthard

Most Improved Volleyball Player: Jack Watson

Perth Recreational League Volleyball Championship Shield: Mitchell Brown

Battalion Awards

Drill Medal: Andrew Jack

Volleyball Cup: Adam Sweeney, Mark Cathro & Mitchell Brown

Pullar Inkstand (4 X 2 length swimming relay): Jack

Watson, Ruari Souter, Claire Wilson & Abbi Watson

Badminton Cup: James Morrison & Adam Sweeney

Table Tennis Cup: Euan Thomson & Mitchell Brown

Basketball Cup: Andrew Beveridge

Scripture Search Junior: Euan Thomson

Scripture Search Intermediate: 1st = James Morrison & Francesca Fiorentini, 2nd Geordanne McLaren, 3rd Lorine Clark

Scripture Search Senior: 1st Andrew Jack, 2nd Douglas MacKessack, 3rd Lewis McKenzie

Company Section Awards

Best Camper: Jennifer MacKessack

Best Squad: Squad 4 (George Dick, Christina Webster, Joshua Roe, James Morrison & Jack Watson).

Neale Trophy for Citizenship: Douglas MacKessack

Best Recruit: 1st Calum Jack, 2nd Claire Wilson

Best Youngster: 1st George Dick, 2nd Andrew Jack, 3rd Lewis McKenzie

Queen's Badges: Jack Finnie, Matthew McDonald

Staff Long Service Awards: David Munro - 44 years, Jack

Boyer - 34 years, David Campbell - 27 years, Rodney Thomson - 16 years.



Staff long service awards, l to r: Jack Boyter (34 years service), David Munro (44 years service), David Campbell (27 years service)

Inner Wheel AGM



The ladies of the Inner Wheel met at their usual venue the Windlestrae Hotel for their AGM as well as the May meeting. Retiring President Liz Pottie gave her report and thanked everyone for their support, especially Christine Maclure, who is retiring after three years as secretary. Everyone agreed that she had done a wonderful job of probably the hardest of all the officers' roles.

Liz also reported on the events held throughout the year, some to raise money for charities: the Witches Brew T Party, First Day of Spring Tea Party, and the Bridge Afternoon. Some events purely for fun, such as the visit to the Falkirk Wheel and, more recently, to Glendoick Gardens, followed by lunch at Murrayshall Golf Club. The outing was blessed with sunshine and mild weather, quite an achievement given the late spring we have had this year. Overseas Service Member Linda Bayne thanked everyone for their support in providing 25 back packs for Mary's

Meals, including members of the public who contributed goods to the collection and especially the committee members who spent an afternoon assembling the packs. The club had also given funds to Water Aid, and collected postage stamps to fund assistance dogs in the UK.

The AGM was followed by the normal meeting. The secretary read out invitations from other clubs and the incoming President invited members to join her on a 'foodies day out' in July, with a visit to an organic farm followed by lunch at a farm shop.

The handover meeting to new president and committee will be on **10 June**, when the speaker will be Ian Gow, giving a talk on Tanzania.

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Strathallan Charity Concert

On **Saturday 22 June**, at 7.30pm, pupils of Strathallan School will return to Kinross Parish Church to present a concert entitled "**A Midsummer Medley**". It will comprise performances by a number of the school's music scholars, on a variety of instruments, from fiddle to xylophone, and also in a wide range of vocal styles, including classical and musical theatre.

This will be Strathallan's fourth visit in recent years. Previously they have raised money for charities supported by the church, such as the Renovation Fund and the Maize Mill in Malawi. On this occasion a collection will be taken for the School's own Kenya charity.

The Strathallan community has a long-term commitment to four projects in the Nairobi region of Kenya.

In addition to a team of 16 pupils and three staff designing, running and funding all aspects of a two-week activity programme for 580 children at **Mashimoni Squatters Primary School** in Kibera, Africa's largest squatter settlement, the project puts 20 of the pupils through the school for the whole year, covering their fees, books, clothing and food. Without the support of Strathallan, these children would simply not be in school at all.

It supports **Kenya Children's Home (KCH)**, which is home to up to 200 orphaned, destitute and abandoned babies and children at any one time. Here, each August, the Strathallan project also runs a two-week activity programme in addition to supporting the children with their academic work and personal development, not least by spending time working with and talking to them. In addition, they help feed the 40+ babies in the nursery unit. They have already funded the rebuilding of the Play Park at KCH, an area which the youngsters love.

The **Solia Maasai Girls' Rescue Centre School** gives a unique opportunity for girls from 6 to 18 years to be freed from tribal customs and to have the opportunity to aspire to attending University and joining Kenya's future leaders. Funds are provided to make the girls' time at school as productive as it can be and those involved in the project have been hugely impressed by these inspirational young people.

The Strathallan Project are the sole funders of the **Connect Project**, a micro-business loans scheme which allows young people in and around the Nairobi slums to aspire to set up their own business. There is a professional field officer on the ground in Nairobi and the Kenyan youngsters put their business plans forward to her and to the sixth form Business Studies pupils at Strathallan, with a view to receiving a loan. Businesses such as motorbike taxis, hairdressers, tailors, charcoal and kerosene distributors and photo-voltaic mobile phone re-charge outlets are amongst those the project has been asked to fund. Connect is a sustainable project in that, if all the right decisions are made, the loan is repaid and the money can fund a further micro-business.

All donations collected go direct to these four projects. There are no middle-men and no administration charges taken out.



The Kinross-shire Civic Trust



Helping protect, conserve and provide a better built and natural environment

Annual Best Kept Village Competition: The judging will take place on Tuesday 6 August. All villages in Kinross-shire are encouraged to enter. It is a great opportunity for the community to work together and present their village looking at its best. The idea behind the competition is for every village to take a pride in its appearance and ensure that it always kept neat and tidy. Do consider entering your village.

The Annual Architectural Awards Competition this year is conversion and extension of existing buildings and conservation of historic projects. Judging will take place this summer.

Kinross Show: The Trust will be having its usual stall at the show this year and look forward to seeing members at it.

Portmoak Priory: Winter seems to be at last behind us and the Priory group are now able to continue with the work of establishing the old site in Portmoak Airfield. The work involved is completing the location of the site, generally tidying the site, installing the interpretive panel and seats around the area. A work programme has been set up to complete the work this summer.

Proposed Local Plan: The Trust continues to pursue its concern over the processes of the new Local Plan as it is still concerned about them. The Plan has now been submitted to the Department of Planning and Environmental Appeal ie the Scottish Government. The trust, along with other concerned bodies and people, has received a very brief response that the DPEA is satisfied with the processes and that the appeal will continue. The Trust is taking this further with the Scottish Government.

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Sports News

Kinross Rugby Club

Junior Section



As the season draws to a close, the Kinross minis players have been attending the usual end of season tournaments. Some highlights include: at Crieff, the P4 team coming second and losing only to an extra time try; the P3s, who have won both the large Stirling County tournament and the Perthshire tournament for the second year running; and the P5s winning the Glenrothes tournament for the second year running also.

With only one tournament left before the end of May, hopes are high that the club will continue to perform well. The season will then close and training will re-commence once the schools start in August.

The end of season awards day was held on 18 May, with the annual funday including BBQ, parents v kids matches and various other fun games. Following another enjoyable and rewarding season for all of the players, the following award winners were presented with their trophies and medals from Ollie Cox, the Kinross RFC club president.

| Age Group | Player of the Year | Most Improved Player |
|-----------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| P3 | Ramsay Scott and Angus Hunter | Jamie Morton |
| P4 | Struan Bennett | Adam Roberts |
| P5 | Kai McLean | Andrew Clark |
| P6 | Marshall Smith | Charlie Keegan |
| P7 | Jamie Roberts | Lewis MacPherson |

Senior Club

The season may be finished, but the rugby club will remain open over the summer months, and with the British Lions tour to Australia during June and early July, the club will be open and showing these matches. If you are looking to hold an event, why not consider using the rugby club.



Kinross Rugby Club Junior Section (minis) award winners
Photo courtesy of TGPIX

Kinross Bowling Club

The season is in full flow now and the first of our open/fun days is due to take place on 18 May. (Watch this space next month for a report on this.) We will be having more days like this throughout the summer, so please come and join in!

We have already played several friendly games against Dollar, Bridge of Earn, Orwell, Menstrie and Glenfarg, all of which were played in a jovial atmosphere, with not so warm weather, but summer is coming.

Our ladies have started their Scottish competitions already. Senior Fours played on 11 May at Riverside, Stirling, and were narrowly beaten by Cambus.

The Scottish Ladies Pairs played on 12 May at Cambus against Clackmannan and this time we won – we now play on 18 May at Alloa E. End against Cambusbarron (Stirling).

We have still to start the Ladies County Competitions and Gents Scottish and County Competitions, plus all our own club competitions – so plenty going on for the next few months – all we need now is some warmer weather!

Anyone wishing to find out more about the game, phone George Rennie (Sec) 01577 864727.

Kinross Men's Hockey Club

Kinross 1st XI finished the season in seventh place in East District Division 1, having played 21, won eight, drawn six and lost seven. The 2nd XI finished eleventh in Division 2 having played 21, won four, drawn two and lost 15.

At the AGM the following office bearers were elected: President: Douglas Ogilvie, Secretary: David Niven, Treasurer: Ollie Volland, 1st XI Captain: Chris Robson, Vice captain: Dan Marsh, 2nd XI captain: Graeme Malcolm, Vice captain: Andy MacIntyre, Kobra's co-ordinator and Child protection: Andy MacIntyre.

Summer mixed hockey has started with the emphasis on fun – ability not required and everyone is most welcome every Tuesday night 7.30pm to 9pm at KGV with informal games. There will be various tournaments throughout the summer.

For further information either contact Chris Robson on e-mail: captain@kinrosshockey.co.uk or David Niven: secretary@kinrosshockey.co.uk or visit our website at www.kinrosshockey.co.uk.

Kinross Volleyball Club

Kinross Volleyball Champs Again

Kinross Volleyball Club have swept the boards again in the Perth District League with the Kinross Scotrange team winning the Premier League for a sixth consecutive season and Kinross BB winning the Recreational League.

The ladies' group who have been benefiting from the Big Lottery Funding of free volleyball coaching will be playing their first competitive series of games when they take to the court in this year's Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament on Perth's North Inch over the last weekend in May. Over one hundred teams have entered this year's Open, which was started in 1985 by members of the Kinross Club with teams coming from as far afield as Belgium, Italy and the Faroe Islands.

Kinross met Dundee University in the final of the Scottish Regional Volleyball Championships at Linlithgow Academy on the afternoon of 12 May with Dundee having beaten local side Linlithgow Hornets in the morning and Kinross defeating Angus District. The final was a repeat of last year and again it was Dundee University who triumphed 25-22; 25-17.



Kinross, runners-up in the Scottish Regional Volleyball Championships

Summer Volleyball

Outdoor free volleyball resumes on Monday evenings (weather permitting) from 7pm with a new venue - the grass pitch at the community campus. As usual, all ages are welcome and should there be sufficient interest there will be two courts set up to cope with the renewed interest in volleyball.

Eight club members have signed up to take part in the 40th De Haan volleyball tournament in Belgium over the weekend 10-11 August and the outdoor sessions on Monday evening should keep them in shape in preparation for a busy weekend of volleyball.

Kinross BB Champs

Sunday evening 12 May saw the final round of fixtures for the Perth District Volleyball's Recreational League teams with the crunch match between Kinross BB and See Me being the virtual league decider.

It was the clash of the top two as Jamie Booth's Kinross BB met Kevan McShea's See Me. The first set opened fairly evenly before the BB side scored six points without reply to lead 16-9. See Me rallied towards the end of the set but it was BB who ran out winners by 25 points to 18. The second set saw the Kinross side lead 20-7 before See Me produced a fightback but again it was too little too late with Kinross BB winning by 25 points to 19 and wrap up the league championship trophy.



The Kinross BB volleyball team: winners of the Perth District Recreational League

Kinross BB Girls' Association played their first game of the evening against Ian McGrath's Motley Crew. The first set again was fairly even, the score reaching twenty points each before Crew crept ahead to win 25-22. The second set was Crew in the driving seat with Innes Penman's experience helping them to a 25-19 win.

The next game between Mongrels and Hits & Giggles went to a thrilling third set with Mongrels running away with the first set 25-14 only for Hits & Giggles to fight back and take the second set 25-20. Mongrels started the stronger in the third set and eventually sealed victory 15-10.

Kinross BB GA finished their season with a narrow victory against Tay Pearls 25-21; 25-20 with young Jack Watson improving week by week.

Champions Kinross BB then played Gregor Walker's Hitting Bricks for both sides' final game of the season but the champions had to fight all the way. Bricks led for most of the opening flurries but eventually the Kinross side levelled at fifteen points each before winning 25-21. The second set was also close with both sides on the seventeen point mark before the BB side moved ahead to win 25-20.

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Kinross Otters

Scottish National Age Group
Championships, Royal Commonwealth
Pool, Edinburgh, 10- 14 April



Continued from last month as Newsletter deadline day fell in the middle of the competition. The Otters had five swimmers qualify for this top notch competition - **Amy Broadhurst, Iona Crawford, Kirstin Haig, Aaron Gillon** and **Conor McCormick**.

Unfortunately **Amy** (12) was unable to complete her 100m Butterfly in the 10 - 13 year old girls event as she swallowed water, which quite often happens in this toughest of strokes. This was a great shame as she had done so well to qualify, but what an attitude she showed as she determined to do much better next year.



Members of the SNAGS team. From left to right: Ryan Curtis, Euan Boyle, Finlay Nesbitt, Aaron Gillon, Amy Broadhurst, Kirstin Haig and Iona Crawford

Kirstin (12) did manage to finish the same event having qualified just behind **Amy**, and came 63rd. She managed 56th in the 100m Backstroke.

Aaron (14) came 27th in the 14 year old boys 200m Backstroke, 29th in the 100m Breaststroke and 25th in the 100m Freestyle.

Conor (13) proved the star of the Otters show when he grabbed a brilliant 5th place in the 10-13 year old boys 100m Breaststroke in 1.18.35, taking over 5 seconds off his personal best! He had set 1.18.20 in the heats, which is actually an Otters club record (at 13!!). He was ranked 18th and came 6th last year. He managed a 12th place in the 100m Freestyle.

The Girls 4 x 100m 10-14 year old Medley Relay team came 21st (ranked 29th) with three 12 year olds in the team (**Amy Broadhurst, Iona Crawford, Kirstin Haig** and **Niamh Mullen**). The same team also came 21st (ranked 28th) in the 4 x 100m Freestyle.

The Boys 4 x 200m 10-14 year old Freestyle Relay team came 15th (ranked 16th) but were unfortunately disqualified in the 4 x 100m Medley event. The team consisted of **Ryan Curtis** (14), **Aaron Gillon**, **Conor McCormick** and **Finlay Nesbitt** (12).

Swimathon 2013, Loch Leven Leisure Centre, 28 April

The world's biggest fundraising swim took place at over 645 pools UK wide over the weekend of 26 - 28 April. Around 20,000 swimmers aimed to beat the £2 million raised by Swimathon 2012. The money raised goes to the Marie Curie Cancer Care and the Swimathon Foundation. The fundraising will allow Marie Curie Nurses to provide more care to people with terminal cancer and other illnesses. Marie Curie Nurses care for patients in their own homes, throughout the day or overnight. As well as managing and promoting Swimathon, the Swimathon Foundation offers grants to organisations and individuals who provide and promote swimming to their local community.

As usual there were Kinross Otters taking part and as an interesting aside and bonus to the big day, they produced some amazing results. In his fifth year of Swimathons, **Cameron McCloskey** (15) produced a quite outstanding display of endurance and speed in the 5km swim (200 lengths!) to knock around five minutes off last year's time and was once again the fastest swimmer all weekend at Kinross (including adults!). This year though he surpassed himself by also being the **fastest swimmer in Scotland** and **10th** quickest in the UK. He managed to come **third** quickest in the whole of the UK in the 13-15 year old category in 1 hour, six minutes and 40 seconds.

Come on folks, that deserves a donation (see below).

Swimathon regular **Conor McCormick** (13) also clocked a very fast time to come 44th quickest in the UK and 11th quickest in the 13-15 year old category.

Of course, it is not about times, it is about money.

Please go to:

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Enter name (Team or individual), Search, Donate.

Donations can still be made until the end of June.

Other Meets

The very busy month of April continued with a meet at Carnegie Leisure Centre, Dunfermline on 20/21 April (FIRST Meet) where **Finlay Nesbitt** (12) got a bronze in the 12-13 year old boys 200m Backstroke. Whilst over in Edinburgh at Mercat Gait, Prestonpans the Warrender Annual Junior Age Group Open Meet took place over the same weekend. For the Otters, it was a tale of two Jacks in **Jack Muncey** (9) who won three bronze medals at 50m Backstroke, 50m Freestyle and 200m Freestyle in the 9 and under category. **Jack Watson** also won a bronze medal in the 12 year old boys 200m Freestyle event.

The Aquanauts Annual Graded Meet took place at the Xcite Swimming Pool in Bathgate on 28 April and produced some more good results as follows: **Mhairi Boyle** (16) - 3 gold medals in 15+ 200m Individual Medley, 400m Freestyle and 200m Backstroke. **Aaron Gillon** (15) - a gold in the 15+ 200m Backstroke in a very fast 2.25.50 (new Club record), a silver in 400m Freestyle and a bronze in the 200m Breaststroke. **Rachel Brisbane** (16) - a gold in the 200m Breaststroke and a silver in the 200m Butterfly. **Finlay Nesbitt** (13) - silver in the 200m Breaststroke and a bronze in the 200m Butterfly. **Kirstin Haig** (13) - bronze in 200m Backstroke.

Newsletter Deadlines

A list of future deadlines can be found on our website

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Kinross Tennis Club

Tennis fever erupts at the club - coaching, matches and taster sessions are in full swing and Wimbledon is just around the corner too!

Our 8U mini reds have been stoically competing in the **Aegon Team Tennis** competition, narrowly losing 7-9 to St Andrews, 4-12 to Perth and 6-10 to Duffus. All players are enjoying the experience and their first taste of competition.

Our **14U P&D team** are having a tough time against some strong opposition: unlucky to lose 3-9 to Crieff, spirited in defeat 0-12 to Strathallan and a well earned 7-7 draw against Scone - special mention to Jack McNeill, Jamie Wills and Jacob Wong. Boys will also be competing shortly in the **Road to Wimbledon Competition**.

The current block of **Junior Coaching** completes on 30 June and is followed by our **Summer Camps**. The camps are open to all and will run from **1 to 5 July** and then **22 to 26 July**. The camps will be a mix of coaching, skills, fun games and competitions for all ages. Enquiries for junior coaching can be made to Helen Buchanan at kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com

We are hosting two tournaments in June. A **Mini Red Tournament** on **Sunday 2 June**, 1pm until 3pm, any *players born 1st September 2004 or earlier* are eligible to enter. Then on **Sunday 23 June an 18U Boys and an 18U Girls Tournament** from 3.30pm until 6.30pm. Entries for both can be made online at the LTA - further details available at the club. These tournaments are part of the Central Scotland Tournament Circuit and should be great fun for those participating and the results also count towards your player rating!

The ladies have not managed to field a consistent team for their first foray into Division one: so far, one win and three defeats. Our gents are fairing better with two wins and a defeat, and the new gents four-player team have won their only match played.

Adult Coaching: a five-week block has just started with beginners at 7pm and improvers at 8pm. Spaces are available and these are open to members and non-members. Enquiries to Vivien at kinrosstennis@gmail.com

Adult and Child Taster Sessions having been running since mid May for pre-school and 8U children with an adult and have proved very popular - our thanks to the Big Lottery for helping us support this initiative.

Wimbledon Open Day - Saturday 29 June, from 12 noon until 3pm. Come and try the on-court activities and tasters - they are free and will be great fun. This is an opportunity to meet other players and learn about the club. Reduced memberships this day only for NEW members.

Further information can be found on our website www.kinrosstennisclub.org.uk or by contacting our secretary Vivien Clarke on 01577 861323 or by emailing kinrosstennis@gmail.com.



Kinross Cavaliers Basketball Club



Everyone at Kinross Cavaliers Basketball has been training hard this season.

We have attended various tournaments within the Tayside & Fife Central Venue Development League, with the under 14's competing against teams from Arbroath, Perth, Dunfermline and Menzieshill, Dundee.

Ella Doherty and Kirstin Fotheringham have attended various Under 10 tournaments, playing as part of a team from Tayside & Fife. The first ever 'Under 10 National Challenge', supported by 'Cash Back for Communities' was held at The Peak in Stirling on 5 May. The Tayside & Fife team were placed joint second and Ella was awarded as one of the 'All Star 5' team of the tournament. Well done, girls! We would like to congratulate Brandon Davidson on being selected to train as part of Basketball Scotland's Under 12 'Future Starz' programme. Brandon has taken part in various weekends and a weekend camp of training. He has thoroughly enjoyed the programme and is using his newly acquired skills at training each week.

We will be losing some of the older players as they are now over 14 and unable to take part in the tournaments, but hope they will continue playing basketball, training with Perth Phoenix. Russel Kesson, Head Coach from Perth, has attended several training sessions in Kinross recently and looks forward to coaching the boys at the next level. Russel can be contacted on 0794 387 5824 or www.perthphoenixbasketball.co.uk

We would like to thank Fraser Notman, Head Coach for his hard work and commitment, along with Craig Bell, senior pupil at Kinross High School, and Ian 'Spike' Kenny who has recently returned from the skiing season in Canada.

Our coaches focus on fitness and having fun, and learning new basketball skills. If you are under 14 and are interested in basketball or would like to give basketball a try, just come along to the Campus any Tuesday from 6pm to 8pm.

Our weekly training sessions cost £3 each and, if you want to join the club, there is a one-off annual payment of £10. The one-off payment includes the loan of a club strip for the season.

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

please call Karen Nicholson on 07795 101719 or email k.e.nicholson@btinternet.com

or Fraser Notman on 07506 241653 or email chippysauce@btinternet.com.

Kinross Curling Trust



The Trust is delighted to announce a grant of £2,500.00 from the Kinross-shire Partnership. This generous contribution, together with a steady flow of pledges and donations from members of the trust and local curlers, mean that we are moving ever closer to raising sufficient funds to keep curling alive in Kinross. Messages of support have been received from Fossoway and Portmoak Community Councils and are expected from Kinross and Milnathort.

A decision on the viability of the project will be taken in the first week of June.

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Kinross Vaulting Group



We have had a really busy winter/spring training, with not too many sessions cancelled due to bad weather. We must say a huge thank you to Kinross

Round Table, who have very generously given us a large sum of money to help fund a guest coach coming to coach our vaulters. We also had a great time entertaining the Round Table when they came along to one of our training sessions to see what we get up to. If you have a group and would like to come along and see what we do give us a call:

Liz 07801 071754, lizmacward@hotmail.com

Lynn 07742 603952, lynn@woodofcoldrain.co.uk

Angela 07557 356546, Angela.pettinger@gmail.com

Or if you are male or female and aged 8 years to adult, with an interest in gymnastics, dance or horses please contact us for further details. We currently have a limited number of vacancies and this sport offers fun, fitness and friendship. A few of our vaulters have been training up one of our new vaulting horses "Ben". Their hard work paid off and he attended his first competition in March and did really well. Sixteen vaulters and three horses attended our first competition of the year at Ingliston Equestrian Centre near Glasgow on Sunday 17 March. We all had a long but fantastic day, and our team of coaches, lungers, and parents did a fantastic job of having everybody in place at the right time. All of our vaulters had some fantastic results and personal bests. Results were:

Intermediate team: 1st Hannah Ballantyne, Hayley Roberts, Heidi Ballantyne, Kirstin Henderson, Yazmin Williamson and Atholl Pettinger (this was the first time the club has had an intermediate team) lunged by Lynn Ballantyne on ILPH Ali.

Novice team: 2nd Beth Doran, Kirstin Doran, Laurie McFarlane, Duncan Lewis, Erika Machan, Mark Porteous lunged by Lynn Ballantyne on Robbie.

Senior individual: 4th Yazmin Williamson on ILPH Islay lunged by Liz Mackay.

Junior female individual: 6th Hannah Ballantyne, 8th Molly Turner on ILPH Islay, 13th Hayley Roberts on Robbie lunged by Liz Mackay.

Junior Male individual: 5th Duncan Lewis on Robbie lunged by Liz Mackay.

Child female individual: 4th Kirstin Henderson on ILPH Islay, 7th Heidi Ballantyne on Robbie lunged by Liz Mackay.

Child individual male: 1st Atholl Pettinger on Robbie lunged by Liz Mackay.

Walk individual (B): 3rd Emily Hardie, 7th Kirstin Doran on ILPH Islay, 8th Mark Porteous on Robbie, 10th Flora Ferguson on ILPH Islay lunged by Janice Henderson.

Walk individual (C): 2nd Louise Scott, 3rd Laurie McFarlane on Robbie lunged by Janice Henderson.

Walk pairs: 9th Flora Ferguson and Emily Hardie on ILPH Islay lunged by Janice Henderson.

Walk team: 1st Beth Doran, Kirstin Doran, Laurie McFarlane, Erika Machan, Duncan Lewis and Mark Porteous on Robbie lunged by Janice Henderson. On 12 to 14 April, six vaulters attended our first international competition in Belgium.

Robbie and Ali (the horses) travelled well and we arrived in Belgium on the Wednesday evening ready for the competition on the Friday. The horses were amazing and couldn't have been better behaved for the vaulters. Results were:

Senior individual: 2nd Sonyarisa Duckhouse, 4th Yazmin Williamson on ILPH Islay lunged by Liz Mackay.

Junior female individual: 10th Hannah Ballantyne on ILPH Islay, 11th Molly Turner on Robbie lunged by Liz Mackay.

Female child individual: 2nd Kirstin Henderson on ILPH Islay lunged by Liz Mackay.

Male individual 3rd Atholl Pettinger on Robbie lunged by Liz Mackay.

We also loaned Robbie to another Scottish group after their horse was injured and they were 1st in the pas de deux!

Kinross Colts

Hot on the heels of the club being awarded the SFA Quality Mark, our Year 2000 team have been awarded the Fifa Football Development League (FFDL) fair play award for this season. The award is based on monitor forms submitted after each game by both coaches and reflects the ethos of the team, coaches and parents. One bad report would mean missing out. As an award, the team will play Aberdour on the league cup finals day at the Warout Stadium, Glenrothes on Sunday 2 June, kick off 9.30am, a great reward for the boys effort. Our 2000 team remain on the lookout for some additional players (boys, date of birth 1 Jan - 31 Dec 2000), so if you are interested, please contact their coach, Jeph Hamilton (Mobile 07867 823208, email jeph.hamilton@uk.fujitsu.com).



Kinross Colts Year 2000 Team

Milnathort Golf Club

Not many people associate golf with opera but the similarity is that it ain't over till the fat lady sings! Mike Kirk started at the first with a 10 on 11 May and yet ended up winning! The format was of course Stableford, so although he didn't score on that particular hole, his overall 41 points in Division 2 was one ahead of Donald Brown and David Duncan's 40. The rules of golf then stipulate that where two (or more) players tie, you look at the back 9 and unfortunately for David, Donald's was better.

Division 1 winner was David J Malcolm 37 just 1 point ahead of Phil Leiper and Ian Brown both with 36 points.

David Duncan was again third for the mid week Medal on 14 May when his net 72 was just behind Kenny Duncan's 71 and Murdo McHardy's winning score of 70.

The first Jubilee Competition of the year, played on 4 May, was won by Margaret Johnston and Jim Hooper who each get 5 points. This is the Saturday "fun" mixed competition played over nine holes in the summer months followed by a "chatty" high tea in the clubhouse.

Earlier that day The Men's Monthly Medal was played and David J Malcolm won Division 1 with 78 – 7 = 71 narrowly beating Ian Brown's 72 (75 – 3). Division 2 was won by Murdo McHardy 89-18=71, Second Colin Wilson's 71 (BIN) and third Alan Marshall 90-18=72.

The Club Championships start on 8 June and this is regarded as one of the top events of the year with the eventual winner's name going on the Championship Board to be viewed by future generations, so make sure you have entered. The Mixed Open is on Sunday 30 June and telephone bookings can be made to the clubhouse.

Senior Section

On 18 April the first round of the Macari Trophy was played in dry but gale force winds, which led to some interesting shots! Nevertheless, although slow, all those who went out returned safely to the Clubhouse. The winner on the day was Scott Arnott, with John Mills following him home and Bob Tolson coming in third.

Thursday 25th saw the Seniors play the first round of the Seniors Quaich on another windy, cold day. However it didn't seem to affect some as the first three home, each on a creditable 69, were Ian McMillan, John Mills and Charlie Payne in that order, the result being calculated on a count back.

On 2 May, a Medal and Matchplay Qualifier was played with a very good attendance of 'old guys'! Sandy Dick was first home with a very good net 64, followed by Phil Leiper in second place and Scott Arnott coming third.

We entertained Falkland Seniors at Milnathort on 9 May in our annual friendly match, which was played in the usual friendly and convivial atmosphere, and was followed by an enjoyable light lunch. On this occasion Milnathort Seniors ran out winners 4 ½ to 1 ½.

Round 2 of the Macari Trophy was played on 16 May with a good turnout, no doubt due to the weather and the excellent company to be enjoyed. Home first was Charlie Payne, followed by Jim Hunter and Bob Tolson gaining third place. Well done, guys!

Dates for your diaries:

Our inaugural Senior Four Ball, Better Ball Open will be held on Thursday 20 June so if you haven't got your names down yet, there is still time!

Old balls!

We're still collecting them if you have any at home or lying unused in your golf bags. I've got another consignment ready to go off in the next couple of days, to the benefit of club funds. However, I'm always looking for more!

Junior Section

The juniors played their first competition in the sun the other day! This brought out some old faces and some new entrants for the May Monthly Medal, which was won by David McIntyre with a net 69. Fingers crossed for a few more sunny days as it makes all the difference. In the other recent competitions (all wet!), Gareth Hutchison won the Junior Stableford with 37 points, David McIntyre won both legs of the Junior & Committee Shield and Daniel Reilly with partner Sandy Fleming won the Gents & Junior Greensome.

The weekly junior events this year have also featured a 40 shot "flag competition" for those younger and less experienced golfers. Euan Wallace has won the first few of these, getting down the sixth fairway with his 40th shot. Euan Matthew and Lewis Carlisle have also done well in this competition, which provides a good introduction to competitive golf.

Blair Addison, David McIntyre, Ryan Brown, Rory Hutchison and Cameron Wallace played for the club's Junior Bells team in its recent match against Crieff Golf Club. The return leg at Crieff over the next few weeks will determine who progresses to the next round. Gareth and Rory Hutchison came 3rd with a net 68, competing against some of the best juniors in the county at the Perth & Kinross County Golf Mini-Foresomes competition held at Pitlochry Golf Club.

Ladies Section

The Spring weather has been challenging when playing golf but our Ladies Section have managed to play all but one game, which was abandoned due to flooding on the Greens following a long spell of rain.

The following are the results of the competitions:

15 April: 9 Hole Qualifying Stableford (2) Hester Niven, 18 points.

15 April: 18 Hole Qualifying Stableford 1st Rhona Wilson 34 points, bih, 2nd Karen Allen 34 Points, bih, 3rd Claire Abbott-Smith 34 points.

22 April: Montgomery Medal (1) Karen Allen (70)

24 April: Stroke Play Kirsty Flockhart (70)

Hot Putter Jackie Sneddon (30 putts)

29 April: SLGA (1) Caroline Marshall (74) bih Jackie Sneddon (74).

1 May: 18 Hole Stroke Play Gwen Tate (65)

6 May: Chest Heart & Stroke Charity Caroline Marshall (71).

13 May: Montgomery Medal (2) Patricia Lowry (78)

15 May: 9 Hole Qualifying Stableford Alexis Crawford 17 points.

15 May: 18 Hole Qualifying Stableford Gillian Pemberton 42 Points.

The Ladies Two Ball Open was held on 5 May. The results are:

Greig Targe and 1st Handicap G Tate/G Milne (Milnathort/Craigiehill) 68.5

2nd Handicap E McCulloch/H Niven (Milnathort) 74

3rd Handicap N Sutherland-Brown/T Kendrick (Milnathort) 75.5

1st Scratch D Watson/J Whiteford (Leven GS) 83

2nd Scratch J Sneddon/K Flockhart (Milnathort) 88

3rd Scratch L Bennett/J Robertson (Ladybank) 89

Kinross Kobras Junior Hockey

Kobras teams have been in action over the past few weeks. An U14 team took part in a tournament hosted by Grove Menzieshill in Dundee and played some of its best hockey of the year against the top teams in the region, winning four of its seven games (should have been five! but for some dubious umpiring). Two mixed age teams also took part in a tournament hosted by Perthshire HC and ended up playing a spirited 3rd vs 4th playoff match against each other, which was the highlight of the day. The club would like to thank SSE Scottish Hydro who have generously sponsored some new team shirts.

Two Kobras, Alex Wilson and David McIntyre, also played for the Midland District U14 teams in the Interdistrict U14 Tournament at Peffermill in Edinburgh. Alex scored most of the

team's goals and David, playing out of position in central defence, controlled the defence well and made several last ditch goal line clearances. Their team came 5th out of the 14 teams that took

part. Also selected for Midland District squads was Georgia Smith, who will be in the Midland District U15 squad for the Interdistrict U15 Tournament in early June.



The Kobras Teams from the Perthshire Tournament

Kinross Junior Curling Club



Kinross Juniors held their closing bonspiel, AGM and prize-giving on Sunday 24 March at The Green Hotel. The bonspiel was a fun affair and the eventual winners were Finlay Campbell, Gregor Bousie and Katie Bell.

At the prize-giving, the following trophies were presented:

Fossoway Cup: James Hay, Grant Barr, Lewis Leslie and Katie Bell

Jubilee Cup: Andrew Johnston, Linzi Sim, Beth Sutherland and Kirsty Paterson.

Jamie Birrell Memorial Quaich (Points): James Russell.

Anderson Rosebowl (Pairs): Alison Wood and Lewis Leslie

Low Road Pairs: Linzi Sim and Gavin Hay.

Most Improved Curler: Hannah Wood.

Perfect Attendance Prize: Lewis Leslie.

President Grant Barr welcomed everyone to the AGM when office bearers for the year ahead were elected: President: Fiona Spain, Vice-President: Andrew Johnston, Secretary: Fiona Campbell, Match Secretary: Alistair Wood, Treasurer: Iain Cormack, Lead Coach: Jim Steel.

Congratulations must go to all our juniors who have had a very successful curling season. The club has seen members competing at all the various age levels under 14, under 17 and under 21 and we hope to see this continuing next season. Hopefully everyone will have a nice summer and be ready for the new season in September.

For any information about Kinross Junior Curling Club, please contact Fiona Campbell on 01577 830268.

Kinross Badminton Club



With the 2012/2013 season coming to an end, the committee would just like to thank all the members for making our third season at Loch Leven Community Campus a successful one. This was achieved by the consistent attendance of members. Although we have had a good season we are always looking for new members, so feel free to come along at the start of the new season!

With the annual tournament coming to an end we would just like to thank everyone who took part and also congratulate all of the winners and runners up:

| | Winner | Runner-up |
|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <i>Gents Singles</i> | Denis Sweeney | Lewis Hunter |
| <i>Gents Doubles</i> | Liam Morris & Rory Cooper | David Black & Steve Thomson |

Sadly, for this year's tournament there were no ladies events for the first time since 1974, due to a lack of female members. Next year we would like a lot more female members. As always, the end of season tournament produced a lot of high quality matches. Everyone played well and we hope everyone enjoyed themselves. The presentation of the trophies was held at the annual summer BBQ, held at Bill Macdonald's house. The committee would like to thank all of the members who attended.

We hope that all the members make the most of their summer and enjoy their time off. The first senior session of the next season will be 3 September and the first junior session will be 5 September.

As always, for more information, contact our President, Bill Macdonald, on 01577 862592 or our Secretary, Rory Cooper, on rtc00001@students.stir.ac.uk or find us on Facebook.

Kinross Squash Club

At the last AGM new committee members were elected. Our thanks go to John Myerscough who has shouldered the responsibility of Secretary/Treasurer for the last few years but who has sadly been forced to hang up his squash racquet. The new committee members are:

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| Secretary and Treasurer | Simon Hawdon |
| League Coordinator | Rory Mcleod |
| Club night arranger | Barry Davies |
| Team Captain | Jim Blyth |
| Club Tournament arranger | Crawford Herriot |

This month marks the start of the club's annual tournament. You should have received your e-mail from Crawford with the details of your first round opponent and handicap. Good luck to all and try and get your games played promptly please – it helps Crawford get the tournament scheduled and keeps the momentum going.

The club is thriving, with new members joining each month; we're up to 42 full members. We run six leagues, which are played on a monthly basis. We also hold an annual tournament in the summer. There is also a club team who play in the Fife district league. There are also monthly club nights, on the last Tuesday of each month. If you're interested in taking up the sport or want to get back into it, the monthly club night is a great way to come along and meet the other members. It's run as a friendly handicap tournament so it caters for all standards.

If you're interested in joining the club, simply add your name to the list on the notice board beside the squash courts at Loch Leven Leisure Centre, or contact Simon Hawdon on 07968 347596 for details.

Scottish Schools' Squash Competition 2013

Squash Club Junior members Jamie Bode, Andrew Sorbie and Tino Mackay Palacios represented Kinross High School in the Scottish Schools Squash event held 20-21 April, hosted by Gordonstoun School. The event was open to all High schools, so competition was tough, with some of the opponents being older and more experienced. Despite this, Kinross won third place out of ten teams. Some teams were a composite of more than one school, and Kinross was the highest placed single entry school in the event.

Milnathort Bridge Club

The Final Night of the winter session was celebrated on Monday 29 April. Supper was followed by the Annual Prize Giving. Winners were as follows:

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| Zandra's Quaich (best individual score) | Willie Young |
| Baxter Salver (highest up lady) | Jane Smith |
| Pairs Trophy (highest scoring pair) | Jim Lawrie & Jim Marshall |

The Club continues to play over the summer months, meeting every Monday evening at 6.45pm in Orwell Church Hall. All visitors most welcome.

Do you have

Photographs of Kinross-shire

you'd be happy to share with others?

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



Kinross Ladies' Hockey Club



This year's season has been a lengthy one thanks to the delightful weather, which scuppered numerous attempts over the last two months to play any fixtures. However, the end is now upon us, the results are in and they are worth the wait. Thanks to the tireless work of captains and endless flexibility of players, the club has had a remarkably successful year. The first XI have once again won the Midlands League Division 1 – 4 years on the bounce now – whilst the second XI have had a phenomenal season to finish second in division 2. The second team's league placing was a nail biting fight to the end. My first hat trick was scored, teeth were gritted and the team worked hard for this deserved placing. With a threat to her crown as top goal scorer, Jenny Thoms was prepared to take no prisoners in securing more goals in our final game, with her determination matched by Kirsty Dunn and Lindsey Knight. Wendy Marshall also slipped a few into the back of the net. Great goal keeping from Chantal Guillot, a strong defence from Chantal Schofield, Jo and the hyper twins Ellie and Ailsa secured the back, whilst Wendy Symington and Susie McIntyre kept up a relentless mid field, to name but a few players.

The league cup finals were held at home and won by Kinross first XI. The knock out cup was unfortunately lost in the final to St Andrews University.

Many thanks must go to Gill Robb, whose coaching sessions have undoubtedly contributed to our successes. Captains Michelle Best and Gail Barclay have done a fabulous job organising us and keeping us on track. Gail was a particularly hard task master when the snow was driving horizontally and the temperature was below zero. We are sad to lose Gail as such a successful captain and hope to see her back soon – unfortunately her attempts at graceful ballet on skis did not reap the required results, rewarding her with a rather substantial knee brace instead. Please feel welcome to join us over the summer at mixed training on Tuesdays, 7.30 til 9pm, at KGV playing fields, Kinross. If you are interested in coaching us next season, please get in touch. For further details, see our website www.kinrossladieshockey.co.uk or contact the club secretary, Libby Simpson, on 07941 465811 or e-mail libbysimpson1@gmail.com.

Kinross Bridge Club

The Kinross Bridge Club autumn/winter season has now come to an end with an encouraging increase in membership again.

The Peter Stirling Championship Quaich for best individual over the season was won by Jim Lawrie, and Jock Taylor was second.

We had a record seven tables at the end of season party night. Winners were as follows:

| | <i>North-South</i> | <i>East-West</i> |
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| 1st | Jim Lawrie and Jock Taylor | Ray and Helen Cruikshanks |
| 2nd | Sandy Greenhill and Jean Toshack | Linda Bayne and Susie Ballantyne |

We look forward to the next season, which starts on **Wednesday 2 October**. New members always welcome. We meet in the Church Centre and start promptly at 6.45pm.

Kinross Road Runners

London Marathon

KRR Paul Allcoat had a club place in the Virgin London Marathon on 21 April and here he writes about his first experience of the event:

"I flew down early on the Saturday and got to the Excel centre. This place is amazing. Registration was simple and very well organised and then you walk into the rest of the centre with all the stalls selling or showing everything you could ever want for running, plus the Adidas stage where you could sit and listen to famous runners at a live Marathon talk show; I was awe struck.

"With 30 seconds to go to start, a whistle went for silence to remember those killed or injured at Boston. For half a minute you could have heard a pin drop and then applause and cheering and lumps in throats. If ever there was a reason to run (and I don't need many), remembering Boston brought it home that we are all so lucky.

"After the congested start and first two miles, I maintained 7:15-7:30 min miles up to Tower Bridge, half way, and as the training books say should be easy (not sure about that). What they never get you ready for is the emotional energy you expend; the crowds are three to four deep, all 26.2 miles, and usually both sides. The noise is amazing, something I will never forget.

"My time was under 3:30 and I was proud to have made it. Looking back, there could have been many factors that made me slow up on the day but when you cross the line all of that leaves you.

"To sum up, it was an extreme honour to run the race wearing a KRR vest, something I will never forget, and something I would encourage anyone with the ability to put one foot in front of the other to do."



*Kinross Road Runners displaying their London Marathon medals:
l to r: Julie Rose, Jillian Gordon, Judith Dobson and Paul Allcoat*

The 30th Loch Leven Half Marathon

Well done to the 23 KRRs who ran our Club's half marathon in what were windy, difficult conditions. Jillian Gordon was the first KRR and was 26th out of over 500 entrants, a fantastic achievement! Her time was 1:27:24. David Scott was the first male KRR in a time of 1:30:11.

Big thanks to the rest of the club members and volunteers who helped to organise a very successful event.

The Loch Leven Half Marathon was won by Jozsef Farkas, an unattached runner, in a time of 1:11:44.

Orwell Ladies Curling Club



Members held their Annual General Meeting, Dinner and Prize Giving on Thursday 25 April at the Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross.

Malcolm Strang Steel attended to provide members with an update regarding the Kinross Curling Trust project to lease and refurbish the Green Hotel curling rink.

There was one new application for membership, from Sue Cain, which was agreed.

Regretfully, Angela Wilcox stepped down after one year as President, as she is moving to Houston later this year. The committee for 2013-14 is as follows:

Past President: Angela Wilcox; President: Eileen Thomas; Vice President: Sue Cameron; Secretary: Kathleen Brown; Treasurer: Hester Niven; KDLB Representatives: Margaret Nelson and Maggie Scott; other Committee members: Bridie Graham and Maggie Saunderson.

Winners of club trophies for the 2012-2013 season were:

Thomanean Plate (opening bonspiel): Grace Paterson, Sue Cameron, Kathleen Brown and Allison Pirie.

Thistle Cup: Elma McCulloch, Angela Wilcox, Hester Niven and Joan Foster.

Jubilee Plate: Valerie Inglis, Caroline Liddle, Bridie Graham and Jane Drysdale.

Wooden Spoon (sporting losers, Jubilee): Grace Paterson, Catherine Ballantyne, Alicia Hay and Kathleen Brown.

Gairney Rosebowl: Angela Wilcox, Joan Foster, Jane Drysdale and Valerie Inglis.

Kay Quaich (points runner-up): Wilma Brownlie.

Cuthill Salver (points winner): Valerie Inglis.

Jessie Baillie Rosebowl (Best lead or second in points comp): Jane Drysdale.

Pairs: Low Road winners: Valerie Inglis and Jane Drysdale.

Scougal Vase (runners-up in Pairs High Road): Susan Scougal and Fiona Doig.

Kirkforthar Cup (winners of Pairs High Road): Elma McCulloch and Jackie McQueen.

Wharlawhill Cup (closing bonspiel): Edna Nelson, Linda Bayne, Allison Pirie and Fiona Doig.

Mixed League Salver (with Orwell Men's Curling Club): Liz Glennie, Jim Brownlie, Maggie Saunderson and Calum Forshaw.

Paterson Rosebowl (cumulative): Valerie Inglis.

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News from the Rurals

GLENFARG – The AGM was held on Thursday 9 May. President Margaret Scott conducted the meeting and thanked all office bearers and committee members for their hard work during what was a most successful year.

The new committee for 2013-14 was elected as follows:

President: Margaret Scott, Secretary: Lesley Murison, Treasurer: Lynda Stuart. Committee members: Allison Messenger, Helen Quartermaine, Andzia Scott and Sylvia Wall.

The Tellers were Mary Ramsay and Kate Troy from Blairingone.

Mary then gave a short demonstration on novelty cake making, in this case a delightful make-up bag complete with accoutrements. Her hints and tips were much appreciated, especially the very novel use of a pair of white tights!

Liz Yull gave a comprehensive vote of thanks.

Annual Competitions:

1. Allison Messenger (Jubilee Cup) 2. Liz Yull (Endeavour Cup) 3. Margot Moran.

Jenny Adam nee Rose Bowl: 1st Liz Yull, 2nd Allison Messenger, 3rd Margot Moran.

Monthly Competitions:

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| Article in Papercraft | - | Helen Quartermaine |
| Cup cake | - | Lynda Stuart |
| Flower of the month | - | Allison Messenger |

CROOK OF DEVON – President Isobel Mill welcomed members and two tellers from Cambo to our AGM.

Competition Cup Winners:

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| Most Points | - | Margaret Patterson |
| Rose Bowl | - | Margaret Patterson |

After business was concluded, our secretary Jean Jackson gave a very interesting talk on her time serving in the Wrens. Jean was in the Wrens for 22 years and thoroughly enjoyed it. Her work title was Write of Pay, which meant she dealt with all aspects of money issues and wages. She was also awarded the B.E.M. for her outstanding hard work and dedication and inspiring her junior ratings.

Competitions:

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| Individual Dessert | - | Isobel Mill |
| Flower of the Month | - | Alice Johnson |

CARNBO – At the AGM the following were elected: President: Elizabeth Campbell, Vice-President: Molly White, Treasurer: Helen Colquhoun, Assist & Press Secretary: Christine Dawson, Magazine & Assist Treasurer: June Brunton, Committee: Linda Band, Angela Browning, Mary Lapsley and Anne Petheric.

The Daniel Vase was presented to Susan Malcolm, Runner-up was Ann Munro.

The Paterson Rosebowl was presented to Cath Mearns, Runners up Frances Drysdale and Mary Lapsley.

The Anne Bernard Trophy was presented to Jay Hutchison.

Competitions:

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| Lemon Curd | - | Jay Hutchison |
| Flower of the Month | - | Jay Hutchison |

BISHOPSHIRE – At the Annual meeting, retiring President Norma, Secretary Joanne and Treasurer Jeanette gave reports on the year's activities, and the accounts for the year were approved. Then Moira and Marion told some anecdotes and Sylvia had prepared a quiz. Trophies for the year were awarded:

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| Most entries | - | Sylvia Herrington |
| Runner-up | - | Joanne Cowan |
| Most points | - | Norma Smith |
| Curtis Quaich, for knitted doll- | - | Mary Nisbet |

20 knitted dolls have been donated to Blythswood Care.

New Committee: President Jeanette McLennan, Vice-President Avril Rogers, Secretary Sylvia Herrington, Treasurer Janette Gardiner, Committee members Margaret Paton and Marion Sutherland.

POWMILL – President Mary Wilson welcomed members to the April meeting and introduced Christine Turner, who gave us a demonstration on patchwork and showed us many, many items which she had completed over the years. We were then given the opportunity to try our hand at making a small article in patchwork with various degrees of success but we all thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Competitions:

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| Sewn Article | - | Elsie Johnston |
| Individual Trifle | - | Ella Shand |
| Small Picture | - | Margaret Broomfield |
| Garden Gem | - | Mary Wilson |

President Mary Wilson welcomed a large attendance of members to the AGM. After the business concluded, Mary treated us to a floral art demonstration using many flowers from her own garden and making it look so simple!

The various trophies won over the year were then presented.

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| Points Trophy | - | Janet Mitchell |
| Runner-up | - | Ella Shand |
| Pat Reay Trophy | - | Margaret Broomfield |
| Eileen Whyte Trophy | - | Margaret Broomfield |

(favourite teapot)

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| President's Prize | - | Catherine Stewart |
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Competitions:

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| Decorated Cupcake | - | Pauline Watts |
| Gypsy Creams | - | Catherine Stewart |
| Garden Gem | - | Janie Buchanan |

MILNATHORT – Our AGM was held on 16 May. We had Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Sharp from Powmill to act as tellers. After the business, a few of our members showed us some of the things they collect. There was napkin art, pergamo, keyrings, badges, Ola Gorie silver, and leather work.

Competitions:

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| Funny Photo, Meringues, Flower of the Month, Points Cup, Flower of the Month cup | - | Nan Paterson. |
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CLEISH – Mrs Dorothy Morris welcomed members to our AGM. She welcomed two ladies from Blairadam WRI who acted as tellers. After business, our new committee was announced and then we enjoyed a delicious supper provided by all members.

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| Points Prize Trophy | - | Mrs Sandra Webster |
| Flower of the Month | - | Mrs Dorothy Morris |

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



Out & About

RSPB Loch Leven

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



Hi folks! Well, it's supposed tae be spring bit it jist canny mak up it's mind – still some cauld, dreich days aboot and ither yins quite warm and toasty.

Birds are nestin awa, tho some are runnin a bit late due tae the cauld, late spring. We hiv some cute wee wader chicks runnin aboot the reserve in spite o' the weather. Lapwings hiv been chowin awa at the nestin game and although some nests hiv failed, ither hiv hung oan in there and produced broods. Whit an amazing thing nature is in the face o' adversity. The main bulk o' the nests are again in the new wetland area that we flattened oot in autumn 2011. At time of writin we hiv fund 34 nests wi 18 still active. The first chicks wur seen oan 7 May; we hiv also radio tagged some o' the chicks this year tae monitor the effects o' predation oan the broods. Maist o' the summer migrants appear tae be back noo, wi the main yins like swallow seen daily roond the centre swoopin up tae the nests in the toilet block passageway.

A pickle staff cheenges again: we hiv a new assistant warden cried Fiona McKenna who will be workin between oor Kinnordy reserve near Kirriemuir and here at Loch Leven. Caroline Rance, oor Events officer, or Nance Rance as I cry her, is leavin tae go and work on Malta wi oor Birdlife International partners Birdlife Malta tae try and combat the mass slaughter of migrant birds that are shot as they fly through Malta en route to Africa or en route to Britain.

Another cheenge, but no a leavin or arrivin cheenge, is Elaine from the shop wha i'm shair a lot o' ye will ken efter 20 years o' workin fur RSPB in wur retail emporium. Onywey she hiz finally decidit tae mak an honest wummin o hersel and got mairrit oan Saturday 18 May tae Tim oan the island o' Colonsay. She will noo be kent as Mrs Drew no Lainey Broom as wiz.

Shop offers fur this month are buy twa big bags o' birdfood and save a fiver per bag. Offer on all big sacks except peanuts. The offer runs till 4 June so ye micht jist catch it afore it finishes. We are also offerin 200g packs o' dried mealworms fur £3.99 instead o' the usual price £7.99. Nae time limit oan this yin it will run until stocks are loused or run oot in simple terms.

The next event comin up is a “**Dragonflies Walk**” oan **Saturday 29 June** fae 2.15pm till 3.45pm. The leader will be Ruary Mackenzie Dodds, wha accordin tae rumours is a pretty eminent expert on dragonflies. He apparently hiz been oan Springwatch. Accordin tae Chris Packham he is the “Dragonfly geek”, which is impressive comin fae the ultimate geek, so must ken whit he's talkin aboot. Advance bookin required and costs are £7 for members and £12 non-members. This will probably book up a bit rapidly. Places are limited, so dinnae hing aboot if ye want tae get a place. Phone the usual number, 01577 862355, tae book or for ony ither information 01577 862355.

That's it again then, till next time.

Ta ta,

Colin

Loch Leven NNR



The breeding season is well under way, with broods of Greylags already out and about, and plenty of other species on nests awaiting the arrival of their young. Steve has been out and about counting pairs of ducks and broods, to continue our annual monitoring of breeding productivity on the loch. Look out for displaying Great-crested Grebes near the reedbeds, and also for gangs of disappointed male Tufted Ducks, this year unable to find a mate to pair with. Plenty of other migrants are also back now, including the highly vocal Willow and Sedge Warblers, and the perpetually soaring Swifts.

Discovery Day at Loch Leven NNR – Sunday 16 June

As you may have noticed from the front cover, Discovery Day is right around the corner, and we're particularly excited about this year's event, as we'll be celebrating the Year of Natural Scotland in style. There's going to be some awesome chainsaw sculpting taking place, willow weaving for all ages, catering to feed and water the masses, storytelling, displays from organisations with some involvement in the management of Loch Leven, and loads more to see and do. So why not come and join us down in Kirkgate Park for a great day out for all the family! It's free and open to all. Let's just keep our fingers crossed for a lovely sunny day...

Botany Walks 2013

Findatie Botany – Tuesday 4 June, 6-8pm

Burleight Botany – Tuesday 18 June, 6-8pm

It's also that time of year again where we invite you out for a look at the spectacular botanical diversity the reserve has to offer. This year our colleague and keen botanist, Stephen Longster, will be joining forces with local ecologist, Liz Lavery, for a walk around two areas of the loch shore, known to be particularly rich in plant life. For your opportunity to hear about native carnivorous plants, seasonal blooms and unusual reproductive strategies, call us now at the reserve office on 01577 864439 to book your place on one of the two scheduled walks.

Loch Leven NNR Blog

www.lochlevennnr.wordpress.com

We've recently launched a new online blog, which is an excellent source of current information. We're keen to keep it fresh and lively, so please log on and have a look, hit the follow button, and share your thoughts on any posts that interest you. Stories of insect surveying, bird migration, habitat management, sheep grazing, breeding seasons and predator control, amongst many other topics, will feature from time to time, so go have a look now and see what you think.

That's all for now folks,

Craig

Fact of the Month

The Green Hairstreak pupa has the ability to 'sing' in order to attract the attention of ants. The ants take the pupa back to their nest, where it secretes a sugary coating which the ants drink. This provides the pupa with protection from other predators that would not enter the ants' nest.



Farming



Green is the colour of emeralds, jade, and growing grass. Green is the colour most commonly associated with nature and the environmental movement, Ireland, Islam, spring, hope and envy.

I could not describe green more eloquently than this so it's taken straight from Wikipedia I'm afraid.

Whilst I admire emeralds and jade, I don't yearn for an eternity ring complete with a chunk of this amazing gemstone. Honest! We try to do our fair share of recycling to protect the environment and I have heard Ireland is a beautiful country so I'd like to visit it one day. It's the other words related with green that encouraged me to share this thoughtful description. "Commonly associated with growing grass and springtime." Well this is what I am saying – spring just didn't happen this year. The fields are not yet naturally green and with few signs of improvement at times I've almost lost hope.

We had planned for the 650 ewes to be turned out with their lambs just a few days after birth onto grass fields in early to mid April. Normally we expect to feed them for another two to three weeks when the grass will then be able to provide all their nutritional requirements. But without the warmer days of spring with sunshine to warm the soil temperature and encourage the plants to produce new leaves, our fields have just turned a yucky shade of barren brown, quickly becoming bare and unproductive. The only answer to keep the hundreds of families, a ewe and her twins, alive is to keep feeding concentrates. So we have been out every day since with a high energy, 18% protein ration to stop them starving. It's cost a small fortune and they are still in poorer condition than we would have liked but this saved them from a much worse fate. The photograph below shows another solution – these are my friends' lambs that are being fed to supplement the shortage of grass. It's called a creep feeder as only the lambs can squeeze through the barrier and access the feed.



Lambs need extra feed this year to supplement a shortage of grass

The situation is faced by pretty much every farmer in Scotland this year, with the southwest more severely affected than here. So I was heartened to see the Scottish Government has reacted by announcing a £6 million package of support will be directed to the farm businesses most affected by the conditions. At this stage I'm not sure if farmers in this area will receive anything from the fund; it's up to the working group to decide the distribution of the support.

In the meantime I am coping with my confirmed case of green envy and although a present of a gold eternity band set with an amazing precious stone would be gratefully received, I'd much rather witness a warm dry spell that encourages grass growth. Green fields and a contented flock equals a happy shepherd!

Fiona

Weather



April Weather Report from Carnbo

April was yet another month with below normal temperatures and no sign of settled Spring-like weather. In fact, the weather was wintry at times with occasional snow on the higher ground.

Total precipitation for month 73.7mm (92% of average)

Heaviest fall 24.3 mm (17th)

Rain days 19, trace days 5, dry days 6

Snow days 2, lying days 1, graupel 1, hail 1

Highest temperature 12°C (23rd)

Lowest temperature -5°C (1st)

Average temperature 4.8°C

Ground frost on 16 nights, air frost on 11 nights

Sunless days 3, total cloud cover 65%

1 severe gale (16th)

PS April 2012 was mainly cold apart from the last week or so, this giving a mean temperature of 5.5°C (April 2013 mean temperature 4.8°C!)

April Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall 60.5mm (2.42 inches)

Heaviest fall 23.3 mm (17th)

Total sunshine for month 181.1 hours

Sunniest day 12.1 hours (29th)

Maximum temperature average 9.7°C

Highest temperature 13.4°C (14th)

Minimum temperature average -1.1°C

Lowest temperature -8.1°C (2nd & 5th)

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.

Elcho Castle, near Bridge of Earn

A 16th century fortified mansion, five miles NE of Bridge of Earn, in a tranquil setting. It has an orchard and dovecot.

Opening times: 1 April to 30 September, daily, 9.30am to 5.30pm. Admission prices: Adult £4.50, Child £2.70, Concessions £3.60.

Gardens Open

More information about these gardens
can be found on our website,
www.kinrossnewsletter.org
Leisure info also on www.kinross.cc



| Gardens, and some properties, open regularly not too far from Kinross | | | | Admission | | Disabled | Contact |
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| | 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) | 1 Jun-1 Sep | daily | 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) | 1 Jun-30 Aug | daily | 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 |
| 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 |
| Gardens open by arrangement | | | | | | | |
| 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

Special Days Open in June under SGS

Sun 2 Fife: Earlsdale Castle, Leuchars. 2pm-5pm. Adm: £5, children free. Charity: RAF Benevolent Fund. Garden designed by Sir Robert Lorimer. Renowned topiary lawn. Plant stall. Homemade teas. Partial disabled access. KY16 0DP. ¾ mile east of Leuchars.

Sun 9 Fife: Freuchie Plant Sale and the Garden at Karbet. 12pm-4pm. Adm: £1. A good plant sale with a wide selection for garden and container. In the centre of Freuchie on the B936. Homemade teas. Partial disabled access.

Stirlingshire: **Kilbryde Castle, Dunblane.** Formal, woodland and wild gardens covering 12 acres. 2pm-5pm. Adm: £4, children free. Benefits Leighton Library. Dogs welcome. Plant stall. Partial disabled access. FK15 9NF.

Sun 16 Fife: Old Inzievar House. A recently restored walled garden with lime walk, herbaceous borders, knot garden, rose gardens etc. 2pm-5pm. Adm: £3.50. Benefits Holy Name Church. Homemade teas. Plant Stall. Partial disabled access. KY12 8HA. See SGS book or website for directions.

Stirlingshire: **Stirling Gardens.** A selection of town house gardens. Tickets and maps available at each house. Follow garden open signs. 2pm-5pm. Adm: £5, children free. Benefits Forth Environment Link Ltd. Partial disabled access. Dogs welcome. Plant sales.

Sun 23 Fife: Craigfoodie, Dairsie. Restored formal walled garden adjoining 17thC house. Parterre, clock lawn, terraces with exotic plantings, fruit and vegetable gardens etc. 2pm-5pm. Adm: £4. Charity: AICR. Dogs welcome. Teas. Plant stall. Partial disabled access. KY15 4RU. On A91 from Cupar to St Andrews, turn left at Dairsie School then follow signs.

Sun 30 Fife: Pittenweem: Gardens in the Burgh. A variety of garden designs. 11am-5pm. Adm: £4.50. Plant stalls. Partial disabled access. See SGS book or website for details on locations and obtaining map.

Fife: **Strathmiglo Village Gardens.** A selection of lovely gardens, beautiful walks around village with historic interest. 1pm-5pm. Adm: £4. Benefits CHAS and Crossroads. Home-made teas. Plant sales. Partial disabled access. Dogs welcome. Signs in High Street to parking and ticket sales.

Stirlingshire: **Blair Drummond Gardens.** Country gardens and farmhouse gardens with interesting shrubs, trees, herbaceous borders and some vegetable gardens. Maps and tickets at all gardens. Follow yellow signs from A84. 2pm-5pm. Adm: £5, children free. Charity: Camphill Village Trust. Dogs welcome. Homemade teas. Partial disabled access.

Kinross-shire Churches Together



Kinross Parish Church of Scotland

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

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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

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. From 10.15am Creche in church (upper room) and Junior Church (age 3 to P7) and 'Jam Pact' (Secondary age) **at church centre** (see below).

7.30pm, 'Crossfire' (S1 upwards) in church centre.

Tues 10am Pram Service (during term time).

Wed 10.45am: Midweek Service in Church Centre.

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 for June

Sun 2 10.30am Quarterly Communion, with children and young people present. 6.30pm Evening Communion, with both Common Cup and individual cups.

Mon 3 8am: Time for Prayer - Silent Meditation (30min).

Tue 4 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.

Sat 8 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (numbers in advance to church office)

Sun 9 10.30am Morning Service, led by elders: 'Time'.

Sun 16 10.30am Morning Service, led by Rev. Robert Wilkie and the Local Church Review Team from Presbytery of Perth.

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

Sat 22 7.30pm Concert by Strathallan School.

Sun 23 10.30am Morning Service, including Prize-giving for young people. 6.30pm Informal Evening Service.

Tues 25 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.

8pm Bible Study/Prayer Meeting.

Sunday Services in June

The 10.30am Sunday Services will be run as follows in June: Junior Church and 'Jam Pact' will **start** at the Church Centre from 10.15am and then be brought to the church for the last part of the service. It is hoped this experiment will allow the young people to play a greater part themselves in the Service, based on what they have done at the church centre, and allow everyone to enjoy the fellowship time after the Service, with juice and teas. The young people will be present during the Communion on 2 June.

Please feedback your views on this experiment.

Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

Church of Scotland

Minister - Rev Dr Angus Morrison

Telephone: 01577 863461

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Website: www.orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk

Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:

10am Portmoak Church,

11.30am Orwell Church.

All children welcome. Crèche available during Sunday Services.

Prayer Meeting held 30mins before each service

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

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

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

Morning Prayers at 9am

Each Thursday at Portmoak Church New Room.

Each Friday at Orwell Church.

Dates and events for your diary

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 at the Old Bee Garden, Kinrosswood.

Everyone welcome

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

29 South Street, Milnathort KY13 9XA.

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

Contact the Office 01577 861200

orwellportmoakchurch@yahoo.co.uk

St James's R C Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Father Colin Golden Telephone: (01577) 863329

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| Mass Times | 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.

Visiting Kinross-shire?

For information on Eating Out, Parks and Gardens, Historic Buildings and more, visit

www.kinross.cc

Cleish Parish Church Church of Scotland

(Charity number SC003168)

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Website: www.cleishchurch.org

Sunday Services 11.15am

Crèche and Junior Church 11.15am

June

Sun 2 11.15am All Age Worship: Brian Ogilvie, followed by tea and coffee in Village hall.

Sun 9 11.15am Morning Worship: Brian Ogilvie.

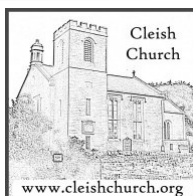
Sun 16 10.00am Early Birds Service.

11.15am Morning Worship Brian Ogilvie.

Sun 23 11.15am Morning Worship with Junior Church: Brian Ogilvie.

Sun 30 11.15am Morning Worship: Brian Ogilvie.

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

June

Sun 2 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum Brian Ogilvie, followed by fellowship, refreshments and Traidcraft.

Sun 9 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum Brian Ogilvie.

Sun 16 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum Brian Ogilvie.

Sun 23 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum Brian Ogilvie.

Sun 30 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum Brian Ogilvie.

Wrigglers Group (0-3 years), Junior Church, crèche and teens group all meet during term time within the church family at the beginning of the service, and then in their own groups after 'Time to Talk'.

Café Refresh: Every Thursday, church hall, 2-4pm.

Yoga classes: Mondays 7pm - 8.30pm

House group: Contact Fred for details, 01577 840833.

Kinross Christian Fellowship

Further information: (01577) 863509

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

Church and Children's Sunday Club: Every Sunday at 10.30am in the Millbridge Hall, Old Causeway, Kinross. During each service there will be a time for ministry and prayer for healing.

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



St Paul's Episcopal Church

Photo: Dave Cuthbert, [www.kinross.cc photo library](http://www.kinross.cc/photo-library)

St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AY

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Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk

You can also find us on Facebook

The Rector's hour is changing. St Paul's will now be open to the public on Thursdays between 12.30pm and 1.30pm for anyone who would like some quiet space in the middle of the day. The Rector will be available if you need pastoral support.

8am Morning Prayer (Mondays and Wednesdays).

June Services

Sun 2 The Presentation of the Recording of St Paul's Church. 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 9 Week of Proper 10. 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.

Tue 11 8am Morning Prayer & Holy Communion for the feast of St Barnabas the Apostle. Tea and toast in the Meeting Hall afterwards.

Sun 16 Week of Proper 11. 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 23 Week of Proper 12. 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.

Thu 27 7.30pm Service of Healing and Wholeness.

Sun 30 Week of Proper 13. 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.

Everyone welcome at all services

Need to check something in an old Newsletter?

Consult our electronic archive at

www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Issues from September 2006 to two months ago available

WILLIAM HUGHES GARDEN SERVICES

Trees topped
Hedges trimmed
Guttering cleaned & resealed

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Obituary

LAURA ANNE MACKAY of Brunthill Farm, Kinross, died unexpectedly at Perth Royal Infirmary on Sunday 31 March 2013, aged 24 years. Beloved daughter of Alasdair and Eliza, sister to Linda and Fiona, sister-in-law to Stewart, auntie to Charlie and granddaughter of Maisie. Funeral service was held at Kinross Parish Church on Wednesday 10 April followed by interment at the North Cemetery, Kinross.

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.

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For details phone Marg 01577 863557

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Montgomery Street, Kinross

Website: www.kinrossgospelhall.info

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| 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) |

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MACKAY – The family of Laura Mackay would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, letters and flowers received. Special thanks to HDU and ICU staff at PRI, also Mrs Margaret Michie for her comforting service, Gordon and staff at Stewart Funeral Directors for all their help, Crieff High School for their service and collection held for Laura and all those who paid their last respects at the church and graveside and gave so generously for Muscular Dystrophy Scotland, which amounted to £1,605.40.

SMITH – The Smith family wish to thank very sincerely all friends of Sir Alan for their many kind expressions of condolences, letters, cards and phone calls in their sad loss. Special thanks to the doctors and nurses in Wards 4 and 6 at Perth Royal Infirmary and our own Dr Alistair McCracken, the Rev. David Reid for his comforting words at Perth Crematorium and Brian Ogilvie at Cleish Parish Church; Stewart Funeral Directors for their efficient arrangements and to all who paid their respects at Cleish Church. The generous donations received for the RAF Benevolent Fund and Kinross Day Centre amounted to £1530.

DONALDSON – Tom and family would like to thank all friends, relatives and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, letters and flowers received following James' death. Special thanks to the staff at Rumbling Bridge Nursing Home and Perth Royal Infirmary for their care and attention. Thanks also to the Rev. Alan Reid for his kind words and comforting service and to all those who paid their last respects to James at the church and graveside and helped raised a total of £223.37 in aid of Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland.

STEWART – Alisdair Stewart would like to sincerely thank all friends and relatives for their support, sympathy cards and words of comfort following the recent loss of his dear mother Jean. Although she had only lived in Kinross for two months, Jean had been warmly welcomed into the community and had received marvellous care from many locals. Particular thanks to Isobel Souter, the warden at Whyte Court, Elaine Kincaid and the PKC Community Care team, Dr Smith, nurses, physio and OT at Loch Leven Health Centre and the staff at Rumbling Bridge Care Home where she died suddenly on 4 May. Thanks also to Stewart Funeral Directors for the sympathetic care with which they planned and carried out the funeral arrangements in Glasgow.

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Contact Pat Irvine 07703 177766 or
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LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Session times (term time only)

Tuesdays 9.30- 11.15, Fridays 9.30- 11.15

Contact Sylvia Flynn 07793 005732,
sylviaastewart@hotmail.co.uk

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

FOSSOWAY TODDLERS

Crook of Devon Village Hall

Friday 9.30am - 11.00am

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Contact - Christina Smith 01577 840733

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Portmoak Hall – between Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell
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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
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Contact Lynda Hardie (Play leader/Manager)
01592 840785 or 07594 328475

Email: 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
or Playgroup on telephone numbers above.

Baby and Toddler Group – Thurs 12.45-2.45pm

Ante-natal to pre-school. Fun for children; coffee and chat for the parent/carer. For more information, please contact Playgroup on 07592 392235.

The premises are available to hire for **Private Functions**. For more information, please contact **Michelle 07894 305272** or the Playgroup.

LOCHLEVEN TWOS CLUB

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Thursdays 10.00 to 11.30 (term time only)

A relaxed, friendly group for children from about 18 months to pre-school with their parent/carer. Activities include painting, craft, dressing up, stories and singing as well as a variety of toys. A snack is provided. Younger siblings also welcome.

**Contact Victoria Jackson on 01577 865617
for further details,
or email victoriajackson1@hotmail.co.uk**

GLENFARG BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We meet in the newly refurbished village hall, Greenbank Road, Glenfarg on Wednesdays, 9.30-11.30am.

Healthy snack for children

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Lots of toys

Friendly support for all carers

First session free, £2 thereafter (£1 for additional children)

Contact Lucie on 07810 201935 or just come along!

Private Nurseries and Childcare

For private nurseries and childcare services, please see advertisements throughout the Newsletter.

To inform the Newsletter of any changes to Playgroup information, please send an email to: editor@kinrossnewsletter.org



Notices

Milnathort Primary School Summer Fair

Saturday 1 June 2013

1pm - 4pm

Bouncy Castles Tombola Bottle Stall Face Painting
Home Baking and Fair Trade Refreshments BBQ
RSPB Loch Leven Scottish Natural Heritage
and lots of great stalls
Fun for all the family Everyone welcome Free admission

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

CEILIDH

in aid of Breast Cancer charity

Three bands! The Lomond Ceilidh Band, The Pentland Ceilidh Band and David Cunningham SDB

Compèred 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

Garden Open: Gleneagles

(*Martin and Petronella Haldane*)

By Auchterarder, PH3 1PJ

Entrance off A823, ½ mile south of A9

in aid of St Kessog's Episcopal Church

Saturday 8 June, 2pm - 5pm

Jazz Band • Stalls • Baking & Cream Teas • Plants

Donation on entry. Disabled access. No dogs.

Book Sale at AK Bell Library, Perth

A sale of withdrawn library stock will take place in the MacKenzie and Sandeman Meeting Rooms on

Saturday 8 June

9.30am - 2pm

Books, DVDs and CDs of all types for all ages. Prices will range from 50p to a few pounds. Entry: £1 per family.

PKAVS Carers Ceilidh

Lovat Hotel, Perth

Friday 14 June

6pm to 9pm

Scottish Dancing! Buffet! Entertainment!

This event is FREE. Ticket is required for entry. Tickets are limited – contact Raymond Jamieson or Kerry Donaghy on 01738 567076. Carers of all ages welcome.

Medium Night

with Jean and Elaine

To raise funds for the renovation of the Guide and Scout Hall

Friday 14 June

From 7pm

at the Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort

Tickets £6 including light refreshments

Contact Suzanne 07787 243659 to book tickets

Kinross Primary School

SUMMER FAYRE

Please come along and join in the fun

Saturday 15 June, 12 - 4pm

at Kinross Primary School

BBQ Face Painting Inflatables Tug of War
Stalls Karaoke Raffle (1st prize a Kindle Fire!)
and much, much more!

Fancy Dress Competition - theme is 'Fun of the Fayre'!

Free Entry

but sorry no pets allowed

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

Orwell Girl Guiding and Milnathort Scouts

SUMMER FETE

Sunday 23 June, from 1.30pm

at Guide and Scout hall and garden, Church Street

Side shows • Raffle • Face Painting • Tombola
Teas & coffee • Hot dogs

Come along and join us

Blythswood Care

Sainsbury's Car Park

(if car park is full, van will park nearby, e.g. Park & Ride or Ochil View)

Tuesday 18 June

between 10.30 am and 11 am

Further details from 862258

Loch Leven NNR Events Programme 2013



Scottish Natural Heritage
All of nature for all of Scotland



Year of
Natural
Scotland
2013

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| Tue 4 Jun | Findatie Botany | 6pm-8pm |
| Sun 16 Jun | Discovery Day | 12pm-4pm |
| Tue 18 Jun | Burleigh Botany | 6pm-8pm |
| Thu 15 Aug | Osprey Walk | 6pm-8pm |
| Sun 29 Sep | Fungi Foray | 2pm-5pm |
| Sat 26 Oct | Pink Sunset | 4.30pm-7pm |
| Sat 28 Dec | Winter Bird Walk | 10am-1pm |

All our events are free and booking is essential. Please call 01577 864439 for more information, or to book your place on any of the above events (excluding Discovery Day which is open to all).



Bishopshire Horticultural Society



Best Kept Garden Competition

Judging during the first week in July

More information and entry forms can be obtained from

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| Lorna Ainsworth 840571 | Sylvia Herrington 840519 |
| Janette Gardiner 840352 | Shelagh Goudie 840200 |
| David Martin 840216 | Eleanor White 840681 |

'A Sense of Place' Watercolour Exhibition

Perth Museum and Art Gallery
until 28 July

A new exhibition celebrating the inspiring nature of the Perth and Kinross area as a place to live, work and create art. Paintings are by members of the Royal Scottish Society of Painters in Watercolour and support the Year of Natural Scotland.

Open Mondays to Saturdays, 10am to 5pm and Sundays 1.30pm to 4.30pm. Admission free.

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THE KINROSS HUB A CAFE FOR CARERS

GUEST SPEAKERS

3 June
Charlie Wilson (Springwell)

1 July
David Munro (Historian, Kinross Museum)

The speakers will give a brief talk at 10.30am, then allowing time for one to one advice.

1st Birthday
Celebration
Monday
5 August 2013
12.00 - 3.00 pm
Buffet Lunch &
Entertainment



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 Loch Leven Community Campus
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 Tel: 01577 867177

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Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre, 40 St John Street, Perth, PH1 5SP
www.careconfidential.com

email: hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com

Helpline 01738 621174

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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

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| July | Fri 14 June | Saturday 29 June |
| August | Fri 19 July | Saturday 3 August |

Perth & Kinross School Holidays, 2012-2013

The Academic Year ends on Thu 27 June 2013.



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If you are interested in this service you can self-refer via email to info@mindspacepk.com, by telephone on 01738 631639 or by visiting our website at www.mindspacepk.com. You can also be referred by your GP.



Need to consult an old Newsletter?

The Kinross (Marshall) Museum at the Loch Leven Community Campus houses a collection of every Kinross Community Council Newsletter ever published (July 1977 to the present day). Newsletters can be consulted when the Museum Study Room is open: Thursdays, 10am - 8pm and Saturdays, 10am - 3pm.

Electronic versions of Newsletters from September 2006 to the present day can be downloaded from the Newsletter website: www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

The Kinross Outreach Advice Surgery is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at St Paul's Church Hall, The Muirs, Kinross. The next visits are:

11 & 25 June

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.



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Kinross Guides

Monday or Tuesday evenings from 7.30 - 9.00pm,

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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
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Email: lochlevenlibrary@pkc.gov.uk

Opening Times

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| 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

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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:

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Perth & Kinross Council

www.pkc.gov.uk

Customer Service Centre

Tel: 01738 475000

(Mon to Fri, 8am-6pm)

Out of Hours Emergencies

Tel: 01738 625411

(Roads, flooding, environmental health and dangerous buildings)

Clarence (for non-emergency road and lighting defects)

Tel: 0800 232323

Regular Library Sessions for Young Children

At Loch Leven Community Library.

No need to book, just come along.

Story Telling

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| every Monday morning | 10.15 – 10.45 am |
| and every Thursday afternoon | 2.15 – 2.45 pm |

Bookbug Rhymetimes

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| 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

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| Monday | Exercise Class | 11 am | Elderberries | 1.30 pm |
| Tuesday | Relaxation Class | 1.15 pm | Games | 1.45 pm |
| Wednesday | Morning Service | 10.45 am | Quiz Afternoon | 1.30 pm |
| | Dominoes | 1.30 pm | Scrabble | 1.30 pm |
| Thursday | Film Afternoon | 1.30 pm | Dominoes | 1.30 pm |
| | Art Class | 1.30pm | | |
| Friday | Bingo | 1.30 pm | Dominoes | 1.30 pm |

Additional Events for June

Barge Trip

Friday 7th 9.45am



**Coffee Bar open 8.30 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**

Art for Recovery Kinross

Confidence building Skills Sharing Socialising

ARK provides support through arts and crafts for people with health issues in Kinross and surrounding areas.

ARK offers peer support to those in need of a little company to socialise and learn new skills. Try drawing with pencils and pastels, painting with acrylics and watercolours, working with clay, felt-making and patchwork. Or just have a cup of tea or coffee!

The group meets **weekly on a Wednesday** from 1pm to 3pm in Orwell Church Hall, Ba' Hill, Milnathort. £1 per session. For more information, email arkforart@gmail.com or call the Chair on 07590 387189.



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

Mobile Library

Mobile 2, Week 1, every second Wednesday:

Visiting Powmill, Rumbling Bridge, Crook of Devon, Fossoway, Cleish and Milnathort. Next visit: **12 June**

Mobile 2, Week 2, every second Tuesday:

Visiting Mawcarse, Glenlomond, Kinnesswood, Scotlandwell, Levenmouth Farm, Hatchbank and Cambo. Next visit: **4 June**

Mobile 1, Week 2, every second Wednesday:

Visiting Glenfarg and Duncricvie. Next visit: **5 June**

For times of stops, see PKC website: 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

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

Child's Toggi Riding Boots, size 1 **£1000**

Black rubber full length child's riding boots. Toggi, size 1 (though they are sized on small side compared with Clarks), good condition. Includes spare insoles (never used).

Child's Riding Hat, size 6 ½ **£1500**

Junior CPX 3000 riding hat. Meets BS standards and kite marked. Good condition, no damage, used for weekly riding lessons. Daughter has grown out of it.

For items above contact: M Bruce 07752 604462

Oak wall unit **£6000**

Oak wall unit with lockable doors. Good condition and a solid good quality item.

Electric Fire **£5000**

Silver Electric Fire with stones and flame effect. Hardly used.

Child's High Chair Set **£3000**

A high chair separates to form a chair and table. Good condition.

Hamster Cage **£2000**

Cage including running wheel, house water feeder, and a ball for outwith the cage.

Lateral Thigh Trainer **£2000**

Thigh training machine with digital display.

12 foot trampoline **£5000**

Includes safety poles and net. Good condition.

For items above contact: 07769 214060

Pine single bed head **£0.00**

Natural pine varnished.

Solid wood part glazed door **£0.00**

Stylish design with slightly opaque astragals.

Glazed screen door size **£0.00**

Plain glass totally glazed panel.

For items above contact: Jock Keith 01577 861547
kelsokeith@bopenworld.com

Compaq dh mini projector with roll up screen **£200.00**

Projector comes with all attachments and cables to use from tv/ computer etc for presentations. Complete with handy carry case.

Seller details: Lorna Ainsworth 07979 791267
Lorna@parecruit.co.uk

Pram **£200.00**

Bugaboo Frog, complete with footmuff, blanket, raincover under seat bag. Swivel wheels can be positioned for town or country walks. Suitable use from birth to toddler. Cost £600 new.

Seller details: Kathleen Seaton 01577 863677

Boy's baby clothes **£1000 per bag**

Large amounts of good quality baby clothes for ages 12 to 18 months. Happy to sell individually or per bag full.

Seller details: 07884 006491

Patchwork Quilt **£100.00**

72" x 72". Pastel colours. Hand-quilted. Proceeds to charity.

Seller details: Nan Douglas 01577 861315
nandouglas@my-inbox.net

Supagard Car Care Kit **£25.00**

Alloy wheel cleaner, alloy wheel protector, tyre and trim dressing, scuff remover kit, bird lime neutralizer, acid rain neutralising shampoo.

Seller details: Mike Hughes 01577 840385

Classified Adverts continued...

Brand new double bed **£7500**

Metal frame double bed. Bought for a spare room so never been used.

Seller details: Ann Nicoll 07851 758853

Berketex Wedding Dress **£100.00 ono**

Size 14 straight dress with detachable train.

Seller details: 07786 352176

Wanted – Bike Seat

Suitable for toddler.

Buyer details: Andrew Burnett 01577 862977

Situations Vacant

In conjunction with www.kinross.cc, the Newsletter is pleased to publish local situations vacant. Please go to the kinross.cc website before applying to **check whether a position is still available**. (Go to www.kinross.cc then click on 'Local Adverts' and choose 'Situations Vacant').

Taxi Driver (part time), A2B Taxis

Collecting and transporting customers, carrying out council contracts. This positions may involve unsociable hours and may suit semi-retired/retired person. Clean driving licence essential. P&K taxi drivers licence preferable but can be applied for from P&K Licensing office.

Contact Bruce on 07743 332237 or email

a2bkinross@hotmail.com

Driver (part time), Barking Mad, Kinnesswood

Looking for flexible person who can work varying hours (average 40 per month), must have full driving licence and be true dog lover. Role involves pickup and return of dogs from owners to carers. Transport provided and training given.

Phone Chris or Alex on 01592 841020 or 07967 470917 or email
cowes@barkingmad.uk.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 drinks cartons (Tetra packs), fridges, freezers, garden waste, glass, large domestic appliances, paper, plastic (rigid plastic packaging), rubble stone and soil, scrap metal, telephone directories, textiles (clothes and shoes), timber, tyres (maximum two per visit, strictly householders only) and non recyclable (general) waste.

Compost can be collected from the Recycling Centre, subject to availability. Maximum of 2 x 25kg bags per visitor.

The Bike Station

Donate unwanted bikes, parts and cycling accessories for reuse. Bikes are refurbished and sold on to the public at affordable prices. Poorer bikes are salvaged for parts.

Bikes can be donated at the Kinross Recycling Centre (Bridgend Industrial Estate) or at The Bike Station at Mid Friarton, just off the Edinburgh Road in Perth.

Bike Station opening hours: Monday to Saturday, 10.30am to 4.30pm and late opening to 8pm on Wednesdays.

Weekly bike sales: Fridays, 10.30am-4.30pm (children's bikes) and Saturdays, 10.30am to 12.30pm (adults' bikes).

Tel: 01738 444430. Email: peth@thebikestation.org.uk Website: www.thebikestation.org.uk

Diary

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