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Letters

Editorial

Welcome to another packed issue of the Kinross Newsletter. It may be the summer holidays, but residents of the county have been as busy as ever, and there is plenty lined up for August as a glance at the Diary will tell you. The second Saturday in August means, of course, the **Kinross Show**, which, following last year's success, will take place again at RSPB Loch Leven at Vane Farm. Another major event taking place in August is **Mary Queen of Scots 'Escape to Kirkgate Park'**. This should be an entertaining, educational, fun day with something for everyone.

Parking

Concerns are being raised over whether Kinross will have sufficient parking once the County Buildings and former Kinross High School sites are developed. Mr Jaffrey Weir, Session Clerk of Kinross Parish Church, addressed Kinross and Milnathort Community Councils in the past month on this matter (pages 41 and 45). Kinross CC has asked for volunteers to carry out a parking survey (see Letters, p. 5.) The Newsletter would also welcome letters from residents on this topic.

Register of Local Organisations

You should receive with this Newsletter a loose 'Yellow Pages' insert, with contact details of organisations and services in Kinross-shire. Sincere thanks to Pauline Watson, administrator of the kinross.cc community website, and Dave Cuthbert of Nimble Pages for all their work in producing this very useful register.

The register is created from details held on the kinross.cc website. If you wish to amend any of the contact details, or request an inclusion, please contact Pauline Watson by emailing admin@kinross.cc or by telephoning (01577) 862685.

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PKC: Perth & Kinross Council
CC: Community Council
Cllr: Councillor
CCllr: Community Councillor

Broadband

I have been reading in the Newsletter about the complaints with BT broadband.

I'm not an expert, but I do have experience of BT and Openreach, having dealt with them for over 30 years in house building.

Regardless of what server you go with, the speed you will achieve is always determined by the BT cable serving your house and the distance you are from an exchange.

The chances of any upgrades in this area I would say are extremely low and probably not in our lifetime.

I stay at Glenvale, which is slightly north of Glenlomond – probably as far from an exchange as you can get. The BT cable coming along Dryside Road is not even buried in the ground. My broadband speed is awful: if I am lucky, maybe 1.5Mb/s – OK for emailing and surfing the web.

What I do have, though, is satellite broadband. I really think this is going to become more and more popular.

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10Gb download is not huge. If you were to download a film or watch a lot on BBCi, it would soon be used up.

I'm not an agent for Bentley Walker but it's a good alternative. Just google Bentley-Walker and have a look.

David Gray
Glenvale, Dryside Road,
Kinross, KY13 9HG

T in the Park Drop in Centre

Last year, Kinross-shire Day Centre took over the Drop-in Centre for T in the Park and we raised a total of £710. This year we really went way beyond any expectations we may have had and raised a remarkable £1,274, which is just unbelievable.

This is all thanks to the generosity of our wonderful community, with special thanks to the staff and volunteers that gave up their time on Saturday and Sunday, and the individuals who handed in groceries and money to buy provisions; this is what made the weekend such a fantastic success.

It is also fair to say that that the T in The Park revellers are the best in the world; they were very friendly and extremely grateful for the service that we provided, which makes all the hard work worthwhile.

We would really like to thank everyone who not only supported the Day Centre with T in The Park but supports the Day Centre throughout the year, by **INVITING YOU ALL to an afternoon of music followed by tea and cake on Tuesday 6 August, 1.45pm- 3.30pm.**

Please accept this as an invitation. We hope to see you all.

Again, a great big enormous thank you to you all. We are all extremely grateful for your continued support.

Nan Cook and all at the Day Centre

Mountain Climb for Help for Heroes

Hello, my name is James Grieve and I am soon to be climbing the mountain Cho Oyu in the Himalayas for the charity Help for Heroes. This climb will be to a height of 8201 metres and the mountain is the sixth highest in the world.

Within sight of the most famous mountain, Mount Everest, this expedition shall be completed by the company Summit Climb and the use of oxygen and the newest climbing techniques shall be employed.

I am looking for extra sponsorship for both myself and for the Help for Heroes charity. Any and all assistance would be greatly appreciated.

My phone numbers are below and my charity is as follows:

www.bmycharity/jimgrieve2013

Best Regards

James Grieve (Chief Electrician)

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Tigh Na Collie, Bellfield, Kinross, KY13 0NL

A new choo choo

News that at last Kinross may get a railway connection is good news. For years now I have campaigned for this to happen but was told it was too expensive but some MPs were supportive.

It would make travelling more comfortable for us and connect us up to fast trains to London etc.

Buses are all very well but trains are a superior form of travel.

M Twaddle

50 Marshall Place, Milnathort

Unloved Kinross

I am looking for people who are, like me, saddened by the way bits of Kinross are looking unloved. The Community Council has set up a sub group to catalogue and report issues across the town so that those responsible can be challenged and the issue resolved, and, where there is no obvious fix, to take the lead in finding one.

The emphasis will be on action, not meetings!

Any offer of help welcome. Please call me on (01577) 898256.

David West

Kinross CC

Help with consultations

Are you interested in making Kinross a better place? Do you have skills that can help our community? We are looking for people who can help improve the Community Council's ability to respond to consultations.

If you would like to help, please call me on (01577) 898256.

David West

Kinross CC

Parking in Kinross

The Council seem to think that parking it not an issue in Kinross!

This means the former High School blaze, the former High School playground, County Buildings and the proposal for extension of car parking at Mill Street will all be lost unless we act now.

If you are concerned about parking in Kinross, then you need to think how you can help put together the evidence that there is an issue, for without it, the above parking will be lost forever.

We need people with time to undertake survey work on the number of cars using the above parking and the adjacent streets.

If you care and can help, please let us know leave a message for me on (01577) 898256.

David West

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Blairadam Forest & Outh Muir Wind Farms

There are planning applications due to be submitted for two adjacent, but separate wind farms:

- Blairadam Forest 11 x 115m (377ft) turbines – Partnership for Renewables on behalf of Forestry Commission Scotland, planning application expected mid-July.
- Outh Muir, by Knockhill Racing Circuit 5 x 110m (361ft) turbines – REG Windpower, planning application expected early July.

Fife Council guidance on wind energy clearly deems the sites at Blairadam and Outh as having no capacity for turbines and state the area should not be developed for wind energy.

Reasons the sites are unsuitable

The Cleish Hills upland area has no capacity for large turbines due to:

- The high quality of the landscape – it's a designated Local Landscape Area
- High visibility – due to the prominent upland position the site is visible for over 30 miles
- Detrimental impact on the historic skyline of Dunfermline
- The area is widely enjoyed for recreation, with 40,000 visitors to Blairadam Forest each year
- There are many European protected species on the site including bats, birds and otters
- There are three SSSIs on the site, designated for the blanket bog, a natural CO2 store
- Impact on the community – the nearest homes are only 600m away and will be visually dominated by the turbines, as will many much further away.

What's driving the demand for wind turbines?

With the site so clearly unsuitable and Fife Council policies stating this so clearly, there must be good reason why two developers are planning wind farms here, one of which would be the biggest wind farm in Fife, bigger in fact than Fife Council state could be accommodated anywhere in Fife.

Wind turbines have been around for years; the ones at Soutra in the Borders were built in 2002. The reason we're

seeing so many applications now is because of the introduction in 2009 of Feed In Tariffs (FITs) and Renewable Obligations Certificates (ROCs), which are the subsidies paid to developers via our electricity bills for producing renewable energy. A developer typically earns, for a single 2.5MW turbine such as the ones planned here, around £300,000 per year for 20 years in subsidies – a guaranteed payment paid for by us through our electricity bills. The landowner is given around 5-10% of this for leasing their land. If the developer feels the application is controversial they usually offer a 'community benefit' payment of around 1%.

Local authorities issue guidance on areas where turbines are and are not suitable; however, landowners want to benefit from subsidies and having only the land they own available to them, they submit applications whether the site is suitable or not.

If large turbines are approved in the Cleish Hills, it's likely that more will follow. This has been seen across the UK, including at Little Raith where consent was given for 9 x 100m turbines; the developer subsequently submitted a new application to increase the height to 126m. Further applications in the area proliferated, including 2 x 100m turbines at Mossmorran (which again, after gaining consent, have submitted an application to increase the height to 125m), 1 x 100m turbine at Goathill Quarry and 3 x 100m turbines at Clentrie. These turbines are approved but have not yet been erected.

If you are concerned about the impact of these wind farms at Blairadam and Outh, would like further information or want to be kept up to date when the planning applications are submitted, contact SPOT Fife (Stop Proliferation Of Turbines), a group of West Fife residents set up because of concerns about the number of inappropriate wind turbine applications in our area. Phone: 07903 741240

Email: spotfife@gmail.com

Website: www.spotfife.org.uk

Suzanne Turner
Secretary, SPOT Fife
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See also Civic Trust, p.66

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News & Articles

Councillor Barnacle

Copies of two letters sent recently by Cllr Barnacle to Kinross, Milnathort, Portmoak, Fossoway & District and Cleish & Blairadam Community Councils

Kinross-shire Forum of Community Councils

As the local member who originally strongly advocated the idea of a Forum of our community councils, to meet together periodically to discuss common issues of concern affecting our county, as long ago as 2008, I am concerned at recent suggestions from some quarters that its successor the Kinross-shire Community Council Network should perhaps not continue.

I agree with my colleagues, Cllrs Cuthbert & Robertson, that there is a need for the Network to continue, especially since the apparent demise of the Convention of Perth & Kinross Community Councils. I believe we have some very good and committed community councils in Kinross-shire that do sterling work on behalf of their communities. As local members, it is really valuable when there are issues of importance in the county that require, if possible, a strong united voice up at Perth for a forum to exist that enables discussion of same and exchange of views between the community councils; this can only help us in gauging opinion for representation up at Perth.

I very much hope that those with doubts as to the necessity or wisdom of continuing with the Network think again and agree to meet to discuss the way forward.

Landscapes Designations for Kinross-shire

I refer to the recent letter from the Kinross-shire Civic Trust to the Kinross-shire CCs regarding landscape policy protection for our shire, concluding with a call for Kinross-shire to be considered as a National Scenic Area.

I strongly support this suggestion.

In February 2011 and again in April 2012, I wrote to Forward Planning at PKC on the Main Issues Report and Proposed Local Development Plan respectively lamenting the demise of the Areas of Great Landscape Value from Scottish Planning Policy under Government directive. The community and I worked hard at our last Local Plan Inquiry to acquire the extension of the AGLVs to our county's hill and river borders.

At present the new proposed plan policy ER6 only mentions National Scenic Areas for safeguarding against inappropriate development. Since my call in February 2011 to be involved in discussions on the local landscape areas that could replace the AGLVs nothing has happened, although I understand that it is now a priority to develop supplementary guidance for the new proposed Plan in this regard. This aspect now acquires some urgency, given the potential for a proliferation of wind cluster and farm turbine developments both within our county and on its borders that were discussed at the joint meeting of the Trust, CCs and elected members on 25 June 2013. At that meeting, PKC Forward Planning indicated that one of the special areas of sensitivity in relation to inappropriate developments and the need for landscape protection is Lochleven and its surrounding hills (Cleish, Lomond & Ochil).

It is imperative that the PKC planners now press on with consultation and discussion on such landscape designation, involving Scottish Natural Heritage and the community councils, so I feel the Trust's call is timely and should be seriously considered and supported.

Councillor Giacomazzi

Kinross Matters

Resurfacing of the Muirs

By the time you read this, the inconvenience will be a fading memory and the citizens of Kinross will be able to enjoy the benefits of pothole-free motoring from the Springfield Road junction to the mini roundabout at Station Road. I was involved in an initially distraught conversation with a local resident who was to be adversely affected by the works. Having sought clarification from the Roads people in Perth, and conveyed the information to him, he was, if not exactly happy, at least resigned to the inevitability of the work taking place.

One source of complaint, in my view justified, was the short period of notice given of the works happening, giving traders, for example, less time to inform customers. I think that the contractors, Tayside Contracts, having found themselves with the opportunity to bring forward the job, did so. This may well be related to the fact that all four Ward 8 Councillors accompanied the Head of the Environment Service and his Deputy on a 'walkabout' of Kinross soon after their election, to illustrate the need for some TLC in the town.

I find that by working together, we, your elected representatives, are better placed to obtain resources for Kinross-shire, from the Council.

New Junction at Bridgend

This again, was the result of an approach by all the Councillors to our roads department. Clearly, the previous arrangement was dangerous and not working well. The proposal for the build-out with a consequential restriction of the carriageway width was met with apprehension from some local residents. The results seem to me to be an improvement. The road texturing creates a clearer picture of the priorities, while the build-out makes the 'Give Way' sign prominent.

On a wholly different matter, affecting not only Kinross but the whole Shire, the Development Management Committee of the Council, after a long and deeply considered debate, rejected the application for **three wind turbines on Tillyrie Hill** on the advice of the planning people. Now, unlike some locally who are viscerally opposed to renewable energy in principle, I do not have any entrenched view, preferring to assess each application on its merits. So far, in the last year, as a member of the Development Management Committee, I have voted against three wind farm applications in Perthshire. However, I did see merit in the Tillyrie proposal, particularly from the aspect of community gain and, accordingly, spoke in support of the application before withdrawing from the vote, as was proper.

From what emerged at the meeting, it now seems most unlikely that PKC's planners will ever support a third wind farm or cluster in the Ochils on the basis that any such proposal would, taken with the existing turbines, represent an unacceptable degree of cumulative impact on the landscape.

Kinross Show Saturday 10 August, RSPB Loch Leven

Kinross Show will be held once again at RSPB Loch Leven at Vane Farm on Saturday 10 August. The Show Committee have been working hard to build on the success of last year, which was the inaugural show at the venue. Robert Bell, President of Kinross-shire Agricultural Society, said: "Once again we've got a great committee who are dedicated to building on the success of Kinross Show and putting on a great day of family entertainment.

"We are organising free buses again from Kinross and surrounding villages so it should prove to be a fantastic day out.

"We are also thrilled that a representation from Gacé, Kinross's twin town, will be joining us. They will have stand where locals can pop in for a chat about the town and enjoy a local tippie with them."

Along with the location, which has stunning views over Loch Leven, one of the exciting attractions this year is Mark Wylie and his "Drakes of Hazard Duck Display Team". The team consists of Mark, his sheepdog and his troop of fearless Indian Runner Ducks who will entertain and enchant the crowds at the show. Other main ring attractions include Kinross & District Pipe Band, Children's Races, Vintage Tractor Display, Polocrosse (a combination of polo and lacrosse) and the very popular Children's Fancy Dress Parade, which is open to everyone (entrants can be with or without a pony).



The fearless 'Drakes of Hazard' Duck Display Team!

The Flower Show includes an exciting range of children's classes including "Design a Birthday Card" and "Decorate a Wellington Boot", along with the Flower, Fruit, Vegetable, Egg and Floral Art sections. Entries are accepted at the Flower Show Tent in the Show Field until 9pm on Friday 9 August and between 8am and 9.30am on the Show day itself.

For dog lovers there is a Dog Scurry and the Companion Dog Show has nine classes ranging from pedigree dogs to cross breed and classes for the "Waggiest Tale" and "Most

Appealing Eyes". So there really is a class for every type of pooch! Entries are taken on the day of the show from 11.30am.

Visitors can also expect to see various farm animals such as dairy and beef cattle, sheep, pigs, poultry, Clydesdale horses and ponies, along with the various Trade Stands, SWRI and Craft Tents. Kinross Show really is the perfect day out for all the family.

FREE buses will be running every 30 minutes (approx) from Milnathort and Kinross starting at 10.15am with the last bus leaving the show ground at 7.15pm. The buses will start at South Street Milnathort and pick up points will be at the normal bus stops throughout Milnathort and Kinross. There will also be a FREE bus service running every 30 minutes (approx) from 11am to 6.30pm from Loch Leven's Larder, picking up at the bus stops in Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell. Please note that the drop off and pick up point for the free buses will be at RSPB Loch Leven (Vane Farm).

Show Ground Entry: Adult tickets £10, concession £5 and children under 16 FREE. Parking £2, entry through Gate 3.

For the latest Kinross Show news please log on to:

www.facebook.com/KinrossShow or

www.kinross-show.co.uk

Don't miss out on a great day on Saturday 10 August!

Kinross Group SWRI Show Preview

The ladies of Kinross Group SWRI are once again busy preparing for the annual Kinross Show.

Prizes in several classes are again being sponsored by local firms this year. In the Handcrafts Section, McTaggart's of Aberdour are sponsoring a "Child's Aran Patterned Jumper in any ply". In the Produce Section, Jimmy Smith of the Kilted Christmas Tree Company is sponsoring the "Cloutie Dumpling" in the Baking Section. He is also sponsoring "Three Plain Oven Scones" in the Novice Class. In the Produce Section Loch Leven's Larder are sponsoring the "Jar of 3-fruit Marmalade". Williamson Design Florists Ltd is again awarding its prize in the Floral Arrangement Section for "An Exhibit Depicting a Song Title". In the Gents' Section, the Edrington Group is donating a voucher for free entry for two to the Famous Grouse Experience. So come on, gents, get your entries in!

In the SWRI Marquee there will be a wonderful display of entries from members of Crafts, Needlework, Baking, Produce and Floral Arrangements. There will also be entries from husbands and partners in the Gents' Section, and entries from children and grandchildren of members in the Children's Section. Judges this year are from Angus Group SWRI.

There will a display of "Napkin Art" in the tent during the day, with members on hand to explain the technique and let you have a try!

There will, as usual, be a Sales Table selling Baking and Produce and SWRI goods.

To round off the day, the raffle will be drawn. First Prize is £50 with many other fabulous prizes. Make sure you get your tickets! They will be on sale in the tent during the day.

There is no entry charge – but donations will be welcome at the door. So please come along and view the wonderful work of the SWRI. Open from 10am until 4pm on the day of the Show.

Kinross Show 2012 Trophy Winners

To enable us to have the trophies ready and available for the 2013 winners, the Show Committee would be most grateful if the 2012 Trophy winners who have not returned them to J & J H Sands, High Street, Kinross, could do so by **Monday 5 August**. Thank you.

Councillor supports railway call

Councillor Mike Barnacle has been in contact with Transform Scotland, a group calling for the restoration of a direct, fast rail link between Edinburgh and Perth. If a direct line were to be restored, it could mean the possibility of a railway station in Kinross once more.

Transform Scotland campaigns for sustainable and socially inclusive methods of transport. In a letter to the organisation, Cllr Barnacle cites examples of his efforts to have the railway line south of Kinross protected from development in his representations to the Tayside Strategic Development Plan and the Perth & Kinross Local Development Plan. The Councillor has long advocated a restoration of an Edinburgh-Perth railway line through Kinross-shire. His fellow Independent Councillor, Dave Cuthbert, also supports the idea.

Kinross railway station became redundant in 1970. Much of the Edinburgh-Perth line was built over in the 1970s with the creation of the M90 motorway.

Kinross High Street improvements

by Perth & Kinross Council

As previously reported, the proposals for the High Street environmental improvements are currently being progressed, following the positive feedback from the consultation held last autumn.

Perth & Kinross Council is currently working up the detailed design of the proposals; and as part of this process, and in order to ensure that the proposals are deliverable, we are in dialogue with a number of key properties in the High Street. This is taking longer than initially anticipated, however it is hoped that an exhibition of the detailed proposals will take place in Autumn 2013. There will be advance notice of the exhibition in a future edition of this Newsletter and through the local media.

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

Previously, we advised that the Council was 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. A revised application is being submitted by the Council to the Heritage Lottery Fund for grant assistance, with a deadline of 31 August 2013.



Business Breakfasts

Open to all Kinross-shire Businesses

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

The Breakfasts will take place from **7.30am to 9am** on

Wednesday 2 October

Wednesday 6 November

and **Wednesday 4 December**

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

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

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

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

www.kinrosspartnership.org.uk

www.visitlochleven.org

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Church supports Volunteer Group

A retiring collection at the Quarterly Communion of Kinross Parish Church of Scotland in June has raised over £400 for the 'Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme'.

As many will know, this scheme provides a variety of services - transport to local health centres and hospitals, to shopping or to visit relatives in hospital. The volunteer drivers use their own cars and act as 'good neighbours' to the service users, many of whom are elderly or disabled and would otherwise struggle to access these facilities.

The church's collection came to £435 and will help cover the costs of the scheme. Through these collections at its quarterly Communion, the church supports a rolling programme of support for a wide range of charities - both local and international. The church supported this local charity this summer as it makes life easier for many people in the community and it is a charity in which the church's own members are heavily involved.

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Mary Queen of Scots 'Escape to Kirkgate Park'

Saturday 17 August from 2pm

FREE Event



To celebrate the rich historical past of Loch Leven, the Rotary Club of Kinross & District and KLEO (Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation) will be organising a Mary Queen of Scots event.



Mary Queen of Scots Escaping from Lochleven Castle by William Craig Shirreff, 1805. National Galleries of Scotland. Image provided by Kinross Museum

Featuring

- 2.30pm Mary Queen of Scots pageant by The Orwell Dramatic Society (arriving by boat at the pier in Kirkgate Park)
- Mary Queen of Scots Exhibition
- Historic 'Walking Talks' by Prof David Munro (2pm, 3pm and 4pm – Starting at the Marquee beside the swings)
- Display by Kinross Vaulting Group
- Hearing Dogs for the Deaf stand
- Historic Scotland stand
- Kids' Activities organised by Swansacre Playgroup, including: Arts and Crafts with historical theme, Face Painting, Bouncy Castle etc.
- Music by Gillian Shackleton and Jimmy Jazz
- Bar and Food



In the evening there will be a **CEILIDH** in the marquee with Gail and Neil Paterson of the Orwell Ceilidh Band (pictured below and right), 7pm until late. There will be a **Grand Raffle**. All proceeds will go to the Hearing Dogs for the Deaf.



Put this event in your diary!



There will be exciting displays by Kinross Vaulting Group



Left: Lochleven Castle. Above: a scene from the 1987 re-enactment of the Queen's dramatic escape

For news of other KLEO events, see page 51

Just About Movies Film Festival

The test JAM film festival is on **10 August** this year at Tullibole Castle near Crook of Devon. There will be showing around five movies in two purpose built Cinema Marquees including a "Dare to Watch in the Woods" special horror screening.



A welcome Hollywood Karaoke and cool acoustic music will kick the evening off with screenings all night in the cinemas and a camp site, and on the Sunday morning you can have breakfast while watching a movie in the main cinema. There will be a bar and food. The campsite will be open on Saturday afternoon to allow you to settle in and find your bearings in what is an absolutely stunning venue. We are only offering 100 places for this truly unique event and tickets are free, but you do need one to attend so email: jo@synergieventsolutions.com and ask for your registration form for this Free event.

Lottery grant for Cleish field

Cleish Field Association recently received a £10,000 Awards for All grant from Big Lottery Fund.

Cleish Field Association will use the grant to contribute towards the purchase of a field which is used as a community sports and recreation facility. This project meets the Awards for All outcomes of 'People have better and more sustainable services and environments' and 'Communities are safer, stronger and more able to work together to tackle inequalities'.

Kinross on Radio Scotland

Kinross featured on the BBC Radio Scotland programme 'MacAulay and Co' on Monday 8 July in the 'your town' slot.

Dean Maguire Miller, recently qualified butcher at Hunters of Kinross, spoke live on air about what the town has to offer in terms of shops, places to eat, leisure facilities and more. Joint proprietor of Hunters, Pamela Hunter, said: "Kinross-shire should be proud, as his enthusiasm shone through on air – a great ambassador to a great place to stay."

Hunters of Kinross were pleased to be awarded this year's contract for the 'Residency' – the refined camping area at T in the Park – as well as a contract for the festival's management restaurant area.

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Tullibole Castle Open

Completed in 1608, Tullibole is a classic example of a Scottish tower house in a parkland setting. Contents include a collection of 18th and 19th century paintings and portraits of past owners of Tullibole Castle and their relations, including some by Raeburn, a collection of silver, and furniture from the 18th and 19th centuries.

In the castle grounds are a historic graveyard and remnants of a ruined medieval church, a 150 yard 'moat' and doocot. Visit the Witches Maze Memorial for the Crook of Devon Witch Trials, also to be found in the grounds.



Tullibole Castle

Tullibole Castle is located on the B9097 one mile east of Crook of Devon. The Castle is a licensed wedding venue. Open: September from 1pm to 4pm, Tuesday - Sunday. Admission every half-hour with guided tours only. Adults £5, Concession £3.50.

www.facebook.com/Tullibole.Castle

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Kinross-shire – A County of Compassion?

by Marg Meade

A journey to make Kinross-shire a County of Compassion was launched at a recent meeting at St Paul's Church, Kinross. Nine like-minded folk from the community gathered to discuss the "Charter for Compassion" that is being circulated globally with the hopes that it will be adopted throughout the world by cities, towns, businesses, organisations, churches, schools, community councils and interest groups.

The aim of the Charter is to help create a more peaceful, just world and fulfilled human relationships. It is based on the Golden Rule, the basis of all religions and ethical beliefs that calls us to treat other people as we would like them to treat us (and conversely, to not treat others as we would not want to be treated!)

The Charter For Compassion (simplified by Chris Black) asks that we will:

- Treat each other with respect, equality and fairness
- Work tirelessly to relieve the suffering of others
- Respect and appreciate all traditions, cultures and faiths
- Strive to restore compassion to the centre of moral, religious and political thinking

and that we do this for all – even those we might regard as our enemies.

Those present felt that this was a worthwhile project to pursue as the people of Kinross-shire are very caring, actively supporting others locally and globally. Our amazing community newsletter, the Kinross Community Council Newsletter, reflects this very clearly.

Further discussions about how to take this forward will be welcomed at our **next meeting on Wednesday 28 August** in St Paul's meeting room at 7.30pm. Anyone interested in helping to promote the Charter – please join us.

We would also like to encourage Newsletter readers to write to the Newsletter with their experiences of compassion in Kinross-shire – where it shines and where it may be fading. We hope to have a monthly column in the Newsletter throughout the coming year to chart our progress.

To learn more about the Charter, access the "Charter for Compassion" website or Karen Armstrong – its founder.

Note from Editor: The Newsletter would welcome letters on this subject, as suggested in the above article.

Donate your tools for reuse

PKC, together with a community-led reuse project, has launched a new trial scheme for the reuse of household tools at a number of Recycling Centres locally.

Householders are being encouraged to pass on any old or unwanted equipment (but no electrical items) covering:

- woodworking, joinery and carpentry
- engineering and mechanic's tools
- bricklaying and building
- plumbing and electrician's tools; and
- blacksmithing, panel beating and welding tools.

Collection containers for the tools are now in place at Friarton and Inveralmond Recycling Centres in Perth, and also at Blairgowrie and Bankfoot Recycling Centres. The tools donated will go to benefit poorer people overseas.

Kids raise £1000 for cancer research

A group of 18 children aged 8-13 from Kinross, Clackmannanshire and Fife have raised £1000 for Cancer Research by putting on a musical. Lucy Duffy, aged 13, from Balado, Kinross is the inspiration behind this. She writes the script, auditions the children and then directs, choreographs, produces and takes a lead role in the show – all from a garage at home!

This is the second year in a row, with the children raising over £700 with last year's show 'Off To See the Wizard'.



Lucy Duffy presents a cheque to Pam Dougall, volunteer with Cancer Research UK, as cast members look on

Lucy said "I love the show 'Wicked', the story of the witches prior to Oz, and I wrote a script based on this and called it 'Wickedly'."

The children rehearsed every week for several hours to perfect their lines and dance moves. The end result was three fantastic performances to packed audiences in Muckhart Village Hall. Lucy was helped along the way by the generous donation of sound and light from In Sync Sound and Light and beautiful costumes on loan from her dance teacher, Nikki of the Matthew Dance Academy, Milnathort, and support from Pat Jordan of Muckhart Hall.

Lucy added: "We all had a brilliant time rehearsing and performing together. I couldn't believe how many wanted to audition to join us again this year and we are all thrilled we managed to raise so much money for such a great charity".

Accepting the generous donation, Pam Dougall, volunteer with the Milnathort branch of Cancer Research UK said: "This was a fabulous way to support Cancer Research UK and I would like to thank all the children who were involved. Cancer Research UK relies on the support of the public to fund our work and this is a great boost to funds."

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Creepy House

There is one more session left in this year's Summer Reading Challenge. 'Worst Witch' activities (quill writing in blood and making spells and potions) take place on **Thursday 8 August** from 11am until 12 noon.



Film-Book Night at the Library

Film fans and book lovers are invited to the showing of 'The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel' at Loch Leven Community Library's first Film-book night on **Thursday 22 August** at 7.00pm. Enjoy this film on the BIG screen and participate in the informal, short discussion afterwards, comparing the film to the popular book by Deborah Moggach.

Please contact the library for further information and to book tickets. This film is shown in conjunction with Milnathort Filmhouse.

Sunday Opening and Vintage Day 40s Style!

Take a trip down memory lane at the library on **Sunday 25 August** from 11am to 4pm. Remember the books from your childhood? Why not come along to view our themed displays from yesteryear and share your memories.

Visit us with your children or grandchildren to enjoy the free Bookbug Rhymetime for 0-4yrs (11.30am-12 noon) and Pre-school storytelling (1.30pm-2pm).

For more information please call or email the library.

Gavin Francis: Empire Antarctica

Join us on **26 September** at 7pm to hear Gavin talk about the 14 months he spent working as a doctor and exploring the world of the emperor penguins on the Caird Coast of Antarctica.

Gavin's book 'Empire Antarctica' has just been shortlisted for the highly prestigious Royal Society of Literature Ondaatje Prize 2013, and was listed as one of the Financial Times Books of the Year 2012. It is a story of one man and his fascination with the world's loneliest continent. Combining an evocative narrative with a sublime sensitivity to the natural world, this is travel writing at its very best.

For years, Gavin Francis yearned to go to the remotest place on our planet, to see one of the strangest beasts alive. The prospect of silence and solitude also drew him south, to a place with no distractions and very little human history, but one that offered a rare opportunity to explore the world of the emperor penguin. Masters of endurance, they flourish in this coldest and most inhospitable region on earth.

Gavin will tell us about following the penguins throughout the year. From a summer of perpetual sunshine to three and a half months of winter darkness, he will guide us through the strange moods and manners of Antarctic living. Amid the ice and austerity, where the legends of Scott and Shackleton still loom large, Gavin Francis explored the hardship of living at 50 degrees below zero, and the unexpected comfort that the penguin community brings. For further information and to book tickets (£5), please contact the library.

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News from the Health Centre



Immunisations

There have been a few changes recently to the immunisation programmes. We do not have full details on all of these yet, but the following is an outline of some of the major changes or additions.

Measles Mumps and Rubella (MMR) Catch Up Campaign: This campaign is aimed at young people aged between 10 and 17 who may not have been immunised or only partially immunised. Two doses of the MMR vaccine are required and letters have been sent by the Scottish Government to parents of children who may not have been immunised. Please contact the Health Centre to arrange an appointment if you think that your child may not be fully immunised.

Rotavirus: Rotavirus is an infection that causes severe diarrhoea and vomiting in babies and young children. It can lead to dehydration (loss of body fluids) requiring hospital treatment. The rotavirus immunisation protects babies against this illness. To get the best protection, babies should get two rotavirus immunisations one month apart. They will normally be given with a baby's other routine immunisations at 2 months and again at 3 months of age. Older babies will not be given the immunisations retrospectively. Unlike other immunisations, rotavirus is not given by injection. It is given by mouth as a liquid.

Flu: For many years, those aged 65 or over and those with chronic long term conditions have been offered the flu vaccination. From this autumn there will be a phased extension of the seasonal flu programme to include to healthy children aged 2 to less than 17 years. Vaccination will be offered to some pre-school children, accompanied by a limited pilot programme involving primary school children. Further details on this programme will be published in due course.

Whooping Cough: whooping cough is a serious disease

which has been spreading and can lead to pneumonia and permanent brain damage as well as death. Babies cannot be immunised until they are two months old, but mothers can help protect their unborn babies from getting whooping cough in the first weeks of life by having the whooping cough vaccine whilst they are pregnant. The vaccine should ideally be administered in weeks 28-32 of pregnancy, but it can be given up to 38 weeks. Any mums over 28 weeks pregnant should contact the Health Centre to make an appointment for the vaccination.

Shingles: Shingles is a debilitating condition, which occurs more frequently and tends to be more severe in older people. A new vaccine is being introduced for the over 70s this autumn to provide protection against shingles. Initially, those aged 70 or 79 will be vaccinated with those aged 71-78 being recalled at a later date for the vaccination. Further details on this will be published in due course.

Compliments and Complaints

We are always keen to hear from patients about the services that we provide. It is gratifying to hear when things go well, but we accept that sometimes we could improve. We therefore encourage comments or suggestions which will enable us to identify problems and rectify them.

We are aware that rather than addressing us directly, some patients are choosing to put comments or complaints onto Facebook or Twitter. Some of these comments have been rude and offensive. We would encourage patients not to do this, but to talk to the Practice Manager or put their comments in writing. This gives us the opportunity to investigate the issues raised, respond to them in full and put in place changes where necessary. If patients continue to use social media to post offensive or derogatory remarks about any members of staff or the GPs, we will consider taking action against those patients. We hope that patients will understand and respect this. Thank you.

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Meet with representatives of various groups and organisations from across Perth & Kinross to coordinate the enormous range of possible events and find out what funding is available. If you are already involved in projects, please book an information stand so that you can share your knowledge and perhaps recruit volunteers or find new partners.

Representatives from the Heritage Lottery Fund and War Memorials Trust will be there to give us an overview of what is available and Mike Taylor (Taylor Made Consultants) will share an overview of the situation across Scotland. We will have an information sharing session involving stalls showcasing current work or possible projects and then a plenary session to plan an events calendar.

The event takes place on **Friday 23 August 2013** at the AK Bell Library, Perth. The schedule is as follows:

- 9am Welcome and registration
- 9.30am Overview of Scotland by Mike Taylor
- 10am HLF funding by Megan Combe
- 10.30am War Memorials Trust
- 11am Refreshments and set up of stalls
- 11.20am Information sharing market place
- 12.30pm Plenary session
- 1.15pm Finish

The event is free and booking is not required.

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Talent Spotting Time

September promises to be a busy month of talent spotting for the folk of Orwell & Portmoak parish and the surrounding district, as the congregation's Stewardship Group have lined up a number of interesting events to highlight this year's stewardship season, which follows the theme of the 'giving of talent'.

The season 'kicks off' with **Stewardship Services** in both churches (Portmoak 10am and Orwell 11.30am) on the morning of **Sunday 1 September**, led by members of the group and with music by the congregation's own Praise Band, which last performed at the marquee service held during this year's Portmoak Festival.

An **Open Day** on **Saturday 7 September** from 2-5pm in Orwell Church and Hall in Milnathort will see the appearance of numerous local organisations and individuals, displaying and demonstrating their particular talents and interests and hoping to attract new involvement in their activities.

The season will draw to a close with a **Talent Show** on **Saturday 28 September** from 7pm to 9pm in Orwell Church, when an eclectic mix of 'talents' will be performing music, song and much, much more.

If you would like some further information about the stewardship season or an opportunity to display your talents at the Open Day or the Talent Show, please contact the Stewardship Group Convener, Ruary MacLeod, who can be reached by email to lothries@btinternet.com or by telephoning 01577 863992 and who will be pleased to put you in touch with the organisers of these events.

Road works

There will be a Temporary Speed Restriction Order on the **B9097 Findatie** road, starting on Monday 5 August and lasting one week. The order will restrict all vehicular traffic to 10 mph on the B9097 Findatie from its junction with the B920 (318287, 698916) for a distance of 3.2 kilometres westwards, or thereby. (315356, 698659).

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Kinross-shire Home Composting Project – equipment delivered

Householders who live within a five-kilometre radius of Milnathort and who do not receive a brown bin collection service for their garden and food waste are receiving home composting equipment in July via the Kinross-shire Home Composting Project.

The Project has been developed through a partnership between Perth & Kinross Council, Milnathort in Bloom, a local Zero Waste Volunteer and the Federation of City Farms & Community Gardens.

Environment Convener, Councillor Alan Grant explained: "The Project enables householders to divert their food and garden waste from landfill, with support on-hand from the local Zero Waste Volunteer, who will host composting workshops over the coming months and also provide one-to-one advice and answer any queries householders taking part in the Project may have."

Since the Project began earlier this year, householders have attended a workshop to find out more about home composting and the kinds of equipment available. Orders for home composters were then placed and the equipment was delivered by people carrying out unpaid work as part of their Community Payback Orders, supervised by Project Officers from the Council's Unpaid Work Team.

Amanda James, the local Zero Waste Volunteer said: "This is a good time of year to be starting composting at home with the new systems, using green waste from the garden. Advice will be on hand for anyone taking part in the project if they have any queries, with a follow-up workshop to come in the autumn. It's great that we have had a positive response from householders to the project. Now, with the very kind assistance of the manager and his staff at Dobbies Garden Centre in Kinross, who have provided space to store the composting equipment for distribution to residents, we can help households get going with home composting this summer."

In general, whatever kind of home composter you use, it is crucial to site the composter somewhere in the garden that is both easy to get to and ideally in a suitable place for it to work effectively. Bare soil or grass is ideal so that worms and other insects that help the composting process can easily get into your compost heap. The composter also needs to be out of excessive sunlight and sheltered from the wind to achieve the right temperature and moisture content for the process to work.

It is also important that the composter contains an equal mixture of green and brown materials, so that the compost is not too wet or too dry. Green materials include cut flowers, fruit scraps and vegetable peelings, garden and houseplants, grass cuttings, tea leaves or bags, coffee grounds and young annual weeds. Brown materials include paper items such as crumpled-up cardboard, egg boxes, toilet roll tubes, shredded letters, unwanted mail and envelopes (with the cellophane windows taken out), straw and hay, and eggshells.

For more information about home composting or the Kinross-shire project, please call 01738 476476, email recycle@pkc.gov.uk or visit www.pkc.gov.uk/composting



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Fossoway Primary School inspection report published

Following inspection, a report on Fossoway Primary School was published on 25 June.

HMI visited the school to find out how well children are learning and achieving and how well the school supports children to do their best. The inspection considered some specific aspects of the school's recent work, including how it met the needs of all pupils, partnership working with parents and outdoor learning.

Key strengths identified at Fossoway Primary were the articulate and confident youngsters, the support provided to children with complex additional support needs and their families, and the positive learning experiences nursery children had.

The Inspector found that most nursery children were motivated, engaged and confident learners, concentrating well on what they were doing. They were achieving well and this was readily recognised by staff. Nursery children were making good progress in developing and using early literacy skills and confidently applying what they were learning about numbers when playing games. Staff knowledge of nursery children and their families was being used to plan high-quality learning experiences. The report recommends this planning be developed further to allow children to progress smoothly from nursery to primary level.

Almost all primary children were equally confident, articulate and able to express their views and had the chance to learn in a range of different environments. They worked well with others and were successful in a wide range of activities. The Inspector recommends that more is done to record and celebrate pupils' achievements. Children in some classes were closely involved in their learning and given challenge in their work, for example by organising and running interviews for a project about different types of employment. In other classes, pupils had less opportunity to be involved. Pupils were making satisfactory progress in developing literacy and numeracy skills. It was felt primary pupils would benefit both from further learning opportunities where their skills were put to use in real-life situations and the provision of greater pace and challenge in lesson planning to meet children's needs.

Children's progress was being tracked against Curriculum for Excellence (CfE) levels alongside other approaches to

assessment. The Inspectors considered there was scope to improve pupils' achievements and to develop CfE further so children could apply what they were learning across different areas. Across the school, teachers were aware of children's needs and were well supported by pupil support staff. The school worked effectively and had good procedures in place to assist children with additional support needs and their families. HMI have asked the school to do more to promote children's health and wellbeing, review its provision of music and religious and moral education and have greater community involvement in learning opportunities. The report also recommends the school ensures its staff work with colleagues from other schools to share good practice and improve learning planning.

HMI recognise in the report that the headteacher and her staff are keen to improve children's learning experiences and achievements and recommend a number of actions to take forward to achieve this:

- Increase the pace of implementing Curriculum for Excellence.
- Ensure learning and teaching is improved through self-evaluation.
- Meet the learning needs of all children so that they can achieve to their full potential.
- Give children more responsibility for and ownership of their learning.

As a result of the inspection, Education Scotland will work with the Council to build Fossoway Primary's capacity to improve and stay in contact to monitor progress being made. A comprehensive action plan is being finalised with support from education officers which outlines the improvements required to achieve the outcomes expected for all pupils. Regular monitoring of the plan's impact and reviews of progress will be undertaken throughout the school session. A further inspection to evaluate how the school is doing will be carried out within a year.

PKC Lifelong Learning Convener, Councillor Bob Band said: "I welcome the key strengths identified by HMI in this inspection of Fossoway Primary School and their recognition of the keenness of the headteacher and staff to improve the quality of education the school provides. We will work closely with Education Scotland and the school to progress the areas for action."

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Local Councillors save Kinross-shire signs

The Newsletter has learned that Perth & Kinross Council wanted to remove the blue and white 'Kinross-shire' boundary signs for a period of around one year as part of a plan to welcome the Ryder Cup to the local authority area. However, objections by the four Ward 8 (Kinross-shire) Councillors appear to have saved the signs.

On 23 July, PKC's Corporate Communications Manager sent the Kinross-shire Councillors an image of a sign saying 'Perthshire Welcomes the 2014 Ryder Cup', along with an email message explaining that the Council would soon be erecting such signs all around the Perth & Kinross local authority area. In the message, she also said:

"I am emailing to let you know that the Ryder Cup signs will temporarily replace the Kinross-shire signs which are underneath the boundary signs on the A91, M90, A911 and A977. I can assure you that the Kinross-shire signs will be replaced after the Ryder Cup. I hope you will be able to reassure residents that this temporary change is worthwhile to support the world's third largest sporting event, which will benefit the whole area."

The prestigious Ryder Cup golf tournament will take place at Gleneagles in September 2014.

The decisions about signage had been taken by a working group of Council officers and Councillors in conjunction with Ryder Cup Europe and Transport Scotland. There were no Kinross-shire Councillors on the working group, and the first our local elected members knew of the decisions was via the 23 July email.

The four Kinross-shire Councillors met on 25 July and all agreed they were against the removal of the Kinross-shire signs and would prefer 'Perth & Kinross Welcomes ...' rather than 'Perthshire Welcomes ...' on the Ryder Cup signs. Cllr Giacomazzi was asked to put their views to the Council on 26 July.

That same day, PKC must have erected Ryder Cup signs at four of the five planned Kinross-shire locations, as they were already in place by the weekend of 27-28 July. This was despite a Council press release dated 25 July saying that the erection of the signs would take place "over the next few months".

There is no sign yet (28 July) on the M90 border with Fife, but 'Perthshire Welcomes the 2014 Ryder Cup' signs are in place at the following Kinross-shire boundaries:

- A91 near Yetts o' Muckhart
- A91 near Burnside
- A911 near Auchmuirbridge
- A977 near Blairingone

The Council seems to have taken the local elected members' views partially into account, as the 'Kinross-shire' signs have been retained. However, it appears that the 'Scotland's first Fairtrade county' signs that used to accompany them have had to give way to the Ryder Cup signs.

Speaking on 28 July, Cllr Barnacle commented: "I was not aware that these signs were going up this weekend. There was no agreement prior to putting them up."

The Perth & Kinross unitary authority area corresponds broadly to the old counties of Kinross-shire and Perthshire, though not exactly.

There was an outcry locally in summer 2005 when a sign saying 'Perthshire Welcomes the World' (a reference to the G8 summit at Gleneagles) appeared without warning at the M90 boundary between Fife and Perth & Kinross.



The 'Perthshire Welcomes the World' signs caused a furore in 2005



One of the 'Perthshire Welcomes the 2014 Ryder Cup' signs. This one is on the A977 at the boundary between Clackmannanshire and Kinross-shire near Blairingone.

Similar signs have been erected on the A91 and A911.

In 2005 PKC was pursuing a 'Perthshire' branding campaign and had made numerous factual errors on its website at the time, such as listing Kinross as a 'key town of Perthshire' and claiming that 'Perthshire hosts the T-in-the-Park music festival.' Kinross CC had become increasingly irritated, and when the 'Perthshire Welcomes the World' sign appeared, accused PKC of inferring that Perthshire started at the border with Fife and of continually attempting to rename the local authority area 'Perthshire' instead of 'Perth & Kinross'.

In March 2006, some nine months after the G8 summit, and following pressure from Cllrs Willie Robertson and Mike Barnacle, PKC erected 'Kinross-shire' signs under the 'Welcome to Perth & Kinross' signs where roads crossed from Fife and Clackmannanshire into Kinross-shire. In August 2006, some signs saying 'Scotland's first Fairtrade county' were added. The M90 'Kinross-shire' sign did not appear until autumn 2008, apparently because it took much longer to obtain the necessary Scottish Executive approval.

LLCC Campus User Survey Summary Results

The Perth and Kinross Council Annual Campus Users Survey results are available to view on the Campus website:
<http://kinross.my allocator.com/index.php/loch-leven-community-campus/>

29 users completed the survey.

Q How satisfied are you with the Campus and its facilities?

Most were satisfied with exception of school meal service & dining facilities (31% dissatisfied)

Q What best describes how satisfied you are with your let(s)?

Most were dissatisfied with:

The booking and let process (79% dissatisfied), Cost of your let(s) and value for money (65% dissatisfied), and almost half (43%) were dissatisfied with the facilities and equipment used.

Q What best describes how satisfied you are with the Campus and its facilities? Most were satisfied with:

The welcome you receive, the helpfulness of staff, Campus environment and facilities, Information about the Campus, Finding your way around the Campus, The Library, Range of leisure facilities;

And less so for Access to computer facilities (45%), with Catering Arrangements (46%), although half said they didn't know or didn't use these particular facilities.

Some of the main comments from dissatisfied customers have been highlighted below, with information provided on the issues.

A Campus Users Consultation session is being held on **Monday 5 August at 6pm**, for you to have the opportunity to discuss topics from the surveys, campus development and other issues that you may wish to raise.

This will be an open meeting in the main Hall on campus, facilitated by Dick Keatings, Campus Leader.

LLCC July 2013 Annual User Survey Feedback

| Comments | Issues |
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| Staff could be friendlier and more helpful – certain staff too “rigid”. Should be better informed. Queues form. Difficulties with unusual errors at reception/double booking error. Reception staff to call back customers promptly. | LLCC circulates a two weekly campus booking sheet to campus service partners, updated weekly by the reception to disseminate relevant information. All telephone messages received are dealt with, when Reception staff are available, customers at desk are attended to as a priority. |
| Locked doors or lack of reception staff preventing access to Fitness room | MRM Booking System makes processing customers difficult and slow at busy times, with one staff on Reception. LLCC has introduced sign in sheets to record class attendance and advance bookings, and is also investigating the option of people to pay on way out (as happens at Loch Leven Leisure Centre run by LAL). A protocol has been agreed by the Campus Health & Safety group for the non-appearance of Reception staff, in that the front door should be unlocked only in the presence of a Receptionist or LAL staff. |
| Clarity around what is happening at the campus/communicating with local groups. | The LLCC Campus Assistant has been liaising with local groups; advertising of programme of events has extended substantially in local newsletter and press, and has attended a KLEO meeting as liaison for campus events. Our local Website has been redesigned so that it is separate from School information. LLCC is planning to use Facebook communication. A campus user consultation meeting is planned for 6 August, led by the Campus Leader and Business Manager |
| Improve website | |
| Dates not agreed in advance/can't book in advance. | School bookings take priority, we add the next school session School Calendar of Events in June, then confirm bookings as far in advance as possible. |
| Obstacles put in way, rules keep changing, promises not kept | Campus staff meet with event organisers on site and scope the request. Follow up meetings clarify and confirm provisional discussions. A meeting is organised a month prior to the event to confirm agreed requirements in writing. |
| Rental costs too high/discount to local clubs | Prices are decided centrally and ratified by Councillors. |
| More non-vocational evening classes | Dependent on external parties, Perth College has several on-going art, upholstery & cookery classes. |

Survey feedback continues over page...

LLCC July 13 Annual User Survey Feedback continued...

| Comments | Issues |
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| Cumbersome booking process | Booking form is standard across PKC and requires communication with service partners. Dates of receipt and forwarding for approval are noted on forms. |
| Passes for users not working | LLCC has set up weekly checks of access cards; receptionist will test passes immediately before booking arrives. |
| Certain users get preference/ local business prevented from booking. Allow community more access to book rooms | Campus room booking requests are agreed unless there is already a previous booking. With reference to sports facilities, school use has priority and local groups are invited by LAL at the start of the year to book facilities before use is opened out. LLCC held an evening open session with invitations sent to local charities and groups to view the available facilities first hand, invitations went out to 80 organisations. |
| More immediate decision making required | Block Bookings for Sports areas are referred to LAL manager for approval. |
| More teenage friendly environment | Youth Services already operate a variety of activities. |
| Car park too far away / parking issues access difficulty not registered disabled but limited mobility | Design of LLCC cannot be changed. LLCC has implemented procedure for Mitie SSO to note car registrations of offenders parking in disabled bays, with referral to Legal Services via Reception. PKC Parking Attendants attend LLCC on occasions. Separate access through an entrance at Dining area was arranged for specific GP referral sports users |
| Have had poor sound at each event | LLCC offers technician support from Quake services and Perth College for large events. Our Campus Technician sets up equipment for meetings. Any reports of poor quality are investigated and remedial action taken. |
| Sports Facilities & Bookings Guided tours Pitch seating | Guided tours around the campus sports areas can be arranged on request through Reception Seats on the pitches – the LAL Improvement plan has a plan purchase appropriate seating for outside on the pitches, though this is not a high priority. For one off events that request seating, then we aim to provide benches and seats as appropriate. |
| Catering Catering arrangements open all hours (also after 8pm) Better coffee There's not enough space to feed all children (3) Large numbers of the community can gather for large events...often too expensive to do in terms of rent and catering Would like to see services delivered in a much more professional customer facing way...instead of contracts which limit quality of sports and catering provision Attended meeting in lecture theatre...tea, coffee and shortbread provided...shortbread was the best I have ever tasted in my life! More choices in Food To go needed ...wish food was cheaper Need more varied food, Food To Go not always staffed | Food To Go is staffed throughout the advertised opening hours. If staff are absent it will generally be for no more than 2-3 minutes. Food is competitively priced and is subsidised for pupils during the school day up until 6pm. There will be more Meal Deal offers occurring during 2013. Additional food items such as daily specials and new products have been introduced in the last year – we will work harder at promoting such items accordingly. All children have appropriate access to food choices, services and seating areas. We'll continue to review our services and develop our products on an ongoing basis. Our contractual arrangements do not impede the quality of any service provision |

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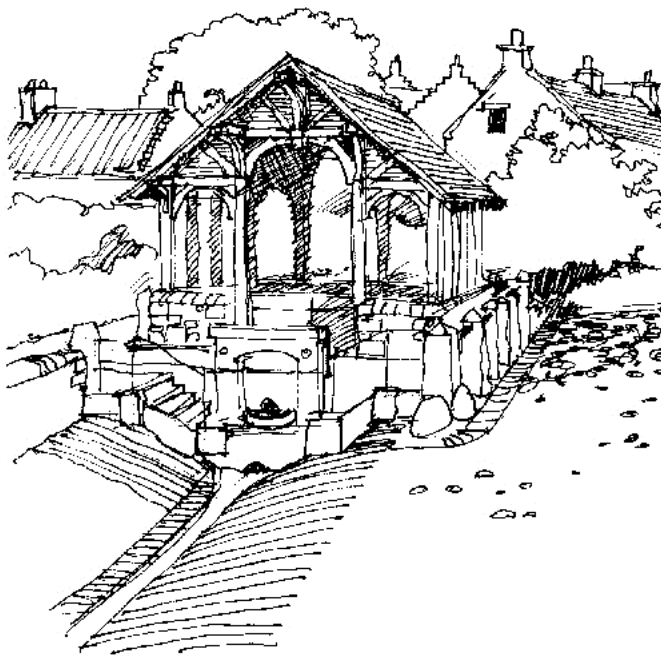
Fons Scotiae publishes work by Iain W D Forde, whose venture is to use Scots as if it had continued as the modern national language. This series, written in both Standard English and Scots, is intended to provide an insight into the Scots language as well as the history of Scotlandwell.

Scots is the language of Lowland Scotland, based on the Anglian tongue brought to the British Isles from northern Europe by the post-Roman immigrants. Scots is also sourced from neighbouring countries: Ireland, the Scandinavian countries, France, the Netherlands and England. Like all languages, Scots has dialects that are mutually intelligible. Scots declined after the Union of the Crowns in 1603. It survives in speech, song and poetry.

Fons Scotiae

Scotlandwell, though known to the Romans as Fons Scotiae and visited by Robert the Bruce was a backwater in the sense that it was on the edge of large estates. The Parish of Portmoak includes Bishop Hill and the area known as Bishopshire. This showed the former ownership of the Bishop of St Andrews who was far away and busy with larger matters.

Scotlandwell itself was within the Barony of Arnot but the post-Reformation landowner was still not able to change practices quickly either. Though modernisation would have increased yields, and his rents, it was not attractive to the villagers who were comfortably settled in their 'old methods'.



The Stone Houses

The stone houses that form the heart of Scotlandwell did not exist until landlords gave villagers the right to build a permanent home. Until that time the houses were built of timber frames called crucks, with turf walls and reed-thatched roofs. Heating came from peat and water from the well. Therefore, along with their farm animals, and grain crops for bread and beer, the occupants lived lives of simple poverty.

Long ago there was a hospice in the village tended by Friars. The Pilgrims' route between Burntisland Ferry and Saint Andrews, a holy site, ran through the village.

Fons Scotiae

Scotlandwall, tho kent til the Roumans as Fons Scotiae an veisitit bi Robert the Brus wes at the bak o Bafuffi the sinse at it wes on the verra ege o gryte estaits.

The Pairish o Portmoak inhauds Bischop Hul an the aurrie kent as Bischopshyre. This schawed the umquhyle awnerskip o the Bischop o Sanct Aundraes at wes hyne away an thrang wi gryte effairs.

Scotlandwall itsell wes i the Barronie o Arnott bot the syne-rafurmautioun laird wesna oniemair yibbils ti chynge prattiks aither. Tho nyow-farrantrie wuid a inressit yeilds an hiz profitts, it didna attrak the cottars at wes couthie-lik sattilt in thair auld weys.



The Stane Houssis

The stane houssis at nou furm the hert o Scotlandwall didna exeist intil the lairds gied the cottars the richt ti bigg ane aye-lestin hame. Ontil that tyme houssis wes biggit o timmer mullers cryed crukks wi fail waws an risp theikit ruiß. Hatin cum frae peit, an watter frae the wall. Thusgates, alang wi thair bastes an come craps fur breid an yill, the indwallers leived a lyfe o sampil puirith.

Lang syne the'r wes a spital i the clachan tendit wi Freirs. The pilgrames' wey atwein Brunt Eyland Ferrie an Saunct Andraes, a hailie steid, run throu the fermtoun.

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Recent Thefts

Unfortunately rural Kinross-shire has been an area where trailer thefts have occurred in recent weeks. Please could anyone with trailers, horse boxes or other valuable equipment ensure they keep them suitable stored and secured and if anyone has any information on suspicious vehicles or persons, then please pass this onto Police via 101.

Operation Mirfak

Friday 28 June – Monday 12 August 2013

This summer sees the launch of a new Police initiative, covering the Strathearn, Strathallan and Kinross areas of Police Scotland addressing our commitment to deal robustly with such behaviour detailed in our multi-member ward plans and our commitment to listening to the communities we serve.

Operation Mirfak, spearheaded by local officers, has been introduced to help address anti-social behaviour during peak times. Crime and disorder creates genuine fear amongst the community, the impact of which can seriously affect the quality of life for some. The vast majority of people conduct themselves in an acceptable manner however there is a small percentage that cause disruption.

One of the key elements of this activity will be for us to act as an early warning system to families, making them aware of their children's behaviour, giving parents and guardians the opportunity to exercise control.

The initiative has been designed to help assist in prevention and detection of crime and improve the quality of life for everyone through early intervention.

Local policing area Inspector Iain Ward said:

"Anti social behaviour can have a major impact within our communities affecting everyone from local businesses, residents, the elderly and tourists visiting the area. South section is fortunate not to have a significant problem with anti-social behaviour and whilst it would be complacent to think we are free from it, nonetheless we must deal with matters when they arise quickly and robustly.

"We committed in our multi-member ward plans to increase the amount of diversionary activities for the section and as such local Community Officers have helped organise 'Street Sports For All' activities evenings.

"I would encourage every young person to make good use of this excellent facility."

Remaining Street Sports For All evenings are:

Fri 9 Aug 1800-2000 hrs Victory Park, Bridge of Earn

Mon 12 Aug 1800-2000 hrs Public Park, Aberuthven

Other youth diversionary activities organised by partnership agencies every summer include regular youth club nights, outdoor activities and youth discos. Further details can be obtained by contacting the Perth and Kinross Council Youth Services Department on 01738 475000.

If you witness an incident or crime being committed, in an emergency dial '999' or contact Police Scotland on the non emergency number '101'.



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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

Minutes of Meeting on Sub Committees held in the Green Hotel, Kinross on Thursday 27 June 2013

Present: CCLrs David Colliar (Chair), Barry Davies, Gareth Thomas, Ian Jack, David West, Margaret Blyth, Dot Mackay, Margaret Scott and Bill Freeman. Apologies received from CCLrs Campbell Watson and Malcolm Wood.

Note: The Minutes will be circulated prior to the CC Meeting on Wednesday 3 July when acceptance of the following will be determined.

1. Sub-Committees

Note: The Chairman sits on all Committees.

Planning: Planning Officer Bill Freeman, Malcolm Wood, Ian Jack and Margaret Blyth. This group will meet to discuss major developments similar to the Town Hall, High School, Wind Turbines etc. and report back with their recommendations to the full CC.

Remembrance: Margaret Scott, Margaret Blyth and Bill Freeman.

Kinross Partnership: Liaison Officer Campbell Watson.

T in the Park: Margaret Blyth and Bill Freeman.

Community Woodland/Tidy Up Kinross: David West and Barry Davies. This is in relation to areas in Kinross which require to be tidied up. In certain cases the owners of the land will require to be identified. Examples were given such as land at both Lathro/Wimpey which was landscaped and then abandoned and the area at Wilson Court. The area adjacent to the Retirement Homes at Sunnypark is in poor condition, with a stench from stagnant water. This land is owned by Graham Paton and David Colliar offered to contact him to discuss this being taken over to create a Community Woodland. Funding could be sourced for this purpose. Mention was also made to the broken fences at Motorway Junction 6 and Queen's Crescent, the responsibility of Bear and the Council respectively and the damage outside St. Paul's Church. It was suggested that we contact both parties with a request that these be repaired. David West and Barry Davies will collate information in relation to sites in the Town that require attention. Where possible we could ask that the Community Payback Scheme undertake the work. Mention was also made to Rights of Way and the necessity to walk these at least once a year in order to maintain the right of use.

Consultations: Timescales are tight in relation to some of the Consultation Papers and it would be prudent to have a CC member read through these and bring relevant papers to the CC's attention. David West was asked to carry out this work. Gareth drafted a letter in answer to the Care for the Elderly and this will be submitted before the deadline on Sunday.

2. Property of Kinross CC

It was suggested that we compile a list of all property owned by the CC. Gareth Thomas offered to carry this out. Certain items were mentioned such as the laptop, CC Administration Papers (Minutes etc.), Provost Portraits, Pictures, Photographs, Photo of Queen and Prince Philip, Photos, Certificate of Coat of Arms, Provost's Chair (was in County

Buildings), Gavel, Memorial Seats (Nan Walker on Loch Leven Castle and Jack Wilson in front of the County Buildings), Display Unit, Books, Gardening Trophies (held by Mrs Drummond). Investigation and identification of all items to be carried out by Gareth.

3. Queen's Crescent

Prior to the Chairman taking ill, he was in communication with the Council regarding the replacement of the trees in front of Queen's Crescent. He was offered two trees but they were not Cherry Blossoms. He will resurrect communications on this matter.

4. High Street Improvements

On agenda for meeting on 3 July. The Chairman will obtain the up to date position. It was noted that a level of funding was rejected.

5. Persimmon Homes Presentation

Had requested a private presentation with the CC and this is to be turned down. We will however only take questions to Persimmon Homes through the CC after the presentation.

6. Convention AGM

No-one has represented the CC since Mr Drummond or Joe Richardson. Numbers attending their meetings have reduced and again they are at the point of closing down. Margaret mentioned that the emails received from other CCs agree to the closure. The AGM was this Sunday and there was no-one available to attend. Margaret is to write stating that we support the Convention, however the distance and timing creates difficulties in attending.

7. Light Up Kinross/CC

David Colliar advised that he had spoken to Brenda Lackie from PKC in relation to this matter and, although there was no problem with the current set up, it was suggested that the Constitution for Light Up Kinross be amended in relation to the leasing of premises to store the Christmas lights. Currently the mortuary is leased to the CC by the Council for use by Light Up Kinross. Light Up Kinross will arrange an Extraordinary AGM to address this proposed amendment. We are negotiating with the Council for lease of the garage in Mill Street. David West stated that clarification and an answer to which two CC members are nominated for LUK is still awaited. Margaret Blyth and Bill Freeman are the representatives of the CC/LUK who will report back to the CC.

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8. Sir Alan Smith Memorial

The Chairman commented that he would like to see some form of memorial to commemorate Sir Alan Smith, whether it is a park bench (at the Day Centre or Heritage Trail) or a bust or something similar. The CC members are to consider options for this memorial. The family will be approached if necessary.

9. CC Boundaries

David is arranging for further prints of the map showing the CC boundaries. The plan can also be downloaded from the Council Website.

10. Bus Shelter

Bill Freeman advised that more clips are required. Margaret will approach the Council. A magnetic board or spray mount were also suggested.

11. Newsletter Funding

Some discussion was held on this matter. The Chairman would prefer if this was limited to twice a year. Ian Jack suggested quarterly and Barry confirmed that this was almost the case at the moment. Margaret Blyth suggested that a limit be placed on the amount that can be donated. David West commented that if we limit it to twice yearly some valid applications may be missed due to the timescales.

News from the July Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 3 July 2013 were: CCllrs D Colliar (Chair), G Thomas, D West, I Jack, M Wood, M Blyth, D Mackay, W Freeman and M Scott (Secy). Also in attendance were P&K Councillors D Cuthbert and W Robertson, 14 members of the public and two police representatives. Apologies were received from CCllrs C Watson and B Davies and P&K Cllr Giacopazzi.

Declaration of Interest: CCllr Thomas indicated an interest in the Kinross Curling Trust application for funding.

Minutes of previous meeting (5 June 2013): Under declaration of the following amendments, adoption of the minutes was proposed by CCllr Jack and seconded by CCllr Mackay. (One) Newsletter - Correction of erroneous content in relation to reference to £14,999 to read "It was agreed to convert the loan shown in the Company Balance Sheet to share capital. As the money was owned to the CC, and the shares would be held by the Charitable Company, it was noted that this is effectively a gift of the money from the CC to the Charitable Holding Company". (Two) Newsletter - In relation to the "service contracts" this now to read "Ross explained that the Newsletter team members carry out their Newsletter work on a self employed basis. Service contracts were mentioned, but these have not yet been issued". and (Three) Reference to the A997 to be changed to A977.

Police Report

The Police representative updated those present in relation to the current crime list.

Euan Mitchell introduced himself as the Ryder Club Liaison Officer. The event is to be held in September 2014 and Balado Airfield has been designated as one of the three sites for Park and Ride operations during the event, the others being in Stirling and Perth. This will create a massive impact on the town, with huge numbers of vehicles travelling to and from the area over the six days around 5am-8am and 6pm-9pm. Councillors and representatives of CC will be invited to a presentation in September this year. In answer to a query Euan replied that the Traffic Management document has yet to be finalised. He was unaware of how many buses would be involved but added that 8500 cars were anticipated. An all-inclusive price will be charged in advance for the use of the

Park and Ride. The route for the Park and Ride buses will be A91 to Yetts O' Muckhart, A823 through Glendevon to the Gleneagles Hotel, return to Balado Park & Ride via A9 to Broxden, M90 to Milnathort and A91.

T in the Park: CCllr Blyth asked if there was an update since the last meeting. Nothing to report at this time.

Muir: Mention was made of the roadworks in this area and that restrictions and diversions will be in place.

Operation Mirfak: A Police initiative to deal with anti social behaviour during the summer holidays.

Newsletter Disbursements

There is around £20,000 in the fund.

Kinross Curling Trust: Blair Melville, a representative from the Kinross Curling Trust was present to provide information on their request for funding. There has been an indoor ice rink since 1975. The Trust was established to take forward the National Curling Academy but more recently has been looking at alternative lower cost proposals which will sustain curling in Kinross. The Trust are negotiating a long lease (25 years) of the existing curling rink at the Green Hotel with KCT paying a rent to the owners, Montgomery Hotels. The curling rink requires renovation, e.g. the roof leaks badly and there is no insulation. The estimated figure to bring the rink up to standard is £700,000/£800,000. A specialist VAT adviser expects to secure 50% VAT reclaim. The Green Hotel are planning an extensive refurbishment programme. This is a priority for the Hotel and the proprietor has indicated that he cannot justify the investment needed on a permanent basis for the curling rink, however they have generously donated the equipment/apparatus in the rink. The Trust, therefore, propose to take over the running and upgrading of the curling rink at the Green Hotel. Although looking for alternative accommodation would be an ideal circumstance, in reality, money is not available to purchase a site or building. Curling in Kinross is popular with the rink being well used. £330,000 has been raised from donations and fundraising. Sport Scotland are also committed to help them. £600,000 has been raised now but still somewhat short. Capital funding is being sourced and a sound business plan has been drawn up. Kinross Curling Trust has submitted a funding application to PKC. One of the pieces of supporting information which the Council has requested is indications of community support. The CC submitted a letter supporting this planned project. Work will be undertaken during the quiet season. It was agreed to donate the sum of £3,000 from Newsletter funds to Kinross Curling Trust for this project. The proposal was made by CCllr West and seconded by CCllr Blyth. It is open to the Trust to return to the CC at a later stage for further financial assistance.



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JUST ARRIVED IN THE KINROSS AREA

Milnathort and Kinross Allotment Association: Requesting a sum of £4,020 to clear the site and purchase and site a hut. This was discussed. It was commented that the land is usually cleared by the allotment owners and they put up their own sheds etc. It was proposed that the sum of £500 be allocated and a counter suggestion made that their representative attend a meeting to discuss their application. A vote was taken: four for, three against and one member abstained. It was agreed that the sum of £500 is to be allocated.

Milnathort Town Hall: Requesting financial assistance to assist with the refurbishment of Milnathort Town Hall. The applicant did not mention a specific amount and the sum of £1,000 was suggested. Cllr Robertson added that this was an important facility and suggested that we invite their representative to a meeting to discuss this matter. The money is to go towards replacing windows. It was agreed that we donate the sum of £1,000 and again the group have the option to return to us should they wish.

KLEO: Requesting the sum of £2,000. They advised that their funding from Tayside Leader has now come to an end. They are attempting to address the issues in relation to the shortfall. It was commented that KLEO need to demonstrate to the CC that they are sustainable and provide more information on how the money was spent last year. We are to invite their representative to come along to a CC meeting to discuss this matter.

St Serf's Archaeology: Still awaiting an official application from this group. We are to send them a reminder.

Matters Arising

Minute of Meeting held on 27 June 2013 [Sub Committees etc]: Circulated prior to the meeting and to be published with minutes of this meeting. Read out by Chairman. Amendments as follows: Remove Cllr Jack from Planning Sub-Committee (he was only considering this) and replace with Cllr Mackay. Cllr Wood to receive planning applications in place of Cllr Freeman. Clarification given that the two Light Up Kinross members to report to the CC are Margaret Blyth and William Freeman. Further discussions will take place next month.

Fences: It was agreed that the Secretary should write to BEAR in relation to a fence at Jct 6 and to PKC in relation to a fence at Queen's Crescent.

Ground at Sunnypark: The Chairman is to approach Mr Paton regarding the condition of this derelict area of ground.

Condition of sites in Kinross: Cllr West and Cllr Davies are to identify and compile a list of these areas. The list could be sent to PKC for confirmation on what they own.

Newsletter Funding: Cllr Thomas asked that this wording be changed to Newsletter Distribution.

Wind Farm proposals south of Kinross-shire: A meeting was arranged by Cllr Robertson which was attended by Cllr Colliar and Cllr Wood.

High Street improvements: No further information available at this time.

Planning

Planning applications submitted to PKC:

13/00888/FLL 49 Montgomery Street: Alterations and extension to house.

13/00934/FLL 53 Lathro Park: Extension to house.

13/00971/FLL 123 Lathro Park: Extension to house.

13/01010/FLL 2 Mavisbank: Extension to house.

13/01073/FULL 69-71 High Street: Install replacement windows and doors.

13/01144/FLL 2 Easter Balado Farm Cottage, Balado: Installation of air source heat pump.

Persimmon Homes (former High School site)

Jaffrey Weir, representing Kinross Parish Church, explained that an area of the land was sold for a nominal sum by the Church to the Council under proviso that it be used for the benefit of the school and the community. The Council will sell the land for the best monetary value. This ground in question remains well used by the school and other groups and for car parking during Church events. The Parish Church are asking that the CC and other bodies offer their support to reach one common objective for the good of the town. Persimmon Homes carried out a presentation at the campus but there was little, if any, information available on the proposed plans for the site other than that there would be affordable housing included and that the entrance from the High Street was to be moved. There is to be parking for 1½ spaces per home. But other than that there is no other parking within the area. Comment was made on the loss of this for car parking and, with the other added changes in the town, parking will become an increased problem and should be addressed now. Mr Weir confirmed that the title documents are being examined to ascertain the legal position. The CC confirmed that they fully support the quest for car parking in the centre of the town. A member of the public questioned whether a traffic survey would be carried out as part of the town centre regeneration. It was agreed that we place an article in the Newsletter asking for comments on car parking in the town.

Cllr Thomas commented that our argument is with the Council who are selling the land and not the developer who has submitted the offer. Cllr Robertson added that he had asked the Council to produce a Development Brief for the site but this was rejected. Cllr Cuthbert stated that he had asked that the proposed use of the land be mixed. It was agreed by all that this is one of the most important sites in Kinross and noted that the time for comment is when a Planning Application is lodged.

Cllr Colliar reported that the developer has asked to attend a CC meeting to present a presentation. However, they want this to be a private meeting with the CC, not including members of the public. This has been refused. We would meet with them and take questions from the public following their Presentation which can then be relayed to them for an answer.

Finally, in answer to a query, it was confirmed that if a vehicle is licensed and insured and there are no parking restrictions then the car is parked legally (unless obstructing a garage or driveway).

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Reports from Perth and Kinross Councillors**Councillor Robertson**

Cllr Robertson mentioned the Community Speedwatch carried out at Crook of Devon last spring. Cllr Robertson wrote recently to the Police regarding this. The scheme is to be discontinued and the equipment taken over by Police Scotland. Cllr Robertson is to return to the Police on this matter as he believes this to be a worthwhile scheme.

Green Park: Fencing in Green Park should be replaced before the end of the year.

Councillor Cuthbert

County Buildings: There is a closing date of 31 July.

2nd Shop in High Street: A number of people are interested in leasing this property. A closing date is to be set for this.

High Street and Clashburn junction: Further work has been carried out to this area.

Grounds maintenance: Due to cutbacks, the verges are to be cut once a year, however some may require a second cutting. Cllr Cuthbert is in correspondence with the Council regarding this. The CC will raise this with the Council when writing about the fence in Emslie Drive.

Gritting on the A977: CCllr Jack enquired as to the level of cover on the A977 in relation to winter weather and Cllr Cuthbert is to check with the Council.

Roads: CCllr Colliar commented that we still await the implementation of the speed restriction from Dobbies into Kinross, which was approved two years ago. Cllr Cuthbert stated that no response has been forthcoming from the Council and he suggested that we invite a representative down to answer the question. It may be that PKC awaits the application in relation to the Service Area.

Correspondence

Roads: Footway on the B996 Kinross - (1) east side thereof from its entrance to the Woollen Mill southwards for a distance of 120 metres or thereby, (ii) West side thereof from a point 120 metres or thereby south of the entrance to the Woollen Mill southwards to its junction with the U225 Cleish Road a distance of 270 metres or thereby. (The lengths of road shall become cycle tracks, the right of passage being exercisable on pedal cycle and foot only.)

Charter of Compassion: Email received from a local resident asking that the CC review the Charter and consider adopting it as a guidance on how best to work together and with the public. The lady would like to see Kinross-shire a County of Compassion.

Convention of CCs: Invitation to AGM on 30 June. No-one was available to attend this meeting. The Secretary advised that numerous emails in agreement with the closure of the Convention were being received. There was mention of holding regional meetings.

2014 Ryder Cup: Information received on the planned Park and Ride scheme to be operated at Balado airfield during the event.

Affordable Rented Housing: Information received on what is to be included in the forthcoming Housing Bill.

First World War: Notification of Planning and Information Event to be on 23 August.

High Street and Clashburn Road junction: Notification of planned works.

CC Grant: Confirmation received that funds of £673.90 to be received from PKC being the annual grant.

Laptop: The Secretary produced two specifications from Fife Computers. It was agreed that the Secretary should progress the purchase of a laptop.

Walkers are Welcome scheme: The Secretary advised that she had downloaded the information in relation to gaining accreditation to this scheme which was launched in 2007 and now encompasses 100 locations across the UK. The criteria are as follows:

- Ongoing community involvement (steering committee)
- 250 signatures for a small town or 5% of the population
- Perth and Kinross Council endorsement
- The route to be maintained and walked
- Walkers are Welcome signs or stickers
- Fundraising for leaflets with public transport information
- An annual return by 31 March every year

It was agreed that the information be passed to Kinross-shire Partnership, George Lawrie (Heritage Trail) and CCllr West (for insertion in the Newsletter in tandem with the car parking survey).

Other Competent Business

KCCNL: CCllr Watson pointed out that as David Cuthbert is no longer a CC member he will require to be removed as a Director and replaced by a current CC member.

Trees: CCllr Mackay reported on overhanging trees at Douglas Crescent. Cllr Cuthbert will look into this.

The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 7 August 2013 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

Apologies received in advance from CCllr Jack.

Agenda for the Meeting on 7 August

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of interest
3. Minutes of meeting held on 3 July
4. Police report
5. Matters arising from the minutes of 3 July
6. Town improvements
7. Newsletter funding applications
8. Planning matters:
 - a. planning applications received
 - b. Blairadam and Outh Muir windfarm developments
 - c. Planning applications determined and other planning correspondence
9. Report on T in the Park 2013
10. Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors
11. Questions from the floor
12. Miscellaneous correspondence
13. Other competent business
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 July Meeting

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

Police matters: PC Euan Mitchell advised that recent crimes reported had included theft of a quad bike and a trailer. There had been several instances of fuel theft. The Police were currently conducting Operation Mirfak, to counter antisocial behaviour in the areas of Strathearn, Strathallan and Kinross. (See *Police Box*, p. 34.) CCllr Pettinger reported that there had been instances of antisocial behaviour in the areas of Bridgefauld Road, Fleming Court and Donaldson Park. PC Mitchell agreed to pass this on to PC Riches and Sgt Williams. He reminded the meeting that Sgt Williams was also the liaison officer for T in the Park.

PC Mitchell is the Ryder Cup Community Engagement Officer for the event: 23-28 September 2014. Three Park & Ride areas will be established from which spectators would be taken by bus to Gleneagles; these will be at Balado, McDiarmid Park, Perth and a site near Stirling. Buses will follow a clockwise route from Balado, heading north through Glendevon and returning spectators east toward Perth to join the M90 south to the Milnathort junction. MCC would be invited to a presentation/meeting on 16 September. The Ryder Cup event is expected to attract over 250,000 people during the six days and that about 8,000 cars would use the Balado site.

Matters Arising

Wind turbines meeting: CCllr Thomson updated the MCC on the meeting she had attended with CCllr Cottingham which sought to address cross border information flow about applications for wind farm developments. Although the meeting had been unsatisfactory in some areas, agreement had been reached that information about future developments would be exchanged across community borders. Cllr Robertson had agreed to progress the issue.

Milnathort Festival: CCllr Thomson updated the meeting on the proposed Milnathort Festival. Following discussion, the MCC pledged its wholehearted support for the project.

Verges: The MCC discussed the issue of verge cutting by PKC. Cllr Giacopazzi advised that Lesley Ann Cassidy, PKC official, had asked to be informed of junctions requiring a second cut for safety reasons as soon as possible, before the contract expires at the end of July 2013. He asked the MCC to pass this information directly to him. CCllr Pettinger queried PKC's legal responsibility with respect to safety implications of cutbacks. Cllr Giacopazzi advised him to contact PKC's legal adviser directly, but undertook to raise the grass cutting issue with PKC budget review committee.

Memorial: The MCC noted that work on the Orwell War Memorial was progressing and recorded its congratulations to the Milnathort in Bloom team.

Heads Hill wind farm: No update was available on the Heads Hill Community wind farm issue.

Planning Applications Submitted to PKC

The following was discussed: 13/01132/FLL Demolition of existing building and erection of two dwelling houses, 21-27 Stirling Road. No issues were raised.

Planning Applications Determined by PKC

The following application had been approved:

13/00929/FLL: Alterations and extension to dwelling house, Beechwood Park, Old Perth Road.

New Matters and Correspondence

Traffic changes: The Secretary had received a large document from PKC listing proposed changes to traffic regulations throughout the PKC area; he agreed to raise any potential local issues at the next meeting.

Comments/Questions from the floor

Wester Loan garage: A member of the public raised the ongoing issue of the unsightly, boarded, former garage site at 2-12 Wester Loan. Discussion with workers on site had not been fruitful and progress to discuss the owner's intended use of the site had stalled. Cllr Giacopazzi explained that the PKC Enforcement Officer had advised him that he had no powers over the issue, as over three years had elapsed since the site had changed hands. Following discussion, Cllr Giacopazzi agreed to try to find out details of the current owner of the site.

Former Kinross High School site: Mr Jaffrey Weir, Session Clerk to Kinross Parish Church, explained that [part of] the site had been formerly glebe lands of the church, which had been bought by PKC for a nominal sum to develop the school. Persimmons Homes had acquired the site and intended to build housing. Mr Weir explained that the Church

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had issues for the development of the site and wished to attain the best value for the local communities, including provision of more parking in the town. Currently the Church is able to use the playing field for parking for services, but parking for other events at the Church is limited to local roads. After lengthy discussion the CC agreed to record its strong support to the Kinross Parish Church in its efforts to attain best use of the site for the local communities' interests.

Perth & Kinross Councillors' Comments

Cllr Giacomazzi advised the meeting of the following issues: There will be three separate **road closures** for resurfacing between 22 and 27 July 2013, in the areas of: Springfield Road, central Kinross and the Windlestrae Hotel.

PKC has conducted a **parking survey**, but results were not yet known.

The **Local Development Plan** is currently with the Reporter.

He wished to be informed of issues with **trees overhanging** or obstructing paths and roads so that action may be taken.

The Town Hall has received a grant of £150,000 from the A&M Thompson Trust.

Road markings around the mini roundabout at the Cross are poor and will be repainted.

PKC will decide on 17 July on an application to draw water from the ground (rather than mains supply) at the former **Ochil Hills Hospital site**, noting that approval of the application has been recommended by PKC officials (12/01959/FLL).

The CC discussed the former Ochil Hospital development water supply at length and raised issues about effects on other local communities' water supply. The CC agreed that CCllr Pettinger, who has much experience as a civil engineer and expertise in the water industry, should attend the meeting on 17 July. He was advised to contact Yvonne Oliver, PKC official in order to attend the meeting.

An **application** has been made for an **extension** on the planning consent in Manse Road. The CC had no issues with this.

The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will take place on Thursday 8 August 2013 at Orwell Church Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

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Portmoak Community Council

Due to a combination of holiday absence and unexpected illness on the night, Portmoak CC could not hold a properly constituted July Meeting.

However, CCllrs Bruce Calderwood and Thomas Smith, plus Ward Councillors Joseph Giacomazzi and Michael Barnacle, and two Police Officers, did have a productive one-hour informal meeting with eight residents.

The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will take place on Tuesday 13 August 2013 at 7pm in Portmoak Primary School.

Fossoway & District CC

There was no meeting of Fossoway & District CC in July.

The Next Meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place on Tuesday 6 August 2013 at 7.30pm in Carnbo Village Hall. All welcome!

Cleish & Blairadam CC

Cleish & Blairadam CC meets every second month. There was no meeting in July.

The Next Meeting of Cleish & Blairadam CC will take place on Monday 5 August 2013 in the Tabernacle Hall, Keltybridge, at 7.30pm.

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Club & Community Group News

Rotary Club of Kinross & District



The annual competition for the Rusty Putter was fought out in the walled garden of the Green Hotel on a warm June Sunday afternoon, with Cliff Megginson proving to be the 'brightest spark' on the Putting Green and lifting the Trophy.

Our next evening speaker was Sandra Birse, who gave a very comprehensive talk about the various activities and resources available at the Public Library now housed in the Community Campus.

We were reminded about the early days of television in Scotland in a most interesting and amusing way by Jimmy Spankie, the former broadcaster from Grampian Television. Jimmy entertained us with tales from his days in the studio, and managed to find volunteers to assist when demonstrating the interview techniques used in his day, which now seem so old fashioned.

This was followed by another social event, this time on Orwell Bowling Green, when an enjoyable evening was had by all, both on the green and in the clubhouse. All present greatly appreciated the Bowling Club's hospitality.

The first meeting in July saw the handover of the Presidential Chain of Office from Sandie Pottie to incoming President for 2013-14, Carolyne Poller. Carolyne, who is head of the English Department at Kinross High School, organised the excellent entertainment for the evening, which was provided by two former High School pupils, Ian Jarvie, vocals and keyboard, and Robert Poller on guitar: two very talented young musicians whose performance was greatly enjoyed.



Outgoing President Sandie Pottie presents the Chain of Office to his successor for 2013-14, Carolyne Poller

Sandy Pottie's final duty before demitting office was to welcome two new members to the Club, Derek Copeland, a retired Operations Director, and Sean Bolton, a New Zealander who has settled in Kinross and who runs his own tiling and flooring business. No surprise, then, that he can be seen in an All Black van with a Silver Fern on the side!



Fromleft, President Sandie Pottie welcomes new Club members, Sean Bolton and Derek Copeland

For her first meeting in the chair, Carolyne welcomed former Procurator Fiscal Stewart Houston, who provided an insight into the function of the Fiscal's office, and some amusing anecdotes from his experiences in the courts.

The majority of Club members, plus family members and friends, spent a very busy weekend during the T in the Park Festival. One group operated a 'Bag Drop' centre on the main site at Balado, which provided a valuable service to those campers who needed a safe place to leave their valuables while moving around the site. Others were involved in running a barbecue service on the Lethangie Farm campsite, producing burgers, bacon and sausage rolls, soft drinks and snacks from 9.30pm to 1.30am and from 8am to noon over the three days. All proceeds will go to various charities which the club supports, which include local organisations, and it was encouraging that, in addition to payment for their purchases, some of the campers also contributed to the charity tin on the counter. The second weekend in July was not a good one for sleep!

The next big event will be the Kinross Show at Vane Farm on Saturday 10 August, where Club members will be on gate duty and where there will also be a Rotary stand.

The Club meets on Monday evenings in the Windlestrae Hotel at 6pm for a meal at 6.30pm. More information from Secretary Neil Maclure at neil.maclure19@gmail.com

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Potager Garden



Our flowers and vegetables are growing well with the lovely sunny weather recently, but they are also needing a lot of watering! **Thanks to the volunteers who are helping with watering**, and the automatic irrigation system is also being very useful. We were pleased to be asked to provide **hanging baskets and flowering plants for the tennis club**, and these have been planted by volunteers beside the clubhouse. Do have a look the next time you are passing. Thanks to the tennis club for their donation for the plants.

Thank you, too, to **Sands ironmongers** who donated some plants to us, which we have used at the garden, and shared with some other groups such as the playgroup.

We recently welcomed four ladies from Causeway Court who visited the garden and had a good chat, and thanks for their advice about pinching out the tops of broad beans! You would be welcome to come back on a Monday morning for a cuppa and some light gardening, or consultancy services! If any other group would like to arrange a visit, please contact Amanda.

The garden is open every day for visitors; children must be accompanied by an adult, and please do not touch or taste the plants.

For more information about the garden, contact Amanda James at 01577 840809, or amanda@tyafon.plus.com or go to our website www.potagergardenkinross.com

Kinross Museum



During the past month the Museum has taken part in three walks linked to Perth and Kinross Archaeology Month and the Portmoak Festival in addition to giving a presentation to the Kinross Carers Café on the work of the Museum. We also heard news that the Heritage Lottery Fund will be giving financial support to the Living Lomonds Landscape Partnership, which includes Kinross Museum as a partner Board Member.

Mid-July saw the end of our 'Long To Reign Over Us' Queen's Jubilee exhibition which is being replaced by a display mounted in collaboration with TRACKS and all the schools in Kinross-shire. Titled '**Growing up with Loch Leven**', this exhibition features creative work by school pupils who have been inspired by nature, local history and the landscape around Loch Leven. Projects have focused on wildlife, Kinross Railways, the Kinnesswood poet Michael Bruce, Forest studies, Mary Queen of Scots, Loch Leven Castle, Kinross House and Loch Leven itself. Opening on **Thursday 22 August**, this exhibition will be on public display in the Library at the Community Campus. Do come and admire the handy work of talented young people in Kinross-shire.

Looking ahead, please keep two dates free – **Monday 16 and Monday 23 September**. At 7.30 in the Museum, two **talks** will be given to accompany our display on "A Loch of Bronze: New finds from Kinross-shire's Bronze Age". The first, entitled "Glimpses of Kinross-shire's Bronze Age: magic metals", looks at the recent finds made by metal detectorist Jim Crombie, including the Kinnesswood hoard of Bronze Age axeheads and tools. The second talk, "Glimpses of Kinross-shire's Bronze Age: powerful pots", will give the latest update on the exciting discovery earlier this year of nearly two dozen Bronze Age burial urns at Kilmagadwood near Scotlandwell.

Kinross Camera Club



In pursuit of our Summer Activities programme, and beyond it, visits have been made to the Royal Highland Show, always a good source of photographic material, and the Midsummer Weekend of Balbedie Aeromodelling Club, where only those who managed to go on the Friday had much in the way of photographic opportunities, flying ceasing completely early on the Sunday due to the weather. A group went to Blair Drummond Safari Park last Sunday and said they got "some super shots" – no doubt images taken there will appear in our competitions when the season resumes and fine images may also be expected from those who attended "Hunt the Large Heath Butterfly" on Portmoak Moss. The highlight of the summer so far, for several, was to board the "Osprey" a RIB which takes small groups to the Isle of May. There, due to the very late spring, were numerous puffins still feeding their offspring as well as young gulls, shags, terns, guillemots etc. Photographic opportunities there were good and the journey itself quite an adventure.

Following upon the successful exhibition of members' works in May, another exhibition by Kinross Camera Club is planned to take place in the Campus Library during the latter part of August and early September, but before that the Edinburgh Photographic Society International Print Exhibition will take place at 68 Great King Street, Edinburgh and this is open to the public from 4 August to 1 September inclusive.

Kinross Camera Club's **new season** starts on **Thursday 12 September** when a **Welcome Evening** will be held at the Church Centre, where new members will be greeted and established ones have an opportunity to discuss summer activities.

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

Kinross Garden Group



On 18 July, Kinross Garden Group had a very warm but successful trip to Wormistoun Gardens at Crail, with a run home along the Fife Coast. The next outing is to Elgin and Logie House Garden and Logie Steadings. Cost is £14. There are seats available if any one would like to join us. Contact Mrs Rodger, 01577 863785.

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Ricky celebrated 25 years in Deacon Blue in 2012. This year, Ricky has released a solo album 'Trouble Came Looking'. This has given him the opportunity to hit the road again performing songs from his solo career together with classic Deacon Blue songs.

Ricky's concert will be on **Saturday 16 November** at 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".

Local, upcoming band Sienna is the support act for this evening.

Tickets (£22) for the concert are for sale through our website www.kinrossmusicfestival.co.uk, TicketWeb, Milnathort Post Office and Macbeth Currie Estate Agents in Kinross.

BluesUp

BluesUp, at the Thistle Hotel, takes place on the first FRIDAY of each month for the rest of the summer. Our line-up of bands through until September:

Friday 2 August **Dirt Road Blues**
Friday 6 September **Laura Mays Blue Rays**

Entry is FREE and the music starts at 9pm.

Leven Voices

Leven Voices, the community choir led by Horsecross tutors, has a summer stop at the moment. Sessions will continue from Tuesday 17 September at 7.30pm at the Kinross Parish Church. If interested, please e-mail info@kleo.org.uk

To find out about the Mary Queen of Scots event jointly organised by KLEO and the Rotary Club of Kinross & District, see page 12.

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Portmoak Community Woodlands Moth Event

Portmoak Community Woodlands hosted their first butterfly and moth event on Sunday 14 July, thanks to Butterfly Conservation. The charity have been carrying out surveys in all weathers and often all night since early this year and the conditions haven't been favourable. But the recent warm weather has made all the difference, and after setting up moth traps on Saturday night there was a fantastic collection of lepidoptera to inspect on Sunday morning. Duncan Davidson, the moth and butterfly recorder for Fife and Kinross-shire, said 70 species had been found over the weekend. Many looked and sounded exotic, like the Small Elephant Hawk Moth, the Emperor Moth and the Garden Tiger. Thirty people attended and Duncan gave a presentation in Portmoak Village Hall before everyone went to Portmoak Moss to hunt the rare Large Heath butterfly.



Krystina and Louisa Muszynski and Megan and Niamh Brown show off some of the moths found at Portmoak event

Finding the Large Heath would indicate that the restoration work on the raised peat bog is beginning to attract very specific species attracted to plants such as bog cotton. We didn't find the Large Heath so we'll have to carry on with the work and be patient. The event was deemed a great success and everyone enjoyed roaming backwards and forwards across the Moss with huge butterfly nets.

There's more excitement on the way but we'll have to wait for the nights to draw in. The Woodland Trust are planning a **Lantern Festival** on the evening of **Friday 25 October** in Portmoak Moss. The accent will be on magic and nature and there will be plenty of help and information about how to make lanterns in the lead-up to the event. The Trust have run lantern festivals elsewhere and say they are very popular. They also think Portmoak Moss is an ideal place for the event. There'll be plenty more details nearer the time.

Scotlandwell Allotments

Secure allotments for rent with on-site amenities including members' clubhouse, toilets and private on-site parking.

Please call or email Alison for further information

07789 003604 or ali@greenshields.org.uk

Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



The August meeting was due to be held on Thursday 1 August in the Millbridge Hall, with speaker David Griffiths, retired Procurator Fiscal.

At the July meeting Bill Imlay, a retired Primary School Headmaster, gave an interesting and amusing talk on his memories as a headmaster in various schools in Angus. He brought with him his Lochgelly tawse – a form of punishment which was banned from use in 1986.

After some discussion it was decided that there would be no meeting in January 2014.

Annual Holiday 2014: This holiday to the Royal Clifton Hotel, Southport, will take place from **9 to 14 March 2014**. Deposit of £25 will be due at the September meeting and balance to be paid at the December meeting. Please note: everyone responsible for their own insurance. Contact: Pat Crawford on 01577 862962.

Theatre Outing: "It's a Wonderful Life" at Pitlochry Festival Theatre on **4 December 2013**. Tickets are £27.50, and due to be paid at the October meeting. Contact: Edith Oswald 01577 865731.

Away Days

Thur 8 Aug: Kelso

Thur 22 Aug: Visit to Glasgow Tenement

The coach leaves opposite the Green Hotel at 9.15am. Regrettably no advance bookings for trips can be accepted prior to the monthly meeting. Contact: Mary Muirhead on 01577 863564.

Friday Walkers

2 Aug: Cramond and Silverknowes – a six mile circular walk starting at Cramond Ferry, up along the River Almond and then going along Barnton Road West to Lauriston Castle. The way back is along the Promenade, all the way to Cramond Ferry.

16 Aug: Letham Glen, Blacketyside and Silverburn Park – another short circular walk returning along the beach to Leven, past the free fitness machines.

30 Aug: Linlithgow, the Union Canal and the loch – a slightly longer, circular walk this time along towpaths and footpaths.

Friday Hill Walkers

9 Aug Auchterarder/Glendevon Malcolm 8.30am

23 Aug Ben Ledi Richard 8.30am

6 Sep Arthur's Seat Maureen 8.30am no bus

Activities:

The following activities are open to all members of the club.

Carpet Bowling will resume on **Monday 2 September** at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall. New members will be very welcome. Contact Helen Duncan 01577 863638.

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 10am. Contact: Norma Anderson 01577 863548.

Craft Group will resume on **Wednesday 11 September** 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 Group will resume on **Tuesday 3 September** from 2pm until 3pm in the Masonic Hall. Contact Val Oswald 01577 864020.

Kinross & District Art Club



The excellent summer weather we have been enjoying has been a gift to the Art Club Members who have enjoyed three well-attended outdoor painting sessions. We are grateful once again to Keith and Elizabeth Adam who made the facilities at Blair Adam House and gardens available to us, with the many period features of their home the ideal subject for fine drawing and painting. At Cleish, the church and other historic buildings were popular subjects, as was Cleish House, for which we thank Donald and Catherine Erskine for allowing us access to their grounds. As always on these occasions we need access to refreshment facilities and we thank Mrs Freda Whalley for making the village hall available to us.

The accompanying photo tells the story of our summer activities. We are spoiled for choice of subjects to inspire us to paint in the beautiful surroundings of Kinross and Loch Leven and on this occasion the group were headed for Castle Island where we enjoyed a whole day of painting.



l to r: Club members David Cochrane, John Platt, Jim Miller, John Tydeman, Cathie Clark and Karen Davies heading out to Castle Island for a day of painting

Our next big event is the **Annual Exhibition** and sale of paintings and crafts in the Parish Church. Make a note in your diary for **12-14 September** and look out for more details in leaflets around the town and on our web site www.kadac.co.uk

If you are interested in joining us do get in touch with Sybil at: sjgmurthly@onetel.com or on **01577 830347**

Tuesday Mornings
Loch Leven Leisure Centre
@ 9.45 - 10.45am
11-12, 12.15 - 1.15pm

All levels welcome!

www.simpliyoga.com

Tuesday Evenings
Kinross Church Centre
@ 6.45 - 8pm – Beginners
@ 8 - 9.15pm - Yoga for Active Sports
enquiries@simpliyoga.com **07466 360152**

Drop in or block booking!

Kinross Parish Church

Kinross Church Grows as Community Hub

Community use of Kinross Parish Church in the town's Station Road has taken off this year with the building being used for all types of local and even national events.

In the first half of 2013 the church has been used on around thirty occasions by outside organisations. These have ranged from a successful concert series to talks, meetings, exhibitions, coffee evenings and choir rehearsals. Among the new users in 2013 have been a regional meeting of the Scottish Women's Rural Institute, Kinross Floral Art Club for a demonstration and coffee evening, the annual exhibition of the Scottish Handcraft Circle and the weekly rehearsals of the new community choir, Loch Leven Voices. Minister Alan Reid says: "We are delighted to see the church being used by so many groups, as it was part of the intention of our renovations in 2005 to provide an up-dated venue for use by the wider community. We in the congregation find the flexible layout and high quality facilities help us in or worship and it is good that others are also enjoying using the building. We've had appreciative comments from users about the facilities, acoustics and welcoming atmosphere."

The church also runs the Church Centre in the High Street, having converted it in the 1980s to a suite of halls and kitchen from the previous East Parish Church. The Church Centre is busy most days of the year and is the base for the Kinross-shire Day Centre, which provides lunches and activities for many in the community.

The Church Office at Kinross Parish Church (01577 862570 or lets@kinrossparishchurch.org) can provide further details of both venues.

Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

What fantastic weather we've had! Hope it continues, but whatever the weather, now is the perfect time to get out walking, make new friends and improve your general health and fitness. Whether you're new to walking, returning to walking or a regular walker, try out a walk or two to see if you'd like to join us.

Saturday 3 August: Glen Tilt

10 miles or 6 miles: A walk up one of Perthshire's finest glens. Constantly changing scenery with a mountain backdrop. Shorter walk option available.

Sunday 18 August: Aberfeldy-Rob Roy Trail

7 miles: Initial fairly steep climb through Birks of Aberfeldy to the Falls of Moness. Then follow parts of the Rob Roy Way with good views over open moorland and, to the north, across Strathtay to Schiehallion.

Saturday 31 August: Loch Skiach Circuit

12 miles or 6.5 miles: An open moorland walk to Loch Skiach, circular walk returning on a different track. Some ascent, but mostly on good track. Splendid views – if weather is fine! Shorter walk option available.

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

For all this month's walks, registered assistance dogs only are allowed. Children welcome with a responsible adult.

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

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What we do

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Contact

SSAFA, Queen's Barracks, 131 Dunkeld Road, Perth, PH1 5BT

Telephone: 01738 625346

Email: perth@ssafa.org.uk

Kinross-shire Historical Society



Two very successful Place Name Walks round the Michael Bruce Way organised by Kinross-shire Historical Society, led by Prof David Munro and Dr Simon Taylor, were held in the last week of June as part of Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust's Archaeological Month. The walks started from Portmoak Parish Church, going up through Kilmagadwood. The groups learnt a lot about the ground they were covering, learning the derivation of place names as they went. Having walked along the lower slopes of the Bishop Hill, down the the Cobbles, back through the village and across Portmoak Moss, the very informative and enjoyable walks ended at the Well in Scotlandwell.



Members of Kinross-shire Historical Society on Bishop Hill

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.

Boys Brigade

Company Summer Camp

A party of 30 boys and girls from the Kinross Company will be travelling to Kenmore for this year's annual summer activity camp where members will be participating in a range of outdoor sports and activities, the highlight of which will no doubt be the water activities and camp concert. During the week-long camp, a party of five seniors will also be taking part in a two-night overland expedition as part of their Queen's Badge activities. Read all about it in next month's Newsletter.

Marquee Hire

This will be a busy season for the Kinross Company with an increase in bookings for their 40' x 20' white marquee tent. There are still spaces in the calendar for further bookings. Company members will erect and take down the marquee at a cost of £200 per occasion.

Contact Company Captain David Munro (01577 862126) for details.

New Session

Following the summer break, the Kinross Company will resume in Kinross Church Centre on **Friday 6 September**. The Anchor section is for boys and girls in primaries one, two and three and meets from 6 till 7.15pm. Junior Section is for boys and girls in primaries four, five and six and meets from 7 till 9pm. Company Section is for boys and girls in primary 7 till age 14 and Senior Section is for those aged 15 and above with both sections meeting from 7 till 10pm.

Kinross-shire Round Table

Kinross-shire Round Tablers were involved in T in the Park as usual this year and what glorious weather there was to help T celebrate their 20th year.

Dragon's Den will return in December, so keep your eyes peeled for more information in the coming months on how to apply to be considered for funding.

The Annual Beer Festival is fast approaching! This year it is **Friday 27 and Saturday 28 September** in a new venue – Backstage at the Green Hotel. There will be a quiz on the Friday, 7pm for 7.30pm, and tickets are priced at £30 for a team of 4. If you wish to come along later to hear the music which starts at 10pm, tickets are £5. If you don't wish to participate in the quiz but wish to come along for the whole evening, tickets are £10. Tickets for Saturday are £10 and the music will start earlier in the evening. Tickets are available from Round Table members, J & J H Sands (Ironmongers), Kinross, and Stewart & Smart (Garage), Stirling Road, Milnathort.

A new programme for Kinross-shire Round Tablers will be produced shortly of future events and activities for the next year or so.

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.



Kinross and District

Town Twinning Association



The official twinning visit from Gacé in French Normandy will take place from **4 to 12 August**.

Just over 20 citizens from the rural Norman town will travel by ferry and coach, arriving at the Loch Leven Community Campus in the early evening of Sunday 4th.

Host families will transport their Gacé guests to their own homes for an evening friendship meal.

Monday 5 August will be free with host families to allow their twinning guests a quiet relaxing day to recover from their long journey.

On Tuesday 6 August host families and their twinning guests will travel to Ayrshire for a full day visit taking in Culzean Castle and Burns' Cottage Museum followed by a three course meal at the Dutch Inn on the return journey to Kinross. There are a number of spaces available for Kinross-shire residents who would like to join us, very reasonably priced at an all-inclusive cost of £25 per person.

Wednesday 7 August is a free day with host families.

On Thursday 8 August host families and their twinning guests will travel to Dundee for a range of optional visits: Discovery Point, Science Sensation, Olympia Leisure Pool, Museum & Art Gallery, Camperdown Park and/or shopping. The day will conclude with a journey across the Tay Road Bridge, through Fife to Strathmiglo Bowling Club for a barbecue buffet meal followed by a duck race and a game of bowls. Again there are a number of spaces available for others to join us, the cost £15 for adults and £10 for children (includes travel and buffet meal but excludes entry fees to attractions).

Friday is another free day with host families.

On Saturday 10 August the Twinning Association will have a market stall at Kinross Show with local Norman produce (the three "C"s" - cheese, cider and calvados) available for sampling. Gacéans will be in traditional Norman costume at the stall along with Kinross members to answer any questions about our twinning (established in 1974, when the Gacéans first travelled to Kinross to sign the Twinning Charter between the two towns).

The twinning visit will culminate in a dinner dance at Milnathort Town Hall on the evening of Sunday 11 August with local musicians and ceilidh band. Tickets are available for £20 each to Kinross-shire residents.

The Gacéans will depart at 08:00 on Monday 12 August from the Loch Leven Community Campus.

For further information or bookings for any of the above, contact chairperson Jeannie Paterson (tel: 01577 862159).

Portmoak Hall Draw 100 Club

May Draw

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| 1st No. 42 | Jenny Sword, Kinnesswood |
| 2nd No. 107 | Liz Dall, Easter Balgedie |
| 3rd No. 22 | Anna Garner, Scotlandwell |

June Draw

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| 1st No. 65 | Ian Dandie, Kinnesswood |
| 2nd No. 38 | Ron Daniel, Kinnesswood |
| 3rd No. 95 | Sue Wilson, Kinnesswood |

Sunshine and showers at the Portmoak Gala!

A huge crowd turned out for the Portmoak Gala, watching the parade from the Church car park down into Scotlandwell and the Well Green. The Gala Queen Grace Cowie from Primary 7 looked beautiful as she was escorted by Ewan Cowe, also from Primary 7, into their splendid car supplied and driven by Mr Sandy Thomson from the village. The flower girls were Hanna MacPherson from Primary 1 and Chloe Vlasto from Primary 2. The parade was led by the Lochgelly High School Pipe Band, and made up with many locals and visitors.

Once the parade reached the Well Green the crowning ceremony was carried out by Mrs Rachel Webb who is a local resident and also founder and principal teacher from Dance Connect, the local dance group who during the afternoon performed a very enjoyable display of their different types of dance.

The crowd were not put off at all with the intermittent showers throughout the afternoon and stayed around to be entertained by not only the local dance group but also the Pipe Band, the first performance of the Kinross Singing Group Leven Voices, and also taking part in various races - the highlight having to be the adult space hopper race! The afternoon culminated in a performance by local band 'Craig Lithgow and the Mutineers', who closed the afternoon's entertainment with several songs, until completely being rained off!

The afternoon also saw the second Portmoak Hill Race, which was fiercely contested and won again by Gordon Pryde from the Lomond Hill Runners - can he make it three in a row?

There were also numerous stalls and activities around the perimeter of the park, which gave everyone an opportunity to purchase home baking, try their luck at the bottle stall, test their footballing skills against the Goalie with the newly formed Portmoak Football team, soaking the firemen with wet sponges, and many

other stalls and activities too many to mention.

The Portmoak Gala Committee would like to take the opportunity of thanking everyone who provided a stall or activity, donated prizes for our raffle, helped set up/take down and manned the stalls and provided items for these stalls. Without this help the Gala would not continue to be such a successful day every year. We would appeal to anyone who would like to help planning next year's gala to get in touch as soon as possible.



The Queen is crowned! Gala Queen Grace Cowie flanked by flower girls Chloe Vlasto and Hanna MacPherson, and escort Ewan Cowe, with Rachel Webb seated at right.

Common Grounds

By now people may be complaining about it having been too warm, on the other hand most of us will be only too happy to enjoy the warmth and sunshine. It will soon be time to bring in the harvest and also Kinross Show at Vane Farm. Perhaps we will see you there? Lots happening at Common Grounds, where we are still basking in the success of our celebration lunch with Alexander McCall Smith. Keep watching this space for details.

Project: Our project for August is Kenya Children's Home (KCH) – Balcraig Foundation. KCH was established by the Balcraig Foundation in 2002 when the Scottish charity took over the running of the former Thomas Barnardo House in Nairobi. The orphanage is the flagship project of KCH and is home to 200 orphaned, destitute and abandoned babies and children at any one time. KCH has grown significantly, extending its support far beyond the reach of the Nairobi orphanage, with the commencement and development of



many other community projects throughout Kenya. These projects continue to enrich the lives of many hundreds of Kenyan children and adults every day.

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www.spanglefish.com/commongroundscharitycafe

As usual I have a request to make. It is always difficult at this time of year to fill the Rota for Volunteers working in our Café. Please, if you could spare some time, think about volunteering, even if only for a half shift would be very helpful. Do come along or contact one of those named below. Continue to have a really good summer.

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

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

Loch Leven Community Campus

Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross

Tel: 01577 867200 Email: lochlevenreception@pkc.gov.uk

Tel: 01577 867119 Email: GMcGregor@pkc.gov.uk

2013 Programme of Events

Antiques, Vintage, Retro and Collectors Fair – Saturday 17 August. There will be buying, selling and valuations given. Admission will be from 9.30am – 3.30pm with entry fee of £1.00 per person. For exhibitors booking, please contact: Angus on 07944 416565 or Duncan on 07808 773258.

Vintage Day 40's Style – Sunday 25 August. Turn back time at Vintage Day with FREE Public Admission from 11am – 5pm. Come along and see how life was in the 40's with Scottish Military Vintage Vehicles on display, a Vintage Fair, 40's Displays and Memorabilia, Pathé Newsreel Screenings and lots of Children's Activities. 40's dressing up is optional and there will be 40's hair and make-up specialists available on the day for you to get that 40's look. The Campus Museum and Library will be open with 40's and Vintage Displays.

40's Style Afternoon Tea Dance – Sunday 25 August. As part of Vintage Day there will be a 40's Style Afternoon Tea Dance in the Assembly Hall from 2-4pm with doors open from 1.30pm. Tickets are £5.00 per person and are on sale at Campus Reception now. Come along with the family for an afternoon of traditional 40's dancing with the ticket price including a lovely afternoon tea. There will be a limited number of tickets so get yours early! Why not practice your 40's dance moves over the summer and learn some basic **40's Dance Routines** – Swing/Jive, Waltz & Quickstep for the Afternoon Tea Dance. There are dance classes every Thursday from 7pm - 8pm at the campus in the dance studio and will be covering all these dances until

the Tea Dance. Contact Campus Reception or Pam on 07572 466297 or email pampowart@hotmail.co.uk.

Vintage Day: If any group or individual would like to be involved either to share their experiences or put together a display with a 40's theme whilst fundraising for their group/charity, then please get in touch with Gerry McGregor as soon as possible on 07817979486.

Christmas Events: If any local charity would like to register their interest in a Charities Christmas Cards Sale or any local craft maker/designer would like to book a stall at the Christmas Festival & Craft Fair, then please contact Gerry McGregor at the email address above.

Other Events for 2013

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| Sat 21 Sep | Antiques and Collectors Fair Special Valuation Day |
| Sun 29 Sep | Fife Cat Shelter Charity Auction |
| October | Outdoor Car Boot / Indoor Table Top Sale (date TBC) |
| Sat 19 Oct | Antiques and Collectors Fair |
| Sat 2 Nov | Charities Christmas Cards Sale |
| Sat 9 Nov | Christmas Festival and Craft Fair |
| Fri 15 Nov | KLEO Music Festival |
| Sat 16 Nov | KLEO Music Festival – Ricky Ross |
| Fri 22/23 Nov | KLEO Music Festival |
| Sat 14 Dec | Antiques and Collectors Fair |
| Sun 15 Dec | Kinross-shire Churches Together Christmas Service |

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 at the email address above.

Future Events

Information regarding all other events will be published in due course.

Lodge St Serf No 327

August

- Tue 20 General Committee Meeting at 7.30pm. Arrange work for Special Meeting on 24th.
- Sat 24 Special Meeting 2.30pm.
Squaremen Degree to be worked by Buchan Shed No.4 from Aberdeenshire on their bi-annual visit. All Mark Master Masons welcome.
All monies raised are distributed to good causes. Refreshments will be served by the Lodge.

September

- Tue 3 Regular Meeting at 7.15pm
Master Mason Degree.
- Tue 10 General Committee Meeting at 7.30pm. Arrange work for next regular meeting. Arrange a Fellow Craft Degree.
- Tue 17 Regular Meeting at 7.15pm.
Fellow Craft Degree with candidate.
- Tue 24 General Committee Meeting at 7.30pm.
Arrange work for next Regular Meeting.



Kinross in Bloom

As mentioned in the July issue of the Newsletter, our baskets and barrels are all in full bloom now making a colourful display about the town: 100% improvement on last year, and four new barrels installed at the Park and Ride area welcome visitors and locals alike when arriving in town.

Our watering duties have been expanded this year, by taking on Perth and Kinross hanging baskets as well as all our own; this means the watering round takes approximately three hours to complete, so if you feel like volunteering to help keep plants in good shape, please contact Aileen Sorbie at 01577 861477 or Iain Todd on 01577 208110.

We are extremely grateful to Mr Jim Kinnaird of Findatie Farm for all his help in getting our flower baskets up, and for making the watering rounds possible. Thank you, Jim, from all of us.

The 200 Club winners for July are:

1. No.76 Mr D Brown
2. No.35 Mr & Mrs J McDonald
3. No.70 Mrs Jean Millar
4. No.67 Mrs D Hutton

Congratulations to all winners

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 14 August** in the Garden Room at the Church Centre.



**Please mention The Newsletter when
answering advertisements**

Dobbies Community Champion

The Little Seedlings Club were lucky to have a sunny morning in early July for their club meeting, so we were able to sit outside, while learning about butterflies, and planting some flowers in a pot to attract them. The children loved letting the caterpillar creep over their hands!

The next Little Seedlings meeting will be on **Sunday 4 August at 11am**, when we will be learning about different environments around the world, and the plants and animals which live there. The club is free for children aged 4 to 10, who should be accompanied by an adult (free tea or coffee for parents). We are also planning to create a special planting bed at the store for the Little Seedlings to use each month, and see how their plants grow over the season. We would **welcome any other ideas** on how we could improve our club, and for example if families would find it more convenient to come on a Saturday, or Sunday afternoon.

We are also planning a **children's fun session** with games, face painting and planting activities at the store on **Sunday 11 August from 2 to 3.30pm**, I hope to see you and your friends then. Please could you let us know if you are hoping to come along, tel (01577) 863327.

Dobbies in Kinross recently helped with the **Community Composting project**, with PKC, by receiving the equipment from suppliers, until this could be distributed to the householders. (See separate article p.22.)

Also this month we made a presentation of a **cheque for £1282** to Wilma Carragher on behalf of the **Scottish Cot Death Trust**, who were our local charity last year. In the photo below, the cheque is being presented to Wilma by Andy Swinburn, who was our Assistant Manager at the time of the collections.



I have recently made **donations of growing equipment and plants** under our "Here we Grow" initiative, to the Nursery class at Kinross Primary School, and Crook of Devon Village Hall. If your community group or school would like some help with a growing project, please contact Amanda at herewegrowkinross@dobbies.com or leave a message for me at the store.



Children at the nursery showing off radishes which they have grown

We often have **local charities making can collections**, or bag packing at the store, and on **Sunday 4 August The Guide Dogs for the Blind** will be here, with some of their **puppies in training**. If you would like to ask about an opportunity for raising funds in this way for a local charity, please contact Amanda at the store, to arrange a suitable date.

Amanda James, Community Champion, tel 01577 863327.

Kinross and District Junior Agricultural Club

To start off, a massive well done to all involved at the east area rally last month at Thurston Mains, Innerwick, where Kinross came first for the second year in a row. Strength was shown from all aspects of the club in the competition, from stock judging to quad and mini digger handling. Other events from last month were Clay Pigeon shooting held at Athronhall Clay Club. With the rain pelting down the turnout was a success and congratulations to Craig Nelson who was top gun.

This month's syllabus will be a busy one! With the Kinross Show being held on 10 August we are all praying that this good weather continues. So if you're coming to the show, be sure to pop by our stall and take part in games and competitions such as stock judging where cash prizes are to be won. Also don't forget that we are having a dance after the show at Newlands Farm, Milnathort, (Kay Trailers) from 9pm-1am.

As Kinross Show is the last event on our summer syllabus, the club takes a break for a couple of months to hopefully get on with harvest and all the other jobs that need to be done.

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).

Kinnesswood in Bloom

The village of Kinnesswood looked lovely for the start of Portmoak Festival with all areas weeded and tidied. The entrance to the marquee was very striking with planters painted and colourful flowers, making this a lovely area to pass through.



Lavender Walk

We were very pleased to receive a grant from the Kinross-shire Fund towards the art exhibition and to buy a pop up banner displaying aspects of our work.

The Year of Natural Scotland 2013 art display by the children of Portmoak Primary School was greatly admired and hopefully gave the public a greater awareness of the diversity of flora and fauna around Loch Leven. There were many positive comments about this display from those who saw it.

It was decided once again to ask the residents of Kinnesswood for their support in continuing the work done by the group and a letter has recently gone out inviting everyone to become a "Friend of KIB".

The "**Best Village Competition**" is on 6 August. We know that villagers all keep lovely gardens and would urge everyone to join us in giving Kinnesswood a final sparkle.

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Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

Golden Mozzarella Courgettes

These are perfect for any shape or colour of courgette, sliced in half lengthwise.

Ingredients

- 4-6 courgettes, tops sliced off
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 small onion chopped
- 1 medium garlic clove, minced (optional)
- 2 handfuls chopped tomatoes (or cooked mushrooms)
- 3 large handfuls shredded mozzarella
- 1 handful chopped parsley

Method

Scoop out the centre of each courgette, leaving the shell. Chop the flesh.

Preheat your oven to 190°C, 375°F.

In a frying pan over medium heat, sauté the onion, garlic and chopped courgette in the oil until tender.

Remove from the heat, add the cheese, tomatoes and parsley and season to taste.

Stuff the courgettes and place in a baking dish.

Bake for 45 minutes until the courgettes are tender and the cheese golden.

Serve warm with a salad or accompaniment to a barbecue.

KHS Mary's Meals project

by Gemma Matthews, Head Girl

Kinross High School is continuing its support of Mary's Meals. In the short time that we have been fundraising, the total has reached £3,000. The school's hope is to reach a target of £11,000, some of which will be used to build a kitchen in an African village. It takes just £10.70 to feed a child a meal a day for a year, so every penny counts!

With £3,000 already raised, the Mary's Meals charity group is looking to continue the momentum with fundraisers throughout the year.

The first of these events will be a public showing of **Child 31**, the story of Mary's Meals, on **Wednesday 28 August** at 7pm at Loch Leven Community Campus. Anyone who is interested can come along and find out how to get involved in this inspirational charity.

But the fun doesn't stop there. **On 25 September**, there will be a **fashion show** to inspire the community to get involved. Other things being planned include a Business Breakfast and a Charity Ball in a local hotel. In addition, blue Mary's Meals mugs are available at the school for just £7! The newly appointed Head Boy, Jack Howley said: "Having learnt about the work of Mary's Meals I had to get involved. It seems wrong that so many children are going without food when we are so well off."

For more information why not visit the Mary's Meals website: www.marysmeals.org.uk and stay tuned for more news about exciting fundraising events coming soon.

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Milnathort Primary School

We have lots of followers on Twitter who get a virtual "window" into our school! With lots of great learning as a matter of course it really is the best way to see what our children experience! www.twitter.com/MilnathortPS

Wider Sporting Success

A team of swimmers represented our school at the Scottish Primary School Team Championships at the Royal Commonwealth Pool, Edinburgh. We are so proud of Ailish Hunter, Amy Hardie, Honor Ashcroft and Ola Stanton who came in ninth out of 18 schools competing! Huge thanks, too, to the local swimming club, coaches and parents who deserve credit for their hard work and support of the girls!

A group of our P6s & P7s represented our school and local community at a Perth & Kinross Athletics event with great performances delivered on the day by Katie Leslie, first in long jump; Rory Hutchison, third in 200m, fourth in 800m, fourth in long jump; Emily Sinclair, second in shot putt; Ola Stanton, first in 80m, fourth in long jump; Josh Doyle, fourth in long jump and Audrey Doyle, fifth in 800m. Well done to our athletes and friends and family who supported and provided transport on the day.

Supporting the Wider Community

A sincere thank you from a local charity in the form of a very kind letter was received in our school and is worthy of sharing with you! Audrey Doyle, Ola and Zosia Stanton from our school supported the Perth & Kinross Music Foundation by playing violin at Dobbies Garden Centre recently. The girls received so many positive comments on their musical skills and willingly gave up their own time to perform and raise awareness of the Music Foundation and its work, as well as raising money to enable others to participate in instrumental tuition. A special mention to Sharon Doyle for her hard work and support also.

MSP visits for Q&A with P4/5

As part of their learning about The Scottish Parliament our P4/5 learners wrote letters to MSPs to visit and be part of a "Milnathort Question Time"! Roseanna Cunningham MSP kindly replied to say she was more than delighted to come along! It was a great day with an opportunity to extend the children's knowledge and understanding of Scottish politics and also to showcase Milnathort learning at its best (as well as their superb baking skills!)

School Summer Fair

A MASSIVE thank you to everyone who came along to our Fair on 1 June! The weather held out for us and we had a super turnout with many positive comments! The fun helped raise a substantial amount of money for school funds so many thanks again to those who helped on the day, supported in the run up, provided lots of lovely baking and to those who came along to join in! See you all next year!

Happy Holidays

From everyone at Milnathort PS, sincere thanks to parents, friends, cluster schools and staff and community groups for all your support in the past session: have a wonderful summer holiday!

School starts back after the break on **Tuesday 13 August!**

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

Kinross High School Parent Council



Clerk: Jennifer Sneddon 0794 667 9815

Email: jms927@btinternet.com

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

The final meeting of the 2012-13 session was held on 17 June, together with the AGM.

The current office bearers remain in position and are: Douglas Ogilvie (Chair), Rory Stewart (Vice-chair), Alan Miller (Treasurer). An amended Constitution is being drawn up and it is hoped this can be approved early in the 2013-14 session. The Parent Council continues to pay close attention to the progress of Curriculum for Excellence and in particular the new assessment structure, which will be in place for the first time in the 2013-14 session. While the school has been proactive in its communication, and plans to publish further helpful information on the school website, anxieties still exist amongst parents and pupils and the Parent Council and School staff are working to reduce these. Parents may find the "Nationals in a Nutshell" resource on the Education Scotland Parentzone website very helpful.

The Parent Council presents three "**Young Person of the Year**" awards each year to pupils of Kinross High School who have inspired others by their contribution to the school and/or wider community and is delighted to report that **Ashleigh Cox, Callum Greer and Rebecca Thomson** received this year's awards.

Sales of school blazers went very well at the S1 induction evening and subsequent sales and we look forward to seeing our new and continuing pupils resplendent in their uniforms in the new session.

The new school session is due to start on **Tuesday 13 August for pupils** and, if you are a parent, perhaps you are considering joining the Parent Council. If so, you would be most welcome. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested in attending any of the meetings in the new session.

The Parent Council exists 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.

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Architectural Awards 2013

Kinross-shire Civic Trust has announced the results of its Architectural Award Scheme for 2013. The judges considered work undertaken to an existing building of its historic fabric, its conversion to a new use or an extension to the structure, carried out between June 2007 and April 2013.

Seven submissions were received and these were assessed during June by two judges, Mr David Gibbon and Mr Justin Fenton, experts in the conservation of buildings. They commended all the applicants and their advisors on their assessment of their building, and felt the designs and the materials utilized had been very successful in retaining the character of the buildings. The submissions had come from both the private and public sector and varied in size, use and complexity and choosing an overall winner had not been easy.



Tullibole Longhouse, winner of the Kinross-shire Civic Trust Architectural Award 2013

The Winning Award went to **Tullibole Longhouse**, which rescued a building from near dereliction to a two-person self-catering unit. In the judges opinion, this was an exemplary project that would help secure the future of adjacent buildings that form a significant part of the curtilage to an important historic building. As much as possible of the existing fabric had been retained but where, for instance, this had to be renewed, such as pan tiles or stonework, this had been done with recycled materials. Internally the work had been undertaken sensitively with well-considered, designed and executed detailing. The designer, Mr Fred Whalley of FW Architecture, Cleish, commented on the difficulties that can be met to enable old buildings to meet modern environmental requirements and how the local Building Control had assisted in meeting these.

A Highly Commended Certificate was awarded to the **Scotlandwell Wash House**. This was a community project to restore a delightful and romantically inspired structure, designed by the architect David Bryce, which had fallen into disrepair. The conservation work had been faultlessly undertaken, turning, with the community involvement, a liability into an asset.

The Judges were Mr David Gibbon of GLM, Edinburgh and Mr Justin Fenton of Page/Park, Glasgow.

Wind Farms on the Cleish Hills

A planning application for the first of the wind farms, the Outh Muir Wind Farm, has been lodged with Fife Council. The application is for 5 No Wind Turbines, 110m high to the tip of the blades and sitting on the uplands of the Cleish Hills. The Fife Council Reference No is 13/01898/EIA and details of the application can be found on the Fife Council web site at www.fifedirect.org/planning

Letters of objection should be addressed to:

Fife Council
Enterprise Planning & Protective Services
Kingdom House
Kingdom Avenue
Glenrothes
KY7 5LY

Ref: 13/01898/EIA Erection of 5x 110 m wind turbines - Cleish Hills, Outh, Knockhill, Fife

The other wind farm application at Blairadam, which is for 11 No Wind Turbines 115m high to tip of blade, we understand will not be lodged until the end of August.

Both these wind farms will have a severe visual impact on Kinross-shire and we would urge anyone concerned about them to object.

News from the Rurals



MILNATHORT – Our June meeting was a visit from Teri Gillan from FIMO crafts who showed us her buttons, beads and brooches. We all made little pig ornaments, which was great fun. Teri brought along a variety of interesting items using this craft.

Competitions:

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| Prettiest brooch | - | Lorna Douglas |
| Rocky Roads | - | Nan Paterson |
| Flower of the Month | - | Nan Paterson |

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Sports News

Kinross-shire Cricket Club

1st XI – 2 out of 2 with a new club record

July has seen a marked improvement in the 1st XI's performances and results. The first weekend of July saw the team travel to Dundee to play Norwood. Having been put into bat, openers James Ross and Ben Wright got off to a great start, reaching 61 in the 17th over before James was caught on 18. Four balls later and Ben was out LBW with his score on 33 and the team on 62. There followed a relatively slow progression of batters as the team limped to 119 all out. The pitch was definitely difficult for the batsman to play on but the team were certainly in low spirits over tea. Those spirits were immediately lifted as Ben bowled the best three overs seen for a long while. Batsman 1, 2, 4 and 5 were all clean bowled by Ben in only 17 deliveries. Norwood seemed to fall apart as Ben, with support from U15 skipper Fred Culley, tied every batsman up with little chance of scoring. After 10 overs, Norwood were 23 for 4 and Kinross-shire were firmly in control of the game. Ben and Fred were replaced by the father and son pairing of John and James Ross bowling spin from each end. Norwood found the spin attack almost unplayable as they eventually collapsed all out for 74. An unexpected win, thanks to fantastic bowling from Ben (4 for 10), James (4 for 30) and John (2 for 12). The following weekend saw St Modans come to the Larder for the return fixture after Kinross-shire won at Stirling in the first match of the season. St Modans won the toss and unsurprisingly decided to bat on a hard, solid wicket. Ben and Fred opened the Kinross-shire bowling attack only to find the St Modans batsman happy to wait for a hittable ball. After 10 overs the score was 37 for 1, with Ben claiming the only wicket. The next 17 overs saw the joint Ross attack totally devastate the St Modans batting line-up.



James Ross with his new club record bowling figures

James Ross bowled unplayable left arm spin and finished with a new club record of 7 for 12 in 7.2 over. John Ross took charge at the other end, bowling five consecutive maiden overs, finishing with figures of 2 for 12. Part of the

success was down to excellent fielding, with catches being taken by Llew Porter, Jack Sale and two for Calum Watson. St Modans were all out for 64. James put on his pads and hit a fast-paced 50 not out for Kinross-shire to win in only 14 overs. A record breaking day for James as the only Kinross-shire player ever to take more than five wickets in an innings and then score an unbeaten 50.

With the league season at the mid-way stage, the team are fifth out of ten and looking forward to the remaining games.

Scotland Call Ups

The club were delighted to hear that U15 skipper, Fred Culley, has been selected for this year's U15 Scotland team to play in the ECB championships. Fred started playing his cricket as part of the coaching programme the club provided to Cleish Primary School. As a junior he has moved through the U12, U13 and U15 ranks. Fred has been a regular 1st XI player for the past three years and already has a senior league 50 to his name and a junior 100 for the Perth & Kinross area U13 team. The club wish Fred every success for the season.

For the 2013 season Kinross-shire have four players in Scotland age group teams: Fred in the U15s, Fraser Gosse at U17 and Hannah Drew and Zoe Conway in the girls U17 team.



Three of the club's four junior Scotland players: Fred Culley, Zoe Conway and Fraser Gosse

New Pavilion

In early June we received word that our negotiations with SEPA have been successful and we are now moving into the final stages of our planning application for the new pavilion. It is hoped that we will get full approval in August. We have already identified the likely sources of funding for the pavilion works and it is expected that the building work will start in February 2014 to be ready for the new season.

Next Fixtures

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| 3 August | Coupar Angus (Away) |
| 10 August | Kinloch (Home) |
| 17 August | Dalnacraig (Home) |
| 24 August | Breadalbane (Away) |
| 31 August | Norwood (Home) |

Training Times

All at Loch Leven's Larder Cricket Ground.

Junior training Monday nights 6.15pm – 8.00pm

Senior training Thursday nights 6.00pm – 8.30pm

Full details on the club website: www.kinrosscc.co.uk

Kinross Road Runners

Race season is in full swing at the moment; it seems there is at least one race each week. Here is a round-up of some of the events Kinross Road Runners (KRR) have been taking part in.



Orchil 10k, Gleneagles, 16 June

This is one of our Championship races and takes place at the Gleneagles Equestrian Centre. A few of our members were not happy with the course this year and felt that their times were slower but, still, the posh soap in the loos made up for it. Andy Laycock was 5th in 36.29; Andy Johns – 13th, 39.43; Jillian Gordon – 14th, 40.04; Allan Kemp – 16th, 41.33; Graham Kemp – 18th, 42.23; Paul Allcoat – 20th, 43.02; Peter Edgerton – 26th, 45.56; Neil Hunter – 60th, 56.16 and Norman Smith – 69th, 1.02.55.

Milnathort Dash, 20 June

What a relief that the weather was warm and sunny compared to last year's non-stop rain.

The race was won by Perth Road Runner, Greg Simpson in a time of 30m 07.

King and Queen of the Hill, the first male and female to get to the top of North Street from the start at Milnathort Town Hall, were Zach Delaney, of Fife Athletics Club, and Jennifer Kibble, also Fife AC.

Andy Laycock was the first of our members across the line. He was in fifth position overall in a time of 31:29. Hazel Porter was the first KRR female to finish in 37:02. Norman Smith took the over 70 prize in 54:36.

Special mention to Leslie Newton Polci who came all the way from Canada, ran the Dash and flew home again!

Glenrothes 10k, 23 June

This is another Championship race, so a good turn out by the Club - 26 members took part. Well done to our many prize winners: in particular, Val Findlay who was 1st female over 50 (time 50.33); Alison Houston – 1st female vet 60 (54.59) and well done to Bill Nouillan who won the male over 70 prize in 57.46. Bill is running really well just now and is an inspiration to us all.

Brig Bash 5 miles, 3 July

Another Championship race, so there was a good turnout from KRR for the Brig Bash in Bridge of Earn, which is organised by Perth Road Runners. Peter Edgerton won the Master Vet class in a time of 33.04. Allan Kemp was first KRR in a time of 28.49 and Jillian Gordon was first female. Her time was 31.43.

As always, we welcome new members. Please come along on either a Tuesday evening to Kirkgate Park for a training session or to the old health centre on a Wednesday at 6.45 for an off-road run.

Kinross Kobras Junior Hockey

The new season starts the week commencing 12 August, with sessions on a Tuesday and Thursday evening 6.30 - 7.30 at the KGV AstroTurf pitch at The Muirs. Beginners and experienced players aged 6 - 14 years old are welcome.

Athletics

GEORGIA SMITH (aged 12) of Kinross and Central Athletics Club won a gold medal in the National Under 14 Pentathlon Championships on 14 July at Grangemouth Athletics Stadium.

She opened with an excellent high jump (1.48m) to win by 6cm, then held onto the lead with a strong 75m hurdles (12.89s). She then won the long jump in a personal best 4.52m to increase her lead. She set another personal best in the shot (7.42m), however a strong 9.30m from shot specialist Evie Bartl saw Georgia's lead cut to 40pts with just the 800m remaining. Georgia had to remain within four seconds of Evie and 14 seconds of the others to ensure gold. Evie set off fast and quickly established a big lead, however Georgia dug in for the last 200m and passed Evie to secure the gold in an excellent score of 2471 points, which not only smashes the club under 13 record but places Georgia fifth on the Scottish all time list for the event.

Georgia has had a great athletics year in which she also became joint holder of the U13 Scottish Indoor High Jump Record with a jump of 1.50m.



Georgia Smith, first placed in the national under 14 pentathlon championships

Kinross-shire athletes **LAURA MUIR** and **EILIDH CHILD** have both been named as part of the British Athletics team that will compete at the IAAF World Championships in Moscow, 10-19 August. Laura has been selected for the 800m and Eilidh for the 400m hurdles.

LAURA won the bronze medal for the 1500m at the European Under 23s Championships in Finland in mid July.

EILIDH won the silver medal in the 400m hurdles at the British Athletics Championships in Birmingham in mid July.

Kinross Curling Trust

Please visit us at the Kinross Show where we will be able to explain what we plan for the curling rink and how we intend to achieve it. If you have never tried curling, there will be an opportunity to find out about the sport and how you could become involved.



Need to check something in an old Newsletter?

Consult our electronic archive at

www.kinrossnewsletter.org

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Kinross Tennis Club

Is the next Andy Murray currently playing on the courts at Station Road, Kinross? His wonderful win at Wimbledon is inspiring all ages to play more tennis and it is great to see the courts busy.

We offer adult and child coaching sessions, social tennis, league matches for both adults and juniors as well as fun tournaments: something for all ages and abilities.

Coaching sessions are available from 13 August – please contact Helen Buchanan on 07918 055434 or at kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com for juniors or Vivien Clarke on (01577) 861323 for adults.

The Open Day at the end of June resulted in more new members after three fun sessions mixing children and adults and with lovely home baking for all!

The Minis, Midis and Juniors have enjoyed two summer camps and are now involved in club championship games with the finals on 24 August for Mini Red, Orange and Green, and 31 August for Juniors. A Junior Open Day is also planned for 10 August.

Leagues Matches

The Ladies have thoroughly enjoyed their first year playing in Tennis Tayside Division 1 and have learned a great deal from the experience. Perhaps they will return after just one session in Division 2.

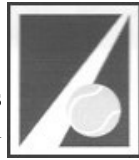
The Gents team have successfully competed in Division 3, finishing in third place with two great wins at the end of June. Entering a team in the 4 Man League, played on the same evening, has proved quite difficult with players injured or on holiday, but they managed to win three out of their seven matches and had great fun.

We are now into the time of year for the mixed matches in the Henderson Vase Leagues. Our teams are in Division 1 and 4 and have both won their first matches – let's hope this trend continues!

The club has entered a Gents and Ladies team in the Perth and District League with matches to be played on Thursday evenings and this will hopefully encourage more people to play competitively – the teas are always excellent!

The Senior Club Championships are underway with finals day on 7 September when we hope to have a Bring-Your-Own-Food BBQ social while you watch or play.

Non-members and visitors may access the courts for a small fee by obtaining a key from Sands The Ironmongers. Further information on Kinross Tennis Club can be found on the website: www.kinrosstennisclub.org.uk



Kinross Squash Club

The annual club tournament came to a conclusion last month. The final was between Andrew Sorbie and Tino Mackay Palacios. It was to his credit that Tino forwent his entitlement to a handicap in a bid for the greater glory. It was a cracking game from which Andrew emerged victorious, but both players covered themselves with credit.



Andrew Sorbie, winner, and Tino Mackay Palacios, runner-up of the annual club tournament

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.

Kinross Badminton Club

The club reopens for the start of the new season on **Tuesday 3 September**. Once again we will be playing at the Loch Leven Community Campus. This season we have three courts on a Tuesday and Thursday night from 8pm to 9.45pm. As always, we will welcome any new members, where all standards of play are welcome.

Our **Junior club** starts up again on **Thursday 5 September**. They also play at the campus and meet every Thursday, 6pm to 8pm.

The committee meeting will be held before the season begins where the committee will discuss the previous season and ideas for the upcoming season. The date for the AGM will also be decided at the meeting.

Finally, the committee hopes that all of our members have had a great summer and are making to most of the weather. We hope to see you all back in 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 contact the Junior Secretary, Alison Walker, on (01592) 840392.



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Milnathort Golf Club

Senior Section

Our inaugural Seniors Four Ball, Better Ball Open was held on Thursday 20 June, in good weather and playing conditions.

Winners: J Watson & J McPhee (Lochgelly)

Second: S Arnott (Milnathort) & A Anderson (Elmwood)

Third: C Payne & C Gibson (Milnathort)

Fourth: P Jackson & H MacKay (Kinross)

Monday 24th saw the Seniors playing our annual Friendly Match versus Dunning Golf Club, at Dunning. Again we enjoyed excellent weather and a warm welcome from our hosts and after a good, competitive game we joined them for lunch. On this occasion the home team ran out the overall winners, but we look forward to overcoming this lapse next year!

The Third Round of the Seniors Quaich was held on Thursday 27th when Charlie Payne led the field home, followed by Ian McMillan in second place and Donald Brown coming third.

The first round of the Seniors Cup was played on 4 July. Good scores were returned, with Scott Arnott leading the field home, with John Power second and Willie Campbell coming in third.

On 11 July, we had a 'Three Clubs and a Putter' fun competition. With the scores returned, it does raise the question 'Why do we hump a full bag of clubs around when we only need four?' The day's test of adaptability and ingenuity of shot making resulted in the winner being Dave Mitchell, John Anderson coming second and John Power in third place.

The third round of the Charlie Macari Trophy was played in scorching conditions on Thursday 15th. The winner on the day was Ron Macdonald, with Ian Macmillan second (bih) and Charlie Payne coming third.

Dates for your Diaries:

Thursday 8 August Senior Centenary Trophy

Thursday 22 August Match versus the Ladies of the Club

Tuesday 3 September The Senior Gents Open (all day)

Watch the Notice Board for further information.

Junior Section

Having just watched Tiger Woods take three puts from the edge of the green at Muirfield, it proves that not even the best in the world is infallible. Recent scores from the Milnathort juniors have been nearly of pro level, with Blair Addison scoring a scratch 72 in the Summer League Round 3. Jamie Fulton was the winner of this round with a very good net score of 55. The week before that Blair won with a net 67. Most recently, Struan Fotheringham won with a net 66.

The Club Championship is approaching, with everyone hoping to play well and score impressively.

Also the Junior Open is taking place on 2 August. We hope for a good turnout and for all participants to enjoy the course and their day.

Other players who have been playing well include Daniel Reilly, Rory Hutchison and David McIntyre, who scored a birdie on the extremely challenging tenth.

Clubgolf coaching restarts the second week in August, lessons including how not to three-put from the edge of the green.

Ladies Section

Our Ladies Section has been making the most of this wonderful spell of sunshine and the scores show great results with many handicaps reduced.

The results are:

Helen Payne (71) Best Lady in the Mixed Centenary Trophy

Gillian Pemberton (69) Stark Rd 2

Caroline Marshall (45pts) Lady Captain's Cup

Tracey Kendrick (67) SLGA Rd 3

Deirdre Calderwood (64) Montgomery Medal Rd 3

Karen Allen (69) Montgomery Medal Rd 4

Gwen Tate (65) SLGA Rd 4

Lorna Arthur / Audrey Thompson (69) (after count back) Sporting Chance Shotgun Foursomes.

Elsbeth Caldwell (67) Jean Gardner Salver.

A great club championship final took place on 15 June and the Scratch Champion is Alison Houston and Runner up Jackie Sneddon.

The Handicap Champion is Margaret Johnston and runner up Fiona Smith.

A much appreciated meal was provided by the Club for the competitors, caddies and referees following the Final.

Our very popular **Ladies Open** takes place on **Saturday 31 August**; details available from the steward.

Kinross Volleyball Club

Congratulations to Kinross youngster Jackson Brown, who has been selected to play volleyball for the East Scotland Boys' Team at the 2013 Sainsbury's School Games which will be held in Sheffield from 12 to 15 August. Jackson is following in the footsteps of fellow Kinross player Connor Boyle, who represented the Kinross Club two years ago and is now on the verge of playing for the Scottish Men's national team.

Outdoor volleyball has been a revelation this summer (to date) with six consecutive sunny Monday evenings outdoors at the rear of the campus. It is great to see some new faces appearing - new members still welcome to play "park volleyball" - much the same as beach volleyball except that it is played on grass and teams are usually six a side.

Indoor volleyball will commence at the campus in September and the club has already arranged a friendly match against a newly formed club in Alva, with two teams involving both men and women expected to travel through to Alva on the evening of Monday 9 September.

Six of the Kinross men's team travel to Belgium in mid-August to play in the 40th De Haan International Tournament. With the tournament sponsors being brewers Duvel, the Kinross team has adopted the name of "McDuvel's Marauders" for this special 40th tournament.

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Cycle Speedway

Kinross resident, Lee Lawrence, narrowly missed out on becoming the British Cycle Speedway over 50's champion in June.

Making the long trip to Exeter, Lee, who races for the Edinburgh Falcons, had been quite confident of a podium position having received the draw the previous week. The first three races went completely to plan as he took maximum points (being the only rider to beat the eventual winner, Dennis Hubble, in the process).

In his fourth race, a distraction at the start, which would normally require a restart, was missed by the referee and allowed one of Lee's main competitors, local rider Dave Murphy, to get around him from the grid, which is an unusual occurrence as Lee is known to be one of the faster starters in the sport. The eventual result of the race was a second place for Lee.



Lee leading last year's British over 40s runner up

To have a chance of taking the title, Lee now needed to win his last race which was going to be a tall order as he was on the least favoured grid 4, with the British Indoor Veteran's Champion Paul Timms, on his inside. As expected, Timms led the race from the start as Lee was hampered by one of the other competitors, which allowed Timms to pull away to an unassailable lead.

Lee managed to pass the other rider to take second place, which gave him 18 points along with Murphy. Dennis Hubble needed to win his last race to become overall winner. If he had come second behind Coventry's Joe McGlaughlin, there would have been a four way run off for the title with Hubble, McLaughlin, Murphy and Lawrence. Having won the title in the previous two years, Hubble's experience showed as he managed to take the lead after the first lap and took the race win and the title.

This meant that Lawrence and Murphy would run off for second place. The referee flipped his coin to decide grid positions which Murphy won and chose grid two, putting Lawrence on grid four.

The race got underway with Murphy first into the bend and Lawrence trailing closely behind. Being Murphy's home track, it was always going to be difficult to find a way past him on the inside so Lee took his chance on the third lap and made a move around the outside. This took Murphy by surprise and allowed Lee to power his way around leaving Murphy in his wake. Lee managed to hold on for the rest of the race to become the runner up in the competition.

Given the fact that Lee was only a single point behind Hubble, the result was tinged with some sadness but, having been laid off for two years due to injury and illness, the result for Lee was more than he could have hoped for.

This has now spurred Lee on to compete in the Over 40s championship in Manchester in July and also the World veterans championships in Australia later in the year.

Cycle Speedway in Kinross?

Recent developments in the sport in Scotland have seen the reintroduction of a team in Glasgow and also an indoors schools' league which has resulted in the probability of a brand new circuit being built at Queen Anne School in Dunfermline. This initiative is being led by geography teacher Craig Masson, who is also a Kinross resident. Lee and Craig have had some initial discussions about trying to set something up in the Community Campus in the very near future and will be hoping to set up a meeting soon.

Kinross Cycling Club

The summer has been kind to us this year with some great weather and really good riding conditions. Membership has continued to grow and we now have over 100 club members, about a third of which regularly participate in our GP series. This summer has seen club records tumbling with the Club President Andy Bruce (a category 3 road racer) breaking 30 minutes for our Loch Leven TT in July stage.

September is a busy month for us with our **Ochil Hills Road race** being staged for the second year on **Sunday 8 September**, so come out and cheer. And our postponed **Family Cycle Challenge** around Loch Leven is being run on the **Sunday 22 September**, so a big thanks once again to the Green Hotel for their kind support of our event in allowing us to use the car park at the Boathouse Bistro to start and finish the event from. Medals will be given to all completing the ride. More information on how to enter can be found on the KCC website www.kinrosscyclingclub.co.uk



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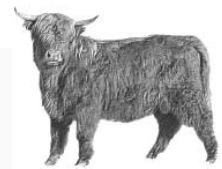
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Out & About

RSPB Loch Leven

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



Michty me, it is actually summer at long last. It's been a grand few weeks wi sunshine, heat 'n' nae weet stuff. Fantastic, efter – whit is it? – six or seven years since the last belter.

Certainly been guid fur the local wildlife, 'n' it's inspired oor little ringed plovers tae produce a second brood fur the reserve. This time they produced three wee fluffy bundles, fower the last time, so will it be lucky seven in total successfully fledged? Let's hope so. Ither avians on show hiv included thoosands o' tufted ducks, greenshank, redshank, osprey fishin ower the loch, a couple o' drake scaup – a bit like tufted ducks at first sight but no on closer inspection. Lapwing wise, it's been oor best breedin year ever! Weel accordin tae Vicky wur warden – guess she shid ken. Looks like the bigger, flatter, wetter, better strategy is workin efter awe the soil removal and general fattenin oot done a year or twa back.

In the shop, we hiv a richt wheeng o' new lines in, including kids' stuff, gairdenin stuff, ootdoor stuff, hoosehold stuff, basically loads o' new, eh stuff. Worth a serious look. A lot o' it relates tae the new TV campaign runnin durin July. Some o' ye micht hiv seen it? The message is nature in Britain is in trouble. A recently published survey covered several thoosands o' species and it concluded that 60% o' the species hiv declined in the last half century, 37% critically declined, serious stuff. We need tae help save it by givin it a hame. Human impact is decimatin some wildlife species due tae habitat destruction, pollution etc. Is it no oor moral duty tae help alleviate that impact as much as we kin by providin hames, i.e. nestboxes, ponds, pools, providin good quality food, rough areas in the gairden, supportin the RSPB by becomin a member or whatever wey ye choose. Please gie it some serious thocht, those o' ye wha dinnae dae a lot fur wildlife. It's future generations (yer bairns or grand bairns) wha will be deprived and why shid we aulder folks deprive future generations o' as vibrant a natural world as mony o' us remember fae the past!

Richt then, aff ma soap box noo.

Last but nae means least, an am awfa sorry tae bring it up but like in a wee whiley efter "scorchio" comes "coldio". Whit happens durin "coldio"? Aye, yer richt – Christmas! Ok, said a wiz sorry, it's no ma fawt. Onywey, if ye wid like tae start yer shoppin a bit earlyish, we hiv in the retail emporium cairds, calendars, diaries and the famous "Penguin Racing Crackers" which are like gold dust come November. Diaries wur sold oot by the end o' October last year. So if ye want it, it's available noo in the shop.

Ta ta till next time. Keep the suntan lotion handy and lamp it oan.

Colin

Events in August at RSPB Loch Leven

Booking is *essential* for all events except Binoculars Day. See website for more details and telephone the reserve to book.

Sat 3rd Guided walk: the double lives of dragon flies.
Join Ruary Mackenzie Dodds, engaging and enthusiastic dragonfly expert, to find out about the lives of these amazing insects, both above and below water. 2.15-3.45pm. RSPB members £6, non-members £12.

Mon 5th Brilliant Butterflies and Marvellous Moths.
11am-12.30pm. Members £3, non-members £5.

Wed 7th Wild Woods Wednesday: Predators and prey!
From huge birds of prey to tiny insects, follow us into the forest to find the top predators... 2pm-3.30pm. RSPB members £3, non-members £5.

Fri 9th Sleep Wild! For one night only, as part of the RSPB's Big Wild Sleep Out, the chance to camp out in the wild on the spectacular Loch Leven reserve. See RSPB website for full details.

Sat 17th Binoculars and Telescope Open Day

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.

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.

Abernethy Round Tower

One of the two round towers of Irish style surviving in Scotland dating from the late 11th century. Good views of the Firth of Tay. Follow signs on site for key (not Mondays).

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Loch Leven NNR

Gooooood morning Loch Leven! With the recent weather, it does feel a little more like Vietnam than Scotland, but we're all soldiering on through the 'blistering' heat. I'd like to thank Liz Lavery and our team of volunteers for their assistance monitoring our nationally important Lesser Butterfly Orchid colony this month. We counted 346 plants this year, which indicates a significantly larger colony than 6 years ago and actually the second highest count in 7 years of monitoring.

With summer in full swing, there are a few activities in the coming weeks that you may be interested in, whether you're looking for the opportunity to get out and participate in some important conservation work, or occupy the kids during the summer holidays.

Himalayan Balsam control – Saturday 17 August, 11am-3pm

Himalayan Balsam control season is upon us once more, and this year with a little help from you, professional contractors, and a team of volunteers from the Trust for Conservation Volunteers (TCV), we hope to really get on top of the problem before it



Himalayan Balsam

gets much worse. Balsam is a non-native invasive species that outcompetes other native species, and weakens river banks and loch shores, leading to erosion issues. It is a real problem if left unchecked, and we're keen to prevent its otherwise inevitable domination of shoreline and bankside vegetation on waterways around Loch Leven. The second scheduled volunteer day takes place on Saturday 17th August. All are welcome, young and old. The more hands we have the better, as there will be plenty balsam to pull and the flowering plants will be close to seeding, which it is essential that we prevent from happening in order to stop the spread. Wellies, waterproofs, sleeves and gloves are needed. We can provide protective clothing if required. Please get in touch if you'd like to help out, by calling the reserve office on 01577 864439.

Art on the Pier

Sunday 4 August Stamp printing – 'patterns in nature' (10am – 4pm)

Sunday 11 August Collagraphs – 'fantasy landscapes' (1pm – 7pm)

Sunday 18 August Monoprinting – 'flying creatures' (10am – 4pm)

As part of her ongoing work promoting the Year of Natural Scotland and Loch Leven NNR, our artist in residence Alison Buckle has scheduled a series of workshops to run this August. 'Art on the Pier' will offer you the opportunity to drop in for a go at a variety of printing techniques in an informal and relaxed environment. Taking inspiration from the nature around you, Alison will work with you to produce various completed prints that you can take away with you. It's a fun-for-all workshop suitable for kids too, and will only take about 45 minutes to complete. If you would like to learn more, then please either call the office, or drop in to the Art on the Pier marquee by the Pier on one of the three dates mentioned.



Alison Buckle will be running 'Art on the Pier' workshops this August

Moth Trapping Evening – Saturday 10 August, 8.30pm onwards

The last of our moth trapping evenings is scheduled this month, where we'll be trapping up at Burleigh. This will give us the opportunity to find out which species prefer different parts of the NNR, having already trapped during previous evenings out at Kirkgate and Findatie. Please call the reserve office to book your place, or for more information.

Osprey Walk – Thursday 15 August, 6-8pm, Burleigh Sands

With young Ospreys fledging throughout the country, Loch Leven becomes very popular amongst the aerial angling community, and we can sometimes see a dozen or more Ospreys feeding or searching Loch Leven on any given day in August. Come along and join SNH reserve staff in search of these fantastic fish-eating raptors, and learn more about bird migration, movements and also look out for some other feathered friends from the shores of the loch. Walking boots, waterproofs and binoculars are recommended.

Lots going on - as usual, feel free to get in touch regarding all of the above.

Craig

Fact of the Month

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Farming



We're on holiday up north near Grantown on Spey and the kids asked me tonight if I wanted to move here and buy a farm as I seem to admire the scenery so much. I do enjoy the beauty of the Cairngorms but it is my running commentary on every hay field up the A9 that they are really meaning. I lost count of the number of juicy bales of luscious hay in meadows and carse land all the way from Perth. As I mentioned in June, our own grass is a bit behind this year and I won't really be happy until the winter forage for the flock is secured. I think it will be ready to be cut when we get home and with this glorious weather it should be easily made and then I can count bales instead of sheep. Our local contractor who bales and wraps the silage is certainly enjoying the sunny weather but told us yields are at least 30 percent down on last year due to the late spring and dry spell. The lack of rain can limit yields so the cobwebs are dusted off irrigator pumps, which were redundant in 2012, and it is the potato fields across Kinross-shire which will be privileged to extra water throughout the growing season.

My holiday book is already half read: I picked up 'Natural Causes' by James Oswald, the newly published author and beef and sheep farmer from Newburgh, and I have not been disappointed. I'm a fan of a very similar series by Stuart Macbride, set in the Granite City, so when I discovered 'Natural Causes' is set in Edinburgh in and around all the streets near Kings Buildings where I studied Agriculture in the nineties, I had to get myself a copy. A murder on Clerk Street seemed so close to home: memories of Wednesday afternoons scouring vintage shops on 'the Bridges' which feature in the investigation came flooding back, and I like to think the pub that his detective frequents could be the Old Bell, which was below the first year flat that I shared with two very good friends. So the reminiscing is fun, the murders pretty gruesome and the plot a lot cleverer than Macbride – goosebumps before bedtime are a certainty.

I have enjoyed reading the interviews about the author who taught himself to become an online publisher and comes from just up the road. He is quoted as tending to his livestock all day and writing in the evening. Sounds fun! Many livestock farmers are advocates of buying flesh, not metal, so will often delay machinery expenditure until a windfall and it seems James is no different, choosing to spend some of the earnings from his first novel on a long awaited new tractor and a sheep handling system. Both of these will make his life a bit easier and hopefully leave him plenty of time to devote to more thrillers – I just need to book a few more holidays to get the time to read them.

Fiona

New self-defence class at Kinross Community Campus Starting Wednesday 14 August 7.00 – 8.30pm

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Weather



June Weather Report from Carnbo

At long last the weather became more normal, with some warmer days and plenty of sunshine at times, and no extreme weather events. Probably the main feature was the low rainfall recorded.

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| Total rainfall | 37 mm (37% of normal) |
| Heaviest fall | 7.7 mm (very low) |
| 13 dry days, 1 trace day, 16 rain days | |
| Highest temperature | 22°C (20th) |
| Lowest temperature | 2°C (2nd) |
| Average temperature | 13.5°C (2012 13.5°C!) |
| Ground frost not recorded | |
| 3 sunless days | |
| Total cloud cover 65% app | |
| Thunder not recorded | |

June Weather Report from Kinross

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| Total rainfall | 29.6 mm (1.18 inches) |
| Heaviest fall | 5.6 mm (11th) |
| Total sunshine for month | 147.3 hours |
| Sunniest day | 10.1 hours (2nd and 8th) |
| Maximum temperature | average 17.9°C |
| Highest temperature | 22.8°C (20th) |
| Minimum temperature | average 6.07°C |
| Lowest temperature | -1.2°C (1st) |

Highest temperature so far for July was 29.1°C on 9 July.
Heaviest rainfall so far for July was 47.3mm (2 inches) on 23 July.

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| | Opening Arrangements | | | Adult | Child | Access | Number |
| 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 | | | | | | | |
| 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 August under SGS

On **Sunday 4 August**, **Drummond Castle Gardens, Crieff** are open under SGS and 40% goes to the British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association. The formal garden is said to be one of the finest in Europe and is the largest of its type in Scotland. Partial disabled access, raffle, stalls, entertainments, refreshments. Dogs on leads welcome. Opening hours that day: 1pm-5pm. Admission: £4, OAP £3, children £2. www.drummondcastlegardens.co.uk

The mature, terraced town garden at **Mount Tabor Road, Perth**, is open on **Sunday 4 August**, 12pm-4.30pm. A sheltered and peaceful garden surrounded by mature trees and hedges with well-filled herbaceous borders. Cascade of ponds. Homemade soups and rolls, 12-2pm. Teas and traybakes 2pm-4.30pm. Adm: £3.50. Charity: Katie McKerracher Trust. Disabled access, plant sales, dogs on leads welcome. From Dundee Road at Isle of Skye Hotel, turn right into Manse Road, over mini-roundabout and into Mount Tabor Road. PH2 7DE.

The Lorimer-designed garden at **Earlshall Castle, Leuchars**, is open on **Sunday 4 August**, 2-5pm. Topiary lawn, rose terrace, herbaceous borders, orchard, kitchen and herb garden. Partial disabled access, refreshments, plant sales. Adm: £5,

children free. Charity: St Athanas Church. ¾ mile east of Leuchars village (off A919).

The large, mature garden at **Gilston House by Largoward, Leven**, is open on **Saturday 24 August**, 1pm-5pm. Established shrubs, gorgeous perennials, specimen trees, wide lawns and extensive parkland. Children very welcome – plenty of space to run around. Pond and woodland walk. Feel free to bring picnics. Full disabled access. Dogs on leads welcome. Teas and plant sales. Adm: £5, children free. 40% to RHET, which promotes bringing farmers into classrooms and children onto farms. Signposted on A915 between Largoward and Upper Largo. KY8 5QP

Tayfield and **Willowhill** gardens at **Forgan**, Newport-on-Tay, are open on **Sunday 25 August**, 2-5pm. **Tayfield** has the tallest beech tree in Scotland. Wonderful views across the Tay. The grounds are rich in wildlife. Red squirrels are often seen. **Willowhill** has an evolving three-acre garden which has featured in 'Scotland for Gardeners' and 'Scotland on Sunday'. Vegetable plot, mixed borders with vibrant colour combinations for effect all season. Newly developed area containing borders of bulbs, roses and perennials. Wildlife pond. Partial disabled access, homemade teas. Plant sales at Willowhill. Adm: £4. Charity: RIO Community Centre. 1½ miles south of Tay Road Bridge. Take the B995 to Newport off the Forgan roundabout.

• Gardens info on our website •



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Congratulations



Andy and Liz Whatmore are delighted to (belatedly) announce the marriage of their only daughter, **KATHRYN ELIZABETH** (Katie) **WHATMORE** of West Netherton Farm, Milnathort to **JONATHAN** (Johnny) **BACON**, son of Jenny and Gerald Bacon of Largs Farm, Straiton, Ayrshire. The wedding ceremony was conducted by the Reverend Alan Reid in Kinross Parish Church on Saturday 1st June 2013 and the celebrations afterwards were at Tullibole Castle, Crook of Devon, courtesy of Lord and Lady Moncreiff. Brilliant weather, guests from across the globe and a perfect setting made this an unforgettable day! We've only just recovered!

Niall and Claire **RAMPONI** are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter **GRACE FIA** on Monday 27 May 2013. First grandchild for Karen and Colin Robertson. Thanks for all the good wishes and presents received.

SMITH – Stuart and Alison (Drysdale) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of **EMILY ANNE**, on Monday 8 July 2013, in Aberdeen Maternity Hospital. First grandchild for George and Frances Drysdale, Warroch Home Farm and Gordon and the late Dorothy Smith, Bearsden. All are well and so grateful for such care and attention of all the staff at AMH.

The Rev **MARGARET MICHIE** of Wester Balgedie has successfully completed her training course in 'Sacramental Theology' and has been accepted as an 'Ordained Local Minister' by the Church of Scotland. Her Service of Ordination by the Presbytery of Perth will be held in Kinross Parish Church of Scotland on **Wednesday 14 August** at 7pm to which all are invited.

Tickets for the first ever show at the Edinburgh International Jazz Festival by **IAIN HUNTER**, our local 'Singing Butcher', sold out well before the performance, due to take place on 25 July.

A local building company, **THOMSON HOMES CONSTRUCTION LTD (THCL)**, has recently been awarded membership to the Guild of Master Craftsmen. Malcolm Thomson, Director, commented: "It's a great achievement to get this kind of industry recognition. We are a dedicated team with our core business being new-build homes and renovation of older buildings, so most of our work is pretty specialist. It's great that all our hard work over the last few years has paid off".

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Thanks



ANN and RAYMOND MILLAR of Kinross would like to thank all 39 members of their family for the holiday gift vouchers which they received on the occasion of their Silver Wedding on 1st July.

ROBERT and MINA CAMPBELL, West Green, Kinross, would like to thank family and friends for the cards and gifts they received on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary on 11 July.

HELENA CANT wishes to thank the many people who sent cards and gifts on the announcement of her MBE.

A belated, but no less sincere, thank you to Karena, Kathleen, Sue, Carole, Evelyn, Angela, Emma, Heather and not forgetting my wonderful daughters, Rachael and Nicola, for joining me in May for the **MACMILLAN REALLY GOOD NIGHT IN**. It was a really good night in where we learned about rope tying and napkin folding, among other Pearls of Wisdom! We achieved our target of £100 to donate to Macmillan Cancer Research. Here's to the next event! - *Margaret Sikora*

Portmoak Festival

HOSPICES OF HOPE FASHION SHOW: What a fantastic event we had on Tuesday 25 June in the marquee. Hospices of Hope would like to thank the many, many people who came along to support this event. Grateful thanks to David Buchan, Kinnesswood Garage, and Jim Tait of Wellside Motors who very kindly donated wine so we were able to give everyone a complimentary glass of wine on arrival. Special thanks to all our models, many of whom were 'local lasses' – they did their village proud! Extra special thanks must go to the hairdressers, Sarah, Lisa and Gillian from the Studio Hair Company in Kinross, who very kindly gave of their time and expertise to arrange the models' hair – they did a brilliant job and the models all looked fantastic – thank you so much, girls. Jeff Gunnell was compère for the evening and he did a tremendous job, as did Ian Dunnett who entertained the audience with his musical expertise on the keyboard. After the models had 'strutted their stuff' there was an opportunity for everyone to try on the many outfits, hats and accessories which were on sale. Thanks also to Julie Close who was the photographer for the evening and we look forward to seeing her photographs of the event.

Finally, a huge thank you to the many friends, too numerous to mention, who did so much work behind the scenes – it was a tremendous event – well done, everyone.

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Kinross High School Awards

Dux of the School: **Bethany Grant** and **Jack Howley**
 RNLI Awards for Head Boy and Head Girl:
Harriet Lloyd and **Adam Bisset**

JUNIOR AWARDS

S1 Merit: **Elise Atkinson, Rebecca Bisset, Amy Broadhurst, Flora Caldwell, Katie Douglas, Matthew Hendry, Ella Mayne, Hannah Miller, Sally Montford, Finlay Nesbitt, Eloise Nicholson, Struan Smith.** S1 Effort and Commitment: **Megan Broadbent, Georgia Chick, Lorna Doyle, Chloe Guild, Ingrid Hill, Darde Lawson.** S1 Merit and Effort and Commitment: **Nicholas Baughan, Gracie Lee.** S2 Merit: **Erin Bathgate, Ben Connack, Taryn Evans, Conor McCormick, Evelyn Morgan, Daniel Munro, Hannah Peedle.** S2 Effort and Commitment: **Andrew Clark, Rosie Connack, Kirsty McCloskey.** S2 Merit and Effort and Commitment: **Kirsten Clarke, Euan Duthie, Niamh Ironside, Lauren Miller, Jacob Wong.**

Junior Special Subject Awards

Scots Verse Speaking (The Gordon George Memorial Prize): **Jamie-Lee Wardrope.** S1 Spelling Bee: **Rebecca Bisset.** S2 Debating: **Cameron Donnelly** and **Allen Saunders.** S2 Overall Excellence (The Bertie Anderson Award): **Erin Bathgate** and **Evelyn Morgan.**

S3 MERIT AWARDS

Art and Design: **Rachel Walker.** Business Education: **Molly McKenzie.** Chemistry: **Gemma Vear.** Design and Manufacture: **Gregor Malcolm.** Drama: **Adam Sweeney.** French: **Rowan Harvey.** Graphic Communication: **James Morrison.** History: **Lauren Miller.** Mathematics: **Sophie McKay.** Music: **Murray Raeburn.** Physics: **Amdia Mah.** RMPS: **Heather McKenzie.** Home Economics and Sport and Recreation: **Daniel Cochrane.** Computing and Biology: **Cameron McCloskey.** English and German: **Sarah Thislie.** Spanish and Business Education: **Cameron Nelson.** Geography, French, Spanish and Business Education: **Christy Zaremski.** S3 Effort and Commitment: **Kyle Brouwer, James Davey, Struan Hepburn, Rebecca Mackay, Sophie McKay, Molly McKenzie, James Morrison, Paul McLintock.**

SPECIAL AWARDS

Art and Design S4 (Rosamund Beveridge Trophy): **Jasmine Pearson.** Art and Design (Kevin Kenny Award): **Cameron McCord.** Business Education (Jean Lamont Award for Overall Excellence): **Duncan Lewis.** Music (Hilary Hawksford Memorial Trophy – for outstanding contribution to the musical life of the school): **Michael Wilson.** The Christina Ryznar Award for Service to the school: **Sindiswa Makhoba.** The Mark Ross Award for Wider Achievement: **Rachel White.** Sir Alan Smith Trophy for Leadership: **Alanna Hutchison.** The Chalmers Brackenridge Quaich for commitment and endeavour in Mathematics: **Billie McGregor.**

S4 MERIT AWARDS

Business Education: **Callum Gosse.** Computing: **Edward Wood.** Drama: **Moray Swanson.** English: **Heather Sturgeon.** Geography: **Ana Mayne.** German: **Shona Macleod** and **Davina Timmins.** Graphic Communication: **Beth Brunton.** History: **Michael Starkey.** Home Economics: **Billie McGregor.** Music: **Mia Watt.** Physical Education: **Sam Fraser** and **Vicki Reid.** Physics: **Claire Marr.** Spanish: **Caitlin Duffy.** Biology and French: **Mhairi Boyle.** Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies and Craft and Design: **Pamela Shah.** Mathematics, Chemistry and Art and Design: **Ross Connack.**

S5 MERIT AWARDS

Art and Design (The John and Marjory Moffat Quaich): **Georgie Beavan.** Business Education: **Ben Smedley.** Computing (The Sam

Mitchell-Henry Trophy): **Rachad Pirie.** Drama (Excellence in Drama, Theatre Arts and Performance): **Ross White.** Geography (The Burns Begg Trophy): **John Chrystal.** German (The Bosch-Rexroth Award): **Katie Wylie.** Graphic Communication: **Zoe Conway.** History (The Arthur Donaldson Trophy): **Gemma Matthews.** Hospitality: **Christie Shackleton.** Information Systems: **Natalie Firth.** French (The Lady Alice Smith Award): **Rachel Miller.** Physical Education: **Ogilvie Robertson.** Product Design (The Bella Anderson Trophy): **Mairi Mulhern.** English (The PTA Trophy): **Ellie Cunningham.** RMPS (Trefoil Guild): **Sarah Myerscough.** Mathematics (The Cordon Trophy): **Catherine Jack.** Physics (The Probus Club Trophy): **Jack Howley.** Human Biology (The DL Chapman Senior Trophy) and Music (The Marjory Fyfe Award): **Lillian Swanson.** Chemistry (The John S Lowe Trophy) and Biology (The Cloan Trophy): **Bethany Grant.**

S6 MERIT AWARDS

Art and Design: **Nicola Beveridge.** English: **James Gow.** French: **Bryony Allcoat.** Geography: **Faith Shamu.** German: **Douglas Peter.** Graphic Communication: **Rory Muir.** Information Systems: **Liam Hope.** Mathematics: **Nicole Emslie.** Music: **Ian Dunnett.** Physical Education: **Kieran Carruthers.** Product Design: **Amy Young.** Psychology: **Abbie Clark.** RMPS: **Fiona Swift.** Spanish: **Joseph Chan** and **Scott McKenzie.** Biology and Chemistry: **Rachel Vaughan.** Drama and History: **Sarah Melville.** Business Education, Computing and Physics: **Neil Herron.**

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

Bronze: **Andrew Bell, Adam Blaikie, Sophie Boulter, Mhairi Boyle, Amy Bryson, Ian Buchanan, Stuart Butler, Cameron Chittleborough, Ross Connack, Alexander Cox, Caitlin Duffy, Iona Fraser-Collins, Matthew Gilmour, Callum Gosse, Fraser Gosse, Matthew Gow, Sophia Griffin, Emily Herron, Ellis Johnston, Rowan Jones, Duncan Lewis, Ana Mayne, Vhairi McAtear, Ella McNeill, Demi Morran, Eleanor Muncey, Jasmine Pearson, Duncan Peter, Samantha Philp, Ellen Reith, Joshua Roe, Kiron Roy, Pamela Shah, Phoebe Somervail, Thomas Starkey, Gavin Steven, Colum Stevenson, Kirsty Stoton, Heather Sturgeon, Fiona Thomson, Davina Timmins, Jennifer Weir, Charlotte-Louise Yeaman.**

Silver: **Alexander Bird, William Broome, Jackson Brown, Laura Cheyne, Jennifer Creigh, Callum Deas, Natalie Firth, Daniel Innes, Lucy Jones, Lucy McCormick, Rachel Miller, Mhairi Ogilvie, Rachad Pirie, Andrew Pool, Callum Purves, Alexander Rennie, Campbell Roberts, Hannah Sime, Kathryn Spain, Caitlin Tarvet, Rebecca Thomson, Kay Turnbull, Elspeth Young, Calum Sneddon.**

Gold: **David Black, Emily Bradley-Parrish, Ashleigh Cox, Liam Duffy, Duncan McDiarmid, Sarat Roy, Rachel Vaughan.**

JOHN MUIR AWARDS

Emma McMurdo, Harry Murdoch, Keir Harrison, Liam Johnston, Lewis Smith, Sam Megginson, Stevie Berwick, Cameron Addison, Garry Currie.

SPORTS DAY CHAMPIONS

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| Group C boys | Robbie Deas |
| Group C girls | Iona Crawford |
| Group B boys | Daniel Cochrane |
| Group B girls | Georgia White |
| Group A boys | Calum Hutchison |
| Group A girls | Vhairi McAtear |
| Overall Sports Champions | Vhairi McAtear and Calum Hutchison |
| Outstanding Performance Award | Daniel Munro |
| House Championship Winners | Benarty |

Kinross-shire Churches Together



Kinross Parish Church of Scotland

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

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

Probationer Ordained Local Minister:

Margaret Michie Tel: (01592) 840602

Session Clerk: Jaffrey Weir Tel: (01577) 865780

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

Church E-mail: office@kinrossparishchurch.org

Church/Church Centre Lets: lets@kinrossparishchurch.org

Church website: www.kinrossparishchurch.org

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

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

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

Leasing Church or Church Centre

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

The Church Office now sells Fair Trade goods by Traidcraft.

Call in and stock up.

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

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 (Summer Holidays: Note the changes from the usual programme)

Sundays: Morning Services at 10.30am: On 4 August there will be no separate Junior Church. Junior Church, JamPact and crèche re-start on 11 August

Wednesdays: 10.45am Midweek service in the Garden Room, Church Centre. Continues over the summer.

Saturdays: 9am – 12 noon: Book Sale and Coffee Bar at the Church Centre. Continues over the summer.

Other Events and Services

August

Sun 4 10.30am: Morning Service. No separate Junior Church. The early part of the service will be child-friendly, with separate children's activities for the second part. Informal communion after service.

Mon 5 8am: Silent Meditation (30 mins).

Tue 6 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.

Thu 8 7pm at Luncarty Church Centre: Guild Summer Get-Together.

Sun 11 10.30am: Morning Service. Junior Church, JamPact and crèche restart after summer break.

Wed 14 7pm: Ordination of Rev. Margaret Michie. Service open to all and conducted by the Presbytery of Perth.

Thu 15 9pm: Time to Pray: late evening service of Compline (20 mins).

Tues 20 10am Pram Service restarts after summer break.

Sun 25 6.30pm: Informal Evening Service.

Tues 27 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.

8pm: Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.

St James's R C Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Father Colin Golden Telephone: (01577) 863329

Mass Times Saturday Vigil 7.00pm

Sunday 9.30am

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

Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

Church of Scotland

Minister - Rev Dr Angus Morrison

Telephone: 01577 863461

Email: angusmorrison3@gmail.com

Website: www.orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk

Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:

10am Portmoak Church,

11.30am Orwell Church.

All children welcome. Crèche available during Sunday Services.

Prayer Meeting held 30mins before each service

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

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

Services at 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

September is Stewardship Season in Orwell & Portmoak Parish

1st Stewardship Services at morning worship on the theme of 'Giving of Talent' to be led by the Stewardship Group & Praise Band (10am at Portmoak Church, 11.30am at Orwell Church).

7th 'Talent' Open Day in Orwell Church & Hall (2-5pm)
An opportunity to see the numerous activities in and around the parish

14th Coffee Morning & Sale in Portmoak Hall (10-11.30am)

28th Talent Show in Orwell Church (7-9pm)

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.

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Mrs Sarah Oxnard, Vestry Chair Telephone: 01577 864213

Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk

You can also find us on Facebook

St Paul's is open, friendly and welcoming to all.

We are excited about the ways in which God is calling us to grow as a community, for the community. We aim to express our deep appreciation of both the spoken and sacramental Word with a lightness of touch and a smile. If you would like to give us a try, we look forward to meeting and greeting you and hope that you might continue to enjoy being a part of this faithful family of Christ.

8am Morning Prayer (Mondays and Wednesdays).

August Services**Sun 4** Week of Proper 18. 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.**Tue 6** 7.30pm Holy Communion for the feast of the Transfiguration followed by an evening service of Compline. We conclude with a visit to a local hostelry.**Sun 11** Week of Proper 19. 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.**Thu 15** 10am Holy Communion for the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary followed by a short time of Bible Study over coffee.**Sun 18** Week of Proper 20. 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.**Sun 25** Week of Proper 21. 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.**Thu 29** 7.30pm Candlelit Service of Healing and Wholeness.**Everyone welcome at all services**

During the week, St Paul's Church will be open to the public at the following times:

First Monday of the month: 10am - 3pm

Second and Fourth Tuesdays of the month: 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Thursdays: 12.30pm - 1.30pm

These are opportunities for visitors to sit quietly and perhaps light a small candle.

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Fossoway, St Serf's & Devonside 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**August****Sun 4** 9.45am Morning Worship. Daniel Harper, 3rd year student minister.**Sun 11** 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum Brian Ogilvie.**Sun 18** 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum Brian Ogilvie.**Sun 25** 9.45am The Sacrament of Holy Communion. Interim Moderator Rev. Allan Wilson.**September****Sun 1** 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'.

DVD club and crèche is available for all children during the school holidays

Café Refresh: Every Thursday, church hall, 2-4pm.**Yoga classes:** Finished for the Summer - will restart at the end of August.**House group:** Finished for the Summer - will restart in September. Please contact Fred for details, 01577 840833.**Cleish Parish Church****Church of Scotland**

(Charity number SC 003168)

Locum Minister: Mr Brian Ogilvie

Telephone: (01592) 840823

E-mail: brianj.ogilvie1@btopenworld.com

Session Clerk: Gordon McMillan

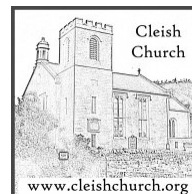
Telephone: (01506) 825641

E-mail: gordon.b.mcmillan@talk21.com

Website: www.cleishchurch.org

Sunday Services 11.15am**Crèche and Junior Church** 11.15am**August****Sun 4** 11.15am Morning Worship led by the Elders, followed by tea and coffee in the village hall..**Sun 11** 11.15am Morning Worship: Brian Ogilvie.**Sun 18** 11.15am Morning Worship with Sacrament of Baptism: Brian Ogilvie.**Sun 25** 11.15am Morning Worship and Sacrament of Holy Communion: Rev. Allan Wilson.

All welcome

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Obituary

CHARLES KELSO of Hatchbank Road, Kinross, died suddenly but peacefully at Perth Royal Infirmary on Monday 8 July, aged 66, surrounded by his loving wife, Marlyne and children Kathryn and Stephen. Beloved Grandad to Jenna, Emma, Rachel, Liam and Charlie.

Kinross Christian Fellowship

Jesus said, *'I am among you as one who serves.'*

Sunday morning service at 10.30am (refreshments and blether at 10am), Millbridge Hall, Old Causeway, Kinross.

Lively praise (children participate), reverent worship open to the leading of the Holy Spirit, prayer, ministry and solid Bible-based preaching and teaching. An all-round family service for families, which includes Sunday School. Communion every second Sunday, as is our evening service at 6.30pm; a time for praise, worship, sharing and joy in The Lord Jesus. (Followed by light refreshments and more blether.)

Everyone is welcome to either service or to both, so please come and, *taste and see that the LORD is good.*

Contact Peter on 01577 863509, for further information.

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Acknowledgements

KELSO – Marlyne, Kathryn and Stephen would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their kind words, cards, phone calls and visits in their recent sad loss of Charles. Special thanks to Ward 4 and HD unit at PRI. Donations received were given to CHAS, Rachel House.

LAURA BARNETT (d. 14 June 2013): Katharyn, Nik, George and Guy would like to thank all Mum's friends and carers for their love and support of Mum and of all our family. Mum moved to Milnathort in 2000, and despite dementia, lived here very happily. In the early days, neighbours would keep a kindly eye out for her; and as part-time care became full-time care at home, carers became constant companions and true friends. Home was full of laughter and joy, and determination to celebrate life to the best. We were blessed with wonderful support from SW Nicki Collins; from DP Co-ordinator, Dina Scott; from Dr Lyons who tended Mum throughout; and latterly, with great help from our community nurses. Mum was happy and smiling on her last day and died peacefully at home in our arms with Fr. David by her side. Deep thanks to all our friends who brought such beautiful flowers and who were able to attend her funeral at St Paul's to pay such a loving and moving tribute to her.

Kinross Gospel Hall

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 |

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Playgroups and Toddlers

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www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross



LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Session times (term time only)

Tuesdays 9.30- 11.15, Fridays 9.30- 11.15

Contact Sylvia Flynn 07793 005732,
sylviaastewart@hotmail.co.uk

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

FOSSOWAY TODDLERS

Crook of Devon Village Hall

Friday 9.30am - 11.00am

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

Contact - Christina Smith 01577 840733

PORTMOAK UNDER 5s

Portmoak Hall – between Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell
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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
Playgroup (2yrs onwards), Mon & Fri 10am– 12noon

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 9.45 to 11.15am (term time only)

A relaxed, friendly group for children from about 18 months to pre-school with their parent/carer. Play and pre-school activities, with a variety of toys. A snack is provided, plus coffee and tea for parents/carers. Younger siblings also welcome.

Contact Esther Blackburn on estherjkent@hotmail.com or
07812 757077 for further details,
or find us on Facebook: Two's Club Kinross

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Lots of toys

Friendly support for all carers

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Contact Sadie Allan on 01577 830807 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

Walk Ten Event

to raise funds for
Marie Curie Cancer Care
 Hill of Tarvit Masionhouse, Cupar
Saturday 3 August
 To find out more, see:
www.mariecurie.org.uk/fi fe or call 0845 052 4184

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Fossoway & District Horticultural Society ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW

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 David Martin 840216 • Eleanor White 840681  
 Shelagh Goudie 840200 • Lorna Ainsworth 840571

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## Grants and Funding Websites

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

## Kinross Guides

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## A R T Exhibition

**22-24 August**  
**The Friday Art Group**  
 Side building, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Kinross,  
 facing T junction at end of Springfield Road  
**Thursday 10-8pm**  
**Friday 10-8pm**  
**Saturday 10-4pm**

## Extraordinary General Meeting

of  
**Light Up Kinross**  
 to be held in the café at the Millbridge Hall, Kinross  
 on  
**Thursday 22 August**  
 at 7.30pm  
 (to approve amendment to the  
 Light Up Kinross constitution)

## Scottish Nature Photography Exhibition

Fair Maid's House, Perth  
**23 July – 24 August**  
 12.30pm – 4pm

A new exhibition of images by  
**Lorne and Fergus Gill**, father and son award-winning  
 wildlife photographers from Perthshire.  
 A celebration of the Year of Natural Scotland.  
*The Royal Scottish Geographical Society,*  
*The Fair Maid's House, 15-19 North Port, Perth*  
[www.scottishnaturephotography.com](http://www.scottishnaturephotography.com)

## The Thursday Group

This is a women's group which meets on the first Thursday  
 of the month in the Lower Hall of the Church Centre at  
 7.30pm. New members welcome. Contact 863421.

**5 September**

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### Loch Leven NNR Events Programme 2013



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| 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.

### Auction of Talents and Promises

in aid of the Fossoway Church Audio-Visual Fund

**Saturday 7 September**

at 7.30pm in the Crook of Devon Village Hall.

A huge variety of wonderful goods and promises for auction.

Entrance by programme, £2.50 per person, available from  
Alan on 840225, Fred on 840833, Susan on 840373 or at the  
door (children free).

Includes tea, coffee and refreshments. BYOB.

Scottish Charity No. SC013157

### Perth Association for Mental Health

PAMH is a community based non-profit organisation  
providing services for people recovering from mental health  
problems. PAMH offers Counselling, Day Services and hosts  
a Depression Support Group and Bipolar Support Group. For  
more information telephone (01738) 639657. Website:  
www.pamh.co.uk

## AUCTION OF TALENTS AND PROMISES



FOR THE FOSSOWAY CHURCH  
AUDIO-VISUAL FUND

On Saturday 7th September  
At 7.30pm

at the Crook of Devon Village Hall

Entry by catalogue, £2.50 per person (children free)

## Local studies and local history talk

Soutar Theatre, AK Bell Library, Perth

**Thursday 26 September**

6.30pm

Hosted by Friends of P&KC Archive, this illustrated talk by Colin Proudfoot will illuminate the rich variety of material that is held by the Local Studies section at the AK Bell Library. Taking a tour around its wealth of local newspapers and publications, its maps and picture postcards, census and old parish records, Colin will highlight how local and family historians can get the most out of their visit.

Booking is not required. Cost: £5.00.

## Kinross & District Pipe Band

### CEILIDH

**Saturday 28 September**

Milnathort Town Hall

7.30pm – midnight

Bar                      Raffle                      Stovies

Adults: £8              Under 16: £5

Tickets from: Lorna              07967 114831  
Kathleen              07818 532091

## Hedges/Bushes/Trees Causing Obstruction

Property owners are reminded that it is their responsibility to cut back hedges, branches, bushes etc to ensure that pavements and public footpaths are not obstructed. Property owners may be liable if injury is caused to others and may be charged costs if Perth & Kinross Council is forced to take action.

## 2nd Kinross Rainbows

Do you have an hour or so to spare on a Monday evening from 4.30 – 5.30pm during school term time? 2nd Kinross Rainbows are looking for an Assistant Guider to join the current team. We have lots of fun and the girls enjoy games, crafts, baking, going out of the meeting place on torchlit walks, nature walks etc and attending Guiding Events. The girls in the unit are from 5 – 7 years old.

If you are interested, ring myself, Caroline McGregor, on 01577 863730 for a chat and more information on what it would involve.

## Adult & Family Learning

at Loch Leven Community Campus

**IT for Beginners Courses** aim to support people to learn about:

- Accessing the internet
- Completing online applications
- Using Word 10
- Setting up an email

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS** who are confident with all of the above for

**Fridays, 9am – 12 noon and 12 noon – 2pm**

Support will be provided and travel expenses will be reimbursed. For an application form, contact Jayne Ramsay, (01577) 867177, JRamsay@pkc.gov.uk



## Make a Difference Day

Make a Difference Family Fun Day 2012 was held at the community campus on 27 October, organised by the Community Capacity Building Worker and supported by the Kinross-shire Community Learning and Development Group. The day was packed with activities for all the family and provided an opportunity for residents of Perth and Kinross to find out how to get involved in volunteering and benefit their communities.

Over 30 local groups and organisations in Perth and Kinross came together to highlight the important role that volunteers play locally, nationally and globally. The event proved a real success with over 380 people attending.

Feedback from the 2012 event suggested this be an annual event. Your local Community Capacity Building Worker is seeking to support and work with **some local people** to help plan and organise **Make a Difference Day 2013**. Could this be you? **WE NEED YOUR HELP to make this happen.** (See contact details below.)

This is a fantastic occasion for community members to be involved in bringing volunteers together to showcase how they work and make a difference, whilst promoting a volunteer friendly Kinross-shire.

Helping to plan and organise **Make a Difference Day** will provide an opportunity for community groups, organisations or charities to:

- **Celebrate** all the great things they do thanks to **volunteers** and **volunteering**
- Get people involved in their communities to **'Make a Difference'**
- **Share Skills** and recruit volunteers
- **Support** each other by promoting the value and benefits of volunteering itself
- Provide local communities with lots of fun **volunteering** opportunities they can take part in and to learn about the things your group, organisation or charity does to make a difference **locally, nationally or globally**.

If you would like to volunteer a little of your time and support me to plan and organise this event, please contact me **as soon as possible**: Tracey Ramsay, Senior Capacity Building Worker, Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8FQ. Email: TRamsay@pkc.gov.uk, Tel: 01577 867124 or Community Learning Base 01577 867177.

## Dr Donald Duncan Bequest Committee

### Grants for Educational Purposes

The above Committee have for many years provided grants for educational purposes for persons whose parents were resident in Kinross at the time of their birth and who have received some of their education in the County of Kinross. In recent years, the Committee have followed a policy of providing awards only for University Degree Courses. The Committee also have followed the policy that once one award had been received, no further awards would be given. The Committee has, for the last few years, been prepared to consider a more flexible approach to awards; the Committee will in future consider applications not just for University courses and will contemplate making more than one award in certain circumstances. Awards will still only be granted though for educational purposes.

Application Forms can be obtained from Andersons LLP, Solicitors, 40 High Street, Kinross KY13 8AN.



**Loch Leven Community Campus**  
**The Muirs, Kinross**  
**KY13 8FQ**  
**www.pkc.gov.uk**

**Community Learning & Development**  
**Adult Learning**  
**Free local and friendly support with -**

### English as a Second Language

Would you like to improve your ability to -

- Talk to friends and neighbours
- Understand what people say to you
- Give information
- Talk on the phone
- Fill in a form
- Apply for a job

### Adult Literacy & Numeracy

**Reading Writing Spelling Numbers**

"I can enjoy books now"  
 "I feel more confident"  
 "Filling in forms is less scary"  
 "I passed my driving test"

### BOOKING ESSENTIAL

**If you would like further information regarding  
 any of the tuition please contact:**

**Jayne Ramsay**  
**Clerical Assistant**  
 Loch Leven Community Campus  
 Email: JSRamsay@pkc.gov.uk  
**Tel: 01577 867177**

### Perth Samaritans

Need to talk? We'll listen.

Contact us by

**phone** on 01738 626666 or 08457 909090

**Email** us jo@samaritans.org

or **visit** us at 3 King's Place, Perth, PH2 8AA

Mondays 1630 - 2130 Thursdays 1630 - 1900  
 Wednesdays 0830 - 1100 Fridays 1000 - 1630  
 and 1930 - 2130 Sundays 0800 - 2130

**No pressure, no names, no judgment.**  
**We're here for you, anytime.**

### Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers

**Linda Freeman**

Tel 01577 865045. Email: linda.freeman\_64@btinternet.com



**Community Learning & Development**  
**Adult & Family Learning Team**

## Technology Drop-in

**CONFUSED BY YOUR COMPUTER?**

**INTRIGUED BY THE INTERNET?**

**ERRORS IN YOUR EMAIL?**

**FLUMMOXED BY YOUR PHONE?**

The IT Tutor with Community Learning & Development

at **Loch Leven Community Campus**

is holding drop-in sessions to help with any  
 basic technology questions you may have -

**the second and fourth Fridays of every month**  
**2pm - 4pm**

9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> August 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> September 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> October 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> November

in the ICT room within the library

No need to book, just drop-in!

If you need further information  
 please contact **01577 867177**

### Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre

based in the centre of Perth

Offers free, confidential, non-judgemental advice and support  
 to anyone facing a pregnancy related crisis.

In a safe, secure environment we aim to assist women (or  
 couples) in making their own informed decisions about their  
 future and support them through the process if they require it.  
 We offer confidential advice, free pregnancy testing,  
 pregnancy crisis and miscarriage support, adoption advice  
 and counselling for post abortion stress.

The office is open 10am to 2pm Monday to Friday and  
 outwith those hours can be contacted on the office number  
 01738 621174.

On-line support and information can be obtained from our  
 website [www.careconfidential.com](http://www.careconfidential.com)

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre, 40 St John Street, Perth, PH1 5SP  
[www.careconfidential.com](http://www.careconfidential.com)

email: hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com

Helpline 01738 621174

We are a Scottish Charity SC037103

### Newsletter Deadlines 2013

Please note, deadlines are now on a **FRIDAY**. More  
 deadlines for the months ahead can be found on our website.  
 In very rare circumstances it may be necessary to change a  
 deadline at short notice. Check Newsletter website for latest  
 information: [www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org)

| Issue     | Deadline         | Publication Date      |
|-----------|------------------|-----------------------|
| September | Fri 16 August    | Saturday 31 August    |
| October   | Fri 13 September | Saturday 28 September |





THE  
TALKING  
DONKEY

Every Friday 11am - 2pm  
@ The Millbridge Hall

For further information, or if you want to be involved please ring 07766 515 950 or 07771 696 830

The Cafe where everything is

# FREE!

 Soups 

 Snacks 

 Hot Drinks 

 Cold Drinks 

 Home-cooked lunches 

All brought to your table by our friendly staff

The Talking Donkey is a Christian venture so there will always be people on hand to offer

## Prayer For Any Need



## Mindspace Counselling Service

### YOUNG PEOPLES COUNSELLING SERVICE 11-25 YEAR OLDS



Mindspace Counselling Services offer counselling to adults and young people aged 11-25 at The Loch Leven Health Centre on Mondays and Tuesdays. Sometimes we all have problems that worry us and it's not always easy to talk to someone close to us. A counsellor is someone you can talk to in a different way, someone who will listen to you very carefully, who will not judge you or tell you what to do.

We offer counselling to people who are facing a wide range of difficulties or challenges such as: Feeling depressed/anxious; Making friends/keeping friends; Chaos at home; Feeling angry and don't know why; Bullying; Having a tough time; Parents splitting up; Death of someone special; Confused feelings about who I am; Wanting to hurt myself for others.

If you are interested in this service you can self-refer via email to [info@mindspacepk.com](mailto:info@mindspacepk.com), by telephone on 01738 631639 or by visiting our website at [www.mindspacepk.com](http://www.mindspacepk.com). You can also be referred by your GP.



### Need to consult an old Newsletter?

The Kinross (Marshall) Museum at the Loch Leven Community Campus houses a collection of every Kinross Community Council Newsletter ever published (July 1977 to the present day). Newsletters can be consulted when the Museum Study Room is open: Thursdays, 10am – 8pm and Saturdays, 10am – 3pm.

Electronic versions of Newsletters from September 2006 to the present day can be downloaded from the Newsletter website: [www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org)

## 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:

**13 & 27 August**

No appointment is necessary as the surgery is a drop-in service. For complex issues a further appointment may be necessary. Perth CAB can help you – our advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent. Contact us: Advice line 01738 450580; Appointment line 01738 450581.

## Ceilidh Dancing

Come and join us from 2 till 3 every Monday in the Guide Hall, Milnathort, and learn to ceilidh dance. You don't need a partner and it is all very informal and great fun.

All proceeds go to the Scouts and Guides.

Just come along – the more the merrier. No age limit.

## 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!

## Springwell

**Inclusion • Wellbeing • Recovery**

*Supporting positive mental health in Strathern and Kinross-shire for adults between 16 and 65.*

We support people to improve the quality of their life and wellbeing, be more involved in their community, help them achieve their ambitions and manage their mental health. We support people to get involved in their community, improve social contact, be more active, access education, voluntary opportunities or work. The support and activities we offer are flexible and can change and develop over time, depending on what people need and benefit from.

For more information or an informal chat phone Charlie Wilson 01577 867320, [CharlesWilson@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:CharlesWilson@pkc.gov.uk)

## Can you give A Greyhound A Home

Look on our Website

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



Contact us to arrange a suitable time to come along and see them for yourself and find **your** perfect hound for you to take home

Please call or email for details  
Phone: 01592 890583 (evenings)  
Mob: 07826244765 (daytime)  
email us on [femiejimnyf@aol.com](mailto:femiejimnyf@aol.com)



## Community Councils

**Kinross:** Secy: Mrs M Scott (01577) 862945  
KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk  
**Cleish & Blairadam:** Secy: Patty Fraser (01577) 850253,  
CleishCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk  
**Milnathort:** Chair: Bruce Hamilton (01577) 830616  
MilnathortCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk  
**Fossoway & District:** Secy: Kevin Bothwick (01577) 840845,  
fossoway.cc@gmail.com  
**Portmoak:** Malcolm Parkin (01592) 840389,  
PortmoakCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

## Portmoak Community Councillors

|                      |              |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Robin G Cairncross   | 01592 840672 |
| Bruce Calderwood     | 01592 840423 |
| Susan Forde          | 01592 840128 |
| Malcolm Parkin       | 01592 840389 |
| Thomas Smith         | 01592 841160 |
| Malcolm Strang Steel | 01592 840459 |
| Richard Williamson   | 01592 840538 |
| Ian McGrattan        | 01592 840726 |

## Perth and Kinross Councillors Kinross-shire Ward

### Councillor Mike Barnacle (Independent)

Tel/Fax (home): 01577 840516.

Email: michaelabarnacle@gmail.com

Moorend, Waulkmill Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross, KY13 0UZ

### Councillor Dave Cuthbert (Independent)

Tel (home): 01577 861681. Email: dcuthbert@pkc.gov.uk

8 Highfield Circle, Kinross, KY13 8RZ

### Councillor Joe Giacomazzi (Scottish National Party)

Tel (home): 01577 864025.

Email: jgiacomazzi@pkc.gov.uk

38A New Road, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XT

### Councillor Willie Robertson (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

Tel (home): 01577 865178. Email: wbrobertson@pkc.gov.uk

85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XA

## Member of Parliament for Ochil & South Perthshire Constituency Gordon Banks MP

www.gordonbanksmp.co.uk

Email: banksgr@parliament.uk

For dates and locations of regular advice surgeries, or to raise any concerns you may have, please contact the constituency office: telephone 01259 721536, fax 01259 216761 or write to 49-51 High Street, Alloa, FK10 1JF.

## Loch Leven Community Library

Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8FQ

Telephone: 01577 867205

Email: lochlevenlibrary@pkc.gov.uk

### Opening Times

|                              |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Monday                       | 10am – 6pm |
| Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday | 10am – 8pm |
| Friday                       | 10am – 6pm |
| Saturday                     | 10am – 3pm |

## Fossoway and Cleish Community Office

A service for the Community, open:

Thursdays 2 pm - 4 pm

Saturdays 10am -12 noon

Out of hours there is an answering machine

Tel: 01577 840185 Email: fcco@btinternet.com

## Kinross Community Councillors

|                       |                          |              |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Margaret Blyth        | 6 Muir Grove             |              |
| David Colliar (Chair) | 10 Rannoch Place         | 864037       |
| Barry M Davies        | 60 Lathro Park           | 865004       |
| Bill Freeman          | 64 Muirs                 | 865045       |
| Ian Jack (Treasurer)  | Burnbrae Grange          | 863980       |
| Dot Mackay            | 17 Ochil View            | 864635       |
| Margaret Scott (Secy) | 21 Ross Street           | 862945       |
| Gareth Thomas         | 50 Muirs                 | 863714       |
| Campbell Watson       | 7 Gallowhill Gardens     | 861544       |
| David West            | 9 Leven Place            | 07824 313974 |
| Malcolm Wood          | The Woodlands, Hatchbank | 850394       |

## Member of the Scottish Parliament for Perthshire South & Kinross-shire Roseanna Cunningham MSP

To raise a concern or issue or to book an appointment to see Roseanna, you can contact her directly by email or by phoning or writing to her constituency office at:

9 York Place, Perth, PH2 8EP

Email: Roseanna.Cunningham.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

Telephone: 01738 639598

Fax: 01738 587637

You can also follow Roseanna on Twitter @strathearnrose

## Members of the Scottish Parliament for Mid Scotland and Fife Region

All MSPs can be contacted at the following address:

The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP

**Claire Baker MSP** (Labour) Tel: 0131 348 6759

Email: Claire.Baker.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

**Jayne Baxter MSP** (Labour) Tel: 0131 348 6753

Email: jaynebaxter.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

**Annabelle Ewing MSP** (SNP) Tel: 0131 348 5066

Email: Annabelle.Ewing.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

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**Willie Rennie MSP** (Lib Dem) Tel: 0131 348 5803

Email: Willie.Rennie.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

**Dr Richard Simpson MSP** (Lab) Tel: 0131 348 6756

Email: Richard.Simpson.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

**Elizabeth Smith MSP** (Cons) Tel: 0131 348 6762

Email: Elizabeth.Smith.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

## Perth & Kinross Council

www.pkc.gov.uk

### Customer Service Centre

Tel: 01738 475000

(Mon to Fri, 8am-6pm)

### Out of Hours Emergencies

Tel: 01738 625411

(Roads, flooding, environmental health and dangerous buildings)

**Clarence** (for non-emergency

Tel: 0800 232323

road and lighting defects)

## Regular Library Sessions for Young Children

At Loch Leven Community Library.

No need to book, just come along.

### Story Telling

every Monday morning 10.15 – 10.45 am

and every Thursday afternoon 2.15 – 2.45 pm

### Bookbug Rhymetimes

every Saturday 10.30 – 11 am

and every Wednesday 2.00 – 2.30 pm

**Bookbug Library Challenge:** For children aged 0 to 4: On each visit to the library, children are given a sticker. After collecting four stickers, they are awarded a certificate.

# Kinross-shire *Day Centre*

**Table Tennis • Videos • Cards • Dominoes • Carpet bowls  
Daily Papers • Chiropody • Trips • Exercises**

## Weekly Programme

|                  |                                 |         |                |        |
|------------------|---------------------------------|---------|----------------|--------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | Exercise Class                  | 11am    | Elderberries   | 1.30pm |
|                  | "Stride for Life" Walking Group |         |                | 2pm    |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Relaxation Class                | 1.15pm  | Games          | 1.45pm |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Morning Service                 | 10.45am | Quiz Afternoon | 1.30pm |
|                  | Dominoes & Games                | 1.30pm  | Scrabble       | 1.30pm |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Film Afternoon                  | 1.30pm  | Dominoes       | 1.30pm |
|                  | Art Class                       | 1.30pm  | Scrabble       | 1.30pm |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Bingo                           | 1.30pm  | Dominoes       | 1.30pm |



**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**

## Mobile Library

*Mobile 2, Week 1, every second Wednesday:*

Visiting Powmill, Rumbling Bridge, Crook of Devon, Fossoway, Cleish and Milnathort. Next visit: **7 August**

*Mobile 2, Week 2, every second Tuesday:*

Visiting Mawcarse, Glenlmond, Kinnesswood, Scotlandwell, Levenmouth Farm, Hatchbank and Cambo. Next visit: **13 August**

*Mobile 1, Week 2, every second Wednesday:*

Visiting Glenfarg and Duncricvie. Next visit: **14 August**

For times of stops, see PKC website: [www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk)

Any queries, telephone AK Bell Library 01738 444949.

## PKAVS Carers Services

### Drop In Session for Carers

Do you look after someone, or know someone that looks after a loved one, who would not be able to get by without their help? If so, the Perth & Kinross Carers Centre are now running Drop In Sessions for carers to pop in and have a chat with our Carers' Link Worker about any needs or issues they require information and advice on.

**Every second Monday of the month between 10am and 11am at the Loch Leven Medical Centre, Kinross.**

No appointment is necessary. If you would like to meet outwith these times, please contact Kerry Donaghy on 01738 567076 or [kerry.donaghy@pkavs.org.uk](mailto:kerry.donaghy@pkavs.org.uk)

## Art for Recovery Kinross

*Confidence building Skills Sharing Socialising*

ARK provides support through arts and crafts for people with health issues in Kinross and surrounding areas.

ARK offers peer support to those in need of a little company to socialise and learn new skills. Try drawing with pencils and pastels, painting with acrylics and watercolours, working with clay, felt-making and patchwork. Or just have a cup of tea or coffee!

The group meets **weekly on a Wednesday** from 1pm to 3pm in Orwell Church Hall, Ba' Hill, Milnathort. £1 per session. For more information, email [arkforart@gmail.com](mailto:arkforart@gmail.com) or call the Chair on 07590 387189.



## Blythswood Care

Sainsbury's Car Park

(if car park is full, van will park nearby, e.g. Park & Ride or Ochil View)

**Tuesday 20 August**

**between 10.30 am and 11 am**

Further details from 862258

## 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

#### Ikea day bed **£60.00**

Frame and mattress included, in good condition and was only used in spare bedroom. Easy to pick up as has been disassembled, but easy to assemble again and all parts are included

For item above contact: *Kirsty Jamieson* 01577 864068

*jjamie\_san@hotmail.co.uk*

#### Toy Story toys **£20.00**

Collection of Toy Story toys. Large Buzz Light Year, Woody (with his hat – pull string on back), Large Mr Slinky (dog), Toy Story space ship (fits mini figures), small Bull and Woody wind-up toy. All good condition. Buzz needs new battery.

#### Large Tonka Low Loader **£5.00**

Large yellow Tonka kids truck and trailer. Good condition.

For above items contact: *Mags Gibson* 07837 247984

#### Trampoline **£75.00**

14ft trampoline with all parts except sidewall netting. Replacement netting required.

Seller details: *Ian Jack* 01577 863980

*ian\_jack@bopenworld.com*

#### Two Antique Edwardian chairs **£150.00**

Two beautiful chairs, restored in 1984. They go well with the Tartan Sofa I have advertised. Priced for a quick sale.

#### Tartan Sofa **£250.00**

This is a well made tartan sofa, which was made to order and cost over £2000. L 2m, D 1m. Very good condition. Please feel free to come and take a look.

#### A pair of cream sofas **£80.00**

Well made, solid, the fabric is a bit marked, so if you don't like the "shabby chic" look then they would make an excellent project. 48 inches long. Offers around £80 for the pair for quick sale.

#### Mirror **£40.00**

Excellent condition, 118cm x 94cm.

For above items contact: *Marion Drummond* 01577 865157

*marion.drummond@hotmail.co.uk*

#### Maltese Puppy seeking new home **£300.00**

This baby is now ready to move into any new, good home. Very cute and adorable. If interested kindly contact seller for details.

Seller details: *Terra Terrence*

*terraterrence@gmail.com*

#### Kinross High School Blazer **£20.00**

Boy's blazer, good condition. Size 12R, chest 34".

Seller details: *Karen Elwis* 07941 123294

*karenelwis@googlemail.com*

### Items for sale not listed on Kinross.cc website:

#### Garden Tubs **P.O.A.**

Various sizes planted with hostas and perennials, also annuals all in bloom – well established. To view, contact seller.

Seller details: *Mrs Hamilton* 01577 864387

#### Breville Hot Cup **£30.00**

Gives instant hot drinks within minutes. Saves time and energy and only heats what you need. Original box included.

#### Panasonic Digital Cordless Phones **£20.00**

Set of two handsets with charger units. Original box included.

For above two items contact: *Mrs McEwan* 01577 531107

## 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').

### Kitchen Manager (Full time), Laura's Chocolates, Cowdenbeath

Hours: 5 days (Mon – Fri), 9am -3pm

Email your information including: name, telephone number, address, email address and CV to *laura@lauraschocolates.com*

### Cook, Wrap & Pack Assistant (Part time), Laura's Chocolates, Cowdenbeath

Hours: 3 days a week (including occasional Sundays). 10am – 5.30pm

Email your information including: name, telephone number, address, email address and CV to *laura@lauraschocolates.com*

### Experienced baker (part time), Loch Leven's Larder

Required for multi-outlet business based at Loch Leven's Larder, Kinross, for preparation of diverse range of pastry products including bread.

Hours: 0600 – 1200, 5 days from 7 (negotiable). Wage DOE.

Please contact *emma@lochlevenslarder.com*

### Cook/baker (part time), Lochend Farm Shop, Scotlandwell

We require a cook/baker, preferably with experience, for the Coffee Shop.

Please contact Helen on 01592 840745.

## Kinross Recycling Centre

Bridgend Industrial Estate

Opening Times: **Mondays to Fridays** 9am to 7pm  
**Saturdays and Sundays** 9am to 5pm

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## Perth & Kinross School Term Dates 2013-14

| Term   | Start           | End             |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Autumn | Tue 13 Aug 2013 | Fri 11 Oct 2013 |
| Winter | Mon 28 Oct 2013 | Fri 20 Dec 2013 |
| Spring | Mon 6 Jan 2014  | Fri 4 Apr 2014  |
| Summer | Wed 23 Apr 2014 | Thu 26 Jun 2014 |

*In Service Days and Occasional Holidays:*

2013: Thu 14 Nov, Fri 15 Nov

2014: Wed 19 Feb, Thu 20 Feb, Fri 21 Feb, Tue 22 Apr.

May Day Holiday: Mon 5 May 2014 (tbc).

# Diary

*A more extensive and regularly updated  
Diary of Events can be found on [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)*

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|------------------|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Fri              | 2     | BluesUp at the Thistle Hotel: Dirt Road Blues                       | 51          |
|                  | 4-12  | Visitors from Gacé, twin town of Kinross                            | 56          |
| Sun              | 4     | Little Seedlings Club at Dobbies                                    | 63          |
| Sun              | 4     | Art on the Pier: Stamp printing                                     | 5, 79       |
| Mon              | 5     | Kinross Hub Café for Carers: 1st Birthday Celebration               | 95          |
| Mon              | 5     | Campus Users Consultation                                           | 29          |
| Mon              | 5     | Cleish & Blairadam CC meets                                         | 46          |
| Tue              | 6     | Fossoway & District CC meets                                        | 46          |
| Wed              | 7     | Kinross CC meets                                                    | 42          |
| Thu              | 8     | Creepy House at library: 'Worst Witch' spells and potions           | 19          |
| Thu              | 8     | Milnathort CC meets                                                 | 46          |
| Fri              | 9     | Technology Drop-in sessions twice monthly                           | 99          |
| Fri              | 9     | Quiz Night, Kinross Rugby Club, 7pm                                 |             |
| Sat              | 10    | Junior Open Day at Kinross Tennis Club                              | 73          |
| Sat              | 10    | <b>Kinross Agricultural Show at RSPB Loch Leven</b>                 | 10          |
| Sat              | 10    | Moth trapping with SNH                                              | 79          |
| Sat              | 10    | JAM film festival at Tullibole Castle                               | 15          |
| Sun              | 11    | Children's Fun Session at Dobbies                                   | 63          |
| Sun              | 11    | Art on the Pier: Collagraphs                                        | 5, 79       |
| Mon              | 12    | PKAVS Drop-in session for carers                                    | 104         |
| Tue              | 13    | School resumes after summer for pupils                              | 107         |
| Tue              | 13    | Citizens Advice Bureau visits Kinross twice monthly                 | 100         |
| Tue              | 13    | Portmoak CC meets                                                   | 46          |
| Wed              | 14    | New self defence classes (Krav Maga) begin                          | 80          |
| Wed              | 14    | Kinross in Bloom meets                                              | 60          |
| Thu              | 15    | Osprey Walk with SNH                                                | 79          |
| Fri              | 16    | <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>                                          | 1           |
| Sat              | 17    | Volunteer activity: Himalayan Balsam control with SNH               | 79          |
| Sat              | 17    | Antiques, Vintage, Retro and Collectors Fair                        | 60          |
| Sat              | 17    | <b>Mary Queen of Scots Event in Kirkgate Park</b>                   | 12          |
| Sat              | 17    | Fossoway & District Horticultural Society Annual Flower Show        | 92          |
| Sat              | 17    | Bishopshire Horticultural Society 92nd Competition                  | 92          |
| Sat              | 17    | Gaberlunzie Concert- live recording                                 | 21          |
| Sun              | 18    | Art on the Pier: Monoprinting                                       | 5, 79       |
| Tue              | 20    | Blythswood Care collection                                          | 104         |
| Tue              | 20    | Lodge St Serf meets regularly                                       | 60          |
| Thu              | 22    | Film-Book night at community campus: The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel | 19          |
| Thu-Sat          | 22-24 | ART Exhibition                                                      | 92          |
| Thu              | 22    | Light Up Kinross EGM                                                | 92          |
| Thu              | 22    | Growing up with Loch Leven exhibition opens at Kinross Museum       | 50          |
| Sun              | 25    | <b>Vintage Day 40s style at campus</b>                              | 60, 19      |
| Sun              | 25    | Milnathort Filmhouse: The Croods                                    | 95          |
| Wed              | 28    | Showing of film Child 31, the story of Mary's Meals                 | 64          |
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| Tue              | 3     | Badminton Club resumes                                              | 73          |
| Wed              | 4     | Probus Club meetings resume                                         |             |
| Thu              | 5     | The Thursday Group meets                                            | 92          |
| Thu              | 5     | Junior Badminton Club resumes                                       | 73          |
| Fri              | 6     | Boys Brigade resumes after summer                                   | 56          |
| Fri              | 6     | BluesUp at the Thistle Hotel: Laura Mays Blue Rays                  | 51          |
| Sat              | 7     | Open Day, Orwell Church and Hall, Milnathort                        | 2, 86       |
| Sat              | 7     | Auction of Talents and Promises, Crook of Devon                     | 95          |
| Sun              | 8     | Kinross Cycling Club Ochil Hills Road Race                          | 77          |
| Wed              | 11    | What can you get from your library?                                 | 19          |
| Thu              | 12    | Kinross Camera Club Welcome Evening                                 | 50          |