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Letters

Editorial

It is always a challenge producing the September issue; it is a busy time of year as many clubs resume after the summer holidays and we have a cross-over of summer sports still happening as winter ones are about to begin.

As a result, we have had to exclude some items from this Newsletter, such as the Gardens Open page. It so happens that there are no special open days around Kinross-shire anyway in September, and if you would like to see the chart of gardens regularly open, it will be on the Newsletter website.

Unfortunately we have only managed to include a small proportion of the photographs submitted by organisations this month. Again, we would ask contributors to try to curtail the size of their reports for their organisation to a modest size. We suggest that around 350 words is a suitable maximum size for an organisation meeting once a month, and perhaps 500 words for a busier organisation, but we prefer not to receive submissions larger than that.

Kinross in Bloom deserves a special mention. Their baskets and barrels of flowers are absolutely stunning this year. Well done to all concerned.

A pat on the back to the **Rotary Club** too, whose members have worked so hard this summer helping out at public events come rain or shine.

Book Competition winners

The lucky winners of the book competition in the July issue of the Kinross Newsletter were: Mrs E Morgan, Gateside and Mrs G Simpson, Nan Walker Wynd, Kinross. They each win a copy of *The Road to Hell* by Gillian Galbraith.

Note to Contributors

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CC: Community Council

CLlr: Councillor

CCllr: Community Councillor

County of Compassion

I am writing in response to Marg Mead's very interesting article about Kinross becoming a County of Compassion.

I am definitely an "incomer" to Kinross. I came to live here three years ago, after a lifetime of tootling around the world as a Military Wife. We came here because we were used to visiting a friend in Crook of Devon, so I often had a wee mooch around Kinross during the visit.

Since coming here, nothing has disappointed. It is a wonderful place to live: access to beautiful walks and wildlife, good places to eat out, lots of history, an extraordinary assortment of shops and services, tremendous proximity to urban life, whilst enjoying the tranquillity of the rural life, and, most importantly, a good general sense of community.

What is it that makes all this work?

Firstly, I think that this publication, Kinross Community Council Newsletter, has a lot to do with it. It is a "must read" in Kinross, and is a terrific asset to the local area.

But, reading the newsletter only goes to highlight that this is a kindly and compassionate place to live. As well as all the business adverts in the Newsletter, it is not hard to notice a whole lot of kindness going on: The Rurals, Common Grounds, Scouts and Guides, The Rotary and Inner Wheel, Church groups doing things for others, Kinross Day Centre, The Round Table, Kinross High School adopting Mary's Meals, the charity shop volunteers for CHAS, The Potager Garden, Mitzy the Therapist, and many, many other good and kind things going on.

This made me think that perhaps compassion is contagious. There is so much negative talk around about how the world is "going wrong." This is not my impression here, and if it is true for Kinross, Milnathort and all the outlying areas, why shouldn't it spread?

Marg Mead mentions the Golden Rule and guiding principle of the great faiths and philosophies: "Treat others as you would have them treat you." Of course it is true and is common ground for all, with nothing to do with rules, dogmas, wars and prejudice.

And here we have it, all going on in Kinross.

What would it be like if we just focussed on the Golden Rule a bit more and actually set "Kindness and Compassion" up as an aim? I think that Marg's goal of Kinross-shire becoming a County of Compassion is a fantastic idea and I for one would like to support it.

Jo Middlemiss, 25 Broom Road, Kinross

Sailing the Loch

I have a suggestion to make to those that control activities on Loch Leven, and that is why do we not have some sailing on Loch Leven, as such sport would be fun and if available in this day and age when every penny counts, it could be a valuable attraction for an underused loch and would not disturb bird life nor anglers. On the continent many lakes have multi sports on them and at Loch Earn, for example, water skiers exist side by side with anglers and swimmers. The skill is to organize things so no sport interferes with another. A qualified instructor could let boats and instruct the beginner.

Mike Twaddle, 50 Marshall Place, Milnathort

Price of the Newsletter

The price of the Newsletter will rise by 10p to £1 as from the October 2013 issue.

Persimmons Homes development on the old Kinross High School site

As Session Clerk of Kinross Parish Church, I am writing to thank Kinross CC, Milnathort CC and our Ward Councillors (Joe Giacobazzi SNP, Willie Robertson Lib Dem, Dave Cuthbert Independent and Mike Barnacle Independent) for meeting with representatives of Kinross Parish Church to discuss this development which is in the heart of our community.

It was agreed by all that our common objective was to achieve free community parking for 60 to 70 cars on part of the development site for the benefit of Kinross community.

The land that is to be developed was the former Glebe of the church and was initially rented to the council for a peppercorn rent and then bought for a very small sum on the proviso that it would be used for the school and for the benefit of the community. We feel as Kinross Parish Church that this principle should be adhered to now under this development.

At this time Kinross is lacking in the availability of quality car parking facilities within the town. The old High School site is used by St James' Catholic Church and by shoppers and others throughout the week in the designated car park at the front of the old school. Kinross Parish Church and numerous organisations use the blaize pitch on the site during the day for services, funerals and weddings and a variety of community organisations use the blaize at night e.g. Kinross-shire Historical Society, Leven Singers through Horsecross to name a couple.

This means that 50 to 60 cars can use the blaize for any of these events on a weekly basis.

If these car parking facilities disappear and the spaces used in front of the County Building disappear once that building has

been developed (and the Cooperative car park has limited car parking due to their parking policy) then Station Road and the Muirs will be chaotic for parking and for bus, lorry and car drivers.

Therefore, to gain free community parking on some of the land on the old school site is important for the community as a whole, the businesses within Kinross and for tourists, hence the agreement across the board by the Community Councils and Councillors.

The general wish is to have community parking to encourage and help Kinross town to flourish and become a more interesting and vibrant place to visit and to live.

Both community councils agreed that a Parking Survey of the area should take place. Volunteers are asked for so that we have a true record of the numbers of cars using the old High School site, the parking on the Muirs and Station Road throughout the week. This information will be used as evidence to Perth and Kinross Council that there is a need for community parking in the centre of Kinross. As part of this initiative the public will be asked their opinion on what they wish to happen on the old school site.

This survey will be in the Kinross Newsletter and Stramash and I would encourage you to complete the survey and ensure that it is returned to the community councils or to your local councillor.

The old Kinross High School site was provided to Perth and Kinross Council on the proviso that it is used for school or community use. Let's try and achieve the "Best Value" of this land for our community, which does not mean the maximum capital receipt for Perth and Kinross Council.

Jaffrey Weir

Session Clerk, Kinross Parish Church

See p. 21 for the parking survey

Recycling could go further

During the last seven months, I have had the unenviable task of clearing out unused, unsuitable and obsolete items from house, shed and garage. Many items were sold to raise money for charities, others went on eBay and Gumtree to be replaced by suitable tools and garden equipment, much went direct to charity shops, and the dregs went to be recycled at our excellent Kinross facility.

However, when I threw the last few things into the "general waste" skip, I was dismayed to see very serviceable things destined for landfill.

When helping my son and daughter-in-law clear her parents' Warwickshire house, I noticed that their recycling site had a charity shop in a portacabin-type building, to which an operative was directing whichever items he thought would sell. Surely this "win-win" system could work well here, the funds raised by Kinross Council going into the "Better Place To Live" fund.

Marie Young,

South Cottage, Meikle Seggie, Milnathort

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News & Articles

Councillor Giacomuzzi

Milnathort Flooding

Following the flooding events last month, a meeting was held at Perth involving all four Ward 8 councillors together with PKC officials and representatives of Atkins civil engineers and Scottish Water. The flooding, which affected the Jolly Beggars and Mill Cottage (2 Stirling Road) also affected the gardens of 72 Stirling Road, 'Ardmohr', Stirling Road and 38a New Road.

On the night in question I went to open the sandbag store at the rear of Milnathort Town Hall, to find Cllr Robertson in his shorts and wellies, already distributing sandbags. Cllr Pettinger was also to the fore, having sandbagged several properties. As the flooding was due to the inability of the sewers to accept the exceptional volume of rainwater from a sudden and severe cloudburst, the Back Burn was running low, and the flooding soon subsided.

It was disclosed to the meeting at Perth, that the situation was made worse by the fact that the only two overflows from the sewage system to the Back Burn, one at the east end of the Donkey Field and the other under the block of flats next to Davidson's pharmacy, were both blocked. While the blockage under the Donkey Field should be cleared by the time this article is printed, the other blockage may require a more radical solution. Atkins, who are investigating this, have undertaken to report back to Scottish Water by October; action will be taken thereafter.

Meantime, as an interim measure, Scottish Water will fit non-return valves to the drains outside the Jolly Beggars and 2 Stirling Road. I asked whether the issues at the other Stirling Road properties were to be assessed as part of the investigation, and was assured that they would be.

If any residents are affected by flooding, they should be aware that keys to the sandbag store are available from Robertson's or Giacomuzzi's in New Road. They should also contact Scottish Water's Helpline on 0845 601 8855. SW will help with the clean-up of contaminated water.

I have asked the Council to increase the number of sandbags held in the store at Back Loan. The Community Council will take steps to let residents know who all the keyholders are for the store, as there seems to have been some confusion on the night of the flood.

If anyone is affected by flooding, they should get in contact with me or Cllr Robertson with any question they may have.

Curling in Kinross

Negotiations are at a critical stage with the Council to obtain capital funding towards the cost of the refurbished rink. Following the submission of a credible business case by the Kinross Curling Trust, I am hopeful that the Council may look favourably on the funding request. Whatever the decision, it should be known fairly imminently.

County Buildings

The fact that these premises have lain empty for some time has been a source of concern to the community and its elected representatives. Following the marketing of the surplus offices, a closing date was announced at the end of July. A report will go forward to the Property Sub-Committee with the officers' recommendation. Here's hoping!

Councillor Robertson

Community Speedwatch

I was interested to find out what the outcome was of the Community Speedwatch pilot which took place in the Spring of last year in Crook of Devon. I wrote to the person in Police Scotland headquarters to try and find out. Initial reports indicated that the speed of vehicles through Crook of Devon had been reduced substantially while the pilot was running.

However, Police Scotland have told me that they have scrapped the scheme as, although it was effective in reducing the speed of traffic, the speeds increased once the pilot ended.

I had thought that the entire point of Community Speedwatch was about giving local people the power to monitor the speed of vehicles passing through their communities. If speeds of traffic in Crook of Devon have increased as a result of the withdrawal of the scheme, surely this is an argument to continue it.

I have challenged Police Scotland's decision – taken without any consultation with either councillors, the local community, or the volunteers who gave of their time to run it – and Police Scotland have agreed to revisit the decision. A report will be prepared to look at how this excellent scheme can be revived.

I would like all communities in Kinross-shire and Perth & Kinross who have speeding concerns to be able to organise Community Speedwatch campaigns in conjunction with the Police. This would help with road safety, support the work of the police and make a real difference to traffic speeds through their villages and towns.

Sainsbury's new charity partner

The Web Project has been chosen as Sainsbury's new Local Charity partner Kinross for 2013-2014. The announcement comes after the store asked Kinross-shire customers which local charity they should provide a year's support to. Customers were able to vote for their favourite local charity between 9 and 23 May. The partnership officially launched on 22 July.

The Web Project, a charity based at New Road, Milnathort, helps children between 10 and 24 years and cover issues such as healthy eating, mental well-being, exam pressures, bullying, alcohol, drugs and other issues.

Kinross Post Office upgrade

The Post Office at The Co-operative in Kinross is to be changed to a new 'main style' branch. This will see an improved service for customers, as selected Post Office services will be available at the retail counter during shop opening hours (6am to 10pm). The PO counter itself will have longer opening hours on a Saturday. Instead of closing at 1pm, it will close at 5.30pm, making counter opening hours 8.30am to 5.30pm, Monday to Saturday.

The new style branch will be effective from 1pm on Wednesday 25 September.

Consultation on Local Development Plan Supplementary Guidance

by Perth & Kinross Council

A public consultation will be held on Supplementary Guidance that will provide further detail to support the new Local Development Plan (LDP) for Perth and Kinross.

In January 2012 the Council approved the proposed Perth & Kinross LDP, which sets out the Council's settled view on future development across the area.

The proposed Plan is a land-use planning document which includes a clear, long-term, sustainable strategy that reflects local needs, priorities and circumstances. The Plan will influence the location and form of all new development by providing a basis for determining planning applications.

The first phase of the new consultations will be on the following five pieces of LDP Supplementary Guidance:

1. Flood Risk and Flood Risk Assessments
2. Mixed Use Sites
3. Forest and Woodland Strategy
4. Sustainable Design and Zero Carbon Development
5. Loch Leven Special Protection Area and Ramsar Site

During the consultation period, members of the public and key stakeholders will be asked for their comments.

The comments received as a result of the consultation will be reported to the Council for consideration prior to the formal approval of the Supplementary Guidance.

Following approval by the Council, the Supplementary Guidance will be submitted to Scottish Ministers before being adopted by the Council.

The public consultation starts on 30 August 2013 and will run for six weeks, finishing on 11 October 2013.

The documents are available to download from the Council's website at: www.pkc.gov.uk/supplementaryguidance

Anyone may make representations on the content of the Supplementary Guidance should submit them online using the same web address. **Comments should be received by Friday 11 October 2013.**

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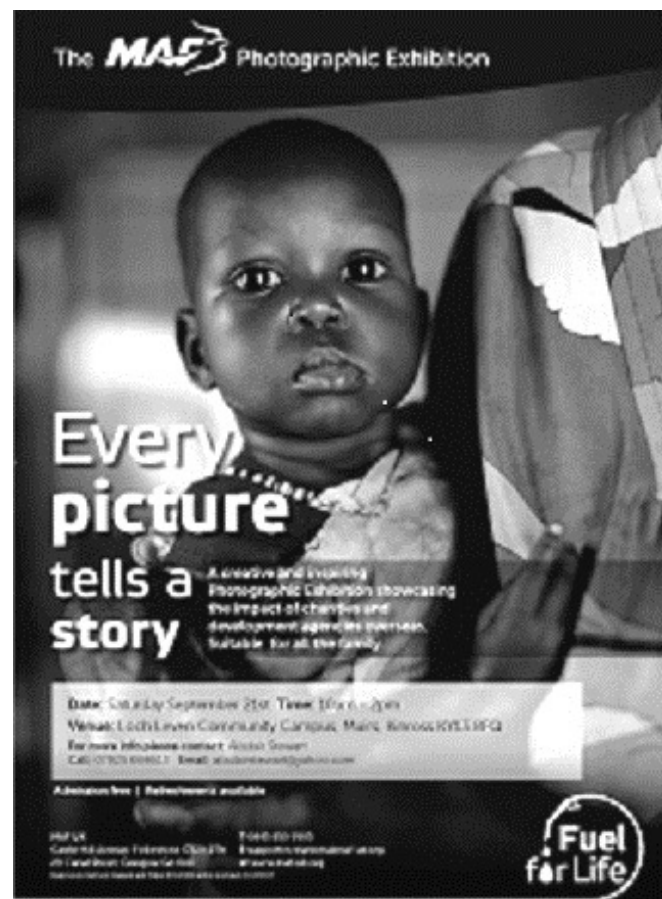
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Photographic Exhibition: 'Every Picture Tells a Story'



Loch Leven Community Campus is the venue for on **Saturday 21 September**, 10am – 2pm, to see the travelling photographic exhibition 'Every Picture Tells a Story'. The display of high-quality photographs tells the story of the impact the Church is making in the developing world, told through the eyes of Mission Aviation Fellowship. MAF has been working in partnership with NGOs, Missions and Churches for over 60 years. It's an amazing story which makes simple sense: using light aircraft to multiply the efforts of the Church in order to bring help and hope to isolated and vulnerable communities. Kinross Parish Church of Scotland has this year been supporting MAF's 'Fuel for Life' campaign and now, through 'Every Picture Tells a Story', the wider community of Kinross-shire are invited to become involved in this story. The exhibition, which has toured in the UK, is free but there will be a chance to contribute to the Fuel for Life campaign - £5 buys a gallon of fuel. There will be refreshments available. Please accept this invitation to attend.



'Finest' at the Fringe

IAN DUNNETT (17) of Kinnesswood has put on a play at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Ian wrote 'Buckingham's Finest', as part of his Advanced Higher Drama studies at Kinross High School. The play went down so well with fellow pupils and teachers that Ian took it to the Fringe where it sold out! Ian not only wrote the play, but also starred in it and directed it.

Billed as a comedy drama, 'Buckingham's Finest' is set in 1997, the year Tony Blair came to power and Princess Diana died.

Doors Open Day Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 September

Kinross (Marshall) Museum

Loch Leven Community Campus, Kinross

When the antiquarian and collector David Marshall of Kinross died in 1902 he left his historical books, manuscript collections in Natural History and antiquities to the inhabitants of Kinross. The Museum has grown over the years and is now housed at the Community Campus. It has current exhibits focussed on Loch Leven, including a "Loch of Bronze" and a Kinross-shire schools educational project "Growing up with Loch Leven." From 10am-12pm visitors of all ages can join in with Bronze Age activities such as making clay pots, hand painting and dressing up in Bronze Age clothing.

Saturday from 10.00 –15.00 [WA; WC; display, F]

Balvaird Castle, Glenfarg

A fine late-15th century tower house that underwent a luxurious makeover in the 16th century to become a courtyard palace. Built by the Murrays of Balvaird, who became the Earls of Mansfield, it was their principle seat until 1658 when they moved to Scone. The L-shaped tower house had deteriorated into a ruinous state by the 19th century and in 1974 was taken into care by Historic Scotland's predecessor. Historic Scotland staff will be opening the castle especially for Doors Open Day!

Saturday 11:00 – 12:30 and 13:30-15:00

Located off the A913 between Gateside (A91) and Bridge of Eam. Car park at bottom of hill signed off the A913. Half mile walk uphill to castle. [Display]



Balvaird Castle

Tullibole Castle

Tullibole Castle is a classic example of a 17th century tower house. Explore the castle grounds in which are a historic graveyard, remnants of a ruined medieval church, a 150 yard 'moat' and a doocot. Visit the Witches Maze, finished last November, which is a memorial to the Crook of Devon Witch Trials and can be found in the grounds.

Guided Tours take 40 minutes.

Saturday 10:30 – 16:00. Sunday 10:30 – 16:00.

On the B9097, one mile east of Crook of Devon [WC]

Kirkgate Watchtower, Kinross

The old burying ground at the east end of Kirkgate Park was also the location for the Parish Church until 1743 when a replacement was built on the High Street. This was one of four early places of worship around the Loch which were associated with St Serf's Priory on one of the islands in the

middle of the Loch. The earliest surviving headstone in the graveyard is dated 1690. The Watchtower was constructed on the site of an earlier building in 1852, at the same time that the original oval medieval burying ground was extended in a rectangular shape towards the west. Formerly it probably served as a lookout to guard against the 'Resurrection Men'. It has fine views across the loch but a very steep and twisty access stair.

Sunday 10:30 - 15:30.

Michael Bruce Museum

The Cobbles, Kinnesswood

Situated on The Cobbles in Kinnesswood is the weaver's cottage where Michael Bruce, the 'Gentle Poet of Loch Leven', was born in March 1746. Exhibits explain the history of the village, parchment-making and weaving industries and the works of Michael Bruce whose *Ode to the Cuckoo* was described by Edmund Burke as "the most beautiful lyric in our language".

Sunday 10:30 – 17:00

Village car park accessed via Bruce Road, Kinnesswood [AWA; display]

Scotlandwell Wash House and Well

The Scotlandwell Wash House and Well project is a model of community led partnership working, engaging the enthusiasm and expertise from a broad array of stakeholders. Scotlandwell was a typical 'fermtoun' relying on farming and, from the 1700s, the weaving trade. The buildings are vernacular examples of the work of David Bryce, one of the most able and fashionable architects of the time, and described as 'Scotland's great Victorian Architect'. Though modest, these buildings have great quality and character and are at the heart (both physically and emotionally) of our community. Come visit these fantastic buildings and learn the significance of the Wash House and Well and their place within the wider history of Scotlandwell.

Sunday 10:30-15:30

On street parking and ramp access to the Wash house. [AWA, WC]

Abernethy Museum and Round Tower

The museum is housed in an impressive renovated 18th-century farm steading, built on the lands of an ancient Culdee monastery. The museum displays the social history of the Burgh of Abernethy and its surrounding parish. Combine your visit with a climb up the ancient Round Tower, which dates from the end of the 11th century. Can you spot the Pictish symbol stone at the foot of the tower? From 2pm-4pm on Saturday 21st, visitors of all ages will have the chance to try out activities such as using Pictish symbols to inspire rubbings, hand painting and printing bookmarks.

Saturday & Sunday 14:00 – 17:00

Ask at the museum for the Key to the Tower.

[WC; Ref, Display, F]

Guide to symbols

Ref	refreshments	F	family activities
Display	exhibition	WC	toilet
AWA	assisted wheelchair access	WA	wheelchair access

Just About Movies

On 10 August approximately one hundred and twenty movie buffs descended on Tullibole Castle near Crook of Devon for JAM (Just About Movies) two day film festival.

Invited by the events Facebook page, the attendees acted as willing test subjects ahead of what is hoped to be the event's official launch at an as yet undetermined date next year.

Split over two screens (one of which was located deep in the surrounding woodland), the line-up included the likes of Premium Rush, The Commitments, Good Vibrations (presented by Glasgow Film Festival), Wrong Turn, Drive and The Cabin In The Woods. The surprise movie, My Cousin Vinny, was chosen and introduced by film critic Paul Greenwood, following a brief film quiz.

With camping encouraged, food and drinks were available throughout the evening, in addition to alternative entertainment. The 17th Century venue also included a small band, stunning grounds and The Witches Maze, an impressive memorial to the Crook of Devon Witch Trials. A final film, The Breakfast Club, was also screened the following morning.

Next year's inaugural festival may attract 600 to 1000 people over three days. There will be a variety of pop-up cinemas throughout the grounds — each focusing on a different genre — together with bars, food and the opportunity to camp out for the entire weekend.



Treading the boards with *Kiss Me Kate*

Time is fast approaching for 'Another Opening of Another Show' for local amateur group Perth City Operatic Group (PCOG). Over the summer, members from Perth & Kinross have been rehearsing hard for their September production of Cole Porter's revised classic *Kiss Me Kate*. With such well known numbers as 'Another Opening, Another Show', 'Too Darn Hot' and 'Brush Up Your Shakespeare' audiences are guaranteed an enjoyable nights entertainment.

The show runs from **3 to 7 September** at the North Inch Community Campus Theatre, Gowans Terrace, Perth with a curtain up time of 19:30. Tickets are £12 (£10 concession) and are available by contacting the Horsecross Booking Office on 01738 621031.

Originating in 1964, the charity PCOG exists to provide not only a rich and rewarding hobby for its players of all ages but providing quality entertainment for communities. The society develops and provides opportunities in all aspects of the stage and production, involving young people in their first adventures on the stage and providing more experienced members chances to stretch their repertoire and skills. For further details visit www.perthcog.co.uk

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Loch Leven Heritage Trail final phase begins

by Neil Kilpatrick, Project Director

After over a year of patient negotiations with the relevant landowners, we are delighted to be able to say that work on the final 6.5 kilometre section of the Loch Leven Heritage Trail from Kinross Mill to Vane Farm has now started. The final consent was made possible by a land deal between Scottish Natural Heritage and Classlochie Farm in which SNH have purchased all of the Classlochie land between the trail and Loch Leven. The other landowners are Sir David Montgomery, Bob Purvis and RSPB.

The project is being funded with further contributions from The Heritage Lottery Fund, Scottish Natural Heritage, The Arthur and Margaret Thompson Trust, The Gannochy Trust and Sustrans. A very valuable new donor on this occasion has been a bequest from the late Jean Lindsay that has gifted £83,600 to the development of the Heritage Trail — a remarkable contribution from a private individual who greatly enjoyed the existing trail facilities and wanted to see it completed and enjoyed by everybody.

Trail construction started in the RSPB's Loch Leven Reserve and will work back towards Kinross. The main contractor is Allison Enterprises Ltd of Glenfarg. It is anticipated that the trail construction work should be mainly completed by the end of the year, with an opening ceremony in the spring of 2014. When this last phase is finished, there will be a 21-kilometre circuit of Loch Leven available for walkers and cyclists with full access for disabled people all the way round. The final section will follow close to the edge of Loch Leven from Kinross Mill to the Gairney Water, at which point a new bridge will lead into the RSPB reserve. The trail will then follow round the west and south sides of the reserve to end at a new entrance site at Vane Farm.

An attractive feature in the RSPB reserve will be a new viewpoint sited on a hill at the south-west corner of the reserve and this will be an important resting and heritage interpretation point. A design brief for the viewpoint has gone out to a selection of architects and their creative ideas are eagerly awaited.

A further innovation on this last section will be the development of a downloaded App for both android and Apple platforms. This will enable mobile phone and tablet users to brief themselves before they visit the Trail and then use the App as an interactive device to learn about the wildlife and heritage features around the whole 21 kilometres of the route.

There has been wonderful support from the Kinross community for the Trail and level of use grows every year. TRACKS will now aim to finish the route for the continued enjoyment of all.



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Kinross Show 2013

Local Winners

Horses

Nursery Stakes Riders not to have attained their 12th Birthday: **Lucy Ross**, Powmill

Champion Shetland Pony: **Transy Stud**, Powmill by Dollar, 'Charlotte of Transay'

Best Highland Pony in Saddle: **Sarah Bridgeman**, Kinross 'Spirit of Sunnyneuk'



One of the driving turnout entrants

Cattle

Ledlanet Trophy (Highland): **D & B McNaughton**, Kinross
Dorothy Brown Memorial Trophy (Highland Pair): **D & B McNaughton**, Kinross

Capt C. K. Adam Trophy (Cross): **C & G Greig**, Glenfarg

Hamilton Cup (Best pair cross): **Alistair McLaren**, Classlochrie, Kinross

Balado Trophy (Best cross calf): **C & G Greig**, Glenfarg

Charolais Perpetual Cup (Best Animal sired by Charolais Bull): **C & G Greig**, Glenfarg

Sandy Dawson Memorial Cup (Best opposite sex): **Alistair McLaren**, Classlochrie, Kinross

Paton Cup (Best Animal of any other Dairy Breed): **A & S Lawrie**, Cuthill Towers, Milnathort

Gray & Harrower Cup (Ayrshire): **A & S Lawrie**, Cuthill Towers, Milnathort

Blairnathort Trophy (Holstein Friesian): **A & S Lawrie**, Cuthill Towers, Milnathort

Robert Inglis Trophy (Holstein Friesian Pairs): **A & S Lawrie**, Cuthill Towers, Milnathort

Crossfield Trophy (Best Dairy Cow points for production): **A & S Lawrie**, Cuthill Towers, Milnathort

Centenary Challenge Rosebowl (Best Dairy Cow): **A & S Lawrie**, Cuthill Towers, Milnathort

Sheep

Blackface Centenary Challenge (Meritorious Single Black face): **Stuart McDougall**, Blairadam

Auchtenny Perpetual Challenge Trophy (Best Blackface Sheep): **Stuart McDougall**, Blairadam

Adam Reid Memorial Cup (Best Female Blackface): **Stuart McDougall**, Blairadam

The Laird & Smith Cup (Three Best Cross): **David L Young**, Kinglassie

Holton Cup (Best Pen of Cross Lambs): **Calum Greer**, Wharlawhill, Cambo

John Fairley Memorial Cup (Best exhibit Blue Faced Leicester): **Mrs Mary MacNiven**, Glenfarg

Roths Cup (Champion Coloured Shetland Sheep): **Col John Clavering & Miss Emma Baillie**, Whistlebrae, Milnathort

Goats

Perpetual Challenge Flower Bowl (Best Goat): **Helen Mason**, Dunning

Gordon Webster Tankard (Best Goatling): **Helen Mason**, Dunning

Benarty Quaich (Best Kid): **C & W Watt**, Benarty Road, Kelty

Francois Cup (Best Anglo-Nubian): **Helen Mason**, Dunning



The Rare Breeds Survival Trust brought some Golden Guernsey goats to the Show

Crops

Wallace Cup (Spring Oats): **W S Young & Sons**, Mawcarse

Thomanean Plate (Spring Barley): **Mark Thomson**, Tillyrie, Milnathort

Bayer Cup (Winter Wheat): **Andrew Baird**, Kirkness, by Kinross

Fordell Cup (Winter Barley): **Mark Thomson**, Tillyrie, Milnathort

Lethangie Trophy (Winter Oats): **W S Young & Sons**, Mawcarse

Seamac Trophy (Growing Seed Potatoes): **Kirkforfar Potato Co**, Milnathort



Wizard of Oz characters in the ever-popular Children's Fancy Dress competition

Kinross Show 2013

Local Winners (continued...)

Flower Show

Cairns Cup (most points overall): **Kinross Potager Garden**
Balado Salver (most outstanding entry, classes 1 to 12): **R McConnell** c/o Meldrums, Cupar.

Fisher Rose Bowl (most points, Dahlias): **W Bolton**, Milnathort

Caesar Trophy (Sweet Peas): **R Carmichael**, Netherdalkeith, Rumbling Bridge.

Kirkness Trophy (most points, Floral Art Section): **S Buchanan**, Pow Farm, Powmill.

Renton Trophy (most outstanding exhibit, Floral Art): **Amanda James**, Crook of Devon.

Gavin Lindores Trophy (best single Rose): **W Bolton**, Milnathort.

Scott-Davidson Cup (winner, Children's Class 24): **Finlay Steel**, Meadows Farm, Cleish.

Lena Graham Quaich (small) (winner, Children's Class 25): **Jasmine Anderson**, Wester Cairnfold, Blairingone.

Lena Graham Quaich (Large) (winner, Children's Class 26): **Hannah Robb**, Sunnyside, Blairadam.

Maisie Pirie Cup (outstanding exhibit children under 8): **Lewis Dall**, Easter Balgedie.

Cathie Pirie Cup (outstanding exhibit children age 9-14): **Finlay Steel**, Meadows Farm, Cleish.

Mawcarse Salver (best exhibit overall): **Amanda James**, Crook of Devon

Paton Produce Trophy (best exhibit in produce classes): **Kinross Potager Garden**

Other Competitions

Best Advert in Catalogue: **G T King**, Gairney Bank Farm, Kinross

Best Small Trade Stand: **Kinross Town Twinning Association**

Best Large Trade Stand: **Co-op Society**

SWRI Kinross Group

The weather was certainly kind to us on 10 August for this year's show. By Friday afternoon a barren tent had been transformed with bright bunting in the SWRI colours and carefully 'dressed' tables were laden with beautiful handcrafts, baking, produce and floral arrangements.

Eleven judges came from Angus Federation to decide the winners in each section. Show day was a sunny one and the tent was busy with guests and visitors.

The afternoon ended with the presentation of the trophies and prize monies by the Show President, Robert Bell and his wife, Gillian.

The Committee would like to thank all those who kindly sponsored classes in the year's show and all those who helped to make the day in the Rural Tent run so smoothly and successfully.

SWRI Trophy Winners

Aldridge Sealy Trophy (Institute with most points): **Cambo**

Enid Scott-Davidson Cup (Institute with highest aggregated points): **Cleish**

Benarty Trophy (Community Runner-up): **Milnathort**

Jane Elliot Bell (most points in all sections exc. Community & Aldridge-Sealy): **Cleish**

Stewart Cup (Individual with most points exc. IV): **Molly White**, Cambo

Hilton Cup (Best Exhibit, Handcraft Section): **Molly White**, Cambo

Teenage Trophy (most points all sections exc. IV-A): **Flora Smith**, Milnathort

Balado Cup (age 9-12 with most points section IV-B):

Courtney & Norman Martin, Cambo

Morris Quaich (8yrs & under most points section IV-C): **Jamie Morton**, Glenfarg

Ann Watson Trophy (individual with most points in Handcraft exc. Stewart Cup & Hilton Cup): **Dorothy Morris**, Cleish

Arnotlea Trophy (Individual gaining most points section II & III): **Helen Buchanan**, Cleish

Irene Whitson Salver (Best exhibit Section II): **Eileen Thomson**, Cambo

The Group Rose Bowl (Individual most points Floral Art Section): **Molly White**, Cambo

Community A – Paperweight (best entry, Community A): **Mary Wilson**, Powmill

Community B – Paperweight (best entry, Community B): **Alice Johnson**, Crook of Devon

Margaret Ironside Memorial Trophy (most points baking section): **Agnes Murray**, Blairingone

Frances Drysdale Quaich (item that appeals to the President): **Molly White**, Cambo

Arbuckle Cup (Novices): **Betty Young**, Blairadam

Community 'A' (Handcrafts): 1st **Milnathort**

Community 'B' (Housewives): 1st **Crook of Devon**



Many community groups had stands at the Show. Picture shows David Munro (centre) of Kinross Museum with guests from Glasgow University's place-name project.

Dog Show

Walls Cup (Best Dog in Show): **Marion Hutt**, Milnathort, with 'Casper'

Kinnesswood Quaich (Best Pup in Show): **Marion Hutt**, Milnathort, with 'Casper'

Balkello Quaich (Best Sporting): **Peter Nicholson**, Kinross, with 'Brodie'

The Cairns Cup (Best Dog or Bitch in Kinross-shire): **J Cooper**, Crook of Devon with 'Jason'

Looking for Contact Details?

For listings of local clubs, businesses, public services and more, visit **www.kinross.cc**

Loch Leven Community Library

Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross
Tel: 01577 867205 Email: lochlevenlibrary@pkc.gov.uk

For further details of any of the events listed below, and to book where required, please contact the library.

Terrified of Technology?

Visit SLIC's 'Technology Petting Zoo' at the Library

Let library staff introduce you to the latest gadgets: tablets, e-readers and lots more at the Scottish library Information Council 'Technology Petting Zoo'.

Loch Leven Community Library has arranged two FREE sessions to introduce you to various devices (iPad, iPad Mini, iPod Touch, iPod Nano, Kobo, Nook, Kindle and Samsung Tablet) and Health and Well-being Apps. Come along to have a go and discover a whole new digital world.

Introductory Level: Mon 9 September 10.30-12.00hrs

Intermediate Level: Tue 10 September 10.30-12.00hrs

To find out more and to book a place, please contact the library.

What Can You Get From Your Library?

Are you getting the most from your library?

To help you, your library has arranged FREE sessions on how to access library online resources.

Online resources sessions are held on the following dates:

Wednesday 11 September 1030 - 1200 hrs

Saturday 14 September 1115 - 1245 hrs

Monday 16 September 1400 - 1530 hrs

Celebrate Roald Dahl Day on Friday 13 September!

Roald Dahl Day coincides with Friday 13th - the perfect excuse for even more mischief and mayhem than usual.

So this year, we're celebrating all the tricky characters that fill Roald Dahl's books - from George and his mayhem medicine to those frousome Witches to Matilda and her parent-scaring tricks. After all, no birthday celebration is complete without a little bit of mischief!

Free drop-in event for children aged 4-11yrs, 4pm-5.30pm. (Children aged 8yrs and under need to be accompanied by an adult.)

Gavin Francis: Empire Antarctica

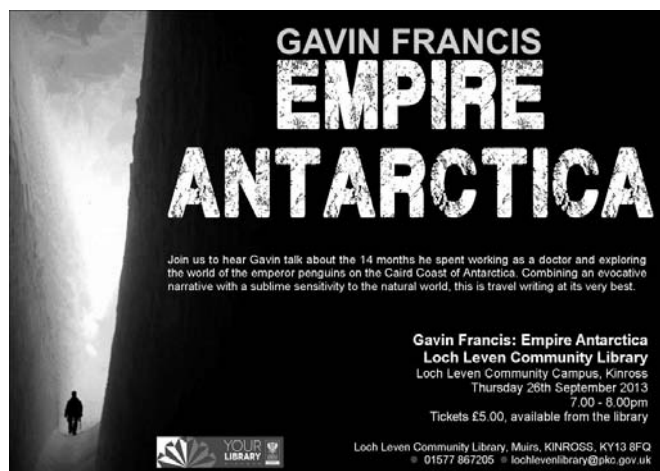
Join us on **26 September** at 7pm to hear Gavin talk about the 14 months he spent working as a doctor and exploring the world of the emperor penguins on the Caird Coast of Antarctica.

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. To book tickets (£5), please contact the library.



BOOK SALE - Loch Leven Community Library

A sale of withdrawn stock will take place at Loch Leven Community Library on **Saturday 12 October**, 10am to 2pm.

It is a perfect opportunity to replenish your home library and stock up with good reading for the darker evenings, or pick up travel books for holiday destinations around the world in 2014.

There will be plenty to choose from with books, DVDs and CDs of all types for all ages. Prices will range from 50p to a few pounds.

Home composting project workshop

Householders within a five-kilometre radius of Milnathort who do not have a brown-lidded bin service for food and garden waste have recently begun to compost at home with equipment provided through the Kinross-shire Home Composting Project.

The Project is run as a partnership between PKC, local Zero Waste Volunteer Amanda James, Milnathort In Bloom and The Federation of City Farms & Community Gardens.

Amanda explained: "The composting equipment has all now been delivered to the participating households so the next stage is to get into the habit of using the kitchen caddy every day for composting uncooked food and garden waste in the garden. Additional advice and the opportunity for householders to ask any questions will be available at the next Composting Workshop in September."

The Composting Workshop will take place at the Potager Garden, Bowton Road, Kinross on **Saturday 14 September** from 2pm to 3.30pm. Refreshments will be provided, as well as a chance to look around the Potager Garden, including the new sensory area. The workshop is open to anyone who would like to find out more about composting, as well as those involved in the Kinross-shire Home Composting Project.

To book your free place at the Composting Workshop, please contact Perth & Kinross Council on 01738 476476 or email recycle@pkc.gov.uk

Further information about composting at home can also be found online at www.pkc.gov.uk/composting

News from the Health Centre



Influenza Vaccination

Saturday Flu Clinics

The autumn seems to have come round quickly again and we have therefore made plans for the annual flu campaign. As in previous years, the flu clinics will be on Saturday. The dates are as follows:

Saturday 5 October	9am to 1pm
Saturday 19 October	9am to 1pm
Saturday 2 November	9am to 1pm
Saturday 30 November	9am to 1pm

Appointments may now be booked with reception. **Please do not wait for a letter to be sent to you inviting you to make an appointment. If you are eligible you may make your appointment now.** Clinicians will visit the residential and nursing homes as usual to administer the vaccination.

We would encourage all those in the following groups to come for a flu injection:

Over 65s	Those over 65 by 31 March 2014
Those aged 6 months or over in a clinical 'At Risk' group	Chronic respiratory disease and asthma that requires continuous or repeated use of inhaled or systemic steroids or with previous hospital admissions Chronic heart disease Chronic kidney disease Chronic liver disease Chronic neurological disease Diabetes Immunosuppression
Pregnant women	Pregnant women at any stage of pregnancy
Long stay residential	Those living in long stay residential care homes or other long stay care facilities
Unpaid Carers and young carers	Those who, without payment, provide help and support to a partner, child, relative, friend or neighbour who could not manage without this help. This could be due to age, physical or mental illness, addiction or disability. Young carers are those under 18 who carry out significant caring tasks and assume a level of responsibility for another person which would normally be taken by an adult.

Please note that patients who do not fall into these categories or who have no other clinical reason for receiving the flu vaccination will not be given the vaccination.

The flu programme is being extended this year to include 2 and 3 year old children. There will also be a pilot programme for some primary schools. We have no further information from the Scottish Government at present, but will publish details of the programme as soon as we know how it is to be operated.

Pneumococcal Vaccination

Patients who have just become 65, or will be 65 by 31 March 2014, will also be offered the pneumovax vaccination. This vaccination is generally only required once.

Shingles Vaccination

This year a new vaccination against shingles is being introduced. The vaccine will be offered to all those aged 70 on 1 September 2013 i.e. those born between 2 September 1942 and 1 September 1943. There will also be a catch-up cohort for those aged 79 on 1 September 2013 i.e. those born between 2 September 1933 and 1 September 1934. This vaccine can be administered at the same time as the flu vaccination so a separate appointment is not required.

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Autumn Programme at Kinross Learning Centre



If the BBC's current "Who do you think you are?" series has inspired you to find out more about your own family history, then the Genealogy course on offer at Kinross Learning Centre in September could be just what you're looking for. From early parish records to the high-tech register of birth, deaths and marriages at New Register House in Edinburgh, the course will explain how to start researching your family tree using paper-based and computerised information sources and help you overcome any hurdles that you come across.

The centre's autumn programme, which gets underway in mid-September, also includes a range of IT-based courses including Sage Accounting as well as a brand new computing class for beginners, Getting Started on your Computer, which covers the use of the internet and email, social networking, basic digital photography and word processing. Arts and crafts feature heavily in the programme with a new one day Roman Blind workshop which includes everything you will need to make a sample blind.

The full programme is listed below but to find out more contact Kinross Learning Centre on 01577 863863 or call into the centre at Swansacre.

Computing

Getting Started on your Computer	Tue 17 Sep	12-2pm	8 w e e k s	£55
Effective PC Management	Tue 17 Sep	2-4pm	5 w e e k s	£40
Get Connected	Tue 22 Oct	2-4pm	3 w e e k s	£20
Sage Accounting	Mon 16 Sep	7-9pm	10 w e e k s	£68

Arts and Crafts

Painting with Acrylics	Mon 16 Sep	10am-noon	10 w e e k s	£68
Watercolours 6	Mon 16 Sep	1.30-3.30pm	10 w e e k s	£68
Watercolours Beginners	Wed 18 Sep	1.30-3.30pm	10 w e e k s	£68
Watercolours 3	Thu 19 Sep	1.30-3.30pm	10 w e e k s	£68
The Art of Drawing Intermediate	Wed 18 Sep	9.45-11.45am	10 w e e k s	£68
The Art of Drawing Beginners 3	Thu 19 Sep	9.45-11.45am	10 w e e k s	£68
Soft Furnishings	Wed 18 Sep	4.30-6.30pm	10 w e e k s	£80
Upholstery	Wed 18 Sep	7-9pm	10 w e e k s	£80
Sew SMART – Sewing, Mending, Altering, Recycling, Tailoring	Tue 17 Sep	7-9pm	10 w e e k s	£80
Make a Roman Blind Workshop (includes kit)	Sat 28 Sep	10am-4pm	1 d a y	£35

Languages

Spanish Complete Beginners	Wed 18 Sep	1-3pm	10 w e e k s	£68
Spanish Complete Beginners	Wed 18 Sep	7-9pm	10 W e e k s	£68
Spanish Improvers	Mon 16 Sep	7-9pm	10 w e e k s	£68
Spanish Advanced	Mon 16 Sep	1-3pm	10 w e e k s	£68
French Beginners	Fri 20 Sep	7-9pm	10 w e e k s	£68
French Improvers	Tue 17 Sep	1-3pm	10 w e e k s	£68
French Advanced	Tue 17 Sep	10.30-12.30pm	10 w e e k s	£68
Italian Complete Beginners	Tue 17 Sep	7-9pm	10 w e e k s	£68
Italian Advanced	Thu 19 Sep	10-12pm	10 w e e k s	£68
Introduction to Russian				
Language and Culture	Tue 17 Sep	7-9pm	10 w e e k s	£68
Russian Intermediate	Thu 19 Sep	7-9pm	10 w e e k s	£68
Polish Intermediate	Wed 18 Sep	7-9pm	10 w e e k s	£68
Gaelic Beginners (ILA)	Mon 16 Sep	7-9pm	10 w e e k s	£68
Gaelic Improvers (ILA)	Thu 19 Sep	7-9pm	10 w e e k s	£68

General Interest

Cake Decorating: Introduction	Tue 17 Sep	10am-noon	6 W e e k s	£60
Cake Decorating: Perfect Christmas Cake	Tue 5 Nov	10am-noon	6 w e e k s	£60
Spanish Cookery: Tasty Tapas	Tue 17 Sep	7-9pm	8 w e e k s	£70
How to Buy and Sell Antiques	Fri 20 Sep	10am-noon	10 w e e k s	£68
Learn to Play Guitar	Tue 17 Sep	7-9pm	10 w e e k s	£80
Genealogy	Thu 19 Sep	2-4pm	10 w e e k s	£68
Bird watching for Beginners	Sat 21 Sep	10-12	6 w e e k s	£48

Kinross Parking Survey 2013

The nature of parking in the heart of Kinross is going to change with the development of the former High School site. **Kinross Community Council** would like to ascertain the views of residents and visitors to Kinross regarding car parking and would appreciate your comments relating to the following short questionnaire.

Please indicate your response by circling either **Yes** or **No**.

1. Do you think there is currently sufficient free parking available in the centre of Kinross? **Yes / No**
2. Is it important to you that there is more community parking available in the centre of Kinross? **Yes / No**
3. Have you used, or do you know of people using the following parking areas:
 - a. The designated car park on the old High School site? **Yes / No**
 - b. The Blaize pitch behind the old High School? **Yes / No**
 - c. The Muirs - the space in front of the old High School? **Yes / No**
 - d. The car parking in front of the County Buildings? **Yes / No**
 - e. The car parking in Mill Street? **Yes / No**
4. Are you concerned by the potential loss of parking in any of these areas? **Yes / No**
5. Any additional comments?

Name

Address

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your details are for validation purposes only and will not be passed on or used to contact you in any way, unless you wish to be included in an email group for any further information and activities. If you would like to join such a group please give your email address:

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Please return the questionnaire to your Community Councillors, to your local Councillor, or to the editor of the Kinross Newsletter by **Friday 27 September 2013**. Alternatively you can complete the questionnaire online at:
www.surveymonkey.com/s/Z2NQMM2



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

www.facebook.com/visitlochleven

www.twitter.com/VisitLochLeven

Sixty miles in 24 hours!

Alison and Ian Black celebrated their Golden Wedding in June. They are both very lucky to have good health and enjoy living life to the full with family and friends. Alison – always one to enjoy a personal challenge, especially one that seems 'a step too far' – has decided to celebrate by committing to walking 100km (that's over 60 miles) of the Thames Path in one 24 hour period, i.e. 30 miles during the day, followed immediately by 30 miles through the night. She will be doing this with her daughter, Linda, and they have chosen two really worthwhile Scottish charities to benefit from their efforts, CHAS and Alzheimer Scotland.

In addition to training hard – you may have seen them powering the Loch Leven Heritage Trail – they are determined to raise as much as they can for their chosen charities. Alison has already managed to do a bit of decluttering and, for the first time, has sold a few things on ebay (a challenge in itself)!

The walk is on 14-15 September. If you feel inspired to support them, you can find their web page on www.justgiving.com/teams/Flying-Scots or you can donate by texting FLYS50 followed by an amount (£1-£10) to 70070. Every little helps!



Alison Black in training

Perthshire Open Studios 2013 7 to 15 September

Perthshire Open Studios, now in its sixth year, is an Art and Craft event involving artists and makers across Perthshire, Kinross-shire and neighbouring counties. This year, over 200 artists are taking part in 129 venues.

As in previous years, there are various trails marked out in the Perthshire Open Studios brochure, suggesting combined visits, including café stops. This year there is even a downloadable app for iPads.

In Kinross-shire, the following artists are taking part:

- **Thora Clyne**, Tillywhally Cottage, Milnathort. *Painting, Drawing, Printing, Printmaking.*
- **Kinross & District Art Club**, Kinross Parish Church, Station Road, Kinross. *Painting, Drawing, Mixed Media.*
- **Dee's Fabrigami**, 5 Sandport Close, Kinross. *Textile.*
- **West Wing Studio**, Hatchbank House, Kinross. *Painting, Drawing, Mixed Media.*
- **The Two Pixels**, Craigard, Main Street, Scotlandwell. *Photography.*
- **Sylvan Photographics, Angela Heidemann & Karen Heriot**, 5 West Crook Way, Crook of Devon. *Photography, Painting, Drawing, Jewellery, Printmaking.*
- **Clare Yarrington**, Blairhill Gardens, Rumbling Bridge. *Mixed Media, Painting, Drawing, Printmaking.*

- **Babs Pease**, Over Blairhill, Rumbling Bridge. *Painting, Printmaking.*
- **Joan Ashcroft**, Rowanleys, Drumburn Road, Pool of Muckhart. *Painting.*

Opening days and times may vary from artist to artist. For full details of times and locations, go to the website:

www.perthshireopenstudios.com

and download an electronic copy of the brochure. There is an enhanced interactive version for iPad users available free from the iTunes App store.

Brochures are also available from many tourist and community establishments, and from some participating artist venues. You can also order a copy by calling Enquiries at PKC on 01738 475000.

See also *Kinross and District Art Club* on p. 48, *West Wing Studio notice*, p. 96, and *Camera Club*, p. 54.

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Kinross-shire Rural Watch launches

Police Scotland, Neighbourhood Watch Scotland and the Perth and Kinross Community Safety Partnership are delighted to work in partnership to introduce 'Rural Watch' to the residents of the Kinross-shire policing area.

The scheme was officially launched on 10 August 2013 at Kinross Agricultural Show and proved a huge success, with a number of Kinross-shire rural residents approaching the Rural Watch information stand for crime prevention advice for farms, small holdings and equestrian establishments where valuable items such as quad bikes, trailers and tack are targeted by criminals. As a result of media and Facebook publicity, eight requests were received from people wanting to sign up. Jen Wilson, Rural Watch Co-ordinator, said: "This was an amazing result as we hadn't even officially launched the scheme".

The rural area of Kinross-shire includes villages and communities, major arterial roadways and areas of spectacular scenery. Such an area due to its geography and remote nature can be a challenge to police. The introduction of Rural Watch will seek to improve information sharing between Police Scotland and the rural communities to help reduce crime. Rural Watch is designed for the vast majority of the communities who care for the area they live or work in. This is giving a title to something that many do already, being vigilant to crime.

The email system within the watch will be used to pass information to watch members. Such emails will include information on current crime trends. This will hopefully encourage members to take necessary precautions to protect their properties. Members looking for information or advice can contact the Coordinator by email at the touch of a button. Weatherproof signage will be erected at strategic points

throughout the watch to ensure visitors are aware that although a rural area, it is managed, inhabited, policed and cared for.

To sign up electronically, go to the website www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk and press 'JOIN'. Simply add your details, and then add your postcode. You are looking for 'Kinross-shire Rural Watch'. (You may have to tick the 'within 10 miles' box.)

Alternatively, for more information or to sign up with a paper based form, contact Jen Wilson, Kinross Police Office, telephone (01577 867752) or email

Jennifer.wilson2@scotland.pnn.police.uk
Welcome to Rural Watch!

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



Crime Stoppers – Telephone 0800 555 111

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

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Kinross and Milnathort

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Kinross landward

Constable Jim Pentley

Abernethy, Bridge of Earn and Glenfarg



Rural Watch Coordinator Jen Wilson and Special Constable Ricky Martin at Kinross Show, with newly signed up members Malcolm Wood and James Paterson

Community Council News



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Kinross Community Council

News from the August Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 7 August were: CCllrs D Colliar (Chair), C Watson, D West, B Davies, W Freeman, G Thomas, M Wood and M Scott (Secy); P&K Cllr D Cuthbert; two representatives from Persimmon Homes and nine members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllrs M Blyth, D Mackay and I Jack and P&K Cllr Giacopazzi.

There were no declarations of interest.

Persimmon Homes: Representatives from Persimmon Homes were present to provide the CC with a presentation in relation to their proposed housing development at the former High School site. As a public consultation had already taken place at the community campus, Persimmon Homes were unwilling to accept questions from the public. They stated that the event had been adequately advertised. Any questions or comments raised by the public this evening were to be presented once the representatives had left the premises and would be passed on to them by the CC. The Chairman had spoken to Brenda Lackie [PKC CC Liaison] for clarification as to their proposal and she confirmed that this was in order. CCllr West asked why this was not included in the agenda. CCllr Colliar answered that this matter has been mentioned at the last few meetings and we were all aware that Persimmon Homes wished to attend a CC meeting and that they were against receiving any comments from the public. The meeting was confirmed after the agenda was prepared and submitted. CCllr West added that we should be more careful in our procedures and that items for discussion should be recorded on the agenda for the benefit of the public. The CCllrs only received confirmation this morning.

CCllr West had advised the Parish Church members present this evening of the proposed presentation. Jaffrey Weir, one of the representatives from the Parish Church, stated that he had previously been offered a seat at the table for any discussion with Persimmon Homes. The Chairman replied that he had no recollection of this. CCllr West proposed Mr Jaffrey Weir for nomination as an Associate Member and this was seconded by CCllr Thomas. Some discussion was held as to whether PKC would have to approve Mr Weir as an Associate Member and CCllr Thomas read out the relevant information from the Council documentation. Associate Members who hold a special field can be co-opted on to the CC, however, in this case, Mr Weir has an interest in the Persimmon Homes Development. Associate Members do not have a vote. This proposal was shelved.

CCllr Watson asked whether Persimmon Homes would continue with their presentation this evening and accept questions at this stage. The alternative was to invite them to our next meeting and include this in our agenda. They reiterated that they had answered questions at the public consultation and were not prepared to repeat the information already covered. Their planning application has not yet been submitted and once received by PKC that is the time to comment. They confirmed that they were happy to attend our September meeting under the same proviso and this was agreed.

Mr Weir reiterated his earlier advice regarding the lack of community car parking, adding that part of the land was gifted by the Church for community use and school facilities and asked for the support of the CC and Councillors in this matter. It was added that Persimmon Homes should be aware of the controversy raised in regard to their proposals. The Chairman commented that the CC will make their own comments in relation to this matter once they are more familiar with what the plans are for the proposed site. As part of their consultation process, Persimmon Homes are obliged to consult with the CC.

Mr Weir added that this could be included in the survey in relation to car parking in the town. An article was inserted in the August issue asking for offers of help from the public. It was agreed that a second article be submitted asking for people's views on the car parking situation in the town. It was agreed that Mr Weir should take this forward. The four elected Councillors are pursuing this.

Minutes of 3 July: Proposed by CCllr Freeman and seconded by CCllr West, under correction of: (i) Curling Trust: CCllr Jack proposed the amount of £3,000 not CCllr West; (ii) Reference to the Newsletter Funding/Distribution should read "Disbursement of funds generated by the Newsletter"; (iii) CCllr West stated that David Cuthbert can remain as a Director, but not a CC representative on the Board. There is adequate membership from the CC on the Board. CCllr Watson answered that he had checked the position and the documents state that no-one who is not a member of the CC should be a Director. He added that David Cuthbert can continue as a Director if the Articles are amended. CCllr Colliar explained that this is to allow the CC control of the Newsletter which they established. This matter to be added to the agenda and further discussed next month.

Town improvements: CCllr West submitted a number of notices in the August Newsletter, asking for public assistance in relation to the car parking survey, areas requiring attention in the town and consultations. The Secretary also wrote to PKC in relation to the fence at Queens Crescent and Bear Scotland in regard to the fence at Junction 6.

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Disbursements of funds generated by Newsletter: Note of gratitude received from Swansacre Playgroup.

St Serf's Archaeology: Request for £1,000 funding towards training 10 volunteers. Historic Scotland are contributing £400 towards this project. CCllr Freeman agreed that this was a worthy cause, however we should allocate a percentage and not £1,000. CCllr West added that this was a one-off, not an ongoing project. CCllr Colliar commented that this was a commercial enterprise. Following discussion, CCllr Watson proposed this application be refused and was seconded by CCllr Wood. A counter proposal was entered by CCllr West who suggested that we award £50 per individual with the proviso that the person is a resident of the Newsletter area, up to a maximum of 10 people. This was seconded by CCllr Thomas. All, including CCllrs Watson and Wood, agreed on this latter proposal.

Planning Applications submitted to PKC

13/01145/FLL Classloch Farm: Alterations and change of use of farm steading to form four dwellings, erection of seven dwellings, erection of garages and associated works. The Chairman explained that there is an earlier planning application for this development, however there is now a change of developer. One property has been deducted from the previous application and this is now for seven new builds. The layout and ground area covered are approximately the same. CCllr Watson declared an interest in this application.

13/01147/FLL Classloch Farm: Erection of a replacement dwelling house with integral garage and associated works.

13/01196/FLL Easter Coldrain Farmhouse: Alterations and extension to dwelling house.

13/01240/FLL 31 Muirs: Alterations and conversion of attic space into additional accommodation.

13/01242/IPL 27 Alexander Drive: Renewal of planning consent (10/01377/IPL): Erection of a dwelling house (in principle).

13/01298/FLL Applecross, 66 Muirs: Alterations and extension to dwelling house.

13/01378/FLL Levenfields, Station Road: Modification of previous consent (05/01475/FUL): Change of house type on Plots 47-56.

Planning Applications Determined by PKC

12/00845/FLL Fruix Farm, Gairneybridge: Erection of storage units. Approved.

13/00762/FLL Land 20m NW of Balleave Farm Cottage: Erection of a dwelling house and garage. Refused.

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

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

13/00971/FLL 123 Lathro Park: Extension to dwellinghouse. Approved.

13/01010/FLL 2 Mavisbank: Alterations and extension to dwelling house. Approved.

Balado Airfield: Proposal of Application Notice DF Concerts to hold Festival in 2014 (T in the Park). There is to be **Public Meeting on 4 September** at the Windlestrae Hotel between 4pm and 7pm.

Outh Muir Windfarm: The application is now online. The reference is 13/1898 and deadline for objections is 9 August. It was discussed whether we wish to lodge a letter of objection in relation to this particular application. This will visually impact on Kinross. The site is the Powmill side of Outh Muir (Knockhill Race circuit). It was decided not to raise any points with Fife Council.

Planning: CCllr Colliar received an email from Cllr Barnacle requesting support in his efforts to make Kinross-shire a **Landscape and National Scenic Area** to protect it from over development. CCllr Colliar will speak to Cllr Barnacle and request details on the next meeting with a view to attending.

T in the Park: Cllr Cuthbert received a complaint regarding noise levels in Gallowhill Road. CCllr West and Mr Robertson also commented on the noise issue. The Chairman added that if reported to T in the Park they promised they would respond rapidly and it would appear that this was the case.

A copy of a letter of complaint by a resident of Milnathort to Milnathort CC was received. There was a general consensus that the side streets in the towns are used for parking by attendees of T in the Park. The gentleman also complained about late night walking along the A91 and noise levels during the event.

There was a problem with the bus service to and from Kinross. Revellers could not locate the departure point for the bus on Friday night and when reported within half an hour this was being resolved.

Although the walking path (old railway line) was lit previously, this was not the case this year. The Chairman will raise this with T in the Park at the next meeting.

Report by P&K Councillor Cuthbert

County Buildings: The closing date was 31 July and four offers were received.

Signs for Ryder Cup: would read "Perthshire Welcomes the 2014 Ryder Cup". The four elected members would have preferred "Perth and Kinross welcomes".

Education: Cllr Cuthbert attended meetings at both the Primary and Secondary School and updated those present in relation to the information he received. He has received feedback on his request for comments.

CC minutes and agenda: Displayed in the library and at the bus shelter opposite the Town Hall.

Primary School: A member of the public advised that she had no response to a communication sent to the CC in relation to the school. This was mentioned at a CC meeting and minuted. Cllr Cuthbert mentioned that PKC have a budget available for a new school but that this would not be until around 2020. He asked that the lady forward the email to him.

Trees in various areas, including Douglas Crescent, have been reported. The Chairman mentioned the Sutherland Drive and Springfield Road area also requires attention.

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Mackintosh Memorial Institute: Letter received from Andersons LLP who have been asked for assistance by PKC in their acquisition of a title to the property in Mill Street. Part of the ground is owned by the Institute with trustees agreed in 1885. Four trustees will be nominated to take this forward, one being the Sheriff Clerk in Perth, with two others being the Rector of the High School and the Minister of the Parish Church. The CC was asked to nominate one of their members as the fourth trustee. CCllr Wood was proposed by CCllr Thomas and seconded by CCllr Freeman. This was agreed. Current proposals put forward are for the building to be demolished to create car parking spaces or the use of the land as a Dance Studio.

Argyll Road: Communication received from a resident who is very concerned in relation to previous flooding in Argyll Road and the fact that as a result of the heavy rain this week the manhole covers have lifted and there is a drainage problem in the street. The Chairman will hand this over to PKC.

Consultation on Draft Joint Commissioning Strategy for Older People: Acknowledgement received. Our response will be included in the response analysis.

National litter strategy: Email received in relation to the consultation.

East coast electricity transmission upgrades: Email received.

Railway link: Letter received from Keith Brown in relation to the possible reintroduction of a rail link at Kinross. This forms part of a wider proposal for the reinstatement of a direct dual track rail link between Inverkeithing and Perth, which was appraised as part of the Strategic Transport Project Review (STPR) of 2009. A number of high level benefits were immediately apparent but, upon further appraisal through the STPR, it was felt that these benefits would not outweigh the high cost of constructing such a link. Due to expansion, Kinross is now close to the M90 and the modelling work performed during the STPR indicated that only 1% of road traffic would transfer from road to rail.

A similar proposal for a reopening of the Perth to Inverkeithing line was submitted by Transform Scotland to the Scottish Government in December 2012 as part of the calls for projects for National Planning Framework 3 (NPF3). While the recently published Main Issues Report for NPF3 has not identified a new rail line between Perth and Inverkeithing as a proposed National Development, officials

from Transport Scotland continue to liaise with Transform Scotland as appropriate in order to assist the latter's development of their proposal.

Unfortunately, due to a fully committed diary, Mr Brown is unable to attend on this occasion. The CC will invite him to another meeting. There are other issues to approach in relation to road and traffic matters. The Chairman added that young people seeking work in Edinburgh and other areas have to leave Kinross due to the poor transport system in this area.

The Ochils - a special place: Email received. The author is concerned that, because the Ochils are split between three local authorities, they do not enjoy co-ordinated planning and management. Documentation is available to download from the internet.

Fracking: Letter from Friends of the Earth.

Police report: Received after the meeting: Vandalism. Thefts. Two speeding tickets issued on Muirs. Suspicious incident: abandoned van and quad bike found crashed and abandoned near West Brackley - still trying to identify owner.

The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 4 September 2013 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

Agenda for the Meeting on 4 September

(1) Apologies. (2) Declarations of interest. (3) Minutes of the meeting of 7 August. (4) Police report. (5) Persimmon Homes presentation. (6) Matters arising. (7) Newsletter Directors and Ex Officio Members. (8) Mackintosh Memorial Institute – Mill Street. (9) Town improvements. (10) Disbursements of grants from Newsletter funds. (11) Planning. (12) Reports from P&K Councillors. (13) Questions from the floor. (14) Correspondence. (15) Other business. (16) 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 August Meeting

CCllr Hamilton, Chair, welcomed CCllrs Bennet, Cottingham, Halford, Milne-Home, Pettinger, Smith and Thomson to the meeting held on 8 August. Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs Cuthbert and Giacomazzi, and 17 members of the public. Apologies were received from PKC Cllrs Barnacle and Robertson and from the Police.

Police matters: The report from the Police included theft of diesel from the Water Treatment works in Burleigh Road (under enquiry), results of speeding checks on Burleigh Road resulting in one ticket issued and seven warnings given, and the theft of Orwell War Memorial plaques (see also below).

Planning application: 13/01339/SCRN: Temporary change of use for one year to class 11 (assembly and leisure) for the purpose of holding music festival in 2014 Balado Park, Milnathort (T in the Park). Noted. The Chair explained that future licences for the festival would be granted on an annual basis rather than for an extended period.

Planning applications determined by PKC:

13/00436/IPM: Modification of conditions 2 and 3 of planning permission 07/00442/OUT to extend time limit, land at Pitdownies Farm, Manse Road. Approved.

12/01765/FLL: Erection of three wind turbines and associated works, Tillyrie Hill, Milnathort. Refused. It was commented that the loss to Milnathort of £24,000 to £90,000 a year with this refusal of The Milnathort Community Wind Cluster by PKC was a lost opportunity.

War Memorial stolen plaques: Graeme Stewart, Secretary to Milnathort in Bloom, explained that the Police in Methil had recovered the stolen plaques on 23 July. The plaques had been handed in by Mr W Stewart, who operates a scrapyards in East Wemyss. Two men had offered them for sale to Mr Stewart, however he retained the three plaques without payment. One plaque was damaged and the other two less so. PKC will be covering necessary repairs through PKC's insurance. From the information provided by Mr W Stewart, the Police charged one man and another man would be traced via a warrant. Graeme Stewart then said the scrap value of the plaques was about £140, whereas the cost of replacement was about £3,000 each. He then briefed the MCC on progress with the renovation of the War Memorial. Work was continuing on the railings and walls, and should be completed by the end of August 2013. The Chair agreed to write to Mr W Stewart thanking him for his efforts in recovering the plaques and for his diligence leading to the identification of the two men concerned.

Forth Wines: George Thomson, Managing Director, Forth Wines Ltd updated the CC on progress with the intended relocation of Forth Wines. He explained that the current buildings were no longer fit for purpose. Proposed plans, to be considered by PKC on 11 September, included outline plans for up to 40 houses on the site, which would exit onto Crawford Place. Forth Wines would have preferred access via Stirling Road. Mr Thomson advised that Forth Wines had right of access via Crawford Place, but that it was not an 'adopted road'. He noted that the current recommendation to the Planning Committee by PKC officials would be to reject the proposal as premature. In response to a query about future traffic flow, he stated that he believed that future traffic flow would be less than the present flow of trucks and other vehicles into Forth Wines. The CC noted the value of jobs for the local community and stressed the importance of conducting a full flood risk assessment on the proposed development.

Sewer flooding: The CC held a lengthy discussion with members of the public about the issues arising from recent flooding in the vicinity of the Cross following a period of torrential rain on 23 July. A report from Scottish Water indicated that they were conducting a flood investigation study to identify solutions to alleviate internal flooding at properties in Milnathort. Part of the investigation includes surveys of the sewer network, which is about 80% complete, with the final section of survey work to take place on 12 August. Scottish Water confirmed that The Jolly Beggars and Mill Cottage will be included in their survey. Interim measures (non-return valves) have been identified for the two properties.

Cllr Giacomazzi raised issues of silted pipes in New Road and rainwater entering the sewage system. Both he and Cllr Cuthbert would be attending a meeting of PKC Roads on 14 August and agreed to raise the matter. He further agreed to update MCC by email following the meeting.

Members of the public had difficulty obtaining sandbags at the time of flooding. This is partially due to a lack of awareness of the fact that sandbags are available from the shed at the back of the Town Hall. Keys for this are held in Giacomazzi's shop and Cllr Robertson also has one. Tayside Contracts took over two hours to bring more after the fire brigade asked for them. The Chair agreed to place 'development of a local emergency plan' on the agenda for the next CC meeting.

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Athron Hall water abstraction: CCllrs Pettinger and Thomson had attended a meeting at PKC on 17 July, where the application to draw water from the ground at the Athron Hall development was discussed. The decision had been deferred for further investigation.

Access dispute, Heaven Scent: The access issue had not been resolved. Two of the five joint landowners had refused PKC's offer of mediation and an impasse had been reached. Regrettably the CC concluded that, as the dispute was over private land, it had no powers to progress the issue.

Outh Muir wind farm: The CC discussed the issue of further wind farm development proposals including the Outh Muir proposal. Malcolm Mapp of Kinross-shire Civic Trust summarised the Trust's approach to new proposals and explained how this application contravened Fife Council's plans and policies, noting that the Cleish Hills are designated as a Special Landscape Area. The CC also noted the potential cumulative impact on the landscape if this and other proposals were to be approved. CCllr Cottingham agreed to write to Fife Council setting out MCC's objections to the Outh Muir proposal.

New matters and correspondence: The Chair advised of the following:

www.tellmescotland.gov.uk: This portal brings together public information notices from across Scotland. Organisations who display information include 27 councils and 14 wider public sector bodies. PKC are now publishing their Planning, Roads and General public notices.

A bus shelter is hopefully to be provided at **Cuthill Towers**. PKC has a small budget for bus shelters. Cllr Giacopazzi also advised that a shelter was planned for Mawcarce.

The Secretary advised on the following, which had been raised:

As agreed at the last meeting, he had read PKC's **Road Traffic Regulation** changes, but the only change locally was to establish a public right of passage from the Community Campus in the vicinity of Lethangie.

Sports pavilion in Donaldson Park: Three individuals had expressed concern about the perceived neutrality of MCC's letter to PKC. CCllr Cottingham explained that the letter provided MCC's comments on the size and position of the

proposed pavilion and accompanying social facilities as well as access issues. He stressed that it was not in MCC's remit to propose an alternative solution, but to comment on proposals. MCC, however, fully supports the principle of a new pavilion for Donaldson Park in an appropriate location.

He had received reports about **youths playing golf** in 'Victoria Park'. After discussion he agreed to establish with the complainant whether the park was in fact 'Jessie's Park' and report to the CC at the next meeting.

Comments from the floor: Members of the public raised the following concerns:

Town Hall clock: Could the ringing be stopped between 10.30pm and 7am? Cllr Giacopazzi agreed to raise the question with the Town Hall Committee.

Car wash: The possible establishment of a car wash at 2-12 Wester Loan: concerns about effluent and traffic issues were raised. Cllr Giacopazzi agreed to explore the water run off issue with PKC officials.

Antisocial behaviour in Back Loan and adjacent areas: Following discussion, the CC agreed to write to the Police stating local concerns.

Perth & Kinross Councillors' Comments

Cllr Giacopazzi advised that Inspector Steve Sangster would soon be taking post as the local senior police officer.

The owner of the tree that had come down in Burleigh Road had removed it.

Signage in Victoria Avenue would be updated.

The Kinross-shire road signs had been re-instated following earlier removal.

Cllr Cuthbert reported that he had been investigating the provision of Mathematics and English teaching following poor results from the High School. He advised that an element of the issue could be put down to teacher illness and lack of continuity.

The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will take place on Thursday 12 September 2013 at Orwell Church Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

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Portmoak Community Council

News from the August Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 13 August were: CCllrs M Parkin (Chair), T Smith, S Forde, R Williamson, R Cairncross, I McGrattan and M Strang Steel; Ward Councillors M Barnacle, W Robertson and J Giacomazzi and nine members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllr B Calderwood and Ward Cllr D Cuthbert.

Gritting and snow clearing: The Chairman had written to PKC Roads to ask if the independent contractors that the CC indicated would be willing to help with snow clearing had been contacted. These contractors would be called upon to assist PKC during adverse conditions. (Post meeting note: These potential contractors were contacted PKC on 8 July 2013, but no responses have been received.)

Local broadband speeds: There had been little response to the CCs request to Portmoak businesses and individuals for broadband speed information. No further action.

HGV traffic: Action is continuing via Elizabeth Smith MSP and Cllr Robertson. The possibility of having the A911 downgraded to 'B' road status, and the B9097 upgraded to 'A' road status was discussed, and Cllr Robertson will write to Elizabeth Smith to ask what would be involved, and what the implications of such a change might be.

It was also agreed that the CC would write to Fife Council to ask if their sign at Auchmuir Bridge could be amended to inform HGV traffic that the B9097 route was suitable for both northbound and southbound vehicles.

There had been four sets of speed checks by Police on the A911 and some goods vehicles had been stopped.

A911 speed limit: It was confirmed by Cllr Barnacle that a review of the speed limit on that part of the A911 between Scotlandwell and Auchmuir Bridge would be undertaken by Jillian Robinson, Principal Engineer of Road Safety and Design at PKC Roads, in the light of increased private housing there, and the fact that the last such survey was made in 2009.

Kinnesswood bus shelter: The pointing of the external stonework has now been completed.

Wester Balgedie bus shelter: PKC had offered to replace this wooden shelter with a new low maintenance steel and perspex type. The old wooden shelter stands on private ground, and the owners insisted upon dealing with PKC themselves. This is now in hand between them. The CC has offered input and help if needed.

Footpath between Easter and Wester Balgedie: The Chairman had been advised by TRACKS that this project was proceeding satisfactorily, and this was further confirmed by Cllr Robertson.

Grounds maintenance: The CC had responded to the PKC Grounds Maintenance Review, indicating areas where maintenance was considered desirable in the face of proposed cuts. This maintenance appeared to be proceeding, particularly at the important junction of the Wester Balgedie and A911 roads.

The Chairman had also dealt with the issue of chemical over-spraying by PKC contractors, and this year certain areas would be omitted from the spraying schedule. These include The Cobbles, Back Dykes, Balneathill, and the Church car park.

Car parking at Scotlandwell: The possibility of constructing a car park from part of the disused curling ponds is still being investigated by CCllr Calderwood.

A911 and Wester Balgedie junction: Cllr Giacomazzi agreed to pursue the issue of signage and an anti-skid road surface at this accident spot, as there had been no action since a February 2013 site meeting about this.

Free trees: The CC has applied for a pack of 105 free saplings from the Woodland Trust. Some of these could be used to augment the beech hedge recently planted in Bishop Terrace, where many of those saplings have died. CCllr Forde pointed out that there was ragwort growing in the beech hedge, and that this should be removed as it was officially classified as a noxious weed.

Reports

Police: Unusually, there was no Police presence and no written report.

Treasurer: £698.75 in the General Account, and £765.82 in the MBW Account.

Planning: The CC had considered the following two planning applications made to PKC and had agreed not to make any objection:

13/01097/FLL Erection of storage shed, Vane Farm.

13/00972/FLL Modification of existing consent (13/00552/FLL) and installation of an air-source heat pump, 27 Whitecraigs, Kinnesswood.

The CC had considered a further two planning applications and had agreed to comment, but not to object:

13/00824/FLL Modification of existing consent (08/01509/FLL) (Plot 4) change of house type and parking provisions, Wellside Park, Scotlandwell.

13/00903/FLL Modification of existing consent (10/00134/FLL) (Plot 1) Change of house type, land north of Kilmagadwood Cottage.

These four decisions were those of the entire CC.

The CC was currently considering:

13/01391/FLL Alterations, change of use and restoration of former stables and change of cottage to form residential annexe, "Lynallan" Main Street, Kinnesswood.

The CC noted that the Perth & Kinross Local Review Body had determined to uphold the decision to refuse planning permission for a house at Balneathill, Easter Balgedie (12/01745/IPL).

The CC had received information from a resident that two new buildings appeared to have been erected, possibly without planning permission. These would be investigated.

The CC had previously asked PKC for the position regarding Planning Consent when a permanent access from a field to a road is constructed by a landowner.

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Developer contributions: It was noted that a £12,790 developer contribution in respect of the Kilmagadwood site had been paid to PKC, and that this was intended for use by Portmoak Primary School. The school had previously been alerted to this by the CC in March, but had not taken any action. The Chairman had been in touch with the school again and suggested immediate action including a letter to PKC. This developer contribution would pay for a proposed library extension at the school. As a general comment, Cllr Robertson thought it unlikely that this money would be allocated to anything other than Portmoak School.

It was also noted that the £400 developer contribution in respect of the Wellside Park site had still not materialised. CCllr Cairncross provided Cllr Giacopazzi with the original planning reference dating back to 2008, and he undertook to deal with this. When received, by the CC, this money will be passed on to Scotlandwell in Bloom.

There was a discussion as to the mechanism by which PKC allocated money from developer contributions to various projects and schemes, and it was agreed that this was not a transparent process.

Roads: In the absence of CCllr Calderwood, there was no roads report, but Cllr Barnacle confirmed that Blind Summit signs were to be installed on the B9097, and Cllr Giacopazzi said that replacement reflector warning signs were soon to be installed on the Gullet Bridge.

Thanks were expressed for the considerable amount of white line refreshing that had taken place throughout Portmoak.

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

Paths: A campaign to raise funds for the Michael Bruce Way is currently in progress.

Reports by Ward Councillors

Cllr Robertson reported that the Community Speedwatch campaign at Crook of Devon had been a success, and that in spite of the Police decision not to extend it to other areas, he had been sufficiently encouraged by the public response to try to resurrect it, as there were residents of many Kinross-shire communities willing to take part. Portmoak CC had previously expressed an interest, and Cllr Robertson would therefore advise us of his progress.

Cllr Robertson also reported that there had been various delays to the completion of the Loch Leven Heritage Trail, but that it would be complete by early 2014.

Cllr Giacopazzi had previously reported on the Gullet Bridge, and also reported that the B9097 road was currently being resurfaced.

Cllr Barnacle reported that the Well Inn at Scotlandwell was to host a mini glass recycling plant.

He also indicated that while road verges and junctions would only receive an annual cut, these would be monitored for extra cuts, particularly if sight lines were impeded, and there would be a squad for emergencies. The CC was encouraged to provide a note of particularly vulnerable junctions, so that PKC could monitor these.

Cllr Barnacle also pointed out that until the new Local Development Plan was formally adopted, the AGLV definition still existed, and had to be considered in planning applications.

Other Business

Outh Muir Windfarm: It was agreed that the CC would consider whether to comment on this Fife development in the light of full information, and after studying the implications for Portmoak. It was noted that the CC had been encouraged by PKC to comment to Fife Council if thought appropriate, as this development is near the Fife / Portmoak border.

Replacement for the AGLV policy: It was considered that the potential abandonment of AGLVs in the new draft Local Development Plan (LDP) was a retrograde step, and that a replacement policy should be created to afford protection for areas of outstanding natural beauty, such as the Loch Leven basin and surrounding area.

A representative of the Kinross-shire Civic Trust pointed out that Policy 17 of the existing LDP – no windfarms on ridge lines – was still in place.

Various contributors suggested that Portmoak and other Kinross-shire CCs should press for the creation of a National Scenic Area, to embrace the Loch Leven basin, and that we should involve SNH and the Kinross-shire Community Council Network (KCCN) in this by arranging an early meeting. A resident suggested a campaign to create a groundswell of public opinion for the creation of a National Scenic Area.

Newhall Cottages: A resident of Newhall Cottages wished to outline the various negotiations between themselves and TRACKS and the RSPB, in connection with progress concerning screening and other matters involved with the Heritage Trail, as it passes to the rear of their properties.

The Chairman decided that the detail and nature of these negotiations were not matters for the CC, but that he and Cllr Robertson, and perhaps another member of the CC, would be pleased to meet with all parties to assist negotiations concerning matters of fact relating to planning consents and other issues.

Build-Outs: A resident expressed his concern that the build-outs, installed on the A911 to reduce traffic speed in Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell, might cause more accidents than they were preventing, and could present a danger to traffic colliding with them, and that a survey of present traffic speeds and potential risks should be undertaken, as the last survey had been completed only shortly after the build-outs had been installed. The Chairman agreed to consult with PKC Roads to discuss how an evaluation of present traffic speeds and accidents that might be caused by the build-outs could be adequately undertaken, and how any remedial action indicated by these results could be implemented.

The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will take place on Tuesday 10 September 2013 at 7pm at Portmoak Primary School.

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Fossoway & District CC

News from the August Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 6 August were: CCllrs S Morrison, T Wigman-Duffy, K Borthwick, A Lavery and R Patterson; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, D Cuthbert and J Giacomazzi and 18 Members of the Public (MoP). Apologies were received from CCllrs S Anderson and A Cheape and P&K Cllr W Robertson.

There were no declarations of interest.

Community Policing: PC Euan Mitchell reported. No recent crimes in the area, but the public should continue to be alert to rural thefts (oil, trailers, etc.) Speed checks have been carried out in the Powmill 40mph section, but no offences were detected. No date fixed yet for the TiTP debrief, but there will be one.

PC Mitchell is the Police Liaison Officer for Ryder Cup 2014. A large (up to 3,000 cars) Park and Ride car park will be created at Balado, with buses to Gleneagles taking a circular route through the glen and back down the M90. Peak traffic times will be morning and evening, but hopefully outside normal commuting hours. There may be some traffic restrictions to facilitate bus movements, but more detail will be provided later. A community forum, similar to that for TiTP will be set up (first meeting 16 Sept). Currently there are no plans for the Park and Ride buses to pick up at any other points, since the occupants will have been security screened as they board. MoP notes that this operation will take place during school terms – will the Park and Ride buses conflict? PC Mitchell suggests that there might be an In Service day on the Friday, which will be the busiest day of the event, thereby reducing the risk. MoP asks if there is a plan for diverting HGVs coming from the north that might cause congestion around, for example, Auchterarder. PC Mitchell assures us there won't be a problem!

Rumbling Bridge Hydro Scheme: The CC has previously suggested that there should be a public meeting to discuss any potential community involvement. Hugh Wallace reports that the planning application has been submitted, as well as seeking permissions from SEPA and Scottish and Southern Energy. Discussions have taken place with SEPA to ensure that water levels are maintained satisfactorily – the scheme will not operate when water levels are lower than that designated by SEPA. The grid connection will be via an underground cable, for its entire length, to a transformer on a power pole near Over Dalkeith Farm. There will be no additional poles required. Alastair asked about potential noise from the generator being transmitted along the pipe, which has been reported at other sites: This is unlikely to be an issue as the pipeline is almost all buried. Hugh will check on the coverage near the houses. The turbine itself will generate some noise, but the design of the turbine house is intended to suppress this.

MoP then asked several questions: Have all the landowners along the pipeline have given their permission? Yes, this was an early part of the process. What will be the impact on the Millennium Path while the weir is being constructed? A temporary diversion will be put in place. What about trees around power house? Some will need to be felled; however the wood could do with some thinning anyway. Could the power house be sunk into the ground rather than being 5.5 m high? This is constrained by the flood level of river. Could the outlet pipe come out further down? A conflict with the Scottish Water pipeline prevents this. How will "mining"

under A823 be done without risk to all the main services that run along that road? The contractor appointed will be experienced in this type of work so there should be no problem. No guarantees can be given, but all possible care will be taken, and any problems will be addressed immediately. What are timescales? It's a six to eight month project, with about a month for the work through Rumbling Bridge.

Cllr Barnacle notes that although we probably all believe that this sort of scheme is a good idea in principle, he has already received five letters of objection to this particular scheme. Cllr Barnacle suggests that a public meeting be held to enable full information to be provided and all questions to be answered. Hugh proposes to hold this meeting on an evening within the next two weeks, with his consultants present to give detailed responses to any questions, and he will ensure that adequate publicity is provided in advance of the meeting.

Heads Hill Wind Farm: Clarification from Cllr Barnacle that it's not yet an application, but currently just an initial investigation. Until the planning application is submitted, or the pre-application consultation takes place, we won't have any further details. Alastair notes that other applications have avoided being treated as major applications on the basis that the roads are already in place and the only change of land use is the footings for the turbines. Cllr Barnacle says that the most important thing is to get the PKC planners to create Landscape Designations – Fife Council has already submitted theirs. This CC has previously written to PKC asking for a co-ordinated policy on Wind Farm development and to confirm the advice already given that the existing AGLV criteria will be followed until a new code is developed, consulted on, and implemented by the council. Alastair reports that there was discussion at the Kinross Civic Trust meeting of how cumulative effects of wind turbines should be addressed, but he was told that there is not going to be any specific policy on this.

Blairingone War Memorial: Cllr Barnacle is having difficulty in agreeing a date with the developer to discuss this. It's important that this is done before the 2014 Anniversary.

Signposting Core Paths and Rights of Way: George Harley has still not had the meeting with D Stubbs. MoP reports that George Lawrie is still trying to establish the path in Craigton Wood; however this will obviously require the landowner to agree.

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Travellers' site at Crook Moss: Still waiting for the application to be resubmitted. Cllr Barnacle has been trying to get a meeting with Nick Brian and Peter Marshall to discuss travellers' sites in general. The local resident affected by generator noise has been told that the applicant will have a planning condition that the generators must be baffled and situated in a structure which is also baffled.

Glenquey Quarry: Application has still not been to the DMC, and will not make the meeting on 21st.

CC Business

Kevin reports that the CPKCC has been wound up following its final AGM. Final minutes and arrangements for distribution of any remaining funds are not yet available.

Community workshops will be held in Powmill and Blairingone to discuss local issues. An initial meeting with the CC will take place on 10 September to discuss format, timing and location, then publicised to local residents. Cllr Barnacle stresses that previous work done on the local plan must be taken into account during these workshops.

Community Speed Watch: Kevin has been contacted by local reporters in response to a Police statement that this would not be continued. Cllr Robertson has had discussions with the Police and the issue has been re-opened.

PKC Paralegal Department have sent information about proposed **changes to speed limits, new footpaths**, etc., mostly to implement Green Routes. Kevin notes that the details, including maps, are available for inspection.

Fracking: Friends of the Earth have informed this CC that the Fossoy area is one that could be subject to future fracking developments. PKC do not currently have a policy on these developments.

KCCN: Sandy reports that there has been a proposal to only hold meetings when required, together with an annual meeting. The CC supports this idea.

TiTP: The application for a licence to hold the event in 2014 has been submitted, and a copy is available for inspection. The CC believes that this event is now fairly well managed and hence would not object to the application. Cllr Barnacle notes that no complaints were received this year, which supports this view.

Bus Investment Fund: This has money which could allow development of local transport services, which would be operated by local taxi firms at the same price as a bus fare. Bus passes would be accepted. Muckhart CC has submitted a letter of support; this CC will do the same. Rod notes that there are no Sunday bus services, and asks Councillors to look into whether this should be provided to create a Community Benefit.

Reports by Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllr Cuthbert: KLEO proposes to hold a Winter Festival.

Constituents reported that there was a problem with Maths and English in both Primary and Secondary Schools. However, after research, it appears that the problem lies more with the Secondary School. Having met with the Head of Service for Teaching at Secondary Schools and going through statistics, it was agreed there is a problem, especially in English, and have proposed a plan be put in place to resolve this issue, and hope it can be addressed successfully.

The new Ryder Cup signs state that "Perthshire Welcomes..." but don't mention Kinross. Cllr Cuthbert has asked for this to be rectified.

Cllr Cuthbert is investigating accuracy of Planning Reports; this CC is aware of several examples.

Cllr Barnacle: A further meeting with Environment Services about verge cutting will be held next week to address their position that there will only be one cut per year, whereas junctions need to be cut more often. There is a proposal to reduce budgets for crossing patrols, which will result in lunchtime patrols at pedestrian controlled junctions being removed.

Cllr Giacopazzi: Nothing to add to points already made.

Cllr W Robertson: Not present, but reports that we will be notified about planning applications that are outwith Perth and Kinross.

Planning

The CC will object to the Outh Muir wind farm even though it's outside our area.

Items discussed at meeting:

13/01265/FLL Renewal of application (08/00735/FUL): Erection of dwelling house and double garage, Wester Aldie Farm, Rumbling Bridge. Object, on the grounds that the development no longer meets the criteria for the Houses in the Countryside Policy 2012.

13/01245/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house. Ochil Cottage, Cambo. Two-storey extension at rear of house. No CC comment.

13/01233/FLL Formation of a 500kW run-of-river hydroelectric generating scheme, powerhouse building, access and associated works. Rumbling Bridge Hydro Scheme. Deferred. The CC will make a decision after the public meeting to answer the communities concerns.

13/01287/FLL Erection of a dwelling house, Tigh Darroch Newhall Farm, Solsgirth. No CC comment.

13/01328/FLL Erection of two wind turbines and associated sub-station, transformer kiosks, hard standing areas and access road, South Kilduff Wind Farm, Fossoy. Object, as the cumulative effect of this and other turbines within 3km will not be acceptable in landscape.

Items dealt with by correspondence between last and this meeting:

13/01248/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house, Tigeen, Main Street, Blairingone. No CC comment.

13/01174/FLL Change of use of agricultural shed for the processing and storage of biomass materials (in retrospect), land at Lambhill, Blairingone. Letter of objection submitted to PKC. The CC continues to press its argument that this should be handled as a major application, and has asked PKC how long an applicant can continue operations whilst a lengthy process is taking place. Cllr Barnacle has asked Nick Brian to arrange a meeting at Lambhill, but he responded that the site owner would have to consent. No other response to the request as yet.

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13/01136/FLL Erection of a dwelling house, land at Blashieburn, Vicar's Bridge Road, Blairingone. No CC comment.

13/01154/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house, Rosetta Cottage, Main Street, Crook of Devon. No CC comment.

Correspondence

Full list was circulated to the attendees.

Drum Pedestrian Crossing: Audible signal is only on between 7am and 8pm to avoid noise impact to nearby residents – in bright sunshine conditions the lights might not be visible at these times.

The **A977 white lining** has been carried out in a somewhat shoddy manner, consequently Kevin has complained to Brian Cargill (PKC Roads) who has passed the matter on to Jake Eadie who has not yet replied.

Other Business

TiTP was previously handled by local Police. In future it will be handled by a central department – will this result in local knowledge being lost?

Millennium Pathway: fisherman's warning signs have been damaged. Cllr Barnacle will investigate.

Dates of future CC meetings were circulated. Note that the November meeting will be the first Wednesday, so as not to occur on the 5th. Dates previously advertised are now confirmed.

Draft Agenda for Next CC Meeting

(1) Welcome and Apologies. (2) Declarations of Interest. (3) Community Policing. (4) Minutes of Last Meeting. (5) Matters Arising. (6) CClrs – meetings attended. (7) P&K Councillors' Reports. (8) Planning Applications. (9) Correspondence. (10) AOCB.

The Next Meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place on Tuesday 3 September 2013 at 7.30pm in Fossoway Primary School. All welcome!

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News from the August Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 5 August were: CClrs P Fraser, R Kitchin, H Somerville, N Robertson, J Moore and R Jeffrey; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, J Giacomazzi and D Cuthbert; PC Euan Mitchell and one member of the community. Apologies were received from Catriona Culley, Fran Gillespie and Margaret Traylor.

Crime prevention: There have been several instances of rural theft.

The 101 number has had excellent feedback, with a good take-up of the service across Tayside.

There were reports of 'unsavoury activities' at Maryburgh triangle, and at the pillars between Keltybridge and Maryburgh – PC Mitchell was advised about this. Similarly he was notified about trail bikes coming along the road from Kelty, and wild camping and damage to young trees in Blairadam.

PC Mitchell also reported to the meeting as the Ryder Cup police engagement officer. (*See Fossoway & District CC police report for more details.*)

Correspondence: The Convention of Perth & Kinross CCs is winding up, although at the previous meeting there weren't sufficient attendees for a quorum to allow the convention to dissolve.

KCC forum should be kept going, with possible annual meetings to allow discussion of local matters affecting us all.

A Kinross Winter Festival will take place.

Website: Fran had reported that he is working on further live links, and the website is still functioning well, otherwise nothing new.

Finance: £1641 in the account. PKC awaits the last financial year's accounts. R Jeffrey reported that they are prepared and waiting to be signed by the accountant.

Wind farm application - Outh Muir: Fiona MacGregor declared an interest in that her company prepared the environmental impact assessment. This is now a live application, to Fife Council.

There are proposed to be five turbines at 110m to the tips on moorland close to Knockhill. The provided drawings for visual impact on the Cleish and Blairadam villages suggest that there will not be a direct visual impact on us. However, Cleish hills have been previously designated as an AGLV. It was concluded that there was no direct ecological impact at the site itself (no protected species) and a low collision risk of bird strikes. The turbines have been lowered due to the radar concerns.

It is a Fife application, and both this and Blairadam proposal do have potential aviation issues to resolve.

The developers have been very proactive in community engagement and discussion on both the impact and also the potential benefit to communities.

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Wind farm application - Blairadam: This is yet to be submitted to Fife Council. It is directly adjacent to the Outh Muir site, and proposed 13 larger turbines (125m) within existing woodland that will need to be clear felled.

There has been little and poor quality engagement with communities with this project. The public access to Blairadam is likely to be affected, and an increased visual impact along the M90 corridor.

A member from the floor commented that both of these applications are not paying any attention to the landscape designation of the Cleish Hills, and the Non-Technical Report does conclude that there is likely to be some local impact. The Scottish Government has not included the Cleish Hills within areas for possible wind farm developments. So either the landscape designations stand for something – or they can be flouted at will. He also raised the issue that PKC have refused a previous application (at Dowhill Muir) due to creation of a bad precedent. This site adjoins the Blairadam site (but which is in Fife). There should therefore be a case for cross-boundary consistency. It was confirmed that Fife Council is communicating with PKC over this Outh Muir application.

Cllr Giacomazzi commented that a P&K CC objecting to a Fife application is unlikely to make any difference.

Cllr Barnacle commented that Policy 17 protects the ridgeways surrounding Loch Leven, and that border applications and landscape protections of Cleish Hills, the Lomonds and the Ochills are all covered by this Policy. Smaller applications seem to have little developmental control or forward planning leading to a significant cumulative impact.

However, it was also discussed that as the Scottish Government is generally in support of wind farm developments, it is unlikely that all wind in our area will be refused.

The CCllrs were asked to vote on their response to the Outh Muir application: four objected, none supported and three abstained. The CC will therefore write to object on the grounds of adverse environmental impact and developing on designated landscape.

Report from Blairadam: There had been temporary repairs to some smaller holes in the road, but larger areas remain untouched and ignored. We will forward these comments onto Roads Department.

Planning: There are still two pending applications at Greenacres – is there any master plan or guidance on boundaries for this site? Cllr Barnacle is hoping to meet with the Planning Officers to discuss this site. The local members meet monthly, and it is hoped to combine discussion of this site with forward planning. There is a long history of retrospective applications, refusal of site meetings or actions taken here and so some element of control is needed.

All other applications in our area are also pending.

Four houses at Keltybridge: Cllr Barnacle spoke to the Planning Officer after the last meeting regarding the inaccuracies in the architect's letter. It may well be that a community buy-out is the best way to defend against development of this site. The previous Reporter concluded that this site should not be developed – and so one has to question why the application hasn't already been refused. It was requested that the Planning Officers could attend the site themselves.

Maintenance: The road just exiting Cleish (westwards) flooded yet again, resulting in a flooded car, which has been written off. These drains had previously been cleared by PKC, but since the potato planting the drains have silted up again. Who is therefore responsible for ongoing maintenance?

Cleish field: A price has been agreed – further donations are very welcome! There is a planned date of 27 September for taking over the land.

Cleish Glebe: The CC will write to the Church Session or Church of Scotland about possible community lease or use of the Glebe.

Other Business

Catrina Culley can no longer continue writing the Cleish & Blairadam Newsletter, so a volunteer is needed to keep this going.

Fred Whalley wanted to thank everyone for the Village Maintenance Day, as well as the BBQ afterwards.

The Next Meeting of Cleish & Blairadam CC will take place on 7 October 2013 at Cleish Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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Club & Community Group News

Crook of Devon Village Hall

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The village hall now has a beautifully refurbished floor; a huge thanks to all those who supported our recent events and the Kinross-shire Fund for the kind grant that helped pay for it. It really does transform the hall and hugely helps those who play badminton - they can now see the lines!

The hall and kitchen are available for hire for either one-off events or block bookings.

We have also managed to secure funding from Dobbies 'Let Your Garden Grow' initiative so the garden outside is starting to bloom.



The Crook of Devon Village Hall is benefiting from the Dobbies 'Let Your Garden Grow' initiative

We are currently running many activities that all are welcome to attend. There are many upcoming events that may also be of interest to you. Please contact Michelle Wight 01577 840852 for further information.

What's on at your local Village Hall

Monday	Fun-Fit	9.30am-10.30am
	Yoga	7.30pm-8.30pm
Tuesday	Ballet	5.15pm-7.15pm
	Country Dancing	7.30pm-9.00pm
Wednesday	Bowling	8.00pm-10.00pm
Thursday	Early Risers' Yoga	7.30am-8.30am
Friday	Toddlers	9.30am-11.00am
	Youth Club (P4-P7)	6.30pm-7.45pm

Upcoming Events

27 October	Family Film Afternoon
30 November	St Andrew's Day Coffee Morning, 10.30am-12.30pm
November (tbc)	Live Music Night
21 December	Christmas Family Disco, 6-8.30pm
31 December	New Year Family Ceilidh

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2013 Programme of Events

Antiques, Vintage, Retro and Collectors Fair – Saturday 21 September: Please note this event has been CANCELLED.

Fife Cat Shelter Charity Auction – Sunday 29 September. To raise funds for all of the cats in their care and to provide veterinary treatment for our cats, Fife Cat Shelter are to hold an Auction in the Assembly Hall of the Campus from 2 – 4pm. In addition there will be other fundraising merchandise, craft and tombola. Fife Cat Shelter would be delighted to accept items to auction if they are in either new or in very good condition so if you have anything that would suit or would like further details then please contact Rhona on 01383 830286.

Outdoor Car Boot / Indoor Table Top Sale – October (Date TBC). There will be a Car Boot Sale with Outdoor Pitches and Indoor Tables available. Free Public Admission from 9am – 1pm with sellers set up from 8am. All Pitches and Tables must be booked in advance. If you would like to be informed when the date is confirmed and request a booking form then please contact Gerry McGregor at lochlevenreception@pkc.gov.uk to be placed on the notification list.

Antiques, Vintage, Retro and Collectors Fair – Saturday 19 October. 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.

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

Sat 2 Nov	Charities Christmas Cards Sale
Sat 9 Nov	Christmas Festival and Craft Fair
Fri 15	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.

Portmoak Hall Draw 100 Club

July Draw

1st	No. 17	Arianne Harvey, Wester Balgedie
2nd	No. 96	Elizabeth Boyd, Wester Balgedie
3rd	No. 113	Sue Abbott Smith, Scotlandwell

Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



The September Club meeting will be held on **Thursday 5 September** at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall. The talk will be given by George Aitken of SSAFA. The speaker at the August meeting, David Griffiths, gave us an interesting insight into the workings of the Law in Scotland and his amusing anecdotes were well received.

Away Days September

Thur 12 Sep St Andrews and Cupar

Thur 26 Sep Kinlochranoch

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

Summer Outing: The summer excursion to the Trossachs proved to be very successful and the members attending enjoyed a day with beautiful scenery, good weather for the sail and an enjoyable meal at the Loch Achray Hotel.

Theatre Outing: "It's a Wonderful Life" Pitlochry Festival Theatre **4 December**. Edith advises that there are four seats still available for this outing. This will be a matinee performance. Contact: Edith Oswald 01577 865731.

Annual Holiday 2014: This holiday, to the Royal Clifton Hotel, Southport, will be a month later than previous years and will be for the period **9 to 14 March**. The deposit of £25 is due to be paid at the September meeting and the balance at the December meeting. Cheques as always are to be made payable to "Kinross 50 Plus Club". Contact: Pat Crawford on 01577 862962.

Friday Walkers

13 Sep The Fish Supper walk - our annual stroll from St Monans to Anstruther and back along the Coastal Path.

27 Sep The Glen Lednock Trail at Comrie - a return visit after a few years past the Wee Cauldron, the Deil's Cauldron and the Shaky Bridge, along a mixture of paths and about 5 miles.

Contact: Ian Simpson 01577 863691.

Friday Hill Walkers

6 Sep Arthur's Seat Maureen 8.30am

No Bus. Suggest the use of cars to the Ferrytoll P & R and then Stagecoach to Edinburgh.

20 Sep The Knock/Hosh Anne 8.30am

4 Oct Torlum Wood/Comrie Anne 8.30am

18 Oct Kippen Richard 8.30am

Activities

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

Carpet Bowling meets each Monday at 2pm and will recommence on **Monday 3 September** in the Millbridge Hall. Contact: Helen Duncan 01577 863638.

The **Craft Group** meets each Wednesday at 2pm until 3pm and recommenced on 11 August in the Millbridge Hall. Contact: Elizabeth Smith 01577 861387

Fly Tyers contact: Ian Campbell for details 01577 830582.

The **Keep-Fit** group meets each Tuesday at 2pm in the Masonic Hall and will re-commence on **Tuesday 3 September**. Contact Val Oswald 01577 864020.

The **Line Dancers** recommenced on 6 August swinging and swaying every Tuesday and Friday at 10.30am. Contact: Betty Fergus 01577 866961.

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

Kinross and District Art Club



The highlight of our year is the **Annual Exhibition and Sale of our work in the Parish**

Church, which this year will take place from **11-14 September**. Our **Opening Evening**, on **Wednesday 11 September from 7pm-9pm**, will feature special guest, Commonwealth Silver medallist and Scottish Olympian **Eilidh Child**, who has recently been in the news for her excellent performance in reaching the finals of the World Athletics Championships in Moscow. Eilidh's roots are in Perth and Kinross and she will share with us some of the highlights of her career at international level. We welcome invited guests and local residents to this event.



Eilidh Child will be the special guest at this year's KADAC Exhibition and Sale

Opening hours for the rest of the Exhibition are extended this year to the earlier time of **1pm** on Thursday and Friday, closing at **8pm**. Saturday opening hours are **10.30am - 4pm**. As well as a superb display of our paintings, there will be crafts and produce for sale. Entry to the Exhibition is **FREE**.

Our Exhibition is part of **Perthshire Open Studios**, an Art Event taking place throughout Perth and Kinross from 7-15 September. We will have free brochures available at the Exhibition for visitors to take, showing the location and opening hours of all the other venues around the area, including the Kinross area. You can also download a brochure from www.perthshireopenstudios.com and on the web site you will find a link to a free **APP** for use on your **iPad**.

If you can't make it round all these venues, but want to see what is on offer, there will be a **Showcase Exhibition** at The Bield at **Blackruthven, Tibbermore** from **31 August to 15 September**. (Location details on the website.)

Our Exhibition and the Open Studios event offer a unique opportunity to view and enjoy the work of so many talented people in this area. You might also find that special, original gift that you have been looking for!

For more information on the Exhibition or the club, visit our website at www.kadac.co.uk or call Sybil, the Club Secretary, on **(01577) 830347**.

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.

Kinnesswood in Bloom

At the beginning of August there were many extra hours spent in making the village look at its best. As well as members of KIB, many villagers were out giving their lawn a final cut or weeds removed from pavements. All this effort paid off and we were once again given the “**Best Kept Village**” award. Well done everyone in Kinnesswood. We would also like to congratulate all the other villages which took part.



A work party at Lavender Walk during the warm weather

There are plans to develop some more wild life areas. The verge running from the Leslie roundabout to the Cadham roundabout had been greatly admired and advice had been given by the Area Parks Team Leader on how to achieve similar results.

Some members had visited villages in the East Neuk over the summer and come back with ideas of how to incorporate more art into the village over the summer months. One addition to the school grounds this year is “Hamish”, a colourful addition to the quiet corner, and it is well worth having a peek at the Burn Garden beside the bus shelter.

We would like to thank all our sponsors for continued support for the baskets and tubs in the main street. It is much appreciated. The Friends of Kinnesswood in Bloom letters were delivered and to date over £300 has been received. Many thanks are due to all those who have given donations and also written words of support.

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Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

Scandinavian Apple Charlotte



As we approach the apple season, here is a recipe which makes a lovely change from the usual apple crumbles. It is served cold so can be made in advance and kept in the fridge.

Ingredients

- 80g butter
- 225g fresh breadcrumbs (white or brown)
- 60g brown sugar
- 750g cooking apples, peeled and sliced
- Juice of one lemon
- 2 tablespoons water
- 60g caster sugar
- 150g cream or crème fraîche (optional)
- Coarsely grated dark chocolate

Method

Melt the butter. Add breadcrumbs and fry slowly till crisp and golden, stirring frequently. Remove from the heat and blend in the brown sugar.

In another pan, put the peeled, sliced apples, lemon juice, water and caster sugar. Cover and cook until the apples are soft. Mash into a purée and leave to cool.

Place half the purée into a serving dish. Spread half the breadcrumbs on top. Repeat this with remaining apples and breadcrumbs. Leave to chill before serving.

If you want, spread cream or crème fraîche on top and sprinkle with the chocolate.

Kinross Garden Group



Members and Friends enjoyed a great day out with good weather and great scenery to Logie Gardens near Forres with morning coffee at Kingussie. Our last outing for this year is to Kailzie Gardens with lunch at Peebles on Thursday 12 September.

Our winter programme starts on **Thursday 10 October**, meeting in Millbridge Hall at 2pm; more details in the October Newsletter.

If you have moved into the area this year or have the second Thursday of every month free, you are very welcome to join us.

Mrs C Rodger, (01577) 863785.

Kinross – a County of Compassion?

Marg Meade

One of the most urgent tasks of our generation is to build a global community where men and women of all races, nations, and ideologies can live in peace.

The Charter of Compassion, currently being adopted by cities and towns around the world, is a co-operative effort to restore compassionate thinking and action to the centre of our lives.

The author Karen Armstrong who wrote “The 12 Steps to a Compassionate Life” asks us to make our families “schools of compassion where our children learn the value of treating others with respect, especially those from other ethnic, cultural backgrounds.” We can also be a good example to our children by the way we listen and speak to one another, share responsibilities with them and take good care of our elderly relations. Could that be your family?

Boys Brigade

Thirty five boys, girls and staff members of the 1st Kinross BB and Scouts held an outdoor adventure summer camp at Kenmore in early August, taking in a variety of outdoor activities in the natural beauty of rural Perthshire.

With almost perfect summer weather, the shores of Loch Tay was the ideal place for the youngsters to cool off on the Sunday afternoon after attending the local church service at Kenmore in the morning. The evening activity was inter-tent cricket which was won by tent three, led by N.Os Joshua Roe and Tina Webster.

Monday saw the first day of activities with the party being divided into three groups, each group taking part in two of the three activities: hill walking, mountain biking and kayaking. The inter-tent volleyball which followed the evening meal was won by tent three.

Tuesday's activities again saw the three groups taking part in outdoor adventure activities with tent three again proving unbeatable in the inter-tent football competition.

Wednesday morning was more relaxed with the focus on individual competitions in darts, French boules, Connect 4, chess and dominoes. Wednesday afternoon saw the inter-tent sports competition with traditional sports of egg and spoon, sack race, wheelbarrow and relay races supplemented by tug of war and a 'Chris Hoy' cycle race. Tent three again proved championship material coming out on top once again.

Thursday morning's rain did nothing to dampen spirits as everyone was looking forward to white water rafting from Aberfeldy to Grandtully, through the rapids. A visit to the Grandtully Chocolatier was called for once everyone had dried out.

Friday saw the return of the sunshine and more hill walking, mountain biking and kayaking.

Friday evening saw the traditional camp concert with each tent providing entertainment with guests in attendance from the Kenmore Sports' Association, followed by the staff camp song - a parody of "She'll be coming round the mountains when she comes."

Following the camp concert, the awards and trophies were presented:

Darts: Euan Thomson. French Boules: Mark Cathro. Indoor Games: Mark Cathro. Camp Parrot: Joshua Roe. Get a Life: Mark Cathro. Culinary Expert: George Milne. Horizontal Award: Mitchell Brown. Pain in the Butt Award: Robbie Mackessack. Best Tent Overall (Inspections): Tent four: Billie McGregor, Lewis McKenzie, George Milne, Liam Slater, Andrew Beveridge, Fraser Barbour.

Kinross BB resumes on **Friday 6 September** at the Church Centre with new members welcome.

The Anchor Section caters for boys and girls in primaries one, two and three and operates from 6pm till 7.15pm.

The Junior Section caters for boys and girls in primaries four, five and six and operates from 7 till 9pm.

The Company Section caters for boys and girls in primary 7, S1 and S2 and operates from 7 till 10pm.

The Senior Section caters for boys and girls in S3, S4, S5 and S6 and operates from 7 till 10pm.

For further information contact Company Captain David Munro (tel: 01577 862126).



Family Week: an essential part of the Kinross summer

by Mairi Mulhern

This annual youth summer event commenced on Monday 29 July, and continued extremely successfully through to Friday 2 August.

This year's theme was set to boldly take leaders and children where no man has gone before; for this week and this week only, Kinross Parish Church posed as the launch pad of Space Academy Kinross.

With an average turnout of one hundred and ten children, of ages four to fifteen years, almost every inch of the church carpet was occupied by bodies. As dancing and singing commences, children are slightly timid and shy as they take in the transformation around them. Fantastic stage sets and colourful decorations completely alter the interior aesthetic of the church and wholly convince everyone that they are in fact sitting in the cockpit of the Star Ship Kinross. As the days pass, jokes are told, songs are sung, dances are danced, crafts and games are enjoyed, biscuits are eaten and dramas are performed.

The most important part of the week and the reason for all of the endless preparations, however, remains of most prominence throughout. God is present in all activities and in all of the children as they enjoy the week and learn about the life of Daniel and the wholehearted trust he has in God.

Each day that passes brings a new chapter of Daniel's story to the children and as questions flow from young mouths, it becomes evident that seeds have been sown.

Family Week is an extremely worthwhile event and is one that should definitely be kept in the Kinross Parish Church calendar.

I have attended Family Week every year for the past twelve years and I cannot remember of any time when I did not enjoy myself. The things I learned are still with me and after participating as a young leader this week I was able see the same happening to the children who sat before me. It is lovely to think that some of the children who attended this fabulous event will be doing the same in a decade.

Family Week is run through hard work and patience, with this year's plentiful supply of leaders making Family Week 2013 a complete success.

Kinross Ladies Circle

We ladies have had a fun packed summer holidays, starting with a Treasure Hunt organised by Julie, and ending with a Hover Crafting challenge that saw the Ladies teamed up against husbands, partners and a couple of the guys from Kinross Round Table. Well done to Emma and Mark McCallum for the fastest times on the night. The inner speed freaks were well and truly released!

Forthcoming Events

Sun 6 October 5k Walk for Diabetes in Falkirk

Sat 15 February Annual Ladies Circle Comedy Night, Milnathort Town Hall

We also meet every other Thursday for alternate business meetings and social evenings. If you would like to join us, please contact Emma on 07967155234 or check out our website www.ladiescircle.co.uk/kinross



Rotary Club of Kinross & District



Local speaker, Lieutenant Colonel (retired) Andy Middlemiss, who chairs the Perth & Kinross branch of SSAFA, an organisation which provides lifelong support for members of the armed forces and their families, outlined the valuable work carried out by their dedicated volunteers around the country. This was in addition to a most interesting and amusing illustrated talk on his experiences while serving with King's Own Scottish Borderers on tours of duty in Brunei.

Our next speaker was Jack Pryde, a retired civil servant from Dunfermline who now runs a tour guide business in the town. His subject was the town's most famous son, Andrew Carnegie, his early life in Scotland, and his rise to riches in the USA. Jack provided an insight into the character of the man, and details of the important role played by his mother during the early part of his life. Arrangements will now be made for a club visit to take up one of the historic tours of the town organised by Jack.

A number of club members donned their yellow Rotary tabards for a July Saturday of Bag Packing in Sainsbury's, to raise funds for the Rotary International campaign for the eradication of Polio. A total of £468 was raised on the day thanks to the generosity of Sainsbury's shoppers.

The month closed with a number of members taking the floor when the evening's speaker had to cancel at short notice. The history of T in the Park in Kinross, along with experiences in planes and trains, were among the subjects for the impromptu talks which contributed to an enjoyable evening's entertainment.

The annual Kinross Show, held for the second year at Vane Farm, saw almost every club member employed there in some capacity. As in previous years, the majority were involved in assisting the Show committee by manning the entry gates on three-hour shifts from 7am. When not on gate duty, there was the club's own stand to look after, and this year, in addition to the 'old faithful' fundraising activities, a magnificent box containing every type of fruit you could imagine was raffled. This had been donated by club member Malcolm Wood of Ivan Wood & Son, and the proceeds from the day's activities will be added to the Sainsbury's bag packing proceeds for the fight against Polio.

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

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



Loch Leven Tourism Forum

The Kirklands Hotel was the venue for a get-together of local accommodation providers and other tourism related businesses in August. The event was kindly hosted by Shona and Anthony, who provided some delicious wine and nibbles. Steve Ireland, Resort Manager of Montgomery Estates, acted as master of ceremonies and talked about the progress of the Tourism Forum so far, in raising the profile of the area to the benefit of all local businesses, whether they are directly linked to tourism or not.

Bob Pass talked about the VisitLochLeven.org website, which is a fantastic showcase for the whole area with links to local information, attractions and things to do as well as places to stay and eat. Guests were also introduced to how they can access advertising via the Landmark Press, the largest publisher of tourist information in the country, at a bargain price, through working collaboratively. There is still time to take part in this initiative, if you think it would benefit your business; please contact Ann Barlow at Burnbank, 79 Muirs, Kinross, for details.

Kinross Bridge Club



The club will be starting the new season on **Wednesday 4 September** in the Church Centre. We meet every Wednesday during winter and spring. The evening starts at 6.45pm prompt and finishes by 10pm.

New members are always welcome.

For further information please contact Catriona Marshall on (01577) 864482.

Milnathort Bridge Club



The Club is currently enjoying a summer season, meeting each Monday evening in Orwell Church Hall. This will continue until Monday 23 September.

The winter season will begin on **Monday 30 September**, meeting in Orwell Bowling Club.

Play starts at 7pm prompt so players are asked to arrive at 6.45 pm.

Anyone with an interest in playing would be most welcome to come along. Contact the Secretary, Beryl Harley, telephone (01577) 863590 or email beryl.harley@zen.co.uk

The Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held prior to play on Monday 30 September in the Milnathort Bowling Club.

Inner Wheel



The Inner Wheel year ended at the end of June following our hand over meeting, when Ann Barlow took over from Liz Pottie as President and Elaine Matthew took over from Christine Maclure as Secretary.

The club has had some social events over the summer including a visit to Hugh Grierson Organic at Newmiln Farm, which was followed by a visit to Huntingtower Castle. Our meetings resume in September.

Deadline for all Submissions
5.00 pm, FRIDAY 13 September
for publication on Saturday 28 September

Common Grounds



Here at Common Grounds we are heading to the end of our financial year in September and it looks like it has been another fairly good year; more about that next issue. We are still involved with the Saltire Awards and have recently started another young person aiming for an award. It is surely a good thing for all involved.

Project Lunch: Our next Project Lunch is on **Tuesday 17 September** at 12 noon in the Guide and Scout Hall, Milnathort. Our guest speaker will be Brian Barron, the Convenor of Scottish Love in Action, who we recently supported. Homemade bread, soup, cakes and Fairtrade tea and coffee. Everyone is welcome.

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

www.spanglefish.com/commongroundscharitycafe

As per usual, I have a request. Spare a thought for all charities at this difficult time; money is scarce, likewise volunteers and like many other charities we at Common Grounds are in the same boat with the added situation of our rent coming up for renewal. So please watch this space.

Our opening hours are still 10am to 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.

Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

What good walking weather we've had! Hope it continues for the last walks of our summer programme. 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, why not try out a walk or two to see if you'd like to join us?

Saturday 31 August: Loch Skiach circular or linear, 12 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 (6½ miles) available.

Sunday 8 September: Union Canal Walk, 8 miles: Train from Linlithgow to Falkirk High, then gentle walk back along the canal path to Linlithgow.

Saturday 21 September: Loch Venacher and Loch Drunkie, 11 miles: Circular walk on good paths throughout, along Loch Venacher and around Loch Drunkie in the beautiful Trossachs.

In case it turns cold and wet, you do need appropriate clothing, including boots and waterproofs. Bring water and a packed lunch and warm drink.

To learn more, please call our Group Secretary, Jacqui Ritchie, on (01577) 866813.

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Kinross Camera Club



Groups of members have continued to participate in various summer activities, including a walk from Elie to Pittenweem on a beautiful day during the Festival and also a good turnout at Kinross Show, both photographically satisfying events.

The Kinross Camera Club **Members' Exhibition** will continue running at the campus library until 14 September, and participating in **Perthshire Open Studios** will be two of our advanced members who are presenting an exhibition of new approaches to photography under the title of "**The Two Pixels**" (Studio number 48) at Craigard, Scotlandwell from **7 to 15 September** and also at the Showcase Exhibition at The Bield, Blackruthven.

We welcome all new and returning members to the **Opening evening** of the Club season on **Thursday 12 September** at Kinross Church Centre at 7.30pm. If you have not come before, just turn up and we will introduce you to our club where you will find a place, whether you are an experienced photographer or a beginner.

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

Portmoak Film Society

Welcome back to Films at Portmoak! The first half of the new season offers the choice to see some of 2012's Hollywood blockbusters as chosen by you, starting with '**Les Misérables**' on **Sunday 8 September**, followed by '**Quartet**' on **13 October**, '**Argo**' on **10 November** and '**Midnight in Paris**' on **8 December**.

Please note – we've changed from Saturdays to Sundays because we think people may have more time on a Sunday night. Films start at 7.30pm prompt and are usually over by 9.30pm, so film fans can still be home in time for work or school on Monday.

A Season Pass for all eight films up to April 2014 still only costs £24 and can be obtained from Stuart Mackenzie at Jacqui Seller Ceramics in Kinnesswood or bought on the night at Portmoak Hall. Great value to see great films on a local screen with your friends and neighbours! If you don't want to commit right away to the full season, entry costs £5 on the door per film. For further information, visit www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk/

See you on 8 September – and don't forget your hankies!

The Thursday Group

We begin our new session on **5 September** with our President, Angela, giving a demo on how to make clothes shopping easier. It is hoped members will bring a friend. We meet once a month from September to May in the Lower Hall of the Church Centre, Kinross, at 7.30pm. We have a variety of speakers and demonstrations ending the evening with a cuppa and chat.

On **3 October** we have a talk on Sense Scotland and on **7 November** Susan Malcolm will help us prepare for Christmas.

At present we have a membership of 30 but would love to have some new members.

Kinross High School



I am writing this at the end of our first week back from the summer holiday.

This is a very exciting time in the life of our school: pupils returning after finding out their exam results and making some course changes as a result; pupils returning to begin the year in which they will sit the first new national exams; pupils attending our school for the first time, most of them into the new first year.

Exam results are an important aspect for every school. This year in Kinross High School we have had another very successful set of results. For the vast majority of our pupils the many hours of hard work in class and at home have been rewarded with good results.

In fourth year, all statistical measures have increased: 100% of pupils have a qualification in English and Mathematics; 100% of pupils have passed in at least five subjects; 65% of 4th year pupils have gained at least five awards at the Credit level. Of these, 13 have gained the very highest awards in all eight subjects.

In fifth year, we have seen a slight reduction in the levels of attainment. This is all part of the nature of year groups and exam presentation. The majority of pupils are performing at Higher level. 39 pupils gained five Highers and of these, six achieved five A grades.

In sixth year, again all statistical measures have increased: almost all of our pupils have gained the qualifications they may have needed for the next stage in their journey. One pupil passed five Advanced Highers and a further two pupils passed three Advanced Highers at grade A. In total, 65 pupils, or 63% of the year group, passed at least one Advanced Higher.

We have a first year with 171 pupils, which is a large group for us. It was very pleasing to meet with them on the first morning and to see how well turned out they were, a credit

to all, particularly the number of pupils in blazers. I think we can now definitely say that our signature purple blazer has been re-established as a prominent part of school wear. Can I take this opportunity to remind parents that school ties are now available from the school and that recommended PE kit is available on the internet at schoolwearmadeeasy.com.

The matter of uniform is very important to us as it constitutes the first of our security measures. Can I thank parents for helping us by ensuring that pupils are sent to school wearing appropriate uniform. I did issue a leaflet on this matter last term which I hope parents found useful. Should a further copy be required, this can be requested from the school office.

We said farewell to a number of staff at the end of last term. Mr Fyfe retired after 39 years' loyal service to the school, Mr Montague and Mr Rankin joined him in retirement. We wish them well. Miss Grant is off to a promoted post in the Borders, Mr Oswald to Tyne & Wear and Miss Kearney to St John's Academy in Perth. We have retained the service of two of our probationers: Miss Paterson in RME and Mr Martin in Biology. We also welcome a number of new staff: Ms Reid in Geography, Miss Kennedy in Biology, Mr Kennedy in English, Miss Watson in Maths, Miss Crawford in PE and Mr Mylchreest in CDT. We wish them well as they begin their journey with us. We also welcomed back Mrs McPherson in Drama. We have still to recruit a part-time teacher in Business Education.

There is much to look forward to in this coming session. I shall do my best to keep you informed. Should you wish to hear about anything in particular in our school then why not contact me: email kinrosshigh@pkc.gov.uk or telephone (01577) 867100.

Dick Keatings

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 new school session has now started and what a pleasure it is to see so many pupils, new and old, looking enthusiastic and so smart in their school uniforms as they set about their business of learning. You may or may not know that sales of school blazers are handled by volunteers from the Parent Council and Victoria Robb, our Blazer Sales Co-ordinator, and her team have worked very hard this year to make sure that the needs of all pupils requiring school blazers have been met. We think it's worth the effort and hope you agree.

In the 2013-14 session, pupils from S4 will face the new assessment structure for the first time. It is worth noting again that parents may find the "Nationals in a Nutshell" resource on the Education Scotland Parentzone website very helpful. The school plans to continue to publish helpful information on the school website so look out for that as well.

Later this school year, probably around February, the Parent Council hopes to run a daytime Jobs Fair for pupils at the school. We aim to expose the pupils to as wide a range of

jobs as possible, some of which they might not have realised even existed. If you think you might like to participate and offer your insights into your line of work and what it took to get there, please get in touch with the Clerk.

As always, 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. If you are a parent or guardian of a Kinross High School pupil, 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 first one will take place on the evening of **Tuesday 10 September**.

The current office bearers of the Parent Council are: Douglas Ogilvie (Chair), Rory Stewart (Vice-chair), Alan Miller (Treasurer).

**Please mention The Newsletter when
answering advertisements**

Mary's Meals fundraising Fashion Show, KHS

by Mairi Mulhern, Senior Prefect

This month sparks the start of Kinross High School's fundraising initiative in the name of Mary's Meals.

The Kinross High School Mary's Meals' information evening – having shown people what Mary's Meals do as an organisation and how we intend to help – was held in the Community Campus in August and we hope the resultant effect was significant and that many people within the community now feel as strongly towards this charitable organisation as we do.

On **Wednesday 25 September**, in the main assembly hall of the Loch Leven Community Campus, we are holding a fashion show in the hope that we can increase our current total. This night will be a glamorous evening overflowing with clothing, music and prizes. We have set out to make this a wonderful event, of which all the family can enjoy.

Our theme for the evening is 'Vintage Renewal' and on show will be an array of up-cycled, rejuvenated, previously loved pieces of clothing. As a special addition, we will also be showcasing some beautifully handcrafted pieces of clothing kindly given to us by one of our talented KHS pupils.

Tickets will cost £3.50 for children or concessions and £5 per adult. These will be sold on campus and can be bought from the school office during school hours.

We truly hope many members of our community will attend this evening and help us to, in turn, help a wholly worthwhile cause.

Thank you.

Kinross-shire Round Table

Dragon's Den will return in December so watch this space 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 four. 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.

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Potager Garden

www.potagerardenkinross.com



All continues to grow well in the garden, and we entered several classes with flowers and vegetables at the **flower show in the Kinross Show, and were thrilled to win two trophies**. The Cairns Cup is for the most points overall, and we were also awarded the Paton Produce Trophy, a lovely ceramic chicken, for the best produce entry, of three leeks.

This was very gratifying for the community garden, and I would like to thank everyone who helps at the garden, and who contributed to this success.

Thank you to the committee of **Fossway Horticultural Society** for allowing us to hold an end of season sale of some plants outside their flower show on 17 August, weather permitting.

Work has now begun on landscaping our new

sensory area, and we are looking forward to adding the new interesting plants,

and inviting visitors to share this with us. We now have a new "discovery" path, with little treasures embedded in it – do come and see for yourselves. Thank you to Eddie McFarlane and John Webster for their skill and patience with us, as we design the area "on the hoof", so to speak.

More news on this next month.

The school children will be returning in early September to harvest and taste some of the vegetables and fruit which they planted, and share in our growing success.

We would like to welcome Margaret Scott as our **new Secretary**, and to thank Angela Prescott for all she has done for us, especially developing the website, and her work on a new publicity leaflet, which will be available soon.

On Saturday 21 September we will be holding a **Big Coffee Morning** in aid of **Macmillan Cancer Support**, and as usual will have a raffle of a hamper of garden produce and other items for the charity. This will be at the garden from 10.30am until 12; we hope you can join us, and any donations of home baking would be most welcome. We will also have plants for sale for garden funds, with some planted winter pots.

Also, I can give advanced notice of a **Harvest Festival Day at Dobbies** in Kinross, on the afternoon of **Saturday 6 October**, raising funds for the garden. More details next month, but this will include a garden produce swap, and feature Andrew Lear, known as **The Appletree Man**, who is an expert apple grower, and can give advice about growing or pruning fruit trees; he can identify the variety of your home grown apples, and will bring an apple press to make juice from your harvest. Please put the date in your diaries, and prepare your questions about growing apples and other tree fruits.

Wishing everyone a fruitful harvest time,

Amanda James, Convenor, tel: 01577 840809

email: amanda@tyafon.plus.com



The Potager Garden leeks, winner of the Paton Produce Trophy at the Kinross Show

Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation

www.kleo.org.uk



Mary Queen of Scots afternoon at Kirkgate

What an eventful day it was in Kirkgate Park on 17 August, with a good turnout for the Rotary Club and KLEO-organised Mary Queen of Scots Celebration. Although the inclement weather forced changes, and some cancellations, to our programme, those who attended were still able to be part of a very enjoyable event, made better as the rain gave way to a mainly sunny afternoon.

The centrepiece of the event was the Orwell Dramatic Society's Mary Queen of Scots pageant. While the arrival by boat was cancelled due to the weather, members of the society looked amazing in their historical costumes as they were piped into the marquee where an informative narrative of the events of Mary's escape was given.



Members of the Orwell Dramatic Society in historical costume

While many children enjoyed the arts and crafts, face painting and bouncy-castle put on by the Swansacre Playgroup, other folk went on the very popular historic walks through the Kirkgate Park. Over 80 people joined the three very informative walks led by Professor David Munro.



Prof Munro explains the importance of some of the gravestones at the East Cemetery during a historical walk

Later in the afternoon there was musical entertainment by local musicians Jimmy Jazz and Gillyshack and the event finished with a very enjoyable family ceilidh with musicians Gail and Neil Paterson. During this last event, the raffle was held with net proceeds going to the Rotary Club of Kinross's chosen charity for this year – Guide Dogs for the Deaf.

The one disappointment of the afternoon was that the weather prevented the local vaulting group from putting on their spectacular display.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our co-organisers of this event, The Rotary Club of Kinross & District, who supported the event with a lot of volunteers. Also Glenfarg CC for letting us use their big marquee and The Kinross Ladies Circle by providing us with the stage. We also received fantastic help during the weekend with the provision of the small lorry which Stuart Skinner (Sands the Ironmongers) kindly allowed us to borrow and the trailer from Craig from Cree8 to bring all the event equipment to and from the park. Thanks also to the staff of the Green Hotel who provided the bar and the barbecue.

There is a short film on the 'Escape to Kirkgate Park' event on You Tube:

[www.youtube.com/watch?](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vBjDPB3pTus&feature=youtu.be)

[v=vBjDPB3pTus&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vBjDPB3pTus&feature=youtu.be)

There will be a link to this on the kinross.cc website and a few more photographs of the event in the kinross.cc photo library.

Leven Voices

Next on the KLEO calendar is the resumption of the very popular Leven Voices choir group. This is a fun, informal drop-in singing group led by Horsecross (Perth Theatre) tutors. The new session will start on **Tuesday 17 September** at 7.30pm at the Kinross Parish Church and is open to anyone who just wants to sing and have fun! New members are very welcome – no music reading or singing experience necessary. Enrolment fee is £5 (which will be used to pay for the hire of the hall) and £4 a session (concessions £3). Just come along, sing and enjoy!

For more information about this group please e-mail info@kleo.org.uk or call 863107.

Kinross-shire Music Festival

Tickets are selling well for the Ricky Ross concert at the Kinross-shire Music Festival but still on sale (price £22) through our website www.kinrossmusicfestival.co.uk, TicketWeb, Milnathort Post Office and Macbeth Currie Estate Agents in Kinross.

More news about the Festival will be in next month's Newsletter.

BluesUp

BluesUp – at the Thistle Hotel, Milnathort – takes place on the first Friday of each month. Our line-up for September:

Fri 6 Sept: The True Tones with Cynthia Gentle (soulful blues, Jazz and Funk).

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For a free no obligation estimate Tel 01577 863303

Dobbies Community Champion

This has again been a busy month for community activities at Dobbies.

At the **Little Seedlings Club** in August we learned about different environments around the world, and the plants and animals which live there. The children helped me to plant up some half barrel planters, with pansies and bulbs, which were then **donated to Whyte Court and Causeway Court** in Kinross.



Little Seedlings Club members with planters for Whyte Court and Causeway Court

The September meeting will be on **Sunday 1st, at 11am**, when we will be planting flower bulbs in unusual containers! We will also be judging the competition for the tallest sunflower grown from a seed sown at the May meeting. The club is free for children aged 4 to 10, and an adult must stay in the store with them. (Free tea or coffee for parents.)

We also had a **fun session** on 11 August which was well attended, and we did painting, a bug hunt, played games, and had a picnic, and planted daffodil bulbs to take home.

The Guide Dogs for the Blind collection was very popular, with some very cute puppies visiting throughout the day, and they raised nearly £200. **If your charity would like to hold a collection** at the store, please contact Amanda to arrange a date for this.

The plants which Dobbies donated to **Crook of Devon Village Hall** have settled in well, and the planters look very colourful, and many residents have commented on the improvements. (See photo on p. 47.)

If your community group or school would like help with a growing project, please contact Amanda at: **herewegrowkinross@dobbies.com** or leave a message for me at the store.

We are also planning ahead to October with a fundraising harvest event on **6 October**, with **"The Appletreeman"**. See the Potager Garden article (p. 58) for more details. Also on the afternoon of **Thursday 3 October** there will be a launch of the Christmas season at Dobbies, and the fundraising for the new National Charity, which will be announced soon. Full details next month.

Amanda James, Community Champion
Tel 01577 86332

Gacéans' Twinning Visit to Kinross-shire



A group of 21 people left Gacé on 3 August and travelled by coach to Ouistreham where a problem occurred with the coach. After stopping at the port it was discovered that the engine of the coach had caught fire. This was quickly dealt with by the port's fire services and the flames were soon extinguished. A replacement coach was sent by the coach company and all the luggage was transferred thanks to a patient and understanding ferry captain who had delayed departure to accommodate the twinning party.

A very tired party arrived in Kinross just after 6pm on the Sunday evening and were soon settled with their host families.

A very busy week followed, with organised visits on the Tuesday and Thursday. On Tuesday the party travelled to Culzean Castle and gardens where a French-speaking guide escorted our friends round the historic building. After visiting the gardens where there was a multitude of bees, the party left to visit Burns' Cottage and museum.

Thursday's visit was to Dundee where the party visited the Discovery with options also to visit the Science Centre or go shopping. The party had lunch at Camperdown Park after which some visited the zoo and others went putting. Leaving Dundee, the party travelled to Strathmiglo where they enjoyed a duck race on the River Eden (a new experience for the French) followed by a delicious buffet meal at the local bowling club. Medals were presented to the lucky duck race winners.

On Saturday the party took in Kinross Show where the French were presented wearing their Normandy costumes. The Twinning Associations also manned a trade stand at the show where people could sample Normandy cheeses: Camembert, Livarot and Pont Leveq, along with patés from La Ferme Augerame and a selection of apple drinks: pommeau, cider, calvados and liqueurs. The Gacéans enjoyed Kinross Show in its new setting overlooking Loch Leven. The weather all week had been good, which helped enormously.

Apart from the organised visits, host families visited a variety of local tourist areas including St Andrews Perth, Deep Sea World, Loch Leven and Kinross Parish Church.

The final event of the Twinning visit was a ceilidh dinner in Milnathort Town Hall with food provided by local firm Heaven Scent. Twinning gifts were exchanged, with the Gacé president Michel Brodin being presented with a sporran. Kinross president Jeannie Paterson was presented with a hand painted lid from a Calvados cask showing the processes involved in making the local spirit. The meal was followed by a ceilidh with music from Dave Summers, songs by Paul Becher, Alain Lacroix, Marie Madeleine and Derek Mitchell. The evening ended with a set of bagpipe tunes from Ian Hutton and the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

The Gacéans assembled at the Community Campus on the Monday morning with goodbyes being said before the coach departed at 8am.

Thanks are due to everyone who helped make this a most successful twinning visit.

Kinross will visit Gacé in the summer of 2015, which will be a special occasion as it celebrates 40 years of twinning. Next year, 2014 is the quiet year when no official visits take place, with the Gacéans due back in the summer of 2016.

David Munro, Secretary
Kinross & District Town Twinning Association

Kinross and District Junior Agricultural Club

So our summer syllabus has come and gone and it has been very successful to say the least. We ended it off with our local Kinross Show at Vane Farm. With the sun out, the crowd gathered with much to see. As usual we had our stall with fun for everyone young and old. Our main attraction was the stock judging where anyone could take part, and with prize money of £300, everyone was keen to give it a go. Again, many thanks to our sponsors Davidson's Feeds, THCL, Cameron and Greig, Harbro Feeds and Scottish Agronomy Ltd. With over 100 individuals taking part, it was Mark Thompson, Tillyrie, coming in first overall.

On Saturday 20 July our JAC held a Coffee Morning in aid of Teenage Cancer Trust. The event was very successful with over £200 raised for the cause and it brought together the club with the local community and many visitors were pleased to see the levels we go to.

The first meeting of the winter syllabus will be a new members night at Bowlplex, Dunfermline on **Tuesday 1 October**, so if you're thinking about joining, this is the perfect time to do so.

If you're thinking about joining Kinross JAC then don't hesitate to get in touch with either Ian Cullens (07805 051062) or Charlotte Erskine (07999 818245).



The JAC members who took part at the coffee morning

Michael Bruce Trust

If you have never been inside the Michael Bruce Cottage Museum on The Cobbles in Kinnesswood, come along between 10.30am and 5pm on **Sunday 22 September** when the building will be open for *Doors Open Day* in Perth and Kinross. The Museum, which is maintained by the Michael Bruce Trust, has displays on local history and the life of the 18th-century 'Gentle Poet of Lochleven' Michael Bruce (1746-67). Unusual items on display include tools of the parchment and vellum trade and peat cutting tools once used in Portmoak Moss.

If you would like to support the work of the Michael Bruce Trust in keeping alive the memory of our Kinross-shire poet, please consider becoming a Friend of the Michael Bruce Museum. Leaflets with application forms are available in the Museum or from Trust Chairman David Munro (e-mail: davidmunro@kinaskit.co.uk).

The **annual Michael Bruce Illustrated Talk**, this year on the history of the village of Scotlandwell, will be held in Portmoak Village Hall at 7.30pm on **Thursday 31 October**.

Home-Start training course starting in September 2013



Home-Start Perth is a voluntary organisation which supports families with young children throughout Perth and Kinross. Our trained volunteers, who all have parenting experience, will visit a family in their own home offering practical and emotional support in situations as diverse as isolation, bereavement, multiple births, illness, disability or just where parenting is a struggle. Our volunteers are non-judgemental and will help build the family's confidence and ability to cope with day to day family life.

Volunteering for Home-Start Perth can be very rewarding. If you have parenting experience and feel you could spare some time to support a family in your community, then please get in touch. After an initial training course (4 hours per week for 8 weeks) we can offer expenses, support, ongoing training and opportunities to meet other volunteers in return for 2 hours of your time each week. The next course will take place at The Gateway in Perth from 10am – 2pm over an eight week period, starting on **Wednesday 25 September** and it's not too late to apply for this. Travel expenses will be covered.

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

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

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

Alzheimer Scotland, Perth and Kinross

Alzheimer Scotland believe that no-one should go through dementia alone. It is Scotland's leading specialist dementia charity and works to improve the lives of everyone affected by the diagnosis of dementia: the person, their family and friends and the community they live in.

You can become a member of Alzheimer Scotland and help support us to raise awareness about dementia in your area. Your local point of contact is Fiona Matthews, Perth and Kinross Dementia Advisor, who can offer information and support if you are worried about your memory, living with a diagnosis of dementia or supporting someone living with dementia.

For further information about dementia or becoming a member of Alzheimer Scotland, please contact Fiona Matthews, Dementia Advisor on 01738 562358 or e-mail fmattews@alzscot.org

There is also a Freephone 24hr Helpline contact on 0808 808 3000.

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

Kinross Museum



August was a busy month for Kinross Museum. We had a presence at Kinross Show, where place-names of Kinross-shire and farming life in the county were featured. (See photo, p.13.) The Museum also played its part in the Mary Queen of Scots event at the Kirkgate Park where we mounted two exhibitions and led three historic walks. (See photo, p.59.) A handful of volunteers visited St Serf's Island for a day to assist in carrying out surveys of the chapel and its immediate surroundings and a special exhibition on Kinross in the 1940s was mounted for *Vintage Day* in the Campus. Not least amongst events taking place in August was the launch of our new exhibition 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.



A model of Lochleven Castle made by pupils of Kinross High School as part of "Growing Up with Loch Leven"

In September please join us for two talks at the Museum presented in association with our display on "A Loch of Bronze: New finds from Kinross-shire's Bronze Age". The first, at 7.30pm on **Monday 16 September**, is entitled "Glimpses of Bronze Age Kinross: magic metals". Presented by Mark Hall from Perth Museum, Trevor Cowie from the National Museum of Scotland and metal-detectorist Jim Crombie, this talk looks at recent Bronze Age finds made near the loch, including the Kinnesswood hoard of Bronze Age axeheads and tools. The second talk at 7.30pm on **Monday 23 September**, "Glimpses of Bronze Age Kinross: 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. This will be presented by archaeologists Derek Hall and Mel Johnson.

Finally, if you have not yet visited the Museum, do join us between 10am and 3pm on *Doors Open Day*, **Saturday 21 September**, when we will have some special events for children and adults linked to our exhibitions. From 10am to noon dress up in Bronze Age costumes, have your face painted and try your hand at making Bronze Age pots. Bring all the family.

The Kinross-shire Civic Trust



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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 website 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 5 x 110 m wind turbines - Cleish Hills, Outh, Knockhill, Fife

There is still time to place an objection to this Application. Fife Council will accept objections right up until the time that the case officer is preparing his final report to committee.

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.

Kinross Show

The Trust had a very successful display at the Kinross Show this year. The main presentation was concerned with the planning application for the Outh Muir Wind Farm in the Cleish Hills. The Trust appreciated the considerable help given by Graham and Marion of Scotland against Spin, who brought their own displays and considerable knowledge to the Show. A lot of concern was expressed by the public and many copies of the draft letter of objection were taken away.

Best Kept Village Competition 2013

Judging for the Best Kept Village took place on a glorious summer day when Kinross-shire was looking at its very best. Everyone had put in a terrific effort and the judges were very impressed by the appearance of all the villages and hamlets that took part. Everyone is to be congratulated for all the time and care that was taken to present their villages at their very best. The results are given below.

Villages

1st	Kinnesswood
2nd	Crook of Devon
3rd	Scotlandwell
4th	Milnathort

Hamlets

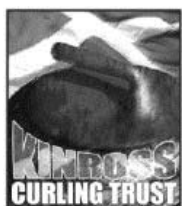
1st	Keltybridge & Maryburgh
2nd	Cleish
3rd	Easter Balgedie
4th	Blairingone
5th	Carnbo
6th	Wester Balgedie

Cup for most improved village or hamlet: Milnathort

Sports News



Curling rink gets new identity



The Kinross Curling Trust has been busy creating a new identity for the local curling rink, in anticipation of taking over the running of the facility from the Green Hotel in September.



At the time of writing (mid August), the Trust shortly expects to sign an agreement which will see the organisation lease the ice rink for at least the next 25 years. The facility will be run by curlers for curlers. Under the Kinross Curling Trust, the facility will be known as 'Kinross Curling' and a new logo has been designed (see top right, and on front cover.)

Members of the Trust's sub groups have been busy working on other requirements, such as organising the separation of the electricity supply from the Green Hotel, obtaining a new telephone number etc.

New contact details so far are:

Telephone number: (01577) 861821

Website: www.KinrossCurling.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/KinrossCurlingRink

Email for Steven Kerr, Ice Manager:

IceMan@KinrossCurling.co.uk

The ageing ice rink needs at least £880,000 of investment to bring it up to standard and to comply with EU laws on refrigerants. Kinross Curling Trust, a charity, hopes to access funding from various sources, including Sport Scotland. A decision with regard to funding is expected from Perth & Kinross Council in September.

Trust members and local curlers have so far raised over £330,000 towards the refurbishment costs.

An upcoming fundraising event is the **Kinross Curling Inaugural Dinner**, to take place at the Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross, on **Saturday 19 October**, when there will be an auction and the drawing of a grand raffle. Local curler and former BBC Landward presenter, **Ross Muir**, will be MC for the evening, and the main speaker will be keen sportsman and PE Teacher **Willie Allan**, described by The Herald as 'undoubtedly the best after dinner speaker in Scotland'. Tickets for the dinner are £40 per person or £360 for a table of ten. To book, contact Morag Wellman by emailing: dinnertickets.mw@btinternet.com (See notice, p. 100 for more details of the dinner.)

Trust members had a successful time at the Kinross Show, raising awareness about the project and, at the same time, raising £813 through sales of raffle tickets, T-shirts and keyrings.

The new season at Kinross Curling will kick off with a free **Opening Bonspiel** on **Sunday 22 September**. If your club hasn't entered yet, contact Steven to see if there are any places left.

Kinross Junior Curling Club



The Junior Curling Club is open to all young curlers under 21. Coaching and games are on a Sunday evening, meeting at the Green Hotel Curling Rink at 5pm with on ice sessions starting at 5.15pm, lasting for two hours. An initial Come and Try Session will be on Sunday 13 October.

Early dates are:

Sunday 29 September at 5.15pm: practice session for those involved in the Junior Classic (1 sheet)

Sunday 13 October at 5pm: Come and Try and bring a friend.

Sunday 20 October at 5pm: coaching and ice practice.

There is no club curling on 4-6 October due to the Kinross Junior Classic (part of the Scottish Under 21 Slam series). This is an opportunity to come and see some of the best Junior curlers in Scotland play in our local ice rink.

The Club always welcomes new members and looks forward to seeing existing members and those wishing to try this exciting sport for the first time.

Kinross Tennis Club



The glorious sunshine in July and August has made for fantastic tennis weather and it's lovely to see the courts looking so busy.

Junior Coaching: The autumn nine-week block is now underway with sessions from age 4/5 up to 18 years on Tuesdays and Fridays. There are still places available at the time of writing. For further information or to book your place please contact Helen Buchanan on kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com

Adult Coaching: An eight-week block of coaching has just commenced on Tuesday evenings with Improvers at 7pm and Doubles Clinics at 8pm. It's not too late to join in – please contact Vivien for further information.

Club Championships: At the time of going to press, the juniors should have completed their finals days on 24 and 31 August – we shall update you next month with the details of the winners. The Senior Club Championship finals are on Saturday 7 September – we hope the sun shines and the day is a success both on and off court.

League Tennis continues for the adults competing in the Tayside HV mixed league – both teams have had mixed results, but were happy to secure wins against Duffus and Broughty Ferry recently, but it remains to be seen whether we can salvage our league positions this season. The gents and ladies also continue in Perth & District leagues which are great leagues to get match practice in whilst enjoying the social side of tennis.

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

Community Website

For contact details of community groups, hall bookings, job vacancies, leisure and visitor information and much more, visit **www.kinross.cc**

Kinross-shire Visitor Information Points

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

Disillusioned and Disenchanted

Kinross Volleyball Club in Belgium

Kinross Volleyball Club made their annual pilgrimage to De Haan in Belgium to play in their 40th volleyball tournament, only to return disillusioned and disenchanted with the major differences clubs face in promoting the sport of volleyball in their own area.

Indoor playing facilities in Belgium for a start are more numerous, of a better quality overall and much, much cheaper to hire. Can you imagine both Kinross and Milnathort having three court volleyball halls with court costs being £8 an hour? Well that is the case with many smaller communities in Belgium, two within a mile and a half of each other. And we wonder why in Scotland we have an increasing problem with obesity and youngsters hanging around street corners?

National and local politicians need to invest in “affordable indoor sports facilities” as well as encouraging all indoor sports clubs to become involved in their communities and schools by offering reduced hall hire rates for regular weekly sessions with their own volunteer coaches with assistance from senior players to attract youngsters and adults of all ages to become involved in sport for fun. Politicians also need to recognise and give more support to governing bodies of sport and the myriad of volunteers who give up hours of their time on a weekly basis to promote their own sport. Remember that expression “the legacy of the London Olympics” – are we any further forward in promoting sport within our own communities? We are less than one year from hosting the 20th Commonwealth Games in Glasgow and there appears to be very little momentum to “get up and get into sport” from anyone.

On to the tournament itself, again played in conditions where sunscreen was essential with the sun splitting the sky on both the Saturday and Sunday. The Kinross team had adopted the name of “McDuvel’s Marauders” for the 40th tournament and to celebrate the famous Belgian beer which

has become a favourite with many volleyballers after each day’s play.

The Kinross men’s team won through the qualifying games on Saturday playing teams with strange names: “I drink so I am,” “Bierbeurs Mortsel” and “Op’t Gazon.”

Sunday’s games were more challenging, with the Kinross side winning only one game out of three, losing out to eventual winners “Team Murika” which was made up of US Naval personnel from a base in Germany.

As a “pre-season tournament”, the De Haan experience will set up the Kinross players for the season ahead, competing in the Perth District League and East Central Scotland Regional Leagues.

Outdoor sessions continue at the Community Campus on Monday evenings (7pm till 8.30pm) until **indoor sessions commence on 16 September** (8pm till 9.30pm).

Friendly games have been arranged at newly formed Alva Volleyball Club on Monday 9 September, leaving from the Campus at 6.15pm.



McDuvel's Marauders at De Haan, in Belgium

Kinross Bowling Club

The bowling season has only another couple of months to go and it has been a pleasure to play bowls in all the nice, warm weather recently.

A lot has been played at the club since the last report:

	<i>winner</i>
E Ford Ladies Trophy	Janet Mitchell
J Wallace Mens Cup	George Rennie
G Smith Mixed Pairs	Sheila Rennie & Doug Stewart

Friendly v Headwell played at home.

Unfortunately friendly v Falkland was cancelled due to thunderstorms.

Friendly v Lochore cancelled – Lochore couldn't get a team (bearing in mind this was the week of National Finals at Ayr).

Friendly was played v Glenfarg at Glenfarg.

The Gibson Triples (club competition) was cancelled on Saturday 10 August, due to that being Kinross Show date and will be re-scheduled!

Our ladies' open pairs was played on 4 August and was a very successful day with excellent weather. This was made up of 24 ladies' pairs with the winners on the day Moira

Horsburgh and Helen Sinclair (Strathmiglo). Runners up were Sandra Barbara (Lumphinans) and J Hunter (Kelty).

Well done to everyone who took part and thanks to A&J Nelson (Haulage) Ltd, Meiklem Drainage and G M Rennie (Greenkeeper) for their sponsorship of this competition.

Without sponsors we could not have this competition. Thanks also to the ladies' section for arranging the food etc, and to visitors who provided raffle prizes etc.

Thanks also to the men and women in the kitchen who worked hard all day keeping everyone fed, also to George who prepared the green and did umpire duties *plus* running the competition.

We now have a website set up and running: kinrossbowlingclub.weebly.com, set up by our President, Douglas Hague.

Anyone who would like to know more about bowling can contact us at the above website or telephone George Rennie (Secretary) on (01577) 864727.

Anyone joining now only pays £10 joining fee for the rest of the season, so come on, have a go; a friendly and healthy sport, it's not too late.

Kinross Road Runners

Dundee Half (Half Dram) Marathon 21 July

This is a club championship race which starts opposite Camperdown House and finishes opposite Barnhill rock gardens in Dundee. The route is mainly trail and road and follows the north side of the city. The Kinross results are as below:



Position			Time
8	Andy	Laycock	01:19:58
65	Martin	Hill	01:33:36
108	Graham	Kemp	01:37:51
132	Judith	Dobson	01:40:03
154	Robert	Smith	01:41:44
347	Martin	Jackson	01:55:07
348	Michelle	Jackson	01:55:08
355	Wendy	Grieve	01:55:34
470	Michael	Cafferkey	02:01:46
529	Allison	Smith	02:05:44

Nethy Explorer 12k, 14 July

Organised by the Cairngorm Runners, this is a scenic, undulating run through the Abernethy Forest, partly on roads, partly on forest trails, passing Loch Garten at half way. Sarah Eaton was first KRR across the line in a time of 1:17:39. (Sarah was the **only** KRR taking part but she is basking in the glory anyway.)

Hare and Tortoise, 27 July

To make a change from our usual summer club handicap, we held a Hare and Tortoise event on 27 July. This involves runners being paired up with a 'hare' or 'tortoise', that is, the fastest (based on average 10k times) being paired with the least fast, the second fastest with the second least fast, and so on. The route was just over a mile, with the tortoise setting off first, handing over to the hare, until each had run three laps. We had 26 runners (13 teams) taking part. Martin Jackson and Alison Houston were the first pair to finish. The event raised £327.50 for the Teenage Cancer Trust and was followed by a barbecue in KRR Peter's lovely garden at Rumbling Bridge.

Knockhill 3.9 Graham Clark Memorial Race,

6 August

A speedy little race, as befits its venue, and one of our championship races. The weather conditions were perfect for running: fine and dry with no wind.

Twenty-two KRRs took part. Andy Laycock was 10th overall out of 178 finishers and the first KRR in a time of 21:51.

Devil o' the Highlands 3 August

The "Devil o' the Highlands" is a 43 mile footrace which begins at Tyndrum and finishes in Fort William. Each competitor has 12 hours to complete the course which follows the latter part of the West Highland Way.

Well done to Allan Kemp and Gill Lopez and their support crew. This was Allan's first ultramarathon. His time was 7 hours 21.48 and Gill ran a fantastic time of 8.37.49 in tricky conditions.

Kinross Cavaliers Basketball Club



Well school has returned and what a great summer we have had! Although training ceased over the holidays, the committee members at Kinross Cavaliers have been busy. The coaches held a competition for the kids to design a new logo for the club. The committee then considered every design, and unanimously selected their favourite. Congratulations to Ella Doherty! We now plan to produce t-shirts with Ella's logo for everyone to wear at training.

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

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

Training resumes on Tuesday 20 August at 6pm.

If you would like to get involved in any capacity, or would like any further information, please call Karen Nicholson on 07795 101719 or email: k.e.nicholson@btinternet.com or Fraser Notman on 07506 241653 or email:

chippysauce@btinternet.com.

Canoeing

Dr Jane Gibson, Consultant Rheumatologist and resident of Kinnesswood, recently won the gold medal for her age group in the Slalom Canoeing event in the World Masters Games in Turin, Italy. These games, involving a number of participants four times greater than a summer Olympic Games and in many disciplines, are for competitors over the age of 30. The only two women paddlers who were faster overall than Dr Gibson were much younger and were past Olympians, one of them also being a European Champion. Apparently the course was one of the most technically difficult courses in Europe and many competitors took one look at it and decided to opt out of competing. Dr Gibson is now looking forward to competing in Auckland in 2017.

Dr Gibson's daughter, Eilidh, has been in the British Women's Junior Slalom Canoe team for the last two years, taking part in the World and European Championships. Both years she was in the Bronze Medal under 23 team in the Worlds and last year in the European Bronze team.

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Milnathort Golf Club

Senior Section

Assuredly the Weather Gods have conspired against us 'Old Codgers'!!!!

Thursday 25th dawned wet and miserable and by the time we were due to tee-off, apart from being wet, thunder was in the offing, so the fourth round of the Seniors Quaich was called off and referred to a later date in the diary.

On Thursday 1st August for a Seniors outing we wended our way to Schawpark Golf Club in Alloa, to be met with water-logged greens and quite torrential showers. The course was closed and the outing referred to a later date in the diary!

The Seniors Centenary Trophy competition was played on Thursday 8 August. It was in the form of drawn pairs, stableford format with the best aggregated score of each pair to count. The defending holders – Jim Hunter and Sandy Fleming – put up a brave fight to hold on to their title but had to share the glory with Charlie Payne and Ron Macdonald, both pairs returning creditable scores of 77 points.

The second round of the Seniors Cup was played on Thursday 15 August, with a good turn-out of 'old uns'. The winner on the day, with a fantastic 63, was Charlie Payne, followed home by Bob Christie and John Power coming in third. This means that the winner of the Seniors Cup for 2013 is Charlie Payne, with John Power second and Billie Kay in third place.

Dates for your Diaries:

Tuesday 3 Sept The Senior Gents Open (all day)

Thursday 12 Sept Senior Mixed Open

Watch the Notice Board for further information

Junior section

It has been a busy month for the Juniors at Milnathort Golf Club.

The Club Championship was held at the end of July and after two very good rounds, Gareth Hutchison had the lowest gross score and Jamie Fulton the lowest net score.

The Milnathort Junior Open was held in blustery conditions in early August but overcoming the elements best were Scott and Rachel Calder from Kinross GC and Jamie McEwan from Alloa GC who won the top prizes. Gareth and Rory Hutchison, together with Cameron Wallace, did the best of the Milnathort players.

The last round of the Summer League saw some great scoring from Struan Fotheringham and Blair Addison but was won by Daniel Reilly with a net 61.

Many Milnathort Juniors have taken part in other local Junior Opens, with Euan Wallace winning the nine-hole competition at Pitlochry GC and a notable hole-in-one for David McIntyre at the Kinross Junior Open.

Junior Competitions are now back to 4.30pm on a Thursday (till the light gives out) and the ClubGolf coaching is running till mid-September, 6.30pm to 7.30pm on a Wednesday night.

Ladies section

Following another excellent spell of good golfing weather, the Ladies Section has excelled in producing some wonderful scores as follows:

Thistle Brooch: Elma McCulloch (69)

Ailsa Wade Team Trophy in aid of Macmillan Nurses, which raised over £300, was won by Jackie Sneddon, Kirsty Flockhart and Fiona Sneddon.

Tennant's Trophy Stableford: 1st Patricia Lowry, 41pts after count back; 2nd Elma McCulloch, 41pts.

Senior Ladies Open: J Simpson (Kinross) 65.

Group A

1st Scratch	H Anderson (Blairgowrie)	79
2nd Scratch	A Houston (Milnathort)	82
1st Handicap	J Sneddon (Milnathort)	71 BIH
2nd Handicap	C Marshall (Milnathort)	71 BIH
3rd Handicap	F Johnston (Alyth)	71
4th Handicap	H Payne (Milnathort)	72

Group B

1st Scratch	L Kyle (Milnathort)	83
2nd Scratch	M McRae (Pitlochry)	88
1st Handicap	D Stevens (Milnathort)	70
2nd Handicap	E McCulloch (Milnathort)	73
3rd Handicap	T Anderson (Kinross)	74
4th Handicap	R Duncan (Kinross)	74

Nearest the pin 4th hole: C Thomas (Bogside)

Second shot nearest the pin 18th hole: F Johnston (Alyth)

Best Local Lady outside the prizewinners: M Fleming 75

Stableford 9 Holes: Sue Jones 21 pts

Stableford 18 Holes: Gillian Pemberton 40 pts

Stark Quaich Rd 3: Kirsty Flockhart 69

Montgomery Medal Rd 5: Jackie Sneddon 67 after count back; 2nd Caroline Marshall 67.

Two Ball Foursome: 1st Catriona Marshall & Patricia Lowry 69 bih; 2nd Claire Abbott-Smith & Christine Dick 69.

Ladies/Juniors Greensome: 1st T Kendrick & J Fulton 31.75; 2nd F Smith & G Hutchison 32.25; 3rd G Tate & C Wallace 33.25.

Dunning won our friendly away match 1 up and we won our friendly home match with Dunfermline GC 2 & 1.

We are looking forward to the remaining games of the season where there is still hope that handicaps will be reduced again.

Kinross Badminton Club

The new season starts on **Tuesday**

3 September. Junior Club resumes on

Thursday 5 September.

For more information, contact President, Bill Macdonald, on (01577) 862592 or Junior Secretary, Alison Walker, on (01592) 840392.



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Kinross Men's Hockey Club

The leagues are about to start and pre league friendly matches arranged. Training has started and everyone is most welcome every Tuesday night, 7.30pm to 9pm, at KGV with our new coach, Gurdial Duhre. Training is free. We are always looking for new players, young or old, so why not come down to training and give it a go!

Kinross 1sts will play in East District Division 1 captained by Chris Robson and the 2nds will play in Division 3 captained by Graeme Malcolm. Both teams will play in new strips generously sponsored by Loch Leven's Larder.

The league matches start on 21 September with both teams away to Reivers and Falkirk and then both teams have home matches on 28 September at KGV.

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

Kinross Squash Club

The conclusion of the annual tournament last month signalled the return of the league competitions. The league winners for July were:

League 1	Gordon Tyndall
League 2	Andrew Sorbie
League 3	Dave Stewart
League 4	David Paul

Well done to everyone, especially the winners, and remember to get your games played.

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 Ladies' Hockey Club

The fact that this morning my body feels very broken and that it does not belong to me can only mean one thing – hockey training has resumed!

An excellent turn out last night (14 August) bodes well for the coming season, with both established and new players present in equal amounts. Lots of new young players had us oldies running non-stop, and mine was not the only face on which an egg could have been fried at the end of the session.

Congratulations should also be passed on to club president Gail Nelson, who did not attend training last night but her excuse of playing for the Scotland Masters Team in Ireland is, I believe, an acceptable one!

The season proper should start around mid September, so if you are sitting at home harbouring thoughts of taking up or returning to the game then this is an ideal opportunity to pop along. Training is every Wednesday night, 6.30pm until 8pm, on the astropitch at the King George V playing fields in Kinross. We have two teams playing in Midlands League divisions 1 and 2. Last season we were winners of division 1 and came second in division 2. Through the continued development of our players of all ages and standards, we expect to have another successful season this year.

For further details, see our website www.kinrossladieshockey.co.uk or contact the club secretary, Libby Simpson, on 07941 465811 or e-mail libbysimpson1@gmail.com. Or just turn up!



Athletics

Eilidh wins Bronze medal at Worlds!

EILIDH CHILD of Kinross had a brilliant week at the World Athletics Championships in Moscow. Good performances in the first round and semi-finals of the 400m hurdles saw her qualify for her first World Championship final, where she came fifth in a time of 54.86, beating fellow Briton Perri Shakes-Drayton for the first time.

Less than 12 hours later she took the lead leg in the 4 x 400m relay heat, helping to secure a place in the final for team GB & NI. The next day, Eilidh and team-mates Shana Cox, Margaret Adeoye and Christine Ohuruogu won bronze in the final in a time of 3:22:19, finishing behind USA (second) and Russia. This was Eilidh's fifth race in six days, and she drew special praise from GB & NI team captain Christine Ohuruogu, who described her as "a phenomenal athlete".

Moscow was also an excellent experience for Milnathort's **LAURA MUIR**. Attending her first ever World Championships, the 20-year-old veterinary student was in last position in her heat for the 800m when, with 200m to go, she put on a late surge to finish in third place and in a personal best time of 2:00.80 minutes. This qualified her for the semi-final where she came seventh. Laura is more used to running the 1500m and had to adapt her training in a relatively short time. It was therefore even more impressive that she reached this level in the 800m so early in her athletics career.

The World Athletics Championships took place in Moscow, 10-19 August 2013.

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Kinross Rugby Club



The rugby season is upon us once again, and the 1st XV have been playing rugby through August against some stiff opposition from Aberdeen Wanderers from the north and two clubs from Edinburgh in Forresters FPs and Inverleith RFC. These games have prepared the team for the hard season ahead us. The team itself is still a mixed batch of youth, experience and the insane, with new and old faces willing to put the purple jersey on to represent the club. As we are small club, we are always happy for new faces to appear even if you haven't played rugby for a number of years or even looking to get fit. Training nights are Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting at 7pm at the KGV playing fields.

In the club's youth section, both the Minis (school ages P1-P7) and Midis (High School ages S1-S6) have recommenced training for the season ahead. The Midis train on Monday nights and they start at 7pm. The mini training is from 10.30am on Saturday mornings.

The club has recently welcomed a new Development Officer in Rory McKay. Rory is a very experienced player, and brings a wealth of rugby experience to the role, his remit to develop rugby within the youth section, and develop rugby in local schools and develop links with the club.

Every year the club participates in a maintenance weekend along with other Scottish Rugby clubs (RBS rugby force). We would like to thank all that helped out over the weekend of 10 August, as your efforts have been well and truly noticed.

The club held a quiz night during August which was a great success and would like to thank all the teams that participated and also to say keep an eye on our website, Facebook page and Twitter account as we are in the process of planning another quiz night. Further details on any aspect of Kinross Rugby Club can be found on our website www.pitchero.com/clubs/kinross/

Dates for the Diary

		<i>Kick off</i>
31 Aug	1st XV away v Fife Southern	3pm
	U18s home v Montrose	1pm
7 Sept	1st XV home v Alloa	3pm
	U18s away v Hillfoots	1pm
16 Sept	1st XV away v Panmure	3pm
	U18s home v Falkirk	1pm
21 Sept	1st XV home v Dundee University	3pm
	U18s away v Waid FPs	1pm
28 Sept	1st XV away v Harris FPs	3pm
	U18s home v Camoustie	1pm

26 October Race Night at the club.

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Orwell Bowling Club

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Orwell Open Pairs takes place on 1st September; entrants welcome.

Orwell Ladies

Congratulations to our representatives in a successful year. County Finals were played at Cambus Bowling Green on Wednesday 26 June.

2 Bowl pairs winners: S Fullerton and R Howie

Triple winners: M White, M Thorn and J Reekie

Singlehand runner-up: D Foster

Scottish District Finals were played at Abbeyview on 16 June:

Rink runners up: J Jackson, M Thorn, J McFarlane and E Hamilton

Triple runners up: C Davidson, D Foster and J Reekie

East of Scotland Finals were played on 25 June at Charlestown.

Singlehand runner-up: D Foster (coming back from 17-2 down to lose 21-19!)

Orwell Gents

County Finals were played on 20 July at Tillicoultry.

Triple runners-up: B Cook, D Winton and VMcKechnie

Senior Singlehand runner-up: T Venn

Golden Oldies Competition was unsuccessful this year but we will go out and fight another year.

Internal competitions

Good night had by all for the Haig Cup, with club members turning up to try their skills at the variety of challenges set up.

Gents Winner: T Venn

Ladies winner: K Dougray, after beating S Fullerton in an extra round.

R Dougray Competition was played on 4 August with a reasonable club turnout and excellent weather. The winner was **T Venn** after beating G Morton in an extra end.

Orwell are participating in the seven days of sport on Friday 30 August with two sessions being held and a report will follow in next month's Newsletter. We are trying to raise our profile within the community so people are aware we are offering a sport that the whole family can be involved in. Coaching is available for people who wish it but we have afternoons where you can turn up and maybe just have an informal try or even just watch and get an idea.

The website (orwellbowlingclub.co.uk) is an excellent resource set up to keep members and the community up-to-date with Orwell Club activities. Please have a look, and if not a member already feel free to come along and join us.

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www.milnathortgolfclub.co.uk

Kinross-shire Cricket Club

Planning Permission Granted

The club is delighted to confirm that our planning application to build the new pavilion at Loch Leven's Larder Cricket Ground has been approved by Perth & Kinross Council. It has been a long process to design a suitable building that not only meets the needs of the club but also blends in with the local environment and meets the strict environmental controls for any building in the Loch Leven nature reserve catchment area. The club would like to pass on its sincere thanks to local architect Phil Dean for all his work helping us through the planning process and finalising the designs.

The new pavilion is similar to the building we had at Kinross House with a much larger community area for spectators and visiting teams. There will be a dedicated scorers and officials room, two changing rooms with toilets, additional toilet facilities for spectators and a committee room. Detailed plans of the new building are on display on the club notice board at the temporary pavilion at the ground.

Now that the approval has been granted the club can start the process of securing the money needed to build the pavilion, artificial playing wicket and bowling nets. It is expected that the total cost for the entire project will be in the region of £200,000 and the club has identified various sources of funding that can be used for this type of project. It is hoped that the funding will be in place by the end of the year and building works will start ready for the new season in April 2014.

Could your organisation make use of the new pavilion?

The club are very keen to find other community based groups from Kinross-shire that could make use of the pavilion and playing area at Loch Leven's Larder. Cricket takes place at the ground from April to September and is normally only in the evenings and every second weekend. If there are clubs or community groups that could make use of the building at other times of the day or during the Autumn/Winter period we would be very interested to hear from you. We would be particularly keen to hear from anyone who wants to start a new club but does not have a venue. Please contact the club via secretary@kinrosscc.co.uk

Senior Cricket

At the time of writing this article there are three games still to be played in the league season and the 1st XI are mid-table. The first fixture in August saw the team travel to Cupar Angus for a disappointing game that had few highlights but equally few areas of concern. At the end of the game we had not played that badly but were unable to produce a win. Ben Wright top scored with 35 and U15 player, Darwin Douglas making 28 not out as the team reached 129 in 45 overs.

The following weekend saw St Andrews based Kinloch travel to the Larder. Kinloch fully expected to win as they



had picked up several key league scalps this season. KCC Skipper, James Ross had other ideas. Having won the toss, Kinloch were put into bat and never looked comfortable. The first wicket fell from Fraser Gosse's bowling as KCC chairman John Ross took a spectacular full length diving catch to dismiss the Kinloch opener with the score on 12. Wickets fell in regular fashion as Fred Culley (3), James Ross (2), John Ross (2) and Scott Weir (1) all shared the honours. Kinloch finished on 121 all out at tea. James Ross opened the batting and simply destroyed the Kinloch bowlers as he raced to 72 not out, winning the game in the 26th over.

First Century at Loch Leven's Larder

James Ross repeated the feat he performed at Kinross House by becoming the first player to score a hundred at the new ground. His unbeaten 101 not out against Doune was exactly the same score he achieved against Almond Valley when he scored the first hundred at Kinross House. James is the most prolific batsman the club has ever had, having scored eight 100's since 2007. His 141 not out against Forthill in 2010 is still the club record for the highest 1st XI score.

Scotland Players

Ladies captain, Zoe Conway, has spent much of July and August playing for Scotland U17 girls and the Women's Development XI. This has been a fantastic season for Zoe and we are hopeful that she won't forget us next year as she heads to Edinburgh University to study civil engineering.

Under 15 skipper, Fred Culley has established himself as a key player in the Scotland U15 team to play in the European Championship. At the time of writing Scotland had won both opening games and looked positive for a great performance in the competition.

Club coach and former U18 skipper, Peter Ross continues his rise in International cricket as he was selected for the Scotland Development XI to play Yorkshire in a two-day game at Wheatwood, Headingley. Peter was returning from injury and this was his first representative game since the 2013 U19 World Cup in Australia. The club was delighted to hear that Peter scored 53 as Scotland set a 312 target for Yorkshire. The game ended in a draw, with expectation of Peter playing more Scotland games before the season finishes.

Junior Awards

As the season draws to a close, the junior cricketers are working their way through the ECB cricket awards which are presented at the club **junior awards night on Monday 16 September** at the campus. This is the main awards event of the year for the junior club and regularly has 200 people in attendance. More to follow in the October Newsletter.

It has been an excellent first season at Loch Leven's Larder and the club would like to thank all those who have helped make it such a special season.

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Kinross Otters

Scottish Gas National Open Championships 2013

Tollcross, Glasgow, 13- 16 June

This crème de la crème event at the completely refurbished home of Scottish Swimming and location for the Commonwealth Games next year, saw World Champion Hannah Miley sweep the board in every event she entered. Meanwhile, a little further down the rankings, four Otters made the Championships. **Niamh Mullen** (14) was the highest placed Otter coming 16th in the Women's 200m Butterfly in 2.48.78. **Aaron Gillon** (15) qualified for two Men's Backstroke events and came 28th in the 100m in 1.09.26 and 43rd in the 200m in 2.30.72. He was also 52nd in the 50m Breaststroke in 37.89. **Ruairidh Haig** (18) was 40th in the same event in 36.62, which is exactly the same time as last year at this competition. Breaststroke specialist **Rachel Brisbane** (16) came 37th in the Women's 200m Breaststroke in 3.19.07 and 40th in the 50m Breaststroke in 40.94. Well done to all of them for even getting to compete at this event.

Scottish Schools National Relay Swimming Finals 2013

Royal Commonwealth Pool, Edinburgh, 13 June

The Scottish Schools National Relay Swimming Finals took place at the refurbished Royal Commonwealth Pool in Edinburgh on 13 June. This superb facility boasted a 50 metre swimming pool complete with eight lanes which had full electronic timing and three giant electronic scoreboards. The pool was set up for short course (25m pool) and this was the scene for the packed arena of spectators to enjoy throughout the day and is to be the venue for the Commonwealth Games diving next year.

Kinross High School again sent their most successful swimming team ever, the double, double National Champions who had dominated in the previous two years, claiming all the gold medals on offer. The team consisted of local Kinross Otters, **Aaron Gillon**, **Cameron McCloskey**, **Conor McCormick** and **Cameron Nelson** (now Carnegie) who are based just across the road at Loch Leven Leisure Centre. However, this year was going to be different. The S1 and S2 boys swim separately but the S3 and S4 boys swim together. This meant that the Kinross High School team had just about the youngest composition that it could have, with no truly S4 boys and with **Conor McCormick** just turning 14 and effectively swimming up TWO years, things were going to be tough. The smart money was on no medals this year. The boys had other ideas!

Aaron Gillon set the scene for what was to come in the very first swim of the day, the 4 x 50m Medley Relay heats, where he completed a lightning quick Backstroke leg to break the 13 year old 50m Backstroke Otters record by over a second in 30.51 secs. The boys qualified with ease and in the final they excelled again with **Aaron** setting another quick 30.57 secs in the Backstroke, followed by **Conor McCormick** in a truly exceptional 34.94 secs in the Breaststroke, followed by a seriously quick 27.90 secs by **Cameron Nelson** in the Butterfly and they were brought home to a fantastic bronze medal by **Cameron McCloskey** in the Freestyle in 26.84 secs giving a total time of 2.00.25, *over 10 seconds quicker than last year!*

The freestyle event was more of the same and in the final **Conor McCormick** led off in 27.55 sec, followed by **Cameron McCloskey** in 27.35 secs, followed by **Aaron**



Gillon in a very quick 26.02 secs and they were led home by **Cameron Nelson** in an even quicker 25.98 secs to another great bronze medal in 1.46.90, some 7 seconds quicker than last year. Roll on next year when the team will be the "right" age!

Kinross High School entered a second team of S1 boys which consisted of more Otters, **Fraser Eadie**, **Finlay Nesbitt**, **Jack Watson** and former Otter, **Keir Menzies-Smith** (now Perth City). The boys qualified 7th quickest in both the Medley and Freestyle relays and came 8th in both in the finals.

Milnathort Primary School entered an all-Otters girls' team of **Honor Ashcroft**, **Amy Hardie**, **Alish Hunter** and **Ola Stanton** in the 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay and came a creditable 9th and in the same event **Kinross Primary School** (aka Otters **Abbie Watson**, **Claire Wilson**, **Hannah Eadie** and **Edie Mullen**) came 16th.

Kinross Primary School also entered a boys' team in this event (Otters - **Elliot Hogg**, **Jonny Mullen**, **Alex Bell** and **Jack Muncey**) and they too came 16th.

Stars of the Future, Olympia Pool, Dundee, 9 June

The Otters took a small team to this event and it was **Jack Watson** (12) who was our star performer on the day when he won a silver medal in the 100m Backstroke and a bronze medal in the 100m Freestyle events for 12 year old boys

Other News

Congratulations to **Rebecca Mitchell** and **Finlay Nesbitt** who have achieved the necessary times to attend the 2013/14 District Regional Programme, the Midland District Bronze Squad. This requires swimmers to swim faster than set national times - which seem to be getting faster every year. Well done.

Congratulations also to Otters Coach **Simon Metcalfe**, who has been chosen (again) to represent Scotland at the Water Polo tri-nations competition at the end of August at Tollcross in Glasgow.

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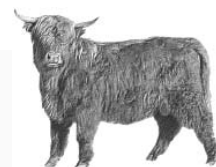
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Hi folks! Another month past, been a grand spell, tho. As autumn starts tae approach we wull sane see the signs o' new birds appearin on the reserve and the loch. We've hid several ospreys passin through awready, headin oan the return flight tae Africa fur the winter. Some passage migrant waders as weel. The present duck populations ur lookin a bit scabby as they moult post breedin season, afore they emerge wi new winter jekets.

The Little Ringed Plovers ur still oan the flood and as far as we ken the second brood o' three hiv survived the same as the first fower. Wi ony luck, we hope they will dae the same next year.

Another rarer bird that appeart wiz a Little Egret feedin oan the tap end o' the flood. It hung around fur a few oors then flew ower tae the loch edge and we lost sicht o' it. Wiz it the famous "Egbert" payin us anither visit? Hard tae tell cos they awe look the same really, but wha kin tell, it micht o' been the wee guy or indeed guys.

A few different species o' butterflies hiv been appearin, tho no near as many as in previous years, 'n' Ladybirds seem tae be non existent or at least in very short supply – ah jist aint seen a lot this year, hiv you? Hunners o' greenfly, tho. Man, the car's filt every nicht when ye open the door.

The kids' summer events programme hiz come tae an end noo but as always thurs aye sumthin gawn oan so check oot wur website fur details o' upcomin stuff. A ken we ur daen a "**Bat Walk**" oan **Friday 27 September** fae 6.15pm tae 7.45pm. Places will be limitit so ye need tae phone early tae book a place or places; first come first served n' awe that. Costs ur £2 members and £4 non-members per person. Usual number tae book.

The new "Giving Nature a Home" campaign continues and it's been amazing how many folk hiv been buyin things like bug hoeses, hedgehog habitats, nestboxes, feeders 'n' the like. It is really important that we gie nature a helpin hand and these grand cheils obviously thocht that they wid dae sumthin about it and try tae help. We hiv also noticed an upturn in folk askin fur advice oan whit they kin dae in the gairden tae help and encourage wildlife so it looks like the TV ad hiz sparked an interest in wur natural flora and fauna. Long may it continue, cos they share need awe the help they kin get. If ye wid like some advice yersel come in and see us.

The reserve played host tae held the Kinross Show fur the second year runnin oan 10 August and by all acoonts it seemed tae go weel and wiz pretty busy. We hope the local farmin community had a grand day oot and enjoyed the sights, soonds 'n' surroondins o' the reserve as weel as the show. We look forward tae hostin it again next year.

Think that's it again fur this month.

See ye next time,

Colin



A Midsummer Night's Dream at RSPB Loch Leven

The first ever outdoor theatre performance took place at RSPB Loch Leven on the evening of Thursday 1st August. The touring production of A Midsummer Night's Dream was watched by more than sixty regular and new visitors to the site. This light-hearted play, which combines fantasy, fairies and tragicomedy, is a classic and was acted by The Festival Players Theatre Company in the grassy picnic area at the nature reserve.

The Festival Players Theatre Company, founded in 1986 and based in Gloucestershire, is now a well-established professional company delivering the best in open-air Shakespeare. They continue to grow in reputation both nationally and internationally.

This was the first time we have had open-air theatre at the reserve and we were delighted with the way it went. We had a good-sized audience and everyone really seemed to enjoy themselves – and the rain even held off. We were so pleased with the positive feedback we got from people after the performance. The Festival Players were fantastic and we are planning to invite them back next year for more open air Shakespeare, so watch this space!

Karen Caldwell, Visitor Services Manager



Above and below: the outdoor theatre production of A Midsummer Night's Dream



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RSPB Loch Leven continued...



The Big Wild Sleep Out at RSPB Loch Leven

On Friday 9 August we welcomed our first ever campers to the reserve for a special night under the stars as part of our newest campaign, *Giving Nature a Home*. We wanted people to appreciate that all green spaces, no matter how big or small, provide havens for nature to thrive. The Big Wild Sleep Out was designed for those who either didn't have their own garden to camp in or who wanted to take the unique opportunity to camp out on the reserve. It was a truly special experience as none of the staff had ever done this either!

On the night, 36 campers from around Perth and Kinross, Fife and Edinburgh, two members of staff and a volunteer set up camp in Little Vane. It was a lovely night with just enough of a breeze to keep the midges at bay! After a very sociable BBQ, we set off in two different groups to check out the night. One group went off up the hill for some spectacular views before sunset and some interesting history of the area, whilst the younger members of the party did a lower level tracking trail finding evidence of all kinds of creatures of the night. It was almost pitch black when the children were constructing hides in the woods so we came back down and had a look at bones, skulls, wings and other gory finds from the reserve. It was really dark then and the two groups came together to do a bit of bushcraft, whittling sticks around a campfire and toasting marshmallows – very

yummy. A couple of bats were seen before going to bed and a very persistent tawny owl kept some of us awake....

At 6am, 18 people got up for an early morning birdwatch on the wetland. It was wonderful – we were treated to at least a dozen lapwings feeding right in front of the hide, a greenshank and an adult little ringed plover and its chick – very rare for Scotland and the first time they have ever bred in Perth and Kinross, woohoo! As if that wasn't enough, a mass of ten herons flew in low, one after the other and landed right in front of us.

As the morning wore on, we were gradually joined by the rest of the campers. We worked up an appetite for breakfast by dissecting owl pellets! Hmm, not so yummy, but great fun and brought lots of memories back for the parents. Then it was off to look at the fabulous array of moths that had been caught in the moth traps overnight. Green ones, gold, silver, ones with antlers and many more confirmed that moths are awesome and can be just as pretty as butterflies. Finally, it was time to tuck in to some very welcome breakfast in the café and then pack up.

Everyone left saying they had had a fabulous time and couldn't wait until next year. We hadn't even thought about next year but we have now! We are definitely going to host another Big Wild Sleep Out and next year we'll start earlier so we can do even more wild things.

Karen Caldwell, Visitor Services Manager

Local Attraction Opening Times

Lochleven Castle, Castle Island, Kinross

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

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

Opening times:

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

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

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



Burleigh Castle, Milnathort

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

Balvaird Castle

A late 15th century tower on an L plan. Refined architectural details. View exterior only. Near Gateside and Glenfarg. Grid ref NO 169 115.

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

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Loch Leven NNR

It's been a busy summer of activities and events at Loch Leven NNR, and there's been plenty of breeding activity on the loch too. Great-crested Grebes have had an excellent year so far, with eight broods being counted on the last brood count. Coot chicks have been seen near the Pier in Kinross, and Gadwalls have also enjoyed a productive year. Look out over the loch and you may yet catch a glimpse of the older broods as they move about in family groups for the first 6-8 weeks of their lives, and often form larger 'creches' which comprise several broods clumped together.

There's also been Ospreys a-plenty, with up to 15 individuals being counted on our annual Osprey Walk! This time of year is an excellent time to look for them, as the females are likely to have migrated, having done their bit in incubating and protecting their young. After fledging, the males take on the responsibility of ensuring the fledglings learn to fish before seeing them off on their first migration, which is when we see so many males and juveniles throughout August. Those on the Osprey Walk were also treated to cracking views of Kingfisher and Common Sandpiper - a thoroughly well spent evening!

We had an outstanding second day of volunteer balsam pulling, with the help of nine local volunteers who braved the wind, rain, and tricky terrain, to get most of the patches pulled around the Mary's Knowe area. Many thanks to all those involved - you know who you are, and your help was very much appreciated. The same effort will be required over the coming years in order to really get on top of the problem posed by this non-native invasive species, but we've taken a really big step in the right direction this year. We were very grateful for our invitation to the Kinross Show again this year, which was a fantastic event to attend. It was a great opportunity for us to talk to the public about the NNR, developments with the Heritage Trail, our busy events programme and volunteering on the reserve. Particular highlights were the spectacular Drakes of Hazard (must be seen to be believed!), the tasty Kinross-shire honey from Scottish Beekeepers Association member Enid Brown of Scotlandwell, the array of modern and vintage tractors and the large number of dogs in attendance to participate in the various dog competitions, including 'waggiest tail' and 'most appealing eyes' (I didn't enter my dog into the latter to give the others a chance!).

Art on the Pier took place over three Sundays in August and went really well, with good numbers of people participating in Alison's fun-for-all introductory printing workshops. Some people were taken with Alison's ideas and were keen to try and replicate them with school children and other groups at a later date. Alison was very pleased to know that her ideas were providing a source of inspiration that would be used and developed by others.

Fungi Foray: Sunday 29 September, 2-5pm, meeting at Findatie car park

As well as the imminent return of our winter migrants, autumn is also an exciting time of year on the loch shore as mysterious fungi begin to appear from rotting vegetation and grasslands. Fungi diversity is astonishingly wide, and the variation on display from September onwards can be spectacular. From the enormous Giant Puffballs and Cauliflower fungus, to Dead man's Fingers and Jelly Antler fungus, you're sure to be surprised by what you see and discover on this guided walk. We're delighted to welcome

back mushroom enthusiast Richard Smith from Fife Coast and Countryside Trust at Lochore Meadows, who will be sharing his knowledge and passion for fungi, and sharing a few tales of mischief and mayhem that colour the world of mushrooms. The walk is free and all are welcome. Waterproofs and walking boots are recommended. Please call 01577 864439 to book your place, but hurry! Places are limited.



A fly agaric mushroom - definitely not one for the frying pan!

That's all for now folks. Remember to check the blog for more up-to-date news from the reserve:
www.lochlevennnr.wordpress.com.

Craig

Fact of the Month

One lucky Osprey got caught in a low pressure system over the Atlantic during migration, and concluded a 60 hour 3000km non-stop flight by landing and subsequently overwintering in Portugal.

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Farming



Well, I think a new record has been set because I was happy with the weather when I wrote my last article and I am still happy with it – an almost unheard of occurrence! I even took the bold decision to make some hay, which is something I vowed I'd never do again after an attempt a few years ago when we spent all July kicking it up and down the fields and ended up baling rubbish. We got our first cut of silage made in good condition, although the yield wasn't great. Hopefully the second cut will be better to help balance things out. We baled the first two fields just yesterday and there is a reasonable number of bales. The rest of the fields won't be ready for a couple of weeks, and they look to be bulking up quite nicely.

The cattle and sheep have also been enjoying the sunshine on their backs and generally they have plenty of grass. In some fields the grass has grown more than expected so the quality has deteriorated, but at the least there is plenty quantity to keep them chewing for a while. I have topped some fields to help encourage fresh, lush growth of grass. We sold our first batch of lambs this week, too, which is a couple weeks later than hoped. I reckon this is due to the grass being overgrown and of poorer feed value, but they have still grown better than in last year's wet, miserable conditions. The ewes and lambs will be weaned by the time you are reading this and there is a field of mixed fodder brassicas for the lambs to graze, which will be a tasty bite for them.

The barley which was sown in the spring is also looking quite well considering it was sown very late. The sunshine in July certainly helped the heads to form, so hopefully there should be worthwhile crop to harvest. I am even getting excited that I might manage to sow the winter barley seed which has been in the shed for two years. I am currently testing the germination level of the seed to make sure it will be suitable to plant, so it's a case of fingers crossed on that one.

It is also time to plan forward and estimate if we are likely to have enough home grown feed for everything through the coming winter. This is causing concern for many farmers across the country due to the very late start of growth in the spring. This affected us here at Backward Farm, as we had to spread the livestock thinly over more fields to ensure they had enough to eat. What this effectively does is eat into (quite literally) next winter's feed stocks as the grass is being grazed off instead of being left to grow. As a result, our first cut was only two thirds of expected volume as well as being late. Fortunately, the dry weather suited our heavier land so we should end up not too bad. It is a different story, however, for farmers on lighter, more free draining soils because the land dried out quicker and the grass couldn't reach enough moisture to grow. This has resulted in poor yields for many, which is a worry. It just shows how the weather can be a double-edged sword and that you can have too much of a good thing. For many, the recent mixed showery spell was long overdue.

Thinking forward to the likely winter diet of the animals and its effect on their constitution reminded me of a 'Two Ronnies' sketch where they were Canadian Mounties and describing their respective horses.

From memory, I think it goes like this:

Ronnie C – My horse is called Tornado, 'cause he's faster than the breeze.

Ronnie B – My horse is called Windy, 'cause he's fed on hay and peas.

Enough said.

John

Weather



July Weather Report from Carnbo

July this year was certainly a month of contrasts. The early part of the month was very dry, near drought conditions, many sunny warm days, very pleasant weather compared with what we endured last Summer. Unfortunately this spell was not to last long and on the 21st the weather broke down with hot, humid conditions causing heavy thundery downpours, this leading to surface flooding in many places.

Total rainfall 130 mm (130% of normal)

Heaviest fall 61 mm (23rd)

(most falling in less than 2 hours!)

18 dry days, 1 trace day, 12 rain days

Highest temperature 28°C (18th)

Lowest temperature 7°C (1st)

Average temperature 16°C

6 days complete cloud cover 64% app

2 Thunder days

July Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall 95.6 mm (3.82 inches)

Heaviest fall 47.3 mm (23rd)

Total sunshine for month 200.9 hours

Sunniest day 11.1 hours (9th)

Maximum temperature average 22.04°C

Highest temperature 29.3°C (18th)

Minimum temperature average 9.95°C

Lowest temperature 3.5°C (1st)



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

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Congratulations

Marriage: DAVIES – SMITH

On 2 August 2013 at Cleish Parish Church, **MATHEW GARETH DAVIES**, son of Barry and Karen Davies, Kinross, to **NATALIE CLAIRE SMITH**, daughter of George and Winnie Smith, Milnathort. Many congratulations and best wishes for your future. A great day was had by all.

Dave and Erin **CUNNINGHAM** are proud to announce the safe and early arrival of their son, **INNES GORDON CAMPBELL**, on Saturday 27 July 2013. A baby brother for Eve.

SUTTIE – Alastair and Ceri (Robertson) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their firstborn, **OLIVER**, on Monday 5 August 2013 in Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy. First grandchild for Douglas and Linda Suttie. All are well and grateful to the maternity staff involved for their excellent care and attention. Many thanks also to everyone for all their good wishes and gifts received.

Congratulations to **KAY and DAVID MITCHELL**, 129 Lathro Park, Kinross, as they celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 2 September 2013. Love and Best Wishes from the family, Jane, Kate & Laura Nicoll, Louise, Gordon & Anna Duff.

KINROSS HOUSE has won the 2013 Restoration Award from the Historic Houses Association. Businessman Donald Fothergill bought the mansion from the Montgomery family in 2011 and embarked on extensive restoration work.

The Restoration Award was sponsored by Sotheby's UK. Sotheby's Chairman, Harry Dalmeny, said: "This is a heroic restoration of the grandest classical house in Scotland.

"To see an owner devote such love, care and attention to a house, which will continue as a home, is a thorough vindication of the aims of the award."

President of the Historic Houses Association, Richard Compton, said: "The scale of the renovation is magnificent."

Kinross House was built by Sir William Bruce in 1685.

Thanks



The **KINROSS CURLING TRUST** sincerely thanks **Kinross CC** for its generous grant of £3,000.

The Trust also thanks the many people who bought raffle tickets and goods at the Kinross Show, raising a fantastic £813 to help the Trust keep curling in Kinross.

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Collection at Kinross Show: The collection at Kinross Show on 10 August 2013 by pipers for Rachel House Children's Hospice, Kinross, amounted to the magnificent sum of £481.03. This represents 25% more than the collection at the Show last year and speaks volumes for the support of the local community for this wonderful Hospice in our midst. Our grateful thanks to all who donated.

Robin Webster MBE, MStJ
Secretary, St John Perth & Kinross

SAINSBURY'S KINROSS colleagues and management would like to thank all of their customers for helping to raise over £7000 towards local charities in the first six months of this year. Without this continued generosity and support we would not be able to help as many worthwhile local groups. Thank you all.

THE KINROSS HUB – A CAFÉ FOR CARERS: Elaine and Gail would like to thank the carers and their families who attended the 1st birthday celebrations on 5 August at St Paul's Church Hall. We had a turnout of 30 carers, who thoroughly enjoyed the buffet lunch and musical entertainment. A fantastic time was had by all.

A number of local businesses were very generous in donating a range of supplies. Thanks to: **Hunter's the Butcher, Baynes the Bakers, Heaven Scent, Sainsbury's, Le Jardin and Giacomazzi.**

We would also like to thank: Elaine Shorthouse and George Morrison for the fantastic singing and saxophone playing;

our wonderful baker, Sheila Herron, who provided us with two tasty birthday cakes; our loyal volunteers, Kathleen Little, Liz Baglow, Iris Smith and Dave Little, who are on hand every month to help us run the Carers' Café and the Rev David McKenzie Mills for his ongoing support.

We have great support within our team at the Community Campus: Tom Cross (Social Worker), Jan Stewart (Area Housing Manager), Charlie Wilson and Irma Brown (Springwell P & K) and Shona Reid, head cook (Tayside Contracts).

The Youth Services Community Learning Worker, Rhona Thom, worked with a group of pupils (Scott, George, Laura and Rachel) who each designed and produced a birthday themed magnet for us to give as a parting gift to all of the carers. This project was part of their Bronze Youth Achievement Award, and the pupils have been invited along to the September Carers' Café as a thank you.

The café continues to be a very successful support to our local carers. As a result, the café will now be running an extra session from 1pm to 3pm on the first Monday of every month. All carers and families are welcome – please feel free to drop in.

Elaine Kincaid and Gail Boath
Community Care Services
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This is a thank you to **VASEEM** and his staff at the **BISTRO** on the loch at Kinross and also a thank you to Colin Mitchell who takes an interest. Vaseem and his staff give a wonderful service to all who go there. We are three pensioners who go every Friday night for something to eat and listen to the music – our highlight of the week. Thank you from the oldest swingers in Kinross Causeway Court.

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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).

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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

Sundays: Morning Services at 10.30am. Crèche, Junior Church (age 3 to P7) and 'JamPact' (Secondary Age) meet at church during service. 7.30pm, 'Crossfire' (S1 upwards) in church centre.

Tuesdays: 10am, Pram Service.

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

Fridays: The Brigade, church centre.

Anchor Section 6 - 7.15pm, Junior Section 7 - 9pm.

Company Section 8 - 10pm (Contact: David Munro 862126).

Saturdays: 9am - 12 noon: Book Sale and Coffee Bar at the Church Centre.

Other Events and Services

September

Sun 1 10.30am Quarterly Communion Service

6.30pm: Informal Communion Service

Retiring collections at both services for 'Crossreach', the social care arm of the Church of Scotland

Mon 2 8am: Silent Meditation (30 mins.)

Tue 3 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court

Thu 5 7.30pm: Thursday Group, church centre - 'Easier Clothes Shopping'

Sun 8 3pm: Concert and Afternoon Tea in 'Second Sunday Series'

Sat 14 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (names in advance to church office)

Tue 17 7.15pm: Guild, church centre, 'For Old Times' Sake'

Thu 19 9pm: Time to Pray, late evening service of Compline (20min)

A Weekend of Support for 'Fuel for Life'

(Mission Aviation Fellowship)

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Sat 21 10am - 12 noon: Open to public. Refreshments. (at Campus)

Sun 22 10.30am: 'Fuel for Life' Service

12 noon: 'Bake Off for Take Off' Congregational lunch and exhibition, at church centre

Tues 24 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court

8pm: Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

Sun 29 10.30am: Harvest Thanksgiving. Collection for Tear Fund

6.30pm Informal Evening Service and Harvest Supper

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10am Portmoak Church,

11.30am Orwell Church.

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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)

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We are excited about the ways in which God is calling us to grow as a community, for the community. Our aim is 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 enjoy becoming part of this faithful family of Christ.

8am Morning Prayer (Mondays and Wednesdays).

September Services**Sun 1** Week of Proper 22. 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.**Sun 8** Week of Proper 23. 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.**Sun 15** Week of Proper 24. 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.**Mon 16** 7.30pm Holy Communion and candlelit service of Compline followed by a visit to a local hostelry.**Sat 21** 12noon Holy Communion for the feast of St Matthew the Apostle, followed by social lunch at the Lochside Bistro.**Sun 22** Week of Proper 25. 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist.**Thu 26** 7.30pm Service of Healing and Wholeness.**Sun 30** MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS (transferred from 29th). 8.30am Holy Communion, 11.00am Sung Eucharist; 6.30pm Evening Prayer with hymns.

(For those who are interested, the Proper weeks are numbered off from Easter Day. We keep on counting them until we begin the countdown to Advent Sunday.)

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**September****Sun 1** 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum Brian Ogilvie, followed by refreshments and fellowship.**Sun 8** 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum Brian Ogilvie.**Sun 15** 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum Brian Ogilvie.**Sun 22** 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum Brian Ogilvie.**Sun 29** 9.45am Morning Worship. Locum Brian Ogilvie.

Wrigglers Group (0-3 years), Junior Church, crèche and teens group all meet during term time within the church family at the beginning of the service, and then in their own groups after 'Time to Talk'.

Café Refresh: Every Thursday, church hall, 2-4pm.**Yoga classes:** Please contact Lucille Henderson for details, 01577 840683.**House group:** Will begin this month. Please contact Fred for details, 01577 840833.**Film Afternoon: Friday 6 September** 2.30-4.30pm in the Elizabeth Wilkie Hall. Join us for a film, a cuppa and a blether.**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@tak21.com

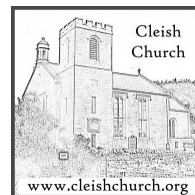
Website: www.cleishchurch.org

Sunday Services 11.15am**Crèche and Junior Church** 11.15am**September****Sun 1** 11.15am All Age Worship: Brian Ogilvie, followed by tea and coffee in the village hall.**Sun 8** 11.15am Morning Worship: Brian Ogilvie.**Sun 15** 10.00am Early Birds Worship.

11.15am Morning Worship: Brian Ogilvie.

Sun 22 11.15am Morning Worship: Brian Ogilvie.**Sun 29** 11.15am Morning Worship and Guild Dedication: Brian Ogilvie.

All welcome

**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.

Hall Bookings

A list of halls and contact details can be found at

www.kinross.cc

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.

KCF also runs the Talking Donkey café - see separate notice in the Newsletter. Additionally, the Friday evening Youth Group at the Millbridge Hall (Space) is also the responsibility of our Fellowship, and we are pleased to accept this privilege.

Kinross Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross

Website: www.kinrossgospelhall.info

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



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Acknowledgements

CHRISTINA BRUNTON (died 18 July 2013) – Norma and Raymond would like to thank all mum's family, friends and special carers Sean and Nigel for their love and support to mum and ourselves. Mum died peacefully in the tender care of PRI Ward 6.

A special thanks to all the staff of Stewart Funeral Directors for their very professional help, to Rosemary Tolson for giving up her time to play the organ and to Harry McLennan for delivering such a poignant eulogy which really captured the essence of mum's life.

MORRIS MACINTYRE – Dave, Anne and Calum would like to thank everyone for the very kind messages and cards following the recent sad loss of Esme. We would also like to thank all friends and neighbours who attended the service at Portmoak Parish Church and a very special thanks to those who contributed to the service and particularly the Rev Dr Angus Morrison for leading such a beautiful service to celebrate Esme's short life. We are very grateful to the many health service staff who cared for Esme including Dr Angela Edgar, Nicola Davison and the wider Ward 2 Team at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Edinburgh; Dr Anne Cunningham and the District Nurses at Loch Leven Health Centre; and Dr Pat Carragher and the Care Team at Rachel House. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the Kinross-shire and wider community in support of the Teenage Cancer Trust as we continue to raise funds in memory of Esme at www.justgiving.com/esmesadventure

Recently bereaved? Needing some support?

AMONGST FRIENDS

(Bereavement Group)

meets at the Health Centre, Kinross

on the last Friday of the month, 2.30pm to 4pm

A warm welcome awaits all

For details phone Marg 01577 863557

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Every Thursday from 10.30am to 12 noon

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

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Playgroups and Toddlers ⁵⁵

Milnathort Babies & Toddlers

Orwell Church Hall, Milnathort
Friday 9.30am-11.15am

A relaxed and friendly group
Healthy snacks, tea & coffee
Children from birth to 3 years
(5 years if attending with younger sibling)
Great fun for the kids, mums, dads and carers!

PLACES NOW AVAILABLE!

To join in the fun
call 07745 804539
Email milnathortbt@gmail.com
Or find us on Facebook



FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

Glenbank Cottage, Powmill

Partner-provider for P&K Education

Places available for 3-5-year-olds and Rising Fives
Sessions daily 9.30– 12 noon

Contact Pat Irvine 07703 177766 or
www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross



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
(only 10 mins from Milnathort and Kinross)

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

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

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

Email: portmoakunderfives@hotmail.co.uk
or find us on Facebook

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: Mon 9.05am-11.35am with Lunch Club after (for children from age 3 yrs). Tue to Fri 9.15am-11.45am. Children from the age of 2 years welcome.

Inbetweeners: Fri 12.45pm-3.15pm with Lunch Club before. Children from the age of 3 years welcome.

Rising Fives: Tues & Wed 12.45pm-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

GLENFARG BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We meet in the newly refurbished village hall, Greenbank Road, Glenfarg on Wednesdays, 9.30-11.30am.

Healthy snack for children

Coffee/tea & biscuits for carer

Lots of toys

Friendly support for all carers

First session free, £2 thereafter (£1 for additional children)

Contact 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.



Notices

Life Drawing Classes

Loch Leven Community Campus

Six-week block starting

Wednesday 4 September

Led by expert tutors, the classes are suitable for anyone aged 16 and over and all abilities.

All materials and equipment are supplied as part of class fees, which are £49 or £34.50 for concessions.

Booking essential. Call PKC Customer Service Centre 01738 475000 or email enquiries@pkc.gov.uk

The Thursday Group

This is a women's group meeting 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 *A Demo to make clothes shopping easier.*
Bring a friend month and book exchange.

The Milnathort and Kinross Allotment Association

The association will now be meeting on
the second Thursday in the month at 7pm
in the community space at the Community Campus

Tullibole Castle Open in September

Tullibole is a classic example of a 17th century Scottish tower house in a parkland setting.

The Castle is open **throughout September**, Tuesday to Sunday, 1pm to 4pm. Admission every half hour with guided tours only. Adults £5, Concession £3.50.

Tullibole Castle is located on the B9097, one mile east of Crook of Devon.

Free entry to the castle on **21 and 22 September** for Doors Open Days. (See p. 8.)

Unrestricted access to the scheduled Churchyard and Witches Maze Memorial at all times of the year from Gelvan Road, ½ mile to the NW of the Castle.

www.facebook.com/Tullibole.Castle

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

Orwell & Portmoak Church Coffee Morning with Sales Table

in aid of Church funds

Saturday 14 September

10am – 12 noon

Portmoak Hall, Scotlandwell

Second Sunday Series I

An exciting new venture to bring the best of music together with prime home baking on a Sunday afternoon in Kinross Parish Church begins in September. The first series of three concerts will last till November. The artists are all from www.classicalmusiciansscotland.com and will offer an hour of music followed by afternoon tea. Tickets will be £10 and ideally should be bought in advance from Kinross Parish Church office 10am-12pm each week day, or from Milnathort Post Office, or from Alex Cant (alexcant44@aol.com). Tickets for school-age children are £4 each. Please check these websites for details:

www.kinrossparishchurch.org

www.kinross.cc

www.classicalmusiciansscotland.com

On **8 September** at 3pm **Paul Chamberlain** will give an accordion recital of classical music. He has played on the international stage including Russia and Finland and has won many prizes. He was born in Scotland and has been studying at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. His first solo album is released – 'Classical Accordion'.

On **13 October** at 3pm **Daisy Henderson** and **Derek Clark** will give a recital of songs for soprano and piano, which will include Scots song, and operatic offerings. Daisy is one of the soloists in Opera Alba, which presents opera in venues up and down the country, and she is a member of Trio Serenata, and is a soloist in The Ivor Novello Story. Derek Clark has worked on the playing side of opera, both as repetiteur, conductor, and arranger all over Britain.

On **10 November** at 3pm the **Campbell Duo**, Vicky and Hugh Campbell, will give a flute and guitar recital. They have had many pieces written for them, and Hugh tirelessly arranges orchestral works for the ensemble. They have recently completed a tour throughout the UK, mainland Europe and Scandinavia. They have strong association with the music and musicians of Norway.

Further information can be had from Alex Cant.

West Wing Studio, Hatchbank House

Part of Perthshire Open Studios

(No. 47 in POS brochure)

The West Wing Studio is open again this year as part of Perthshire Open Studios.

Our exhibition this year includes paintings, prints, greetings cards and more, all at competitive prices.

Please pay us a visit. We are open:

Saturday/Sunday 7/8 September 10am – 5pm

Saturday/Sunday 14/15 September 10am – 5pm

also **Wednesday 11 September** 10am – 5pm

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THE KINROSS HUB A CAFE FOR CARERS

GUEST SPEAKERS

2nd Sept 2013

10:30am Scam Awareness (Trading Standards)
1:30pm District Nurse & Pharmacist

7th October 2013

10:30am Zero Waste (Environmental Services)
1:30pm DISIP (Disability Information Services)

The speakers will give a brief talk at 10:30am
then 1:30pm allowing time for one to one
advice.

The hub cafe is
an informal
meeting place to
chat over a cuppa
with other carers,
cared for and
family
members.



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1st MONDAY of EVERY MONTH
10am-12noon & 1pm-3pm

Contact Gail Boath
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Tel. 01577 867306 or 867310



Kinross Parish Church Guild

The new season starts on **Tuesday 17 September** at 7.15pm
in the Church Centre.

Kinross Guild is one of the oldest in the country – 125 years
old this year. Our first meeting is entitled '**Old Times'
Sake**' and meetings will be held **fortnightly** after the 17th.
Our theme this year is 'A Fellowship to Build' and we
invite women **and** men to join us. Membership is £8 for the
year.

Milnathort & Kinross Scottish Country Dancing Class

every Wednesday at 7.30pm in Milnathort Town Hall

New season starts on **25 September**

For more info contact Helen on 01577 861349
or visit website Milnathortcountrydancing.blogspot.com

Powmill Quilters

20th anniversary exhibition of quilts in
Moubray Hall, Powmill

on **Saturday 28 September** 10am – 4pm

raffle quilt, teas etc

For more info contact E Johnston 01577 840330

Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com
www.scottishcf.org

Milnathort filmhouse



programme nov – dec 2013

Life of Pi Sat Nov 2nd 8pm

Epic Sun Nov 3rd 3pm

Christmas Eve Screening choice by
public vote! Dec 24th 5pm

Milnathort Filmhouse AGM

Wednesday September 25th,
8pm at Milnathort Town Hall
All welcome



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

Jumble Sale

to raise funds for the Guides

Saturday 5 October at 10.30am

at the Guide Hall, Church Street, Milnathort



Inaugural Dinner

Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross
Saturday 19 October 2013
19:00 for 19:30 start

3 course meal, auction, raffle
MC: Ross Muir
Main speaker: Willie Allan
Dress code: Lounge suit or kilt

£40 per person
£360 per table of 10

For tickets contact:
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Loch Leven NNR Events Programme 2013



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.

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

Blythswood Care

Sainsbury's Car Park

(if car park is full, van will park nearby, e.g. Park & Ride or Ochil View)

Tuesday 17 September

between 10.30 am and 11 am

Further details from 862258

Make A Difference Family Fun Day

26 October 2013

Loch Leven Community Campus

- **Celebrate** all the great things you and your organisation 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**.
- **Local volunteers** highlight the amount of time and different roles volunteers undertake in the area, why they do it and individually they get out of volunteering.

Does your group, organisation or charity rely on volunteers?

Do you need or want to recruit volunteers?

Make A Difference Kinross-shire 2013 could help!!

In our 2nd year the focus will be celebrating the valuable contribution volunteers and volunteering makes within Kinross-shire.

If you want to know more, get involved and /or book a space, then send your contact details, including telephone and email address to Tracey Ramsay or Jayne Ramsay at kinrosscomlearn@pkc.gov.uk, or phone on 01577 867177.

Registering an interest will ensure you receive regular programme updates along with opportunities and invitations to get involved!

Watch this space!

A weeklong celebration of volunteering which aims to highlight all the great things local organisations are doing with the assistance of volunteers throughout Kinross-shire. **22 - 29 October.**

Local volunteers highlight the amount of time and different roles they undertake in the area, why they do it and what they individually get out of volunteering.

Celebrate Achievement!

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



Support Websites

Samaritans	www.samaritans.org.uk
Breathing Space	www.breathingspacescotland.co.uk
Childline	www.childline.org.uk
Perth Assoc for Mental Health	www.pamh.co.uk



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

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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

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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

9th & 23rd August 13th & 27th September 11th & 25th October 8th & 22nd 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

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre, 40 St John Street, Perth, PH1 5SP
www.careconfidential.com

email: hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com

Helpline 01738 621174

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Newsletter Deadlines 2013

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

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
October	Fri 13 September	Saturday 28 September
November	Fri 18 October	Saturday 2 November



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

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 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, by telephone on 01738 631639 or by visiting our website at www.mindspacepk.com. You can also be referred by your GP.



Need to consult an old Newsletter?

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

Electronic versions of Newsletters from September 2006 to the present day can be downloaded from the Newsletter website: www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Perth Citizens Advice Bureau



The Kinross Outreach Advice Surgery is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at St Paul's Church Hall, The Muirs, Kinross. The next visits are:

10 & 24 September

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

Give A Greyhound A Home

Contact us to arrange a time to come along to pick your hound to take home



Phone: 01592 890583 (evenings)
Mob: 07826244765 (daytime)
email us on ferniejimmyf@aol.com

www.greyhoundrescuefife.com

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www.gordonbanksmp.co.uk

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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.

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.

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www.pkc.gov.uk

Customer Service Centre

Tel: 01738 475000

(Mon to Fri, 8am-6pm)

Out of Hours Emergencies

Tel: 01738 625411

(Roads, flooding, environmental health and dangerous buildings)

Clarence (for non-emergency road and lighting defects)

Tel: 0800 232323

Registrar

Tel: 01577 867133

(new no. as from Aug 2013)

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

Kinross-shire *Day Centre*



**Table Tennis • Videos • Cards • Dominoes • Carpet bowls
Daily Papers • Chiropody • Trips • Exercises**

Weekly Programme

Monday	Exercise Class	11am	Elderberries	1.30pm
	"Stride for Life" Walking Group			2pm
Tuesday	Relaxation Class	1.15pm	Games	1.45pm
Wednesday	Morning Service	10.45am	Quiz Afternoon	1.30pm
	Dominoes & Games	1.30pm	Scrabble	1.30pm
Thursday	Film Afternoon	1.30pm	Dominoes	1.30pm
	Art Class	1.30pm	Scrabble	1.30pm
Friday	Bingo	1.30pm	Dominoes	1.30pm

Additional Events for September

Barge Trip

Tuesday 3rd 11.45am

There will also be a variety of activities during the month which we don't have dates for yet. Please look out for posters in the Day Centre, Causeway Court, Whyte Court, The Beauty Spot & library.



**Coffee Bar open 8.30 am - 4 pm, Senior Citizens Lunches Daily
Telephone: 01577 863869**

WATCH THIS SPACE.

We are celebrating our 30th Anniversary this year and are celebrating in style with a fantastic programme of activities which will be advertised soon.

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: **4 September**

Mobile 2, Week 2, every second Tuesday:

Visiting Mawcarse, Glenlomond, Kinnesswood, Scotlandwell, Levenmouth Farm, Hatchbank and Carnbo. Next visit: **10 September**

Mobile 1, Week 2, every second Wednesday:

Visiting Glenfarg and Duncricie. Next visit: **11 September**

For times of stops, see PKC website: www.pkc.gov.uk

Any queries, telephone AK Bell Library 01738 444949.

Art for Recovery Kinross

Confidence building Skills Sharing Socialising

ARK provides support through arts and crafts for people with health issues in Kinross and surrounding areas.

ARK offers peer support to those in need of a little company to socialise and learn new skills. Try drawing with pencils and pastels, painting with acrylics and watercolours, working with clay, felt-making and patchwork. Or just have a cup of tea or coffee!

The group meets **weekly on a Wednesday** from 1pm to 3pm in Orwell Church Hall, Ba' Hill, Milnathort. £1 per session. For more information, email arkforart@gmail.com or call the Chair on 07590 387189.



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).

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

Ben Sayers 'Finesse' Ladies Golf Set **£7500**

NRG 300 clubs with graphite shafts: 3 and 5 wood, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 iron, pitching wedge, sand wedge. Bag with wide shoulder strap and weatherproof cover. Izzo dual straps. Variety of tees, six golf balls, scorecard holder, handy sized copy of 'The Rules of Golf', unused ladies leather golfing glove. All in very good condition.

*Seller details: Stuart Walker 07584 024787
stuart@photography-services.co.uk*

Laura Ashley Sofa **£150.00**

3 seater sofa, beige with burgundy check, very good condition.

Gents Siko Kinetic Watch **£150.00**

Unusual design, good working order, serviced and cleaned by Winski's, cost £350 new.

*For above two items contact: Barbara Carey 01577 864178
barb.bee@hotmail.co.uk*

Beko Freezer **£5000**

Used but in good working condition. Will also have a matching fridge for sale within next few weeks so either sold separately or as a pair depending on timescales and demand.

Seller details: Danny Loughney 07769 214060

Triple Bunk Bed **£3000**

Single on top and double below. Silver grey, metal, tubular frame. Frame only, no mattresses.

*Seller details: Darren Souter 01577 866778
darren.souter@tesco.net*

Patay Manual/Hand Bilge Pump DD120 **£9000**

Dyson DC 15 ball Hoover **£8500**

In good, clean, used condition. Just had a brand new dyson hose fitted. Can be tried.

*For above two items contact: Mrs Brown 07828 085452
tinypies@yahoo.co.uk*

Chicco Spotty High Chair **£2500**

Great condition, only used at Granny's house. Cost £80 new.

Winnie the Pooh Travel Cot **£2000**

Great condition. Bought for £55 originally.

*For above two items contact: Kirsty Douglas 07525 359284
kirstymac_1985@hotmail.co.uk*

Kinross High School Boy's Blazer **£2500**

Worn only once, excellent condition. Size 16r, 38".

*Seller details: Marion Drummond 01577 865157
Marion.drummond@hotmail.co.uk*

Carpet **£7500**

Beige self coloured 10'4" x 16'10", good quality and very good condition.

Leather sofas **£250.00**

Italian leather, green. One x 2 seater plus one x 3 seater, plus footstool. Very good condition.

*For above two items contact: Grace Legge 01577 864540
ronandgrace.legge@btinternet.com*

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.

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').

17th Edition Electrician (Full time), GA Property Care Ltd, Kinross

Permanent position with overtime available and working away will be required. Duties will involve carrying out installations within hospital x-ray rooms and commercial premises, planned works and reactive call outs. Van will be supplied, plus tools and uniform. Basic pc skills essential and good understanding of 17th edition regulations.

Email CV to cv@gapropertycare.co.uk with covering letter, trade certificates and additional training certificates obtained.

Kinross Recycling Centre

Bridgend Industrial Estate

Opening Times: **Mondays to Fridays 9am to 7pm**
Saturdays and Sundays 9am to 5pm

Bicycles, cans (inc aerosols, biscuit tins, aluminium foil), car and household batteries, cardboard, cooking oil, electricals (WEEE), engine oil, fluorescent tubes, long life light bulbs, food and drinks cartons (Tetra packs), fridges, freezers, garden waste, glass, large domestic appliances, paper, plastic (rigid plastic packaging), rubble stone and soil, scrap metal, telephone directories, textiles (clothes and shoes), timber, tyres (maximum two per visit, strictly householders only) and non recyclable (general) waste.

Compost can be collected from the Recycling Centre, subject to availability. Maximum of 2 x 25kg bags per visitor.

The Bike Station

Donate unwanted bikes, parts and cycling accessories for reuse. Bikes are refurbished and sold on to the public at affordable prices. Poorer bikes are salvaged for parts.

Bikes can be donated at the Kinross Recycling Centre (Bridgend Industrial Estate) or at The Bike Station at Mid Friarton, just off the Edinburgh Road in Perth.

Bike Station opening hours: Monday to Saturday, 10.30am to 4.30pm and late opening to 8pm on Wednesdays.

Weekly bike sales: Fridays, 10.30am-4.30pm (children's bikes) and Saturdays, 10.30am to 12.30pm (adults' bikes).

Tel: 01738 444430. Email: perth@thebikestation.org.uk Website: www.thebikestation.org.uk

MOUBRAY HALL, POWMILL

Do you need to hire a venue for your club or society meetings, family get-togethers, birthday parties or functions?

Then look no further than Moubray Hall, Powmill.

Available to hire all year round with new kitchen and disabled toilet.

For further details, please call 01577 840330.

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: fccoffice@btinternet.com

Diary for September

*A more extensive and regularly updated
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