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Letters

Editorial

Volleyball has moved indoors, Probus Club has resumed, the curling season is starting. It can mean only one thing: summer is over! British Summer Time ends at 2am on Sunday 26 October.

Please take time to vote for a good cause in the Bank of Scotland community fund. There's an explanation of this on page 4, plus more information from the shortlisted Kinross-shire groups in their entries in relevant sections of the Newsletter (Club News and Sport).

Note to Contributors

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CC: Community Council
Cllr: Councillor
CCllr: Community Councillor

Councillor Cuthbert - Sept issue

Over the past thirty years I have found the newsletter an extremely useful publication in terms of provision of local information and events. Therefore I am extremely disappointed to see that there has been a departure from what I presume was previous editorial policy in allowing Councillor Cuthbert to favour us with the benefit of his wisdom with regard to the referendum.

Leaving aside the questionable veracity and logic of his arguments, I think it completely inappropriate for a local councillor to seek to influence the opinions of the community through the newsletter on a national matter, which is clearly not within his remit. It is heartening to note that his more experienced councillor colleagues have resisted the temptation to issue us with guidance as to how we should vote.

Perhaps they could remind him of where his priorities should lie as there are many pressing local issues which currently require his attention.

Alistair McCracken
Croft Wynd, Milnathort

The Editor of the Newsletter consulted me as a Director of Kinross Newsletter Limited but also as the person from time to time consulted about legal matters for the Newsletter in relation to Councillor Cuthbert's submission and I took the view that Councillor Cuthbert, as an independent Councillor, was entitled to express his point of view through the pages of the Newsletter, just as any other individual. Any responsibility for the decision to publish Councillor Cuthbert's submission then is mine, rather than the Editor's.

Campbell C Watson

Cowboy builders

May I take this opportunity to warn your readers that there are cowboy builders operating in the area. No matter how plausible and convenient they may seem up front, there is a risk of demands for irrelevant payment, intimidation, threats and abusive early morning phone calls that is simply not worth taking.

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Persimmon Homes scheme for Old High School

Readers will no doubt be aware of the great controversy surrounding the previous attempt by Persimmon Homes to gain planning approval for the old High School site.

These matters have been reported in the press as now being the subject of Formal Complaints to Perth and Kinross Council and are under investigation.

I attended the recent Persimmon Homes pre-application public exhibition for their latest revised plans for the old High School site on 3 September, which was held at the campus. It was immediately clear any commitment to public engagement was, as before, at a most minimum level and information was very limited.

I asked for a small copy of the plan, itself very basic, but was told none were available.

I suggested perhaps they could make use of the library facilities to make me a copy and was told this was not possible.

I asked for a business card of any of the three representatives and was told they had none. (Not true as it later turned out.)

The original plans brought to the last Persimmon public consultation back in May 2013 bore the official logo of Perth and Kinross Council. This suggested that PKC had engaged in a joint project and were therefore sanctioning the development or alternatively Persimmon used the logo without authority.

The public were certainly not made aware it was some kind of joint project.

I have heard from several sources including those with contacts within Perth and Kinross Council and within Persimmon that this new development is seen to be all but a done deal and in the bag.

How could this be as the application has not even been

lodged yet?

When asked why Persimmon had again omitted any attempt to sympathetically renovate elements of the old School frontage to the High Street, the Persimmon Design Director, Neil Parry, stated that **"Persimmon don't do old buildings."** This statement is a revelation.

Persimmon have claimed to date that restoration of the oldest stone elements of the school are not commercially "viable". When they arrived at this position they conveniently failed to factor-in the profit gained from the building of the large number of new homes on the rest of the site.

Now it would appear they never had a commitment to renovate the old frontage building, (easily an obvious and viable stand alone project), because they **"don't do old buildings"**.

There were **eight** people in attendance at the Persimmon consultation event while I was present and on talking with the rest it was clear **seven** were not happy with the plans and the quality of the information offered. Yet Persimmon representatives attended the Kinross Community Council meeting later the same day (3 September) and claimed that their plans had been well received.

The Community Council meeting itself had not given proper notice in their agenda that Persimmon would be in attendance and making a presentation.

All these matters require to be the subject of further close public scrutiny.

I have written to Mr Parry of Persimmon seeking some answers and await his reply.

Ken Miles

Turfhills House, Kinross

Editors note: Persimmon representatives will also attend the Kinross CC meeting on 1 October.



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News & Articles

Your vote can help local good causes

Three Kinross-shire based good causes have been shortlisted for a **Bank of Scotland Community Fund** award.

The Kinross (Marshall) Museum, Kinross Otters ASC and the Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme will be vying with Burntisland First Aid Services Trust for public votes in this Bank of Scotland community area.

The four causes shortlisted in each Bank of Scotland area will each receive a grant from the Bank of Scotland; the amount will depend on the number of votes received. The group with the most votes will get £3,000, the next £2,000, the third £1,000 and finally, £500.

Votes can be cast by going to the Bank of Scotland community fund website, or by going into a Bank of Scotland branch, or by sending a text message.

To help you decide which cause you would like to support, here is some information provided by each organisation:

Kinross-shire Volunteer Group & Rural Outreach Scheme

We provide a voluntary private car service to elderly and infirm residents of our community, for medical appointments and shopping trips in Perth, Dundee, Fife and Edinburgh. A door-to-door service is provided, with drivers remaining with passengers until they return them home. This award would allow us to continue and expand this service.

Kinross (Marshall) Museum

Kinross Museum brings the past alive by engaging the local community with its history and heritage. An award towards the Kinross-shire Memory Bank project will help us capture and share memories of life and work in a series of reminiscence activities, designed to promote a sense of place.

Kinross Otters Amateur Swimming Club

We are a local swimming club. This award would allow more of our members the opportunity to participate in a warm weather training camp. It would encourage more young people in our community to start swimming, bringing them the many health and social benefits that regular training and belonging to a successful club bring.

Burntisland First Aid Services Trust

We want to make defibrillators more easily accessible in our local community, enabling their use following a cardiac arrest, well before an ambulance can arrive on scene. The chances of survival will therefore be increased from about 12%, towards the UK best practice of 32%.

How to vote

In branch

Visit the Kinross, Cowdenbeath or Lochgelly branches of the Bank of Scotland and collect a voting token from a member of staff.

Website/Email

Go to communityfund.bankofscotland.co.uk and search for your local area by putting in your postcode, or clicking on the map. When you find the section about the organisation you want to vote for, click on the "Vote for Us" box. Complete the details and click "submit". You will be sent an email from the Bank of Scotland Community Fund to confirm your vote. Click on the link in the email to confirm your vote, otherwise it won't count.

Website/Twitter

Go to communityfund.bankofscotland.co.uk and find the organisation you want to vote for (as above). Click on the "Vote for Us" box. Click the "Vote via Tweet" button to auto populate a tweet.

By SMS

Text VOTE, followed by the unique code for the organisation you want to vote for, to: 82332. The codes are:

- Kinross-shire Volunteer Group & Rural Outreach Scheme: **LCC**
- Kinross (Marshall) Museum: **LBH**
- Kinross Otters Amateur Swimming Club: **LCL**
- Burntisland First Aid Services Trust: **LBJ**

Deadline: Voting is open now and **ends at 11.59pm on Friday 10 October.**

Church hosted debate

The photo at right shows some of the two hundred members of the Kinross-shire community who came along to take part in the Scottish Independence Referendum Debate organised by 'Kinross-shire Churches Together' in Kinross Parish Church on Monday 25 August.



Councillor Giacomuzzi Kinross Primary School replacement



In last month's Newsletter, Cllr Robertson, in alluding to the comparative assessment currently being conducted between Kinross Primary School and Tulloch, speculated that if Kinross were not chosen, 'it could mean that no replacement school will be built for our children until the early 2020s'.

On the basis of this speculative statement, he goes on to construct an attack on the elected SNP Government of Scotland; all Good Politics on behalf of the Liberal Democrats who have some headway to make up in the polls! Personally, I'd rather keep party politics off the pages of this publication, as I do not think that it is appropriate.

I do not share Cllr Robertson's pessimism around the possible timing of a newly built primary school at Kinross. Discussion which I have had with colleagues within the Administration at the Council, confirm that the Scottish Government regularly invites Councils to 'bid' for extra capital funding as resources become available. I understand that the latest tranche of money available from the Scottish Government for new projects may be of the order of £100 million, and while I have no specific knowledge on the matter, I am hopeful that Kinross and Tulloch will get new primary schools sooner, rather than later; certainly before 2020.

What of Cllr Robertson's anguish at the inability of Councils to raise more money through higher Council Tax? Well, the SNP election pledge to freeze Council Tax was made at a time when the outgoing Labour Government in Holyrood had presided over a rise in council tax of 69%, clearly an untenable situation. The Administration in Perth, like other responsible Scottish Local Authorities, took action to balance the books by finding better ways of delivering its services. Indeed, against a backdrop of declining grants from central government, Perth and Kinross Council managed to record a surplus of income over expenditure last year!

In conclusion, I have a good feeling that both Perth and Tulloch primary schools will be replaced within a reasonable time frame. I also applaud the fact that the repayment costs of these schools will be met from the Council's Revenue budget WITHOUT any recourse to increased taxation. Goodness knows, family finances are sufficiently stretched six years after the onset of the greatest recession of recent times without the imposition of even higher Council Tax.

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Councillor Cuthbert Scottish Independence Referendum



At the time of writing this, the referendum vote is under a week away.

Whatever the result, I think is imperative that we all pull together and work towards a better Scotland, whether this is as an Independent Country or as part of the United Kingdom.

My experience in talking to people before the vote has been that this issue has been very divisive.

I have seen couples, families and groups of friends arguing and bickering over whether to vote yes or no.

If we are to succeed as a country, we will need to kiss and make up and to pull together.

I would earnestly and respectfully ask everyone to do this.



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Mulcher machine helps to restore Portmoak Moss

One of the few surviving raised peat bogs in central Scotland is being restored with the help of a specialist machine.

The purpose-built mulcher unit has cleared and levelled a twelve-hectare core area of Portmoak Moss, helping to re-wet an internationally important habitat that has suffered from decades of draining.

Gary Bolton from the Woodland Trust Scotland said: "We're levelling the core area of the raised bog to encourage re-wetting, while encouraging native woodland to develop over the rest of the site.

"This summer we've been working to level out ridges left from afforestation ploughing, reducing the size of tree stumps left over as a result of commercial conifer planting, and removing invasive scrub.

"This work should help to spread water across the bog, bringing natural processes back to life, encourage more raised bog species and reduce natural regeneration of scrub on the raised bog habitat."



*The mulching machine in action at Portmoak Moss
Photo: Gary Bolton, the Woodland Trust Scotland*

Portmoak Moss is a remnant of a complex of bogs and wetlands that developed around Loch Leven after the last ice age. The raised bog is an internationally rare habitat that is home to a number of rare species of moss and wildlife, including dragonflies and damselflies.

For centuries the peat of the raised bog was cut for fuel until only a remnant remained and in the 1960s Portmoak Moss was drained, ploughed and planted with conifer trees.

Since acquiring the site in 1996, the Woodland Trust Scotland has worked with a local community group to clear trees, control seedlings and dam drains on the bog surface to help restore parts of the bog and increase water levels.

The charity has also been working to increase the amount of native woodland surrounding the bogs as well as maintain access for visitors.

Recent work to restore the raised bog at Portmoak Moss has been supported by Scottish Natural Heritage through the Green Stimulus Peatland Restoration Project.

See also news from Portmoak Community Woodland group, page 48.

**Deadline for all Submissions
5.00 pm, FRIDAY 17 October
for publication on Saturday 1 November**

Herculean effort for a friend

Colin Hogg, accompanied by brother Duncan, set off from home, Stockport, Cheshire on 23 August to cycle the 302 miles to Kinross to raise funds for his friend Graeme Paterson, who suffers with Motor Neurone Disease.

Their biggest challenge of the whole ride was getting round and through the environs of Manchester. This achieved, they faced the Pennines with some very steep hills, and three squally showers including hail.

Day 2: Destination Brampton by Carlisle: An easier and more straightforward day but still hilly. The management at the caravan park waived the charges for us when they saw the posters advertising the charity ride all over the caravan.

Day 3: To Biggar via the Devil's Beef tub: A sunny, dry day but a head wind. It's really frustrating having to pedal down a hill! When Colin staggered off the bike he was limping. Despite months of training and hundreds of miles, the constant grind of cycling day after day was taking its toll.

Day 4: Biggar via Edinburgh: Another bright day and a bit of a spring in the step, as it was the last day and relatively flat. A friend of Graeme's father offered to guide the lads round Edinburgh on cycle paths, which was much appreciated.

From South Queensferry it was straight up to Kinross, arriving at the Muirs Inn after a gruelling 302 miles, for photographs and cheers of 'rent-a-crowd' – well there were ten, and a glass of bubbly kindly donated! Thanks to Lyn and Willie of **the Muirs Inn** for their kind hospitality.

A big thank you also to Colin and Duncan who used a week of their annual leave and paid their own expenses for the trip. They hired a van and were back in Stockport by 5pm the following day.

A celebration dinner with family and friends was held that evening in the Muirs Inn and some (more) ale consumed!

To date, the amount raised online is £3,193 and cash or cheques £682. Donations are being accepted by Andersons, Solicitors, High Street, Kinross.

The online address is [gofundme.com/a45wsg](https://www.gofundme.com/a45wsg) Charity Bike Ride.

A sincere thank you is extended to the Kinross community and to all the kind folks from further afield who have sponsored Colin in his Herculean effort for his friend.

Gordon Paterson



A final celebration at the Muirs Inn, Kinross. l to r: Colin Hogg, who dreamed up the idea; Gordon Paterson, Graeme's father and Rapid Response Team of one; Duncan Hogg, Colin's older brother, navigator and encourager.

Scottish Ploughing championships come to Kinross-shire

The 52nd Scottish Ploughing Championships will be held at Newlands Farm and Pittendreich Farm, Wester Balgedie, Kinross by kind permission of Mr R Erskine and Mr R Niven on 25 and 26 October.

Over 150 ploughers will compete in the different classes for modern, vintage and horse ploughing – conventional (general purpose), classic, multi furrow, reversible, classic, vintage mounted, vintage trailing, broken furrow, high cut and whole furrow, with the champions in each section going on to represent Scotland at World, European, Six and Five Nations championships across the globe.

The current Scottish reversible and conventional champions, Andrew Mitchell Snr and Andrew Mitchell Jnr from Forfar, have just returned home from the World Ploughing Championships in France with Andrew Snr winning the World Reversible title for a fourth time, up against competitors from 29 other countries. Andrew Jnr, who has previously won the World Conventional title on two occasions, had to settle for Silver this time round. These are great achievements by both ploughers.

Ploughing commences at 9.30am each morning, and finishes at 2.30pm, so make sure you come along early to see all the action.



A pair of Percheron draft horses - a breed originating in western France

Alongside the competition ploughing, there will be machinery stands, demonstrations by modern farm machinery as well as vintage machinery displays and a horticultural class. Subject to suitable weather and ground

conditions, the only pair of matching steam ploughing engines in Scotland look set to make their public working debut at the match. The pair of Fowler BB1s are owned by the Cook family of Leven and were the first ever Fowler BB1s made by the Steam Plough Works in Leeds in the spring of 1918.

The event should attract several hundred people to stay in the local area for a few days, with ploughers and supporters from all over Scotland, Northern Ireland and the north of England.

Spectators should make their way to Newlands Farm and follow signposts. More information can be found on the website www.scotplough.co.uk



Fowler BB1 No 15139 'The Master' ploughing at an event in Aberdeenshire where it was partnered by a Fowler Z7

Landscaping at war memorial

Some public realm works around the war memorial in Kinross will take place in October.

As the County Building is now in private ownership, PKC intends to create public access to the war memorial from the pavement to allow for the laying of wreaths etc.

The local authority retained ownership of the war memorial and the flowerbed area when the County Building was sold earlier this year.

Part of the boundary wall will be removed and most of the area paved with sandstone and whinstone setts.

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News from the Health Centre



Influenza Vaccination

Flu Clinics at the Health Centre

The autumn seems to have come round quickly again and we have therefore made plans for the annual flu campaign. The dates for our flu clinics are:

Monday 6 October 9am to 1pm.

This is a public holiday, so the Health Centre is closed for all appointments other than pre-booked flu vaccinations.

Saturday 1 November 9am to 1pm

Saturday 15 November 9am to 1pm

Saturday 29 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 aged 65 and over by 31 March 2015 (Born on or before 31 March 1950)
Those aged 6 months or over in a clinical 'At Risk' Groups	Chronic respiratory disease and asthma that requires continuous or repeated use of inhaled or systemic steroids or with previous hospital admissions. COPD including chronic bronchitis and emphysema Chronic heart disease Chronic kidney disease: kidney failure or transplant, nephritic syndrome Chronic liver disease: cirrhosis, chronic hepatitis Chronic neurological disease Diabetes Immunosuppression Asplenia or dysfunction of the spleen
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.

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Childhood Flu Programme

The childhood flu vaccination programme is being extended to include all children aged between 2 and 11 years old. GP practices are responsible for vaccinating children aged 2 to 5 years old and there will be special clinics at the Health Centre on Tuesdays: 7th, 21st and 28th October. Please contact Reception now to make an appointment for your child. Children at primary school will receive the vaccine at school.

Pneumococcal Vaccination

Patients who have just become 65, or will be 65 by 31 March 2015, will also be offered the pneumovax vaccination. This vaccination is generally only required once and can be given at the same time as the flu vaccination.

Shingles Vaccination

The Shingles vaccine will be offered to those in the following age groups: those aged 70 on 1 September 2014 i.e. those born between 2 September 1943 and 1 September 1944 and those aged 78 or 79 on 1 September 2014 i.e. those born between 2 September 1934 and 1 September 1936. This vaccine can be administered at the same time as the flu vaccination so a separate appointment is not required. Appointments can be made at the Flu Clinics listed above.

Orwell Medical Practice

Dr McCracken and Dr Osborne are delighted to announce that Dr Kirsten McInnes, who joined them in 2012 as a GP Retainer, is now a partner in the practice. Dr McInnes starts her maternity leave in October and we look forward to her return in spring 2015. Dr Donna McLeod will be working in the practice over the next 6 months to cover Dr McInnes' maternity leave.

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Fabulous Mary Queen of Scots afternoon in Kirkgate Park

Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation

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What an eventful day it was in Kirkgate Park on Sunday 31 August, with wonderful weather and fantastic local support for the Mary Queen of Scots celebration.

The centrepiece of the event was the re-enactment by Les Amis d'Onno who performed a fantastic show with horses, combat followed by foam-sword fights for kids by The Border Clansmen. A lot of local groups with fabulous looking Marys competed in the boat races. There were various historic stalls, a pig roast and lots of entertainment... a fencing display by Dunfermline Fencing Club, Kinross Pipe Band, highland dancing by Lawson's school of dance, music by Queich Consort, a display by the museum in the Watch Tower and various children's activities by Swansacre Playgroup. To all groups who provided the entertainment, thank you so much for all your support!

We would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our co-organisers of this



After arriving by boat, Mary and entourage set off on horseback



Part of the Les Amis d'Onno storytelling

event, The Rotary Club of Kinross & District, who supported the event with a lot of volunteers, and all the volunteers who helped out at the coffee/tea stall; the Boys Brigade for letting us use their marquee; the Scouts for their shelter tents; the cycling club who kindly let us borrow their PA system and the Turnbull family who let us use their generator. Also a huge thank you to James McLaren and Stuart McPherson for towing the KLEO trailer and George Shiels for kindly letting us borrow his van.

Boat Race

The Rotary Club organised rowing boat races in pairs from the Kirkgate jetty, round a buoy and back, with each 'Mary' from a boat having to race to the judges' tent to log the team time. The winners of this fun event were **Kinross Colts** in a time of 3 minutes, with runners up

Plumbers and Bummers (3:04:76), with third place going to **The Pipers** (3:08:43). The booby prize was five complimentary tickets for a boat trip to Castle Island. Prizes were kindly sponsored by **Ivan Wood & Sons**, Fruit and Vegetable Wholesalers; **J & G Wilson**, Solicitors and **The Muirs Inn**, Kinross.

The fourth to eighteenth placed boat teams were (in order):

Young Farmers 1, Kirkgate Cloggies, Day Centre Dynamics, Hairy Marys, Kinross Complete Amateurs, Rotary 2, The Drummers, The Armadillos, The Naked Jaguars, Rotary 1, Ladies Circle, Young Farmers 2, Round Table, Headless Chickens and The Green Wood Choppers.

See Clubs p. 55 for more KLEO news.



Children loved bashing the Border Clansmen with foam swords!

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For further details of any of the events listed below, and to book where required, please contact the library. All events take place in the library unless otherwise stated.

'You're Never Too Old...' A Morning with Millie Gray Wednesday 22 October

Join Millie Gray, as the campus celebrates Older People's Day. Millie Gray is a writer and professional storyteller who has the honour of being the 'Arts Champion for Older People in Scotland.' Now in her ninth decade, and, thanks, she firmly believes, to that childhood struggle with dyslexia, Millie has published five books in five years. Her sixth novel, 'When sorry is not enough' soon to be released, is the latest in a string of novels based on life in Leith in the first half of the 20th century.

Free event. Start time: 11.15am.

Ancestry Workshops

Wed 22 Oct

Discover all the different ways to find out about your past. How to create your family tree, use census and parish records, and more.

Two workshops: 11.30am-1pm and 1.30pm-3pm.

Contact library to book a place.

Exploring Scotland's History and Culture – a tour at your fingertips!

Wednesday 22 October at 12.30pm, 1.30pm & 2.30pm.

Would you like to see some wonderful photographs of Scotland – people, places, history and traditions? See photographs of Kinross House through the ages, old industries in Perth and Kinross, beautiful gardens across Scotland, music and fashion through the 20th Century, images from Scotland's museums and galleries. All these and much, much more (over 360,000!) are found in a fantastic free resource called SCRAN. It's just one of the many online resources you can now find on the Perth and Kinross Libraries website.

Why not drop along to one of the small, informal sessions where we'll show you how easy it is to find your way around this collection. Also find out how to print out your favourite photograph as a personalised calendar or card!

Ghostly Autumnal Fun at the Library

Fri 24 Oct

Be inspired by Karen Wallace's ghostly characters during this fun storytelling and free activity session. Discover her favourite characters, from funky phantoms, star spooks and ghouls that go-a-haunting; enjoy the holiday atmosphere with your children or grandchildren.

Suitable for 3-9yrs. (Children aged 8yrs and under must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Stories suitable for 3-7yrs.) Time: 1.30pm - 2.30pm. Booking in advance is essential.

A Very Natural History of Sex – a talk by Jules Howard Monday 27 October at 7.30pm

Jules Howard is a freelance zoologist and natural history broadcaster, who has contributed to a host of natural history programmes including the BBC's The One Show, World on the Move and Nature. He writes regularly for BBC Wildlife Magazine, and runs the popular nature writing blog Nature's Footnote.

In this entertaining romp through the animal kingdom, Jules celebrates the weird and wonderful, and discovers that even the most mundane creatures on Earth have sex lives worthy of turning our heads... or our stomachs.

Among the original stories included:

Which animal has the loudest penis? Why are pandas so bad at sex? Why are flamingos gay? How much is a gallon of racehorse sperm worth? Do chimps have periods? What's with lesbian damselfies? Why do some frogs mate with goldfish? And, crucially, what really is love?

For further information and to book tickets (£8), please contact either A K Bell Library, tel 01382 444949, email library@pkc.gov.uk or Loch Leven Community Library.

A very natural history of sex
- a talk by

Jules Howard

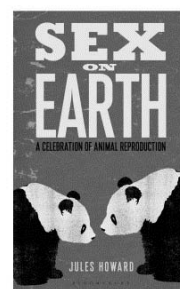
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Loch Leven Community Library, Kinross

Tickets £8.00

please book in advance from Loch Leven Community Library or A K Bell Library, Perth

In this entertaining romp through the animal kingdom, naturalist and nature-writer Jules Howard celebrates the weird and wonderful, and discovers that even the most mundane creatures on Earth have sex lives worthy of turning our heads... or our stomachs.



An Evening with Val McDermid

Fri 21 November

Val McDermid is one of the biggest names in British crime writing. Her novels have been translated into 30 languages and sold over 10 million copies worldwide. Join this award-winning crime writer, journalist and occasional broadcaster as she discusses her successful writing career and reads from her soon to be published new novel, 'The Skeleton Road.' "The acknowledged queen of the psychological thriller" (The Guardian).

Start time: 7.30pm. Contact library to book tickets (£5).

Celebrate Book Week Scotland with Messy Nessie

Thursday 27 November, 4pm-5pm

Be inspired by some Scottish authors during this fun storytelling and activity session. Rediscover Katie Morag, Hairy MacLary, Nessie and many more favourite characters.

Children aged 8yrs and under need to be accompanied by an adult; stories suitable for 3-7yrs.

Free event; suitable for 3-9yrs. Booking is required.

40s Vintage Day

Loch Leven Community Campus held its second Vintage Day on Saturday 23 August.

There were lots of vintage vehicles and displays both inside and out to take everyone back to the forties!

There were stalls providing a wonderful selection of crafts and vintage goods together with some super forties displays including the RAF Living History Group 638 Squadron who set up a display showing what life was like on an operational RAF Station during the war. The Scottish Military Vintage Vehicle Group had lots of vehicles and displays on show to really take us all back in time and lots of people played the part by dressing up in 40s gear.

Inside there were Pathé newsreels playing all day, together with Kinross Museum providing a great display of Kinross-shire life in the forties and a fantastic selection of forties toys and



As well as teaching dance moves, Flyright put on an entertaining display



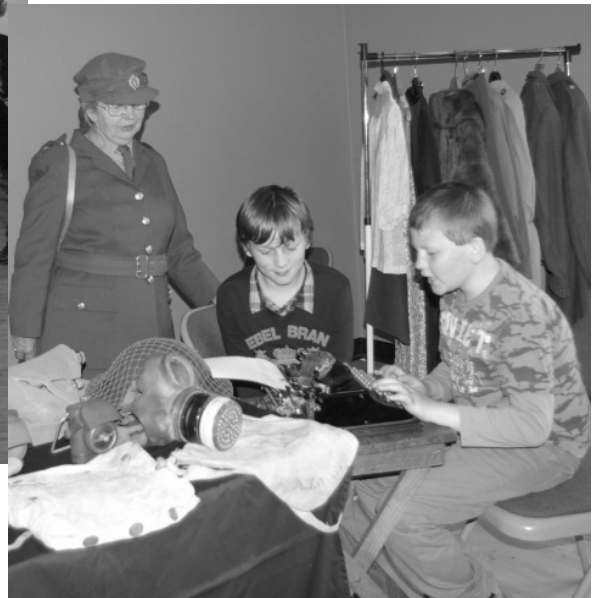
Above: People of all ages loved the forties style dancing

Below: There was a fascinating collection of WWII memorabilia at this Vintage Fair stall



Below:

A vintage typewriter proved fascinating for those more familiar with computers



children's activities which were very popular.

A hugely popular part of the day was the 40s dancing, again hosted by 'Flyright' who took everyone through all of the steps! All who attended the dancing agreed what a fantastic afternoon of dancing it was.

The beer tent for the day was provided by 'The Muirs' who thankfully stepped in at the last minute for us, so a big thank you to Willie and Lyn. Thanks must also go to Perth Brass Band who gave us some lovely performances, despite the rain!

All in all, it was a great day spoiled only by some showers in the afternoon so we hope to be back next year and do it all again.

Gerry McGregor, LLCC

PKC planners under fire from Kinross-shire groups

Two Kinross-shire community organisations have recently lodged formal complaints to PKC over the Council's handling of planning applications.

Portmoak Community Council has complained that PKC did not follow correct procedures when processing a planning application to demolish the Lomond Country Inn in Kinnesswood and erect five houses in its place.

The Kinross-shire Civic Trust has complained that reports by planning officers recommending that councillors approve the demolition of the former Kinross High School and the erection of 102 houses were biased, misleading and lacked transparency.

Portmoak CC's complaint is in two parts. The first is that PKC validated the application to demolish the Lomond Country Inn and erect five houses even though the application was not accompanied by a 'design statement' or 'design and access statement'. Portmoak CC says this puts PKC in default of the *Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013*.

Secondly, Portmoak CC's complains that PKC "withheld from public access the report of the conservation officer" for the Lomond Inn application. Portmoak CC believes that this "reflects a lack of transparency" and is not consistent with planning legislation and is also not consistent with PKC's practice of making other officers' comments available.

The planning application to demolish the Lomond Inn and erect five dwellings was validated on 30 April 2014. The applicant, Lime Blue Design Build, withdrew the application in July.

The two formal complaints lodged by Kinross-shire Civic Trust relate to the applications by Persimmon Homes to (1) demolish the former Kinross High School and (2) build 102 houses on the site. The applications went before the Council's Development Management Committee in May 2014 with a recommendation from the Development Quality Manager to approve. The applications were unanimously refused by the councillors on the Committee.

The Kinross-shire Civic Trust has spent months researching the background to the planning reports and requesting further information. The Trust cites numerous instances of PKC's failure to be "transparent" or "reliable" – both requirements of Scottish Planning Policy 2010 – in the planning process relating to these applications.

As owner of the former High School site, PKC will make a significant sum of money on its successful disposal. It is also the body that can grant planning approval for the site. When a local authority has a conflict of interest such as this, it is supposed to separate staff responsibilities in accordance with Scottish Government Planning Advice Note 82. The Kinross-shire Civic Trust queries whether such separation took place in this case.

There is a great deal of focus on conservation officer comments in the Civic Trust complaints.

The site lies within the Kinross Conservation Area, and the Council's own Kinross Conservation Area Appraisal (2010) describes the original stone building fronting the High Street, which dates from 1906-07 (Edwardian era), as a "key building of interest" which is "of architectural and historic value." As such, although not listed, the Edwardian building is protected by national policies and Local Development Plan policies, and there should be a presumption to retain and reuse the building.

PKC's planning portal states that no consultation was made with the Conservation Team over the proposal to demolish the High School buildings. In fact a Freedom of Information request revealed that a consultation had been made, but never placed on the planning portal. The planning report that went to committee made no reference whatsoever to the views of the conservation officer, who had concluded her comments with the words: "I object to the proposed demolition in the strongest terms."

A conservation officer report for the application to erect 102 houses on the site was placed on the PKC planning portal in February 2014 but removed sometime before 24 April.

The report by the Development Quality Manager to councillors makes only brief mention of the conservation officer's opposition to the demolition of the Edwardian building, and completely fails to mention her criticisms of the materials and design of the proposed Persimmon housing, the adverse effect on the setting of the Listed Parish Church and her advice that the proposal breached planning legislation. The conservation officer had said the proposal was "of insufficient quality of design and materials to meet legislative requirements to enhance the conservation area, and fails to recognise the area's historic and urban design context" and ended by saying: "I strongly object to the development proposals."

It was announced in the local press in early September, as the Civic Trust was preparing its complaints, that PKC would no longer be publishing any of its conservation officer reports online. A Council spokeswoman said: "The outcome of the internal consultation between conservation officers and planning officers are no longer published on our website as these findings are summarised in the final report that goes before the relevant committee for determination."

Kinross-shire Civic Trust Secretary Eileen Thomas said in one of the Civic Trust complaints: "We have amply demonstrated here that the report of handling did not give a true and balanced reflection of the expert advice obtained with regard to the planning proposal."

Local councillors are also very concerned with the Council officer moves to bury conservation officer reports.

Cllr Cuthbert said: "My view is conservation officers' reports should be on the public portal and any report of handling should reflect what has been said."

Cllr Robertson has written to Ian Innes, PKC Head of Legal Services with his concerns. He said: "How can councillors be expected to make informed decisions when all the information available is not presented to them?"

Aside from the issue of suppressed conservation reports, the Civic Trust complaints find fault with the Council over many other points, such as misleading claims regarding the marketing of the High School site and misrepresentation of the economic viability of the restoration of the Edwardian school building.

The Portmoak CC and Kinross-shire Civic Trust complaints are currently under investigation by PKC.

Eileen Thomas

The PKC planning references for the proposals mentioned are:

- Lomond Country Inn: 14/00707/FLL
- Demolition of buildings at former Kinross High School: 13/02314/CON
- Residential development of 102 units etc at former Kinross High School: 13/02328/FLM

Parking worries for High Street shops

Shopkeepers in Kinross town centre are concerned about further changes to the High Street proposed recently by Perth & Kinross Council. The changes would be part of the public realm improvements due to take place in spring 2015.

Some – though not all – shopkeepers received a letter in early September about proposed amendments to Traffic Regulation Orders and were given just a few days to comment. The proposals in the letter are:

- An extension of the existing 20mph zone.
- The creation of a 'No Parking Zone' within the High Street except within signed bays. This would remove the need for double yellow lines.
- Alterations to the waiting restrictions.

The Newsletter understands that the proposal will involve the major shopping section of the High Street, from the Co-operative down to The Doghouse, becoming a new 'restricted parking zone,' which will ban parking for the whole of that length, except for three parking bays slightly north of Hunter's the Butchers. The restricted parking zone will not have double yellow lines; the restriction will be indicated by signage at the entry points to the zone.

Pamela Hunter has expressed concern to the Council that, without double yellow lines and without the current

signs indicating a limit to one hour's parking, some cars may be parked all day, which would prevent lorries stopping near to their premises to offload deliveries. On telephoning the Council to express this concern, she was told that the area will be patrolled by wardens.

Hunters receive approximately 25 deliveries per week of fresh meat, poultry game and other goods from 7-tonne lorries. Several trade waste vehicles also need to stop at the premises.

Nearby businesses such as the Complete Look, Fife Computers and Winski's of Kinross also receive a substantial number of deliveries and customers of the latter two shops need to be able to stop close by to drop off heavy items such as clocks and

computers for repair.

Adam Winski, proprietor of the Watchmakers and Jewellers, has written to the Council with comments. He supports the idea of a loading/unloading bay outside the butcher's. Mr Winski has also suggested to the Council that, if there are only to be three parking bays, one should be for disabled users and one limited to perhaps just 20 minutes, which would be suitable for a little local shopping and those needing more time could go to nearby longer term car parking spaces.

Like Mrs Hunter, Mr Winski is pleased that the High Street is to receive a "facelift", but told the Council: "I believe with a little extra effort/cost, we can better accommodate the needs of our customers."



Local shopkeepers are alarmed at PKC's latest parking proposals for Kinross High Street

Composting project success

Residents who have taken part in the two-year Kinross-shire Home Composting Project are marking the end of the successful project.

A total of 32 residents living in homes which aren't part of the kerbside food and garden waste recycling service were provided with free composters and kitchen caddies as part of a project to help divert food and garden waste from landfill.

To support the households to get composting, interested residents were invited along to workshops held by the local Zero Waste Volunteer, Amanda James.

Most of the participants in the project received plastic or wooden compost bins, and were advised not to put cooked food in these, to avoid attracting vermin. There are other composting systems which can be used for cooked food.

For more information visit www.pkc.gov.uk/composting, email recycle@pkc.gov.uk or phone the Council's Customer Service Centre on 01738 476476.

More information about the kerbside recycling service can be found on www.pkc.gov.uk/recycle

Film festival cancelled

The Just About Movies film festival that was due to be held in the grounds of Tullibole Castle over the last weekend of August was cancelled at just two days' notice by the organisers due to the ill health of a key person.

Lord Moncreiff, owner of Tullibole Castle, said he was sorry the organisers had to cancel, but he is "keen to develop Tullibole Castle as an inspirational venue for events and festivals."

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"One hundred years on, we are all connected to the First World War, either through our own family history, the heritage of our local communities or because of its long-term impact on society and the world we live in today."

(Imperial War Museum, First World War Centenary website.)

Throughout 2014, the Newsletter is featuring brief histories of some of the local men who died in WWI and whose names appear on war memorials in Kinross-shire.

Readers may be interested to know that there is a comprehensive history of Kinross-shire WWI servicemen, researched by Sgt Alastair G Smith, in the Kinross (Marshall) Museum at the Loch Leven Community Campus. This can be consulted during Museum Study opening hours (Thursdays, 10am-8pm and Saturdays, 10am-1pm).



2nd Lieutenant David Robertson

David Robertson had been an apprentice with John Wilson, Solicitor, Kinross, and then joined a legal practice in Edinburgh. He was the son of a well-known Kinross family. He lived at Struan Place, Montgomery Street, Kinross. His father was an elder at West United Free Church in Kinross and David, along with his two brothers, joined up for the army in France, David joining the Royal Scots.

He was present at Ypres when the Third Battle of Ypres opened on 31 July 1917. He was killed on the opening day. The British war cabinet had approved the offensive at Ypres in an effort to keep pressure on the German army as the French army was in disarray and Russian military power was on the verge of complete collapse. The Americans were by no means ready to join the war and the feeling was that some pressure had to be maintained on the Germans otherwise they could deal a decisive blow to the French. The enduring image of the Third Battle of Ypres – or Passchendaele – is of incessant rain, shell holes filled with water and mud.

David Robertson was killed instantly on going over the top by rifle or machine gun fire and the reports indicate that the Germans then counter attacked over the ground on which he

lay. The letters back reported that the Battalion "has lost one of the most promising of young Officers, a splendid soldier and companion, a fearless leader of men. He will be missed even here where changes are so frequent". He has no known grave but is remembered on the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres.

When the Third Battle of Ypres ended on 10 November 1917, both sides had incurred approximately 250,000 casualties, and the British had attained few of the original strategic objectives.

Private William Wilson

Also killed at the Third Battle of Ypres was Private William Wilson. He was in action on 22 August 1917 with the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders near the Roulers Railway, close to Ypres. The War Diary reveals very heavy activity during this phase of the battle; shellfire, communications completely disrupted, snipers in action on all sides and numerous casualties killed by sniper fire and shell fire.

Private Wilson was never found, having been reported missing on 22 August 1917, and he is remembered on the Tyne Cot Memorial at Ypres.

He came from 8 Old Causeway, Kinross.

Forty folk firewalking!

Over forty people took part in a sponsored Firewalk on Saturday 13 September at the Market Park, Kinross, to raise funds for the Scottish Cot Death Trust.

The picture shows the fire burning about an hour before the first walks over the embers, which are 600-800 degrees Fahrenheit.

The volunteers taking part were raising funds for "Andrew's Rainbow" a project to create a children's book to help families explain the death of a sibling to a child born following a death.



Close to the fire: community fundraiser Lynne Mackenzie Quinn, parent volunteer fundraiser Wilma Carragher and finance officer Shona Latta of Scottish Cot Death Trust

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Crime Prevention Advice

It will soon be the end of British Summer Time and the longer nights will be upon us.

Beware the opportunist thief as they will take every opportunity to exploit poor security at and around people's homes. Very often it is the simplest security measures that can make the difference and stop crime from happening in the first place. First and foremost, lock front and back doors, as well as windows, even when at home and especially overnight.

It is recommended that householders leave a light on if they are unlikely to be home before dark, or use a timer switch to ensure that the lights come on as dusk falls.

Nowadays, it is common for people to store expensive goods and equipment in their sheds, garages and outbuildings – which is precisely why householders should take steps to ensure their belongings are safe and make life as hard as possible for the opportunist thief. Tools and ladders and even garden furniture should also be put away and never left out for thieves to steal, or even use to commit crime.

Be a good neighbour and look out for any suspicious activity within your community. Look out for other people living around you, particularly older or vulnerable neighbours. Tell the police immediately if you have any reason to be suspicious about any persons or vehicles. Along with community safety wardens, our officers regularly carry out high visibility patrols across the city. They will respond to ongoing incidents and react to information passed to them by the public. We would urge residents to report crime when they see it happening, or where they have suspicions that something is going on.

Some points to consider:

- Ensure that keys are not left within door locks.
- Consider getting a house alarm fitted or using an existing one.
- Mark all valuables with a UV pen with the relevant postcode and house number. If stolen items are recovered by the police, it is much easier to return them to the owner if this has been done.
- Make it more difficult for criminals to simply unscrew locks or hinges of shed doors by fitting carriage bolts, or clutch head security screws. Another method of stopping screws being removed is to fill the heads with epoxy resin.
- Consider fitting a curtain, or similar. If the shed has windows this may help to obscure the view of the shed's contents.
- For visibility at night, consider sensor-operated lighting as a convenient and effective deterrent.
- Consider using a steel cable threaded through removable property and securing it to a building. This can make it extremely difficult for the thief to steal the item.
- Consider the use of an intruder alarm for sheds, garages, or outbuildings.
- NEVER leave the shed, garage, or outbuilding unlocked when unattended.

Fuel and oil thefts

Theft of heating and diesel oil has been an issue periodically over the years and the police have always noticed an increase in this type of crime whenever the price of crude oil rises. A rise in the price of fuel at the petrol pump inevitably leads to a rise in the cost of heating oil.

It therefore makes good sense to take precautions to protect your oil tank, with the following a few ideas about what can be done to make life more difficult for the thief. After all, would you leave over £600.00 in cash lying around in your garden?

General advice

1. Make sure the tank is situated away from the main road, but equally good surveillance from the main house and neighbouring houses. This will increase the offender(s) anxiety.
2. Closed boarded vertical strutted fencing offers the best wooden fence security. Trellis can be used to raise the fence height. Prickly plantation should also be a second option. Gravel around the tank is a good deterrent due to the noise when someone is walking on it.
3. Control switches that control the flow of oil should be turned off and the electricity isolated.
4. Use decent 'Closed Shackle' padlocks. These are harder to bolt crop.
5. Lighting should be 'site specific'. If overlooked light up the tank area using 'dusk to dawn lights'. If less overlooked, use PIR lighting that 'draws attention' on a short cycle - perhaps for 3-5 seconds. If in the middle of nowhere, keep the site completely dark.

Fuel theft

Below are a few tips to help reduce the possibility of fuel theft.

- Always park in well-lit and well-used areas.
- Try to park with your fuel tank facing the road so passing traffic makes it less of a target.
- Locking fuel caps are a deterrent.
- There are devices that can be fitted to the filler cap that can activate the vehicles alarm when tampered with.

Police Scotland, local community

Telephone: 101 for non emergencies.

The community officer for Kinross-shire is **Sadie Allan**.

Email: sadie.allan@scotland.pnn.police.uk

The Community Sergeant for Kinross,

Auchterarder and Crieff is **Sandra Williams**.

Email: sandra.williams@scotland.pnn.police.uk



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Community Council News



The Community Council News is based on draft minutes of local CC meetings. Full draft minutes are posted on local websites and notice boards. In addition, Kinross CC minutes are lodged in the community library. Please note, the Community Council News is not a verbatim reproduction of CC minutes. In particular, where there are two months' worth of reports, there will be a considerable amount of editing.

Kinross Community Council

News from the September Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 3 September 2014 were: CCllrs D Colliar (Chair), W Freeman, D Mackay, M Blyth, C Watson, D West, G Thomas, M Wood, I Jack and M Scott (Secy); P&K Cllrs D Cuthbert, M Barnacle and J Giacopazzi; representatives from the Police, Credit Union, Persimmon Homes and Positive Choices; and a large number of members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from CCllr Davies and P&K Cllr Robertson.

Declaration of Interest: none.

Police Report: The police representative commented on visiting the countryside and the rules to be followed, e.g. keeping your dog under control, disposing of litter properly, not disturbing or damaging wildlife, being aware of farm animals, horse walking and the traffic on narrow country roads.

Youths: Last month the police received eight annoyance calls, these were drink related.

Vandalism: Nine shop windows were targeted and the school grounds.

Fly tipping is still a problem in the country; recently a radiator, tv and stand were discovered.

Fraudulent letters have been circulated advising that the recipient has won a large sum of money and asking for bank details. A number of people have fallen for this. Charity collectors have been canvassing the area; usually they advise the Police in advance.

Road policing: a few minor accidents have occurred and the local officers will carry out speed checks when time allows.

Ryder Cup: Information regarding travel arrangements for this event (23-28 Sept) were given.

High Street Regeneration: A member of the public questioned whether the Police were consulted in relation to the works planned in the High Street. The police representative confirmed that they had no involvement in this at local level but believed that this would probably come under the remit of Perth. The gentleman advised that the emergency services were not consulted. The consultation

period had now ended with approval given to commence the works, however the narrowing of the road is an issue which should be considered in relation to emergency services. Cllr Giacopazzi will look into this. The only issue raised by the CC was in relation to bus stops.

Perth and Kinross Credit Union: A presentation was given by Steven Young. *[An article about the Perth and Kinross Credit Union appeared in the July issue of the Kinross Newsletter and a copy is on the kinross.cc website.]*

Persimmon Homes: The Chairman explained that Persimmon were in contact with us recently to enquire if they could attend tonight's meeting. They asked if they could provide information on their revised plans for the High School Site. As such, this is not recorded on the Agenda. CCllr West stated that we should have suspended the Standing Orders to allow this meeting. This is an important site within Kinross. Persimmon displayed some boards for perusal by those present. They are committed to developing this site in some form and have had various meetings with the Council and a Public Consultation. The units proposed have been reduced from 102 to 91 and they have introduced car parking facilities with parking to the rear of the Parish Church. They are demolishing the building but will be incorporating the materials into the frontage and will be replicating the railing. Unfortunately, it is not financially viable to retain the existing building. The boundaries to existing properties have been increased.

Development Brief: This subject was raised. At the onset of the marketing of this property a request for sight of the Development Brief was requested by one of our Councillors – this was refused by the Council.

Further discussion was held on this matter with some points raised as follows: no-one else is interested in this site; loss of parking at the High School (we were informed when the School closed that this was a temporary measure); "terrace" of affordable housing; no indication of materials to be used and the Primary School should be housed here.

The Chairman asked for the views of the CC on the amended proposals. It was pleasing to see that Persimmon were taking the feedback from the community into account. More

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indepth consideration would be taken by the CC when an application is lodged with the Council, however at present it would look like 90% of those present were happy with the changes made.

Should any member of the public have any comments they wish to pass on to Persimmon they can run this through the CC.

Persimmon would be happy to return to a future CC meeting to air out any further concerns of the community.

Newsletter charity accounts: The Chairman will speak to Ross.

Disbursement of Newsletter grants: Positive Choices applied for £1,060. Their manager was present and explained the reasoning behind this request. Positive Choices encourage individuals to improve the quality of their life. This covers people from 20s to 70s with a range of illnesses, such as osteo arthritis, fibromyalgia, long term illness, to people experiencing life issues with low esteem and confidence. Although based in Perth, they have Outreach Centre/ Peer Support Groups in Pitlochry, Coupar Angus and Dunkeld and are keen to open another in Kinross. Through fundraising they have run a pilot course with positive feedback. There is a demand with people on a waiting list. This funding would pay two self-management courses up to March 2014 and arrange Peer Support Groups monthly in Kinross. It was agreed that this money be paid out under the proviso that it is to be spent solely for people in Kinross-shire. Their manager confirmed she would be happy to provide receipts.

Kinross-shire Volunteers Group Rural Outreach Scheme application for £1,112.00 for Computer System and telephone: This sum has been reduced by £128.00 from the previous request. This was agreed.

Portmoak Primary School has sent a thank you letter for donation towards library.

Kinross Buildings

Primary School: Decision to be made by Council Committee next month.

Mill Street, PKC former offices: CCllr Watson confirmed that matters were progressing.

Town Hall: Under progress.

Planning applications submitted to PKC:

14/01181/FLL: Land west of Easter Coldrain Farm: modification of permission 12/00737/AML (residential development) change of house type at Plot 2.

14/01252/FLL: 46 Lathro Park: alt and extension to house.

14/01459/FLL: Site north of Bishops View, Gairneybridge: erection of a shed (Plot 10/11).

Planning applications approved by PKC:

14/01056/FLL: Land south of Station Road, Kinross: modification of permission 10/00967/FLL (residential development), change of house type on Plot 15.

14/01031/IPL: Land 60m north west of West Courtyard, Balado: erection of dwelling house (in principle).

14/01030/IPL: Land to the west of Balado House, Balado: erection of dwelling house (in principle).

14/01029/FLL: Land 60m west of Balado House, Balado: erection of replacement dwelling house.

14/00925/FLL: Aulds Well House, Easter Coldrain: change of use from agricultural land to private equestrian use and erection of stable building and riding arena.

14/00531/FLL: Hope Chest, 103 High Street, change of use from shop (Class 1) to Solicitor/Estate Agency (Class 2).

14/00891/FLL: 22 Torridon Place: alt and ext to house.

14/01096/FLL: 26 Station Road: alt and ext to house.

Planning application refused by PKC: 14/01088/FLL 8 School Wynd, alt and ext to dwelling house.

Webster's Yard: A discussion held on this application. The CC raised concerns that the storage would be operating 24 hours daily and believe that if this is the case a restriction should be levied. A question was also raised as to the type and size of containers. It was also commented that the fence in front of the building looks dreadful. This is to be checked out with PKC.

Conservation Officer comments: Cllr Cuthbert raised the question that comments raised by Conservation Officers should appear on every application. Due to a change of policy these comments are now treated as internal.

Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllr Giacopazzi confirmed that Enterprise & Structure had earmarked monies for the winter months.

Cllr Cuthbert had nothing to add.

Cllr Barnacle mentioned the A977 which was discussed at a meeting earlier in the day and which included the subject of the speed limit at Balado.

Planning Officers Reports: Commented on the procedures to be followed and the way forward in relation to this.

Landscape Areas for Kinross: Commented on the copy communication forwarded to the CC. Also mentioned that the boundaries need to be reviewed.

TRACKS: Mention was made of the current situation in relation to TRACKS.

Kinross Common Good Fund: The CC view is that this fund should be utilised solely for the benefit of Kinross town. We are to write to the Council for assurance that this will be taken into account in any applications received. It was felt,

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however, that the fund should be left to run for the time being. CCllr Watson added that he would like sight of the Guidance Document.

Correspondence

Premises Licence, Kinross Curling Rink

T in the Park: Invitation to Auchterarder and District CC to meeting on 28 August to discuss implications of holding this event. The Chairman and CCllr Blyth attended the meeting and advised that both financially and economically this was a huge boost to the area.

Levenfields development: Copy email received advising that garden soil has been pushed into the culvert which carried the water from the north side of the site and which continued under Montgomery Way. It is believed that the water has not been trunked under the earth. This will cause water to back up and to exacerbate the water levels in an already very wet area. A request was made that this be taken up by the Council. An answer from the Council has been received confirming that matter is being discussed with G S Brown with a view to resolving the issue.

Library: Steering Group arranged to work towards opening the Library on the days the Council have closed the building. Meeting arranged for 10 Sept.

Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill: Notice from the Scottish Parliament's Finance Committee seeking a response by 26 September to a number of questions relating to the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill's Financial Memorandum.

Community Payback Team: Communication received offering an opportunity to use their services over the coming autumn and winter months. They are looking for inside projects, like painting community halls or sports facilities. Unpaid work provides free labour from supervised offenders and the only cost the community would have to cover is the materials.

Planning Aid for Scotland – Gypsy/Travellers as Young Change Makers: Invitation received to attend a meeting for CCs on 22 November.

PNE Wind UK: Request to attend a CC meeting to discuss proposals for a wind farm in Perth and Kinross. At this time the proposals are at an early stage and PNE would like to inform the community council before they progress any further. The Chairman will speak to them.

Any Other Business

SSE wind turbines: Funding is available from various groups and bodies. Greenknowes and Ochil were mentioned and the payment proposed to be paid to Auchterarder. This will also be visible to Kinross-shire and we should pursue this to see if some of the money can be brought to this side of the Ochils. A bid could be made to SSE.

Roundabout, Springfield Road: Visibility is poor; the trees require to be cut back. Cllr Giacomazzi will follow this up.

Vans: Two derelict vans with broken windows require to be uplifted from the corner of the High Street and Clashburn.

Park and Ride: Another two parking bays have been utilised for electric charging units.

The next meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 1 October at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of interest
3. Police report
4. Persimmon Homes representatives re former High School site
5. Minutes of meeting held on 3 September
6. Matters arising from minutes of 3 September
7. Newsletter charity report and accounts
8. Disbursement of Newsletter grants
9. Kinross buildings
10. Planning matters
11. Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors
12. Miscellaneous correspondence
13. Other competent business
14. Date of next meeting (5 November 2014)

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Milnathort Community Council

News from the September Meeting

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

Police matters: PC Mitchell read extracts from the Police monthly report, highlighting the need to enjoy the outdoors responsibly, having consideration for others and respect for rural workers. He advised that no crimes had been reported in the MCC area. The Chair advised that he had received reports of break-ins to cars in the Glenfarg area, and proposed that the police reports should also include crimes in the Kinross-shire area, thus providing a more comprehensive picture for CCs. Following a short discussion, PC Mitchell agreed to investigate with colleagues whether a monthly report might be provided for all P&K CCs, together with an update for individual CCs about their specific area of responsibility.

CCllr Cottingham reported finding litter in the countryside in the Stronachie/Path of Condie area beyond Black Hill. PC Mitchell agreed to investigate. Cllr Giacomazzi asked about the results of recent speed checks in North Street, but PC Mitchell was not aware of any violations; he stressed that several different agencies within Police Scotland might undertake speed checks, and providing a coordinated report for CCs could be problematic. He agreed to pass on the CC's concerns to Sgt Williams.

Finally PC Mitchell briefed the meeting on arrangements for the Ryder Cup to be held 23-28 September 2014.

Matters Arising

Scottish Water: The timescale for Scottish Water sewage works has slipped; a resident owning land in the vicinity of the Cross would not be available for consultation until return from holiday.

Library: A meeting was held on 10 September to discuss arrangements for the Community Campus library.

Campus facilities: The Secretary has written to PKC voicing MCC's concerns about restrictions placed on the availability of facilities at the Community Campus to members of the public; he has not yet received a response.

Planning

The following planning applications in Milnathort were discussed, but no issues were raised:

14/01499/FLL: Conversion of steadings to 2 dwelling houses, erection of a dwelling house and detached garages on land 30 metres south east of Blairhead Farmhouse.

14/01476/FLL: Alterations and extension to a dwelling house at 14 Old Perth Road.

14/01461/IPL: Erection of a dwelling house on land 50m east of Sallyvonteen.

Planning application determined: The MCC noted that PKC had **approved** application 14/01170/FLL: Erection of agricultural building on land at Ledlanet Estate.

Donaldson Park Picnic Bench: CCllr Bennet advised that PKC had agreed to provide a second picnic bench in Donaldson Park. The Chair asked that MCC's appreciation of PKC's assistance be recorded in the Minute.

Bonfire in Tillywhally Community Woodland: The CC noted that the arrangement of sticks around trees in the Community Woodland was not for a bonfire, but for wildlife shelter.

Victoria Avenue One-Way Plan: The Chair advised that PKC had not progressed the Victoria Avenue one-way restriction, because officials believed that the community was not in favour. But after discussion with PKC, it has agreed to progress the one-way plan for an easterly flow from North Street to the junction with Back Loan.

Proposed New Wind Farm at Stronachie: The Chair advised that he had been informed of a scoping study for a wind farm capable of generating 65.5 megawatts of energy on Forestry Commission and private land beyond Stronachie. He read out a summary provided by AMEC:

PNE Wind UK will submit an application to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents and Deployment Unit



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(SGECDU); the purpose of the Scoping report is to serve as a formal request for a Scoping opinion. The report sets out the proposed scope of an Environmental Impact Assessment, the findings of which will be presented in an Environmental Statement that will accompany the application. Comments are invited from SGECDU and other interested parties. The MCC agreed not to comment at this stage.

New Matters and Correspondence

The Chair advised that a hearing to discuss the **Athron Hall** development will be held on 7 October 2014.

He also advised that the application for **Outh Wind Farm** had been dismissed, and that the applicant's only avenue to challenge this decision would be to appeal to the Court of Sessions.

The Chair reported that he had received an invitation to a Planning Aid for Scotland meeting at the Loch Leven Community Campus on Saturday 22 November 2014 from 12 noon to 4pm to discuss: '**Gypsy/Travellers as Young Change Makers**'. Following discussion, CCllr Pettinger agreed to attend, subject to an availability check. CCllr Giacopazzi advised that he would also attend.

CCllr Giacopazzi provided a brief update on the **Mawcarse** site development. The Health and Safety Executive will assess the risk to a pipeline, which runs under the site.

CCllr Bennet enquired about progress with the proposed **build-out** at the South Street pedestrian crossing. CCllr Giacopazzi agreed to investigate with PKC.

Comments/Questions from the floor

A member of the public raised concerns about the use of **weed-killer** on the paths and around the bench and monument in the Tillywhally Community Woodland, in particular the damage caused to plants and biodiversity adjacent to the paths. Following discussion, the MCC agreed to discuss options for maintaining the paths when it meets next spring, which would include a mix of weed-killer and strimming. Consideration would also be given to not using weed-killer around the bench and monument.

P&K Councillors' Comments

CCllr Giacopazzi advised that PKC had agreed a **snow-clearing** budget of £3,617,000 for next winter. There were no changes to the priority routes locally (A91, A911, A977 and A996).

CCllr Barnacle advised that:

He would be inputting to the **member working group on planning** to help develop more efficient working practices following complaints about press comments made by Councillors.

A consultation on development of '**landscape designation guidelines**' would be conducted at the end of the September 2014; he stressed that the guideline would need careful consideration, particularly with regard to the Cleish and Ochil Hills.

Request for **Brown Bins** was on the increase; each collection lorry cost £100,000 per year to run.

Roads: Back Loan will be closed for two days to lay fibre-optic cable; repairs have been carried out to Bumbrae Bridge; PKC has agreed to install vehicle speeding signs in Burleigh Road in FY 2015/15.

The next meeting of Milnathort CC will take place on Thursday 9 October 2014 in Orwell Church Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

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Portmoak Community Council

News from the September Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 9 September 2014 were: CCllrs B Calderwood (Deputy Chair), R Cairncross (Secretary), R Williamson (Treasurer), S Forde and Tom Smith; and P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, D Cuthbert and J Giacopazzi and 15 members of the public.

Apologies for absence: CCllr M Strang Steel (Chairman); P&K Cllr W Robertson and PC Douglas Stapleton.

Stephen's Field: The CC will shortly pursue its interest in assuming ownership of the field with the owner, A & J Stephen Ltd.

Royal Mail Post Box at Kinnesswood: Royal Mail had confirmed that a new post box would be installed - progress with its installation is awaited.

Police report: A report from the police was received highlighting: the risk of theft of heavy plant machinery from farms; fraud letters seeking bank details to secure substantial winnings from lotteries; and the possibility that certain charity collectors may not be genuine. CCllr Barnacle reported some progress in pursuing the CC's wish for some feedback on crime resolution and on accidents in Kinross-shire. The CC would now request accident statistics for Kinross-shire from PKC.

Treasurer: The Council's accounts at the end of August 2014 recorded: a balance of £615.97 in the General Account and £571.13 in the Michael Bruce Way Account giving a total of £1,187.10.

Planning: The CC considered the following new applications and agreed not to object to nor to make comment on:

14/01154/FLL Channel Farmhouse, Wester Balgedie: extension to garage to form housing for a biomass boiler.

14/01237/FLL Channel Farmhouse, Wester Balgedie: erection of a smoke house.

14/01267/FLL Portmoak Livery Stables, Scotlandwell: Variation of planning permission (11/01917/FLL) to amend roof finish from slate to concrete tiles.

14/01283/IPL, East Brackley House, Kinross: renewal of permission 908/01984/IPL, partial demolition conversion and new build to form residential development in principle (9 dwellings).

14/01235/FLL 3 Middleburn Cottages, Kirkness, Cardenden: removal of conditions 1, 2 and 3 and variation of permission 11 (11/01123/FLL).

The CC considered the following new application and agreed to object to:

14/01377/IPL Land 40 metres SW of Caol Isla, Back Dykes Road, Kinnesswood: Erection of a dwelling house in principle.



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These were the unanimous decisions of the CC.

The CC is to consider the following new application:

14/01482/FLL Land 50 metres SE of Moucums View, Scotlandwell: erection of a dwelling house. Residents signalled concerns about the ownership of the access road, risk to trees and of drainage being compromised.

Progress with applications:

14/00707/FLL The Lomond Inn: erection of 5 houses. The CC noted that the application had been withdrawn. It has lodged a complaint with PKC citing the Council's failure to follow proper procedure (validating this application without a Design Statement) and withholding the conservation officer report from public access. Ward Councillors reported that there would shortly be an internal meeting to consider the withdrawal of conservation officer reports from the PKC planning website.

Developer Contributions. The CC will comment in due course on the information supplied.

Roads: The CC noted:

- that its letter of 24 April in respect of the series of accidents on the Scotlandwell to Bowhouse section of the A911 had been referred to the enforcement officer who would respond to the CC. The CC confirmed its view that formal bus halts should be installed and that speed restrictions were merited, particularly though the section of bends and dips approaching Bowhouse from the west where the visibility splay requirement had not been met. Cllr Cuthbert would take the matter up and Ward Councillors would include a visit to the site by the team of officials and Ward Councillors currently examining road matters across Kinross-shire.
- that CCllr Calderwood had met with school representatives and other interested parties in respect of traffic at Portmoak Primary School. The problem was complex: access to the school (particular for large vehicles); parking on the access roads around the school (the adjoining car park is small and the only one for Kinnesswood); and significant traffic congestion at the beginning and end of the school day. There had been several "near miss" incidents. There was unlikely to be a single solution. The CC would facilitate a further meeting of interested parties and PKC officials to review what might be done.

Gritting and snow preparation. The CC was reassured that PKC's plan for the coming winter was in hand. The CC would seek further information on the kind of contract that might be appropriate to retain local farmer participation in snow clearance and would pass this to Cllr Giacopazzi. In

turn he would also report on whether snow fences could be made available to protect a vulnerable short section of road on the approach to Glenlomond.

Paths: CCllr Tom Smith reported that:

- progress was being made to secure funds to support the significant maintenance work required for the upper reaches of the Michael Bruce Way (MBW). Unfortunately meeting the requirements of the bureaucracy involved was proving somewhat taxing. The CC warmly supported this work programme recognising that the MBW was an important feature of Portmoak.
- over the summer cattle had, as usual, been introduced to the hillside above Kinnesswood and advisory signs warning of their presence had been erected. This year the cattle had, at least initially, made much use of the MBW footpath causing damage to some culverts and rendering the path almost impassable in parts. The wet weather had made this worse. There were concerns that this could place the maintenance programme in jeopardy. The CC would work with the land owner and LLLP to see if there was a practical solution that could better protect the path.

Ward Councillor Reports

Cllr Cuthbert: reported concerns about an overflowing private dog waste bin at Loch Leven's Larder. The matter had been raised with the owner. He advised the CC that plans were in hand for cats-eyes to be re-installed on part of the A911 from Milnathort to Portmoak.

Cllr Barnacle: advised that PKC's consultation on supplementary guidance on Local Landscape Areas (LLAs) would happen shortly. It was proposed that Portmoak along with the Ochil Hills would be so designated but that other potentially eligible parts of Kinross-shire could be omitted. Plans were also in hand by PKC to approach CCs in Kinross-shire to participate in a further meeting to consider planning development matters.

Matters previously notified and from the floor

Pavement outside the Kinnesswood shop. This had deteriorated. The CC would now take this forward with PKC.

Commissioning Superfast Broadband. Digital Scotland had laid ducting from Leslie through Scotlandwell, Kinnesswood and Wester Balgedie to Kinross. This would carry superfast broadband cabling. The service was billed to be commissioned by the end of the year although it is not clear if all Portmoak residents would benefit.

The next meeting of Portmoak CC will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 14 October 2014, at Portmoak Village Hall.

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Fossoway & District CC

News from the September Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 2 September 2014 in Fossoway Primary School were: CCllrs S Morrison, A Lavery, K Borthwick and T Duffy; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, and D Cuthbert and nine members of the public.

Apologies for absence: CCllrs A Cheape, G Pye and R Paterson; P&K Cllrs W Robertson and J Giacobazzi.

Police report: Euan Mitchell, Police Scotland in attendance. Police report received. No crimes reported since last meeting. Although not in the Fossoway area, there have been reports of fly tipping. If you see this happening please call the police and report it giving details of vehicle registration numbers. Advice also given on enjoying the outdoors responsibly and a warning about fraudulent letters.

Speed Checks and Static Checks continue to be carried out in the area by officers when time is available.

Some incidents of vandalising 'No' campaign signs was raised. The public are asked to report such incidents but should be aware of limited resources to follow these up.

Both CC and elected members are disappointed by the lack of police presence during CC meetings. Euan stressed that if issues are raised during a meeting we could request an officer attend the next meeting if the situation is ongoing.

A member of the public brought up that when there was an incident (absconded pupil) at Seamab School the person on the other end of the 101 call had no knowledge of Seamab School. Eventually there was a reply from the community police officer. In those situations it may be better to use the 999 number.

Ryder Cup: Information on traffic arrangements was given.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Signed off with the following amendment:

Member of the public remarked that we noted that the footpath at the Braehead development in Rumbling Bridge was completed while it actually has not been completed. In a short discussion this was clarified. The car park for visitors to the Gorge (also a planning condition) had not been finished either. The member of the public was advised to contact the Enforcement Officer of PKC to clarify the situation.

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Matters Arising

Perth and Kinross Credit Union: Details now on the website www.fossoway.org

Unpaid work team: Have been asking for inside jobs during the winter: Sandy has contacted the village halls and the Church but is still waiting for a response from all except Powmill.

Blairingone War Memorial: The wall against which the memorial will be placed has now been finished. The Council will mark out the area where the memorial should go, and when that is done Profile Projects will relocate it. A member of the public remarked that there are some trees in the immediate vicinity that could blow over and damage wall (made of breeze blocks) or the memorial. Mike Barnacle will propose a site visit to make sure everything is going to plan.

Crook Moss Travellers' site: The deadline to comply with the conditions imposed by PKC is the end of October. No further update.

Glenquey Quarry: The application is not on the September agenda; next DMC on 15 October.

Blairingone community workshop: Meeting with the landowners, planning consultant and PKC on 16 September. Outcome will determine when the next workshop with the community will go ahead.

Lambhill chipping plant: PKC is awaiting noise report. A site visit has still not happened, although councillors have been requesting this for some time. This situation has now been going on for two years. Communication between PKC and local residents is laborious. Local residents corresponding to the PKC planning department don't get replies quickly if at all. One member of the public is now thinking of lodging a formal complaint.

Church Car Park: (question from a member of the public, not on the agenda): no progress, despite planning permission being granted, the council ready and the community willing to assist, but the church appears not to want to progress the matter.

New Business

Fossoway Primary School: The school received a good report from HMI. However the CC was disappointed that monitoring of the school is now to be by PKC. It would have expected a further follow up report from HMI prior to responsibility being passed to the Council. The reason for this comment is that the community was of the opinion that the previous problems were partly due to a lack of proper oversight by PKC. It remains to be convinced that PKC will be effective in this area in the future.

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Landscape areas in Kinross-shire: See also Mike Barnacle's correspondence in the Kinross Newsletter. The new proposed LLAs (in place of the Areas of Great Landscape Value) are Loch Leven, Portmoak and the Ochil Hills. The River Devon (and in particular the Gorge) and the Cleish Hills are not included. Clackmannanshire has recognised their part of the Devon landscape and Fife has recognised their part of the Cleish Hills; so there is a strong argument for inclusion of those landscapes in the LLAs. The CC will make representation.

Councillors' reports

Cllr Barnacle has written to PKC about the mitigation measures on the A977. He (and the CC) has received representation on the bad state of the road through Crook of Devon and the damage to the drains done by heavy vehicles, as well as the noise pollution through the day and the night. An answer has not been received, despite being promised by 12 August. The council has to survey the road. The A977 doesn't seem to have priority for inclusion in the capital budget. We will have to keep asking for answers.

Planning

14/01308/FLL Erection of 7 dwelling houses, formation of access road and associated infrastructure, land 100 metres South of Merryorchard, Rumbling Bridge.

This is a substantial development for Rumbling Bridge. Several objections to this development have been received and have been lodged on the planning website. The CC will object to this development as being contrary to:

PM1B (a and d): the development is out of scale with the surrounding development;

PM4: the site is outwith and immediately adjacent to the settlement boundary;

RD3: the site is not within the settlement boundary but no valid justification is given under the Housing in the Countryside Policy;

RD4: the developer proposes off-site affordable housing contribution for 1.7 houses. Rural areas need affordable housing.

14/1486/IPL Erection of a dwelling house (in principle), land 300m NE of former Craigend Farm, Powmill. The CC objects to this application as being contrary to: RD3: the site is not within a settlement boundary but no justification is given under the Housing in the Countryside Policy. This is a very incomplete planning application and no decision should be made until more information is available.

14/01359/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house and garage, Mossgrove, Drum. No CC comment.

Correspondence

All the correspondence was available for viewing.

The Library is looking for volunteers to cover on the days that the library is now closed: Saturday afternoon and Monday. Meeting on 10 Sept.

There was some discussion on setting up a Fossoway Facebook page to promote events in the area. This will be investigated.

Other business

Member of the public commented on the state of the A91, especially between Ballingall Bridge and Carnbo. There are deep craters and damage has been done to cars. When repairs are done, it is with materials that only last a short time. Cllrs Barnacle and Cuthbert will take this up with PKC.

Draft Agenda for Next Meeting

- Welcome and Apologies
- Declarations of Interest
- Community Policing
- Minutes of last meeting
- Matters arising: Ryder Cup, Unpaid Work Team, Hydro Scheme, Blairingone War Memorial, Crook Moss Travellers' Site, Glenquey Quarry, Community Workshop, Lambhill Chipping Plant, Crook Moss Acquisition, Dunning Glen,
- Community Councillors - Meetings Attended
- PKC Councillors' Reports
- Planning
- Correspondence
- AOCB

The next meeting of Fossoway and District CC will take place on Tuesday 7 October at 7.30pm in Blairingone Primary School. All welcome.

Fossoway & District CC minutes are posted on the website
www.fossoway.org

Cleish and Blairadam CC

Cleish and Blairadam CC meets every other month.

The next meeting of Cleish & Blairadam CC will take place on Monday 6 October 2014 at 7.30pm at the Cleish Village Hall.

Cleish & Blairadam CC minutes are posted on the website
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Club & Community Group News

Kinross Museum



www.kinrossmuseum.co.uk

www.facebook.com/Kinross.Museum

The museum has a newly designed website, and also has a Facebook page (details above). Please do take a look at these, and if you are a Facebook user, please 'Like' our page if you would like to receive occasional news of what is happening at the museum.

In September the Museum took part in Doors Open Day and the RSPB Big Picture event at which we mounted an exhibition of historic maps and plans of Loch Leven. We also launched our 'Memory Bank' project with a Day Centre reminiscence event in the Loch Leven Community Campus on 25 September. This is the project for which Kinross Museum has been shortlisted for a Bank of Scotland Community Fund 2014 Award. Helping to preserve and promote our historic heritage engages all age groups and is important in developing a sense of place and local identity.

The success of our bid for a Bank of Scotland Community Fund Award depends on the outcome of a public vote that takes place between 2 September and 10 October. There are several ways to register a vote for the Museum's *Memory Bank* project. Visit a local branch of the Bank of Scotland

and ask for a token to place your vote. You can also vote for Kinross (Marshall) Museum online by going to the Bank of Scotland Community Fund website or by texting 'Vote LBH' to 82332. Every vote counts – so please give us your support!

See also article on page 4.



Kinross Museum has been shortlisted for a BoS community award

Kinross-shire Historical Society



The Committee are looking forward to welcoming members back to meetings in Kinross Parish Church. Meetings start at 7.30pm. It would be a great help to the Committee if members could renew their membership promptly, as there is a waiting list. The new season starts this month with what will be a superb journey through Perthshire with the photography of Willie Shand. Members will not want to miss this talk. There is now more seating in the church, which should help to solve the problems of last winter. However, as members have priority, visitors who wish to attend are asked to wait till 7.30pm when we will know if there are any spaces available.

The programme of talks for the winter months is an interesting mix of subjects, perhaps not quite as local as some years, but several talks are based in Fife, which is a close neighbour to Kinross-shire.

See notice on p. 90 for full programme.

Kinross Camera Club

www.kinrosscameraclub.org.uk



The new season starts on 25 September with regular meetings held in the Church Hall on Thursday evenings 7.30pm until May. We look forward to competitions within the club including set subjects such as contre jour, street photography, and creative digital. We also have speakers coming to talk on a variety of subjects with titles including "stereoscopic 3D photography", "from landscapes to horses", and "a contemporary approach". There will be a practical night where members learn more about their cameras and photographic techniques. This year we are also celebrating the KCC's 30th anniversary and there will be an evening dedicated to this.

If you are interested in finding out more about the club please visit our website or contact the secretary sallyroberts100@hotmail.com

Kinross Garden Group



After a busy summer of Garden Visits we start our winter season on **Thursday 9 October** at 2pm in Millbridge Hall, Kinross, with Ms Nicki Jennings who will speak on "Soft Fruits." Membership fees are due and we will be at the hall from 1.30pm.

If you are new to Kinross-shire, or find you have a Thursday afternoon free, why not come along and join like-minded people? Every one is welcome. Contact Mrs C Rodger 01577 863785 for more details.

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Kinross-shire Reminiscence Group

Who are we? We are a constituted group of mainly older community members. We are supported by an Adult & Family Learning Worker and by an IT Tutor. We also have the help of an IT volunteer and until Kinross High School summer session ended, the services of a dedicated 6th year pupil.

Where do we meet? At the campus in the IT room next to Kinross (Marshall) Museum.

What do we do? We reminisce using technology. Our meetings have included a "Guess Who?" session with photos of younger days, songs and music of earlier eras, street games, quiz questions and sayings that Granny used. Recently our focus has been on WW1. We have investigated the role of women in the war and how life changed for them, how songs of the time evolved, and how the postal service safely delivered over 12 million letters from those serving in Europe.

A speaker gave us a fascinating illustrated talk of the background to the Gallipoli campaign of 1915.

Our group gathered memorabilia of WW1 and showcased this at the Better Place to Live Fair in March.

On Digitisation Day at the AK Bell Library in Perth, we took these items along to be scanned and stored, for use as an educational historic resource.

When do we meet? On the first and third Friday of the month at 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

Youth Volunteer. We have been so fortunate in having had the continued commitment of Jack Wilson when he was a 6th year pupil at Kinross High School. We are delighted that this has been recognised and that he has been presented with a Saltire Award for youth volunteers. We wish him well in his future studies.

Come and join us. We hope that our recollections will continue to be shared with the wider community across the generations. Do come along and join us. Perhaps you would like to look in for a taster session or come as a volunteer. A warm welcome awaits.

Further information.

E-mail: Shona: sfowler@pkc.gov.uk

Roseanne: rgray@pkc.gov.uk

or telephone 01577 867177.

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

August Draw

1st	No 68	Sylvia Herrington, Scotlandwell
2nd	No 14	Isobel Baird, Righead
3rd	No 91	Harry McLennan, Kinnesswood

September Draw

1st	No 97	Frank Wellman, Scotlandwell
2nd	No 5	Margo Tough, Kinnesswood
3rd	No 6	Enid Brown, Scotlandwell

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Swansacre Playgroup



We are back in the swing of things now that schools have started, and our playleaders Alison, Ali, Jayne and Julia are very happy to welcome all of the children back for the 2014-2015 year! We are also thrilled to meet the new children starting at Swansacre for the first time.

We are running a variety of sessions this term. Rising Fives sessions are tailored for children in their pre-school year, and Inbetweeners sessions are focused on nursery-aged children. Both of these sessions include an optional lunch club. We are also continuing to run our Playgroup sessions (children from the age of 2 years welcome) and Babies and Toddlers. For more information, please see the "Playgroups & Nurseries" section of the Newsletter.

We had a great time at the Kinross Show and the Mary, Queen of Scots Extravaganza in August, and enjoyed seeing everyone out and about. We would like to extend a huge thank you to the Milnathort Post Office and Robert Todd for supporting us at the show with donations of toys, sweets and fresh fruit. We would also like to thank all of the volunteers, parents, and children who came along to support us and enjoy the activities we had.

We will be holding our annual shopping evening again this year. The 2014 **Swansacre Christmas Fayre** is planned for **Thursday 13 November** at the Windlestrae Hotel from 7.30 to 10pm – please hold the date! For more information, or if you are interested in taking a stall at the event, please contact Lynne (07736 930923; babygaj@yahoo.com).

A final early event notice: we will also be participating in the **KLEO Winter Market** to be held on the Muirs between the Green Hotel and the Windlestrae on **Saturday 29 November**. Our Countdown to Christmas will be open from 3-7pm, and a £5 entry includes kids' activities and refreshments as well as a chat with a very special visitor! Slots to see Santa will be at pre-booked five-minute intervals. We do our very best to keep to time so that you can maximize your enjoyment of the market rather than waiting in a long queue. Please book your slot at Swansacre (21-23 Swansacre, Kinross; 01577 862071; 07592 392235) beforehand to avoid disappointment! Mark your calendars and plan to come along and prepare for the holiday season with us.

Please give us a call if you would like your child to come join in the fun! (01577 862071; 07807 908833; enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com).

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*Following Christ
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Kinross Parish Church of Scotland has recently developed a logo to supplement its mission statement (both shown above) and the residents of Kinross will now notice them popping up in all sorts of publications and places

Both were developed following a suggestion by the Presbytery of Perth that they could be useful in focussing the activities of this large, diverse and active church. The current edition of the church's magazine explains that the following elements went in to the design of the logo:

'The Christian Cross: central to the Christian message and so central to the logo design.

The Church Community: all things come from the cross. It reaches out to us all in the congregation and the community. We are a gathering of people who want to worship God and so the arms of the cross wrap around the logo and welcome others to join us.

Kinross Parish Church: written out in a traditional font as a link between old and new.

A church is its people: reflecting young and old, the joyous characters represent the vibrant nature of the church.

Colour: the coloured version is in purple, a colour strongly associated with the church and with Kinross'.

Worshippers support Kinross Day Centre

The congregation of Kinross Parish Church at its recent Communion raised £820 to support the work of the Kinross-shire Day Centre, which uses the church's halls at the Kinross Church Centre in the town's High Street. A spokesperson for the Parish Church said, "This was a very good response. Thank you to all who donated".

Kinross Parish Church of Scotland supports a range of charities through a retiring collection at its Quarterly Communion, trying to balance local, national and international needs over the year. Other charities supported this year have been the Perth-based 'Churches Action for the Homeless', Kinross High School's appeal for the Scottish-based international charity 'Mary's Meals' and a 'Place at the Table', organised by the Church of Scotland for Syrian refugees.

25th anniversary of Ordination

The 25th anniversary of the Ordination of Rev Alan Reid of Kinross Parish Church was marked at September's Kirk Session, where Jaffrey Weir, Session Clerk, thanked him for his service.



Session Clerk Jaffrey Weir (left) thanks Rev Alan Reid for his service on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of his ordination

Starting at University?

Those starting at University may wish to visit the website www.kinrossparishchurch.org where, as well as a prayer for comfort and guidance, you will find a document detailing the chaplaincy and pastoral care services offered by Scottish universities. This information, which can be difficult to find out otherwise, has been collated by a member of the congregation, Margaret Sikora.

Probus Club

A good turn out of members and two visitors were welcomed by President Harry McLennan to the inaugural meeting of the 2014-2015 session of the club on 3 September. Inevitably, after a long break over the summer, there were a number of club business matters to attend to, not least approval of the programme of meetings and speakers which had been arranged over the break by our hard working officials.

But before that, the members were entertained to a fascinating demonstration of Hand Painting given by Richard Toole, who paints under the name of Richard Taiks. Richard served in the Dragoon Guards until a spinal injury forced him to retire. Subsequent operations have left him still unable to walk any distance without the aid of sticks or the use of a wheel chair. He can still stand unaided and now



devotes his time to his finger painting, which he does with his hands and one brush.

Richard is the official fundraiser for 'ABF,' the Soldiers charity, and sells his paintings to raise money for this and other charities. These are mostly charities which provide aid for war disabled soldiers and he is also Artist in Residence at the Deer Sanctuary in Fife. He had brought a large selection of his paintings, which demonstrated his skill and variety. His has painted a portrait of the Queen which is valued in the thousands of pounds.

Richard painted two pictures, both landscapes, while he talked and demonstrated the use of his hands and his one brush. Two rather reluctant members were then dragooned into trying the technique and managed to produce a reasonable picture considering the short time available and the novelty of the technique.

Roger Bromley gave the vote of thanks for an entertaining afternoon.

Kinross in Bloom

Another Autumn is here, and our baskets and tubs are still blooming, providing some colour for the town. Some of the baskets are beginning to look a bit end of seasonish, but the tubs are looking good for a few weeks yet.

Our willow golfer outside The Green Hotel has lasted well, and provided a talking point for golfers and public alike, and brought a few smiles to faces.

Our new pick-up truck is already one year old, and has done sterling service in that time, being able to collect and deliver as and when required and has made things easier for us. It has also proved a good vehicle to carry out our watering duties, although we could do with two more drivers to help next year. If you have an hour or two to spare, and would like to help, please contact any Bloom member.

The polytunnel is presently in use bringing on some winter pansies, which will be planted out later in the year, as well as tulips and daffodils.

The new season for our 200 Club has now commenced. Should you be interested in joining, please contact Aileen on 01577 861477; she will be very pleased to hear from you.

Our last draw was in August and the winners were:

1. No. 27 Anna Graham
2. No. 82 Mr & Mrs J Whyte
3. No. 49 Mrs Anne Milburn
4. No. 72 Mr I Todd

Congratulations to all.

Kinross & District Inner Wheel

Kinross and District Inner Wheel made a flying start to the new season when President Fiona Mapp welcomed District Chairman Marjory Duncan, from the Ellon Inner Wheel Club, to address our first meeting. She gave an inspirational talk, broadening our awareness of the wider movement that Inner Wheel is, both at District and National level.

She spoke very movingly too, on her chosen charity, Silver Line Scotland, which is a direct telephone helpline set up by Esther Rantzen to deal confidentially with problems that older people may have. It operates in partnership with Age Scotland, is open 24 hours a day, and offers information, advice and friendship, particularly to people on their own.

It was an enjoyably interactive evening, when Marjory spent a lot of time talking individually to members and which gave us all a lot to think about.



Boys Brigade

New Session, New Faces

The new Brigade session opened on Friday 5 September with a fair number of new faces in the ranks of Anchors, Juniors and Company Sections. With the session underway all three sections have started on their badge work programmes. There are still a few spaces in all three sections: Anchors cater for boys and girls in primaries one, two and three, Juniors for boys and girls in primaries four, five and six, with the Company Section catering for boys and girls in primary 7 and above. All three sections meet in the Church Centre on Friday evenings, Anchors from 6 till 7.15pm, Juniors from 7 till 9pm and Company from 7 till 10pm.

Battalion competitions should get underway after the school October holidays for both Junior and Company Sections. The Company has entered BB national competitions in badminton, chess, table tennis, five-a-side football and the masterteam quiz. The draws for these national competitions will be made in early October with first round matches to be played by the end of November.

The BB volleyball teams get their season underway with the Perth & District Recreational League Cup on Sunday 5 October. Well done to Mark Cathro and Mitchell Brown who won Bronze Medals at this year's Sainsbury's School Games playing with the Scotland East boys' volleyball team. Both Mark and Mitchell started volleyball playing for the Company in the Perth District League on Sunday evenings at Bell's Sports Centre. Senior Company Section members are working towards D of E, President's and Queen's Badges which involve a fair amount of voluntary work within the community.

We have had a busy summer with our marquee hires so they are now all packed away for next session. Hires for next year are already in the diary.



Common Grounds

Volunteers and friends enjoyed a trip to the Raj Mahal, Kinross, for a fun evening and successful fundraiser in late August. Thanks to the generous hospitality of the restaurant and kind support of those mentioned, £509 was raised. This, all while we were treated to good food, excellent service, entertainment and lively company! Thanks again to the restaurant, those who donated raffle prizes and to everyone who contributed to the success of the evening.

Project: Our project for October will be for an Emergency Relief Fund, which will be chosen by Volunteers at their next meeting on **Tuesday 14 October**.

Annual General Meeting: Our 2014 AGM will be held on **Wednesday 19 November** at 7pm in Orwell Bowling Club, Milnathort. Everyone welcome.

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

commongroundscape.wordpress.com

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: Elspeth Caldwell (Convener) 01577 863350 and Linda Freeman (Secretary) 01577 865045.



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Volunteer Drivers Needed

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Most of the trips our drivers undertake at the moment are to medical appointments but there are many less able people who require help and transport to do the everyday things most of us take for granted. If you think you can help someone visit the supermarket, take them to the bank or hairdressers or simply deliver them to visit a friend for an hour, then please get in touch. We are not a taxi service, we offer much, much more than that. We hope we help to improve the quality of life for people and give them a greater feeling of independence.

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References will be asked for and a clean driving licence is essential.



KVG&ROS has been shortlisted for a BoSCommunity award

Bank of Scotland Community Award: KVG&ROS has been shortlisted for a Bank of Scotland community award. Please vote to help us continue and expand our service. *See also page 4.*

Dobbies charity: KVG&ROS is currently Dobbies' preferred charity. There will be a tombola at Dobbies on **Saturday 25 October**, 11am-2pm.

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Kinross-shire Day Centre

We have been making the most of the end of the summer weather with another of our popular barge trips, which will be the last for this summer. I should mention that the barge is operated by the Seagull Trust who always give us a lovely day out and we are really grateful to their wonderful crew for all their special care. More locally, on a sunny afternoon our driver took us for a run around the loch and tea in Dobbies at Dunfermline.

This month our round-the-world lunch trip took us to India and the tasty lunch was followed by entertainment in the afternoon. Music is always popular and, on another occasion, Rab and Lindsey kept us entertained, not only with their folk songs but also with their funny anecdotes.

We are also very grateful to Linda Norman who came in one afternoon to run a workshop on jewellery-making. Please remember that activities are open to any retired people – see our programme elsewhere in this issue and come along if you are interested.

On a more serious note, our manager Nan gave our service users a talk on falls awareness. Falls can be a major issue for older people but relatively simple measures can prevent them.

Finally, we say a big thank you to the congregation and Kirk Session of Kinross Parish Church who chose us as the recipients of a very generous retiring collection at the September communion. The various kinds of support which we enjoy from this community are so important to us. Thank you.

If you would like to be involved with the Day Centre, as a service user, a volunteer or as a supporter, speak to Nan Cook, 01577 863869.

Portmoak Film Society

A good turnout at Portmoak Hall for 'Philomena' signalled the start of the new season, with 85% rating it good/excellent on the audience satisfaction gauge. It's the moving story of an Irish woman played by Judi Dench who is assisted in locating her long-lost adopted son by journalist Martin Sixsmith, played admirably by Steve Coogan.

Next up on **Sunday 12 October** is 2013 blockbuster '**The Butler**,' a historical drama set in the White House about the life of butler Cecil Gaines, played by Forest Whitaker, who sees out eight presidents in over three decades of service, covering the civil rights movement and the Vietnam war amongst others. Don't miss it!

Membership cards for the whole season mean a significant price discount and are available on the door or from Stuart Mackenzie (01592 840638). Entry on the night costs £5 and, as always, films start promptly at 7.30pm. Light refreshments are served afterwards and newcomers as well as regulars are welcome to join us for a chat afterwards.

For more info, go to: www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk

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October

Tue 7th Regular Meeting at 7.15pm.
Tue 14th General Committee Meeting at 7.30pm. Arrange work for next Regular Meeting.

Tue 21st Regular Meeting at 7.15pm.
Tue 28th General Committee Meeting at 7.30pm. Arrange work for next Regular Meeting.



Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



The October 2014 Club meeting will be held on **Thursday 2 October** at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall. The speaker for the meeting will be Rachel Roberts, who will give a talk on "The Life of a Vet". The speaker at the September meeting, Peter Minshell, gave us an insight into the charity "Homes for Heroes" talking about their efforts to provide houses for wounded servicemen throughout the country. A collection was held at the end of the meeting.

Away Days October 2014

9 October John Muir birthplace, Dunbar

23 October Glen Lyon - Autumn Foliage

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

Friday Walkers

10 October The Pitlochry autumn walk – we leave at 9am for this one.

24 October Gartmore Dam from Tillcoultry – at the usual time of 9.30am.

Contact: Ian Simpson 01577 863691.

Friday Hill Walkers

3 October Oisinn each Robin 8.30

17 October TBA

31 October Sidlaws Katie 9.00

Activities

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

Carpet Bowling: This group resumes on **Monday 6 October** and thereafter on each Monday at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall. Contact: Helen Duncan 01577 863638.

Craft Group: This group resumes on **Wednesday 10 September** and thereafter on each Wednesday at 2pm until 3pm in the Millbridge Hall. Contact: Elizabeth Smith 01577 861387.

Fly Tyers: Contact: Ian Campbell for details 01577 830582

Keep-Fit: This group resumes on **Tuesday 16 September** and thereafter on each Tuesday at 2pm in the Masonic Hall. Contact Val Oswald 01577 864020.

The Line Dancers: The Dancers swing and sway every Tuesday and Friday at 10.30am in the Millbridge Hall. Contact: Betty Fergus 01577 866961.

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

Kinross and District Town Twinning Association



Summer 2015 sees the 40th Anniversary of our twinning links with Gacé in Normandy and to celebrate this occasion there will be a special week-long visit to our French twin town. An open public meeting has been arranged at 8pm in the Community Campus on **Thursday 30 October** where more details will be made available. The only costs involved are the travel costs, as you will be hosted by a French family for the week-long visit.

It is planned to leave Kinross on Saturday 11 July, travelling by coach to Hull for the overnight ferry crossing to Zeebrugge. Arrival in Gacé will be on the afternoon of Sunday 12th, in good time for the national Bastille Day celebrations on 14 July. Other visits will be planned throughout the week, including Paris. We will leave Gacé on the morning of Monday 20 July, driving to Zeebrugge. Arrival time back in Kinross is estimated to be around 4pm on Tuesday 21 July.

The 40th anniversary twinning visit is open to anyone. It would be good if the local organisations who were involved in the initial twinning visits (Kinross Council, Round Table, Rotary, Otters Swimming Club, BB, Scouts, Guides, Pipe Band, Kinross High School, Football Club and local churches) could be represented at this special twinning visit. Also people who have been involved in school exchanges over the years are welcome to renew their links with our twin town.

There will be a school exchange visit to Kinross from Gacé schools arriving on 30 September until 7 October.

Advance notice: the **Annual General Meeting** of the Association will be held at 8pm in the Community Campus on **Tuesday 18 November**.

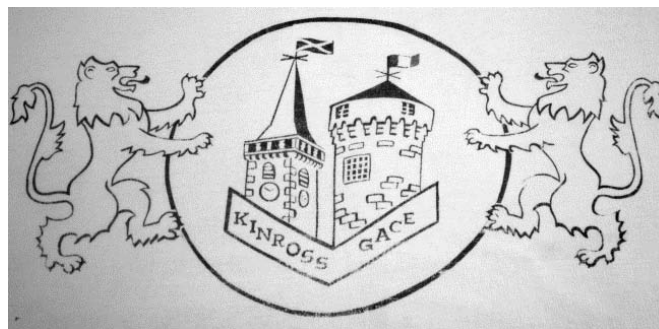


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Kinnesswood in Bloom

Four members of Kinnesswood in Bloom attended the Take a Pride in Perthshire Awards at the Salutation Hotel on 10 September. It is a few years since we last took part in this competition. We got Gold for the village, a great tribute to the work which has gone on in the village over the last year. We were then delighted to receive the award for the best small village in that category. Our neighbours in Milnathort got Gold and one of their members was commended for his work on the War Memorial. Scotlandwell also received Gold and the best village in the wee village category. If you haven't passed by this way during the summer, it might encourage you to drive or walk past and admire the beautiful villages and see how much hard work has gone into them. The colourful bikes of Scotlandwell and golf trail in Kinnesswood are both worth a look. The icing on the cake was winning the Community Involvement Shield. It is very much a community effort to produce the results and it is a chance to thank all those who are involved. We have a chairperson who tries to keep us on track, a secretary who produces minutes from meetings which are sometimes very lively and a treasurer who has a big job running the accounts and organising fund raising events. There are people who apply for funding and organise projects and we have a magnificent portfolio which goes into these competitions.



Provost Liz Grant (centre) presenting an award to Norma Smith and John Nicol

We have great support from the school and pupils have been very involved in projects this year. In addition, a great group of ladies were involved for the first time helping make bunting and making clothes for our mini golfers. We have many sponsors of tubs and baskets and Friends of Kinnesswood in Bloom provide for ongoing running costs every year. Individual gardens are well cared for so thank you to everyone who looks after their own patch. Last but not least are the gardeners of KIB who meet regularly to maintain and develop the village. I have not named names as they are too numerous but we are very grateful to Pat and John Nicol who work long hours keeping the grass cut, watering where required and keeping the village in order. We hope they enjoy their well-deserved holiday in Australia when it comes. Our Ryder Cup project is one of four put forward to an award ceremony hosted by the Provost of Perth at Gleneagles. We'll let you know how that one goes next month.

Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

Hungarian Apple Pudding

Ingredients

4 large cooking apples	85g caster sugar
3 tablespoons orange juice	pinch of salt
70g fine breadcrumbs	2 eggs, separated
1 tablespoon butter	45g caster sugar (for meringue)

Method

Peel and grate the apples. Stir in the fruit juice and breadcrumbs.

Cream the butter and 85g sugar with a pinch of salt. Add the egg yolks and beat thoroughly. Blend with the first mixture. Beat the egg whites stiffly and fold in the remaining 45g sugar.

Fold the meringue into the apple mixture and turn into a buttered dish. Stand in a baking tin of hot water and cook in a moderate oven, 180°C, for about an hour.

Serve with custard or cream.



Portmoak Community Woodland

Mulching the surface of the raised peatbog in Portmoak Moss has been successfully completed. A huge, specialised machine tore into the tree stumps and ridged areas of the bog, creating a more even surface which should ultimately allow boggier conditions. We quickly discovered why the machine required a 100-metre exclusion zone, as peat and plant matter were flung into the air. (See photo and article on page 8.)

The Portmoak Community Woodland Steering Group would like to thank the public for their patience, as the main path round the Moss was closed for three weeks. There was limited access at weekends and in the evenings and we're glad that many dog walkers took advantage of these opportunities.

Of course, the core area of the Moss now looks like a battleground again and we'll have to await winter rainfall to see the bog plants regenerate. The main idea is to create the best conditions for rare sphagnum moss and we look forward to a colourful patchwork spreading over the whole area and bringing with it all sorts of interesting insects. We'll be replanting the sphagnum which we saved in a volunteer event just before the mulching began.

Meanwhile, the Woodland Trust Scotland have been carrying out other work in the Moss to encourage a wider range of butterflies and improve public access.

And the Woodland Steering Group will soon have news of a public consultation as part of a specially commissioned management plan to look into the long term future of the Moss.

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2014 Programme of Events

RSPB "Loch Leven: The Big Picture" – Friday 26 and Saturday 27 September. This two day event will be a creative and interactive community celebration of the nature of Loch Leven and the surrounding area. The RSPB will be highlighting the wildlife that exists in this area to enthuse and inspire local and visiting individual, families and groups to get out and about. On **Friday 26 September at 6pm** there will be a film screening of 'Project Wild Thing'. To book a **Free Seat** please phone RSPB Loch Leven on 01577 862355 or email miranda.shephard@rspb.org.uk. On **Friday 26 and Saturday 27** there will be a 3D display of Loch Leven that is the collaboration of members of the community including local schools, youth groups, local interest groups, businesses and community groups who, over the whole summer, have contributed to this amazing 3D project to capture sights, sounds, smells and tastes of Loch Leven providing a way forward into the future. Come along and see how you have helped to create the future vision of Loch Leven – Be part of "The Big Picture"!

'Seafood Scotland' – Tuesday 7 October. Seafood Scotland's widely acclaimed Seafood in Schools programme is visiting the campus on Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 October with a roadshow featuring three workshops that will enable pupils to learn all about different aspects of the seafood industry, and to try some tasty local fish and shellfish. Ian Murray, Skipper of the Reaper, based at Anstruther, and the Seafood team from Sainsbury's Kinross will be showing how fish is processed and how it arrives at your plate. A community event for parents and siblings is an important part of Seafood in Schools, and local coordinator Maria Anderson and the workshop presenters will welcome visitors in the hall at Kinross High from **4.40pm – 6pm on Tuesday 7 October**, to test their knowledge, see what their children have learnt, and taste the seafood. The children and the community will have the opportunity to view and handle a variety of fresh and live species, including crab, lobster, langoustine, cod, haddock, monkfish and much more.

Antiques, Vintage, Retro and Collectors Fair – Saturday 11 October. There will be buying, selling and valuations given. Admission will be from **9.30am – 4pm** with entry fee of **£1 per person**. For exhibitors booking, please contact: Angus on 07944 416565.

Well-being, Celebrate Age Event – Wednesday 22 October. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a great day for all from **10am – 2.30pm** including Millie Gray, Author and Storyteller, Relaxation Techniques, Hand Massage, Nail Painting, Face Painting & Body Art, Games Room, Kinross Museum's Memory Bank, Interesting Stalls and Freebies, Children's Activities, Fitness Techniques, IT skills, Family History Workshops, Explore Local Images of Scotland, Electric Blanket Testing and much more. Enjoy Music and Entertainment with Free Refreshments. (See also notice on p. 93.)

CHAS Scarf Appeal Grand Sale – Sunday 26 October. Come and see the fantastic collection of scarves from America, Australia, England, Ireland, Wales and from all over Scotland. There will be scarves for kiddies as well as many fabulous men's scarves. Come and buy a handmade

Christmas gift and donate to the charity CHAS at the same time. With some three thousand to choose from, you will be spoilt for choice and all are unique. Included are some that would look good around the neck of budding timelords! More information, photos and updates about the scarf appeal can be found on

Chasscarfappeal.yolasite.com alternatively please contact Sandra Farrer on sandra_farrer@yahoo.com or phone 07523550014.

Outdoor Car Boot and Indoor Table Top Sale – Saturday 1 November. Free Public Admission from **9am – 1pm** with sellers set up from **8am**. All Pitches and Tables are **£10 each** (includes a refreshment voucher for a Hot Roll & Hot Drink) and **must** be booked in advance. If you would like further information or want to request a booking form, then please contact Gerry McGregor – contact details above.

Other Events for 2014

Sat 8 November	Antiques & Collectors Fair.
Fri 14 November	Winter Festival- Kinross-shire's Got Talent.
Sat 15 November	Winter Festival- Iain Hunter and The Eliot Murray Big Band Concert.
Sun 16 November	Winter Festival- Choirs Together Concert.
Thurs 20 November	Winter Festival– Songs from Musicals Concert.
Fri 21 November	Author Talk – Val McDermid.
Thu 27 November	Messy Nessie at the Library.
Sat 22 November	Winter Festival- Eddi Reader Concert.
Fri 5 December	Christmas Stories & Activities in the Library.
Sat 6 December	Christmas Festival & Craft Fair.
Sat 13 December	Antiques & Collectors Fair.
Sun 14 December	Inter-Church & Community Christmas Service.

For more details on any of the above events, please see the Loch Leven Community Campus Events Facebook page or go to <http://kinross.myallocator.com>. Both are a great way to get the latest updates on all that is going on at the campus.

Campus Survey

So that we can see what we are doing well and how we can improve on stuff that is not so good the new 2014 Campus User Survey is now available for all to complete at <http://pkc.Loch-Leven-Campus-Users-2014.sgizmo.com/s3/> Copies are also available at Campus Reception so make your views known and tell us what you think!

Future Events

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

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Dobbies Community Champion

October will start with our **Charity Night** at the Garden Centre on **Thursday 2 October**, from **5 to 9pm**, starting to raise funds for Dobbies' national Charity, **Together for Short Lives**, who support children with life limiting illnesses. Come and join us for a preview of our new Christmas ranges, drinks and food tasting, wreath and table decoration demos and how to plant bulbs for Christmas, and in hardy winter pots. **Tickets are only £1** available from the store, or on the night. **Free children's craft and seed sowing session** from 5pm to 6pm; donations to the charity welcomed.

In September, the **Little Seedlings' group** harvested potatoes, onions and runner beans from their growing bed at the allotments, and learned about fruits and other ways in which plants spread their seeds. **The October meeting on 5th** at 11am will be about migration and hibernation, and how animals cope with the cold winter, and we will be making a winter home for insects. Weather permitting, we will again meet at the allotment site behind the store.



l to r: Katelyn, Emily and Alexis of the Little Seedlings Club with giant sunflowers

If your school class would like to visit the store, and learn about growing fruit and vegetables, contact me for more details on community.kinross@dobbies.com.

Our Local Charity, the Kinross-shire Volunteer Group, will be holding a **tombola and Hallowe'en lucky dip for children** at the store on **Saturday 25 October**, from about 11am, please come along for some fun, to support their important work providing voluntary drivers for local people to attend medical appointments etc.

Looking ahead to November, we are planning two more exciting events: **Santa will be arriving at his grotto** in the store on **Sunday 16 November** at 11am, and we will have a children's entertainer and crafts, and other family activities. Santa will then be available for booking online at weekends, up until Christmas.

After a very enjoyable **Ladies Night** last year, we will be holding this popular event on **Thursday 27 November** from 5pm to 9pm, with a glass of fizz, and canapés, free beauty pamper sessions from local therapists, floristry demos, a prize raffle, cup cakes and other tasty treats! Tickets £1 will be available from early October. A night not to be missed!

Amanda James, Community Champion
Tel 01577 863327

Milnathort Town Hall Association

Chair's report, Annual General Meeting, 3 September

First of all I would like to thank everyone for being interested in the future of Milnathort Town Hall. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Committee for their continued support and assistance in all matters regarding the restoration of this iconic building which is visible from every road into the village. I am always at great lengths to stress that all of the people on this committee have various other commitments, most of us still work full time/run businesses and the time involved in a lot of the work required for the Town Hall, sometimes proves too much, but we are all doing the best we can.

I would also like to thank our regular and ad hoc hall users, particularly in times when issues have arisen causing temporary closure of the hall. Your continued support of the hall is absolutely imperative.

We held a very successful open evening in November when around 100 people from the local community attended. An excellent presentation from Prof Dr David Munro giving us a brief historical back ground to the Hall followed by an equally excellent presentation from Scott Strachan showing a virtual walk round the restored hall was very well received. Wine provided by Joanna Giacopazzi and pizza by Cllr and Mrs J Giacopazzi, and cakes from Sainsbury's. It was an evening enjoyed by all who attended and certainly gave the Committee a boost at the positive reaction.

Fund raising over the last year has progressed, not always as fast as we would like, with promised monies from Arthur and Margaret Thompson Trust and Gannochy Trust, money received from the Dragons' Den (alias Kinross-shire Round Table), monies previously received from Kinross-shire Fund, Kinross Newsletter and so on. We had some unsuccessful applications made to Robertson Trust and Sita Trust but we are currently in the process of re-submitting these applications and also of course the Heritage Lottery Fund. We also have to thank Giacopazzi's for their very generous contributions through the NISA Making a Difference campaign and Sainsbury's for monies received from them through a short notice bag packing exercise and collecting tins in the shop for around six months.

With regards to work done in the hall itself, we have completed the refurbishment of the windows, and they are waiting for a successful bidder to do the painting. Scaffolding for this, over the burn, is going to be required, and the window which was accidentally broken at a child's party will be replaced when the scaffolding is in place.

I am hopeful that by this time next year, our restoration project will have begun and we will be looking at a much improved facility for the use of our community.

Rosemary Tolson, Chairperson
Milnathort Town Hall Association

Town Hall Association 50/50 Draw

August Winners: 1st no 19, Jean Toshach; 2nd no 5, Dearing; 3rd no 30, Janet Wallace.

September Winners: 1st no 1, David Brown; 2nd no 61, Kirsty Cassells; 3rd no 62, Kirsty Cassells.

Discover Loch Leven Website

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

Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation

Kinross-shire Winter Festival

Festive Street Market and Light Up Kinross

This year the Festive Street Market will be a joint event with Light Up Kinross on **Saturday 29 November**. The market will take place from 4pm to 7pm at The Muirs (opposite Green Hotel) and the Light Up Kinross event will start at the market and will continue at 7pm at the County Buildings. For booking form stalls please e-mail info@kleo.org.uk

Kinross-shire Music Festival

As announced in previous newsletters, we are delighted that **Eddi Reader** will perform at the Kinross-shire Music Festival on **Saturday 22 November** at 8pm at the Loch Leven Community Campus. Tickets are £24.

Other acts during the festival include:

Iain Hunter & The Eliot Murray Big Band (Sat 15 Nov, 8pm at the campus). Tickets are £12.50.

'The Kinross-shire's Got Talent Competition' (Friday 14 November.)

Choirs Together a showcase of local choirs and singing groups performing. (Sun 16 Nov, 7pm at campus.)

Handel's Messiah in a day (Sun 23 Nov). Sing one of the most famous works of Handel, the 'Messiah', in one day with conductor Peter Rutterford and four professional soloists! If interested in taking part please e-mail your details to info@kleo.org.uk

You can find more acts on the festival website
www.kinrossmusicfestival.co.uk

Tickets for festival acts are for sale through our website www.kinrosswinterfestival.co.uk and TicketWeb. Tickets are also available at the Milnathort Post Office, MacBeth Currie Estate Agent (Kinross) and Butchers Hunters of Kinross (Tickets Iain Hunter).

Leven Voices

The very popular Leven Voices choir group with Horsecross Arts Tutor Christine Kydd is on Tuesdays, 7.30pm at the Kinross Parish Church and are open to anyone who just wants to sing and have fun! Enrolment fee is £6 (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.

See also *Mary Queen of Scots* article, p. 13.



Potager Garden

Bowton Road, Kinross

www.potagergardenkinross.com

We were very lucky to have a lovely sunny afternoon on 10 September when the **school children returned to the garden for their harvesting visit**. They lifted potatoes and onions, and picked lots of runner beans. Margaret had made vegetable soup, which was very popular, and they tasted peas and beans and a colourful salad of leaves and some flowers from the garden. The children also explored the sensory area, and did a bug hunt, with lots of bees, hoverflies and butterflies to be found.

To round off a busy but fun afternoon, the children each took a bag of produce home, and **many said they had enjoyed vegetables which they had not tasted before, and we hope some of them will be encouraged to grow some at home**. Thanks to Jean for helping to prepare the snacks and filling the bags of produce.



P6 pupils with some of their harvest

Some produce will also be for sale at our coffee morning later in the month, and a hamper will be raffled for Macmillan.

Depending on the weather, the garden will stay open during the day into October – **Even if the gate is closed it will not be locked: do come in and have a look around. Our Monday volunteer sessions will also continue when weather permits.**

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Scotlandwell in Bloom

At the Salutation Hotel in Perth on Wednesday 10 September, Scotlandwell in Bloom was awarded 'Gold' in the Take a Pride in Perthshire Best Kept Wee Village competition, and also Best Wee Village overall – an excellent achievement once again.

Elaine and Karen would like to thank everyone for their efforts in helping make this possible. Three members of the in-bloom team enjoyed the festivities on Wednesday evening, joined by fellow in-bloomers from Kinnesswood, and we congratulate the team on their success in the competition too, and also the in-bloom Ryder Cup competition.



*Elaine and Dave Carruthers accepting the Wee Village Trophy from Provost Liz Grant (centre) at the Take a Pride in Perthshire Award Ceremony
Photo: Dave Martin*

Scotlandwell in Bloom decided against entering the Ryder Cup competition and concentrated their efforts into Reduce, Re-use, Recycle by decorating the village with colourful bicycles overspilling with blooms! The bicycles have proved very popular with locals and visitors alike and photographers have been swarming to the village like bees to a honeypot!



A planted bicycle in Scotlandwell - this one's yellow, by the way!

Please mention The Newsletter when answering advertisements

Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

October is often a fine month weather-wise – wonderful for walking. Come out, improve your fitness, enjoy yourself and meet new people. Whether you're new or returning to walking or a regular walker, try out a walk or two to see if you'd like to join us. You will be made very welcome.

Saturday 11 October: Birks of Aberfeldy, 4 miles.

Steep climb with lots of steps up glen to view autumn colours with wide, high level views over Strathtay and Aberfeldy. Walk continues through Aberfeldy town with the possibility of a lunch stop there.

Sunday 26 October: Kenmore Hill, 10 miles.

Exhilarating walk with spectacular views of Kenmore and Loch Tay. Steady long climb at the start then easy ridge walk.

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

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

Kinross and Ochil Short Walks Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

The autumn weather has been good and our fortnightly short walks on a TUESDAY MORNING are continuing. These walks are usually a maximum of 4 miles, lasting 1½-2 hours. As well as discovering new walking areas, we are becoming expert inspectors of the Tea Rooms in these areas! The walks are aimed at people who are new to walking, would like to extend their walk from a health walk or who would simply like an opportunity to keep fit. We now have a good nucleus of walkers but would be delighted to welcome anyone else who would like to try walking with us.

We meet in the Kinross old Health Centre car park or you can go straight to the walk start points given below. We operate car-sharing but it is not essential to have a car.

GIVE IT A GO – enjoy good company and some great walks. Just turn up on the day – you will be very welcome.

Tuesday 7 October: Blairadam Forest

Meet 10am at old Health Centre **or** 10.20am at car park at entrance to forest, just off the B914.

Tuesday 21 October: Moncreiffe Hill

(postponed from previous date). Meet 10am at old Health Centre **or** 10.30am at Earn car park, Bridge of Earn.

For more information please contact Edna Burnett on 01577 862977, via ednaburnett@fmail.net or mobile 07946 725074 (on morning of walks only).



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Kinross and District Art Club



We were delighted when Betty Peebles, the very first President of our club at its founding in 1967, paid a surprise visit to our annual exhibition in the Parish Church in September. The 92-year-old now lives in Kincardine and she still paints! Her memory is as sharp as ever and she recounted for us the early history of our club when it met in several temporary venues before it found its current home in The Millbridge Hall. She is seen in the photo below with the current President, Doug Hague on the extreme left and past Presidents David Cochrane and Glenys Andrews on either side of her.



The highlight of our year is the Annual Exhibition and Sale of our paintings in the Parish Church, and this year was no exception, with a gathering of around 60 at our Opening Evening, with special guest, Writer, Geographer and Local Historian, **Prof David Munro MBE**, who gave an illustrated talk of the history of Art in Kinross. Many of us were surprised to learn that famous artists such as Turner and Millais had visited the town and sketched the loch and the castle.

We would like to thank all the residents of Kinross and District, and the many visitors who came from further afield, for supporting us by viewing our paintings and making purchases of our work. We would also like to thank all our members who produced and ran such a splendid show over the three-day event.

If you would like to join this vibrant club, come along to the Millbridge Hall any Tuesday or Friday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm.

For more information, visit our web site at:

www.kadac.co.uk or call Glenys on **01577 865167**.

Compassion Corner

A book review

'Life is what happens to you when you're busy making other plans' as John Lennon said. This could be the tagline for author Saira Shah's novel 'The Mouseproof Kitchen' (Harvell Secker, London, 2013.)

Pregnant, and planning to open a restaurant in rural France, Anna's life takes an unlooked for turn. Dreams seem destined to be dumped, hopes cruelly smashed when Anna gives birth to a profoundly disabled daughter. Tobias, an otherwise generous, loving partner, finds it impossible to love his little daughter. A new plan emerges – they will offer Freya for adoption. Except... Anna can't quite say yes; at least not yet. She needs time to prepare and persuades Tobias that a move to France is still possible. A decision about adoption can be taken later.

But, life happens again: the house in picturesque Languedoc turns out to be semi derelict and comes with sitting tenants – an infestation of mice. Adding to the challenge, the locals are wary and eccentric.

Slowly, against all the odds, Freya survives and thrives. And Anna and Tobias begin to win the war against the mice, the rats and the dilapidation. But the real story, and at the centre of its unfolding, is Freya herself. At home with the locals, in all their unpredictability, she becomes a magnet for their compassion. By simply being a child with needs she weaves a spell; in the end, her parents too come to acknowledge the place she holds in their lives. 'Everybody here's an individual. (Her mother admits) There's more room for oddness of one sort or other. A disabled baby just slips into the background'.

The book does not end with all loose ends tied up – but it ends on a note of hope. Dreams have been reshaped; horizons once narrowed have opened up again; adoption is no longer an option. Compassion, in action, has made this possible.

In this novel, as in life, compassion is a two-way street. For, as Desmond Tutu wrote: 'my humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together'.

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Rotary Club of Kinross & District



There were a number of additional events in August which included a visit by a number of members to the Dunfermline Carnegie Rotary Club's breakfast meeting where the speaker was Olivia Giles, whose Charity '500 Miles' supplies amputees in parts of Africa with artificial limbs. Olivia was a successful business woman before illness deprived her of both her hands and feet, and she has now dedicated her life to help those less fortunate souls who do not have the benefit of a National Health Service in their country.

An event at Balgonie Castle, organised by the Rotary Club of Glenrothes was also supported by members with family and friends. Musical entertainment was provided by the Fife Strathspey & Reel Society, Pipers, Highland Dancers and singers. Unfortunately, the wind and showers forced the musicians to retreat to the Castle dungeon where it was warm and dry.

Then there was an evening at Orwell Bowling Club, where members and wives enjoyed friendly competition on the greens, followed by the hospitality of the Bowling Club with an excellent supper prepared by Club Staff.

To top it all, on the last day of August, the sun shone brightly for the Mary Queen of Scots Extravaganza at the Kirkgate Park. Once again, the Club joined with the Kinross Local Events Organisation (KLEO), to organise an afternoon's entertainment which included the re-enactment of Queen Mary being rescued from Loch Leven Castle. There was a 16th century theme to many of the day's activities with jousting, fencing, craft stalls and a hog roast. Rotarians manned the car park and sold raffle tickets, but the Club's main involvement was the organisation of a series of boat races from the pier. A total of 18 local teams took part, all urged on by raucous commentary, with Kinross Colts emerging as winners of the Ivan Wood Trophy with the fastest time of the day. All money raised by the Club will go to Charity, and it is hoped it will become an annual event.

(See also page 13.)

Back at the Windlestrae Hotel, writer Paul Hencke paid his second visit to the Club and gave a fascinating talk about corruption in the European Union organisation. His findings had given him plenty of ideas for his latest thriller, and a selection of signed copies of his recent books was available.

Our next speaker was Eilidh Gibson from Kinnesswood. Eilidh, although only 18 years of age, is already the Scottish Canoe Slalom champion at all age groups, and number 3 in Great Britain. In a very professional presentation, she described the arduous training programme required to reach and remain at the top of her sport in which she now competes around the world, with the long term objective being a place in the GB team at the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo. Now coming to the end of her gap year, she is about to commence her studies in Biological Sciences at Edinburgh University.



President Eric Williamson congratulating Eilidh Gibson from Kinnesswood on becoming Scottish Canoe Slalom champion

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

Crook of Devon Village Hall

Thank you!

Everyone had a great night at the village hall auction that took place on Saturday 13 September; lots of bargains, bidding wars and so many laughs, and all in aid of our local charity.

The support from local businesses and individuals from Crook of Devon, Kinross and beyond was fantastic, so a huge thank you to the following who helped make it happen: Amazon, Yoga Breathing Space, Blairgowrie Golf Club, Broomhill Kennels, SST Sensing, Fossoway Youth Club, The Boathouse in South Queensferry, Loch Leven Sports Centre, Glen Isla Golf Club, Suzanne Black Photography, The Kilt Company, Mercury Discos, Odeon Cinema, Lola & Daisy Designs, BlueSky Experiences, Scottish Ballet, Scottish Rugby Union, St Johnstone FC, The Dukes Golf Course, Kirklands Hotel, Tiger Feet shoe shop, artists Nicol Wheatley and Pauline McGee, Bunt Anne, Cluny Clays, Caledonia Washrooms, Costa Coffee, Starbucks, Motorhome Adventure Scotland, The Studio Hair Company, Fossoway Taxis, The Raj Mahal, The Grouse & Claret, Fossoway Stores and Tony Macaroni.

We managed to raise £4,400 at the event, so thank you to everyone who came along and dug deep to support the event. Please check out our website for upcoming events we're hosting and if you're looking for a venue, please come and check us out!

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Kinross High School



This is the first of our departmental articles: a message from the PE Department.

What a summer of sport we have enjoyed! I'm sure many of you had the pleasure of visiting the Glasgow Commonwealth Games and were able to watch some top class sport. But did you know that there were four former Kinross High School pupils who were representing Scotland at the games? Patrick MacHugh played in the Badminton doubles competition, Natalie Milne competed in the team triathlon event, whilst Laura Muir and Eilidh Child were running on the athletics track. We shared in the agony of Laura's heel being clipped as she came into the home straight at the end of the 1500 metres, and we shared in the ecstasy of Eilidh as she won an amazing silver medal in the 400 metres hurdles. Of course, Eilidh added to her success by winning gold at the European championships in Zurich only a few weeks later.

Suffice to say, Kinross High School, and the PE department in particular, are extremely proud of all of our Commonwealth Games representatives – what an amazing achievement for all of them to represent their country at the highest level. I don't mind saying that they all brought a wee tear to my eye as I watched them! Of course, Kinross High PE Department cannot take credit for the success of these pupils, but all four of them were familiar faces within the department during their time at KHS and represented the school at many county, regional and national events. Indeed, three of them are past sports champions and their names remain displayed proudly in the PE department corridor on our sports champion boards.

One thing that links my memories of all these four pupils was how hard working and dedicated they were to their sport. It was clear that these pupils had all the attributes to make it to the top – a determination, positive attitude and willingness to succeed. They are all testament to the theory that lots and lots of hard work will bring its own rewards and successes.

I hope that all our current pupils have been inspired by this amazing summer of sport and that some of them will be thinking that this could possibly be them in the future, because I am sure that it will be! We currently have some extremely talented pupils participating in a variety of sports, who are already achieving success at regional and national level. So, let's look forward to the next Commonwealth Games in Australia – perhaps there will be even more past KHS pupils taking part!

Looking forward to the year ahead in school, the PE department hopes to provide opportunities for all our young people to participate in a wide variety of sports. All extra-curricular clubs are now up and running and we would encourage all pupils to get involved. Perhaps the journey to future sporting success can begin right here and now at Kinross High School!

*by Mrs Page (formerly Miss Kinnell)
PE Department*

Kinross-shire Visitor Information Points

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

Kinross High backs Teenage Cancer Trust

by Gavin Steven and Josh Dobbie

Kinross High School is pleased to announce it will be supporting Teenage Cancer Trust this year and will be attempting to better last year's fundraising total of £16,178. This charity is dedicated to helping young people with cancer and related diseases by providing specialised units designed for teens within NHS hospitals.

Already the school has hosted a very successful coffee morning, dress down day and sponsored walk, raising over £2,500. There are many more events planned throughout the year that will contribute to what is hoped will be another successful charitable effort.

This year, pupils want to do more than raise money. They hope to also raise awareness and understanding of cancer by creating informative videos on this subject and inviting guests with personal experience to speak at the school. Kinross High School will keep the community involved by regularly updating their web, Twitter and Facebook pages and providing information across its campus and the surrounding district.

With your support, the Teenage Cancer Trust can gain the funding and publicity it deserves.

Milnathort Primary School Parent Council

Proposed meeting dates for 2014-15 are:

2014: 6 October, 17 November, 10 December (PC Christmas Drinks)

2015: 19 January, 2 March, 27 April, 15 June.

New members always welcome and meetings are open to all parents with children at the school. Meetings are held at the Loch Leven Community Campus at 7.30pm.

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Kinross High School Parent Council

Clerk: Jennifer Sneddon 0794 667 9815
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The first Parent Council meeting of the school year took place on 15 September. A great deal of ground was covered but two subjects dominated: exam results and the new school week.

The introduction of the new National exams has been the subject of much local and national discussion and not a little concern. Mr Keatings however was delighted to report that our S4s had performed very well in the new exams, in fact better than even he and his experienced team had predicted. He had prepared a statistical document detailing KHS's exam performance against similar schools and summarised it at the meeting. The S5s did fantastically well this year, and S6 achievements were also very good, adding to a pattern of increased S6 achievement which Mr Keatings is particularly pleased to see. The new Higher exam will be introduced in 2016. In KHS this will be phased in over this year and next, with just less than half of the subjects following the new Higher syllabus this year, and all subjects by 2017.

The new school week has been ongoing for a few weeks now and pupils and teachers are getting used to things. We have to remember it is still early days, and everyone takes time to get used to a new routine. That said, some concerns were raised around the length of the morning and catering arrangements. Mr Keatings advised that monitoring and evaluation was taking place and small changes could be considered. Some pupils have been making use of the campus on Friday afternoons already and it is hoped that more activities will be available to pupils after the October holidays.

Dates for Parents' Evenings can be found on the school website but for your convenience they are:

S1: 2 October, **S5/S6:** 13 November, **S4:** 27 November, **S2:** 26 February and **S3:** 26 March. Parent Council members will be in attendance at the Parents' Evenings so please come and talk to us. The Parent Council's role is to help support the process of communications with the school on general matters regarding our children's education and we are always keen to hear from you, whether it be good, or not.

The Parent Council represents 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.

Further Parent Council meetings are planned for 10 November, 12 January, 9 March, 20 April (to be confirmed) and 25 May, with the AGM on 15 June. Any parent or guardian of a KHS pupil is welcome to come along. Contact the Clerk if you are interested. Even if you cannot commit the time to joining the Parent Council, if there is ever a general concern you would like raised about the school, please contact the Clerk with details and it can be discussed. Specific issues relating to individual pupils should always be raised directly with the School in the first instance.

Office bearers of the Parent Council for the 2014-15 school are: William Nicholls (Chair), Carol Potter (Vice Chair) and Allan Miller (Treasurer).

Cleish Primary School

We have had a very busy first term at Cleish Primary School, welcoming five new Primary 1 pupils who have settled well into the routine of their new class. We have three classes: Primary 1-3, Primary 3/4 and Primary 5-7, and all of the children returned from their summer holidays ready to learn!

Leadership Opportunities

We have organised new committees which meet every second week and plan events and initiatives to improve learning in our school. This year we have established groups for eco development, health promotion, communications, help in the school grounds and a Pupil Council. These groups are led by the children with the support of a member of staff and provide opportunities for children to develop leadership skills. I look forward to keeping you updated about the work they have done.

Active Kids Vouchers

Thanks to all members of the community who donated Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers to the school. We have received the play equipment that the children selected and it has made our playground a more interesting and active place to be.



The first of our Active Kids items arrive

Art Exhibition

Towards the end of last term, Friends of Cleish School organised an art exhibition where children's work was displayed and sold. We were supported in this venture by local artists who kindly donated pieces of work which were sold in a silent auction. Many thanks to: Nichol Wheatley, Sylvia Breslin, Babs Pease, Angela Heidemann, Thora Clyne, Bunty Anne, Denise Dupoint, Sherrie Conn, Nicky Beaumont and Elena Browett for their donations.

Two talented staff members, Shona Paterson and Davy Robertson, also gave paintings. A fantastic evening was had by all and we raised a grand total of £782 for the school. Well done and thank you to all of the staff, parents and children involved.

We are very keen to involve members of the local community in the life of the school. If you have any questions or have skills /expertise that would support and enhance learning at Cleish, please do not hesitate to get in touch at Cleish@pkc.gov.uk

Portmoak Primary School

A New Year

Every class has started extremely well with their new teachers; I cannot recall having such consistently positive feedback from every member of staff so early in the year. We have welcomed several new families at the start of the session and our 17 new P1 pupils have settled in extremely well. This year we have 5 classes again and our current roll is 113 children.

Staffing News

We have been pleased to welcome Mrs Fraser who has joined our staff to cover the additional teaching post covering RCCT (reduced class contact time) cover and probationer cover (the post held last session by Mrs Sture). Everyone is delighted that Mrs Mossom will be staying with us all year teaching P3/4/5 and that Mr Ainsworth is once again covering the PE curriculum on Fridays.

Mrs Davies will be going on her maternity leave just before the October holidays so we will also be looking for a Classroom Assistant to cover her post. Mrs Fraser will only be working two days so we will be looking for an additional teacher to cover Mrs Kellie's management day in P5/6. Mrs Morrison is currently covering this vacancy on a supply basis.

Ryder Cup

We were delighted to hear that both Scotlandwell in Bloom and Kinnesswood in Bloom achieved Gold in their recent Take a Pride in Perthshire evaluations. The work Kinnesswood in Bloom did with the school's Community Committee on Ryder Cup figures is being considered for an award at the time of writing so we are looking forward to hearing about that and we can't wait to see the pictures our P7s completed of golfers before the summer being used as a poster to go up in the train or bus stations in Perth to welcome people to the Ryder Cup.

Parking

A reminder at this time about safety for our pupils and consideration for our neighbours: I appreciate our car park can be a busy place at pick up and drop off times but please make sure you park thoughtfully around the school and do not use the disabled bays or bus stops. Parents should never park on the pavement. Remember too that our buses need enough room to get around the corner, so parking right at corners can make this difficult for the bus drivers and makes the walk to school less safe for our children. Please be aware that the red painted lines represent walkways that must be left clear.

School Improvement Plan 2014-15

This year we are focusing on three main areas. These are:

- **Our children will experience higher quality learning and teaching**
 - o This target focuses on teacher training in and sharing of formative assessment (Assessment is For Learning) strategies
- **Our children will participate in high quality learning experiences in health and wellbeing**
 - o Focusing on teaching in PE with cluster colleagues and on the new relationships, Sexual Health and Parenting materials
- **To develop a consistent approach to evidence each learner's journey**
 - o Focusing on a format to discuss, assess and record progress
 - o Ability to articulate progress in learning for staff, pupils and parents.
 - o More consistent use of the PKC Indicators (Illustrations of secure at each level)

Thank you for reading our news. If you have time or expertise that you would like to share with our school, then please get in touch.

Kind regards,

Louise Gordon, Headteacher



Golfers through the ages by Portmoak pupils

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Club Correspondents

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Sports News

Kinross Tennis Club

www.kinrossstennisclub.org.uk



Club Championship Results

The end of the tennis season might be on the horizon, but after some tough league matches there were no signs of fatigue at the Club Championships. The sun was a welcome sight on finals day, along with some refreshing Pimms and BBQ delicacies after some well-fought matches!

The results are as follows:

	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Runner-up</i>
Gents Singles	Mike Russell	Mauro Salmi
Ladies Singles	Gail Nelson	Siobhan Macleod
Gents Doubles	Oliver Hill	Andrew Greener
	Finlay Young	Gavin Verden-Anderson
Ladies Doubles	Maggie Byford	Margaret Hamblin
	Ann Hill	Gillian Galbraith
Mixed Doubles	Mike Russell	Mauro Salmi
	Ann Hill	Margaret Hamblin

The Juniors also had a very successful Club Championships, albeit without the Pimms!

The results are as follows:

<i>8 and Under</i>		
Singles	Calum Porter	Lewis Dall
<i>9 and Under</i>		
Singles	Calum Porter	Logan Carlisle
<i>10 and Under</i>		
Singles	Calum Porter	Logan Carlisle
<i>12 and Under</i>		
Singles	Samuel Wong	Lewis Carlisle
<i>12 and Under</i>		
Doubles	Samuel Wong	Lewis Carlisle
	Tom Morris	Logan Carlisle

14 and Under
Singles

Winner

Jacob Wong

Runner-up

Charlie Hogg

14 and Under

Doubles

Lewis Carlisle

Samuel Wong

Jacob Wong

Logan Carlisle

18 and Under

Singles

Finlay Young

Jack McNeill

18 and under doubles still to be played.

Coaching

Our Junior Coaching will continue outdoor (weather permitting) until the October school holidays. Our after school classes on a Friday are full for 5-8 years and 9 & Under but there are still lots of spaces for the older ones from 5pm onwards and for all age groups on a Tuesday. Children are welcome to come along and try their first session free of charge. Racquets are provided.

The coaching will go indoor for children aged 9 and under after the October holidays on a Tuesday. If you would like to book, please get in touch with Siobhan MacLeod at kinrossstenniscoaching@gmail.com.

Adult coaching will also continue on a Tuesday at 7.30pm until 7 October.

Club Nights and Mornings

Wednesday evening and Sunday morning sessions will continue, weather permitting. The floodlights means play can continue up to 10pm. Members of all abilities will be very welcome and non-members are also very welcome to come along, meet some members, and perhaps think about joining!

Non-members and Visitors

Sands the Ironmongers are able to provide access to the courts for a small fee.

Further information on Kinross Tennis Club can be found on our website.



Winners, runners up and spectators from Club Championships Day

Kinross Road Runners

www.kinrossroadrunners.co.uk

Gateside Gallop - Wednesday 3 September

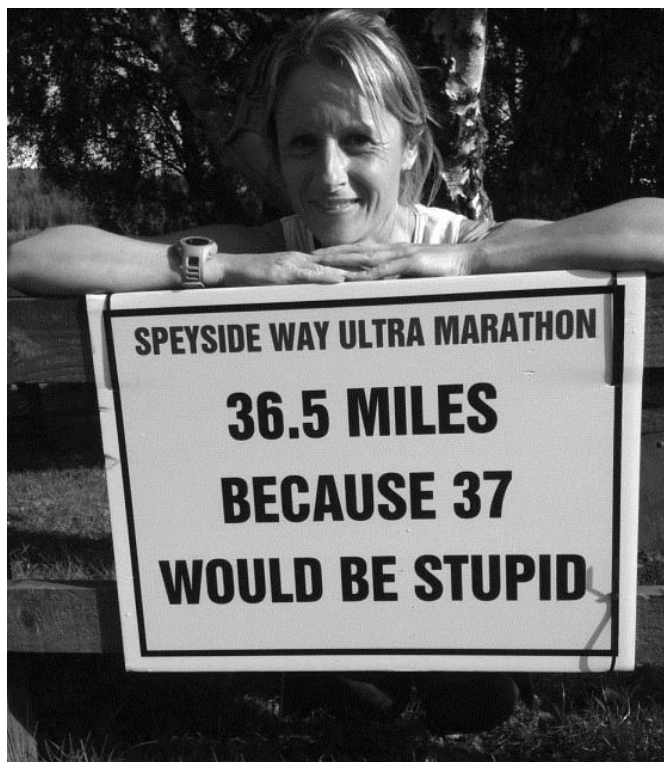
Well done to everyone who ran the Gateside Gallop. It was a great night for a scenic four-mile trail race. This was the penultimate race of the Off Road Championship. Andy Laycock was first male KRR home in a time of 26:23 and Jillian Gordon was first female KRR coming home with 29:23 on the clock.

Speyside Way 36.5 mile Ultra Marathon

A massive well done to Jillian Gordon who finished second lady in this year's Speyside Way Ultra Marathon held on 23 August. The race measures 36.5 miles and Jillian completed it in a phenomenal time of 5:03.20. This was her first Ultra and hopefully not her last.

If you are interested in joining the club please feel free to join us for a session or two and see if you like it.

For more information, please visit our website.



Jillian Gordon was second in the Speyside Way Ultra Marathon



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Kinross Cycling Club



One of the highlights of the Kinross Cycling Club calendar took place on Saturday 6 September. The annual **Ochils Road Race** is divided into two events and the morning competition was the Masters and Ladies race. Race categories are defined by British Cycling and all riders must present an appropriate licence on the day in order to participate. The running of a road race requires an army of helpers to set up and marshal the course, to act as support to the peloton, administer first aid and undertake time keeping and commissar duties and thanks are offered to all who helped out on the day and made the event happen.

The day was pleasant and calm on the 10km circuit around Drunzie, Duncricvie, Glenfarg and Middleton. The riders race around up to seven laps of the circuit (approximately 70km). Once the leading group of cyclists has crossed the finish line, following riders finish whatever lap they are on. The course is "undulating" and includes seven ascents of the climb past the church in Glenfarg! Many strong riders from clubs in the surrounding area participated, and some riders from much further afield. Despite feeling below par with a virus on the day, KCC rider Andy Bruce won the Masters race in a time of 2:00:32, and Roland Kitson was in 33rd place in 2:10:23.

The afternoon saw the category 3 and category 4 riders race seven laps of the same circuit. The race was won by Sean Delaney of Deeside Thistle in a time of 1:57:28. Only one KCC rider finished the afternoon race: Jonathan Witham recorded a time of 2:19:09 and was in 33rd place.

Details of all forthcoming rides and events are to be found on www.kinrosscyclingclub.co.uk

Kinross Croquet Club

Short Croquet Tournament

The Scottish Croquet Association Championship Tournament for 2014 was played on Sunday 24 August, on the lawn of the Green Hotel, Kinross.

The winner was **Alistair Malcolm** of the Kinross Croquet Club. Fellow Kinross player, David Young, took second place, ahead of four players from Edinburgh.

Results in full:

Alistair Malcolm 4 wins, +26 net points: beat Robert Inder 12-7, Roger Binks 14-5, Rachel Frith 14-2, Fergus McInnes 14-2.

David Young 4 wins, +17: beat Rachel Frith 7-6, Roger Binks 13-5, Alistair Malcolm 14-2, Robert Inder 12-9.

Fergus McInnes 3 wins, -6: beat Roger Binks 13-9, David Young 14-7, Rachel Frith 14-5.

Robert Inder 2 wins, +8: beat Rachel Frith 10-5, Fergus McInnes 14-0.

Roger Binks 2 wins, -7: beat Robert Inder 11-8, Rachel Frith 14-3.

Rachel Frith 0 wins, -38.

Contact for further information: Brian Smith, Secretary, Kinross Croquet Club 01383 722252.

Need to check something in an old Newsletter?

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Kinross Otters

Premier League Update

The Otters Premier League team continue to perform well and in the latest instalment came third in Perth on 23 August. They now lie in an excellent second position overall behind Perth with only one gala remaining in Arbroath.

The full table has Perth on 20 points, Kinross on 13 points, Dundee City Aquatics 12 points, Arbroath St. Thomas 11 points and Forfar on 4 points and already relegated. It may be hard to maintain that position as the Otters have a few key swimmers missing for this final gala.

Many Thanks

Many thanks again to the Kinross Cycling Club for making a donation of £500 to the Otters.



The Otters Amateur Swimming Club has been shortlisted for a BoS community award

Bank of Scotland Community Fund

The Bank of Scotland has a Community Fund that distributes money to deserving local organisations.

Kinross Otters Amateur Swimming Club is one of only four organisations to be shortlisted from over 300 applications in this BoS area.

The Otters is an extremely vibrant community based club located at Loch Leven Leisure, which provides a safe environment for around 110 children and young people to learn to swim better. The Otters also promote the fitness and health benefits that swimming provides.

It is now down purely to votes cast and the number of public votes we receive will directly determine the amount of money we win. Any winnings will go towards the ongoing development of the club. **Don't delay, vote today.**

Vote online at communityfund.bankofscotland.co.uk, on Twitter with a tweet to: **#commfundLCL** or vote in a branch of BoS/Lloyds in Cowdenbeath, Kinross or Lochgelly.

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Milnathort Golf Club

We had a massive response from our members to our request for unused golf equipment to sell here at the Club and over £1200 was raised through the sale. This money will go into our Club funds.

Our online booking system for visitors is up and running now and any non-members can book a round via our website www.milnathortgolfclub.co.uk

Our next social event is:

25 October Supper Dance with 'Riverside'

2 courses and coffee £15 per person

Tickets are available from the bar.

To contact the Clubhouse, please email milnathort.gc@btconnect.com or phone 01577 864069.

Junior section

The last few competitions of the season have been completed. The Summer League was won by Brian McCormick who had the best three scores over the five rounds.

Duncan McKie won the Stirling Trophy and the Centenary Cup.

The Cumming Cup was won by Patrick Freeman with a net 64 in the first round and a net 63 in the second round. Patrick also picks up the title of Most Improved Boy, narrowly beating Brian McCormick.

The final junior competition of the season, the Castrol Cup, a three-person Texas Scramble, takes place soon with six teams competing for the last trophy of the year. The ClubGolf programme has just finished for the year and we have seen great improvement from those that have taken part. Many thanks to Betty Brannen and Hugh Cumming for continuing to provide the tuition under this scheme.

Ladies section

We held our Ladies Open on Saturday 30 August. The weather stayed fine for us and we had an excellent turnout of ladies from all over. Here are the winners on the day. Well done, all.

Silver section

1st Scratch	J Saxton (Kinross) - 83 (Milnathort Ladies Trophy winner)
2nd Scratch	A Houston (Ladybank) - 84
3rd Scratch	C Watson (Bonnybridge) - 89
1st Handicap	Catriona Marshall (Milnathort) - 74
2nd Handicap	K Allan (Milnathort) - 76
3rd Handicap	L Hunter (Leven GS) - 76
4th Handicap	R Wilson (Milnathort) - 77

Bronze section

1st Scratch	C Thomas (Bogside) - 95
2nd Scratch	R Kinnell (Lochgelly) - 95
3rd Scratch	J Gibson (Milnathort) - 97
1st Handicap	L Arthur (Milnathort) - 71 (overall winner, Pearl Murphy Trophy)
2nd Handicap	H Orr (Cupar) - 73
3rd Handicap	D Stevens (Milnathort) - 75
4th Handicap	A Thomson (Kinross) - 76

The end of the season has come around so quickly, with the closing nine holes being played on 15 September. All in all, the weather has been kind to us during the summer months, with many ladies cutting their handicaps and handing in very good scores.

The winter sweep starts on Wednesday 17 September at 10am and on Saturdays at 1.15pm. We look forward to seeing many of you braving the elements over the coming months, or the usual meet for coffee should the weather be really bad.

Kinross Volleyball Club

Sainsbury's UK School Games Bronze Medalists

Congratulations to Mark Cathro and Mitchell Brown who won bronze medals at the Manchester games with the Scotland East Boys' under 17 Volleyball Team.



Mark Cathro and Mitchell Brown

New Indoor season

Indoor volleyball has resumed at the Community Campus on Monday evenings from 8.15 till 9.45pm. New members are welcome at any time. There are five teams which operate from Kinross, two compete in the Perth & District Premier League and three compete in the Perth & District Recreational League, so there are vacancies at all levels from complete beginner to experienced player. League games will commence after the school October holidays with Cup competitions taking place before the school holiday fortnight.

Annual General Meeting

At the Kinross Club's annual general meeting the following were reappointed: Chairperson - John Cameron; Secretary - David Munro; Treasurer - Fiona Wilkie; Coach - Craig Donaldson.

Scottish Cup Draw

The Kinross men's team have entered this year's Scottish Cup and have been lined up for three games:

- Home game against Edinburgh NUVOC on 18 October
- Home game against Su Ragazzi II of Glasgow on 8 November
- Away game against Volero of Motherwell on 29 November.

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Kinross Ladies Hockey Club

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The club had a weekend of celebrations to mark the 40th anniversary of the club. As part of this celebration the club held the annual pink tournament in aid of cancer research. Previous players made a come back before the tournament to take part in the 'past against present players' match. The pink was out in full force with pink tops, tutus and face paint. The matches were played in good spirit and there was some good hockey played. In the end, GHK were victors of the tournament and took home the trophy.

This time of year now brings the start of the season. The club faces new challenges with the first team stepping up to the new championship league and the club entering an indoor squad. The ladies 1st team's first match was cancelled and so too was the 2nds scheduled Bell Trophy competition, so the matches against Grange for the 1s and new side, Monarch, for the 2s will be the first match for the season.

We train every Wednesday night, 6.30pm until 8pm, on the astro pitch at the King George V playing fields in Kinross and have two teams. If you would like to come along and join in, please do!

For further details, see our website or contact the club secretary, Claire Brownbridge at 07770 422480 or e-mail claire@brownbridge.co.uk or just turn up on the night!

Kinross Kobras Junior Hockey

The season has restarted with our training taking place at the KGV AstroTurf pitch on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Training is a mixture of drills and games aimed at developing youngsters' full potential in the sport and the club is now helping a number of youngsters progress into District and National squads and teams.

Currently a number of Kinross players are involved in the Midland District U16 squads and will hopefully take part in the Inter-district U16 Championships in early October. The club is planning to enter teams in the U16 National Championships this year to give players good experience of playing against the top club teams in Scotland.

Also pencilled into the diary is an U10 and U12 tournament that the club will host in October and which should form one of a series of such tournaments organised by the various local clubs over the course of the season. It is good to see several more Kobras moving on into the men's and ladies' clubs and from the men's club perspective we look forward to seeing them playing in the men's teams this season.



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Over eighty people attended the Open Day at Kinross Curling on 13 September to see the renovated ice rink, enjoy refreshments and chat to some of the Trustees.

The rink then opened for business on 20 September when eighty members of the Kinross Curling Trust were the first to sample the new facility and enjoy a bonspiel throughout the day.



Inside the refurbished curling rink

Local curling clubs started their programmes from Sunday 21 September and these run through to April. There is a free **Try Curling** event on **14 October** (see the Kinross Curling School entry on this page for more details) and **Beginners Classes**, which run as follows:

Sunday 26 October	9.30am – 12.15pm
Sunday 2 November	11.45am – 2.45pm
Saturday 8 November	2.45pm – 5.30pm

The cost is £50 per person for the three classes.

The weekend of 3 to 5 October promises high standard curling at the **Kinross Junior Classic**. Sixteen boys' and eight girls' teams from throughout Scotland have entered. Spectators are welcome.

Staff

Katrina Leslie, an experienced catering professional, has joined as bar and catering supervisor to develop that part of the business.

Steven Kerr, assisted by Donald McGregor and Craig Murphy, will be responsible for the ice. Bookings for the season ahead are strong.

Trust

Blair Melville stood down recently as Chair of the Trustees and as a Trustee, saying:

"I have been considering when to step down as a Trustee/Director for a little while now. I had certainly intended to do so no later than the next AGM. However, pressures at work have made it very hard to commit the time needed to the role of Trustee and Chairman, and those pressures are not going to ease in the next 2-3 months. Since the project is in effect completed, and the business has reached a break point where it moves into the operational phase, I feel that this is an opportune time to step down and hand on to others with different skills."

At a board meeting on 26 August, Bob Tait was elected as Chairman.

Phil Barton has been co-opted as a Trustee and Iain Keddie is serving as Secretary.

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For further information, or to register, please contact Claire Milne, Tel: 07789 646672, email:

kinrossdev@royalcaledoniancurlingclub.org

Kinross Bowling Club

The bowling season is drawing to a close again, but the weather has been kind to us this year. All friendly games have now been completed, with the last two played being wins against Falkland and Glenfarg.

Some one-day competitions have been played. A full set up of winners and runners up will be in the next month's newsletter.

Results as follows:

	<i>Winners</i>	<i>Runners Up</i>
E Ford Ladies	Sheila Rennie	Janet Mitchell
Handicap Trophy	G Rennie	P Grant
Senior S/Hand	Jim Cousar	R Moffat
Renton	Sheila Rennie	C Matthews
Presidents	P Grant	Jim Cousar

Our **Ladies Open Pairs** was played on Sunday 17 August on a lovely sunny day. This competition, which had an entry of 18 ladies pairs, was sponsored by **Loch Leven's Larder**, which was very much appreciated by us and **Emma Niven** of **Loch Leven's Larder** was on hand to present the prizes.

We also received a cheque from **Meiklem Drainage**, which we used to purchase the food. This again is appreciated by all our members, as **John Meiklem** has given us this for the past seven years. Without these sponsorships this competition could not go ahead.

The winners were: **V & B Robertson** (mother and daughter) from Dovecote Bowling Club and the runners up were **J Jackson & G Legge** from Orwell Bowling Club.

Well done to them and thanks to all competitors for a great competition. A big thanks to all Club members who organised the competition and ran it on the day and the members in the kitchen all day who worked very hard (you know who you are).

We have had quite a lot of foreign visitors this year – mostly French – who have come along and enjoyed trying the sport and had a few good evenings.

The closing of the green is on **Sunday 5 October at 2pm**.

We look forward to a good turnout.

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Kinross Colts

The new football season is now underway with Kinross Colts teams competing in the three regional FSSDA, FFDL, AFYFC leagues. We have eight squads at the various age levels playing in these leagues with over 140 registered players. We are also delighted to announce our first girls' team at the 2002 level. Female football is the fastest growing sport on the planet and we would welcome any girls at this age level or a year or two below.

A St Johnstone cup victory and an excellent world cup seems to have put the children of Kinross in the mood for playing football. We are now getting inquiries about new age groups (especially 2007 at the moment) but will only be in a position to start these new teams if we have volunteers approach us to coach and organise the players. Also, some age groups are becoming overloaded and we would be willing to add additional teams at these ages but we will need additional volunteers if we are going to be able to



manage demand. We'd be willing to provide guidance and support to anyone interested in becoming involved in these teams. To contact the club, please email kinrosscolts@gmail.com.

The 2001 squad had an impressive first season at 11-a-side by gaining promotion to the first division of the FFDL league and winning the FFDL Fair Play Trophy. They also had an excellent cup run and reached the semi-final of the Fife Development Cup against Kirkcaldy Eagles. A well-taken goal from close range by James Abel put The Colts into the lead early in the first half. James's twin, Euan, also plays for the team and the team tactic is to confuse the opposition into thinking they are seeing double! Kirkcaldy equalised just before halftime with an unstoppable shot from six yards. The second half was a tense affair with David Gavan making some outstanding saves to ensure that the game went into extra time. Although Kirkcaldy scored just before the end of extra time to secure their place in the final, the 2001 squad deserves to be applauded for representing Kinross Colts so well.



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Kinross Rugby Club

Seniors

The 1st XV have commenced their league season, and came up against a strong Harris side on Saturday 6 Sept. The match was very tight for the first half, but then Harris took a grasp of the game, coming away with a 41-5 win. Under new coach Tom Bennett, the standard of play this season has improved and hopes are high for the remainder of the season.

Upcoming fixtures are:

27 Sept	v Panmure	(Home)
4 October	v Blairgowrie	(Away)
11 October	v Alloa	(Home)
25 October	v Stirling University	(Home)

All kick offs at 3pm.

Sponsorship

The club are offering some very attractive sponsorship opportunities for this season. GS Group will be sponsoring our 1st XV strips this season, but there is still the chance to get your business's name noticed from Carnoustie and St Andrews to Stirling and Alloa, with various stopping points in between. These opportunities include tracksuits, match sponsorship and many others. Please contact sponsorship co-ordinator Kelman Chambers on 07530 285598 for further details.

Clubhouse

The Kinross RFC clubhouse is a great local facility, which is used by not only members of the rugby club, but local clubs can also benefit from the facility. Also, if you are considering a party or event, think about using the club.

Juniors

Midis (S1-S4)

The club have now recommenced midis training from 6.30pm till 8pm on Tuesday evenings at the KGV. We now have the nucleus of an S1/S2 team and will be starting to play matches in the next few weeks. If you are interested in playing midi rugby or have played at mini level, please come down and join in; all welcome.

Minis (P1-P7)

The minis have now started playing matches against other opposition from across the central belt, north to Dundee and



Carnoustie and Melrose in the borders. We welcome all children, boys or girls, and training takes place from 10.30am on Saturdays at KGV.

Annual minis tournament – Sunday 5 October 2014

Our annual tournament is this year being held on Sunday 5 October, from 11am at the KGV. Around 200 children from across Scotland will be in attendance, and as such parking in the areas around the rugby club will be busy. The club advises all visiting clubs of areas to park within Kinross, and to minimise disruption and we ask that all Kinross parents park sensibly and where possible at the old high school, old doctors' surgery or areas not adjacent to the club.



The Kinross RFC minis show off their new tops with local sponsorship

The Kinross RFC minis have received new sponsorship this season for new match playing tops from local businesses. These were presented to Martin Scott, Kinross RFC Youth Convenor prior to the first matches of the season. We wish to say our sincere thanks to Ross Smith and John Silcock from Borland Insurance; Peter Hunter from PH Contracts; Simon Morton from PI Renewables and David Charity from Pets Friends Veterinary Practice.



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Kinross-shire Cricket Club

2014 Season Review

Senior 1st XI



Whilst many people will remember the summer for some fine weather during the week, many cricketers will only remember the awful weather which tended to arrive on Saturday morning and stay over the weekend. The 1st XI league team managed to play only seven of their 18 fixtures, as 11 were rained off before or during the game. However, in the matches that were played, the team did play some excellent cricket and came fourth in the Strathmore & Perthshire 1st division. Had the team secured a win in the close fought last game of the season, they would have finished second. James Ross was the star batsman, scoring at an impressive average of 41 and bagging two 100s. James also picked up the bowling honours and shared the fielding award with Fred Culley. A full breakdown of the senior awards will appear in next month's Newsletter.

Juniors

The junior fixtures were also hit by the weather although the U13s and U15s managed to progress through their respective national championships, only losing to the final winners at the last stages. Kinross-shire junior teams have reached the finals of the National Championships eight times in the past 10 years and the club can reflect in the fact that we are recognised as one of the top junior clubs in Scotland.

Over the summer the club carried out the ECB Kwik Cricket assessment programme and the flowing juniors received their certificates at the Junior Awards Night held at the campus on 15 September.

Silver Awards

Lewis Dall, Emma Turlik, Angus Forbes, Daniel Ray, Finlay Clark, Lawrence Kuijpers, Naomi Clarke, Ailsa Marama, Emma Mitchell, Ellis Tooley, Finlay McColl, Calum Porter, Adam Forrest, Katie Robertson, Cary Jennings, Cecily Douglas, Andrew Crittenden.

Silver Award 1st place

Henry Silcock and Thomas Charity.

Gold Awards

William Silcock, Matthew Bentall, Ben Montgomery, Lewis Bentall, Ross Telfer, Daniel Shah, Tom Milling-Smith, Freddie McCreanor.

Gold Award 1st Place

Bart Kuijpers.

Inter-Cricket Awards

Kieran Borthwick, Andrew Hynd, Ramsay Scott, Douglas Young.

Inter-cricket Award 1st Place

Abigail Hall.

The junior award night also recognised the performance of the hardball players.

Under 12 Wee Stramash Awards

Batsman of the year William Silcock

Bowler of the year Oliver Roe

Under 15 Wee Stramash Awards

Batsman of the year Toby Douglas

Bowler of the year Lewis McLaren & Charlie Bell.

The club would like to thank the sponsors of individual Wee Stramash teams by Borland Insurance, Tyrefair Kinross, Kinross-shire Business Partnership and Ogilvie Ross. Without their assistance the Wee Stramash events could not have taken place.



Plants donated by Dobbies have transformed the clubhouse

National Championship Team Awards

U13 Awards

Batsman of the year Stuart McCreanor

Bowler of the year Jack McCreanor

Fielder of the year Alix Turlik

U15 Awards

Batsman of the year Jack McCreanor

Bowler of the year Lewis McLaren

Fielder of the year Jack McCreanor

Club Awards

Spirit of Cricket Awards

Darwin Douglas, Ross Hunter, Ben Normile, Callum Shah, Joe Jennings, Andrew Hynd.

Most Improved Player Awards

Ryan Shah, Max Baird, Durness Mackay-Champion.

Special Award

Darwin Douglas for taking 5 wickets in an innings.

2014 Junior of the Year Award

Jack McCreanor.

The awards were presented by Scotland internationalist and 1st class county player, Peter Ross. Peter started his playing career with KCC and was Junior of the Year in 2008.

Club News

At the end of season the club received a fantastic donation of bedding plants and shrubs from Dobbies Garden Centre. Dobbies' Community Champion, Amanda James, was on hand to oversee the delivery of the plants and to help club members and parents with the planting. The newly created flowerbeds and shrubs have transformed the front of the pavilion and the entrance to the ground. The entire club would like to thank Dobbies for

all their help this season and for their generous donation.

The end of season sponsored fun run took place at the cricket ground on a damp and cold Monday night in August. This year the event was altered into an obstacle course format with cargo nets to crawl under, slalom poles to avoid, a tricky egg & spoon challenge and a 30m water slide, complete

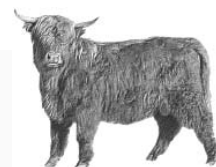
with soap suds and a water jet. Over 60 children and two parents took part in the event, which gave the coaches the chance to get revenge for any season misconduct as they were all "armed" with water pistols. The club members then had the chance to get the club chairman and club secretary wet as John and Kirsteen Ross took part in the ice bucket challenge. The event was a massive success, raising over £1,000 which will be used to carry out upgrading work within the pavilion and the scorers hut. Pictures of the fun run can be seen on the club facebook page at www.facebook.com/kinrosscricket

The outdoor season has ended and winter training will commence in October with the seniors taking part in the P&K indoor League series from October to March 2015.

Overall, a wet but great fun season with considerable success on and off the field. Thanks to all the sponsors, helpers and members who have made it such a great year.



The waterslide from the club's end of year fun run obstacle course



Out & About

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Hello again! The time has flown since the last Newsletter and autumn is upon us. With the change in season the birds change as well; out go the summer migrants and in come the winter ones. We have already had pink-footed geese reported by one of our staff who was walking round the Heritage Trail on Sunday 7 September. A pretty early date, usually it's around the third week or so before they begin to arrive, with the peak numbers during October. At time of writing, we are still seeing Ospreys daily, sometimes up to four at a time en route to Senegal and Mali for the winter. Migrant waders are also still passing through, spending a few days with us before moving on. The loch will soon be filled with thousands of ducks, geese and swans from all the "airts and pairts" visiting for the winter.

The shop continues to have weekly arrivals of Christmas stuff, which is not getting over far away. New ranges of cards, calendars and diaries have been in for a wee while now, along with latest arrival "Robin racing crackers." The highly popular penguins crackers have been sent back to southern climes and robins have arrived.

The café continues to be very busy, probably due to our recent gold award mentioned last month, and we are also looking for a café assistant to replace Michael, who has left to go to Aberdeen University, so thanks to him for all his hard work over the last four years. If you are interested in a part time job, please contact us for further details.

October events include "**Wild Colour Walk**" on **Sunday 5th** and **Thursday 16th**. Join RSPB staff on a guided walk to explore the amazing autumn colours around Loch Leven. It's a free event. Contact Miranda Shephard for more details.

On the reserve we are holding "**Autumnwatch**," a free, self-guided nature trail for families or couples or whatever. If you fancy it, you can do it! It runs daily from 10am to 4pm, **11 – 25 October**.

On **Saturday 18th** we are holding a "**Family Bushcraft**" event from 10am until 1pm. This is a bookable event and charges apply. The shop will be running an "**Optics Weekend**" on **18th** and **19th**; a good time to buy that special present for Christmas. (Sorry to mention it again but hey, it's no my fault, I have nothing to do with the timing!) Another free event.

Starting on **Sunday 5th** we are running a six-week "**Birds for Beginners**" course run by local bird recorder and ornithologist, Scott Patterson. He will cover all the main species, give tips on identification tricks and general points on what to look out for and when etc. The course starts at 10am and runs until 1pm every Sunday for six consecutive Sundays. The people who have attended previous courses spoke very highly of them and if you are new to birdwatching or would like to brush up on id skills, then Scott's knowledge will help make things a lot easier to understand. This is a bookable event as places are limited to allow a more hands-on approach to help you gain experience. For more details on any of the above events, e.g. prices on bookable events, please phone the reserve on the usual number 01577 862355. That's it again for this time.

Ta ta,

Colin

Loch Leven NNR



What a fantastic month it's been. The weather has been more than fair. Who says Scotland does not have warm summers!

Our volunteers have been hard at work. Jobs like grass cutting and lifting have been exceptionally easy this year and there have been plenty of insects being counted by the surveyors.

We had our annual BBQ for our volunteers at the office. May I say a big thanks to everyone who has helped over the last year. We could not have achieved so much without all your efforts. If you would wish to join our NNR team of volunteers, please contact us in the office.

On the wildlife front there has been a lot to see. Ospreys have been seen in all quarters of the loch. The most I counted was about 18 and they were lined on the fence posts along the trail along the south shore. The main place they were catching fish was behind Reed Bower. Maybe visiting anglers could learn a thing or two from them!

There have been lots of other birds to see. With the water level down low there have been lots of wading birds seen around the site. Birds that breed high up in the Russian tundra like Knot, Curlew Sandpiper, Sanderling and Little Stint have been seen with scarcities like Ruff, Green and Wood Sandpiper, which probably breed a bit closer to us but are still a pleasure to see. We've also had five species of Grebe around the loch. We are the only site in the country which can boast this!

Great counts of 3200 Teal and 571 Gadwall have been recorded and with nearly 2000 Mallard and all of the other ducks, this autumn is already turning into quite a wildfowl spectacular!

The Pink-footed Geese arrived back around 5 September from Iceland. This was quite early. They have been coming back in small groups. At the time of writing we are still waiting for the big heap to arrive. We have two events this Autumn to celebrate the geese returning. We have both morning and evening walks. On **Saturday 18 October** we have a **Dawn Goose Watch**. We will meet in the Kirkgate car park at 6.30am and view from the cemetery. On **Thursday 23 October** there will be a **Pink Sunset**. There will be a walk from Loch Leven's Larder at 4.30pm down the loch shore. Here you will watch the geese returning to the loch to roost after a day of feeding on the spilt grain in the fields. Please phone the office on 01577 864439 to book a place on either event.

Our 50th year anniversary display and Amanda Battaler's wonderful 'Tufty the Tufted Duck' project will be on display at the **Bigger Picture** event at Loch Leven community campus on **26 and 27 September**.

A little reminder to paddlers on the loch: we request that no paddling takes place on the loch after 1st September until 1st April. We have seen several instances of paddlers disturbing large numbers of birds near the Kirkgate.

I do believe that this will be my last Newsletter as Craig will return from his Shetland adventure. Many thanks for reading and the kind comments I've received.

TTFN,

Jeremy Squire (Reserve Officer)

Farming



It's strange to think that between me writing this collection of havers and the Newsletter being published, Scotland could have voted to become a country independent of the United Kingdom. While it is unlikely that there would be much change overnight (and you will know when reading this if that prediction is right or wrong), the potential for change from an agricultural point of view is vast. One of the most frustrating aspects of the independence debate is being unable to get reliable, meaningful information from an endless stream of claim and counter claim. The whole saga seems to pivot around one side seeing risk and uncertainty where the other sees opportunity and most people's opinions are formed from where they perceive the risks and opportunities lie. Hopefully there will be a very high turnout on the 18th to give whatever result the maximum credibility, because credibility is what I think really matters. At the present time, my 'scunnerometer' is off the end of the scale and I will be glad to see the back of the 18th of September.

Back to the farm, I recently attended a meeting as part of a lamb supply group, which aims to improve the quality of the lamb we produce as well as our technical performance on the production side. The main focus points of the meeting were in the selection of lambs for market, health issues affecting sheep at this time of the year and the preparation of ewes for tupping. The selection of lambs for market is something I feel I need particularly to improve on as I am a relative newcomer to the sheep industry and my skills in that department could certainly benefit from some tuition. The meeting was held at a local farm and there were some lambs which we were able to inspect and were given advice by a local expert of the lamb supply chain. We then had the opportunity to go to the abattoir the next day to inspect the carcasses of the lambs we had seen and make comparisons. This was a very interesting experience as I had never been to the production line of an abattoir before and although it isn't something I could do as a job, I was very impressed with the humane, efficient and professional manner with which the whole process was carried out.

Here at Backward Farm at the moment, we have completed our cereal harvest with mixed results. The winter barley ended up being a disappointment even though my expectations weren't too high to begin with, but the spring barley ended up yielding better than expected. So we have a reasonable pile of grain in the shed to feed the cattle. We are also just about to cut the last of our silage since the weather seems quite settled at the moment. Our second cut of silage along with a couple of fields of third cut is nice, leafy, lush feed, which will help balance out some of the lower feed value silage we made earlier in the season.

We have also sold quite a few lambs, putting into practice the newfound skills(?) on lamb selection. We have monitored the growth of ten individual lambs and I have been disappointed with the growth rate in general. We did some testing for parasites but these came back clear so the next stage could be to take some blood samples to test for vitamin or mineral deficiencies which could affect growth rates. Most likely, though, the cause of their poor growth is quite simply that they don't have the genetic potential to grow quickly. The remedy for this ailment is to buy a better quality tup with recorded performance figures. I hadn't intended buying any tups this year, but it is an investment which could pay off in the long term. Yet another yes/no question to ponder.

John

Weather



August Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall	140.6mm = 5.6inches
Heaviest rainfall	35.7mm (10th)
Total sunshine for the month	160.6 hours
Sunniest day	11 hours (7th)
Maximum temperature	average 17.73 °C
Highest temperature	22.9°C
Minimum temperature	average 7.09°C
Lowest temperature	0.6°C (24th)

Gardens Open



Plant Sale for Scotland's Gardens

There will be a **PLANT SALE** and **FAIR** at **Hill of Tarvit Mansion house** near Cupar on **Sunday 5 October**, 10.30am to 4pm. Admission fee to the plant sale is £2.50 (children under 16 free) with all proceeds to Scotland's Gardens beneficiaries.

There will be generous divisions of herbaceous plants plus a large selection of potted alpine, shrubs etc. There will be a wide range of stalls selling local foods and crafts, and games for all ages. Fungi and wild food experts will conduct guided walks around the estate. The mansion house will be open (reduced fee) 1pm – 5pm. The Hatters Edwardian tea room will be open 11am – 5pm.

The Hill of Tarvit gardens will also be open (normal entrance fee applies). The spectacular gardens were designed by Robert Lorimer.

Scotland's Gardens, a registered charity since 1931, organises the opening of hundreds of gardens, ranging from formal castle gardens to small cottage gardens, to raise money for charity. For more information, see the book "Scotland's Gardens: Our Guide for 2014" or the website www.scotlandsgardens.org

Gardens open regularly

There are some attractive National Trust for Scotland (NTS) gardens (and properties) reasonably near Kinross, such as: **Falkland Palace and gardens**, **Hill of Tarvit mansion house and estate**, **Kellie Castle and gardens**, **the Royal Burgh of Culross** including the palace and gardens. NTS also has a small but fine garden in Perth, **Branklyn Garden**. Find out more at www.nts.org.uk.

Other places to consider visiting are: **Drummond Castle Gardens** at **Crieff**, **Scone Palace** and **Pittencreeff Park** in **Dunfermline**.

Some gardens open regularly under the charitable Scotland's Gardens Scheme are: **Braco Castle gardens** in Perthshire and the famous **Cambo Estate** at Kingsbarns, near St Andrews.

More information about these gardens can be found on our website, www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Leisure info also on www.kinross.cc and www.visitlochleven.org

Congratulations



Alice and David Munro are delighted to announce the marriage of their daughter **RHONA LOUISE MUNRO** to **BARRY GUNN** on Friday 25 July 2014 at the Huntingtower Hotel, near Perth. Many congratulations and best wishes for the future.

On 5 August 2014, **DANIEL ROBERT BRENNAN**, formerly of Washington, Tyne & Wear, and **EMMA LOUISE CHRISTISON**, formerly Kinross, were married at High House Farm Brewery, Matfen. The couple now reside in Chester-Le-Street, Co. Durham and the family would like to wish them both much health and happiness in the future.

Congratulations to **GREGOR ANGUS MacLEAN**, Arlary, and **LISA CUMMING**, Scotlandwell, who were married at Portmoak Church on Saturday 30 August 2014.

It is with great pleasure that Ian and Sheila Reid of Touchie by Milnathort announce the arrival of their third grandchild and first grandson, **MURRAY WILLIAM REID**, born at Ninewells Hospital on Friday 8 August 2014. Murray weighed in at 6lb 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. Love and congratulations to Steven, Michelle and Wills (the dog) from both of us, Billy Jennifer and Simone, Scott, Ginny, Libby and Chloe, Gillian and Callum.

HUNTERS OF KINROSS was selected as preferred supplier to the chef at Kinross House during the Ryder Cup, when special guests were staying at the A listed mansion during the golf competition at Gleneagles.



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I would like to thank the ladies and gents who came to my aid when I fainted at the bus stop by the leisure centre on Saturday 13 September. My grateful thanks. – **NAN PATERSON**.

The **ORWELL DISTRICT GUIDES** would like to say a huge, big thank you to all who helped at their Summer Fête in August, especially all who contributed home baking. The whole afternoon was great fun, and with the sun shining we were able to serve teas and coffees out in the garden. The event raised £657.00 for the upgrade of our Guide kitchen. Well done, everyone.

The **KINROSS HUB, CAFÉ FOR CARERS** would like to say a big thank you to Sainsbury's for the continued support over the past three months, with the generous donations of cakes and supplies and with the valued support from one of their managers (Jennie Charles) and staff (Shona and Sharon) to assist with serving tea/coffee and supporting the carers and families.

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Events listed below are in the church unless indicated otherwise.

Regular Services and events

Sundays: 10.30am: Morning Service with Crèche. Junior Church (age 3 to P7) and 'Jam Pact' (Secondary Age) meet at church centre from 10.15am, finish at church.

7.30pm, 'Crossfire' (S1 upwards) in church centre.

Tuesdays: 10am: Pram Service.

Wednesdays: 10.45am Service, church centre. 1.30pm Craft Group.

Fridays: The Brigade, church centre. Anchor Section 6 – 7.15pm, Junior Section 7 – 9pm, Company Section 8 – 10pm (Contact: David Munro 862126).

Other Events and Services

September

Sun 28 7.30pm: 'Chansons' charity concert for Kinross-shire Day Centre and Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance.

October

Thu 2 7.30pm Thursday Group, church centre: Sandra Thomson 'Jute Journey'.

Sun 5 10.30am Harvest Thanksgiving and Stewardship Sunday 'Christian Sharing'.

6.30pm Harvest Songs of Praise.

Mon 6 8am Silent Meditation (30 mins.)

Tues 7 2.30pm Service at Whyte Court.

7.15pm Guild, church centre: 'A World to Serve'.

Sat 11 8.30am Prayer Breakfast (names in advance to church office).

Thu 16 9pm late evening service of Compline.

Tues 21 7.15pm Guild, church centre.

Sun 26 6.30pm Evening Service: Reading through the Book of Ruth.

Tue 28 2.30pm Service at Causeway Court.

8pm Bible Study and Prayer Meeting, church centre.

Healing Rooms Kinross and Loch Leven

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

No appointment needed. No charge. Totally confidential. Trained volunteers from different churches will pray for your healing. Call

07531 435715 for further information.

www.healingrooms-scotland.com

Visiting Kinross-shire?

For information on Eating Out, Parks and Gardens,
Historic Buildings and more, visit

www.visitlochleven.org

Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

Church of Scotland (Charity number SC015523)

Minister - Rev Dr Angus Morrison

Telephone: 01577 863461

Email: angusmorrison3@gmail.com

Website: www.orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk

Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:

10am Portmoak Church,

11.30am Orwell Church.

All children welcome. Crèche available during Sunday Services.

Prayer Meeting held 30mins before each service.

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

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

Services at Leven Glen: 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

14 Oct Guild meets in Orwell Hall at 7pm. 'Life as a Crime Writer' - Gillian Galbraith.

22 Oct Guild Afternoon Tea in Orwell Hall, 2pm - 4pm.

25 Oct Messy Church in Orwell Hall, 4pm - 6pm.

28 Oct Guild meets in Orwell Hall at 7pm - 'Scottish Air Ambulance Charity'.

31 Oct Oasis Ladies Group in Portmoak New Room at 10.15am - 'Mary's Meals' by Helen Black.

Everyone welcome

Church office & shop open Mon - Sat. 10am until 2pm.

29 South Street, Milnathort KY13 9XA.

Christian cards, gifts, bibles and books for sale. Printing and copying facilities available. Recycling for ink toners, stamps & batteries. Donations of food can be made for the local Foodbank.

Contact the Office 01577 861200
orwellportmoakchurch@gmail.com

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.

The Kinross Newsletter

by the community, for the community

all profits are given away to local good causes

Fossoway, St Serf's & Devonside Church**Church of Scotland** (Charity number SC013157)

Minister: Rev Lis Stenhouse Telephone: (01577) 862937

Email: lissten@sky.com

Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie Telephone: (01592) 840823

Email: brianj.ogilvie1@btopenworld.com

Session Clerk: Mrs Janet Harper Telephone: (01755) 840225

Email: aclassicsoul@aol.com

Sunday Services at 9.45am**October****Sun 5** 9.45am Harvest Thanksgiving Family Worship followed by Refreshments and Fellowship.**Sun 12** 9.45am Morning Worship.**Sun 19** 9.45am Morning Worship.**Sun 26** 9.45am Morning Worship.

There will be a Junior Church and a crèche available during morning worship.

Café Refresh: Every Thursday, church hall, 2-4pm.
*A social time enhanced with tea, coffee and cakes.***House group:** Please contact Fred Aitken for details,
01577 840833.**Film Afternoon:** In the Church Hall, Friday 3 Oct, 2.30-4.30pm and 7.30-9.30pm. *Join us for a film, a cuppa and a blether, and even some popcorn.***Cleish Parish Church****Church of Scotland**

(Charity number SC003168)

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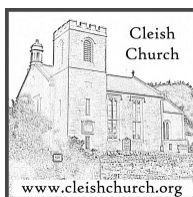
Website: www.cleishchurch.org

Sunday Services 11.15am**Crèche and Junior Church** 11.15am**October****Thu 2** 7pm 'Future Focus' meeting in the village hall.**Sun 5** 11.15am Season of Giving. Harvest Thanksgiving All Age Worship followed by Harvest Lunch in the village hall.**Mon 6** 3.15pm Messy Church in village hall.**Sun 12** 11.15am Morning Worship. Junior Church will also meet during worship.**Sat 18** 10am - 4pm 'Future Focus' meeting in the village hall (bring your own lunch).**Sun 19** 11.15pm Morning Worship.**Sun 26** 11.15pm Morning Worship.

7.30pm Cleish & Fossoway Joint Choir Annual Concert in Cleish Church.

Mon 27 2.30pm Cleish Guild Fund-raising Afternoon Tea in village hall. Speaker: Rev James Simpson. Tickets £4.

All welcome

**St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church***(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion)*

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AY

Fr David Mackenzie Mills, Rector Telephone: 01577 863795

Email: frdavidkinross@gmail.com

Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk

You can also find us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalchurchkinross

St Paul's is open, friendly and welcoming to all age groups (whether regular churchgoers or if you're simply inquisitive about who we are and what we do.)

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.

Mondays and Wednesdays: 8am Morning Prayer in the Church.

1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays: 3.30pm Midweek Holy Communion.

Thursdays: 10.30am Morning Bible study & Discussion Group.

All welcome

Thursdays: 3.30pm - 4.30pm Rector's Hour

October Services and Events

Refreshments are normally available in the Meeting Room after the Sunday 11am service.

Fri 3 - Sun 5 St Paul's Church Flower Festival

(see Notices p. 89).

Sun 5 8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Harvest & Flower Festival Sung Eucharist.

4pm Festival Choral Evensong with members from St Mary's, Dunblane.

Sun 12 Proper 28. 8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 19 St Luke (*transferred from the 18th*).

8.30am Holy Communion. 11am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 26 Simon & Jude (*transferred from the 28th*).

8.30am Holy Communion. 11am Sung Eucharist.

Wed 24 8.30pm Compline.**Everyone welcome at all services**

The Church is open as a quiet space with the opportunity to light a candle on the following days:

1st Monday of the month: 10am - 3pm

2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month: 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Thursdays: 3.30pm - 4.30pm

St James' 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.

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

Obituary

MAY ROBERTSON of Green Road, Kinross, died peacefully on Tuesday 26 August 2014. Beloved wife of the late Allan J Robertson, dear mum of Sheila, Ian and Isobel and a much loved grandma and great grandma. The funeral service took place on Monday 1 September.



Acknowledgement

MACDONALD – Nita and family wish to express their heartfelt thanks to all friends, neighbours, bowlers and golfers for their kindness in words of sympathy, cards and flowers following the sad loss of Ron.

Special thanks to Dr K Gelly and nursing staff at oncology/haematology, Perth Royal Infirmary, who looked after Ron for several years.

A huge thank you also to medical staff at Loch Leven Health Centre, especially Dr D Richmond and district nurses for their care during Ron's illness.

Finally, to doctors and nurses at the Cornhill Macmillan Centre, Perth, sincere gratitude for the special care given to Ron to make his final days more comfortable and peaceful.

To all who gave generously and raised over £500 for Macmillan Cancer Trust, thank you.



News from the Rurals

BISHOPSHIRE – President Norma Smith welcomed existing and new members to our first meeting following the summer break.

David Kennedy, a volunteer from CHAS, provided a very well informed and touching talk on the services our Children's Hospices provide to families in Scotland.

Competitions:

Jar of Jelly	- Jane Martin
Holiday Photograph	- Norma Smith

CROOK OF DEVON – President Alice Johnson welcomed members and visitors to the first meeting of the season. After business she introduced Sandra Thomson, who gave a very interesting and entertaining talk on the History of Jute.

Competitions:

Jar Homemade Jam	- Alice Johnson
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BLAIRINGONE – After business at our September meeting, President Mary Ramsay welcomed Dorothy Morris, who gave a demonstration on Napkin Art. A few of our members enjoyed decorating some flower pots and a box. Fiona Clark gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

Jar of strawberry jam	- Mary Ramsay
Flower of the month	- Agnes Murray

CARNBO – President Molly White welcomed us all back after the summer break to the September meeting.

After business, George Lawrie gave a very informative talk on his work with TRACKS and the development of the Heritage Trail round Loch Leven.

Competitions:

Flower of the month	- Margaret Forester
Photograph of Kinross-shire	- Linda Band

CLEISH – President Mrs Alison Morris welcomed twenty-two members to our first meeting after the summer. She thanked all the participants and prizewinners in the Kinross Show.

After business she welcomed our speaker for the evening, Lesley Bruce, and we enjoyed an interesting and informative insight into her bespoke jewellery business and colour analysis.

A vote of thanks was given by Vice President Mrs Dorothy Morris.

Competitions:

Flower of the month	- Sandra Webster
Decorated biscuits	- Lizzie Glennie
Favourite bracelet	- Heather McDougal

GLENFARG – President Margaret Scott welcomed members to the first meeting of the session and introduced Mr Andrew Paterson. His illustrated talk on the stars of the Silver Screen was a delightfully nostalgic reminder of the days before television.

Allison Messenger proposed the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

Family photograph	- Sylvia Wall
Rock cakes	- Alison Harrison
Flower of the month	- Lynda Stuart

The Newsletter is on Facebook!



The Kinross Newsletter now has a Facebook page!

This will principally be used for announcing when our latest issue is in the shops, and each month we'll also put on a reminder about our deadline, so if you are one of our regular contributors, you can send us your submission in good time.

So if you are a regular reader or contributor, please 'Like' us on Facebook and ask your friends to like us too!

Find us at: www.facebook.com/kinrossnewsletter

Looking for a Job?

Check the situations vacant page at

www.kinross.cc

Playgroups and Toddlers ⁵⁴

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



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
Role play, jigsaws, physical toys and arts and crafts
Friendly support for all carers
First session free, £2 thereafter (£1 for additional children)

Contact Donna Smith on 07535 595430 or just come along!

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,
sylvia.stewart@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.

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

MONTGOMERY TODDLERS

Every Thursday 9.30am to 11am (term-time only)

The Gospel Hall, Montgomery Street, Kinross.

Contact Christina Smith 01577 840733 or 07792 260509

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: Children from age 2 years welcome.

Tue to Fri 9.15am - 12 noon. Fri 12.30pm - 3.15pm

Inbetweeners: Mon 9.15am - 11.45am with Lunch Club afterwards. Children from the age of 3 years welcome.

Rising Fives: Tues & Wed 1pm - 3.15pm with Lunch Club beforehand. Complementary to preschool Nursery.

For availability or more information, please contact:

Jen 07852 208220, 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 **Tracey 07557 051894** or the Playgroup on 07592 392235.

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

FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

Glenbank Cottage, Powmill



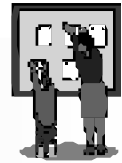
Partner-provider for P&K Education

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

Private Nurseries and Childcare

For private nurseries and childcare services, please see advertisements throughout the Newsletter.



Notices

Orwell Old Folks Association

are holding a

Floral Demonstration

by **Jinty Kidd**

on **Saturday 27 September** at 3pm
in Milnathort Town Hall

Tea and Coffee will be served, cost £2.50.

There will also be a raffle of the demonstrations made.

This is a fundraiser for the group to provide
Summer Drive and Christmas Party for over 70s
in the parish of Orwell.

Tullibole Castle

Autumn Wedding Open Weekend

10am – 6pm

Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 September

Tullibole Castle will be holding its Autumn Wedding Open Weekend on 27 and 28 September and would love for you to come along and have a look.

Tullibole offers exclusive use of the castle and grounds, allowing you the freedom to do exactly as you please.

Whether it is an intimate wedding for two in the historic Great Hall, or a larger wedding of up to 100 in the newly refurbished Carriage House and Terrace, Tullibole has the space to suit.

Also on site will be Highland Tipis, which have a natural 'wow' factor. The raw wood and diffused light makes any event, big or small, feel intimate and exciting. Joined together or standing alone, with sides up or down, they are simply a beautiful setting.

Located at: Tullibole Castle, Crook of Devon, KY13 0QN

Telephone: 01577 840236

We would recommend arranging an informal meeting with us before you visit, so we can make sure one of our helpers are available to chat with you and explain all the items on show.

If you would prefer to just turn up and have a look around, you are still more than welcome!

St Paul's Church, Muirs, Kinross Flower Festival

Marking our 140th Anniversary

Friday 3 to Sunday 5 October 2014

Daytime entrance by donation.

Friday 3

7pm: Service of dedication, followed by refreshments.

Saturday 4

10am to 4pm: Church open to visitors. Refreshments available with a variety of stalls.

7.30pm: Flower Festival Recital (**Anita Mackenzie Mills**, Soprano; **Margaret Sikora**, Piano; **Sarah Oxnard**, Cello) featuring opera, folk tunes, lieder and more.

Tickets £5. On sale from the Kinross Day Centre, Milnathort Post Office and at the door.

Sunday 5

11am: Whole Church Sung Eucharist, celebrating Harvest and Festival.

2pm to 4pm: Church open to visitors. Refreshments available with a variety of stalls.

5pm: Joint Choral Evensong with members from St Mary's, Dunblane, followed by refreshments in the meeting room. All proceeds, after costs, will go towards church upkeep.



CHARITY CONCERT

Sunday 28 September 7.30pm

In line with the focus for this year's harvest service, there will be a concert in Kinross Parish Church to raise funds for our local **Kinross-shire Day Centre** and **Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance**.

CHANSONS

Chansons, Perth's acclaimed chamber choir led by Howard Duthie and drawing singers from across Tayside and Fife, will be performing a programme of choral and sacred music. This will span traditional items such as by Byrd and Parry, through Shearing's settings of "Songs and Sonnets" by Shakespeare, to more contemporary arrangements like "Scotland at Night" – words by Alexander McCall Smith set to music by Tom Cunningham. Tickets are £12 (£4 for under 18s) and are available from the Church Office (Station Road; open weekdays 10am-12 noon; 01577 862570; office@kinrossparishchurch.org). Please come to support these causes and to enjoy a marvellous evening's entertainment.

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 01577 863421.

2 October *My Jute Journey*, Sandra Thompson.

6 November *An Evening with Andre Rieu*.

4 December *Christmas Dinner*.

Portmoak Under Fives

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 3 October

10am to 12 noon

Village Hall, Kinnesswood

Phoenix Trader, Mandy Cooper, will also be selling beautiful greeting cards, invitations, gift wrap and stationery during the event.

Please come along and enjoy some fresh coffee and yummy cake whilst supporting Macmillan Cancer.

For more information, contact
Lynda Hardie on 07594328475.

Charity Car Boot Sale

Sainsbury's Kinross
Sunday 5 October

10am-3pm

Rear Car Park

£10 per car



Please contact 01577 832000 to arrange booking.
All proceeds for **Greyhound Rescue Fife**.

THE KINROSS HUB

A CAFE FOR CARERS


GUEST SPEAKER

Monday 6th October 2014

Perth Food Bank
(Ies Paskin- Manager)




10.30 am the speaker will give a short talk and give any advice

The hub cafe is an informal meeting place to chat over a cuppa with other carers, cared for and family members.



St. PAULS CHURCH HALL
KINROSS
1st MONDAY of EVERY MONTH
10am-12noon

Contact Gail Boath
or Annette Bond
Tel. 01577 867306 / 01738 567076

Kinross-Shire PARTNERSHIP

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 1st October,

Wednesday 5 November

Wednesday 3 December

and

The speaker on 1st October will be Gordon Banks MP.

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 book your place at one or more of the Breakfasts, please email Karen Grunwell, Kinross-shire Partnership Administrator, at

mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk or call 07865193844

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

Kinross-shire Historical Society



Meetings are held at Kinross Parish Church, Station Road, Kinross at 7.30pm. Membership entitles free entry to all six talks of the season, with tea or coffee included in the cost. Membership: Adults £6, Senior £5, Under-18 free. Visitors: £2 per talk.

Programme for 2014 -2015

20 Oct In Highland Perthshire: A journey in photographs and tales around Highland Perthshire. **Willie Shand.**

17 Nov Kellogg Durland among the Fife Miners: The story of Kellogg Durland, an American who worked as a miner in Kelty in 1901 and wrote 'Among the Fife Miners'. **Hugh Hoffman MA.**

8 Dec Down by the Kirkgate Shore: The story of the Kirkgate. **Prof David Munro MBE.**

19 Jan The Covenanters in Fife: The Militant Presbyterians who resisted the Stuart monarchs' attempts to control the Church of Scotland. **Dr Bruce Durie BSC, PhD, OIJ, FSA Scot, FColIT, FIGRS, FHEA.**

16 Feb Fife Trams: An illustrated history of trams in Kirkcaldy and Dunfermline. **Keith Mason LLB.**

16 Mar Invasion Defences of Fife: Fife defences against attack and invasion during the 20th century. **Steve Liscoe M Litt, FC Archaeological Unit**

(See also Club News p. 40)

Music in Dollar 2014-15

Concerts are held in the Gibson Hall, Dollar Academy, starting at 7.30pm except Opera Sunday on 18 Jan, which begins at 2pm.

A season tickets for all five concerts is £35, a saving of £15 compared to the 'on-the-door' price of £10 per concert.

11 Oct: Phillip Conti and his Be Happy Band. Jazz. Philip sings classic Italian and Neapolitan Songs, including songs from Italian American artists such as Louis Prima and Dean Martin. The Be Happy Band provides sympathetic and colourful accompaniment.

15 Nov: The Edinburgh Quartet - String Quartet. Recently the Quartet has been working in the Middle East, Cyprus and Malta whilst continuing to perform in the most remote parts of Scotland.

18 Jan: At 2pm. Opera on a Shoestring - Opera Sunday. Opera on a Shoestring does what it says in the tin. It's a small-scale professional company based in Glasgow, which offers concerts, usually by four singers and a pianist, of a wide variety of opera and operetta arias and ensembles.

21 Feb: Whistlebinkies - traditional Scottish Folk Saturday. The Whistlebinkies have built a worldwide reputation over 40 years for their approach to Scottish music: letting the power and beauty of the melodies shine while achieving a rich blend of traditional instruments.

21 Mar: Royal Conservatoire of Scotland members - brass ensemble. Ten young players from the wealth of musicians studying at the Glasgow-based Royal Conservatoire of Scotland will be performing to bring the finest music ever written for brass.

Kinross Floral Art Club

Thursday 23 October

The Demonstration on 23 October is in the Windlestrae Hotel at 7.15pm and will be presented by Mrs Julie Culton. The title of the demonstration is 'Out of Town.'

We invite all members and visitors to join us for a relaxing evening in the Windlestrae watching the professionals create beautiful floral arrangements.



CELEBRATE AGE

YOU ARE INVITED TO A WELL-BEING, CELEBRATE AGE EVENT

Wednesday 22 October
10am – 2.30pm

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

Everyone is Welcome to come along and enjoy a great day for all.

- ◆ Millie Gray, author and story teller
 - ◆ Relaxation Techniques, Hand Massage
 - ◆ Nail Painting, Face Painting & Body Art
 - ◆ Games Room
 - ◆ Kinross Museum's Memory Bank
 - ◆ Interesting stalls and Freebies
 - ◆ Children's Activities
 - ◆ Fitness Techniques
 - ◆ Learn some IT skills
 - ◆ Family History workshops & Explore Local Images of Scotland in the Library
 - ◆ Electric Blanket Testing
- and much more on the day.....

Organised by: Partners of the Kinross-shire Community Learning Group.

Tracey Ramsay, Senior Community Capacity Building Worker.
KinrossComLearn@pkc.gov.uk 01577 867177



Scarf Appeal Dinner & Auction

Friday 24 October
Doors open 7pm
Event commences 7.30pm

The Green Hotel
Kinross

Formal Dress

Tickets £30
(includes 3 course meal
& entertainment)

Call: 07523 550014
Email: sandra_farrer@yahoo.com





The Gaelic Society of Perth CEILIDH

The society will hold their next ceilidh at St Matthew's Church Hall, Tay Street, Perth, on **Friday 24 October** at 7.30pm. Come and hear some great Gaelic singers and instrumentalists. Admission is £5 for Members and £6 for Non-Members – for an evening's entertainment plus refreshments!

Further information can be obtained from the Secretary on 01577 864589.

Carnbo WRI Coffee Morning

Saturday 25 October

10am - 12 noon

Teas, Cake & Candy, Bottle Stall

All Welcome

£3.00 Adult £1 Children

Carnbo Village Hall

British Summer Time ends

on **Sunday 26 October** at 2am

Clocks go back one hour

Concert in Cleish Church Choral Favourites

Sunday 26 October

7.30pm

Cleish and Fossoway Choir will present an evening of Choral Favourites, including part one of Haydn's Creation, excerpts from works by Vivaldi and Purcell, and other part songs. They will be joined by three young soloists, who will, as always, add greatly to the enjoyment of the performance. Bruce Inglis will accompany on the organ, and Keith Green will play the piano.

Tickets will be available from choir members and on the door, price £5.

Michael Bruce Trust Annual Illustrated Talk

'Exploring the Lomond Hills'

7.30pm, Thursday 30 October
Portmoak Hall

This year's Annual Michael Bruce Illustrated Talk will be presented by Trust Chairman Professor David Munro whose subject is "Exploring the Lomond Hills".

Entry at £4 per person includes tea and coffee which will be served after the talk. All are welcome.

Newbies

Every Monday, 2- 3pm

Loch Leven Community Campus

A new group for new parents and new babies!

Come along and meet other parents for a blether, whilst the babies play.

Parents with babies 0 - 18 months FREE!

LADIES NIGHT

Friday 7th November
7pm-11pm
Portmoak Hall

An evening of pampering, socialising and some Christmas shopping!

- ❖ Lots of stalls offering great gifts and indulgent treats
- ❖ Have a relaxing massage, manicure or eyebrow shape
- ❖ Win a prize in the raffle

Tickets £5 in advance (includes a glass of mulled wine / soft drink and nibbles) from Kinnesswood shop and Portmoak School, or call 01592 841193 over 18s only

All proceeds in aid of Portmoak Primary School charity no: SC043035

Milnathort filmhouse november double bill



The Grand Budapest Hotel

Sat 8th Nov 8pm



Legends of Oz Dorothy's Return

Sun 9th Nov 3pm

Milnathort Town Hall

The Grand Budapest Hotel (15) **OVER 18's ONLY**
8pm, doors open 7.15pm (BYOB)

Legends of Oz Dorothy's Return (U) **FAMILY MOVIE***
3pm, doors open 2.30pm. Tickets available on the door and in advance through our Facebook page. **Adult £5 (OAP & Student concession £3), *Child £3, *Family £15 (2 Ad, 2 Ch)** Pocket money tuck shop

big screen movies



CINEMA FOR ALL

A Day Out in Dollar GRAND CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St James's Episcopal Church

Preserves, Cakes, Treasure & Trash, Tombola etc plus

Santa's Workshop and Children's activities
10am - 4pm

Saturday 8 November
and

The Castle Campbell Hotel

Gifts, Crafts, Paintings etc

Saturday and Sunday 8 and 9 November
10am - 4pm

where a special Bazaar Soup & Sandwich lunch is available for £2.50

. . . . Come And Enjoy a Special Day in Dollar

Perth & Kinross School Term Dates 2014-15

Term	Start	End
Autumn	Tue 19 Aug 2014	Fri 10 Oct 2014
Winter	Mon 27 Oct 2014	Fri 19 Dec 2014
Spring	Mon 5 Jan 2015	Thu 2 Apr 2015
Summer	Tue 21 Apr 2015	Thu 2 July 2015

In Service Days and Occasional Holidays:

2014: Fri 26 Sep; Fri 14 Nov.

2015: 18, 19 & 20 Feb; Mon 4 May (May Day, tbc.)

TABLE SALE!

On Saturday 15th of November we are holding a table sale @ Glenfarg Village Hall from 10am - 3pm.

This includes clothes, books, bake stall, balloon modelling, face painting, magic, toys, brick-a-brack, Guess the bears birthdays, bottle stall, tea & coffee and a raffle.

If you would like a table to sell (6 available for £12.00 each),

please book via email: Debs.w@sky.com

CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for any donations for the stalls and any prizes you would like to give for the raffle (tickets are £1.00 available in The Village Store on the run up to the event or on sale during the sale day until 1pm) you might have and they can be handed in at either The Glenfarg Village Store or at No.8 Hayfield Road. Everything is greatly appreciated.

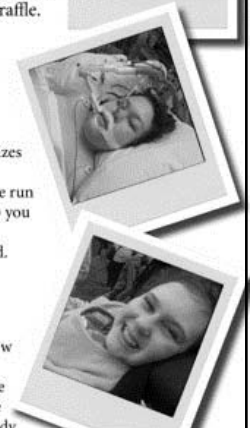
OUR CAUSE

The reason for the table sale is to help raise funds for a new everyday use wheelchair for our daughter Murrin. Whilst the NHS will fund her electric chair so she can cope with high school, once home Murrin uses a manual for the freedom it gives her but also to help build up her upper body strength. She is also part of StrathTay

harriers, so wheelchair sport is so important to her - her dream being to one day race David Weir! Murrin underwent spinal realignment surgery that was more difficult and complicated than first thought, and she has worked hard in her recovery. We are now at the stage where she will be moving out the big padded post operative wheelchair into a chair that will allow her to regain her independence.

Her previous chair was gifted to a special needs facility so that it can give another child that sense of independence. Murrin has grown after her surgery, thus the need for something that would meet her needs now - unfortunately these things do not come cheap so our grand total to raise for a unique and personally designed made-to-measure 'Tiga' chair from RGK is £3500 - £4000.

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO RGK WHEELCHAIR MANUFACTURER





**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 and Development
at

Loch Leven Community Campus

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

As from 8 August 2014

Friday mornings 10am – 12 noon

in the ICT room within the library

No need to book, just drop-in!

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

**Milnathort & Kinross
Scottish Country Dancing Class**
every Wednesday

at 7.30pm in Milnathort Town Hall

New Season started on

24 September 2014

New and Past Members Welcome

For more information contact Helen on 01577 861349

or visit our website:

milnathortcountrydancingblogspot.com

**Kinross-shire Volunteer Group
and Rural Outreach Scheme**

Using a team of volunteer drivers, who are
paid out of pocket expenses only, we
provide transport and befriending to people in need in
Kinross and the outlying areas. Please contact our co-
ordinator Ann Munro: 01577 840196 for details on the
service we offer. Current charges:

Health Centre from Kinross or Milnathort	£3
Health Centre from outreach area	£5
Perth, Kirkcaldy, Dunfermline	£10
Stirling	£12
Dundee, Edinburgh	£18
Stracathro	£25



Funding Alert!

PKC produces a huge list summarising funding
opportunities for the voluntary sector. There are dozens of
Trusts and Foundations giving away grants.

The list will be posted on www.kinross.cc or go to
www.pkc.gov.uk and look for the voluntary sector page.

Contacts:

The P&K Grants Direct Team 0845 605 2000

Steve MacDonald, P&KC External

Funding Officer 01738 477963

(Contact Steve MacDonald if you would like to subscribe to
P&KC's regular e-funding bulletin.)

KCLD Group Meetings

(Kinross-shire Community Learning & Development Group)

Loch Leven Community Campus at 10am

Wednesday 19 November

Community representatives most welcome!

KCLDG is made up of people who live and work in the
Kinross-shire area. We share information with groups and
individuals to improve services, identify and respond to
local needs and to help improve the quality of life in our
local communities.

Enquire

**Are you looking for information about your child's
rights to support in School?**

If so, contact **Enquire**, the national advice and information
service for additional support for learning.

Enquire offer: a confidential telephone helpline and online
enquiry service, practical guides, fact sheets and
newsletters, helpful materials for children and young people
with additional support needs.

For more information contact: tel 0845 123 2303

Website: www.enquire.org.uk

*Enquire is funded by the Scottish Government and managed
by Children in Scotland*

Loch Leven Circular Bus

Stagecoach Fife 203 (Sundays only, all year)

Take the bus for a walk! Service 203 is perfect if you want to walk
just part of the Heritage Trail. As well as single journey tickets,
Sunday stroller bus tickets can be bought on board the bus costing
only £1.50 for adults, 75p for children and £3.00 for families. The
stroller tickets allow unlimited travel for the day and so you can
hop on and off the bus as many times as you want. National
entitlement cards are also valid on this service. The bus is
wheelchair accessible.

View timetable online: www.kinross.cc/Leaflets/Index.asp

Stagecoach Fife 203	Loch Leven Circular (Sunday Only)				
Milnathort Royal Bank	0940	1110	1240	1440	1610
Kinross opp Green Hotel	0945	1115	1245	1445	1615
Kinross opp Town Hall	0947	1117	1247	1447	1617
opp Gairneybridge Farm	0952	1122	1252	1452	1622
Vane Farm Nature Reserve	0957	1127	1257	1457	1627
Findatie Café	0958	1128	1258	1458	1628
Opp Lochend Farm Shop road end	1002	1132	1302	1502	1632
Scotlandwell opp Friar Place	1004	1134	1304	1504	1634
Kinnesswood Main Street	1006	1136	1306	1506	1636
Loch Leven's Larder road end	1010	1140	1310	1510	1640
Burleigh Sands	1013	1143	1313	1513	1643
Milnathort Bridgefauld Road	1018	1148	1318	1518	1648
Milnathort Royal Bank	1020	1150	1320	1520	1650
Milnathort Royal Bank	1025	1155	1325	1525	1655
Burleigh Sands	1030	1200	1330	1530	1700
opp Loch Leven's Larder road end	1033	1203	1333	1533	1703
Kinnesswood Main Street	1037	1207	1337	1537	1707
Scotlandwell Friar Place	1039	1209	1339	1539	1709
Lochend Farm Shop road end	1041	1211	1341	1541	1711
Findatie Café	1045	1215	1345	1545	1715
Vane Farm Nature Reserve	1046	1216	1346	1546	1716
Gairneybridge Farm	1051	1221	1351	1551	1721
Kinross Town Hall	1056	1226	1356	1556	1726
Kinross Bank of Scotland	1058	1228	1358	1558	1728
Milnathort Bridgefauld Road	1103	1233	1403	1603	1733
Milnathort Royal Bank	1105	1235	1405	1605	1735

Free Energy Saving Advice

Freephone 0800 512 012

Free, impartial advice on energy efficiency in the home,
sustainable transport choices, small-scale use of micro-
renewables etc. Advice to individuals, communities and
small businesses.

COFFEE MORNING

For anyone who is affected by MS
including family, friends and carers



Loch Leven's Larder

10.30am - 12 noon

Every third Tuesday of the month

Website: www.perth-kinross.org.uk

Email: perthkinross@mssociety.org.uk

perthkinross.support@mssociety.org.uk

Phone: 07552 368216

Children's Hospice Association Scotland



Children's
Hospice
Association
Scotland

Children, young
people and
their families
at the heart of
all we do.

Christmas extravaganza

Come along to our fantastic Christmas discount shopping evening on **Thursday 9 October**. As well as gifts and cards, there is also 20% discount on all purchases bought between 5-7pm. To help get you in the Christmas shopping spirit you can also enjoy some refreshments. Our staff and volunteers will also be happy to talk to you about CHAS, what we do and how you can help us. We look forward to seeing you there!

CHAS Gift Shop 23 Avenue Road, Kinross, KY13 8EP

Telephone: 01577 865557

Open Monday to Saturday, 10am to 5pm.

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.

Crook of Devon Village Hall

Charity SC026692

Dates for your diary:

Fri 19 December Christmas Family Disco,
6.30pm-8pm

Wed 31 December Hogmanay Disco and Ceilidh,
8.30pm-12.30am.

Regular activities:

A variety of activities take place at the hall throughout the week: fitness class, yoga, children's ballet, Scottish country dancing, carpet bowls and youth club.

www.crookofdevonhall.com

100th Birthday and Diamond Wedding Anniversaries

Do you know a Perth & Kinross resident who is celebrating their 100th or 105th+ birthday?

Do you know a Perth & Kinross couple celebrating their 60th, 65th or 70th wedding anniversary?

PKC would like to help celebrate the special occasion. PKC can arrange delivery of a basket of flowers or for a local Councillor to present a basket of flowers to the person or couple on their special day.

Tel: 01738 475051 Email: CivicServices@pkc.gov.uk

Kinross Community Council Newsletter Ltd Charitable Grants

All profits from the Kinross Newsletter are transferred to a charitable company and given away to local good causes.

Local groups and individuals may apply to the charitable company, Kinross Community Council Newsletter Ltd (KCCNL), for grant funding. Decisions on disbursement of funds are made by Kinross CC at its monthly meetings.

Applications must comply with the purposes of KCCNL. These purposes, further information and an application form are available from the website www.kinross.cc

Applications can be made on line or by downloading a form to fill in.

If you do not have internet access and would like a form, or if you have any queries, please telephone CCIlr Barry Davies on (01577) 865004.



Kinross-shire Fund
Grants available for local
community projects



e.g. *Events, Information, Transport, Welfare,
Physical Amenities, Recreational Facilities, Support for
Care of the Elderly, Voluntary Organisations*

For more information and to download an application form,
see [www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/
kinross-shire-fund](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/kinross-shire-fund) or telephone 0131 5240300

PLUS Perth

www.plusperth.co.uk

Tel: 01738 626242

77 Canal Street, Perth



PLUS is a member-led local charity and social movement which gives hope and opportunity to those affected by disadvantage; in the main to those with experience of mental ill health and substance misuse.

The PLUS office is open Mon-Fri 9.30am – 4pm
for mental health signposting and enquiries.

Welcome to the Kinross-shire Volunteer Information Point



Located in the Loch Leven Community Campus Library
Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8FQ

Here you can find information about **Volunteering Opportunities** available in Kinross-shire.

Take your time and see what is available. You will also find leaflets in the folders explaining where you can go for further help such as Voluntary Action Perthshire www.vaperthshire.org

If you would like to promote your **Organisations Volunteering Opportunities** please hand your information into reception for attention of: Tracey Ramsay (Community Capacity Building Worker)

Blank profiles are also available for your use if required. These are in the organisation folder at the VIP alternatively follow this link:
www.pkc.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=22228&p=0

The Volunteer Information Point has been organised and supported by
Partners of the Kinross-shire Community Learning and Development Group.



For further information please contact Tracey Ramsay 01577 867177 or email
Tramsay@pkc.gov.uk

Girlguiding Volunteers



Girlguiding is the leading charity for girls and young women in the UK. By volunteering with us, you can help us create amazing opportunities for girls all around the UK. Our volunteers give girls a space where they can build their confidence, raise their aspirations and have fantastic fun. They run projects, events and activities that give girls the opportunity to discover their potential and learn new skills. They passionately believe that girls can be a powerful force for good. There are lots of ways you can volunteer with Girlguiding - it's flexible, and can be arranged to fit around a busy lifestyle. No matter how much or how little time you have, every hour counts.



Be part of it at www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested or call us on 0800 1 69 59 01.

Local contact: Alison, 01577 864262 or 07764 750212. Please leave a message and I will get back to you.

Registered charity number 306016

Kinross Recycling Centre

Bridgend Industrial Estate

Opening Times: **Mondays to Fridays 9am to 7pm**
Saturdays and Sundays 9am to 5pm

Bicycles, cans (inc aerosols, biscuit tins, aluminium foil), car and household batteries, cardboard, cooking oil, electricals (WEEE), engine oil, fluorescent tubes, long life light bulbs, food and drinks cartons (Tetra packs), fridges, freezers, garden waste, glass, large domestic appliances, paper, plastic (rigid plastic packaging), rubble stone and soil, scrap metal, telephone directories, textiles (clothes and shoes), timber, tyres (maximum two per visit, strictly householders only) and non recyclable (general) waste.

Compost can be collected from the Recycling Centre, subject to availability. Maximum of 2 x 25kg bags per visitor.

The Bike Station

Donate unwanted bikes, parts and cycling accessories for reuse. Bikes are refurbished and sold on to the public at affordable prices. Poorer bikes are salvaged for parts.

Bikes can be donated at the Kinross Recycling Centre (Bridgend Industrial Estate) or at The Bike Station at Mid Friarton, just off the Edinburgh Road in Perth.

Bike Station opening hours: Monday to Saturday, 10.30am to 4.30pm and late opening to 8pm on Wednesdays.

Weekly bike sales: Fridays, 10.30am-4.30pm (children's bikes) and Saturdays, 10.30am to 12.30pm (adults' bikes).

Tel: 01738 444430. Email: peth@thebikestation.org.uk Website: www.thebikestation.org.uk



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

Community Learning & Development Adult Learning Free local and friendly support with:

English as a Second Language

Would you like to improve your ability to:

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

Adult Literacy & Numeracy

Reading Writing Spelling Numbers

"I can enjoy books now"

"I feel more confident"

"Filling in forms is less scary"

"I passed my driving test"

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

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

Roseanne Gray

Loch Leven Community Campus

Email: rgray@pkc.gov.uk

Tel: 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.hopepregnancy.co.uk

email: hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com

Helpline 01738 621174

We are a Scottish Charity SC037103



THE
TALKING
DONKEY

Every Friday 11am – 2pm
@ The Millbridge Hall

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

The Cafe where everything is

FREE!

 Soups 

 Snacks 

 Hot Drinks 

 Cold Drinks 

 Home-cooked lunches 

All brought to your table by our friendly staff

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

Prayer For Any Need



MINDSPACE COUNSELLING SERVICE

Mindspace Counselling Services are now able to offer counselling to adults and young people aged 11+ at The Loch Leven Health Centre on Mondays and Tuesdays. We offer counselling to people who are facing a wide range of difficulties or challenges such as: bereavement or loss; isolation, anxiety or depression; stress of work or in the home; difficulties in friend, family or intimate relationships; confused feelings. 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.

Mindspace also offer counselling to adults (18+) at their offices in Perth. For more information visit our website at www.mindspacepk.com



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 – 1pm.

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 Outreach Advice Surgery



The Kinross Outreach Advice Surgery is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at St Paul's Church Hall, The Muirs, Kinross. The next visits are:

14 and 28 October

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.

Perth Citizens Advice Bureau Benefits Advice in Libraries (BAIL)



Benefits specialist Sarah MacLean will be available at Loch Leven Community Campus Library on the **second and fourth Wednesday of each month** between 2pm and 4pm. Alongside the provision of general benefits advice Sarah can help with the following:

- Completing both paper and online benefit application forms;
- Conducting checks to see if clients are receiving everything they are entitled to, i.e. discounts for fuel, etc;
- Providing advice and support in instances where an application is refused or awarded at a lower level than expected.

Please note: Sarah is available **by appointment only**. To make an appointment, please call 01738 450599.

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.

The Wash House, Scotlandwell

Visitors can look inside the restored, historic wash house by borrowing the key from the Well Country Inn at anytime during daylight hours.

www.greyhoundrescurefife.com



Homes required urgently for our homeless hounds

Telephone Celia on
Mobile: 07826 244765
Evenings: 01577 850393



Greyhounds are very gentle creatures that require very little walking!

Community Councils

Kinross: Secy: Mrs M Scott (01577) 862945
KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
Cleish & Blairadam: Secy: Patty Fraser (01577) 850253,
CleishCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
Milnathort: Chair: Bruce Hamilton (01577) 830616
MilnathortCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
Fossoway & District: Secy: Kevin Bothwick (01577) 840845,
fossoway.cc@gmail.com
Portmoak: Chair: Malcolm Strang Steel (01592) 840459,
PortmoakCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Portmoak Community Councillors

Robin G Cairncross	01592 840672
Bruce Calderwood	01592 840423
Susan Forde	01592 840128
Thomas Smith	01592 841160
Malcolm Strang Steel	01592 840459
Richard Williamson	01592 840538

www.portmoak.org

Perth and Kinross Councillors

Kinross-shire Ward

Councillor Mike Barnacle (Independent)

Tel/Fax (home): 01577 840516.

Email: michaelabarnacle@gmail.com

Website: mikebarnacle.co.uk

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

Councillor Dave Cuthbert (Independent)

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

8 Highfield Circle, Kinross, KY13 8RZ

Councillor Joe Giacopazzi (Scottish National Party)

Tel (home): 01577 864025.

Email: jgiacopazzi@pkc.gov.uk

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

Councillor Willie Robertson (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

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

85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XA

Perth & Kinross Council www.pkc.gov.uk

Customer Service Centre Tel: 01738 475000
(Mon to Fri, 8am-6pm)

Out of Hours Emergencies Tel: 01738 625411
(Roads, flooding, environmental health and dangerous buildings)

Clarence (for non-emergency road and lighting defects) Tel: 0800 232323

Registrar Tel: 01577 867133
The Registrar is normally in Kinross only on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Loch Leven Community Campus

Mobile Library

Mobile 2, Week 1, every second Wednesday:

Visiting Powmill, Rumbling Bridge, Crook of Devon, Fossoway, Cleish and Milnathort. Next visit: **1 October**.

Mobile 2, Week 2, every second Tuesday:

Visiting Mawcarse, Glenlomond, Kinnesswood, Scotlandwell, Levenmouth Farm, Hatchbank and Cambo. Next visit: **7 October**.

Mobile 1, Week 2, every second Wednesday:

Visiting Glenfarg and Duncruevie. Next visit: **8 October**.

For times of stops, see PKC website: www.pkc.gov.uk
Any queries, telephone AK Bell Library 01738 444949.

Kinross Community Councillors

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

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

New constituency office details, as from April 2014:

63 Glasgow Road, Perth, PH2 0PE

Telephone: 01738 620540

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

Members of the Scottish Parliament for Mid Scotland and Fife Region

All MSPs can be contacted at the following address:

The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP

Claire Baker MSP (Labour) Tel: 0131 348 6759

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

Jayne Baxter MSP (Labour) Tel: 0131 348 6753

Email: jaynebaxter.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

Annabelle Ewing MSP (SNP) Tel: 0131 348 5066

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

Murdo Fraser MSP (Cons) Tel: 0131 348 5293

Email: Murdo.Fraser.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

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

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

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

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

Elizabeth Smith MSP (Cons) Tel: 0131 348 6762

Email: Elizabeth.Smith.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

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

www.gordonbanksmp.co.uk

Email: banksgr@parliament.uk

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

Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers

Linda Freeman

Tel 01577 865045. Email: linda.freeman_64@btinternet.com

Blythswood Care

Sainsbury's Car Park

(if car park is full, van will park nearby, e.g. Park & Ride or Ochil View)

Tuesday 21 October

between 10.30 am and 11 am

Further details from 862258

Kinross-shire *Day Centre*

64 High Street
Kinross
KY13 8AJ



**Film shows • Cards • Dominoes • Art Class
Daily Papers • Chiropody • Trips • Exercises**

Weekly Programme

Monday	Exercise Class	11am	Bingo	1.30pm
			"Stride for Life" Walking Group	2pm
Tuesday	Relaxation Class	1.15pm	Singing group with Alex Cant	1.45pm
	Fun and Games	1.15pm		
Wednesday	Morning Worship	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 etc	1.30pm
Friday	Bingo	1.30pm	Dominoes	1.30pm

Additional Events for October

Day Centre Commonwealth Games	Wednesday	1st	1.30pm
Alhambra Theatre - Full Monty (tickets only)	Wednesday	8th	1.30pm
Tai Chi	Wednesday	22nd	1.30 - 2pm
Chiropody	Thursday	2nd, 23rd	9.30am - 12.30pm
			(phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)
Food from around the world, and	Tuesday	28th	12noon - 3pm
Entertainment (Thailand)			
Trip to library	Thursday	30th	1.45pm
Concert - Tuesday Crew + one	Thursday	30th	1.30pm
Halloween Party	Friday	31st	1.30pm

There will also be other day trips that are yet to be organised!



Coffee Bar open to the public 8.30 am - 4 pm, Older Adults Lunches Daily.

Our activities are open to everyone - please feel free to come in and have a great afternoon.

Phone: 01577 863869

Fax: 01577 863869

Email: kindaycent@tiscali.co.uk

LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

Mon - Fri: 9.00 am - 6.00 pm
Saturday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm
Tel: 862422

Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

Mon to Fri: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm &
2.00 pm - 6.00 pm
Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm
Tel: 862219

**Sundays: The nearest open pharmacy
is Asda, Dunfermline**



Perth Samaritans

Need to talk? We'll listen.

Contact us by

phone on 01738 626666 or 08457 909090

Email us jo@samaritans.org

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

Mondays 1630 - 2130 Thursdays 1630 - 1900

Wednesdays 0830 - 1100 Fridays 1000 - 1630

and 1930 - 2130 Sundays 0800 - 2130

No pressure, no names, no judgment.

We're here for you, anytime.

Newsletter Deadlines 2014

Please note, deadlines are 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
November	Fri 17 October	Saturday 1 November
December	Fri 14 November	Saturday 29 November

Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com

www.foundationscotland.org.uk

Classified Adverts

The Newsletter publishes items for sale listed on the kinross.cc website. If interested in purchasing an item, we suggest **checking the website for current availability** (www.kinross.cc then 'Local Adverts' then 'Classified Adverts'). If interested in selling an item, please list it on www.kinross.cc and it will automatically be published in the next available Newsletter, subject to space.

Items for Sale

- Travel Cot and bedding** £20.00
Little used. Excellent condition.
Seller Details: Edna Burnett 01577 862977
ednaburnett@fsmail.net
- Kids' Booster Seat** £8.00
Securely straps onto any chair. Seat adjusts to three heights. Portable for easy carrying.
Seller Details: Edna Burnett 01577 862977
ednaburnett@fsmail.net
- Lawnmower** £150.00
Qualcast suffolk punch 35s - good condition petrol driven cylinder mower.
Seller Details: Moira Simmons 01577 861033
- Whole or Half Pigs for Sale** £3 per kg
Reared on our farm near Crook of Devon, Kinross - pure bred Hampshire pigs. Cut to your own requirements - chops, joints, sausages, etc. Price is per kilo, average pig is 50 to 70 kg.
Seller Details: Colin Dawes 01577 840111 or 07899 993575
colin@farmerdawes.co.uk

Springwell – Wellbeing Support Team

Inclusion * Wellbeing * Recovery

Supporting positive mental health in Kinross-shire and Strathearn for adults from 16 onwards

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 how to improve their social contacts, be more active, access education or 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 please phone
Charlie Wilson 01577 867320, or
Email charleswilson@pkc.gov.uk

Mobility Scooters

Available to hire, free of charge, seven days a week
from the Kinross pier
1st July – end October, 10am – 4pm
Telephone Simon Lennox on (01577) 862670
to make a booking.

*This facility is available due to the generous co-operation of
Historic Scotland and Montgomery Hotels Group/Kinross Estate*

Perth Association for Mental Health

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

Situations Vacant

In conjunction with www.kinross.cc, the Newsletter is pleased to publish local situations vacant. Please go to the kinross.cc website before applying to **check whether a position is still available**. (Go to www.kinross.cc then click on 'Local Adverts' and choose 'Situations Vacant').

Taxi Driver (part time): A2B Taxis, Kinross

We require a part time taxi driver for school contract one day a week, holiday cover and occasional other shifts. Full UK driving licence essential and Perth & Kinross taxi licence preferred. If you are interested, please call Bruce on 07743 332237.

Typist/Office Assistant (full time)

Andersons LLP, 40 High Street, Kinross KY13 8AN

A position has arisen in our busy legal and estate agency office. The successful applicant will enjoy working in a friendly and professional business environment.

The duties will include typing property schedules, some legal typing and general office duties including incoming/outgoing mail, telephone enquiries and making appointments. Good typing skills and pleasant telephone manner are essential.

Apply in writing with CV to Mr C Watson (address above) or by email: mail@andersons-kinross.co.uk

Cleaner/Childminder (part time)

Antonia Laurence-Allen, Kinnesswood

Tuesday and Wednesdays from 3-7 (flexible) a family of four in Kinnesswood need help with all house cleaning tasks, including being available for 10yr old and 13yr old children returning home from school.

Please call 0782 781 6844 or email: alaurenceallen@yahoo.com with references and a bit about yourself.

Beauty Therapist (part time)

Complete Look, 1 Parliament Square, Kinross KY13 8AL

The Complete Look has a job vacancy open up for a beauty therapist. Hand a CV & application in to Complete Look or email: salon@thecompletelook.demon.co.uk

Dobbies Garden Centre, Turfhill, Kinross

Temporary contract. SANTA NEEDED. To work 4 hours per day at weekends from 16 November to 21 December, and the remaining 3 afternoons up to Christmas. £6.60 per hour. For information, contact the Manager at the store or telephone 01577 863327.

Assistant Manager (full time)

Kirklands Hotel, 20 High Street, Kinross KY13 8AN

Full Time Assistant Manager required for the 9 bedroom Kirklands Hotel in Kinross. We are looking for a candidate to assist the owners in the running of this award winning hotel. Our operation is very food based so a good level of experience in food and drinks service will be required. Hotel experience not necessary however a good standard of literacy and computer knowledge is important.

We are a small but very friendly team who always earn praise for their customer service; this is a key quality we will be looking for in any applicants. This is a full time position approx. 40-50 hours per week; applicants must be flexible to work day and evening shifts.

We have NO LIVE IN accommodation with this job.

Salary negotiable dependent on experience plus share of good monthly tips. Email CV to info@thekirklandshotel.com

Coffee shop Assistant (16 hrs), Cook/Baker (32 hrs)

Lochend Farm Shop & Coffee Shop, Scotlandwell KY13 9JQ

Friday and Saturday - also holiday cover. General coffee shop duties, serving coffee/teas/cakes.

Also: 32 hours, making giant pots of soup and Home Baking. Weekend Rota.

For both the above, please contact Helen on 01592 840 745.

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