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Letters

Editorial

Please remember that there is **no Newsletter at the beginning of January**, so if you are organising an event that's taking place in January, you may wish to **publicise it in the December issue**. The deadline for the December issue is Friday 14 November.

Last year's inaugural Festive Street Market organised by KLEO was a great success. This year it moves up to the Muirs and will be combined with the Light Up Kinross Christmas lights switch-on. This is just part of the Winter Festival; see more on pages 12 - 13, and look out for the Winter Festival brochure coming through your letterbox.

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Dog mess on KGV Playing Fields

Despite having written into the Newsletter previously regarding dog mess on the KGV playing fields, it still occurs, and each week before the local children of Kinross-shire train and play rugby (adults train and play also), the coaches have to carry out a sweep of the rugby pitches to pick up dog mess which has been left by owners.

It is really upsetting to think that local residents let their dog run out onto a rugby pitch, which is known to be used, and not pick it up. There are three dog bins and two normal bins around the pitches and adjacent to the rugby clubhouse. Please use them.

Martin Scott, Kinross RFC Youth Convenor
KGV Clubhouse
Muirs, Kinross

Dear Editor,

Unfair criticism

I was surprised to read Dr McCracken's letter this month [October issue] regarding Councillor David Cuthbert's article in the August issue relating to the Referendum.

In my opinion it was unfair of Dr McCracken to direct his criticism at you, the Editor, for publishing Councillor Cuthbert's views. I am certain most people agree that you do an excellent job, giving the Kinross people a publication which is full of useful and interesting information on current matters, much of which prompts open, and on occasions, lively debate. In my opinion David Cuthbert, as a local resident, was entitled to have his views published on such an important subject, which contained very useful information for the public to follow up and assist with their voting choice. His article was also a reminder of the need to vote. After all, we were left in no doubt as to the views of our Doctor McCracken when he was televised from the Caird Hall at a Referendum debate. However, most people possibly welcome the chance to read and hear diverse viewpoints, especially at such a critical time when decisions had to be made regarding the future of our country. It is my belief that David Cuthbert, along with our other three Councillors, Robertson, Giacomazzi and Barnacle, work very hard in their efforts to give us a better Kinross. However, their problems emit from Perth Office, some of which I have witnessed and been party to and realise their difficulty.

I say to you, our Editor, thank you for publishing such stimulating material which helps to energise our conversations over the "coffee cups". Keep up the good work and we will continue to keep the coffee flowing.

Sincerely,

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Nations are made up of communities

I should like to respond to the comments made by Dr McCracken in last month's edition of the Newsletter. Personally, I believe that anyone has the fundamental right to express his views on any topic he chooses and Cllr Cuthbert, a person democratically elected by the people of Kinross-shire, is no exception. In fact, the experience councillors have in dealing with local issues and delivering services affords them a unique perspective; such contributions to the debate on separation, from whichever side, should have been welcomed.

Dr McCracken's suggestion that national matters are "clearly not within his remit" ignores the fact that nations are made up of local communities. National politics, however indirectly, has an effect on those communities. As an independent, Cllr Cuthbert is able to work in the best interests of the people of Kinross-shire without having to toe a party line. He saw the benefits that the greater framework of our United Kingdom brought and the Newsletter allowed him to communicate this to the people whom he represents.

Perhaps the greatest achievements of the referendum campaign, however, were the reinvigoration of Scottish politics and the 85% turnout (the highest since universal suffrage was achieved). In his article, Cllr Cuthbert also besought people to have their say and vote, regardless of their desired outcome. I hope that this engagement with the democratic process continues and that, in future, everyone is able to make his voice heard.

Callum Purves
54 Lathro Park, Kinross

Entitled to his point of view

As a local resident, who has lived and run a business in the Kinross area for over 30 years, I too read the Newsletter on a regular basis and value it as a source of local information, events and newsworthy articles.

I am not a member of any political party and spent time in the run up to the referendum engaging with a range of sources of information/debate on the arguments.

I read with interest the article written by Councillor Dave Cuthbert and concluded he had presented his thinking on the importance of voting and his suggested sources for further information in an informative and measured way. The article which highlighted the reflective process by which he made his decision, communicated the challenge for all voters to gain perspective on the referendum and to make informed choices. He shared his approach that I did not perceive as guidance but his point of view.

As a voter, I welcome articles that prompt debate and information sharing whether from local councillors or members of the public on both national and local issues.

It is my opinion that Councillor Cuthbert was entitled to express his point of view through the pages of the Newsletter, just as I, too, am entitled to do so.

Finally, I have had reason to consult with Councillor Dave Cuthbert for support to address local issues and have found him to be diligent and highly committed in his role as a local Councillor representing the Kinross-shire area.

Ms Pat Graham
Leven Cottage, Wester Balgedie

The Road to the Referendum

After what seemed an interminably long build up, the crescendo of activities leading up to voting day accelerated with both 'camps' plying their wares seeking to attract the undecided or floating voters. Or were they (the undecided) just keeping shoom?

The referendum was the means agreed whereby a plebiscite would decide the issue of the aspiring wish for independent Scotland as opposed to retention of the status quo or preservation of the Union. Since the vote, Westminster has been under scrutiny to ensure that the promised follow-up of greater devolved powers, a by-product of the democratic process, is properly administered. Time will tell.

Many expressed the concern that the referendum would permanently divide the people of Scotland. I hope this isn't the case, and in my opinion, having spoken to many about it since September 18th, the Scottish people have returned from the vote with a better, healthier and more inclusive view of their Scots brethren – whether pro or agin' separatism. I have lived the majority of my life in Scotland, am immensely proud of being a Scot and enjoy preserving its unique heritage in many ways; but I felt separatism was not for me. We are extremely fortunate to belong to a community where democracy gives us the opportunity of freedom of thought and expression and where it provides opportunity for exponents of the various opinions to express them freely through the channels of the media. It therefore behoves me to take issue with Dr McCracken, only insofar as that freedom should not prevent an independent Councillor from expressing an opinion. Dave, as an elected Councillor and public servant, has performed his duties and responsibilities extensively and competently. His remarks were not an instruction on how his constituents should vote – more remarks that enabled his constituents to better understand his viewpoints.

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Dear Editor

Final Reflections on Referendum Result of 18 September 2014

I have noted the view expressed in some quarters that local councillors should not get involved in national issues, like the recent referendum, and write to refute that. I was at the launch of the Better Together Campaign in Kinross-shire on 27 May and spoke in support of it.

My fellow opposition councillors Cuthbert and Robertson, along with myself, campaigned hard recently in support of a "NO" vote and our opposition to the break up of Britain. My constituents know that I have been opposed to the SNP's separatist agenda all my political life and this will continue. What happens nationally in government has a direct effect on local authorities and I think people expect their councillors to have a view on such matters and to show leadership, where necessary. The fact remains that by the end of its current term, the SNP Government will have frozen Council Tax for an unprecedented nine-year period, with consequential effect on public services locally, cuts that they of course blame Westminster Government for, as with most things.

I was heartened and relieved by the outcome of the referendum in Scotland in delivering a clear majority in support of us remaining part of the UK. In PKC, the NO vote at 62,714 far exceeded the YES vote at 41,475 on a very healthy 87% turnout. The highest ward turnout was Kinross-shire at 90% and I also understand that our ward had the highest percentage NO vote and lowest percentage YES vote in our council area, a fitting tribute to the many folk who campaigned locally.

I voted NO because I don't believe it is necessary to break up Britain in order to tackle Scotland's problems. I still had unanswered questions on citizenship/nationality, currency/financial services, the economy, land ownership reform and pensions/welfare after a seemingly interminable referendum debate bordering on a national self-obsession with little regards for the rest of the UK watching from the sidelines. I was completely against the division of Britain's armed forces in a very uncertain world, opposed to the

SNP's proposed open borders for significant immigration and wanted a say in a promised referendum in the UK on reform of the EU.

The NO campaign won despite the flawed Edinburgh agreement negotiated by Cameron since the question put invited negativity from the unionist side. If the questions had been: Should Scotland remain part of the UK? Do you support a Devo Max/Federal solution for Scotland within the UK?, positive debate could have ensued. There should have been a threshold percentage for such an important vote rather than a simple majority. Whilst I support the lowering of the voting age, it should be for all elections.

The referendum bitterly divided communities, families and organisations; the campaign being full of enmity and intimidation, all caused by nationalism.

I have always supported the Liberal Federal Model for Britain with home rule parliaments for England (preferably outwith London), Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, with full tax raising powers to fund their domestic programmes whilst a reformed Westminster retains control over currency matters, financial services, foreign affairs and macro-economic policy. I very much hope that the Smith Commission charged with agreeing more powers for Scotland can keep to its tight timescale and get an agreement from the parties involved that takes us closer to this model. I do not think that this timetable should be linked to answering the "West Lothian" question on English votes for English laws that Cameron suggested.

It is now time for the SNP Government under Sturgeon to get on with their mandate by using the extensive powers they already possess to make a difference in running Scotland, rather than continually advocating and campaigning that only independence (rejected by the majority of Scots) is a cure-all.

For my part, I continue to work behind the scenes up at Perth on a number of local environmental, planning and road issues of concern to my constituents for future reporting.

Kind regards

Councillor Mike Barnacle
Independent Councillor for Kinross-shire

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News & Articles

Road works misery in High Street

Kinross High Street shopkeepers already feeling the effects of reduced customer parking had a further blow in October when unannounced gas works took place, involving four-way temporary traffic lights and the removal of all parking spaces between Hunters of Kinross and the Kilt Shop for a period of three days, and disruption for about ten days.

For the first three days of the gas works, the only parking on the High Street was from the Dog House pet shop southwards. (There has been no parking outside the Town Hall since 23 July, due to renovation and building works.)

In addition to loss of parking, the gas engineering works sometimes caused traffic to back up to the roundabout at the junction with Station Road.



Traffic restrictions due to Scottish Gas works, early October

The gas works were not an emergency, but planned work. However, an administrative failure by Scottish Gas Network meant that High Street premises were given no warning and residents were left wondering where the temporary bus stop was. (The former Town Hall stop was relocated to outside the Kilt shop in July.)

Pamela Hunter of the butcher's shop said she spent "hours" on the telephone in the week beginning 6 October trying to get information and assistance from PKC officers, without success.

Cllr Robertson got involved, emailing one council officer to say: "There was no notice given by Scottish Gas that they were about to begin work in this section of the High Street, so no scheme has been put in place to allow shops to continue to trade. The last thing we want as a Council is to drive businesses and customers away from our High Streets."

After three days of no parking outside their shop, Pamela Hunter managed to persuade Scottish Gas Network to move their van and some bollards to release three spaces. Hunters estimate that they lost £650 in sales on just one day when there was no parking (7 October), and sales are down throughout the period of reduced parking compared to the same time last year. A spokeswoman for Scottish Gas Network said: "We do have a compensation scheme in place for any traders who suffer a genuine loss of business."

Public realm improvements

Last month the Newsletter reported the concerns that some of the High Street shopkeepers have over parking provision

when public realm works to improve the appearance of the town centre take place in spring 2015.

Some business owners were concerned that the number of spaces on the High Street between Hunters and the junction with Swansacre would be reduced. However, Ross Fletcher, a senior roads engineer with PKC who is now managing the public realm project, told the Newsletter: "After our project there will be space for seven cars there."

Cllr Cuthbert explains more about the expected parking provision on page 17.

A public exhibition of the final plans for improvements to Kinross town centre is due to take place on 18 and 19 November at the Loch Leven Community Campus. (See notice from Perth & Kinross Council on this page.)

The proposals include: widening of the pavement at the Salutation Hotel for pedestrian safety, and narrowing of the road to single carriageway at that point; northbound bus stop with shelter at the junction of High Street and Swansacre; southbound bus stop with shelter at 103 High Street (Baillie solicitor) and landscaping works and benches outside Baillie solicitor, Baynes and Bower and the Co-operative.

Exhibitions of earlier versions of the proposals took place in September 2012 and December 2013.

Kinross Public Realm Works Exhibition

**Tuesday 18 November and Wednesday 19 November
12 noon – 7.30pm**

Loch Leven Community Campus

Perth and Kinross Council is pleased to announce an exhibition on the public realm improvements for Kinross High Street will take place at Loch Leven Community Campus on 18 and 19 November, between 12 noon and 7.30pm.

The proposals for Kinross High Street focus around five key areas:

- Improve the appearance of the High Street and create a new square, providing a focal point for the town centre and a sense of arrival/place.
- Improve the attraction of the town centre to the 200,000 visitors to Loch Leven every year.
- Increase the car parking provision in Kinross Town Centre.
- Increase visitor/consumer dwell time, by improving the pedestrian environment, allowing safer movement along the High Street.
- Provide an infrastructure for the town to increase its offering and portfolio of events, by attracting farmers markets etc. to the square.
- Stimulate further private sector investment along the High Street.

PKC staff will be in attendance from 5pm on both nights and invitations will be sent to key stakeholders.

Perth & Kinross Council

School funding announcement is 'fantastic news'

Parents and local Councillors have welcomed the announcement that a replacement Kinross Primary School is to be built, with occupation expected before the end of 2017.

Perth & Kinross Council announced on 10 October that it had been successful in bidding for funding of £14.5m from a Scottish Government programme to improve the school estate.

PKC recently carried out an options appraisal on two of its schools, Kinross and Tulloch Primaries, with the recommendation that the best solution for both would be replacement, principally due to their high maintenance costs. The Council had allocated £8.5m of capital funding, but this would have been enough to replace only one of the schools. The Scottish Government funding means that both schools can be replaced.

The current Kinross Primary School building opened in 1969. Like Tulloch and another Perth school, Oakbank Primary, it was built using a pre-fabricated concrete construction method under the Consortium of Local Authorities Special Programme (CLASP). These buildings have not lasted well. A project to replace Oakbank Primary School is already underway.

The Newsletter understands that it is a condition of the funding that the building is complete and occupied during the financial year 2017-18. PKC proposes to construct the new building on Kinross Primary School's existing playing field, with the old school being demolished after the new school is occupied. A new playing field can then be created on the site of the demolished building.

A report will be submitted to PKC's Executive Sub Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee to seek approval for acceptance of the funding and allow the replacements to go ahead.

The Kinross Primary School Parent Council (KPPC) has campaigned for a replacement school for some time. The April 2014 issue of the Kinross Newsletter carried a report of the condition of the school produced by the Parent Council and gave Newsletter readers the opportunity to add their names to KPPC's petition.

Jonathan Bryson, Chair of KPPC, said:

"Kinross Primary being rebuilt is fantastic news. It is particularly pleasing that the new facility will be built in a relatively short timescale and not be at the expense of the Tulloch primary community. I wish them well too.

"Thanks to all those who signed the petition and lobbied on behalf of the children. Thanks to all the council staff involved, who listened to community concerns and then made the strong case to government for extra funding. The parent council look forward to working with them to put in place the best facility that will benefit Kinross-shire children for decades to come."

Some of the local Councillors give their perspectives on this news, and further information, on pages 11, 14 and 17.

There is a report from the KPPC on page 60.

Kinross-shire remembers

Remembrance Day will have a special significance this year, as it is 100 years since World War I began, and there are more events than usual taking place around the time of Remembrance Day.

An anthology of words and music entitled 'Lest We Forget' takes place on Sunday 2 November at 3pm in St John's Kirk, Perth. (See poster below.)

On Saturday 8 November there will be displays at the library and museum at the Loch Leven Community Campus on the theme of WWI, plus a talk by Professor David Munro. (See page 22.)

The Newsletter continues its profile of local soldiers who died in service during the Great War (page 27) and there will be the usual services at war memorials around the county. The arrangements for Kinross are on page 90.

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Councillor Barnacle

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A977 Mitigation Measures, Lack of PKC Funding for Forgotten Road, Underspend on Road Repairs

I refer to my e-mail of 10th instant and my letter of 18/7/14 re the above, noting your further disappointing e-mail response of 13th instant and our subsequent phone conversation about same dismissing my call for a round table meeting of those circulated.

As stated, I do not intend to let things rest and will be discussing with my fellow ward councillors the next approach.

My mood was further darkened by the Courier headline of 15th instant reporting on the £21.8 million underspend from the Council's infrastructure budget for road repairs over the last seven years, despite paying out more than £80,000 in compensation for damage from poorly maintained roads. This underspend contrasts sharply with the overspend by Fife & Dundee Councils. The article also highlighted a two-year unsuccessful battle of one constituent with PKC over compensation.

I am furious on two counts, viz:

My letter of 18/7/14 stated it was incumbent upon PKC to make the necessary budget provision for the A977 measures they acknowledge are needed, estimated in 2009 at £1.5 million. I also noted that PKC increased local road repairs in 2014 by use of the loan charges budget and reducing recurring headroom, also borrowing recently £10 million for 'favoured investment projects' at very favourable interest rates. In this context, my request for mitigation monies for the A977 appears paltry and yet even that is rejected out of hand. I don't know how you can justify your stance on this matter!

Secondly, I have also been involved in making protracted representations to PKC on behalf of a road user for compensation where there was clear proof of damage due to poorly maintained roads in Kinross-shire. I got nowhere and "wrote to express to officers, in the strongest terms, my disgust & dissatisfaction with their ruling, suggesting PKC's insurers remit appears protection of PKC's financial position and pays no regard to the safety of road users who should be able to expect a reasonably maintained road network or recompense if things occur through no fault of their own".

It is increasingly clear to me that the corporate management team and minority SNP administration at Perth appear fixated on their grand vision of a greater Perth City, in competition with Aberdeen, Dundee & Stirling, for which money must be found; whilst paying lip service to their wider constituency that expect a reasonable level of service for the few facilities that their frozen council tax can provide. Perhaps you can enlighten me?

Kind regards,

*Cllr Mike Barnacle
Independent Member for Kinross-shire*

**Deadline for all Submissions
5.00 pm, FRIDAY 14 November
for publication on Saturday 29 November**

Councillor Giacomazzi

New Kinross Primary School

In last month's Newsletter, I made reference to the possibility of a new £100 million of funding coming forward from the Scottish Government for new public sector infrastructure projects. Since then the Finance Secretary, John Swinney, has announced that the tranche of money is available. Following a bid by Perth and Kinross Council officials, £14.5 million has been awarded to our Council, thus enabling the replacement of both Tulloch and Kinross primary schools.

It gets better. Not only is the money available, but a condition of accessing it is that the schools must be occupied no later than 2017. This accelerated timescale is beyond what I had dared to hope for and is excellent news for the parents of young children in Kinross. It seems the money has been found, not by increasing demands on hard-pressed council tax-payers, but by dint of prudent budgeting by the Scottish Government.

Given that the recently approved Local Development Plan envisaged the creation of hundreds of new homes in Kinross, many of them in the category of 'affordable' housing, there was some anxiety over the ability of the current primary school to accommodate the anticipated increase in the number of children. This concern has now been laid to rest. A User Reference Group will be set up at the design stage, including staff, local councillors and a parent council representative to impart local knowledge to the process.

The plan is to build the new school near the current building, then to demolish the old one. I am aware of the opinions of a few who would like to build the new school either next to the Loch Leven Campus or on the site of the old Kinross High School. Neither is a realistic option. The old High School site has been sold to a developer subject to planning permission being granted, while the site at Lethangie identified in the LDP for a new primary school does not belong to the Council. Moreover, the funding for the new school is totally dependent on the project being completed within 2017, a timescale which would not allow for statutory consultation necessary where a school is being relocated.

In conclusion I would like to thank Councillor Ian Miller, Leader of Perth and Kinross Council whom I know, from many conversations which we have had on the subject, has worked tirelessly to obtain the funding necessary for the new schools.

Councillor J Giacomazzi

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KLEO would like to celebrate all local events that are happening in November and December in Kinross-shire. A Christmas Market on the High Street and the Kinross-shire Music Festival are two of these events but there are numerous other events organised by local community groups and businesses over this period.

With this in mind we have produced a festive Winter Festival brochure which will be distributed door to door in Kinross and Milnathort. KLEO is hoping that all these events get all the support they need from the local community. For more information, go to www.kinrosswinterfestival.co.uk



Revolting children from One Night on Broadway



Eddi Reader

Kinross-shire Music Festival

As announced in previous Newsletters, we are delighted that **Eddi Reader** and a six-piece band 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 (Saturday 15 November, 8pm at the campus). Tickets are £12.50.

'The Kinross-shire's Got Talent Competition' (Friday 14 November, 7pm at the campus).

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

One Night on Broadway (Thursday 20 November, 7pm at the campus). A show with a great selection of Broadway numbers: Grease, Phantom of the Opera, Wicked, Top Hat, We Will Rock you, Les Misérables and many more.

Handel's Messiah in a Day (Sunday 23 November). Sing one of the most famous works of Handel, 'Messiah', in one day with conductor Peter Rutterford and four professional soloists! We welcome all singers, whether experienced or beginners, to rehearse Messiah during the day (2pm-5pm) and anyone can come and enjoy the performance in the evening (7pm at Kinross Parish Church). £15 for singers and £10 audience. 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 the festival website and TicketWeb. Tickets are also available at the Milnathort Post Office, Macbeth Currie Estate Agent (Kinross) and Butchers Hunters of Kinross (Tickets Iain Hunter).



Messiah soloists Paul Grant and Jessica Conway



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 the Green Hotel) and the Light Up Kinross event will start at the market and will continue at 7pm at the County Buildings. For booking of stalls, please e-mail info@kleo.org.uk

Road closures and parking – 29 November

The Muirs will be closed from the entrance to Kinross Golf courses to the entrance of The Windlestrae Hotel. The road closure will be from noon until 11pm. For the Light Up Kinross celebrations at 7pm, the High Street from the entrance to Green Road to the mini roundabout will be closed for approximately half an hour. There will be a special parking area at the Market Park, fee £1. Please approach from the south.



*Lucy Duffy, the presenter of
One Night on Broadway*

High Street Treasure Hunt

Look out for this year's shop window treasure hunt, coming to Kinross High Street in November! Pick up your entry form at participating shops.



Iain Hunter & the Eliot Murray band

Bus service changes, 29 November

As roads closures will be in place on the Muirs from 11am until midnight on Saturday 29 November, bus services will be diverted as follows:

Scottish Citylink Services will operate between the Muirs and the Park & Ride site via Springfield Road.

Service 23 will operate between the Muirs and the Park & Ride site via Springfield Road.

Service 201 will operate its normal route apart from the 17.55 ex Glenrothes and the 18.33 ex Bank of Scotland. The 17.55 ex Glenrothes will operate to Station Road via Springfield Road and the 18.33 ex Bank of Scotland will divert to Milnathort via Green Road, Station Road and Springfield Road.

Service 56 Northbound journeys will operate from the Park & Ride site to the Muirs via Springfield Road. Southbound journeys will operate from The Muirs to the Park & Ride site via Springfield Road.



Messiah soloist Thomas Henderson



*Messiah soloist
Sarah Lucy Penny*

Light Up Kinross

Christmas Lights Switch On

Saturday 29 November

at 7pm



Procession leaves from garage area in Green Road (Costcutter) at 6.45pm.

Switch On at County Building at 7pm

Come and see Santa and his Sleigh

Lights to be switched on by
Eilidh Child

(Please note arrangements are different to previous years)

MP keen to hear views on Post Office mobile service changes

Ochil and South Perthshire MP Gordon Banks is appealing for constituents to contact him with their views on changes being proposed by the Post Office to their mobile service. Current services in Abernethy, Glenfarg, Kinnesswood and Muckhart are due to be impacted as new stops at Culross, Limekilns and Newmills are added to the route.

The proposals for the Kinross Newsletter area are:

Glenfarg and Kinnesswood: Change the “closed” day from Wednesday to Thursday. Current Thursday opening hours would apply on Wednesday instead. Other operating hours, and services, would remain the same.

Muckhart: Visit on a Wednesday instead of Thursday (same hours). Monday visit and hours, and services, would remain the same.

Constituents have until 11 November 2014 to respond to public consultation with their views with the new timetable expected to ‘go live’ in December 2014.

Comments can be made to the post office in the following ways:

- Email: comments@postoffice.co.uk
- Telephone: 08457 22 33 44. Textphone: 08457 22 33 55.
- Post: FREEPOST Your Comments

Gordon Banks’ contact details are on page 103.

The Eyesore

The Newsletter received this poem from Maureen Papierowski of Glenrothes:

Many buildings in the town are being discussed at length.
Facelifts in the offing, money being spent.

I love to see improvements as Kinross is my home town, but there is one building never mentioned that really makes me frown.

When returning from the Loch and pier this building’s straight ahead.
I refer of course to the old Vic Bar, Gilchrist (past owner) long since dead.

Townfolk and visitors alike must view this with dismay.
A coat of paint might help a lot, in a sympathetic shade of grey.

I like to add a little humour in everything I write, but humour’s lost on this one. It is such an awful blight. So councillors please have a look when going round the town. You will have to be quite quick though as it might have fallen down.

However on a serious note I hope something is done real soon as this could help Kinross remain a lovely little town.

Coincidentally, Cllr Willie Robertson and the Kinross-shire Civic Trust have recently written to the owners of the building, asking them to tidy it up.



The rear of the former Victoria Bar, now Scotbet

Councillor Robertson

Planning applications in Conservation Areas

Many people were unhappy with the way the Council handled the Persimmon application for the old High School site.

One of the main causes of concern was that prior to the application coming to committee, the Council's Conservation Officer had placed her recommendations on the application on the Council's planning portal. It was highly critical of the application for numerous reasons and strongly recommended refusal. However this report was removed from the Council's website and was not made available to councillors on the Development Management Committee when the application was put before them. The recommendation from the planners for the application was for approval, which was contrary to the advice of the conservation officer.

When the application came before the Development Management Committee, I moved for refusal. Thankfully the committee agreed with the reasons for refusal and the application was unanimously refused. However the fact that the Conservation Officer's report was “disappeared” and that it was never shown to councillors on the DMC gave me great cause for concern.

To try and stop this happening in the future I have lodged a motion to the Council's Enterprise and Infrastructure committee which meets on 5 November, asking that in future all applications for important listed buildings or for planning applications falling within conservation areas should have a separate, publicly available report from the Council's Conservation Officer. I am hopeful that my motion will be passed and we will never again have a repeat of what happened with the Kinross High school site.

Kinross Town Centre

The Council work will begin in the spring of 2015 to renovate Kinross town centre. I am really keen to see this work carried out. However, the building which was formerly the Victoria Bar and now houses the Scotbet office, is a dreadful eyesore. I have written to Waugh Taverns who own the building and asked that they take steps to tidy the building up.

Waugh Taverns have responded saying that they will get quotes for repainting the building and the upgrading of the facades. Hopefully they will sanction this work being done. This building occupies a prominent situation and in its present condition makes the whole area look bad.

Kinross Primary School

I am delighted that the money has been found to replace both Kinross Primary School and Tulloch Primary School in Perth. Until the recent announcement that extra funding would be made available it looked likely that only one of these schools would be replaced. Our congratulations should go to the Kinross Primary School Parent Council who have been campaigning for the last nine months to raise awareness amongst parents, councillors, Council officers and MSPs of the need to replace our primary school. It is hoped that the new school, which will be built next to the current school, will be ready by 2017.

Councillor W Robertson

Please mention The Newsletter when answering advertisements



Councillor Cuthbert

Parking worries for High Street shops – I don't think it will be as bad as you think.

I read with interest the article in last month's Newsletter outlining the concerns of shops in the High Street area of Kinross regarding the Town Centre Regeneration.

During a walkabout in Kinross to look at the proposals being made for the town centre, your local Councillors calculated that the regeneration work, which is to start next spring, will lead to an overall loss of two short-term on-street parking spaces.

However with the introduction of an additional 16 long-term parking spaces in Mill Street, there will actually be an overall increase of 14 parking spaces in the centre of Kinross.

The spaces which will be lost are mainly in the area outside the Town Hall. This will be turned into a paved area, with no parking allowed, although loading and unloading will be permitted, thereby allowing lorries to make deliveries.

This area is currently unavailable for parking due to the barriers outside the Town Hall (to allow pedestrians to walk on the West side of the High Street).

There will be three new short-term on-street parking spaces on Avenue Road and one additional space is to be created at the end of Brewery Lane, which is currently double yellow lines.

Your local Councillors are acutely aware of the need for parking in the centre of Kinross and will continue to look at ways of increasing what is available.

It is my view that footfall is essential for the success of our local shops.

PKC planners under fire from Kinross-shire groups

I also read with interest the article about Portmoak CC and the Kinross-shire Civic Trust complaining to the Council about planning matters in October's newsletter.

I don't intend to comment on the specifics of the complaints, as that could lead me into breaching the Councillors' Code of Conduct. However, what I will say is that I raised 15 issues with the Director of Environment following the unanimous rejection by Perth and Kinross Councillors of the Kinross High School planning application in May this year.

Many of these issues are getting resolved as time goes by. So for example, I raised concerns with the Pre Application consultation and requested that as part of this, Councillors be given the chance to feed into Pre Application Discussions between the Council and the developer in order to allow them to input their local knowledge at the beginning of the planning process.

This has recently resulted in all Major applications now coming to the Development Management Committee for pre application discussions.

I am still pursuing the question of Conservation officer comments, which I believe must be made visible and have recently received the following comment from the Executive Director of Environment Services at PKC on this issue:

"We are currently reviewing how all internal Council comments and consultations are to be dealt with in the future, but it is likely that in future all comments and



consultations will be published. However, by necessity in terms of volume, they cannot all be put into every report produced."

Former East United Presbyterian Church - Mill Street, Kinross

The Former Church at the end of Mill Street has been sitting empty for a while now, attracting vandals and getting progressively more run down.

I am delighted to report that this building has now been acquired by a developer who intends to complete the work on it.

When I met the developer on site, he asked me to arrange for the ground at the back of the church to be cleared as it was Council owned. This surprised me, as I had always understood this ground to belong to the former church. On investigation with officers at the Council, we established that it was indeed owned by the Council and the ground has now been cleared. A vast improvement, I think.

Kilmagadwood Urns

I attended a meeting of the Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust last week and was informed that they are in discussions with academics who have agreed to excavate the urns for research purposes (investigate the contents and clean them up). Once the urns have been excavated they can then be submitted to Treasure Trove, which will then allow museums to bid for them. They will then be available for display.

Kinross is to get a New Primary School!

On 9 October, the Scottish Government announced a further phase of funding for infrastructure projects across the public sector. This included schools projects through Scotland's Schools for the Future Programme Phase 4. This is good news as Perth and Kinross Council were successful in bidding for £14.5m, which they needed to build new primary schools for both Tulloch and Kinross.

So Kinross will get a new Primary school. Which is excellent news.

The terms of the grant from Scotland's Schools for the future means that the building work will need to start quickly so the plan is to build the new building on the current playing fields and to then demolish the existing building.

The aim being to have a new Kinross Primary School built by the end of 2017!

Kinross-shire's Winter Festival

The Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation (which I Chair) will be holding their Annual Winter Festival from 14 November. (See pages 12 - 13.)

One of the highlights of this for me is the Festive Market, which this year will be held on the Muirs, outside the Green Hotel on Saturday 29 November, between 4pm and 7pm. This will require closure of the Muirs from about noon until about 9pm to allow build up and breakdown, so, please bear with us.

I am also delighted to say that Light Up Kinross will be joining us at this year's Festive Market, with a visit by a "special person" from 6.30pm followed by turning on the lights at the County Building at 7pm.

Councillor D Cuthbert

The Kinross Newsletter
by the community, for the community
all profits are given away to local good causes

Wedding Fair at Kinross House Coach House

Couples looking for a glamorous and romantic wedding venue may be interested in attending a Wedding Fair at the Coach House at Kinross House on the first weekend of November.

The Coach House has been transformed into a luxurious venue for entertaining, and after welcoming Rolex, the main sponsors of the Ryder Cup in September, it is now ready to receive further groups of discerning guests.

The Coach House sits within the beautiful private estate of historic Kinross House and wedding parties are encouraged to enjoy drinks and have photographs taken within the exquisite formal gardens of Scotland's foremost Palladian property. With Loch Leven and Kinross House as a backdrop, there can be few more idyllic spots in which to capture memories and tie the knot.

An historic listed building itself, the Coach House boasts ten en-suite bedrooms designed by Scottish interior specialist and royal warrant holder Mikhail Pietranek and is the perfect size for a bridal party to call home for the weekend. With its majestic fresco ceilinged banquet hall, courtyard terrace overlooking a circular doo'cot, double height tartan library bar and cosy spa facility with two treatment rooms, gym, steam room, sauna and

group sized hydra-therapy pool, it is a simply wonderful place to party.

The wedding fair will take place on **Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 November** from 1pm to 4pm. Exhibitors have been specially selected to complement the elegant surroundings. Highlights will include chocolate making demonstrations and tastings, 'Ermintrude' a 1922 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost originally made for a Maharaja, floral demonstrations, live music, cocktail tastings, bespoke lingerie

fitting, bespoke jewellery maker, delicious canapés, vintage china displays, wine and champagne tastings, spa treatments and even a horse-drawn wedding cart. Experts in the fields of photography, wedding and event planning will also be on hand to offer advice. Tickets and all tastings are complimentary but places are limited and so, to register, please contact Helen at Kinross House by telephoning 01577 865626 or emailing helen.smith@firstsightestates.com



Kinross House, a beautiful backdrop for wedding photographs

Welsh Bruce Springsteen at the Green

Martyn Joseph is playing at Backstage at the Green on Saturday 8 November.

A gifted guitar player with a juggernaut voice, Joseph has a high-level connectivity with his audience. He has often been called "The Welsh Bruce Springsteen", and peppers his performances with songs by the American rock icon.

BBC's Bob Harris said of him: "Stunning, heartfelt music. Martyn is one of our most intelligent writers. He gets better and better like the finest of wines."

Tickets are £17.60 from www.mundellmusic.com or telephone 01577 863467. Doors open at 8pm.

Christmas shopping school fundraiser

All are welcome to a Christmas Shopping Night on **Thursday 20 November** at Crook of Devon Village Hall. A wonderful array of local crafts and produce will be on sale with mulled wine and mince pies being served to fill shoppers with the Christmas spirit!

This annual event is organised by Fossoway Primary School PTA to raise funds for learning resources for children during the year. See notice on page 92 for more details.

Festive Ladies Evening at Larder

Tickets are now on sale for Loch Leven's Larder's "Festive Ladies Evening" on **Friday 21 November**.

The evening will feature seasonal cooking and floral centrepiece demonstrations, as well as beauty and massage tasters from local beauty therapists. Guests will have the opportunity to try samples from the wine tasting bar and canapés from the forthcoming Loch Leven's Larder Smokehouse... served by some "cheeky butlers"!

Emma Niven, owner of Loch Leven's Larder, said: "Our Festive Ladies evening is a great opportunity to get organised for Christmas and treat yourself to some pampering and delicious food and drinks at the same time." Tickets, at £5 per person, are available in store or by calling 01592 841000. Doors open from 6.15pm.

Images of Kinross-shire

Photographs can be downloaded free of charge from the www.kinross.cc

Photo Library

Subjects include Historic Kinross-shire, Loch Leven, Fauna and Flora, Countryside, Villages, Local Projects and Events.

Care work opportunities

A care company is creating new jobs in Kinross-shire and the surrounding areas, as the demand for care-at-home increases. Avenue Care Services aims to take its workforce to over 200, with a mix of full-time and part-time positions. The company, established in August 2011, has already created 150 jobs throughout Scotland. Its parent organisation is Fife recruitment firm Avenue Scotland, whose Managing Director Ian Campbell said: "This is a great opportunity for people across Kinross and Perthshire to build a career in a rapidly-growing sector. We are committed to an on-going training programme so people can gain qualifications with us and go up the career ladder if they choose. We have a commitment to employing the right staff who really cares for our clients – that's what it is all about. We do private and public care and we are adamant that we only provide care of the highest quality. We want our employees to put a smile on people's faces, so it is crucial that we recruit the right staff."

The care offered enables people to remain as independent as possible and to continue to be involved in their local community. The care-at-home service ranges from housework to personal care and the organisation is able to deliver the service 24 hours a day throughout the area. Further information is available from:

www.avenuecareservices.co.uk

SOCIAL CARE OFFICERS

Avenue Care Services are currently looking for Social Care Officers to work in the **Kinross** area. We deliver care to people in their own homes. We are committed to continuous care and development and high quality of service delivery.

Salary £6.60 - £7.10 p/h unqualified & £7.60 - £8.10 p/h qualified. Duties will include washing, dressing, personal hygiene, meal preparation and domestic cleaning.

Various hours are available between 7am and 11pm,

7 days per week. Own transport is essential.

This is a first class opportunity for individuals who wish to take responsibility for their own career.

No experience is required as all training will be provided.

Please contact Yvonne Smith **01383 622233** or email ysmith@avenuescotland.co.uk for an application pack.

Mobile Library service improved

Changes and improvements to the Mobile Library service run by Perth & Kinross Council came into effect from mid October. The new service includes:

- Extended services to older people in residential, care homes and sheltered housing;
- 3G Wi-Fi on all vehicles so that customers who don't have access to a PC or Broadband can access online services;
- Tailored services to local schools, encouraging good reading practice in early years;
- Longer stops in villages and small towns;
- Priority stops and deliveries to remote rural communities where customers only use Mobile Library services.

The Council is introducing three new, smaller mobile library vehicles to ensure it can reach more customers and wider areas in a more flexible way. One of these will cover Kinross-shire and the Carse of Gowrie.

The new vehicles are all fully accessible with disabled ramp access, will carry a wide range of items to borrow and will have free Wi-Fi.

The changes mean that there have been alterations to the routes and timetable. Full details are on the PKC website, and the Newsletter carries local details (see page 103.)

KLAWS Charity Shop – temporary closure

The Kinross Local Animal Welfare Society charity shop at 167 High Street, Kinross, has been forced to close due to extensive water damage caused by a leak from the property above. The shop is expected to be closed for eight to ten weeks for refurbishment.

KLAWS regrets that it cannot accept any donated goods for sale during this time.

Although KLAWS' source of funding has stopped for the time being, the animals still need to be maintained and any financial donations would be gratefully received. These can be handed in to Barbara Willey at the Dog House, 118 High Street, Kinross. Barbara can also be contacted on 07814 830547.

KLAWS looks forward to welcoming supporters to a newly refitted shop early in 2015.

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Loch Leven Community Library

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

Opening Times

Sun & Mon	closed	Fri	10am-6pm
Tue, Wed & Thu	10am-8pm	Sat	10am-1pm

Delayed Library Opening – Friday 7 November

To allow for essential staff development, the Loch Leven Community Library will not open until 12 noon. This applies to Friday 7 November only.

Regular Sessions for Young Children

No need to book, just come along:

Pre-school Story Time

Tuesdays 10.15-10.45am Thursdays 2.15-2.45pm

Bookbug Rhymetimes

Saturdays 10.30-11.00am Wednesdays 2.00-2.30pm

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.

Kinross-shire Remembers the Great War

Saturday 8 November, 10.15am-12.45pm

This is a **free family** event. On offer during the morning:


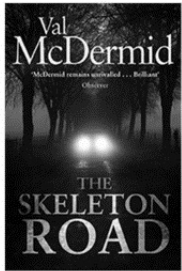
- Drop-in Family History sessions designed to introduce families to the resources which can help them trace military and regimental history. We would be delighted if people brought along their own WWI memorabilia and we can help people find relatives who served or died in WWI.
- Kinross Museum volunteers will be available to answer WWI enquiries.
- The Kinross-shire Reminiscence Group will be displaying WWI memorabilia and a few members will be available to tell the stories behind the artefacts.
- The Black Watch Museum will be displaying WWI memorabilia and records; members of staff will be available to answer questions.
- 11am to 11.45am Professor D Munro MBE will give a talk 'Lest We Forget: Reflections on the Great War'. Booking essential.
- Some children's activities from yesteryear.

Perth & Kinross Libraries and Information Services

An Evening with Val McDermid

Friday 21 November, 7.30pm
Loch Leven Community Library, Kinross

Tickets £5.00
please book in advance from Loch Leven Community Library

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

Book Week Scotland 2014
Happy reading!

Come along to Loch Leven Community Library to be inspired by some Scottish authors during this fun storytelling and activity session. Re-discover Katie Morag, Hairy MacLary, Nessie and many more favourite characters.

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.

Christmas Stories and Activities

Friday 5 December, 4.30pm-5.30pm

The library will be holding a short story time for 3-7yrs, followed by festive-themed activity workshop for children and families.

There will be the chance to hear Christmas stories and then design and make your own Christmas cards. Library staff will be on hand to help, and all materials will be provided. Why not come along and enjoy some festive, creative fun? Youngsters may also like to make a greetings card for one of the library's housebound users. These cards will be delivered before Christmas as part of the RVS Books on Wheels programme.

Event suitable for children between 3 and 11 years (children 8 years or under need to be accompanied by an adult; Christmas stories suitable for 3-7yrs).

This event is free, but booking is required.

Need to check something in an old Newsletter?

Consult our electronic archive at

www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Issues from September 2006 to two months ago available

News from the Health Centre



Influenza Vaccination

We would encourage all patients who are eligible for the flu vaccination to make an appointment if they have not already done so. Those eligible are those over 65 by 31 March 2015, those under 65 in one of the 'At Risk' groups, pregnant women and carers. There are clinics on **Saturday 15 November** and **Saturday 29 November**, so please call Reception and make an appointment.

Childhood Flu Programme

GP practices are responsible for vaccinating children aged 2 to 5 years old. This is a nasal vaccine not an injection. Please contact Reception now to make an appointment for your child. Children at primary school will receive the vaccine at school.

Pneumococcal Vaccination

Patients aged 65 by 31 March 2015 are eligible for the pneumovax vaccination. This vaccination 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.

'Clip for a Cure' campaign

Two Kinross-shire women have launched a campaign to raise money for the Equine Grass Sickness Fund.

Natalie Young and Rachel Mangto came up with the idea of 'Clip for a Cure' following the loss of three horses – Jasper, Storm and Spencer – to Equine Grass Sickness from one field.

Horse owners can show support by clipping a triangle on to their horse's quarters and donating £3 by texting JSSF60 £3 to 70070.

Grass Sickness damages parts of the nervous system of horses, ponies and donkeys. The cause is unknown but it occurs almost exclusively in horses with access to grass, and it is thought that a type of toxin is involved. The Equine Grass Sickness Fund is a charity raising funds for research into the condition.

Vets from Loch Leven Equine Practice who treated Jasper, Storm and Spencer are actively promoting the Clip for a Cure campaign. Director Liz Burton said:

"This is such a fantastic way of promoting awareness for EGS and the idea of clipping a triangle is such a simple one. Our clients are showing their support and we have already been asked to clip a few triangles at the clinic. The disease itself is devastating and as a practice we feel very strongly about supporting the fund to find a vaccination."

Follow the campaign's progress at:

www.justgiving.com/JasperStormandSpencer

Local concert supports Day Centre

A recent concert in Kinross by the Perth-based choir 'Chansons' not only raised the roof but also raised £1,300 for charity. Kinross Parish Church was almost full for a programme that included a wide range of sacred and secular music, including some wonderfully evocative Scottish music, and organ and cello solos. The sum raised has been split between the Scottish Charity Air Ambulance and the Kinross-shire Day Centre.

Both charities have also been supported directly by the congregation of Kinross Parish Church in the last few months through its Harvest Thanksgiving and Communion collections, so that a total of over £2900 has been raised for the two charities.



Chansons choir performing in Kinross Parish Church



Visitor Survey 2014

Please give us some feedback on your visit to the Loch Leven Heritage Trail.

Visit our online survey at:

<http://tinyurl.com/lo44ztm>

Thanks in advance

Electoral registration system change

Over the autumn, all residents will receive a letter through the post telling them about a change to the electoral registration system.

Individual Electoral Registration (IER), which came into effect on 19 September, replaces the household registration system that has existed for almost a century with a requirement to register individually.

Many electors will automatically move onto the new electoral register. However, some will need to take action to join or remain on it, which they will now be able to do online for the first time.

Alastair Kirkwood, Electoral Registration Officer for Angus Council and Perth & Kinross Council, said:

“All electors will receive a letter at the end of October 2014 that will explain the change to the electoral registration system. Look out for the letter as it will tell you if you have been automatically transferred to the new register or not. If you have not been transferred, you will need to provide some additional information and the letter will tell you exactly what you need to do.”

Andy O'Neill, Head of Scotland Office at the Electoral Commission, said:

“No one will come off the current electoral register because of this change until after next year's UK Parliamentary General Election at the earliest. We will run further campaigns next year to help inform people across Scotland of the change to the registration system.”

For more information visit www.gov.uk.yourvotematters

If you do not receive a letter, contact The Electoral Registration Officer for PKC on 01738 630303 or perth@tayside-vjb.gov.uk

A Crafty Christmas?

Legs weary of trailing around shops? Sore eyed from surfing the net? Still wondering what to buy your nearest and dearest as that special present for the big day?

Fear not! Help is on hand!

The place – Milnathort Town Hall

The date – **Saturday 15 November**

The time – 10am to 12 noon

At the Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church Christmas Bazaar there will be a dazzling array of craftwork and other goodies on display, ranging from ceramics, jewellery and woodcraft items to calendars, Christmas cards, photographs and floral arrangements.

In addition there will be the ever-popular cake and candy, bowls of bulbs, home produce and bottle stalls – not forgetting that welcome cup of tea or coffee when it's time for a seat and a chat with friends.

It looks like being an opportunity not to be missed!

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Larder staff on the catwalk

Loch Leven's Larder's 2014 Autumn/Winter fashion show was a great success, with tickets selling out ahead of the event.

Staff and some friends of the Larder took their turn as models for the evening and showcased a range of looks from brands such as Joules, Aigle and Gibson & Burbeck. A charity raffle on the evening raised £250, split between CHAS and Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Emma Niven, owner of Loch Leven's Larder, said: “We are thrilled that this year's show went so well and really appreciate the support of all of our customers on the evening, particularly in helping us to raise money for such worthy causes.”



Some of the catwalk action at the Larder Fashion Show

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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 Herbert Norman Scott Anderson

Unusually in this sequence, 2nd Lieutenant Herbert Norman Scott Anderson of the Royal Flying Corps was not killed in action. He was an Officer in the RFC. Most air fighting during the First World War took place near the trench lines, the responsibility of the Air Force being reconnaissance and spotting for Artillery, locating the exact position for Artillery targets. Only balloon observers were issued with parachutes during the First World War so pilots and observers of single-seater and two-seater aircraft had little chance of survival if they were hit or their planes suffered structural damage in air combat. The casualty lists were grim.

2nd Lieutenant H N S Anderson was the son of Murdoch Christie Anderson, the Provost of Kinross, and of Josephine Lydia Anderson, who lived at The Hollies. He had been at School at Merchiston in Edinburgh.

Herbert died on 24 December 1917, not at the front but on a training exercise. It was 8.30am and he was flying in Yorkshire where the plane was observed from the local village simply falling out of the sky and crashing on to a golf course. He was treated for his wounds at the local Cottage Hospital but he died shortly thereafter. His body was brought back to Kinross and he was buried at the Kinross East Burying Ground, 18 years of age. A large group of local people were in attendance.



There was an inquest in Yorkshire into his death and the evidence was that he was doing "stunts", which were defined as anything out of the normal to acquaint the pilot with the plane and how it operated. He was doing spins from 1500 feet down to 400 feet, had completed several that morning but on the last one he lost control and crashed. Twelve years later Murdoch and Josephine Anderson suffered the loss of their only daughter, Kathleen, who was Captain of the 1st Kinross-shire Girl Guides. She drowned while endeavouring to save the life of a guide at St Andrews Bay on 2 August 1929, aged 26.



*The Anderson family plot at the East Burying Ground (Kirkgate)
Herbert Anderson's memorial is the Celtic cross*



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Police Box

Community Policing – a multi agency approach

Some residents may have seen some new faces amongst the community during weekend evenings recently.

These are the Community Safety Wardens based in Perth who are currently working along with a number of other agencies, including Police Scotland, to tackle anti-social behaviour in the Kinross area.

Police Scotland have recently received a number of complaints from local residents regarding vandalism and anti-social behaviour and the arrival of the Community Wardens is part of an action plan agreed following a multi-agency meeting held at Kinross Police Office at the beginning of October which was attended by representatives from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Perth and Kinross Community Safety Team and Youth Development. The Wardens, who have been very successful in Perth and Blairgowrie, will be based in Kinross for a number of weeks. Their role is one which includes:

- Engaging with all members of the local community and developing strong links with local groups, partner agencies and voluntary organisations.
- Developing a proactive approach in supporting community members to create a positive, strong, safe and attractive community.
- Acting as local contact point for residents' enquiries.
- Regularly liaising with local area housing agencies, Police Scotland, local schools, educational establishments and other internal and external agencies and voluntary groups.
- Assisting in the identification of community safety priorities in communities.

Whilst there is engagement with a number of agencies, it is really important that the community become involved. It is only by reporting your concerns and providing information to the police and other agencies that they can begin to make a difference.

If you have any issues which you feel may benefit from engagement with the Community Wardens, or would like to report incidents which are causing annoyance such as vandalism and anti-social behaviour, please contact your local Community Policing Team by dialling **101** or emailing tayside@kinross-shireCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

You can contact the Community Wardens at **01738 476173**.

House break-ins

There have been recent break-ins to houses in the Kinross area and residents are reminded to make their homes as secure and safe as possible.

Jewellery appears to be the main items stolen in the recent thefts and residents should consider the safest place to store these items.

We repeat security information from last month:

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 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 area. 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.
- 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.
- Fit a curtain to a shed window.
- Sensor-operated lighting is a convenient and an effective deterrent.
- Thread steel cable through removable property and secure it to a building.
- Consider the use of an intruder alarm for sheds, garages, or outbuildings.
- NEVER leave the shed, garage, or outbuilding unlocked when unattended.

Police Scotland, local community

Telephone: 101 for non emergencies.

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

Email: taysidekinross-shireCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

The Community Sergeant for Kinross, Auchterarder and Crieff is **Sandra Williams**.

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

Crime Stoppers – Telephone 0800 555 111

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



Community 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 October Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 1 October 2014 were: CCllrs D Colliar (Chair), C Watson, M Scott (Secy), B Davies, G Thomas, I Jack and W Freeman; P&K Cllrs D Cuthbert, J Giacopazzi and W Robertson and eight members of the public.

Apologies for absence were received from CCllrs D Mackay, M Blyth and D West and P&K Cllr Barnacle. A letter of **resignation** was received from Malcolm Wood due to work commitments. The Vice-Chair has spoken to him and hopes to persuade him to remain on the committee but to take a few months off. There may be a vacancy for a casual member.

Declarations of interest: none.

Police report: none.

Persimmon Homes cancelled as they have not completed the information to be presented. They asked and the CC agreed that they could attend the November meeting and provide the presentation on the High School site.

Minutes of Meeting of 3 September: CCllr Thomas suggested that the reference to 90% in relation to Persimmon Homes be deleted as some people were still unhappy about this proposal. Also with reference to Perth and Kinross Credit Union the sentence should be amended to read "educate and help people to budget". With these amendments, the minutes were adopted.

Newsletter charity accounts: The Treasurer, Ross McConnell, advised that the accounts are not yet complete.

Newsletter fund disbursements: Nothing to report.

High Street Regeneration: CCllr Freeman took part in a recent walk over the site and reported on this meeting and the works to be undertaken. This information can be found on the Council website. It was noted that the road [pavement] widening at the Salutation does not include the area at the opticians and that the give-take single lane will be wide enough for a bus. A member of the public stated that he still has grave concerns regarding the traffic flow and the lack of pedestrian crossings and suggested that a trial should be undertaken. Mill Street surgery [most recently PKC Social Work Dept] is to be demolished and will provide 19 car parking spaces. Mention was made to the fact that many drivers park outside the shop they are visiting. Once the works have been carried out it was hoped that more traffic would use the link road and avoid the centre of the town unless they had business to conduct. Mention was made to the emergency services and their progress through the High Street in light of the proposed works. Following further discussion it was agreed that the Councillors would approach the Council with a view to setting up a trial over a few months. The question of whether traffic wardens would monitor the restricted parking was also raised.

Scotbet premises: Cllr Robertson stated that he had written to the owners in relation to the state of their building. It was agreed that the CC should also write in this connection.

Primary School: Report due this month from PKC.

Planning Matters

Oath Appeal: Notification that the appeal has been dismissed and that this may go to Committee in October.

North Hill Wind Farm: Scoping Report received from PNE Wind UK in relation to North Hill Wind Farm, south east of Dunning.

Planning Applications submitted to PKC

14/01345/SCOP Lathro Farm: residential development with associated access and landscaping – Scoping closed.

14/01538/CON Mill Street: demolition of building at Kinross Social Work Office.

14/01481/FLL 4 and 6 Seaforth Drive, erection of garages (in retrospect).

14/01597/FLL 39 Lathro Park, alt/extension.

14/01606/FLL 2 Police Houses, High Street: installation of solar panels.

14/01609/FLL [Former] Health Centre, Lathro: Change of Use from Health Centre (Class 2) to retail units (Class 1), Nursery (Class 10) and 5 flats and erection of block of flats (15). The sub-committee to look at this.

Planning applications approved by PKC

14/01091/LBC War memorial: public realm landscaping.

14/01195/FLL 5 Carsegour Steadings: alterations to dwelling house.

14/01224/FLL Easter Cockairney Farm: Renewal of permission ((09/00885/FUL) for alterations to house and construction of garage with dormer above.

14/01252/FLL 46 Lathro Park: alt/extension.

Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllr Robertson: Nothing to add.

Cllr Cuthbert: Hall [former church] in **Mill Street:** Cllr Cuthbert is pursuing the owner of the ground at the rear to request that this be tidied up. The developer has advised that the ground in question is in the possession of the Council.

Cllr Cuthbert is also pursuing the matter of the **white vans** at the bottom of the High Street and has asked Council Officers to check this out.

Sainsbury's junction: Cllr Giacopazzi has raised this with the Council. If the trees were cut back visibility would improve. Cllr Giacopazzi will monitor this and pursue if no response within the next few weeks.

Speed Limit: Suggested that the road from the roundabout at the end of Hopefield down to the Industrial Estate should be 40 mph. CCllr Colliar also questioned the fact that 20 mph limit run along the centre of the town, along the side streets to the east but nothing to the west. A suggestion was made that Bowton Road and part of Montgomery Street should have a 20 mph limit. Cllr Giacopazzi will look into this.

Correspondence

T in the Park 2015: Copy of PAN received. As it is in Strathallan, Kinross CC will make no comment.

Former High School site: Copy of communication from Civic Trust received.

War memorial: Following Listed Building Consent and appointment of the contractor, works will start on site by 6 October and will take 4 weeks with the anticipated

completion date being 31 October. The contractor is aware of the objective to have the works completed and site available for 9 November.

Other Competent Business

977/Tillyochie: CCllr Jack mentioned that there was what appeared to be a camera on the top of the mast. It was mentioned that this was probably in relation to the Ryder Cup. CCllr Freeman commented that there was something similar in Milnathort.

Street Lights: CCllr Davies commented on the lighting in the High Street/Muir and asked if the shadows created between each set of lights meet the standard lighting requirements and asked if these could be clarified. Again no consultation was provided and we were not aware of any decision to change the bulbs. The CC will write to the Council on this matter.

Agenda procedure: CCllr Thomas questioned a procedural issue in relation to Persimmon appearing on the agenda before the previous Minutes were approved. In terms of the Standing Orders any variation should be decided by the CC at a meeting and approval sought from the Council. CCllr Colliar will request clarification from the CC Liaison Officer.

Shop windows: Mention was made to the recent spate of vandalism and broken windows in Kinross.

Skips at Bridgend: No assistance is offered for infirm or disabled people. This may be due to the Health and Safety Act. Cllr Robertson will check this out.

Hedges: Cllr Giacopazzi advised that the property was vacated. No one appears to be responsible for the corner of Wilson Court. When the properties were built part of the planning conditions was that the hedging be planted as a screen. One resident removed this and erected a fence – they have been asked to replace the plant. Cllr Giacopazzi will look into this.

The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 5 November 2014 at 7.30pm at the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

Agenda for the Meeting on 5 November

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of interest
3. Minutes of meeting of 1 October 2014
4. Police report
5. Presentation from Persimmon Homes re former High School site
6. Presentation re Town Centre Regeneration
7. Matters arising from the minutes of 1 October
8. Disbursement of Newsletter fund grants
9. Kinross buildings
10. CC vacancy
11. Planning matters
12. Reports from P&K Councillors
13. Miscellaneous correspondence
14. Other competent business
15. Date of next meeting (3 December 2014)

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

Kinross CC minutes are posted on the webpage:

www.kinross.cc/cc.htm

Milnathort Community Council

News from the October Meeting

CCllr Hamilton, Chair, welcomed CCllrs Cottingham, Halford, Milne-Home, Pettinger and Smith to the meeting held on 9 October 2014. Also in attendance were P&K Cllr Giacopazzi and four members of the public.

Apologies were received from CCllrs Bennet and Thomson, from P&K Cllrs Barnacle, Robertson and Cuthbert, and from the Police.

Police matters: The Chair read out extracts from the report provided by Police Scotland:

- Recent incidents of youths knocking on doors and then running away: Community Wardens have been deployed in the area on Friday and Saturday evenings for the forthcoming weeks.
- Reports of thefts from MB Cars, Butterwell, and trailers from K-Trailers at Mawcarse.
- Warnings of bogus workmen, fraudulent letters asking for bank details, and individuals attempting to sell counterfeit goods.

The Chair reported that he had received a letter from Police Scotland, responding to MCC's request for a more comprehensive monthly report covering Kinross-shire, rather than just the CC's area. Police Scotland refused the request, because such a report would create multiplicity of crime reporting, leading to distorted statistics.

Planning Applications

The following planning applications were discussed:

14/01472/FLL Alterations to dwelling house at 40 Victoria Avenue. MCC had no objections.

14/01609/FLL For information only: Change of use from health centre (Class 2) to retail units (Class 1), nursery (Class 10) and five flats and erection of a block of a block of 15 flats at Former Loch Leven Health Centre, Kinross for GS Brown Construction. Following a brief discussion, Cllr Giacopazzi advised that he had attended the Kinross CC meeting where this item was discussed, and no objections were raised; he understood that the flats would be made up of 'affordable housing'.

14/01387/SCRN Formation of solar farm, Shire-end Solar Farm, Path of Condie for Freewatt Development Ltd.

14/01345/SCOP Residential development with associated access and landscaping, Lathro Farm Kinross for Persimmon Homes East Scotland and Charles Church Scotland.

14/01568/SCRN Proposed solar farm, Shire-end Farm, Path of Condie for Utopia Energy Ltd.

The three potential developments listed above from the PKC Planning applications portal, are not yet formal applications, and are at screening/scoping stage only; they may merit discussion if they become formal applications.

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Planning Applications Determined by PKC

The CC noted that the following had been approved:

14/01163/LBC Installation of replacement windows, Flat 4, Church Buildings, South Street.

14/01395/FLL Extension to riding arena, Hillside House.

14/01109/IPL Residential development (in principle), land 70m south east of Hattonburn Lodge for Mr V Russell.

14/00123/IPL Erection of dwelling house (in principle), land 30m south east of 40 Viewfar Road.

The CC noted that the following application had been refused by PKC: 14/01476/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house, 14 Old Perth Road.

Kinross-shire Civic Trust Complaint to PKC: The Chair explained that the Kinross-shire Civic Trust had submitted a formal complaint about planning procedures at PKC and specifically the “quality and standard of report of handling 13/02314/CON” - Conservation Officer’s report which was initially displayed on and subsequently withdrawn from the PKC Planning portal. The MCC discussed the complaint at length, and members were concerned that in future CCs and members of the public would not have access to such reports.

Cllr Giacopazzi explained that, previously the Conservation Officer’s reports were “external to the Planning Department” although from within PKC, and were therefore displayed on the planning portal. But a subsequent reorganisation within PKC had drawn the Conservation expertise into the Planning Department, and therefore release of conservation reports was now at the discretion of the Planning Officer.

Scottish Water Sewage Works: Cllr Giacopazzi informed the CC that Scottish Water had cancelled its current plans for sewage works in the village. The CC expressed satisfaction that residents and businesses would no longer suffer the disruptions envisaged early in 2015.

Ochil Hills Hospital Water Appeal: The Chair attended the appeal hearing held on 7 October, together with Cllr Thomson. He briefed the MCC as follows: The crux of the issue is that approximately 35 homes draw water from the ground nearby and almost all have had supply issues in extended dry periods in the past. The general consensus amongst local residents is that 35 extra homes drawing on potentially the same source of water could be disastrous.

SEPA gave detailed explanations of why the new boreholes would probably not affect the other properties and the Council confirmed that if any new private supply failed it would be up to the new owners to solve the problem. Neither PKC nor the developer would be liable.

The developer admitted that the only reason the 2007 application was amended to include mains water was to obtain planning permission. Since then mains water has been brought half way to Upper Tillyrie, and yet the developer remains resolutely against it.

Following a lengthy discussion, including members of the public, the MCC noted that the Reporter’s decision would be issued by Christmas 2014.

New Matters and Correspondence: The MCC discussed the following:

Cllr Milne-Home advised that the Kinross-shire Civic Trust had been conducting a **historical survey** of central Milnathort; he proposed that a member of the Trust be invited to the next meeting of MCC to brief the CC and members of the public on their findings. The CC supported the proposal, and Cllr Milne-Home agreed to invite the Trust to be represented at the next meeting of MCC on 13 November.

Cllr Milne-Home also proposed that the CC in future sits sideways on to the projector screen, so that all present could read the information presented there; the CC agreed.

The Secretary advised that a new park bench had been installed in Donaldson Park, at no expense to MCC. The Chair recorded MCC’s gratitude to PKC.

Cllr Smith asked that **congratulations** be recorded on behalf of the CC to **Milnathort in Bloom** on receiving a Take a Pride in Perthshire Gold Award in the large Village Category 2014, and to **Graeme Stewart** for an Outstanding Contribution Award in recognition of his role in the restoration of Orwell War Memorial.

The Chair requested that PKC provide a **wreath** for MCC to lay at the War Memorial on the 9 November **Remembrance service**; Cllr Giacopazzi agreed to pass the request to PKC.

Comments/Questions from the floor: A member of the public advised that the Fochy/Back Burn, in the vicinity of the Cross, had become overgrown with weeds and would slow down the flow. Cllr Giacopazzi agreed to raise the issue with PKC.

Comments by P&K Cllr Giacopazzi

Build-out of the pedestrian crossing in South Street was in PKC’s plan for 2015/16, but if funding became available sooner, the project may be brought forward.

PKC finance: During a full meeting of PKC, where the audited statements for FY 2013/14 were presented, it was shown that PKC’s revenue budget (running costs) expenditure came in at £304 million against a projected budget of £315 million.

At the same meeting, information from the UK Office of Budget Responsibility warned that it was forecasting a reduction in funding from 2018/19 to devolved governments, because of a reduction in projected GDP. Noting that 50% of the Holyrood Parliament’s budget is ring-fenced for NHS Scotland, PKC’s financial staff have predicted that cumulative savings over a five year period could amount to about £13.1 million at best case, through £52.8 million in the medium pain case, to up to £91.7 million at worst case. Cllr Giacopazzi explained that PKC has been setting aside savings to build resources for use in future years. He believed that PKC was therefore better placed to deal with reduced funding in future years than some other Councils.

The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will take place on Thursday 13 November 2014 in Orwell Church Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

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Portmoak Community Council

News from the October Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 14 October 2014 were: CCllrs M Strang Steel (Chairman), B Calderwood (Deputy Chairman) and T Smith; Ward Cllrs W Robertson and D Cuthbert and three members of the public.

Apologies: CCllrs R Cairncross, R Williamson and S Forde and Ward Cllrs M Barnacle and J Giacomazzi.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Stephen's Field: The Chairman has written to A&J Stephen seeking to reactivate the proposed transfer of the field and seeking a meeting to make progress. The last two houses in the Whitecraigs development are likely to be completed and sold in the early part of next year.

Dog litter bins: Cllrs reported that PKC will be putting a bin, which they will empty, in the carpark at Loch Leven's Larder, rendering the private one redundant.

Police: A report from the police was received highlighting: the hazards of driving in Autumn weather; flytipping of hazardous articles with a request for reports from witnesses; fraud letters seeking bank details to secure substantial winnings from lotteries; and the possibility that certain charity collectors may not be genuine.

The Chairman had taken up with the police the failure to mention in the report the break-in and theft at Wester Balgedie farmhouse. The police had no record of this crime having been reported to them. It is essential that crimes are reported to the police in the public interest.

Treasurer: The CC's accounts at the end of September 2014 recorded: a balance of £615.97 in the General Account and £571.19 in the Michael Bruce Way Account giving a total of £1,187.16. However, 75% of the Paths for All grant for work on the Michael Bruce Way had been subsequently received and credited to the MBW account, which now stood at £1696.19.

Planning: The CC considered the following new applications:

14/01535/FLL Site West of Main Street, Scotlandwell: Erection of dwelling house (change of house type on plot 5 approved under 08/01509/FLL). No comment.

14/01482/FLL Land 50 metres SE of Moucums View, Scotlandwell: Erection of a dwelling house. The CC had agreed to comment on the height of the proposed house and the need for a landscape plan.

14/01620/IPL Erection of a dwelling house 200m south east of Springfield Farm, Wester Balgedie (in principle). The Chairman's attention had been drawn to this application that day. Although lodged on 17 September it had not appeared in the weekly list or been notified otherwise to the CC. The consultation period had therefore not yet started but on advice of the ward councillors the CC gave preliminary consideration to the application. The application stated that the house was for a farm worker but there was no further information. The CC would write to PKC asking why they had not yet been formally notified of the application and drawing attention to the fact that more information would be required to justify the business need for the house in the face of PKC's policy for Housing in the Countryside.

These were the unanimous decisions of the CC.

Progress with applications

14/00707/FLL. The Lomond Inn, erection of 5 houses. The CC noted that no reply had been received to its **complaint** within the period specified by PKC and the Chairman had

written again about this. He had received apologies and assurances that the matter would be dealt with.

Cllr Robertson reported that he had lodged a motion with PKC that **conservation reports** in relation to application affecting conservation areas should be published. This would be debated at the beginning of November.

Roads: The CC noted:

West Bowhouse. The report of the planning enforcement officer was still awaited. If he confirms that the effective sight line to the west is short, the roads department may have to reconsider its current view that there is no justification for a speed limit at this location.

School. There is to be an experimental 20mph speed limit from Main Street up to the area around the school; this will be monitored. As a separate exercise, the school and road safety officers will monitor parking in the streets around the school.

Gritting and snow preparation. CCllr Calderwood was due to meet with Mr Sloan of Springfield to find out what he would wish to see in a contract for snow clearing. His concerns appeared to be the extent of the responsibility and the timing of payment.

CCllr Calderwood reported that most of the items on his 'wish list' prepared a year ago had been carried out and he was preparing a new one. Two items will be repair to the pavement outside the Kinnesswood shop and chasing up the provision of a grit bin for Bishop Terrace.

Cllr Cuthbert would obtain clarification as to how far the new cats eyes would extend down the A911.

Paths: CCllr Tom Smith reported that:

Michael Bruce Way: The PKC grant had been approved, subject to a structure and flooding survey, which would be carried out the next day. That grant and the balance of the Paths for All grant would be paid when work was completed. The contractors were due to start work at the end of the month.

The paths group would meet before the end of the month to decide on priority works. The letter from the Glenlond residents requesting a path to Wester Balgedie would be one of those considered. It was suggested that signage should also be considered as a priority as the signage in Portmoak suffered in comparison with that in other parts of Perthshire.

Ward Councillor Reports: Cllr Cuthbert reported that a postgraduate was going to clean up the Kilmagadwood urns at the developer's expense to put them into an acceptable state for treasure trove. Thereafter they would be available for distribution to interested museums.

Other Business

The CC's **congratulations** to Kinnesswood in Bloom and Scotlandwell in Bloom for winning their respective trophies were expressed; the secretary would write to this effect to the two organisations.

The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 11 November 2014 at Portmoak School.

Portmoak CC minutes are posted on the website
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Fossoway & District CC

News from the October Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 7 October 2014 were: CCllrs S Morrison, T Duffy, K Borthwick, A Lavery, A Cheape and G Pye; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, D Cuthbert and W Robertson; and eight members of the public.

Apologies: CCllr R Paterson and P&K Cllr J Giacomazzi.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Police report: No Community Police officer was present, and no Police report was received. Note that future attendance will depend on shift patterns and incidents.

Sergeant Williams notified us that the email address to be used to contact our local community officer is: Taysidekinross-shireCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk This mailbox is also monitored by Sgt Williams ensuring any messages sent to it will be actioned. Cllr Barnacle has spoken to Inspector Sangster about the reduced attendance at CC meetings, and was told that the above mailbox should be used to raise issues.

A member of the public observes that speeding through Blairingone is a continuing problem that seems not to be being addressed by the Police. The CC will take this up with the Police.

Ryder Cup Traffic Plan: General view was that it worked very well for attendees, although it was considered that the road closures and changes seemed a little excessive. Communication to residents could have been more extensive. An Auchterarder resident contacted the CC complaining about the money spent on the road and rail improvement totalling £7M.

Criminal Justice Unpaid Work Team: No response as yet from Cambo and Crook of Devon Village Halls to request for work proposals. See also Dunning Glen item below.

Rumbling Bridge Hydro Scheme: Awaiting update.

Blairingone War Memorial: Cllr Barnacle reports that the new wall is complete, and a new location has been proposed. Concern about nearby trees damaging the wall has been addressed. However in view of the closeness of the First World War remembrance events, it has been agreed that the move of the memorial will now be postponed until next spring.

Crook Moss Travellers' site: The deadline to comply with the conditions imposed by PKC is the end of October. Cllr Robertson has received a revised set of conditions dated 3 September. Some of the conditions, including water supply, have now been pushed out to January next year. Some vehicles were seen in the paddock area, but have now been removed again.

Blairingone Community Workshop: Kevin reported on the results of a meeting between the consultants of the landowners (Mr Stewart and Mr Manclark) together with representatives of PKC's planning department: A strategic plan will be developed and brought to the residents for discussion.

Lambhill Chipping plant: It's reported that Malcolm and Callum Snowie are happy to meet members of the community at any time to explain what's going on, how they are operating within their consent, etc. Cllr Barnacle will pass this on to Nick Brian tomorrow with the hope that the long-proposed site meeting with the planners, Councillors and Community Councillors can finally be arranged.

Crook Moss community acquisition: No further action until the position about future developments in this area is clarified with the landowner.

Dunning Glen: Thanks to Sergeant Williams of Police Scotland who organised a clean-up using the Unpaid Work Team, and they are prepared to do it again. However this is only a short-term solution.

Fossoway Primary School: The community is extremely pleased with the improvement in all aspects of the education experience; however they wish to be assured that PKC will actively monitor the school, providing any necessary assistance to maintain and develop this welcome improvement.

Landscape areas in Kinross-shire: This CC is in support of this report based on Cllr Barnacle's review. Cllr Barnacle notes that the full report will be available to this CC later this month, and once it has been reviewed the CC will add its own comments.

A977 defects: There have been several letters from local residents complaining about the surfacing of the road through Crook of Devon. Our councillors have also followed this up. A response has been received from Stuart D'All agreeing to carry out some repairs immediately and to schedule repositioning of road gullies next year – the latter should help to reduce noise from large vehicles.

Members of the public raised several issues about the quality of resurfacing work and repairs, several of which are already breaking up. Are the contractors carrying out this work being adequately supervised?

In spite of numerous attempts by our Councillors to raise this issue, there is no sign of any long-term plan being created to address the A977.

Waulkmill Play Area: Is currently under refurbishment.

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Andy Baird 07802 914976

Community Empowerment Bill: The CC has responded to this proposal, and generally welcomes the tone and thrust of the proposal. Community Planning only mentions representatives from public service providers, not the community. How is the community going to be involved? Community organisations, the principle of involvement is welcomed, but there has to be a means by which the service provider is judged on their involvement. The CC is in agreement regarding the taking over of public building.

Community Council Business

Sandy attended the Scottish Rural Parliament inaugural regional event, which follows a model of similar bodies in Europe. The general consensus at the meeting was that if the new body did not have elected representatives and decision-making powers, it would just become another talking shop.

Reports by Councillors

Cllr Robertson: There's a problem that Reports of Handling are not including the **Conservation Officer's Report**, or any of its contents, which Cllr Robertson raised at the discussion of the recent Kinross High School site application. In order to address this issue, Cllr Robertson has tabled a motion in the relevant committee to prevent this happening in future.

There are still £1.6M arrears from the historical **Community Charge**, and the increased number of people now on the Electoral Roll might have allowed some of this to be recouped; however there is now proposed legislation from the Scottish Government to no longer pursue these historic debts.

Cllr Barnacle: There are a whole set of problems present in the **Planning Process** (as this CC knows only too well) and Cllr Barnacle is raising this through the Member Officer Working Group.



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Cllr Cuthbert: Had written a report of problems with the **Kinross High School site** Report of Handling which was circulated to all members before the meeting. Cllr Cuthbert is proposing to hold a monthly meeting between the senior planners and our local members where outstanding issues can be raised and progressed.

Planning Matters

There are no new applications for this area this month. There is one application outstanding from October:

14/01486/FLL Erection of dwelling house (in principle) at land 300 metres north east of former Craigend Farm, Powmill. The CC will contact PKC as application information is incomplete.

The CC was contacted by PNE Wind, the developers of the proposed North Hill Wind Farm, and although they were invited to attend this meeting have not yet replied. Meanwhile, the Scottish Government have issued a Scoping Opinion Request for this development, which this CC will respond to.

Kinross-shire Civic Trust has raised two formal complaints against PKC regarding handling of the Kinross High School site application.

The appeal against the decision to turn down the Outh Muir Wind Farm has been dismissed.

Correspondence: All the correspondence was available for viewing:

Draft Agenda for Next CC Meeting

- Welcome and Apologies
- Declarations of Interest
- Community Policing
- Minutes of last meeting
- Matters arising: Unpaid Work Team, Hydro Scheme, Blairingone War Memorial, Crook Moss Travellers' Site, Glenquey Quarry, Blairingone Community Workshop, Lambhill Chipping Plant, Landscape Areas in Kinross-shire, A977 Defects
- Community Councillors - Meetings Attended
- PKC Councillors' Reports
- Planning
- Correspondence
- AOCB

The Next Meeting of Fossoway and District CC will take place on Tuesday 4 November 2014 at 7.30pm at Powmill Moubray Hall. All Welcome.

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Cleish and Blairadam CC

News from the October Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 6 October 2014 were: CCllrs R Kitchin, P Fraser, H Somerville, N Robertson, J Moore and F MacGregor; Associate CCllr F Gillespie; P&K Cllr Barnacle and five members of the community.

Presentation on Biodiversity

Catherine Lloyd, Biodiversity Co-ordinator (Tayside) gave an informal and informative presentation on the need for biodiversity in our area. Having spent time before the meeting in Cleish, it was encouraging to hear how well our community is currently doing, in particular being on the way to achieving the status of a 'Biodiversity Village'. It was agreed to spend some more time with the various active groups within both villages to further explore the possibility of working towards achieving this title.

Crime prevention: No Police report had been received prior to the meeting.

- There was an incident on the Hill Road, whereby a driver sounded their horn behind a horse, which fell with the rider. Both were fortunately unharmed but the driver left the scene.
- There are more unsavoury activities taking place along the Hill Road, as reported by a local resident.
- At the last meeting, the presence of horse muck and verge damage within Cleish was discussed – in particular how the plastic grass covering was being broken. It was agreed to 'spread the word' to try and stop this.

Outh Muir: This application was dismissed by the Reporter; a Final Decision that means this will now be taken off the agenda. It is expected that the Blairadam is likely to go the same way.

Website: There are now eight residents subscribed to the Newsletter! The planning pages remain the most visited pages. It was proposed by the CC that Fran Gillespie should become a Non-Voting Associate member. The motion was passed.

Village updates – Blairadam

Nigel Robertson (NR) reported that there now appears to be little community support for needing new noticeboards.

There has been more fly tipping and litter.

Some of the potholes have been filled with cold tar – the community are not particularly optimistic how long this temporary repair will last for.

There had been an offer from the Roads Officer for the placement of permanent bollards. NR is to reply to an earlier e-mail.

Village updates – Cleish

The Trustees of the Church of Scotland have replied that they are willing to look at a 'long term lease' for the remainder of the Glebe (after the sale of the triangle behind the Manse). The Chair (RK) suggested a Sub-Committee be formed, which should include representative of the Village Hall, the School, the Cleish Field, and the CC, with the working statement to 'Consider the wishes of Cleish Community and if appropriate prepare a financially sustainable and acceptable proposal to present to the Church for consideration.'

It was also suggested by RK that Neil Kilpatrick would be an excellent Chair for this Sub Committee.

We shall write to PKC regarding the Ryder Cup preparations; it was agreed that the traffic imposition during the event was minimal, and had been superbly organised. However there was some feedback that the drastic 'trimming' of the trees whilst the verges were being cut was a little unnecessary.

Village Biodiversity was discussed again, and it was agreed that both villages are interested in looking into this further. It was suggested that there could be a public meeting to discuss this further with all working groups that are active in the villages. Fiona MacGregor agreed to look into this, and to help bring ideas together which could also include any local expertise of residents.

Financial update: £1900 within the account.

Planning

There is one new application – a retrospective application for 2 stables and storage room at Craighton (14/01372/FLL).

There have been several approved applications:

Erection of stables at Beauford Paddock (14/00628/FLL).

Removal of Condition 3 (Occupancy) of a previous application at Millwood (14/00791/FLL).

Active treescapes – removal of time and reinstatement conditions (14/00773 & 774/FLL).

In addition to this, a local resident has approached several members of both the CC and local potential neighbours regarding a proposal for a new house opposite the existing houses West of Cleish, within a field which he claims has an old cement footing present. As an application is yet to be submitted this cannot really be discussed in full, however it was felt that the site could be contentious.

Cllr Barnacle advised that the Enforcement Officer has written to the landowners regarding the new building within the woodland opposite Greenacres.

Other Business

The T-junction at the east end of the B9097, just past the M90, is prone to **flooding**, causing safety concerns. Could any resident forward photographs of this to Cllr Barnacle.

Cllr Barnacle reported that the **Landscape Review Designation Consultation** should have been circulated for comment – The CC hasn't received this yet.

The Workshop by the Planning Dept in May 2014 resulted in somewhat contentious discussions both at the meeting and afterwards. Cllr Barnacle met with both Nick Brian and the Council Solicitor, and it was acknowledged that things could currently be done better. There is to be a member officer working group set up to see what improvements could be made.

The proposal to build a **cycle track** via Sunnyside was discussed at the last meeting. A local resident asked for some clarity and confirmation about this proposal as he hadn't been made aware of anything. Cllr Barnacle explained that it was just a preliminary proposal at present, involving TRACKS and the Green Route Initiative and he would discuss this further in person.

The Next Meeting of Cleish and Blairadam CC will take place on Monday 1 December 2014 at the Tabernacle Hall at 7.30pm.

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www.cleishandblairadam.org.uk

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Club & Community Group News

Kinross Ladies Circle

We've been busy in Ladies Circle this month, giving out money which we raised through our various fundraising efforts.

We presented Swansacre Playgroup with a cheque for £800 to enable them to buy a new computer.



Presenting a cheque for £800 to Swansacre Playgroup

We also presented £1500 to the Kinross Pipe Band to allow them to buy new kilts. They should look very smart when they represent our town during their upcoming engagements.

We continue to help out local organisations and welcome requests for funds.

Our diary of events keeps growing, so should anyone want to come along and join us to see what we get up to, then please contact us on kinrossladiescircle@gmail.com. We're also on Facebook www.facebook.com/kinrossladiescircle and our website is www.ladiescircle.co.uk/kinross

Ladies Circle is open to anyone aged 18-45 who like to mix fundraising and socialising. We have fun outings including comedy nights, dances, craft making, theatre trips, lots of meals and drinks out.

We're always welcoming new members, so please get in touch.

Carnbo autumn news

There are lots of groups, talks and activities in Carnbo. Why not try something new this autumn?

What's on at Carnbo!

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| Monday | First Monday of the month: hall talk, 7.30pm.
Third Monday of month: WRI, 7.15pm. |
| Tuesday | Kinross Junior Agricultural Society |
| Wednesday | Scottish Country Dancing, 7-9pm |
| Thursday | Carnbo Pipers, 7-9pm. All levels; new members welcome! |
| Friday | Pilates with Carmelina Gibbons, 9.30-10.30am. |

Dates for your Diary

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| 15 Nov | Alastair MacDonald evening sold out! |
| 17 Nov | Carnbo WRI: Sainsbury's |
| 13 Dec | Children's Christmas Tree party |

Kinross-shire Round Table

This year's Beer Festival was another success for Kinross-shire Round Table, with nearly £2000 raised with more sponsorship still due to come in!



Dragons' Den will be held on **Tuesday 2 December** at the Green Hotel. If you want to apply to present for funding, then please contact us at kinrossdragons@gmail.com by 17 November.

The ever-popular **Santa's Sleigh** will be making its annual appearance again this year:

Monday 8 December	Portmोक/Scotlandwell
Tuesday 9 December	Milnathort
Thursday 11 December	Kinross South
Sunday 14 December	Kinross North/CHAS
Tuesday 16 December	Glenfarg

All Santa's Sleigh runs will commence at approximately 6pm and will run no later than 9pm, with the exception of Kinross North which runs between approximately 3pm and 7pm. All runs are weather dependent. All our collectors are local groups and will be registered. Groups wishing to apply, please contact us at kinrosssanta@gmail.com.

Our next business meeting will be held at the Green Hotel, Kinross on **Tuesday 4 November**. A new programme of events and activities will be made available shortly.

If you are 18 – 45 and want to get involved in having fun, whilst putting something back into our community, contact us by email kinrossrt@gmail.com for more information.

Kinross in Bloom



Once more our summer season is at an end, and the hanging baskets have already been taken down, with many thanks to the volunteers from the local Round Table who did the deed at the beginning of October, and by this time the tubs and planters will have been emptied in readiness for our spring planting. We are also very grateful for our volunteer drivers, who throughout the summer months gave of their time undertaking watering duties around the town. We very much appreciate their efforts, especially as we were contracted to carry out the watering of the Perth Council hanging baskets as well as our own, making it a much larger job than usual. We thank you all very much indeed.

The willow golfer which was situated to the front of the Green Hotel, managed to stay upright and caused a few smiles, and many photo opportunities, during its time there. It is now residing at the Golf Club across the road.

Our 200 Club winners for September are as follows:

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| 1. | No. 67 | Aileen Sorbie |
| 2. | No. 36 | Derek Lawrence |
| 3. | No. 70 | Eileen Thomas |
| 4. | No. 63 | Anne Porter |

And for October:

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| 1. | No. 64 | Dr A Rutherford |
| 2. | No. 1 | Mrs Norma Anderson |
| 3. | No. 29 | Ian Hayes |
| 4. | No. 42 | Mr & Mrs J & C Marshall |

Congratulations to all.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 5 November** at 7.30pm in the Church Centre.

Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



The next Club meeting is on **Thursday 6 November** and takes the form of a "Fashion Show", courtesy of "The Edinburgh Woollen Mill", when some of the world renowned models from Kinross will strut their stuff along the catwalk.

At the October meeting, the talk by veterinary surgeon Rachel Roberts was well received by the members.

Away Days November 2014

13 November Pringle at Leith

27 November Almondvale

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

Holiday 2014

The holiday to Snowdonia is to the Victoria Hotel, Llanberis, Snowdonia. The costs are £310 for a single and £270 for a double. There are still a number of rooms available for this tour. The deposit of £30 is payable when booking with the balance due in January. Cheques should be made payable to Kinross 50 Plus Club. Contact Jean Beveridge on 01577 862655.

Friday Walkers

7 November Dunkeld for a walk along the River Tay, past Neil Gow's oak and what used to be the Dunkeld House Hotel.

21 November Walking from Menstrie to Dollar along the back roads.

Contact: Ian Simpson 01577 863691.

Friday Hill Walkers

31 October Sidlaws Katie 9.00

14 November Falkland & loop Anne 9.00

28 November Fife Coastal Path Richard 9.00
(Boarhills - Crail)

Activities

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

Carpet Bowling: This group meets each Monday at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall. Contact: Helen Duncan 01577 863638.

Craft Group: This group meets each Wednesday at 2pm until 3pm in the Millbridge Hall. Contact: Elizabeth Smith 01577 861387.

Fly Tyers: This group recommences on **Monday 20 October** and finishes on **Monday 15 December** with the exception of **Monday 10 November**, when the Blood Transfusion Service will be using the hall. The class will again recommence on **Monday 5 January 2015**. New members will be welcome. Contact: Ian Campbell 01577 830582.

Keep-Fit: This group meets each Tuesday at 2pm in the Masonic Hall. Contact Val Oswald 01577 864020.

The Line 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.

Scottish COT DEATH Trust



Andrew's Rainbow Firewalk - a 'Roaring success'!!!

Over forty people gathered at the Market Park on Saturday 13 September to walk over hot coals in memory of Andrew Carragher, and many more came along to watch the brave forty take to the coals! The sponsor money is still being collected, but the hope is that the total will reach £10,000, which is an astonishing achievement!

Andrew's mum, Wilma, pulled together a fantastic event, on what was the 24th anniversary of Andrew's death, to raise money on behalf of the Scottish Cot Death Trust's Next Infant Support Programme, which specifically supports families when they go on to have another child following a cot death. The programme includes First Aid Training, Support Visits and use of an Apnoea (breathing) Monitor.

An exciting new aspect of the NISP is the Trust's new sibling resource, a book called 'Andrew's Rainbow', which will be designed to support children who have been born after the death of a sibling – a brother or sister that they have never met, but who is very much part of their family life – to help explain the inexplicable.

Wilma has worked extremely hard to raise money for this much anticipated and needed resource in her son's memory and is continuously overwhelmed by the generosity and unending support of the Kinross community. She is incredibly touched that Andrew is inspiring so many and cannot thank everyone enough for their time and their effort making the Firewalk such a special night!

Wilma (and the Scottish Cot Death Trust) would like to thank:

- Jamie Montgomery, for allowing use of the site for the Firewalk
- Tony Bartlett of Bartlett Electrical who supplied the lighting
- Alex McLean & the masons for the use of the hall
- Richard and Finlay Scott for their fantastic piping
- The fire brigade, who stayed for the whole night (and to Sandy White, fireman, for also taking to the coals)
- Kinross Boys Brigade, who supplied, erected and dismantled their marquee
- All the businesses who donated raffle prizes
- Baillies newsagent, who donated crisps and juice
- Muriel Uibokand and all the volunteers from SCC
- Rev Evelyn Cairns who was Master of Ceremonies
- All Wilma's friends and her boys Chris, Liam and Jamie, who supported her on the night

The Scottish Cot Death Trust is holding an Afternoon Tea fundraiser in Perth on 9 November. (See p. 90.)

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Dobbies Community Champion

At Dobbies I am busy planning our special Christmas events, in aid of our National Charity, **Together for Short Lives, who support children's hospices, including CHAS.**

On **Sunday 16 November, Santa will be arriving at the store at 11am**, and we are grateful to the Kinross-shire Round Table for lending us their "Santa's sleigh" trailer for this. Santa's grotto will then be available for booked appointments on Saturdays and Sundays from 11am to 3.45pm, up until Christmas. Bookings can be made online at **www.dobbies.com** or in the store.

At this event, there will be lots of fun activities for families, a clown and music, dance demos, food tasting, Christmas crafts, and a lucky dip.

Our other event is **Ladies Night on Thursday 27 November** from 5pm to 9pm, and tickets are already selling well for this, at only £1. There will be a glass of fizz and canapés on arrival, free beauty pamper sessions, a raffle and tombola, and a magician. There will also be live music, including the Leven Voices choir, and a teenage dance show. We hope you can join us for a fun and relaxing night out!

The Little Seedlings Club have continued to enjoy harvesting in their growing bed at the allotments behind the store, and **we are very grateful to the Allotments Association** for welcoming us there over the summer.

Meetings will now be indoors in the store for a few months until the spring, and the next one, on **2 November** at 11am, **will be about warming winter vegetables.** New members aged 4 to 10 are welcome; please leave a message for Amanda at the store if you wish to come along. The **December meeting on 7th** will be finding out about snow, with a party, and visit from Santa!

I have some free dates at weekends if a local charity would like to arrange a can collection at the store; please contact me (see below).

Amanda James, Community Champion

Telephone: (01577) 863327

Email: community.kinross@dobbies.com

Kinross Garden Group

The group met for the start of their new season on Thursday 9 October. Mr John Porter, Chairman, welcomed all and introduced Nikki Jennings from The James Hutton Institute, who spoke on the subject of "Breeding of Soft Fruits". The vote of thanks was given by the Chairman.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 13 November** at 2pm in Millbridge Hall, Kinross, when our speaker will be **Mr George Anderson MBE** who will talk about **"Both sides of the camera at Beechgrove Garden"**. Names will be taken for the January lunch.

For more details, contact Mrs C Rodger, (01577) 863785.



Club Correspondents

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



Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



The 21st season got off to a lively start with a presentation by Angus Grant, chairman of the Fife Pottery Society. He explained that the society's main interest was research. Some members had published works on pottery finds and the historic presence of nine potteries in Kirkcaldy alone gives them much material for study and identification. There was much besides the famous Wemyss ware to interest collectors.

Several club members had brought items, which Angus was able to identify after examining the marks, glazes and mode of manufacture. Some were from Kirkcaldy, other from further afield like Dunmore and Bo'ness.

We were shown some of his own collection, which was mainly of Studio pottery. He pointed out that it was more reasonably priced for collectors than the famous names of the past and was equally interesting to identify.

On 8 October we listened with great interest and fascination to Helen MacDonald, a designer of Paperweights for Caithness Glass, describe the processes which made the beautiful and much collected objects. Originally founded in post-war Caithness, the company specialised in clear glass for domestic use. They hoped to create employment opportunities for local people. Then they recruited vastly talented Paul Ysart from Monart Glass to teach. He introduced the element of colour and soon transformed their output.

Caithness Glass moved to Inveralmond and Helen came too. She experimented with incorporating colour in her designs for decorative glass. Influenced by glass makers from Italy, she was soon creating beautiful intricate designs in paperweights which became both an artistic and commercial success.

She displayed samples of her work. We saw fragile dragonflies hover over flowers embedded in green foliage and could hardly believe this was all created from molten glass and slim rods of colour. We all had our favourites: a cat, Elvis Presley and desert scenes for the ruler of Brunei were among the wonders we handled.

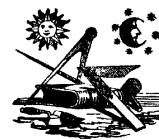
The skill and expertise of the craftsmen was superb. Their products attracted buyers and collectors from all over the world.

The Antiques Club continues to welcome new members. Enquiries to Patricia, 01592 840437, or Brenda, 01592 840368.

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| Tue 4 | Regular Meeting at 7.15pm. Fellow Craft Degree with Substitute Candidate. Nomination and Election of Office Bearers and General and Enquiry Committees for ensuing twelve months. |
| Tue 11 | General Committee Meeting at 7.30pm. Arrange work for next Regular Meeting. |
| Tue 18 | Regular Meeting at 7.15pm. Degree to be arranged. |
| Tue 25 | General Committee Meeting at 7.30pm. Arrange work for next Regular Meeting. |



Kinnesswood in Bloom

This really has been the summer of golf for Kinnesswood in Bloom. Janette and Norma were delighted to go to a presentation on 14 September at Gleneagles Hotel. We marvelled at the little town of temporary buildings which had appeared and the giant golf clubs at the roundabout. We enjoyed coffee and pastries or strawberries as we waited for the results. It was a happy event commemorating individual gardens, shop windows, golf clubs and at last they came to the best Community Display. What a delight it was to receive our trophy from Provost Liz Grant. These were specially made for the competitions and are a reminder of our golfing summer fun. Later that week we received two Ryder Cup tickets and these were offered to our members. Raymond and Marion were the lucky winners and they thoroughly enjoyed their Friday at Gleneagles.



A window full of Kinnesswood community achievements

Portmoak Primary School pupils were given a try it session at Bishopshire Golf Club. Despite a poor forecast, the rain mostly held off and all P3-P7 pupils took part in the event ably organised by their PE teacher. Last year's School Grounds Group harvested some of their vegetables and took them home.

We are keeping a few of our golfers till next year as the Open is at St Andrews but 11 have been sold off in aid of funds for future projects. Sadly, Greg Norman is still missing!

We should say special thanks to David Buchan who is always a great supporter of Kinnesswood in Bloom. He allowed us to put all our trophies in the garage window and has been making sure that passers-by know what it is all about. We have now added window dressing to our list of skills.

Winners of the golf quiz were: 1st Neil Hill, Crook of Devon; 2nd Alistair Morgan, Whitecraigs and 3rd Lesley Johnston, Whitecraigs. The golf creature treasure hunt for children was won by Eilidh and Kirsty Buchanan. Thank you all who took part and Alison in the shop for handing them out.

Our work parties continue into the autumn season and details of these can be found on the notice board. New members are welcome to join us at any time.

Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom



Apple Chutney

If you like chutney and you have access to apples and onions from your garden, allotment or local shop, why not make your own? A jar of chutney, with a homemade label, will make a lovely Christmas present.

Ingredients

1 kg apples	½ kg sugar
½ kg onions	1 x 15 ml ground cinnamon
2 cloves garlic (optional)	1 x 15 ml mustard
1 x 15 ml salt	½ teaspoon cayenne
250 g sultanas	½ litre vinegar

Method

Peel and core the apples, add the peeled onion and garlic then mince or chop. Place in a saucepan with the salt, sultanas, cinnamon, mustard, cayenne and half the vinegar and cook slowly, stirring occasionally until soft and pulpy, about an hour and a half. Add the sugar and remaining vinegar and cook until thick. Pot and cover while still hot. This makes about three jars of chutney.

Kinross and District Art Club



Our club continues to grow with another two members joining since our exhibition in September. We have also benefited during October from demonstrations by two excellent artists. Catriona Wallbutton, a participant in North East Fife Open Studios, provided us with lots of new ideas, creating a landscape using 'clingfilm', salt and bleach to add variety of texture and tone to an impressive collage. Catriona runs workshops for small groups and more of her work can be seen at her studio/gallery (Studio 222) in Newburgh, Fife.

The second demonstration was given by Cleish-based, award-winning artist Dina Campbell, who was one of the artists on this year's Turquoise route of Perthshire Open Studios. Dina is a nationally renowned artist whose paintings are exhibited in numerous galleries in Scotland and have been on show at Royal Scottish Academy Exhibitions. Dina graduated with distinction from Edinburgh College of Art and has lived and worked in the Kinross area for 15 years. Club members at our Friday afternoon session were treated to an insight into the way in which she creates a large and bold 'Expressionist' painting. For more information on our club, visit our website: www.kadac.co.uk or call Glenys on 07702 572664.

It is with great sadness that we report that one of our regular attenders, Kath Lowe, passed away on 11 October after a short illness. Kath came to both weekly sessions of our club and had been a member for around five years. A popular member of the club, she was modest about her evident artistic skills and talent and was a good friend to many of our members. She will be sorely missed and our sincere condolences go to her family in Kinross and South Africa.

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2014 Programme of Events

November

Sat 1 **Outdoor Car Boot / Indoor Table Top Sale.**

Free public admission from 9am to 1pm With over 50 indoor tables, why not pop along and see if you can pick up a bargain for Christmas!

Sat 8 **Antiques, Vintage, Retro and Collectors Fair.**

There will be buying, selling and valuations given. Admission will be from **9.30am to 4pm** with entry fee of **£1** per person. For exhibitors booking, please contact Angus on 07944 416565.

Fri 14 **Kinross-shire's Got Talent (WF)**

Sat 15 **Iain Hunter and Eliot Murray Big Band (WF)**

Sun 16 **Choirs Together Concert (WF)**

Thu 20 **Songs from Musicals Concert (WF)**

Fri 21 **Author talk: Val McDermid ***

Sat 22 **Eddi Reader Concert. (WF)**

Thu 27 **Messy Nessie at the Library ***

December

Fri 5 **Christmas stories and activities in the library ***

Sat 6 **Campus Christmas Festival and Craft Fair.**

Free public admission from 10am to 3pm with over fifty Craft stalls selling local handmade gifts including glassware, woodcrafts, cards, candles, jewellery, ceramics, handbags, artwork, prints, feltwork, soaps, clothing and textiles, natural skincare products, Christmas decorations, stocking fillers and knitted goods, together with craft demonstrations and workshops throughout the day. There will be a raffle, children's craft activities, children's cartoon & film screenings, children's crafts and christmas collection in the Museum. Refreshments available. So come along and browse the many stalls, pick up a unique gift or treat yourself, whilst supporting your local community.

Sat 14 **Antiques and Collectors Fair.** There will be buying, selling and valuations given. Admission will be from 9.30am to 4pm with entry fee of £1 per person. For exhibitors booking, please contact Angus on 07944 416565.

Sun 15 **Inter-Church and Community Christmas Service.** This will be a community celebration of Christmas with songs, carols, readings and drama from 3pm. Doors open at 2.30pm.

WF = Winter Festival. For more details, see pages 12 - 13.

* = Library event. For more details, see page 22.

For more details on any of the above events, please see our Facebook page or go to our website (see header).

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www.kinross.cc/equipment_hire/equipment.htm

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Swansacre Playgroup



Our sessions are all up and running now. We do have some spaces – in particular, our Rising Fives and Inbetweeners sessions have openings.

Rising Fives sessions are tailored for children in their pre-school year and take place on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Inbetweeners sessions are focused on nursery-aged children who have turned 3 in the term that they start the session, and the Inbetweeners session takes place on a Monday morning. Both of these sessions include an optional lunch club. For more information, please see the "Playgroups & Nurseries" section of the Newsletter.

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 7.30pm to 10pm. Tickets are only £3 and can be purchased either on the door or in advance (contact Swansacre for advance tickets: 21-23 Swansacre, Kinross; 01577 862071; 07592 392235). For more information, or if you are interested in taking a stall at the event, please contact Lynne (07736 930923 or email babygaj@yahoo.com)

We will also be participating in the **KLEO Festive Market** to be held on the Muirs on **Saturday 29 November**. Our **Countdown to Christmas** will be held in the Windlestrae Hotel and will be open from 3pm to 7pm. 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 5-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 contact us if you would like your child to come join in the fun! Telephone 01577 862071 or 07807 908833 or email enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com

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Boys Brigade

Busy Month Ahead

Things are starting to hot up in the new session with Brigade members taking part in a number of competitions. Junior section members competed in the Battalion badminton competition at Bell's Sports Centre. Both Junior and Company section members will defend their swimming trophies at the Battalion swimming gala at Perth Leisure Pool at the end of November.

Congratulations to the BB Wildcats volleyball team for their recreational league cup win at Bell's Sports Centre in mid October.

In national competitions, Company Section members start with an away fixture at 1st Dalgety Bay in the first round of the badminton. In chess, the Company has a bye in the first round and have a home tie against the winners of 6/8th Dundee and 25th Stirling. The table tennis team are drawn away against 6/8th Dundee and also the senior five-a-side football team. In the national Masterteam quiz, the company travel to 4th Dunfermline.

The Company's Parents & Friends Association will hold their annual **Coffee Morning fundraiser** in Kinross Church Centre on **Saturday 29 November** from 10am till 12 noon. All the usual stalls will be there including bottle stall, lucky dip and raffle. Tickets can be bought from any BB member or can be bought at the door on entry.

Portmoak Film Society

25 film fans turned out to see 'The Butler', the story of black White House servant Cecil Gaines, played by Forest Whitaker. It covered the history of race relations in the US from the civil rights movements of the '50s right up to the election of the first black President, turning the political into the intensely personal for one man and his family.

And now for something completely different – on **Sunday 9 November** we're showing 'The Grand Budapest Hotel', director Wes Anderson's 2014 light-hearted romp through a fictional Republic somewhere in Eastern Europe underpinned with brilliant cinematography and a fast-paced soundtrack. There is a story in there (somewhere), but it's not really the point ... it's a feast for the senses! Sit back and let yourself get swept away on the wackiest of waves.

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 we hope you'll stay for a chat.

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



Kinross and District Junior Agricultural Club

With a relatively easy harvest wrapped up for the majority of our members, Kinross JAC's winter syllabus is now in full flow. Meetings were kicked off with a new members' evening held in Kinross Primary. This was a great opportunity for new and current members alike to get into the swing of things with a few, fun ice-breaker games and activities, a highlight being a very messy game of fluffy bunnies and lots of marshmallows.

As I write this, Kinross have just been competing in our east area hockey and football competition held at our excellent facilities right here in Kinross at the KGV and community campus. Kinross triumphed, beating seven other hockey teams from around the east of Scotland to first place. This qualifies them for the national competition held in the new year.



JAC members on winning form in the hockey competition

The club is now entering into a very busy time of year with a massive range of interesting and enjoyable meetings planned throughout the winter. Highlights will include a pantomime trip, a bonfire night, go-karting competition and many more.

One of our biggest events this winter will be our club's **70th Anniversary Dinner Dance** to be held at Forester Park Hotel on **Saturday 17 January**. Tickets are £30. To order, or for more information, please contact our secretary, Lynn Paterson on 07787 548604. We are also appealing for past members to get in touch with Lynn if they have any information or memorabilia on the club from the past they would be willing to share with us.

Kinross Young Farmers Club is open to anybody between 14 and 28. Members do not need to be directly linked to agriculture in any way. We are always looking for new members, so if you or someone you know wants more information on our club, please contact our secretary Lynn Paterson on the number detailed above or our club chairman Angus Nelson on 07762 590066. Alternatively, we can be contacted on Facebook by typing in 'KINROSS & DISTRICT JAC' and liking our page.

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Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

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We're getting in to the winter now, but don't let shorter days make you hibernate in front of the TV! Come out and enjoy yourself, improve your fitness and meet 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 8 November: Turflundie Wood and Pitcairle Hill, 6½ miles. Easy walk on forest tracks with great views south to the Lomonds and north to the Sidlaws. 130 metres ascent overall. (This walk is followed by our AGM with lunch at the Glenfarg Hotel.)

Sunday 23 November: Carron Glen and Loch Coulter, 7½ miles. Heading west for a steady walk up Carron Glen then around Loch Coulter Reservoir and return. Good views on a good day.

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 & 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. Hopefully, winter will provide us with some bright and sunny walking weather. Our walks are usually a maximum of four miles, 1½-2 hours, followed by a refreshment stop. 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 and enjoy some good company. We would be delighted to welcome anyone who would like to try walking with us. Come and try a couple of walks and, if you enjoy them and would like to continue walking, we would ask you to join Kinross & Ochil Ramblers.

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 4 November: Auchtermuchty & The Common. Meet 10am at old Health Centre or 10.30am at car park across from former Royal Hotel, Auchtermuchty.

Tuesday 18 November: Kincardine & Kennet Pans. Meet 10am at old Health Centre or 10.40am at Walker Street Car Park (signposted as Park & Ride), Kincardine.

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

Compassion Corner

Is there a slippery slope between gossip and hate speech, unkind words and unkind acts?

Buddhists would seem to think so and talk about practising right speech or skilful speech. Components of this skilfulness involve kindness and harmony. In my experience, Buddhists are not just softies who don't want to upset the apple cart, they usually have a pretty good and pretty healthy reason for doing or not doing something.

"Sometimes you have to offer an opinion contrary to someone else's, or point something out to them, even criticise an aspect of their behaviour. The real skill is to find a way of expressing your argument, even your strong argument without resorting to harshness."*

I think there is an assumption here that we are likely to want and need to live, work and be in community alongside the people we disagree with. This would seem to be a fairly sensible approach locally, nationally and internationally. So what is achieved through kindness rather than harshness? Well, it is likely more listening might happen, more actual communicating, more trust and more co-operation. It may also be that it is more possible to progress as a whole rather than 'sides' of an argument casting clever jibes or an awful lot worse on their 'opponent'. Those holding the opposite views in an argument may be more attached to being 'right' than finding commonalities and solving issues that affect all concerned.

"If we feel animosity towards someone, rather than admit that and take responsibility for it, we create the story that person is so full of fault that we're justified in our ill-will"*. We perhaps decide not to look at them clearly, in a detached way or imagine the full possibilities of who they are or what may be happening in their lives. How different would it be to take pleasure in creating harmony rather than enjoying the taste of another's misfortune?

Perhaps it would be compassionate and healthy to move from debate which means we insist our own views are taken on by the 'opposition' and vice versa (bullying essentially), towards one where we seek to truly listen and collaborate. Perhaps that would be skilful. Not easy and certainly not something I personally am near mastering, but something worth striving towards.

We are lucky enough not to be at war within these islands. We have a chance to be civilised without overwhelming fear around the corner. Perhaps this starts with being mindful of the words and tone we are using.

*Not All About Being Good, Subhadramati

Susan Bathgate

Kinross Camera Club

www.kinrosscameraclub.org.uk

The new season of 2014-2015 started on Thursday 25 September. Members enjoyed sharing photographs from the summer outings, and it was good to welcome some new members to the club. There has since been a practical night, and our annual 'everyone a judge' evening. Both evenings involve member participation and have been enjoyed by all.

Details of our syllabus for the 2014-2015 season can be found on the website.

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



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MP Gordon Banks joins Kinross-shire entrepreneurs at business breakfast

Question: What do you get if you gather a group of savvy financial, business and construction consultants and intersperse them with an eclectic mix of legal eagles, web gurus, hairdressers, lifestyle advisors, professional cleaners (houses, ovens and chimneys), automobile and motorhome maestros – not to mention an aerospace exhibition promoter and a politician – first thing on a Wednesday morning at a stunning rural venue on the shores of Loch Leven?

Answer: A highly successful Kinross-shire Partnership Business Breakfast – without doubt one of the most enjoyable networking events in Central Scotland.

On Wednesday 1 October, at the usual meeting time of 7.30am, over 30 local entrepreneurs sat down to a full cooked breakfast at Loch Leven's Larder. This was the first in the latest series of winter breakfast events which the Partnership hold on the first Wednesday of each month from October through to March, providing a welcome forum for many Kinross-shire business owners.

Kinross-shire Partnership Chairman Alisdair Stewart took the opportunity to introduce new administrator Karen Grunwell, who took up her position in April of this year. Business breakfast stalwart Sid Grant, of BNI, then invited each attendee to introduce his or her business briefly before the invited guest speaker took to the floor.

On this occasion we were honoured to welcome local Labour MP Gordon Banks, representative for Ochil and South Perthshire, whose specific interests include the environment, Europe, the economy and foreign affairs.

In addition to his political activities, Mr Banks is himself a successful businessman. In 1986, he founded Lochgelly-based Cartmore Building Supply Company – of which he is still a director. In his address, he emphasised the inextricable link that exists between business and politics. Businesses, he explained, are the wealth creators of this country and without successful businesses, politicians can do nothing.

Alluding to the various challenges faced by small to medium enterprises in the 21st century, some specifically sectoral and others – such as insufficient Broadband speeds – affecting the whole business community, Mr Banks outlined how his party would tackle both these issues and others.

For instance, he expressed his concern about the difficulties experienced by new starts in sourcing funding for their ventures, and referred to the problems posed to companies of all sizes by customers who are slow to pay.

A lively question and answer session followed, before Alisdair Stewart thanked Mr Banks for his contribution to the morning's proceedings and intimated that the next Business Breakfast would take place on **Wednesday 5 November** – same time, same place.

If you are a local entrepreneur who would welcome the chance to network with other like-minded local business people over an excellent breakfast, all for the extremely reasonable price of £10, please email Karen Grunwell at mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk to book your place in advance.

Portmoak Community Woodland

As with gardening, so with community woodlands. This has been a time to enjoy the fruits of our labours. Many of the apple trees in the community orchard in Kilmagad Wood have been covered with fruit and our third harvest has been the best yet. We've seen a wonderful increase from just one apple on the young trees in the first year, to several hundred this time. It's great that the hard work of planting and pruning is producing results.

We filled a basket with apples and put it in Kinnesswood Shop and we're grateful to them for making space for it and allowing people to help themselves. Of course, being a community orchard, the idea is that people should pick their own and if we get a good crop next year we'll make sure everyone knows that they can do that.

There's a huge range of fruit trees in the orchard, bearing eaters and cookers in every colour shape and size. We're still learning about their different ripening times and some take ages. If you walk up through the orchard you may yet find some apples there, as well as hazelnuts on the bushes.

Portmoak Moss is also a rewarding place to walk at this time of the year. Red squirrels have been spotted regularly and there's a huge array of mushrooms and toadstools. The Portmoak Community Woodland Steering Group have no wish for the fine autumn days to end but we are waiting for a spell of wet weather to give us the right conditions to replant the sphagnum moss which we rescued before the mulching work in August. The exact method hasn't been decided but one or two of the committee are rather keen on firing it across the bog through water pistols, so watch out for strange antics in the weeks ahead.

Kinross Potager Garden

www.potagergardenkinross.com



We are coming to the end of another successful season at the garden, and have recently welcomed **two new volunteers** with some special needs, to garden with us on a Monday morning.

Our coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Support went well in September, and we are grateful to everyone who helped and came along on the day. We **raised a total of £150**, and the hamper was won by Sally Longstaff.

I will be speaking about the garden to the Rural Institute in Crook of Devon on 11 November, and we will be organising some **children's Christmas crafts** at the **Craft Fair** at the campus on **Saturday 6 December**.

I have also been asked to give a **session about making fresh Christmas wreaths to the Inner Wheel on Monday 8 December**.

We will again be running **two workshops to make your own wreath**, in **Crook of Devon Village Hall**, on **Friday 12 December**, from 9.30 to 11.30, and **Sunday 14th** at 2pm to 4pm. These have been popular in the past, so please book your place; phone Amanda on 840809, or Michelle Wight on 840852. We will provide instruction, a fresh oasis ring, and a choice of greenery, for £15, and these wreaths can last for many weeks outside. Just bring gloves, secateurs or strong scissors, and any particular decorations which you would like to include.

For information about the garden, contact the Convenor, Amanda James on (01577) 840809 or email amanda@tyafon.plus.com

Kinross-shire Day Centre

This month the day centre had a hilarious afternoon when we had our own version of the Commonwealth Games! Medals were handed out at the end of an afternoon of fierce but friendly competition. The hilarity was matched a week later when 25 service users went to see "The Full Monty" at the Alhambra in Dunfermline!

Although our activities are important, our "core business" is provision of lunch to our service-users. A three course lunch with tea or coffee is served at 12 noon, Monday to Friday at a cost of £5 to service-users. We can cater for special diets such as diabetic, gluten-free or vegetarian and there is always a second option if you don't like the menu of the day. The price includes transport to and from the day centre in our own minibuses but many of our service-users walk to the day centre if they can or come with a family member. The buses and drivers can cope with wheelchairs if required. Service-users are normally picked up from home between 10.00 and 11.30am and many of them just stay for lunch, returning home soon after 1 o'clock. Those who wish to stay for afternoon activities or to do shopping or visit the hairdressers in town, normally return home in the minibus at around 3 o'clock. On average, our service-users come two days a week but some come

five days and others only once. The one word we like to describe ourselves with is "flexible" as we try to meet the needs of our service-users. We are aware that there will be days when our service-users have other commitments and all we ask is that you give us a quick phone call to let us know not to cater for you.

with us, have a word with Nan Cook, the manager and feel free to ask any questions you might have.

Finally, we say a big thank you to the congregation and Kirk Session of Orwell and Portmoak Church for their generous donation and also a big thank you to David Cairns who organised the "Chansons" concert in Kinross Parish



Lots of fun at the Day Centre Commonwealth Games!

The coffee bar serves tea, coffee, snacks or the menu of the day to the general public and is open from 8.30am till 4 o'clock. Many people who are thinking of coming to the Day Centre like to come in for coffee or a snack in the coffee bar first. If you would like to try having lunch

Church to the benefit of ourselves and Scotland's Air Ambulance, not forgetting, of course all the local people who supported the concert. 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 863869.

Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme

Wellbeing/Celebrate Age was held at Loch Leven Campus on 22 October. Several of the volunteer drivers made themselves available to drive users to the event.

Commemorative Tree: A silver birch tree, which can still be seen, was planted by Mrs Chris Renton at the old Health Centre at Lathro. Mrs Renton was the founder member of KVG and convenor for many years. The tree was planted to commemorate her retirement as Town Co-ordinator.

Jane McNaughton has agreed that we can plant a new Silver Birch tree at the current Health Centre to replace it. This will take place on **Monday 10 November** at 10am. Dobbies are providing the tree and stake and the Health Centre will prepare the site, in the visitors' car park. The tree will be planted by Lesley Nelson, Mrs Renton's daughter.

Bank of Scotland: Thanks to everyone for voting for us for a Bank of Scotland grant. The results will not be known until mid November.

The Annual Burns Supper will take place on Monday 12 January 2015 at the Windlestrae Hotel, 6.30pm for 7pm. Haggis supper followed by a mixed programme of toasts, talks, recitations and music. Tickets, £17.50, available in December from: Pauline Watson 01577 862685, Ann Munro 01577 840196 and Allan Dearing 01577 863315.



Kinross-shire Historical Society



The winter season of talks got off to a wonderful start with Willie Shand's 'In Highland Perthshire'.

The introductory sequence of slides with a musical accompaniment set the high standard of the whole talk. The evening took a route round Perthshire through glens, past mountains, castles, churches, villages, lochs and rivers with tales of historic events, battles, ghosts and dragons. Further sequences of slides, again with musical accompaniments, showed Perthshire's autumn colours and the 'Enchanted Forest' near Pitlochry. The presentation was thoroughly enjoyed by the members of the society.

Prof David Munro gave the vote of thanks, praising Willie Shand for giving a masterclass in photography and storytelling.

Prof Munro also asked that members might consider becoming Friends of Kinross Museum, which is one way the museum raises funds to help with running costs.

President Robin Eadie explained again to members the problem of a restriction on numbers for seating in the church and that, while visitors are still welcome, they are asked to wait till 7.30pm to ensure that members have priority.

The next talk will be 'Kellogg Durland among the Fife Miners' by Hugh Hoffman on 17 November.

See page 92 for programme.

Kinross High School Parent Council

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KHS has two **Parents' Evenings** in November – for S5 and S6 on **13 November**, and for S4 on **27 November**. Parents' Evenings provide the main opportunity for parents to hear directly from their child's teachers how they are doing. Thankfully, KHS teachers are usually extremely well prepared to give feedback on individual pupils at these events. For parents, too, a bit of thought and preparation beforehand can be helpful in allowing us to walk away from the teachers with all the information we want to know.

At the last Parent Council meeting, Mr Keatings answered a question about what the procedure is if you want to communicate with a teacher outwith the Parents' Evening setting. He pointed out that teachers may have 20 or more pupils per class which makes a lot of parents who could potentially contact that teacher. Contractually, teachers are only obliged to meet with parents a total of six times per year and this obligation is mostly met by participation in Parents' Evenings. KHS therefore has a system where Guidance teachers are the first point of contact for parents and act as a conduit for any request to contact a teacher. This can lead to communication between parents and teachers but it is preferred if this is by email to minimise disruption to teaching time.

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. Meetings are held at the school. Any parent or guardian of a KHS pupil is welcome to come along. Parents are important and make a real difference to children's learning. When everyone involved in school life works together, our whole school community can do better and achieve more. KHS Parent Council is part of this. Contact the Clerk if you are interested in joining us. Even if you cannot commit the time to joining the Parent Council, if there is ever a general issue 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).

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Portmoak Primary School

Staffing News: I have two new appointments that I can update you with. Mrs Linsey Welsh has joined to cover for Mrs Davies, our Classroom Assistant, who has now started her maternity leave. Mrs Janie Clemie was successful at interview for the post of additional teacher to cover Mrs Kellie's management day in P5/6. I am sure you will join me in welcoming both ladies to the Portmoak family.

Ryder Cup: Pupils from P3-7 enjoyed a session at Bishopshire Golf Course as part of our community involvement with the Ryder Cup. Many thanks to them for allowing us to use the practice green for the day.

Strong-Start 2s: Did you know that if you receive certain benefits your child might be entitled to a free nursery place aged 2? See PKC website for more information.

Harvest Service: P5/6 hosted the harvest service in Portmoak Church. This was well attended by parents from across the school and the children entertained us all with messages about Harvest Around the World as well as information about Fairtrade. They also sold Fairtrade Banana muffins at the door, with proceeds going to the Fairtrade Foundation. £34.40 was raised on the day.

Twittering On: I hope that some of our friends in the wider community will follow our school on Twitter and get an insight into life at Portmoak in Twitter's bitesize pieces. The school account is @PortmoakPS. You can also follow the parent council on @FriendsPortmoak. Current tweeters can follow us, but if you haven't joined Twitter yet then you may wish to get involved as there are many groups in the Kinross area already tweeting on twitter...I promise you it is easier than you think!

Fundraising: The school raised over £300 for Macmillan at our September coffee afternoon.

Thanks again to members of the wider community who supported our latest Bags2School recycling of clothes and textiles. This really does add to school funds. I will let you know when we have a total for this round of fundraising – it can take a while for cheques to get to us following each event. Thanks to Buchan's Garage for allowing us to store bags there once again.

Our next event is **Ladies' Night on 7 November**. We look forward to welcoming ladies from the wider community at this event. Tickets are still available at the time of writing; contact the school office on 01577 867290 for details.

We will be having a collection for Perth Food Bank in the run up to Christmas. Details will be posted on Twitter. If there are any members of the community who would like to get involved in this, please check there for information.

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.

Louise Gordon, Headteacher

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Praise for School

In June 2014, HM Inspectors visited Fossoway Primary School in a follow-up visit to their inspection in April 2013. After two days spent talking to and observing pupils, staff and parents, an extremely positive report was issued by the inspectors, praising the school for raising standards as well as making sure that the children are enjoying their learning. The school environment was described as stimulating and inspiring creativity, and pupils were reported to be clearly proud of their school. The inspectors noted in particular that the new head teacher, Mrs Forster, has had a significant impact on the work of the school, gaining the confidence and respect of pupils, staff and parents.

The whole-school project on China was selected as a good example of children of all ages being given the opportunity to learn together. The Chinese dragon topic wall, with a section contributed by each class, was certainly a highlight of last term's open afternoon for many parents.

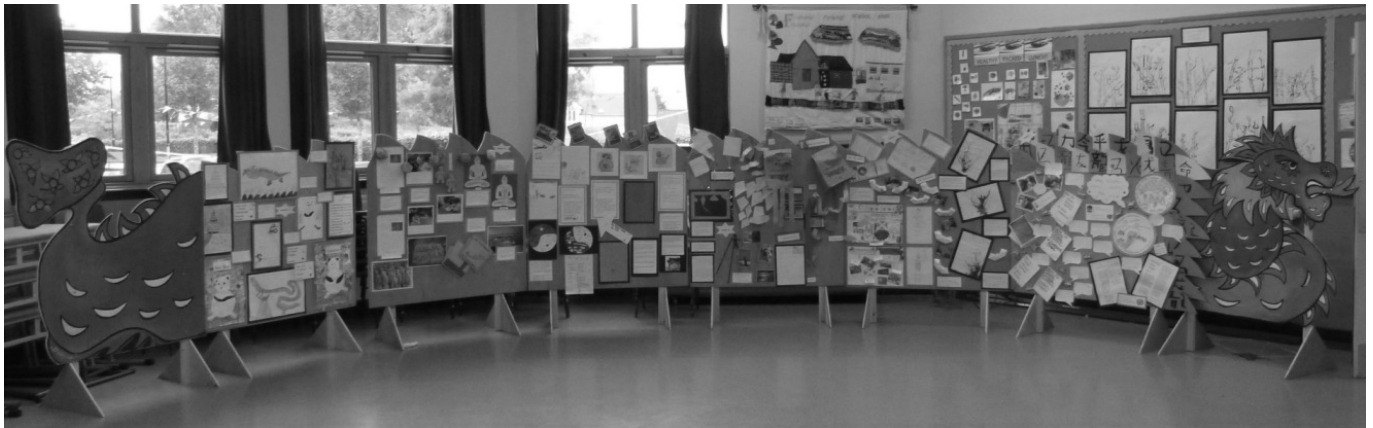
It is a great achievement for the school to receive such a positive report and Fossoway Parent Council would like to thank all staff, pupils and parents for their hard work over the last year – congratulations to all!

Quotes from pupils: What do they like about Fossoway?

"Learning is fun at Fossoway, we have to work hard."

"We have a great outdoor area with a fort and a field."

"Our committees are important; we can make decisions about our school."



The Chinese Dragon topic wall, a good example of children of all ages learning together

Kinross Primary School Parent Council



KPPC kicked off the 2014-15 school year with its first meeting on 25 September.

This school year to date, the KPPC has funded several items for the school, including sponsorship of an author visit, the purchase of moveable white boards, and a new playpod for the infants. Moving forward, we will target fundraising on the purchase of a Trim Trail for the children.

We also need **volunteers** to help plan and run the **School Fayre** on Saturday 27 June. The past Fayre Committee have all moved on, so we need enthusiastic folks to help ensure that the 2015 Fayre is a success! It is always a fun day, and a great way to get involved with the KPPC and the school. Please contact Kath Davis (07976 919694) if interested.

In the run up to Christmas, the KPPC will be coordinating **Christmas card orders** from pictures drawn by the students, so parents can look for more information to come home in school bags.

Replacement school building

We were delighted to hear that the Scottish Government will provide Perth & Kinross Council with enough money for both Kinross Primary and Tulloch Primary to be rebuilt. In the current financial environment, it is fantastic that funds have been found to rebuild both schools, and children in both communities will be educated in the best environment possible.

This decision culminates 18 months of engagement between

the KPPC, the wider parent body, Kinross community and council officers, councillors and MSPs. We thank the more than 500 local residents who signed the petition. All the Kinross-shire councillors, plus Elizabeth Smith MSP, have had a hand in making the case for the rebuild of Kinross Primary, and we thank them for their efforts. Finally, we thank all council staff involved. They listened to community concerns, and we are pleased that they were then able to make a strong enough case to the Scottish Government to gain extra funding for both schools.

The KPPC understand that a condition of the funding is that the school is opened by 2017. This is a tight timescale, and we look forward to working with the council to make this development as smooth as possible for the council and the school community and to get the new school opened on time. We will report back to the parent body when we know more about the next stages.

This deadline means that many of the current pupils will be educated in the new school, and of course the new building will benefit many generations to come thereafter. We look forward to the day it opens, which isn't really all that far away!

Future dates for KPPC meetings are Tuesday 25 November, Thursday 26 February and Tuesday 26 May.

All meetings are held at 19.30 in the Staff Room at the Primary School. Any parent or carer of a KPS student is very welcome to come along and join us. For more information, contact Ann Marie by phone on 07800 730889 or by email: kinrossprimaryparentcouncil@gmail.com

Probus Club

A Career in Law

Janice Webster, wife of the Probus Club Vice President, was speaker at the meeting on 17 September. Both Janice and Robin are lawyers by profession and had interesting and varied careers. Janice studied Law at Edinburgh University then served an apprenticeship in Glasgow where she met Robin. Their partnership extended through work and family.

A position with Falkirk Town Council followed but she found this frustrating and not very well paid. When she was expecting her second child, she was asked to work for the Law Society. The law did not permit individual lawyers to advertise their services, a position which has completely changed today. Janice became involved in the first tentative moves to advertise the services of the legal profession.

Robin was seconded to the Seychelles to work as a Magistrate and Janice accompanied him. The population of the Seychelles consisted, to a large extent, of the ancestors of titled French who had fled the Revolution on the one hand and freed slaves on the other. This had led to the situation where the law was a mixture of English Law, French Law and a native law, which involved 'spells'. Janice, who had also been appointed a Magistrate, had to deal with some bizarre cases in which a person was accused of putting a spell on someone. It was difficult to find witnesses to corroborate such accusations.

After the Seychelles posting, Janice returned to work for the Law Society before being seconded to become Secretary to the European Counsel in Brussels. Her final job after a very successful, interesting and varied career was as Secretary to the Law Agents Society.

Stewart Forbes gave the vote of thanks.

Burke and Hare's Edinburgh

The speaker on 1 October was Professor Gordon Findlater, Professor of Translational Anatomy at Edinburgh University. His subject was "Burke and Hare's Edinburgh" but, as he explained, it was not just a tale of the lives of Burke and Hare but of the part they played, with others, in the development of the knowledge of the Human Body through the dissection and teaching of the anatomy of the body. In this science, Scotland led the world.

In 1505 James IV received a petition to grant a 'seal of cause' to use the bodies of hanged criminals for dissection, which he duly granted for one criminal per year. This was clearly not sufficient as medicine became more sophisticated and when James Bolton became Professor and the first person to teach Anatomy in Britain in 1650, the problem became more acute. The first case of body snatching occurred in 1648 when four gypsies were convicted and hanged. But the demand increased. Dr Robert Knox required 520 bodies in the 1820s, and this was to a large extent met by the practice of body snatching. Graveyards were guarded to prevent this and sometimes a grille of iron bars known as a mortsafe was erected over a tomb.

It was with this background that Burke and Hare plied their trade. The two Irishmen had come to Edinburgh to work on the construction of the Union Canal and met in a pub in the Grassmarket. They managed to acquire a lodging house, from common law wives, and enticed their victims to stay before murdering them by suffocation. Burke and Hare did not carry out body snatching from graves. Their method of killing their victims became known as 'Burking'.

Eventually caught, Hare turned King's Evidence and Burke



was hanged and his body used for dissection. His skeleton hangs in the Medical Museum to this day.

Ruary MacLeod gave the vote of thanks for a most entertaining talk.

God in the Detail

The talk on 15 October, "God in the Detail", was given by the Reverend Thomas Brauer, Minister for Central Fife for the Episcopal Church of Scotland. Although born and brought up in Canada, he has worked in South Africa as well as Scotland and in addition to his pastoral duties he is studying part-time for a PhD at St Andrews University.

The theme of his PhD research is photography. By using photography to uncover the 'detail' in our surroundings, he hopes to be able to uncover the detail in our God-created World. This gives rise to the sub-title of his talk: 'Photography, Ministry, Vocation'.

His interest in the detail stems from the knowledge that his paternal grandfather, whom he never knew, was a member of the Nazi party in Hitler's Germany. In his mind his grandfather was evil. However, he later discovered that his grandfather had written a letter to Hitler denouncing the setting up of concentration camps. For this, his family were shadowed day and night by the SS and his grandfather died when he threw himself on top of live grenades in order to save his children.

This experience and knowledge taught the Rev Brauer that it was important to go into the detail to learn the truth about people and the World.

He carries this into his ministry by looking for the detail in any problems he and his congregation may face.

Duncan Stenhouse eloquently proposed the vote of thanks for a thought provoking address.

The Kinross-shire Civic Trust

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website: www.kinross-shirecivictrust.org



Scotbet premises: The Trust recently wrote to Waugh Taverns, owner of the Scotbet premises in Kinross High Street, in support of Councillor Robertson's plea to Waugh Taverns that they carry out some maintenance, such as paintwork, to this Listed building.

Complaints to PKC: The Trust still awaits PKC's response to its complaints regarding PKC's handling of the planning applications by Persimmon Homes for the former Kinross High School site.

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Sports News

Kinross Rugby Club

www.pitchero.com/clubs/kinross



Seniors

The 1st XV have now got into a great frame of mind this season, with three wins from five at the time of writing, and sitting in fourth place in the league. Some tough games lie ahead, so as much support as possible will make a difference to the guys playing. Please come down on a Saturday afternoon and support your local team.

We now regularly have the minis (P1-7) acting as ball boys and girls, and this is allowing a family atmosphere to develop.

Upcoming fixtures (all kick offs at 2pm):

1 November	Grangemouth	(Away)
6 December	Madras	(Home)
13 December	Harris	(Away)

More details on all aspects of rugby from minis at P1-P7, midis from S1 and youth at U18 and senior rugby can be found on the Kinross RFC website (see header).

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 and Youth Rugby (S1-U18)

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)

Recently the minis have played in a series of tournaments across the country, and in late September travelled to the borders rugby heartland of Melrose, where we played at ages P4-P7 against all border teams, including Gala, Peebles, Kelso to name a few. Great rugby was on display, with the P4s losing in the semi-final to eventual winners Melrose and the P5s winning all matches and defeating Kelso in the final to pick up the trophy. This was a magnificent day and one all players from Kinross will remember for a while.

In early October, we hosted our annual home tournament with teams from across Scotland attending and coming from as far afield as Stonehaven (Mackie RFC) and local clubs from Edinburgh and the central region.

A wonderful day was had by all, with parents working together to ensure the event ran smoothly. At P4 Kinross were runners up, at P5, Kinross winners and at P6 Kinross narrowly lost out by one try as runners up.



Kinross P5s, winners of both Melrose and Kinross tournaments

Fossoway Tennis Club

Tournament Results

	Winners	Runners Up
Junior Girls:	Mhairi Gallacher	Emily Conlon
Junior Boys:	Charlie Keegan	Michael Conlon
Junior Boys Bronze:	Euan Campbell	
Junior Doubles:	Mhairi Gallacher & Charlie Keegan	Emily Conlon & Michael Conlon
Intermediate		
Boys:	Sean Keegan	Shaw Grant
Ladies:	Susan Grant	Mary Paterson
Gents:	Brian Black	Martin Grant
MacDonald Cup:	Susan Grant & Brian Black	Mary Paterson & Gerry Keegan
Mixed:	Mary Paterson & Brian Black	Susan Grant & Martin Grant

Milnathort Golf Club

Junior Section

The last junior competition of the season, the Castrol Cup, was won by the team made up of **Sam Freeman, David McIntyre and Murdo McHardy**. Amongst the other Juniors awarded prizes at the annual junior prizegiving were: **Cameron Wallace** - Boys Order of Merit, **Katie Bell** - Girls Order of Merit, **Patrick Freeman** - Most Improved Boy and **Brian McCormick** was confirmed winner of the Summer League.

Outside the club, several Milnathort players also took part in the final Junior Open of the year at Crieff GC and Sam and Patrick Freeman competed in the Perth & Kinross County Golf Autumn Meeting at Auchterarder.

Kinross Kobras Junior Hockey

Several Kinross players took part in the national inter-district U16 tournaments representing Midland District. Cameron Banks played for the boys' team and Erin Stevens and Georgia Smith for the girls' team. Both teams came third overall.

Several Kinross players have also been selected to take part in Scotland development and training squads, which will provide a pathway to possible selection for national teams.

The club is hosting its own tournament in late October for U10, U12 and U14 teams with other teams coming from local clubs in Perth, Dundee, Blairgowrie and Dunfermline.

The club has also entered boys' and girls' teams in the National U16 Club Championships. This is the first year we have played in this competition, which will see the Kinross players take on the top hockey clubs in the country. This will provide an interesting benchmark into how well the club has progressed over the past few years.

Training takes place at the KGV astroturf pitch on a Tuesday and Thursday evenings and new players are always welcome.

Kinross Men's Hockey Club

www.pitchero/clubs/kinrosshockeyclub

The season is well underway, but first of all congratulations to Neil Wilson and Gurdial Duhre who represented Scotland at the World Cup in their respective age groups and also in the Home Nations tournament.

The men's club has now been in existence for ten years, so a well-attended celebratory meal was held at Loch Leven's Larder (our current sponsors). It is incredible to think the team was formed as "something for the hockey widowers to do on a Saturday whilst their partners played hockey" given that now both a 1st and 2nd team turn out regularly. Here's to the next decade.

The first league matches have been played. The First XI, captained by Dan "the Man" Marsh, lost to Edinburgh University 1-4 but beat Dunfermline Carnegie 4-2 before losing 7-1 to Fidia Lions and 2-0 to Erskine Stewarts Melville. The second XI, captained this year by Andrew "Mutley" Getley, started slightly better by holding Edinburgh Uni to a 2-2 draw and then beating Dunfermline City 3-0, with Andrew "Monty" Montford scoring his first ever goal for the club. Kinross then beat Fidia Lions 4-2 with an outstanding display in goals by fill-in goalie Ralph Hepburn. Next, Stirling Wanderers crashed to a 13-1 defeat with Dougie Ogilvie and David Goodenough bagging nine goals between them. Finally, Kinross lost in the last minute 1-0 to a physical Falkirk.

Anyone wishing to join the club, please come along to our training night every Tuesday from 7.30pm to 9pm on the astro turf at KGV next to the rugby pitches. All abilities welcome.

Kinross Ladies Hockey Club

www.kinrossladieshockey.co.uk



The season has started with a bit of a bang here at Kinross Ladies. Torturous fitness drills at training and steely determination has paid dividends with some excellent results from both the First and Second XIs.

The Firsts have, this season, entered the Champions League, gateway to the National Leagues and the step up the club needed after years of dominance in Midlands division 1. A stonking start has resulted in victory in all matches so far. Kelburne 2 were beaten 4-1; goals from Lynn Paterson, Michelle Best and Katy Russell. Glasgow Accies lost to us 5 goals to 1, with goals from Gail Nelson, Lynne and Vicky, whilst Grange 2 were defeated 6-0 with goals from Katy, Laurie Allan, Lynn and Vicky. With only 2 goals against us, congratulations should also go to the defence and goalies Beth Robinson and Sarah Collins on their performances.

The 2s have also had a formidable run, with an opening match against Monarch Ladies leading to a lot of goals for us and one for them. Scorers Lyndsey Knight, Claire Brownbridge, Kirsty Dunn and, I think, Wendy Marshall, all achieved at least a hat-trick each, with Jenny Thoms notching up one and possibly a few other people too – I am sorry for losing track there.... The following week saw Dundee Uni 2 beaten 10-0; Chantal Schofield scoring 4, Lyndsey Knight and Kirsty Dunn 2 each and Wendy Symington and Jenny Thoms one apiece. In the first round of the League cup, a hard fought three-all draw against Stirling Uni 2s was an excellent achievement.

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, one playing in Midlands League division 2 and one in the Champions League. 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, on 07770 422480 or by e-mail to claire@brownbridge.co.uk. Or just turn up!

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Kinross Volleyball Club

Cup Competitions

League champions Team Fife started the Perth Premier League Cup competition against a new look Kintronics, both sides fielding a number of new recruits. The Kinross side took the early initiative against the champions, leading 11-8. Fifiers fought back to level the score at 14 points each. With the cup rules being first to 15 it was the Fifiers who scraped through, scoring the vital winning point. The second set started with Kintronics again taking a 5-2 lead with youngster Mark Cathro playing well through the middle along with Callum Law, another youngster coming through the Kinross ranks. Team Fife again fought back to take the lead and at full time the Fife side led 11-9 in a close encounter. Kintronics lost out on qualification by losing their other two fixtures.

Craig Donaldson's cup holders Kinross Scotrange opened their defence of the trophy against Graeme McIntyre's Dunfermline. The first set was close with the Kinross side easing ahead to win 15-12 with Connor Boyle and Kieran Small forming a useful front-line partnership. The second set saw Scotrange settle into a rhythm winning 15-7. Eagles and Scotrange met next with Iain Cook and Remick Hildebrand in fine hitting form for Eagles as they took the first set 15-12. Eagles continued their good form to lead 10-6 in the second set. Scotrange finished their sectional games knowing that they needed to win against Hitting Bricks. The Kinross side powered ahead to lead 12-1 before finishing the set 15-5 ahead. The second set saw Scotrange continue where they left off winning 15-8.

Semi-final games were to be the best of three sets of 21 points and it was the "big two" league champions Team Fife and cup holders Scotrange who met to see who would come out top. Team Fife dominated the early play to lead 16-4 before sealing victory 21-12. The second set was more closely contested but Scotrange couldn't find a way through and the set was tied at 18 points each when the full time whistle sounded. Team Fife won the deciding point to qualify for the cup final.

Jamie Booth's Recreational cup holders, Kinross BB drafted in three new faces to their ranks bringing in Peter Eade, Andrew Lauener and Pamela Shah although this didn't seem to affect them as they dumped Lorraine Law and her Mongrels 15-5 in the opening set. The second set was much more competitive with Kat Thomson and John Cameron leading Mongrels' attacks to keep them within one point of their more favoured opponents at 13-14. It wasn't to be however as the BB side scored the next vital point to record victory.

Kinross BB Wildcats were next on court against Ian McGrath's Motley Crew, and Crew deservedly won the first set 15-11 as the BB youngsters took time to settle. The second set saw the Kinross youngsters come good as they levelled the game with a 15-7 score. The third set decider also went the BB way to start off their season in winning ways. The other games in the section saw both BB sides win. When both sides met it was the cup holders, Kinross BB, who took the first set fairly comfortably by 15 points to 9. The BB Wildcats fought back well with effective attacking from Mark Cathro and Matthew Macdonald to level the game, winning 15-12. The third set decider was tied at six points each before Wildcats clawed themselves ahead to lead 12-7 at full time. With both Kinross BB sides qualifying for the cross-over semi-finals they had to wait the

outcome of the section two games which featured Karen Crockart's Tay Pearls, Claire McGhie's Perth High, Jayne Cafferty's Hitting Bricks and Gregor Walker's Hits & Giggles. It was no surprise that both Hitting Bricks and Hits & Giggles eased their way past Pearls and Perth High to meet up with the Kinross BB teams in the semis.

Hitting Bricks overcame Kinross BB, with the BB Wildcats scraping through 21-19; 21-18 in an exciting semi-final encounter against Hits & Giggles.

In the final it was Bricks who led the early flurries taking an 8-4 lead. Wildcats rallied and the score stood at 12 points each before Bricks again pulled ahead 15-12. There then followed an amazing run of points which saw the Kinross side score the next nine points without reply, thanks to fine play from Adam Sweeney and Lewis McKenzie to win the set 21-15. The second set started with honours even, the score reaching 17 points each. Some fine setting from young Jack Watson of Wildcats saw them through to lift the cup for their first time winning 21-18.



The winning Kinross BB Wildcats team

Kinross Men compete in the Scottish Cup playing Edinburgh NUVOC at home in their opening fixture, Su Raggazzi of Glasgow in their second home fixture and away to Volero of Motherwell to complete their games.

Training continues at the Campus on Monday evenings from 8.15 till 9.45 and these sessions are open to all, with the age range of those attending stretching from 14 to over 60. If you fancy trying out a fun, social sport - come along and give it a try.

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The KCT Opening Bonspiel on 20 September was won by Craig Lindsay (skip), Stuart Carnegie, Julia Cormack and Robert Mitchell with a score of +11. Runners up, with a score of +8, were Ross McCleary (skip), Dougie Rodger, Anne Malcolm and Margaret-Elspeth Harman.

Asham U21 Slam (Kinross Junior Classic): Kinross Curling hosted the latest round of the RCCC's Asham Under 21 Slam on the weekend of 3-5 October.

Sixteen boys' teams and eight girls' teams played three group games each across Friday and Saturday before the qualifying teams contested the knockout finals on the Sunday. The boys' event was won by Team Brydone and the girls' event by Team Morrison.

Full results are available on the RCCC website.

Ladies Branch Senior Pairs: Eight pairs took part in this competition, run on the Schenkel system, on 9 October. Each team played three games and the winners were **Susan Scougal and Eileen Thomas**, the only pair to win all three of their games. The event was sponsored by John Drysdale Agricultural Engineers.

English Curling Association event: Over the weekend of 18-19 October, 31 curlers took part in the Duncan Stewart trophy, organised on behalf of the English Curling Association. This was the first time the competition has been held at Kinross. The event was won by a rink skipped by John Sharp. The visitors were so impressed by the upgrade, the quality of the ice and the catering that they plan to return next autumn. Some of the curlers are regular users at Kinross, but for most it was the first time at the new rink. It is great to know that the good news about our rink will be spread across Scotland, and England.

Mixed Doubles: At the time of writing, more participants are sought for a new Mixed Doubles league taking place throughout the season, starting in November. If interested, contact the ice rink staff as soon as possible.

Kinross Open, 12-14 December: More entries are required for this competition, which is part of the Goldline Scottish Curling Tour. Both men's and ladies' rinks are welcome.

Kinross Curling School

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Our next Beginners Classes will take place on **Saturday 17 January** (11.45am-2.30pm), **Saturday 24 January** (3.30pm-6.30pm) and **Sunday 25 January** (2.30pm-5.15pm). The cost is £50 per person for the block of three sessions.

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

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Fossoway Curling Club



The new season is now well under way at our very bright and shiny refurbished curling rink. Our thanks go to Kinross Curling Trust and all the local curlers who helped make this possible, especially the trust board members. Never before in the field of curling has so much been owed by so many to so few. All of our members are well impressed.

Our opening bonspiel for The Shand Shield was played on 1st October and was won by Ian Nicholson and his rink, Andy Macpherson, Rob McLachlan and George Cowan. Our Fraser Cup competition has now started, as has our new Pool Competition, which was created especially for those curlers who are unable to play games at 5.45pm, all the games being scheduled for 7.45pm and 9.45pm.

Fossoway are a small and friendly local curling club based in Crook of Devon, although our members come from far and wide. We play throughout the season, mostly at Kinross, with a few games in Perth. We are always looking for new members (beginners and experienced) who will find a warm welcome awaiting. Coaching is available free of charge. Contact Alan on 840695 or Willie on 840405 for details.

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Kinross Otters

Bo'ness Mini Meet, Grangemouth, 5 October

In a nutshell: 13 x swimmers, 50 x swims, 7 x 4th-6th place medals, 2 x Bronze medals, 2 x Silver medals, 6 x Gold medals!

One Best Girl Aged 11 Trophy for **Sarah Coutts** who was the best 11-year-old girl at the whole meet, with some superb performances. She carries on a great Otters' tradition at this meet where we always seem to do so well. Epic efforts from all, massive PBs all over the place (one for nearly 27 seconds!) and great attitudes and behaviour from all swimmers. Well done!



Sarah Coutts with best overall 11-year-old girl trophy and various medals

Bank Of Scotland Community Fund

The public vote ended on 10 October and the Otters wish to thank all those who registered a vote for us. The results will be announced soon and all fingers are crossed!

League News - Premier Division

Congratulations to our Premier team, who finished in joint second place overall in the league by coming third in the last gala of the year on 20 September in Arbroath, despite having a much-depleted team. Thanks to all the swimmers for their hard work and dedication and for representing our club so well in the district. Thanks also to everyone who travels to the galas to support us, but a special mention to the coaches involved with co-ordinating the five galas, **Simon Metcalfe**, **Fiona Crawford** and **Pam Watson**; to our captains **Rachel Brisbane** and **Cameron McCloskey** (and **Ryan Curtis** who covered the last gala) to our team manager **Lynne Bennet** for ensuring that we always had a team on poolside and to all the parents who worked at the galas in a technical capacity – time keepers, judges and starter.

Final positions in the Premier League are:

Perth City (25 points)

Kinross Otters and Dundee City Aquatics (16 pts each)

Arbroath St Thomas (13 points)

Forfar (5 points).

Amazing Otters - Success out of the Pool!

We were very proud to hear that **Annabel Simpson** became Scottish National 3,000m champion and **Iona Crawford** became the Scottish National 800m champion at the Athletics Age Group championships in Aberdeen in August. Well done to you both.

Congratulations to **Gregor Malcolm** and **Iona Crawford** who have been selected as part of the Scottish Triathlon Development Scotland Team. (Only 16 selected across all age groups.)

Congratulations also to **Daisy Foniciello** who has been selected to play hockey for Scotland U14, and **Rory Nesbitt** who has been selected for the Scottish Junior Boys Water Polo squad.

This level of achievement is truly outstanding and what a talented bunch we have at the moment!

Kinross Swimmers

There have been a number of new swimmers of all ability levels turning up for club evenings recently and their attendance and enthusiasm has been appreciated. With the return of some regular swimmers after their summer break, we are beginning to see some healthier numbers in the water.

A number of swimmers, myself included, have commented on the new, more varied programme that has been implemented by Fraser and Tara. It has made the sessions much more interesting and enjoyable and this 'cross swimming', as it might be called, is helping keep the newer swimmers. It is probable that these new rotas may be of interest to triathletes looking to vary their training or to improve their swimming technique.

Unfortunately the underwater camera to assist in stroke development and as an aid to the coaches remains broken. I have tried various basic fixes to no avail. If anyone can suggest someone local that may be able to point me in the right direction, please suggest away.

New swimmers continue to come along and we would continue to welcome others. We meet every Tuesday evening at the pool at Loch Leven Leisure Centre for a pool start at 8pm until 9pm where our intention is to improve stroke, stamina and style, so that any other swimming is more worthwhile, effective and enjoyable. We welcome anyone looking to improve their swimming for whatever reason; all we ask is that you can complete four lengths. Experienced swimmers looking for a friendly but directed extra session are especially welcome.

For further information, please either contact us on Facebook - Kinross Swimmers - or Ian Shepherd via email at shepherd_ian@hotmail.com or on mobile 07944 503074.



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Kinross Bowling Club

The Bowling season has closed for this year, but what a great summer it's been for this healthy outdoor game.

The green closed on Sunday 5 October with a great turnout of members and a few welcome visitors. The Gibson Triples was played before we enjoyed the Prize Giving and a lovely buffet.

Prize winners for the season are:

	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Runner-up</i>
E Ford (Ladies)	S Rennie	J Mitchell
J Wallace (Men)	Jim Cousar	R Moffatt
G Waddell Ford (Men)	G Rennie	P Grant
Handicap (Mixed)	G Rennie	P Grant
S/S Hand (Mixed)	Jim Cousar	R Moffatt
Barnes (Mixed)	J Mitchell	G Rennie
Montgomery (Mixed)	C Matthews	Jean Cousar
Renton (Mixed)	S Rennie	C Matthews
Bess Hunter (Ladies)	Jean Cousar	C Matthews
Presidents (Men)	P Grant	Jim Cousar
Gents Pairs	R Moffat & I Christophers	P Grant & G Rennie
Ladies Pairs	Jean Cousar & Janet Mitchell	A Bell & S Rennie
Mixed Pairs	Jean Cousar & G Rennie	Jim Cousar & S Rennie
G Smith Pairs	Jean Cousar & P Grant	J Mitchell & G Rennie
Cowie Shield (Mixed)	J Mitchell	G Rennie
Wed Hat Game	Jean Cousar	= P Grant & = J Nelson
Sunday Afternoon	P Grant	J Stewart
Tuesday Game	P Grant	D Stewart
Gibson Triples	Jim Cousar C Matthews I Christophers	J Nelson R Dalton G Rennie
Ladies Champion	S Rennie	Jean Cousar
Gents Champion	P Grant	Jim Cousar

Well done to all winners and runners up and to everyone who took part in all the competitions.

External Competitions

Clack and Kinross County: Anne Bell and S Rennie won the County Ladies Pairs; well done.

A big thank you to the greenkeeper and helpers for keeping the green in order for us; thanks also to all the lady members for providing food etc for friendlies etc.

Hope to see everyone in April again, plus some new members. Don't be shy! Please come and join us in this healthy, outdoor, friendly sport – 01577 874727 is the number for the Secretary or for further information go to: www.kinrossbowlingclub.weebly.com

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Orwell Bowling Club

What a glorious season we've had for bowling this year, with many good results throughout as well. A full list of club competition winners will follow.

Well done to Mary White and Christine Davidson for winning the Janet Morton pairs in Clackmannan.

Our annual Maitland competition saw us losing by two shots; this went down to the very last bowl of the game so tensions were high, as you can imagine. This is the first time in eight years that the trophy has been won by them. A great day was had by everyone as usual, despite the result.

Our closing game was well attended by members who enjoyed good bowling weather and a blether and sandwich after the game. The monies raised from this game and the opening game will be split between two charities, Blind Bowlers and the RNLI, so a *huge* thanks for supporting these.

Dates for diaries

Sat 22 Nov **Presentation Buffet Dance.** Tickets on sale now.

Sun 30 Nov **Annual General Meeting.** A good turnout would be appreciated.

Kinross Tennis Club

We are well into autumn, and winter is coming up soon, but this does not mean the end of the tennis season!

Many hardy souls are continuing to play, with club nights continuing on Wednesday evenings (1830hrs) and competitive tennis starting up again on Thursday evenings (1900hrs) now we have floodlights on all three courts. Tokens for the floodlights are available from most Committee members. Sunday morning social tennis will also take place from 10.30am, plus there is also a special session on Thursdays at 1.30pm most weeks, which is also open to non-members to come and try for a nominal fee.

Please note, court maintenance may take place in the next few weeks (line painting etc), which will mean the courts being unavailable for a few days – members will receive an email with advance notice.

Junior coaching is continuing at the club and moves indoors to Loch Leven Leisure Centre with two blocks available: 4 November – 9 December (six weeks) and 6 January – 10 February (10 weeks). Please contact Siobhan MacLeod, Junior Coordinator at kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com

Plans are also in hand to introduce mid-week competitive tennis for Juniors throughout the winter.

The **AGM** will be held on **Thursday 27 November** at 7pm at King George V Rugby Clubhouse in Kinross. All members are encouraged to come along to give their views and to hear of our plans for the forthcoming season, plus it's a great opportunity for members to also have their say on how the club should progress in 2015!

All members are invited to our annual Tennis Club **Christmas Dinner**. It will be in Kirklands Hotel on **Thursday 18 December**, 7pm for 7.30pm. Maggie Byford is kindly organising this for us again, so contact her if you want to come along, especially as places are limited!

New members are always welcome at the club, so if you are new to tennis or you would like to get playing again, please contact Vivien Clarke, Secretary, at kinrosstennis@gmail.com



Kinross Colts

The Kinross Colts Under 12s football team of 1994 held a 20 years Reunion on Saturday 27 September.

The boys and coaching staff, pictured here, played a game of football at the KGV, which was then followed by a reception at Orwell Bowling Club. A great time was had by all, and special thanks go to the boys who travelled from far and wide to attend the event.

Photo at right: All grown up! The Kinross Colts Under 12s of 1994, and coaches



Kinross Vaulting Group

Kinross vaulters and coaches have had a very busy year! Although we've not attended many competitions this year, we've had some great results.

In May ILPH Islay travelled to Belgium with lungers Liz Mackay where six of our vaulters competed internationally. All finished with some very good scores and had a great few days in Belgium.

1* senior female individual, 1st - Lesley Campbell.

1* junior female individual, 3rd - Molly Turner.

2* senior female individual, 7th - Yazmin Williamson.

2* junior female individual, 17th - Kirstin Henderson, 18th - Hannah Ballantyne.

2* junior male individual, 2nd Atholl Pettinger.

In August we had our annual three-day vaulting camp, which many of our vaulters attended, two days of which were centred around sessions with guest coach Lucy Phillips.

In September ILPH Islay and Liz Mackay made their competitive debut at the World Equestrian Games in Normandy. Two vaulters from Canada, Jeanine and Angelique, competed in the pas de deux class. Jeanine also competed with ILPH Islay in the individual class.

On 4 and 5 October, the British and Scottish championships were held at Ingliston country club in Glasgow. We had a large team of twenty vaulters attend, as well as three lungers and two horses. Our club did a great job and got some great results. In the Scottish championship held on Saturday 4th we featured strongly in the prize-giving.

In the junior Pas de Deux class, Molly Turner and Hannah Ballantyne were reserve Scottish champions on ILPH Islay lunged by Liz Mackay. Atholl Pettinger and Kirstin Henderson were third in this class on Robbie, lunged by Liz Mackay.



In the senior individual class Yazmin Williamson did a great job against strong competition and came fourth on ILPH Islay lunged by Liz Mackay.

In a competitive junior individual class, Hannah Ballantyne came fourth, Molly Turner fifth, Kirstin Henderson eighth and Heidi Ballantyne 12th, all on ILPH Islay, lunged by Liz Mackay. Louise Scott came 13th and Alicia Boyle was 15th on Robbie, lunged by Lynn Ballantyne.

In the Child individual male class, Atholl Pettinger was reserve Scottish champion on ILPH Islay, lunged by Liz Mackay. Mark Porteous was placed fifth on Robbie, lunged by Lynn Ballantyne.

In the female class Emily Hardie was fifth and Emma Leslie was sixth. Both were on Robbie, lunged by Lynn Ballantyne.

On the Sunday the British championships took place, as did the unaffiliated classes.

In the junior Pas de Deux class, Molly Turner and Hannah Ballantyne were reserve British champions on ILPH Islay, lunged by Liz Mackay. Atholl Pettinger and Kirstin Henderson were third on Robbie, lunged by Liz Mackay.

In the senior individual class, Yazmin Williamson was placed fifth on ILPH Islay, lunged by Liz Mackay.

In the junior individual class, Molly Turner came third, Hannah Ballantyne fourth, Kirstin Henderson sixth and Heidi Ballantyne 15th, again on ILPH Islay and lunged by Liz Mackay. Louise Scott was 16th and Alicia Boyle 17th, on Robbie lunged by Lynn Ballantyne.

Atholl Pettinger became British Champion in the child individual male class on ILPH Islay with Liz Mackay, while Mark Porteous was fifth on Robbie, lunged by Lynn Ballantyne.

In the female section of the child individual class, Emma Leslie came fifth and Emily Hardie was placed eighth. They both vaulted on Robbie and were lunged by Lynn Ballantyne.

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Kinross Road Runners

Loch Ness Marathon

Huge congratulations to the three KRR who ran Loch Ness Marathon this year. Andy Laycock ran a superb race, storming home in a time of 2:54:55. John Beveridge came in at 3:42:10 and Amanda Rennie clocked a time of 4:12:59.

East Neuk 10K

Anstruther plays host to the East Neuk 10K which over the last few years has been a fixture of the Club Championship calendar. Jillian Gordon finished second lady in a time of 39:33. Allan Kemp (38:16) was first KRR.

Perth Parkrun 5K

14 KRR turned up in extremely challenging conditions to run Perth Parkrun on 4 October as this was another of the Club Championship qualifying races. KRR member and all round nice guy Paul Allcoat was run director for this event and was assisted by a number of familiar faces from the club who turned up to support and help out. Allan Kemp won the race in a very respectable 18:01. Jillian Gordon finished fifth overall and was first lady on the day in a time of 19:07, closely followed by Scott Strachan (19:28) and Graham Kemp (19:32). Sarah Coutts (20:19) finished 2nd female and first Junior in the race. Well done everyone.

Tufty Trail Race

The Tufty Trail Race marked the end of this year's Off Road Running Championship. What a fantastic event to finish off the season. The weather was great, there was a superb atmosphere and the organisation was second to none. The Falkland Trail Runners really know how to put on a race. This particular race was held in the grounds of the Falkland estate. Andy Johns finished third overall in a time of 35:44 and secured enough points to win this year's Off Road Championship. Jillian Gordon finished first lady, clocking a time of 37:41. There were also prizes for Sandy MacCalman (61:45) first MV70, Bill Nouillan (57:11) MV75 and Judith Dobson (42:49) FV55. Judith Dobson also picked up just enough points in the race to win the Ladies Off Road Championship title, finishing one point ahead of Anne MacIntyre and Jillian Gordon.



Kinross Badminton Club



After a successful AGM, the new committee members are:

President – Rory Cooper; Past President – Bill Macdonald; Secretary – vacant (Rory Cooper acting); Treasurer – Bill Macdonald; General Committee Members – Denis Sweeney, Liam Morris, John Mahoney and Stephen Ross; Junior Club Secretary – Alison Walker.

The committee would like to welcome new members Stephen Ross and John Mahoney onto committee whilst at the same time thanking Gwen Tate, Alison Scott, Mo Macpherson, and Mark Moran, who have all stepped down off the committee after varying years of service. Bill Macdonald also resigned from the role of President after an astonishing 32 years! I am sure all current and previous members of the club will agree that Bill has kept the club going for many years and it is because of his devotion and passion for the sport that the club was able to celebrate its 50th birthday last season. The club are delighted to still have Bill on committee and are always happy to see him participate at club nights; we all seem to forget that he is 79 years old! The club wouldn't be where it is today without Bill and we all hope he knows how much we all appreciate his efforts over the last 32 years.

If any members are willing to fill the vacant Secretary role, feel free to contact Rory as the club needs to have a Secretary, and it is difficult for one person to carry out the role of President and Secretary at the same time.

It was decided that the annual subscriptions were to be £50 for adults, and £25 for intermediates and students. Nightly fees were decided at £3 a night, and £6 if the player is not a member, however if they are wishing to join, their first night is free.

Kinross Badminton Club has entered two teams into the Perth and District League this season, and both teams got off to a flying start:

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Strathallan 3 – 15 Kinross B

Well done to all the players involved, and we hope for continued success.

Our Junior club has been up and running for several weeks, and things are going well with the new coach, Grant Watters. He is doing a brilliant job and we would like to see more children in the area taking advantage of the opportunity to get some coaching and develop their personal game. His sessions are well structured, interesting and fun! So if there is any interest, feel free to contact our Junior Secretary Alison Walker: landline: (01592) 840392, mobile: 07787 821884,

As always, for more information check out the club's Facebook page, or contact our President Rory Cooper on: rtc00001@students.stir.ac.uk

New members of any ability are always welcome.

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News from the Rurals

MILNATHORT – President, Ann Reid, welcomed us all to the September meeting.

After business was read we were introduced to Emma and Robin Niven of Loch Leven's Larder, who gave us a very interesting insight into the running of this very popular local restaurant and retail shop. There are not many food miles here as all vegetables are home-grown from their own farm and other produce is locally sourced.

Competitions:

Flower of the Month	-	Sheila Wardell
Photo of Loch Leven	-	Kathleen King
Jar of Raspberry Jam	-	May Paterson

President, Ann Reid, welcomed us all to the meeting and the Secretary read the Minutes of the September meeting, which were then approved. The Minutes of the President and Delegates' meeting were read by Jean Paterson.

We were then entertained by Bethany Black who had recently spent her gap year in America with the Foreign Links Across the Globe (FLAG) organisation, which arranges for young people of different nationalities to stay with host families as part of their family. Bethany went to school in South Carolina and made so many new friends and enjoyed new experiences which were most enviable, including hurdles, which she excelled at. Her school even allowed her to 'graduate' at the end of term and her Prom Dance was just wonderful.

Competitions:

Flower of the Month	-	Grace Drysdale
Hallowe'en Cupcakes	-	Sheryll Stewart
Hallowe'en Hat	-	Margaret Dewar

BLAIRINGONE – After business President Mary Ramsay welcomed Laura Cuthbert from Laura's Chocolates, who gave us a talk on how she started up her business and gave us tips on working with chocolate. Fiona Clark gave vote of thanks.

Competitions:

3 truffles	-	Moirra Cousar
Flower of the Month	-	Agnes Murray

POWMILL – President, Sharon Buchanan welcomed members to the meeting on 17 September. Members and guests enjoyed a very interesting cup cake workshop by Lynn McPhillips-Smith and were able create their own decorated cupcakes.

Competitions:

Jar of Chutney	-	Margaret Broom field
Summer Photograph	-	Margaret Broom field
Garden Gem	-	Mary Wilson

BISHOPSHIRE – Norma Smith, President welcomed everyone to the meeting on Thursday 9 October.

Dorothy Morris, from Cleish, gave a masterclass demonstration of Napkin Art, with all members taking part in this very creative craft. Thanks to Ann Hey for painting all the clay pots.

Competitions:

3 Muffins	-	Margaret Paton
Autumn Collage	-	Margo Waddell

CROOK OF DEVON – For the October meeting Margaret Arbuckle presided. After business she welcomed story teller and puppeteer Sylvia Troon, who brought a few of the puppets she had made and explained about being a story teller.

Competitions:

Bird Ornament	-	I Mechan
Flower of Month	-	I Mechan

CLEISH – Vice President Mrs Dorothy Morris welcomed nineteen members to our October meeting. After business she welcomed our speaker for the evening, Margaret Whiteford, and we enjoyed an interesting cookery demonstration and sampled her delicious recipes using oatmeal.

A vote of thanks was given by committee member Mrs Marion Bisset.

Competitions:

Flower of the Month	-	Lizzie Glennie
3 Treacle scones	-	Anne Bayne
Favourite Tea Towel	-	Lizzie Glennie

CARNBO – President Molly White welcomed us all to the October meeting.

After business, Tom Mitchell of Puddledub gave us an insight on his business as a Pig Farmer and producing "good home-grown food."

Competitions:

Flower of the Month	-	Linda Band
Three filled meringues	-	Susan Malcolm

GLENFARG – President Mrs Margaret Scott welcomed members and visitors to an Open Meeting, where Mrs Margaret Cook from Dundee showed members and visitors how to create stunning Christmas floral arrangements. These were in subtle and unexpected colours that would enhance any festive occasion and which delighted the audience, especially those who won the arrangements in the raffle!

Mrs Lesley Murison gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

Decorated plant pot	-	Lynda Stuart
Plain oven scones	-	Lillias Johnson
Flower of the Month	-	Jeannie Black



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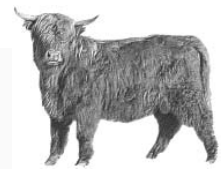
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Hi again, everyone! The year marches on, and autumn is now in full swing, if indeed it does? The leaves are certainly drappin aff the trees and it's a sign that nature is beginning to shut down for the forthcoming winter. Although things go a lot quieter it disnae shut doon completely and the fallen leaves will be carried underground by earthworms to produce nourishment for the coming spring. Above ground the main attraction on the loch and reserve at the moment is geese.

Pinkfeet numbers continue to grow, and at the last count, at time of writing, was circa 13,000. Large numbers of pinkies seem to be in the north east at the moment at one of our other reserves, Loch of Strathbeg, probably due to the mild weather we have been having, although they will eventually work south as the year goes on. More than likely our numbers will increase as they do. Duck numbers will also build as the winter progresses. We have already seen pochard increasing; pintail, teal and goldeneye are also in evidence. Others like fieldfare have been seen flying over and lapwing numbers are also on the increase.

In the centre, the shop has an offer on big sacks of bird food with all varieties except peanuts (awfa sorry aboot that) reduced by 20% per bag until 4 November, so you should just have time to stock up. If you spend £50 or over you can also give your gairden pals a wee extra boost and purchase a suet treat box for the princely sum of one new pound. Normal price £8.99, bargain!

OK then, events stuff. On **Saturday 15 November** we are running a **Dawn Goose Watch**, starting at 6.15am – aye folks you did read that correctly, early o' clock in the morning to see the spectacle of the loch's roosting geese leaving at dawn to go out and feed for the day. On **Wednesday 19th** we dae things in reverse with a **Dusk Goose Watch** to... you got it, watch them coming back in to roost in the evening. Breakfast will be provided after the dawn watch in the café and tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided on the dusk yin. Both these events are advance booking.

We will also be holding a few tree related events during **National Tree Week**, commencing 29 November. Look out for details on our website. Moving in to early December, on **Tuesday 2 December** Scott Paterson, our local county bird recorder, will be running a one-day "**Introduction to Birdwatching Course**" from 10am to 4pm, lunch and refreshments included in the price. Scott will give participants new to birdwatching (or even people who know a bit but would like to know more) expert tips on how to recognise the characteristics and behaviours to help you identify the different species you may come across. Places are limited and advance booking is required.

For more details about any of the above events, or to book places, please phone on the usual number or ask when you are in at the reserve.

Ta ta till next time,

Colin

Farming



John mentioned his desire to improve the performance of his flock in last month's farming column. I share his passion; my own desire to see the business produce a worthwhile profit for our efforts is what makes me stick at sheep farming. I think all sheep farmers are a bit of a Del Boy, so next year, John, we'll be millionaires.

The tweaking started with the paternal side of the flock. It makes up 50% of the lamb genetics, of course, and whilst we already have some very good tups at home, I was looking for a new tup whose offspring will finish even quicker off summer grass. In August we travelled north to a farm just outside Inverurie called Logie Durno. The Ingram family are long established breeders of popular breeds such as Texel, Charolais and Suffolk but in recent years they have produced two hybrid breeds, produced exclusively on their farm. We bought a Durno Hybrid which is half Charolais and half Texel to help boost the growth rates and we also bought two Logie Hybrids to put to a group of our older mules to breed ewe lambs to keep on the farm.

We're also using teaser tups for the first time in 11 years. A month ago, our vet vasectomised three big male lambs and this weekend they will be turned in with 160 ewes. As their name suggests, their presence teases the ewes and the overall effect is that they all come into season in a much more compact time. After 17 days we remove the teasers and turn the real tups in with the ewes. We expect most of this group will then be served very quickly and will in turn deliver their lambs during the first week of April. We're using our best tups (one is the Durno Hybrid) with this group and it's these ewes and lambs who will be turned out onto the lushest grass next spring with the hope of selling the lambs early while prices are at their highest.

I listened to Brian Soutar of Stagecoach talk recently about the path to his phenomenal business success. As you'd expect, he's incredibly driven and a natural innovator but he stressed not all the good ideas in the business were his own. Watching the market place and other industry leaders is often where a fresh approach will originate and no one should be ashamed to adopt these quickly into their own enterprise.

Scottish sheep farmers like the Ingrams of Logie Durno are our innovators and I hope I can increase productivity with the help of their breeding programmes. New Zealand is also the home of innovation for sheep production so maybe one day (if I'm not already a millionaire), a trip there would be worthwhile.

Fiona

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Loch Leven NNR

The autumn migrant assemblage has been building up nicely over the last month, with good numbers of Pintail, Teal, Coot, Wigeon and Gadwall being watched with the familiar seasonal soundtrack of Whooper Swans calling away incessantly to one another. The latest count of Pink-footed Geese returned a respectable 13,285, with a further 625 Greylag Geese and 39 Canada Geese also present. The image below was one of several hundred captured using a remote camera trap at one of the popular evening roost locations for geese, giving us a unique opportunity to get in amongst them as they flock together to roost for the evening.



Pink-footed Geese roosting on Scart Island

An astonishing early count of over 65,000 Pinkies was recorded from Loch of Strathbeg early in October, suggesting that the recent trend of growth in this population is set to continue. Thanks to those that attended both of our goose events this month, as well as all our other events during the course of the year. Next year's events programme is to be drawn up soon, so look out for events from Loch Leven NNR in 2015 in the next issue of the Kinross Newsletter.



Male and female Bearded Reedlings - a first for Loch Leven NNR!

In other news, we were delighted to report the second new species of the year for Loch Leven NNR in October, with Bearded Reedlings (Tits) being found and ringed in a reedbed on the loch shore. Not quite as unusual as the long-staying Glossy Ibis from February, there has been an irruption of these beautiful wee song birds this year from their usual breeding grounds in the Tay reedbeds. Ian Malzer is currently doing a PhD on Bearded Reedlings at the Tay reedbed and is working closely with the Tay Ringing Group. They are particularly interested in local movements of these reedbed specialists, so if any further sightings are encountered, they can be reported to Ian by email: i.malzer.1@research.gla.ac.uk.

With the new section of the Heritage Trail now complete, a series of visitor surveys will be taking place this month to gauge public opinions on the trail, the NNR and surrounding area to gauge potential impacts and benefits on the reserve and local businesses. SNH will be participating, along with several local volunteers, so if you are approached and asked to participate, I do hope that you will spare us 5 minutes of your time. (See also Notice on page 23)

Finally, I'd just like to say that it's great to be back in the fold after a summer up on Noss in Shetland. I do hope that a few of you will be able to make the trip north to visit me next season!

That's all for now folks,

Craig

Weather



September Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall	27.9mm = 1.1 inches
Heaviest rain fall	11.6mm (5th)
Total sunshine for the month	88.3 hours
Sunniest day	8.5 hours (1st)
Maximum temperature	average 17.8 °C
Highest temperature	20.7°C (4th)
Minimum temperature	average 7.4°C
Lowest temperature	2.2°C (20th)

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

Congratulations



Congratulations to **ISHBEL MARIA McFARLANE**, daughter of Gordon and Irene McFarlane of Burnbrae, Kinross, on her engagement to Tommy Herbert of Wicken, Cambridgeshire.

PAUL CHILVERS (28) of Kinross, a Guardsman with F Company Scots Guards, has gained his College Partnership National Vocational Qualification.

The College Partnership is an MOD contracted organisation which runs NVQ and higher level qualifications courses for young soldiers leaving training. The courses require considerable work from each individual to pass.

Paul was also recognised with the Special Academic Achievement Award for gaining the highest marks, including 100% in mathematics.

The certificates were awarded at a special parade at the London Central Garrison in September.

Paul said: "I wasn't expecting this at all and I feel very proud receiving both the special award and the NVQ". He explained that he had not been a very willing student in his school days but "the course was very different from school and I was more eager to learn as this is important for my promotion prospects and for anything else I might do if I left the army".

Before joining the army in 2011, Paul worked for two years as a Physical Education teacher in Oman.

KINNESSWOOD won Best Community Display in the 2014 Ryder Cup Community Competition.

Thanks



VAL at Flutterby Therapies and Fitness Pilates would like say a very heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to another successful 'Afternoon Tea/coffee' in the Masonic Hall this year in aid of **Macmillan Cancer Support** annual Big Coffee event. Thank you to all my Fitness Pilates and 50+ Keep Fit class members for their generous contributions of home baking, raffle prizes and monetary donations. Thanks to Isobel and Anne (Traidcraft) and to Sally (Phoenix Cards) and to the wonderful team of Joan, Eve, Evelyn, Margaret and Linda who set out a lovely afternoon tea and organized the various raffles and home baking stall. To everyone who supported the event by coming along and giving so generously – a huge thank you to you all. We have raised £610.10 towards the continuing work of Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you all!

Val Oswald

GORDON BANKS MP hosted his annual Macmillan Coffee Morning at his Alloa constituency office recently, raising £350 for **Macmillan Cancer Support**. He said: "I would like to thank all those who came along on the day and I hope that they enjoyed the coffee morning as much as I did."

THE DAY CENTRE would like to thank the **BOYS BRIGADE** for supplying equipment for the Day Centre's 'Commonwealth Games', a much-enjoyed event. (See p. 56.)

FIREWALK: The Scottish Cot Death Trust would like to thank everyone involved in the Firewalk fundraiser on 13 September. See report on page 45 for full details.

CHRISTMAS EMPORIUM

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Church/Church Centre Lets: lets@kinrossparishchurch.org

Church website: www.kinrossparishchurch.org

Church open for visiting or quiet contemplation at same times as office (but note PramService on Tuesdays during termtime)..

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' (SI upwards) in church centre.

Tuesdays: 10am: PramService.

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

Thursdays: NEW 2pm-4pm PS2 (PramService Two) – drop in for a coffee and a chat (contact: Evelyn Cairns 863990).

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

November

Sat 1 10am – 12 noon 'Craft, Cake and Coffee', church centre. Buy some early Christmas presents!

Mon 3 8am Silent Meditation (30 mins.)

Tue 4 2.30pm Service at Whyte Court.
7.15pm Guild, church centre. 'Where's there's life there's a Hope' Ian Low.

Thu 6 7.30pm Thursday Group, church centre: 'An evening with Andre Rieu'.

Sat 8 8.30am Prayer Breakfast (names in advance to church office).

Sun 9 Remembrance Sunday.

10am Uniformed Organisations – Remembrance Service.

10.55am Act of Remembrance at War Memorial.

11.15am Morning Service.

Sun 16 10.30am: All-age service with Brigade Dedication.

Tue 18 7.15pm Guild, church centre.

Thu 20 9pm late evening service of Compline.

Sun 23 'Messiah in a Day'. Rehearsal 2pm – 5pm; Performance 7pm (contact: Bouwien Bennet – bouwienb@kleo.org.uk).

Tue 25 2.30pm Service at Causeway Court.
8pm Bible Study and Prayer Meeting, church centre.

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

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 Levenglen: 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

11 Nov Guild meets in Orwell Hall at 7pm - 'Ethiopia Medical Project', Jo Middlemiss.

15 Nov Christmas Bazaar in Milnathort Town Hall, 10am - 12pm.

25 Nov Guild meets in Orwell Hall at 7pm - 'Julius Project', Scottish Churches Housing Action.

28 Nov Oasis Ladies Group in Portmoak New Room at 10.15am - 'Craft for Christmas' by Anna Garner.

29 Nov Messy Church in Portmoak Hall, 4pm - 6pm.

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.

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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 7 Nov, 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**
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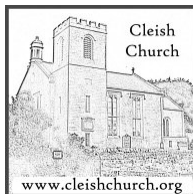
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Sunday Services

11.15am

November**Sun 2** 11.15am Morning Worship. 12.45pm Lunch at Fossoway St Serf's and Devonside Church followed by final Future Focus session.**Sun 9** 11.15am Morning Worship, Remembrance Day service.**Mon 10** 3.15pm Messy Church in village hall.**Sun 16** 11.15am Morning Worship. Junior Church will also meet during worship.**Sun 23** 11.15am Morning Worship.**Mon 24** 7.15pm Cleish Guild meeting in village hall.**Fri 28** 7pm St Andrew's Day Ceilidh at Cleish village hall.**Sun 30** 11.15am Morning Worship, celebration of Holy Communion.

All welcome

**St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church**

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion)

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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

November Services and Events

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

Sun 2 All Saints Sunday. 8.30am Holy Communion.
11am Sung Eucharist.*Celebrant & Preacher: The Bishop.***Sun 9** Remembrance Sunday. 8.30am Holy Communion.
(10am Service of Remembrance, Kinross Parish Church, followed by the Act of Remembrance at the Cenotaph.)

11.30am Sung Eucharist.

4pm Service of Peace for the World (meditation, world music and creating a collage of prayers for peace).

Sun 16 Margaret of Scotland. 8.30am Holy Communion.
11am Sung Eucharist.**Sun 23** Christ the King. 8.30am Holy Communion.
11am Sung Eucharist.**Wed 27** 8.30pm Compline.**Sun 30** Advent Sunday. 8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist, followed by the Annual General Meeting.

6pm Advent Carol Service.

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.

Obituary

DR J DONALD KINLOCH, Manse Road, Milnathort, and late of Hadley Wood, Barnet, Herts, died aged 84 years on Sunday 10 August 2014 in Rumbling Bridge Care Home after a long and valiant fight against the twelve-year disablement of a severe stroke and heart failure.

He moved back to Scotland some five years ago after a forty year stint in Enfield as a Consultant General Physician and Gastroenterologist at Chase Farm Hospital. There he had the task of setting up one of the first such specialties in a District General Hospital and found himself giving a round the clock service in gastroscopy and endoscopy at a stage when this procedure often precluded actual surgery or at least assisted his surgical colleagues in determining the need or urgency for surgical intervention. He had previously trained at the Western General Hospital in Edinburgh and before that worked at The Radcliffe Infirmary in Oxford. He originally graduated from Glasgow University and worked in both the Royal and Western Infirmarys. He often joked that he only slipped under the radar into Edinburgh because he had come via Oxford!

Alongside his medical career, he had a great enjoyment of the outdoors; climbing, skiing, tennis and bird-watching were his main relaxations but music in all its forms was also a great diversion. His return to life in Scotland was a great consolation in his final years and to his delight he found that the sport of wheelchair curling was on offer at the Kinross curling rink. He also enjoyed a regular game of chess with several like-minded friends and so his final years back in Scotland were coloured by new interests and regular attendance at Kinross Parish Church on Sundays and at the concerts and society lectures that are often on offer.

Sadly his final months were blighted by prostate cancer and bone secondaries, which he bore with great courage.

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Acknowledgement

KINLOCH – Avril and Andrew would like to thank everyone who, during Donald's last months and death, gave so much comfort and support to him and them. This includes Orwell Church and Kinross Parish Church members.

The doctors, nurses and staff at Perth Royal Infirmary, the carers of ILS Agency, Perth and Kinross Social Services, Rumbling Bridge Care Home and, last but not least, Dr McCracken and Dr Osborne, whose kindness and skill were much appreciated.

Grateful thanks also to our family and many friends who attended the services at Perth Crematorium on 14 August and the Thanksgiving Service at Kinross Parish Church on 5 September 2014. Special thanks to the Reverend Alan Reid who conducted a memorable celebration of Donald's life, supported by organist Mr David Cairns and the Reverend Margaret Michie. We also thank Stewarts Funeral Directors and Perth Crematorium Staff for their expert attention and to both the Kirkland's Hotel and Scott's Hospitality for their efficient catering.

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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
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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



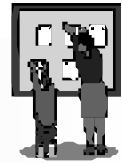
Partner-provider for P&K Education

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

Kinross Otters CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE

Saturday 1 November

12 – 5pm

at Swansacre Playgroup

Craft, Cakes & Coffee

Church Centre, Kinross

10am until 12 noon

Saturday 1 November

This is a fundraising event organised by the Craft Group of Kinross Parish Church. Traidcraft will also have a stall. An opportunity to have a chat over coffee and to buy early for Christmas.

Scottish
COT DEATH
Trust



Afternoon Tea

Lovat Hotel, Perth

Sunday 9 November

12.30pm - 5.00pm Tickets £22.00

Enjoy a glass of bubbly, pampering, shopping, a wonderful afternoon tea and a chance to catch up with friends.

A child dies every nine days in Scotland from cot death. The Scottish Cot Death Trust needs your help to raise funds to support families across Scotland affected by cot death.

THE KINROSS HUB A CAFE FOR CARERS

GUEST SPEAKER

Monday 3rd November 2014

Telecare – Community Alarm
(Perth & Kinross Council)

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 Booth
or Annette Bond
Tel. 01577 867306 / 01738
567076



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



Remembrance Sunday

9 November

Arrangements in Kinross



At around 10.50am a parade led by the Kinross & District Pipe Band will leave Kinross Parish Church in Station Road and make its way to the War Memorial at the County Buildings, High Street, where a short ecumenical service will be held at approximately 10.55am, followed by a period of silence.

Members of the public are requested to leave the entrance to the County Building foreground clear to allow the parade to enter.

Note: The following streets will be **closed to traffic** for periods of time to allow the parade and service to take place: Station Road between the Parish Church and the High Street; the High Street south of Green Road.

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.

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

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!**

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

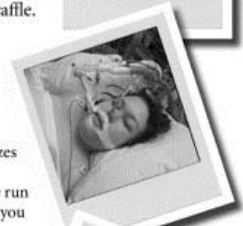
The reason for the table sale is to help raise funds for a new
everyday use wheelchair for our daughter Murrin.
Whilst the NHS will fund her electric chair so she can cope
with high school, once home Murrin uses a manual for the
freedom it gives her but also to help build up her upper body
strength. 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



Crook of Devon Village Hall Upcoming Events

We hope you can come along and support our local village
hall by coming along to some of these events:

November

15th Charity Quiz Night. See website poster for
details.

**20th Christmas Shopping Night and Christmas
Lights Switch On.** (See pages 18 and 92.)

26th Village Hall AGM, 7pm.

December

12th Christmas wreath making. (See notice, p. 95.)

14th Christmas wreath making. (See notice, p. 95.)

19th Family Christmas Disco, 6.30pm-8pm. Family
ticket £15; BYOB. Dancing, games and a Special
Visitor for the children!

31st Hogmanay Party, 8pm-12.30am. BYOB. Disco
and ceilidh music. Tickets £13 Adult; £7 Child.
Come along with friends, family and neighbours to
bring in 2015.

*Tickets for Christmas Family Disco and Hogmanay Party
go on sale from the Village Shop or a committee member
from 1 December. Please check out our website for more
details: www.crookofdevonhall.com*

Charity No: SC026692

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.



Business Breakfasts

Open to all Kinross-shire Businesses

Kinross-shire Partnership is 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 5 November

and

Wednesday 3 December

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

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

To 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

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.

6 November *An Evening with Andre Rieu.*

4 December *Christmas Dinner.*

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.

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-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.

Remaining Programme for 2014 -2015

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. 56)

KCLD Group Meeting

(Kinross-shire Community Learning & Development Group)

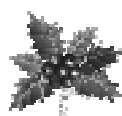
Loch Leven Community Campus at 10am

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.

Get in the Festive mood at our



Christmas Shopping Night

on

Thursday 20 November

6.30pm – 9.30pm

(Christmas lights will switch on at 7pm)

in

Crook of Devon Village Hall

organised by Fossoway Primary School PTA



CLEISH VILLAGE HALL

SCN SC007793

WINGIN' IT

Adam Bulley and Chas McKenzie Guitar Duo
(view them @WINGINITDUO.COM)

Saturday 22 November

7.30pm ■ Cleish Village Hall

Finger Buffet ■ BYOB ■ Raffle

Tickets £12

Contact Freda 01577 850 354

Friends of Loch Leven Community Library
will hold a
Public Meeting
to elect a committee
Thursday 27 November
7.30pm – 9pm
Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross
For further information, please contact: Tracey Ramsay,
Senior Community Capacity Building Worker.
tel 01577 867124 or email tramsay@pkc.gov.uk

Kinross Floral Art Club
Coffee Evening and Demonstration
in Kinross Parish Church at 7.15pm on
Thursday 27 November
Mrs Peggy Reid from Cupar presents
'With a Song in my Heart'

Mrs Reid is an experienced and well-known demonstrator, so why not come along for a relaxing evening watching her create beautiful floral arrangements? You may even be lucky enough to win one of them in the raffle! Tea, coffee and home baking are included. Tombola and Raffle.
Tickets on the evening: Visitors £8.00 and Members £6.00.
Details from Alison Morrison, 01577 863835.

Boys Brigade
St Andrew's Day Coffee Morning
Church Centre, Kinross
SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER
10am – 12 noon
Bottle stall Raffle Cake stall and more

Festive Street Market and Light Up Kinross
Saturday 29 November

Festive Street Market
Muirs, Kinross, 4pm – 7pm
• Market stalls • Carol singing • Christmas shopping
• Music • Mulled wine • Pipe band
Swansacre Playgroup's Countdown to Christmas
at The Windlestrae Hotel, 3pm – 7pm

Christmas Lights Switch On
County Building, 7pm

Lights to be switched on by Eilidh Child

See pages 13 and 50 for more information

King George V Playing Fields Management Committee

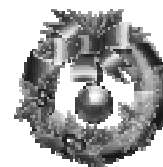
Annual General Meeting

Monday 8 December

7pm at the Rugby Clubhouse

All are welcome to attend. The KGV committee is a voluntary group that looks after the facilities used by many of the sporting groups in Kinross-shire and welcomes anyone who may wish to contribute something to the local community.

Make your own Christmas Wreath at Crook of Devon Village Hall



Come along and amaze yourself with your creativity – make your very own Christmas Wreath! Your creation can be for your table centerpiece or to hang on your front door. Also makes a lovely personal gift!

Friday 12 December 9.30am – 11.30am
Sunday 14 December 2pm – 4pm

Cost: £15 (all materials supplied). If you want to add an extra sparkle to your wreath, bring along some baubles or ribbons. Booking essential as limited places. To book your place, call Michelle Wight on 01577 840852 or 07764763407 or Amanda James on 07963 476803. Tea, coffee and cake will be available.

St Paul's Episcopal Church
Auction of Gifts and Talents
FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY

7pm

There will be Supper, an Auction of Gifts and Talents followed by a Ceilidh at 7pm on Friday 27 February. (Venue to be confirmed.)

Price: £8.00 per person (Concessions on request).

Proceeds for the evening will go towards renewing the church's fabric.

Please mark this date in your diary as an evening not to be missed!

If you would like to offer gifts and talents, please send a note of these, and your name, address and telephone number, to Maggie Strang Steel so that a catalogue can be made up before the auction night.

Address: Greenhead of Arnot, Leslie, Glenrothes, KY6 3JQ

Email: Maggie@greenheadfarm.co.uk

Telephone: 01592 840459 or 0781 4094818.

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

Perth & Kinross School Term Dates 2014-15

Term	Start	End
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 14 Nov.

2015: 18, 19 & 20 Feb; Mon 4 May (May Day, tbc.)

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

Blythswood Care

(The Newsletter does not always have space to publish the full details regarding items which can and cannot be accepted, so readers may wish to cut out this Notice for future reference)

The Round South Truck accepts small items of furniture, clothing and bric à brac. The uplift of any larger items of furniture (e.g. sofas, beds, wardrobes etc) can be arranged by phoning Hillington on 0141 882 0585. All soft furnishings (e.g. beds, sofas, three-piece suites etc) donated to Blythswood Care must have a fire label with the British Standards code (BS7177) attached to it.

We regret that the Round South Truck cannot accept books. We are also unable to accept bikes, carpets, coat hangers, gas appliances, prams, televisions, small electrical appliances, exercise equipment or wall units.

The next collections will take place on

Tuesday 18 November

between 10.30am and 11am

in Sainsbury's car park

(if car park is full, van will park nearby,
e.g. Park & Ride or Ochil View)

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 CCIr 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 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.

Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme Annual Burns Supper

Monday 12 January 2015

Windlestrae Hotel, 6.30pm for 7pm

Haggis supper, toasts, talks, recitations and music

Tickets, £17.50, available in December from:

Pauline Watson 01577 862685,

Ann Munro 01577 840196 and

Allan Dearing 01577 863315



**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:

11 and 25 November

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.

Perth Citizens Advice Bureau Debt and Money Advice Service



Perth CAB has a team of specialist debt advisers who can help you deal with your debts.

- Do you feel trapped in Debt?
- Don't want to open letters or answer your own phone?
- Are you losing sleep at night?
- Is debt affecting your life?

We can help you to:

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- Help you manage your money better

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Talk to a specialist debt adviser today on 01738 450 590, TEXT us on 07535 836 817 with your name and number and we will call you back, or alternatively email zworkman@PerthCAB.casonline.org.uk

Hedges/Bushes/Trees Causing Obstruction

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

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Mobile Library Service

Visiting on Wednesdays 5 and 19 November:

Mawcarse		0930 – 0940
Kinnesswood	Shop	0950 – 1055
Portmoak	Community Hall	1100 – 1115
Scotlandwell	Leslie Road	1120 – 1140
Levenmouth Farm		1150 – 1210
Hatchbank Road		1225 – 1255
Cleish	Phone box	1405 – 1425
Powmill		1440 – 1500
Crook of Devon	Main Street, Inn	1505 – 1550
Carnbo	on main road	1600 – 1655

Visiting on Thursdays 13 and 27 November:
Milnathort South Street 0930 – 1130

For more information about mobile library services, visit:
www.pkc.gov.uk/mobilelibrary or phone 01577 867205.

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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)

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Registrar Tel: 01577 867133
The Registrar is normally in Kinross only on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Loch Leven Community Campus

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	Art Class	1.30pm		
	Dominoes, Scrabble, cards etc		1.30pm (not 20th)	
Friday	Bingo	1.30pm	Dominoes	1.30pm

Additional Events for November

Party Animals
Tai Chi
Film Afternoon
Chiropody

Health & Wellbeing day
Food from around the world travelling
To Ireland, followed by a concert
Christmas sale and raffle
Trip to library

There will also be other day trips that are yet to be organised!

Monday	3rd	1.30pm
Wednesday	5th, 19th	1.30 - 2pm
Thursday	6th, 27th	1.30pm
Thursday	6th, 27th	9.30am - 12.30pm
(phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)		
Thursday	13th	1.30pm
Thursday	20th	12noon - 3pm
Thursday	27th	11am
Thursday	27th	1.45pm



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.

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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**



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.

Perth Samaritans

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Email us jo@samaritans.org

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

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Wednesdays 0830 - 1100 Fridays 1000 - 1630

and 1930 - 2130 Sundays 0800 - 2130

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Newsletter Deadlines 2014/15

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
December	Fri 14 November	Saturday 29 November
February	Fri 16 January	Saturday 31 January

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

- Kodak Printer Cartridge** £5.00
Type 10 Black - purchased in error - unused.
Seller Details: Ewan Cathcart 01577 862039
ewanathcart@gmail.com
- Firewood** Reasonable Offers
Lot of Firewood for sale - selling as no longer required and would accept a reasonable offer for it.
Seller Details: Liz Flatt
liz_flatt@hotmail.com
- Storage trunk** £1500
A very useful storage trunk/chest. There are a few scratches on it. Has been used as a coffee table. About 25 years old. Dimensions are 40cm L x 42 cm D x 78cm L.
Seller Details: Sarah Smith 07969 352204
sls@fsmail.net
- Piano** £495.00
Yamaha Arius YDP 141 digital piano cherry wood finish with matching stool & headphones. Music books available.
Seller Details: J Gibson 01577 862091
- Piano Accordion** £400.00
Stephenelli 72 Bass with hard shell case, as new.
Seller Details: John McMeekin 07778 523379
- Brother Fax Machine** Free
T-96 Plain paper fax machine. In working order. New, still in box, printing cartridge. Must be picked up.
Seller Details: Pauline Watson
pauline@thegreyhouse.co.uk
- Extending Ladder** £8000
5 positions with platform - never used - still in delivery box.
Seller Details: Margaret Arbuckle 01577 840311
billandmar@btinternet.com
- Artists Materials** £4000 o.n.o
Selection of materials, including paints, boards, papers, brushes etc.
Seller Details: Margaret Arbuckle 01577 840311
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- Super Ser Heater with 15kg Calor Gas Bottle (empty)** £30.00
Portable Heater in good condition.
Seller Details: Mike Hughes 01577 840385
- Oil Tank** Free
1200 litre heating oil tank. Plastic becoming degraded, so would be suitable for temporary oil storage.
Seller Details: John Brady 01577 842120
- Girl's Bicycle** £50
Falcon, pink and silver, suitable for a 9 to 12 year old. 12" frame, 8 gears, new condition hardly used. Advertised elsewhere so don't miss a real bargain!
Seller Details: Violet Todd 01577 864222
oorvi@hotmail.co.uk
- Winter Tyres** £100 for set
4 Vredestein 225/50 R 17 98H tyres used on Audi A6 with 60% tread remaining. Cost new £120 each.
Seller Details: Steve Hamblin 01577 850252
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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').

Home Help needed

78yr old gent requires assistance with light duties, housework and general help in the home. Maybe 1 or 2 hours per week or fortnight, depending on requirements.
Contact Mr A Farquhar, mobile 07960 716951.

Experienced 17th Edition Electrician, Hatrick-Bruce Ltd

Full time electricians required for industrial & commercial contracts in Fife and Tayside. Must have a clean driving licence. Apply by sending CV to: user@hatrickbruce.co.uk

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We will shortly have a vacancy for a part-time legal cashier with general accounting experience. Previous experience essential along with good Excel skills, and SOLAS qualification preferred. Salary will be based upon experience.
Please apply in writing with CV and covering email/letter to Eric J Williamson (e.williamson@jgwilson.co.uk)

Social Care Officers

See advert on page 21.

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For more information or an informal chat please phone

Charlie Wilson 01577 867320, or
Email charleswilson@pkc.gov.uk

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