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# Letters

## Editorial

Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2014. There is a lot of important news in this issue, perhaps none more so than the planning application for the former High School site.

### 102 Houses at High School

Persimmon Homes have now formally submitted their proposal, which is for 102 houses. Three of the local Councillors mention this in their columns, and the plans can be viewed on the Council website. The closing date for public comments was supposed to be the day this Newsletter is published, but, thanks to interventions by Councillors Cuthbert and Giacomazzi, PKC staff have extended the deadline for comments to Friday 14 February. Kinross CC will be discussing this planning application at their meeting on Wednesday 5 February. CC meetings are open to the public.

### Better Place to Live Fair

This event happens every two years, and is a great way for local organisations to showcase what they do, and for residents to find out more about what goes on in the county and try some new activities. If your organisation would like a stand at the Fair, it is not too late to book one: see page 15 for more information.

### World War I feature

Beginning this issue, we will be publishing a feature each month about the life of a Kinross-shire serviceman who died in WWI. This is in recognition of the centenary of the outbreak of the Great War. Our thanks to Campbell Watson, who has written these brief histories, and also to Lee Scammacca of Cree8 who designed the artwork at the heading of the feature.

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## Independence Q & A

I was somewhat surprised to read Louise Batchelor's concluding statement in the December issue of the Newsletter. She asserts that after independence we can better manage the environment of our beautiful Scottish landscape. I would point out that the current SNP administration are wholly responsible for desecrating our wonderful country with their irrational drive to put wind turbines and power transmission lines on every mountain and glen. Why would tourists bother to come once this fiasco has run its course?

Wind power is very expensive, making our industry uncompetitive, yet Scotland has huge reserves of coal. Use the huge subsidies being squandered on wind to develop Carbon Capture here in Scotland. We could become world leaders in coal fired electricity generation and provide jobs for our unemployed.

When is this economic madness going to stop?

John Anderson  
Wester Cairnfold, Blairingone

## Charity Plant Sale

Planting seeds and propagating has been underway since September for my fourth annual plant sale, which will be held, in my garden as usual, on Saturday 17 May 2014.

In 2011 and 2012 my charity was CHAS, in 2013 it was divided equally between CHAS & the Kinross-shire Day Centre and this year it will be divided between **Kinross-shire-Day Centre** and **FOBS** (registered Charity No 1034861). FOBS stands for Friends of Brimble Hill School. I've chosen this because I have a very special little grandson at this school and they do marvellous work with physically and mentally disabled children aged two to 11.

You have been very supportive and generous over the last three years and last year's total of £970 was amazing, so please put the date in your diary as I hope to have even more plants for sale this year!

Hopefully I'll be able to give you updates and reminders in future Newsletters.

Jean Miller  
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### Planning Committee rules

I write to both support and criticise two of our local councillors who mentioned planning matters in the December edition. It is quite difficult for serving councillors to explain the rules surrounding the Development Management Committee to voters. These rules are very strict and are there to stop the kind of horse-trading that went on decades ago between councillors.

When on the DMC they are there only to decide whether a particular application is in line with planning policy and rules, not whether it is a good thing or unwelcome in the community. Approval is the default decision if there is no planning reason against. This is very badly reported in many newspapers and regularly misrepresented in letters columns. Members of committee are not allowed to discuss the merits of an application before the decision. They must use the evidence in front of them to come to a fair conclusion. It follows that no one, including the convener, should ever know when proposing approval or rejection whether anyone will support them. Cllr Giacopazzi's excuse – 'I couldn't get a seconder' is not realistic.

Another cardinal rule is that there must not be a party position on planning applications. Cllr Barnacle again states that he left the Lib Dem Group because of lack of support on planning issues. He stands condemned out of his own mouth. The 'issues' were always about planning approval. Cllr Barnacle's instincts on planning are often sound but no one is entitled to demand political support from their group on individual decisions.

I would have said that there was no evidence of political collusion on planning decisions at PKC but I am aware of two controversial recent decisions when the SNP councillors voted en bloc which have aroused suspicions. I have enough respect for the leadership of the SNP to know for sure that a party whip will not have been involved. Was there a lesser level of collusion? Without corroborating evidence the verdict has to be 'Not Proven'.

George Hayton  
6 Montgomery Way, Kinross

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### Contortions of language and logic

Dear Madam, Cllr Giacopazzi never fails to amuse your readership by his contributions to the Newsletter. Once again he has succeeded!

The contortions of language and logic which he employed in his letter under the heading "honest, truthful and decent" were magnificent. He was trying to dispel the odium which he fears he has attracted as a result of the Council's approval of the Crook of Devon gypsy site. Will he have done so by this letter? Or will your readers surmise, as Shakespeare wrote, "he doth protest too much", and so think their suspicions confirmed.

Cllr Giacopazzi's second foray into comedy came in his piece entitled "unconventional gas extraction". His stated belief is that he must work to ensure that the planning rules are "applied in a way which will safeguard those local communities nearest to any ... activities"; that there must be a "robust regime of neighbour notification to allow for affected householders to object"; and that he "must establish what constitutes a safe distance from housing to prevent any possible adverse effects". All of these proposals hint that Cllr Giacopazzi has undergone a Damascene conversion of considerable magnitude. How I wish that he would extend this new philosophy to encompass recognition of the democratic deficit which exists in the case of wind farm developments. I shall not, however, hold my breath.

John Bryson  
Nether Craigow, Milnathort

### Fire Brigade - appreciation and thanks

Following the house fire at our home, associated with an overhead electricity cable incident in the early hours of 5 December, my wife and I wish to record our appreciation and thanks for the very professional action by the Kinross Fire Brigade, assisted by colleagues from Auchtermuchty.

Without their prompt attendance, the outcome for us personally and for our property and belongings would have been so very different.

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Stephanie and Keith Milne  
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I was looking for a parking space, like many others at the time, and could not believe my eyes when he parked, took a bag to the recycling, went back to his car - at this point we were all exhaling in relief - but no, he just left his car there and went into supermarket, glancing back while a poor soul in a 4x4 tried to squeeze in between, without success of course!

With my Latin temper I could have easily gone for a fight, but... last day of the year... for once I thought of it better and decided it was not worth it. Instead, I will rejoice by showing him off to all Kinross inhabitants and surroundings. I hope he regrets and finds a way to apologise to all people who were trying to park their cars that Tuesday morning.

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This time last year I wrote a small article about our charity (EMP) as a way of thanking so many individuals and groups in and around the Kinross.

Briefly, my cousin Maureen and I go out to a little rural clinic in the Southern Ethiopia and help the Sisters and staff care for the hundreds of women who flock to them for help. All these women suffer from Severe Uterine Prolapse. It is a pan-Africa problem, and we know that our contribution is but a drop in the ocean. Nevertheless, 3000 women have been restored to health thanks to the tender loving care and skill of the clinic and the money that EMP has raised to help them.

Of course, we could not do this on our own, which is why once again I want to thank the Rurals and Church groups who have listened to our story and given so generously.

Most recently, just before Christmas, the indomitable Marg Meade, in the spirit of making Kinross-shire a County of Compassion, organised a soup and treats "Pants and Pounds" lunch. The guests brought a pack of pants and a minimum of £10 (many gave much more). They heard the story and enjoyed a simple but delicious lunch.

I know that charity begins at home, and that is true for EMP. But I shall take the compassion and charity that I have found here, and take it out to that place many thousands of miles away. They shall hear that so many people in Scotland care deeply about them. So once again I should like to say a very sincere thank you. Every penny that I have been given will go straight to the clinic. No middle-men, no salaries and a tiny fraction spent on minimal admin expenses, like posting out thousands of pants!

A special thanks goes to the ladies in the Kinross Post Office who have been so kind, interested and patient with our bulky parcels of pants.

We leave on 3 February and will be gone for most of the month. If any groups would like to hear how we get on, I would love to come and share with you on our return, when the fundraising for 2015 will get going.

If you would like to know more, our website details are below.

With many, many thanks,

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# News & Articles

## Councillor Dave Cuthbert

Happy New Year to you all and I hope this year is a successful one for us all.

As usual there has been a lot going on at Perth and Kinross Council since my last update.

### Local Development Plan

Perhaps the most significant of these was the passing of the Local Development Plan by Perth & Kinross Council in December.

As far as Kinross-shire was concerned, the plan delivered most of what your local councillors had argued for at the previous council meeting to discuss the local plan.

There were a few significant exceptions however, being:

- The proposed housing site in Powmill (H53) was reduced to 30 houses. This is a pity in my view as there were plans to carry out a master plan for Powmill which would have led to a holistic approach to the development of the village. Reducing the number to 30 throws this master plan into question.
- The proposed 15.3 hectares of Employment Land at Turfhill (E17 & E36) which was in the draft Local Plan was removed.
- In addition, the Scottish Motor Auction land at the bottom of the High Street in Kinross was originally in the draft local plan as an opportunity site (OP13), and was described as "Employment and High Density Residential of not more than 50% of the site". This was changed to "mixed use development, including residential, where proposals include improved employment land."

The effect of these changes was to remove much needed employment land from Kinross-shire, meaning that the area will remain commuter belt rather than a sustainable economy.

I am very disappointed at this outcome.

These changes were dictated by the Scottish Government reporter, and the legislation is written in such a way that the Council could NOT reverse the changes made by him.

I view this as a democratic deficit.

### Former Kinross High School

An application for planning permission for the former Kinross High School site has been received.

It can be viewed electronically on the Council website. (Go to [www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk), click on 'Viewing and commenting on planning applications', then just enter the application reference number 13/02328/FLM in the search facility.)

I will not comment on this application as I am on the planning committee and doing so would prevent me from taking part in the meeting where it is to be discussed.

Suffice to say that I fought against the selling of this land by the Council without a needs assessment being carried out for Kinross first. I was told that the decision had been made democratically and that the time for objecting to the proposed use of this land would be when the planning application was received.

### Alteration to Library Service

Recently the Council have announced that all libraries in Perth and Kinross will close earlier on a Saturday and be closed on Mondays.

I understand that this decision was made in the budget

debate held in February 2011, where savings of £281,000 were agreed.

My understanding was that this was shown as a review of Cultural Services.

I understand that the review was considered and agreed to at a meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee in November 2013.

There are no Kinross-shire Ward Councillors, nor Independent Councillors, on the Lifelong Learning Committee.

I have asked for a meeting with the head of service to discuss these cuts, as they do not simply impact on the library, but will impact on the Museum, other council services, internet access and so on.

This is particularly disappointing given the promises made when the campuses were being designed.

### Council Budget

The Council is now approaching its annual budget debate, which this year will take place on 13 February.

The Independent group have decided to approach this in a different way from the way other political groups have done this in the past and will be circulating their thoughts on the budget prior to the council debate, rather than keeping them secret until the actual meeting.

Our aim in doing this is to promote intelligent debate on our ideas.

## Kinross High Street plans

The December Newsletter notified readers of an exhibition at the campus (10-12 December) showing revised plans for environmental improvements to Kinross High Street. The Newsletter article also stated, based on information provided by PKC, that the revised plans were available to view on the Council website. In fact the Council webpage relating to the project was not updated until 17 December, well after the exhibition took place. Any reader who looked at the plans on the website before 17 December and did not realise that the plans shown were the older 2012 plans, might wish to have another look at the webpage [www.pkc.gov.uk/kinrosshighstreet](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/kinrosshighstreet)

A significant difference between the 2012 plan and the revised version is the positioning of the town centre bus stops. The new plan has the northbound bus stop positioned close to the junction of Swansacre instead of outside the Town Hall. The southbound bus stop is to be located outside the 'The Gallery' instead of by the betting shop.

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## Councillor Joe Giacobazzi

### Old High School site

Persimmon homes have now submitted an application for 102 houses of various types and sizes on the site of the old High School. The application reference is 13/02328/FLM, should you wish to view the plans on the PKC website under 'view planning applications'. There are to be two vehicular entrances to the site, one on High Street, the other on Green Road. Anyone wishing to comment on the application can do so now. Ward 8 Councillors are hoping to meet with Persimmon to discuss the application.

### County Buildings

Missives are all but concluded. Thereafter, the transaction should be completed in the normal way. While the proposals for the buildings should present the exciting prospect of new jobs in the town, I am aware of the possible loss of public parking spaces in the area, and shall work to identify new parking opportunities.

### Kinross Town Hall

As with the County Buildings, missives are very close to conclusion. The sooner this happens, and the area is tidied up, the better!

### Mill Street Car Park

As you may be aware, I have been actively pursuing the possibility of adding up to 19 extra parking spaces to this well used and essential town centre car park. The availability of car parking facilities is the life blood of commerce. Delays surrounding the title to the old Social Work Office have been resolved and Kinross CC has signalled its agreement to the car park extension. The proposal will have to return to a Committee of the Council for approval.

### New Roundabout

Work on the proposed roundabout at the junction of Station Road and Springfield Road is scheduled to begin in February and be completed in March. This overdue and essential piece of work, which I proposed and which was passed at the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee last year, will surely make an enormous improvement to traffic flow and road safety at this location.

### Kinross Town Centre Improvements

The detailed design for this £1 million project, scheduled for 2014/15, should be finalised in March. The completion date will be February 2015.

### Loch Leven Heritage Trail

The trail, though complete, is not yet open. Hopefully the work will be done by spring. The bridge over the Gairney burn has to be built, together with signage, benches and a viewing point. While Councillor Robertson and I are on the TRACKS Committee, the real credit must go to George Lawrie and Neil Kilpatrick, project director, who have shown tenacity and vigour in pursuing their goal, often in the face of adversity. *[See Article, p. 11, for full report by Neil Kilpatrick, Project Director.]*

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## Councillor Willie Robertson

### Junction 7 M90

I have now had a reply to my letter to the Scottish Government's Transport Minister, Keith Brown MSP, in which I asked for junction 7 to be considered for an upgrade to a fully integrated junction.

Mr Brown has said in his letter that there are no plans to improve this junction. He said that the only way this could happen was from developer contributions as and when the small industrial site on the south side of Stirling Road was developed.

I am disappointed by this response and have written again to the transport minister. I have pointed out that because of the limited size of the business land in question it could never be expected to fund an upgrade of the junction. I have also pointed out that all the much needed improvements carried out on road junctions on the A9 and the A80 in the last few years were paid for directly by the Scottish Government and that this is how an upgrade of junction 7 should be paid for. Hopefully I will get a better response to this follow-up letter.

If junction 7 were made a fully integrated junction it would greatly reduce traffic volumes passing through Milnathort and Kinross. With the decision in the new Local Development Plan to build more houses in our area, traffic levels will only get worse. Surely now is the time for Transport Scotland to plan for this junction to be fully upgraded?

### Former Kinross High School site

Persimmon Homes have now lodged a planning application to develop the former site of Kinross High School.

The site lies within the Kinross Conservation Area, so it is important that its development reflects this. The plans have raised a few issues which concern me. Firstly, it seems as if the proposed housing will come very close to Kinross Parish Church. This could affect the setting of this fine listed building. I am also worried about the loss of public car parking the development of this site will result in. Currently the land behind the parish church is used as a car park as are the former school playgrounds which face onto The Muirs. I am also disappointed to see that the developer plans to demolish the Victorian frontage of the former school.

I am happy to see the site developed but would like to see some benefits for Kinross coming from the development. Hopefully this will be possible. I will certainly be doing my best to make this happen.

### Kinross Library

Perth & Kinross Council has announced that it plans to close the Kinross library on Saturday afternoons and all day on Mondays. This decision has been met with dismay by many of the users of the library. There has been no consultation on these proposals, which is unfortunate. I am trying to set up a meeting between the Council officers responsible for the library service, representatives of the library users and myself and my fellow Kinross-shire councillors to find a resolution to this matter. Kinross-shire people fought long and hard to have a library so it is no wonder any moves to reduce access to its facilities are met with opposition.

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

## Loch Leven Heritage Trail

by Neil Kilpatrick, Project Director

In the two months leading up to Christmas, the predominantly dry weather helped the construction of the final section of the Trail. In particular, the work of creating new ponds and refurbishing old ones alongside the old railway line running south out of Kinross was able to be completed. This stretch is part of the Loch Leven National Nature Reserve and is environmentally sensitive due to the ground habitat and the seasonal presence of duck broods in the bay. For this reason, a number of protective bunds has been built, together with short stretches of willow fencing. The work has been closely supervised by Scottish Natural Heritage and the end result should be very attractive to future Trail users. There was initial concern about the ponds filling up, but the end year deluge took care of that and topped everything up nicely. It also indicated where the path was liable to flooding and where more drainage is required.

The design for the bridge over the Gairney Water has been approved and the concrete foundations have been installed. The bridge itself is currently under construction and is likely

to be completed and put in position sometime in March. In a similar manner to the existing bridge over the Leven Cut, a rail with carved interpretation text will be located on the bridge.

The final design for the Viewpoint structure at the East Brackley end of the RSPB Reserve has been submitted for planning consent. The groundwork has been prepared and the site has a commanding view over Loch Leven and the surrounding hills. The Viewpoint will be an open plan layout with a roof for shelter, seating and open terrace area for viewing. It will be constructed in February or March of this year.

A formal entrance to the Trail at Vane Farm has been designed in the same style as those at Kinross Pier, Burleigh Sands and Findatie. This will incorporate stone walling, monolith



panels and a shelter for RSPB staff who will help people who wish to visit the existing RSPB bird hides on the Reserve.

The remaining work is to provide the final linkages to the paths in each section of the Trail and to fabricate and install the necessary seating, signage and interpretation panels. The seats will again be solid oak with carved interpretation text and inserted bronze medallions at suitable locations. It is still hoped to have the Trail open to the public in late March or early April.

### Volunteer Support

A successful hedge planting course was run as planned by the Woodland Trust in November and enjoyed by all who attended. This will be followed by the planting programme for trees, hedges and reeds in some of the most biodiversity sensitive areas along the Trail. We shall welcome any further volunteers to help with this work, so please watch out for the details of when and where as different sections are going to be planted. We shall link up with both RSPB and SNH in this work and have some fun. If you feel that you would like to help, please contact Catriona McLeod at 01577 863718.



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## Councillor Mike Barnacle

### Scottish Independence Referendum

The December issue of the Newsletter carried a copy of a letter I wrote to Alistair Carmichael MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, regarding the Better Together Campaign, in which I expressed the view that the campaign needed to be more positive about the benefits of Scotland being part of the UK.

I received a reply from the Alistair Carmichael dated 3 December 2013. Parts of the reply are reproduced below:

"In order to inform and support the debate on Scotland's future, the UK Government is undertaking a programme of analysis on Scotland as part of the UK, and how it contributes to and benefits from being part of the United Kingdom. And the evidence shows there is a very positive argument to tell. As part of the UK we in Scotland benefit from a stable currency, sustainable pensions, influence in Europe, and a defence force that keeps us safe at home and protects the vulnerable abroad."

"To date papers on the following topics have been published:

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- currency and monetary union;
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- financial services and banking;
- macroeconomic and fiscal performance;
- defence;
- security and
- science and research."

These papers are available to read online at:

**[www.gov.uk/scotlandanalysis](http://www.gov.uk/scotlandanalysis)**

The Secretary of State also said that more papers on key issues will be made available on that web address throughout 2014.

### LDP process not flexible enough

Cllr Barnacle has written to the Scottish Minister for Local Government and Planning to raise his concerns regarding the statutory framework which oversees the creation of Local Development Plans.

On 18 December 2013, Perth & Kinross Council agreed to adopt its Proposed Local Development Plan as modified by the Scottish Government Reporter and the Plan has now been submitted to Scottish Ministers.

Cllr Barnacle wrote to the Minister: "...a number of Councillors referred on the day of the debate, including myself, to the apparent 'democratic deficit' within the planning system because we were advised that there was really no flexibility to depart from the recommendations of the Reporters appointed by your Government."

Although Cllr Barnacle was "reasonably content" with the Reporter's conclusions in relation to the Kinross-shire ward, a number of councillors were unhappy with some of the Reporter's changes affecting the Perth area, including reinstatement of the Almond Valley village proposal.

The Councillor wrote: "The Reporters had more time to hold hearings on contentious issues and could have done so; PKC had no opportunity to request such hearings in response to recommendations."

Councillor Barnacle asks the Minister for his assurance that this planning process will be reviewed and changes considered that may address the concerns set out in his letter.

## Loch at risk from planning changes?

The four Kinross-shire Councillors have expressed their concern at a change in the way Perth & Kinross Council handles certain planning applications, which could have an adverse effect on Loch Leven.

To protect the ecology of Loch Leven, any proposed development in the loch's catchment that is not going to be connected to a public treatment works has to include its own infrastructure to remove a specified minimum amount of phosphorus from waste-water.

Until recently, the Council attempted to ensure that developers complied with this obligation by using a 'Section 75' Legal Agreement when approving such planning applications. However, Council officers felt that Section 75 agreements caused delays in determining planning applications and in issuing planning consents. They are also difficult to enforce.

In August 2013, PKC's Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee agreed to a different method of obliging developers to include the necessary mitigation works. This involves writing certain conditions into a planning consent. These conditions are laid out in a 'Memorandum of Understanding for Planning Procedure for Applications in the Loch Leven Catchment' drawn up by Council officers in consultation with SEPA and SNH.

Briefly, condition (1) of the Memorandum requires the developer to install appropriate foul drainage infrastructure prior to occupation; condition (2) states that no development shall commence until the drainage infrastructure has been installed to the satisfaction of the authority; and condition (3) states that no development shall commence until the applicant submits an approved CAR licence under the Water Environmental (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulation 2011.

In October 2013 PKC's Development Management Committee granted a retrospective planning application for a gypsy site at Crook Moss, which was already partially constructed. The new Memorandum was not drawn up with retrospective applications in mind, however, and when writing the conditions on the planning consent, officers omitted the words "no development shall commence on site until .." in relation to the Memorandum's conditions 2 and 3 (conditions 16 and 17 of the gypsy site planning consent).

As reported in the November Newsletter, Cllr Barnacle emailed PKC's Peter Marshall (Planning) to express his dismay at the failure of the Council to implement suitable protection for the loch. Dissatisfied with the response, he then wrote, on behalf of all the Kinross-shire Councillors, following a Kinross-shire CC Network meeting, to Ian Innes, PKC Head of Legal Services.

In his reply, Mr Innes admits that: "... the protection which was intended from the suspensive nature of conditions 2 and 3 is not available in such cases" (i.e. retrospective applications). Mr Innes continues: "Close monitoring of the impact of phosphates in the Loch Leven catchment area continues to be undertaken by officers in this Council, SEPA and SNH. If there is evidence showing that the intended protection of the Memorandum is being undermined because of retrospective planning applications, it would be incumbent upon each of these bodies to respond."

Cllr Barnacle told the Newsletter that he intends to follow up the matter of the Crook Moss traveller site with regard to the way the application was handled and approved by PKC – contrary, he believes, to a host of policies.



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## Saturday One-Day Workshops at Kinross Learning Centre

Following the success of the Roman Blind and Footstool workshops, Kinross Learning Centre is offering a further two, one-day soft furnishings workshops.

The first on **Saturday 22 February** focuses on **Box Cushions**. Ideal for benches, chairs or window seats, these cushions are made from foam cut to size and can be covered in fabric to match your decor. These are simple to make and don't need a lot of sewing skill, but you do need to know how to use a sewing machine.

On **Saturday 22 March**, the focus will be on **Interlined Curtains**. Ideal for heat retention as well as helping with light and sound-proofing, interlining helps with the drape and hang of curtains, providing a luxurious finish for any room.

The workshops cost £35 plus the costs of materials, and take place 10am – 4pm. To find out more or to book your place, please contact Maureen at Kinross Learning Centre on 01577 863863 or email: [pc.kinross@perth.uhi.ac.uk](mailto:pc.kinross@perth.uhi.ac.uk)

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**[www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org)**

Issues from September 2006 to two  
 months ago available

## Kinross Minister in Ethiopia

Rev. Alan Reid, minister of Kinross Parish Church, visited Ethiopia at the end of January to learn about self-help groups supported by Tearfund, the UK Christian charity involved in both relief and development work.

He joined four other ministers from the Church of Scotland and three staff from Tearfund Scotland to see how these self-help groups operate in practice: local people are helped to save and thus finance small local businesses, so that the requirement for aid declines as the economy grows.

As well as travelling long distances in the country by road to visit these groups, Alan Reid met local church leaders and preached in the town of Nazret.

Kinross Parish Church has supported Tearfund over the years and one of the staff accompanying the visit, Fiona Morrison, spoke at last year's evening service for Harvest Thanksgiving in the church. A report of the trip will be made in the March Newsletter.

## Fitness group raises money for CHAS

A fitness group based at Tripudio Dance studio had some novel ideas for raising funds for charity at an event held last year.

On 5 October 'Ariel Evolution' held a ladies night at the dance studio (located by the motorway services) to raise money for CHAS. They had pole dancing, burlesques, Ann Summers, a topless butler and a raffle. Tickets were sold to friends, family and colleagues and the participants dressed up as female superheroes and played games. They raised £72 and would like to raise more funds in the coming year and would love more people to join in.



Cindy Worth, right, hands over a cheque to a CHAS representative

### Discover Loch Leven Website

To discover the myriad things to see and do in  
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## Kilts for kids

The Helen O'Grady Drama Academy held a lively and colourful "Kilts for Kids" Day at the end of November to raise money for the children's charity Children 1st.

They wore tartan, munched shortbread and bought badges; they rattled tins and performed some Scottish-themed plays; the Lower Primary children changed Cinderella's Ball to a Scottish ceilidh (Cinderella much preferred haggis and Im Bru to caviare and champagne) and the older students devised a script based on the fortunes of a (rather noisy) failing Scottish rock band. The Youth Theatre students, as usual, had their own "take" on the theme!

Persuasive children and supportive parents raised a total of £204 – thank you and well done!

Classes are held every Saturday in the Church Centre – for details contact Barbara at:

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"Kilts for Kids" day at the Helen O'Grady Drama Academy

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## Business Breakfasts

### Open to all Kinross-shire Businesses

Kinross-shire Partnership will be hosting more Business Breakfasts at Loch Leven's Larder this spring. 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 7.30 to 9am on:

**Wednesday 5 February**

**Wednesday 5 March**

**The discussion on 5 February will focus on the proposed new railway link from Perth to Edinburgh via Kinross and business land for sale in Kinross.**

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

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

To register to attend one or more of the Breakfasts, please email Sandra Ralston, Kinross-shire Partnership Administrator, at [mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk](mailto:mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk) or call 07774 181768.

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

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## 2014 is Year of the Haggis

Past President of the Jolly Beggars Burns Club, Jim Paterson, dropped in on his local haggis agent, Hunters of Kinross, to present a celebratory certificate of participation in the Year of the Haggis. Local butcher Iain Hunter had supplies of the first haggis of the season and Jim, a retired local farmer, was just the man to run his eye of approval over the Hunters' haggis.

Two federations, the Robert Burns World Federation and the Scottish Federation of Meat Traders, have joined together to designate and promote 2014 as the Year of the Haggis.



Jim Paterson and staff at Hunters the Butchers prepare to celebrate the Year of the Haggis

front (l to r): Jim Paterson and Iain Hunter  
back: David Winton, Frank Mitchell and Dean Miller

## Kinross-shire home composting project set to expand

Householders living in PKC's Kinross-shire ward who do not receive the Brown-Lidded Bin Service for food and garden waste are being invited to take part in the Kinross-shire Home Composting Project.

Developed through a partnership between PKC, Milnathort in Bloom, a local Zero Waste Volunteer and the Federation of City Farms & Community Gardens, the project offers participating residents the opportunity to receive a free home composter, a range of which are available, and a kitchen caddy to collect food waste in. As part of the project, advice and support will also be available via a series of workshops run by a local Zero Waste Volunteer, who can help advise which style of composter is best suited to the householder's needs and lifestyle, and also answer any queries that may arise during the course of the project. Composters and kitchen caddies will be available on a first come, first served basis to householders who register their interest in the project with the Council's Waste Services. There are a range of composters available via the Project – some will compost raw and cooked food, others are suitable for homes with limited outdoor space.

For further information about the Kinross-shire Home Composting Project, please visit [www.pkc.gov.uk/composting](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/composting)

To register your interest in the project, please contact Waste Services by telephoning 01738 476476 or email [recycle@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:recycle@pkc.gov.uk)

## Pantomimes enjoyed at The Green

Two traditional pantomimes were performed at the Green Hotel in December by M&M Theatrical Productions, Ayr.

Beauty and the Beast played to a packed audience at both the matinee and evening performances and had the festive feel good factor for the whole family. The cast interacted with the audience and the children loved the characters and being part of the pantomime by joining in with the cast.

The classic fairytale Cinderella was a big hit with all ages. The ugly sisters Germolene and Vaseline kept everyone entertained with their antics and Cinderella and Prince Charming melted everyone's hearts. Congratulations to Olivia Bell, Lyndsey Bennet and Ava Gray, pupils at Kinross Primary School, who won The Green Hotel Pantomime poster competition; they received tickets for their families to see the pantomime and their posters were on display along with all the other entries.

*Candy Westcott*

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## Concert in memory of Esme Morris Macintyre

Esme battled a brain tumor for nearly seven years and her courage and determination to live life to the full, always with a beautiful smile, was an inspiration to thousands of people. She wrote a searingly honest account of the challenges she faced through her facebook page – [www.facebook.com/EsmeAdventure](http://www.facebook.com/EsmeAdventure) – and she worked tirelessly to raise funds for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

She set out to make the most of her short life with a wish list of people to meet and things to do. She met sporting heroes Sir Chris Hoy and Andy Murray and singers Amy Macdonald and Emeli Sandé. She took part in fashion shows and went snow biking and hot air ballooning.

Esme played the clarsach (small harp) from the age of nine and players from across Scotland have risen to the challenge of writing tunes in her memory. The concert on **Sunday 16 February** in Kinross Parish Church will be a fitting tribute to the life of a remarkable teenager who passed away at her home in Kinnesswood last summer. All proceeds from the concert will go to the Teenage Cancer Trust.

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## Protest over library cuts

Over 70 library users gathered in the rain on Saturday 18 January to demonstrate against Perth & Kinross Council's decision to reduce Loch Leven Community Library's opening hours.

The reduction in hours at the local library, located at the Loch Leven Community Campus, is part of a package of changes proposed following a PKC review of its library services. The main changes proposed by the Council are:

- Closure of the West Mill Street Library in Perth;
- Closure of all Perth & Kinross libraries every Monday;
- Changes to the remaining opening hours at most Perth & Kinross libraries;
- A development of the mobile library service: two older vehicles will be replaced by three smaller ones, which can travel more widely and reach more remote areas than the larger vehicles could.

"I don't think there's any real financial benefit in having such a good Library facility shut, when the Campus building is open anyway. Why make the Library's resources unavailable, just to save a few hours of negligible staff costs? It seems nonsensical."

**Melissa Roberts, local Library user and mother of Ben, 2.**

The changes are planned to take effect in the spring and are expected to make a budget saving of £281,000. The consequences of the review for the Loch Leven Community Library will be closure on Mondays and an earlier closure time on Saturdays (1pm instead of the current 3pm).



*Some of the attendees at the protest against cuts to the library service. Photo: Eileen Thomas*

In a Question and Answer session at the campus in December, a member of the library services staff said that Kinross High School pupils will still be able to access the library on Mondays, when it is closed to the general public, although the school would have to provide supervision.

"Look at the Library facility, it's fantastic. And how long did we wait for a campus library? It's absolutely brilliant. And surely one of the things that fed into the Council's whole strategy to build library facilities at the campus was the opportunity to have them accessible to the whole community at extended hours. But here we go, they're starting to shut parts of it down!" **Lorraine Holdsworth, local Library user.**

The changes will have an effect on the Kinross Museum, a voluntary organisation. Museum artefacts displayed adjacent to the library can currently be viewed whenever the library is open, and the museum study room is open on Thursdays and Saturdays for volunteers to carry out research and assist members of the public with queries.

The campaigners want Loch Leven Community Library to stay open all day, six days a week, including till 5pm on Saturdays. Their campaign is supported by local councillor, Willie Robertson, who attended the demonstration event along with Morag Kelly, Libraries and Information Service Manager at the Council.

"As I understand it, one of the justifications put forward for merging the school and town libraries in Kinross originally was that the consolidation would allow the library to be open for longer. In the present proposals, we see a complete betrayal of this rationale. If the proposals go ahead, the original amalgamation of the libraries will look like nothing more than a cynical cost-cutting exercise, not one in expanding use of an important cultural resource. The young people at Kinross High School will have real cause to bemoan the fact that the quality of their education is being imperiled to such a degree." **A High School English teacher from a neighbouring authority.**

Campaigners argue that Loch Leven Community Campus Library is the busiest library in Perth and Kinross after the AK Bell Library in Perth. In 2013, there were 108,000 visits. Footfall data shows that the Library is well used throughout all days of the week. Mondays are often the busiest day of the week, with 400 to 500 visits, from both Kinross High School pupils and members of the public. On Saturdays, an average of anything from 30 to 70 visits are made to the Library every hour.

"I like getting so many books out for free. I choose a book or two. I like taking them home. I enjoy reading them a lot. I like books by Jacqueline Wilson and Lauren St John. There are quite a lot of books by those authors at the Library. I also like to have a little quiet time in the Library, sitting at one of the tables. I know I can choose any books I want. I don't have many books at home, so I just come to the Library. It's very well laid out and it's easy to find something." **Ruth Ritchie, 10, local Library user.**

Willie Robertson, Local Councillor said: "I'm concerned about the fact the decision to reduce the library's hours has been made without any real consultation. But also, I'm encouraged that so many people are worried enough about it to appear on a terrible morning to show their support for the campaign to keep the library open. I'm quite sure that once we get a chance to sit down to speak to the Council Officers and the Convenor of Education and Children's Services that we might find a better way of doing this that's more acceptable to all the library users, and to the Council."

"I think the Library is really good, because, like, if a child didn't have a computer and didn't have any books at home for his homework about the Titanic, he could come to the Library on Saturday. But if it was shut on a Saturday, he couldn't, and he would just have to get told off by his teacher." **Tor Holt Brook, 7, local Library user.**

A signed petition against the closures has been started, and a media campaign backed up by a Facebook page 'Keep Kinross Library Open' is underway. Roseanna Cunningham, MSP has requested further information from the Council about the basis of its decision.

The campaigners demand that the Council reconsiders its decision, taking into account the local community's use of the library and priorities, draw up alternative options for reductions to opening hours which avoid busy times, and then let the library users choose which option is best. Representatives of the Keep Kinross Library Open campaign group hope to meet with Council decision makers in the next few weeks in an attempt to reach a solution.

## New fitness studio opens

WazFit Studio has opened in Milnathort. The studio is located in Kingfisher House, off Auld Mart Road at the border with Kinross and Milnathort.

WazFit is owned and run by Joanna Waz, a well-known fitness instructor and Personal Trainer in the Kinross area. Joanna is a Level 3 Gym Instructor and certified Advanced Personal Trainer with over 15 years' experience in the health and fitness business.

When Joanna decided to open her studio she wanted to offer a wide range of exercise and fitness training options suitable for everyone regardless of their current fitness or exercise activities. With this in mind, the class schedule includes introductory classes, classes for people who want a light but regular exercise regime and classes for the seriously fit. Joanna is qualified with most of the better known fitness providers including Les Mills, Metafit and TRX. Yoga and Pilates classes will be instructed by Carmelina Griffin and Boxercise by Dominic Bradley.

In addition to a wide range of exercise classes, Joanna will offer One to One Personal training sessions for anyone looking for a tailored exercise and fitness development programme specific to their desired goals and objectives. Personal training can also be the answer if you are short of time or you prefer not to attend group exercise classes.

If new to exercising, Joanna can provide you with a basic fitness assessment and recommend the type of exercise most suitable for you. Unlike most fitness providers, Joanna is offering special introductory classes, which give anyone new to exercise the opportunity to try different classes and learn correct technique.

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## Green Hotel retirement flats: McCarthy & Stone to take project forward

A consultation on new proposals for retirement housing took place in the Windlestrae Hotel in January.

The proposals to build 33 apartments, designed specifically for people over the age of 60, on land north of The Green Hotel, Muirs, Kinross, are being brought forward by McCarthy & Stone, leading retirement housing developers.

An existing planning consent exists to build 41 retirement apartments on the site, which is now not being taken forward. McCarthy and Stone intends, at this stage, to propose a contemporary building which is significantly smaller in size, to complement the surrounding Conservation Area.

Over 50 locals attended the exhibition. Feedback forms collected on the day show that support for the development is high, with 88 per cent saying they are supportive of the proposals, and 77 per cent acknowledging there is a need for further retirement housing in the area.

Steve Wiseman, Managing Director of McCarthy & Stone Scotland said:

"We value the views of the local residents and will consider their feedback in putting together a planning application to Perth & Kinross Council in the next couple of months. We were pleased to see so many people come to see the proposals, particularly in light of the miserable weather conditions and were encouraged by their feedback.

"We believe that our proposal could provide much needed housing options for older people in the local area and help boost the local economy by bringing new investment and jobs."

Further information about the proposals can be obtained by calling the freephone information line 0800 088 4322.



*A computer generated image of how the McCarthy & Stone retirement living proposal would look, viewed from south west*

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## Loch Leven Community Library

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

### Regular Library Sessions for Young Children

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**Story Telling** every Monday morning 10.15-10.45am  
every Thursday afternoon 2.15-2.45pm

### Bookbug Rhymetimes

every Saturday	10.30-11am
every Wednesday	2.00-2.30pm

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

### Film-Book Night: Notes on a Scandal

Film fans and book lovers are invited to the showing of 'Notes on a Scandal' at Film-Book night on **Tuesday 25 February** at 7pm. Enjoy this film on the BIG screen and participate in the informal, short discussion afterwards, comparing the film to the popular book by Zoe Heller. This film is shown in conjunction with Milnathort Filmhouse.

To book tickets (£3.50), contact the library.

### Inappropriate Climbing with Andy Kirkpatrick

**7 March at 7.30pm** at Loch Leven Community Campus  
Andy Kirkpatrick, one of the UK's most accomplished mountaineers, will be talking about climbing El Cap with his 13 year-old daughter, revisiting Norway's Troll Wall, his latest winter expedition and his 2013 trip to Antarctica. "Gut-wrenching, entertaining and challenging - appeals to the adventurer in all of us." (*The Guardian*)

\*Contains strong language.

To book tickets (£12.00), contact the library.

### The Word's Out! Picture Book Prize 2014

Now in its eleventh year, this prize celebrates the best in picture books for ages six and under. Previous winners include: Nicholas Allan for *The Giant's Loo Roll*, Emily Gravett for *Again!* and Nick Sharratt for *Shark in the Dark*. Perth & Kinross Libraries & Information Services aim to involve everyone in choosing a winner. We would love to know which new picture books you and your children or grandchildren have especially enjoyed over 2013. You can nominate a maximum of three books. Once all nominations are in, a panel will select a shortlist of five or six titles. The winner will then be selected by several groups who participated in the initial nomination process.

All nominations need to be received by P&K libraries by **29 March 2014**. Guidelines for the award process and the nomination form may be found at all Perth and Kinross libraries and at the webpage: [www.pkc.gov.uk/library](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/library)

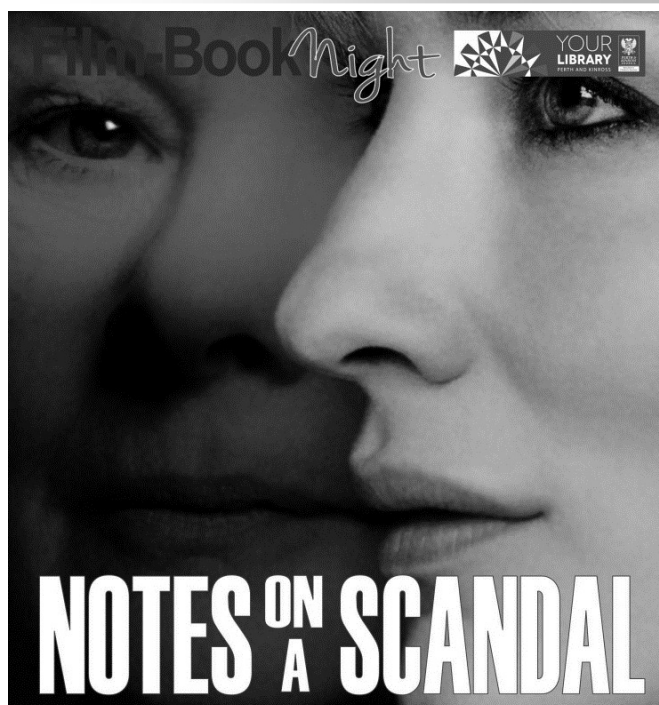


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### Library free taster sessions: Ancestry

If you're interested in family history, Ancestry sessions on how to create your family tree, use census and parish records and find people from your past in other sources available through libraries will be take place at Loch Leven Library on the following dates:

<b>Saturday 15 February</b>	11.15am-12.15pm
<b>Monday 17 March</b>	2.00pm-3.00pm
<b>Wednesday 19 March</b>	10.30am-11.30am

Contact the library to book a place.

### Library free taster sessions: e-resources

If you would like to learn about accessing e-resources such as e-books, e-magazines and e-audio books, sessions will be available at the Loch Leven Library as follows:

<b>Monday 17 February</b>	2.00pm-3.00pm
<b>Wednesday 19 February</b>	10.30am-11.30am
<b>Saturday 15 March</b>	11.15am-12.15pm

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## Medal Routes launched in Kinross

Live Active and Ramblers Scotland are celebrating the launch of a new **Medal Routes** walking hub at the Loch Leven Community Campus in Kinross.

Medal Routes are short circular walks of 15, 30 and 60 minutes, starting from an identified walking "hub". The Bronze, Silver and Gold routes are all over easy terrain and can be walked independently, with family and friends or with a group. The Medal Routes project intends to promote walking for health and pleasure – the idea is a Scotland where walking is an integral part of everyone's life. Local routes are being created across Scotland to encourage people to walk more locally and take advantage of greenspaces in their area.

A new walking map with three great short walks, starting from Loch Leven Community Campus, has been published. The local Kinross health group officially launched the routes on 16 December. Leaflets are now available from the campus reception or can be downloaded from [www.ramblers.org.uk/medalroutes](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/medalroutes)

For general good health, adults should be physically active for at least 30 minutes a day, five days a week. Walking is such an easy way to be more active and is an excellent natural exercise that almost anyone can do and that costs nothing. This project intends to get more people active in their daily life and help contribute towards a physical activity legacy from the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games.

Rob Burns, Medal Routes Project Officer said: "It is fantastic to see that the Medal Routes project is starting to make a big difference within local communities. We know that people throughout Scotland are making use of Medal Routes to walk more often. Kinross has beautiful scenery all around and we want to give local residents the opportunity to find a walk that suits them to admire the beauty of this area."

The Loch Leven Community Campus is one of many new Medal Routes walking hubs developed throughout Scotland recently. To celebrate, Ramblers Scotland are giving local people the chance to win an iPad Mini. To be in with a chance of winning, simply try out a Medal Route walk and let them know how you get on by completing a short survey. To enter and to find other Medal Route walks, go to [www.ramblers.org.uk/medalroutes](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/medalroutes)



Ramblers can now use the new Medal Routes walking hub at the Loch Leven Community Campus

## Concert in aid of Syrian Refugees Kinross Parish Church

On **Sunday 9 February** at 3pm, Ayman Jarjour will give a guitar recital in aid of the National Presbyterian Church of Syria in Damascus which is dealing with the refugee crisis on their doorstep. Ayman is a member of this Church in Damascus, but studied guitar in the Royal Conservatory in Madrid and the Julliard School of Music in New York. He has played all over the world, and in 2000 he gave a concert in the Carnegie Hall in NY to a standing ovation!

His programme will have Spanish, Latin-American and Middle Eastern flavours, and he will bring CDs for sale and all the income from them will go to this good cause. The Damascus Church offers what it can to help the many refugees in the city who have lost their homes and are trying to exist on next to nothing.

There is no charge for tickets, but there will be a retiring offering.

More information can be found on the following websites:

[www.kinrossparishchurch.org](http://www.kinrossparishchurch.org)

[www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)

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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 will feature brief histories of some of the local men who died in WWI and whose names appear on war memorials in Kinross-shire.*

*The histories are provided by Campbell Watson. Further information on local servicemen in WWI can be found in the Kinross (Marshall) Museum.*

## William Keay Falconer

Of all the theatres in which the British and Empire troops fought in the First World War, the most reviled was Ypres. The sacrifice here, throughout the War, was greater than anywhere else and it was a front of unremitting misery, partly caused by the weather but substantially because for almost the entire duration of the War the British held positions which were vulnerable and overlooked by the Germans who had complete mastery of the terrain and oversight of everything that the British did.

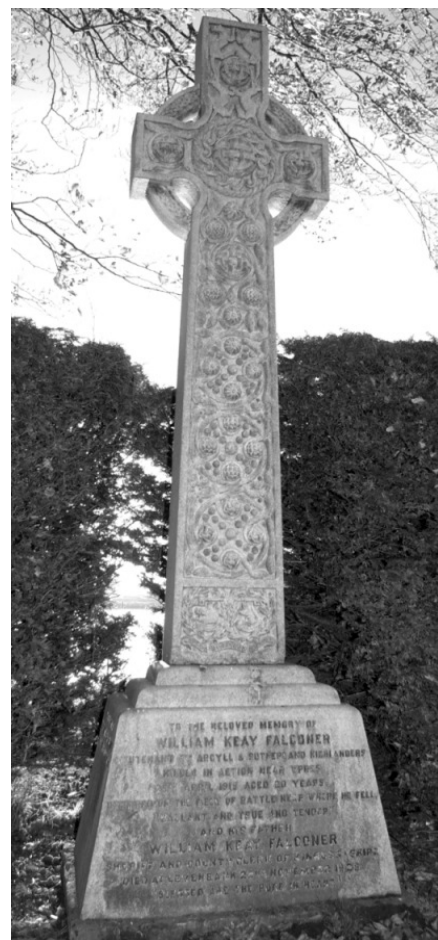
William Keay Falconer, born 29 November 1894 in Kinross, was the son of William Falconer, a solicitor in Kinross. The family lived in Levenbank, Kinross, and William Keay Falconer ("Keay") went to school at Edinburgh Academy. He was a golfer of some note and served in the OTC during his last two years of school. He was a prominent member of the Kinross Golf Club. On leaving school he was commissioned into the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders and was in France with his Regiment in December 1914. He was promoted to Lieutenant. It is believed that Keay Falconer was killed by mustard gas. It was at Ypres

on 24 April 1915, the day before his death, that mustard gas was used by the Germans for the first time. He was killed three miles northeast of Ypres on 25 April 1915 whilst leading his men in an assault on the German positions, and is buried at Seaforth Cemetery in Langemarck, Belgium. He was twenty when he died. A former Colonel of Lieutenant Falconer wrote of him as follows:

"When I was with the Battalion in France I frequently remarked to his Captain and others upon his coolness. He knew his work well and was devoted to it. He didn't know what fear was and he seemed fully to realise the responsibility for his men's comfort that rested upon him as a Platoon Commander, and the men were devoted to him".

When the news came through of his death, before the usual business commenced in the Sheriff Court in Kinross, the Sheriff and the Sheriff Clerk and the local bar offered condolences and sympathy to his father.

He is remembered, along with other members of his family, on the Falconer family memorial in the Kirkgate Cemetery.



*The Falconer family memorial at Kirkgate Cemetery, Kinross*

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## Bogus Callers

### What is a bogus caller?

These are people who use distraction techniques to preoccupy a victim and steal from their home. This could be someone asking to use the bathroom or telephone or for a drink of water. Whilst the occupier's back is turned, the thief will steal whatever they can find. Bogus callers may also pretend to be a utility worker or tradesman to gain access to a property.

### Bogus worker

Bogus workmen are different from bogus callers as they will carry out general maintenance work which is often shoddy or not completed. They will then charge an excessive amount for the work carried out. Another tactic used is to ask for the money up front under the pretence of purchasing building materials. After the money is received they will not return to the premises and the work is left undone.

### How can you spot a bogus caller?

Representatives from genuine companies should arrange an appointment with you before calling at your door. If you are in on your own, ask them to come back at a time when you have someone with you. Genuine company representatives will not have a problem with this.

Bogus callers are very sophisticated and are very skilled at deception. They will use a number of ways to try and gain entry to your home to steal and trick you out of money. These include:

- **Bogus official** - someone calls to your door claiming to be from a council department or utility company. They might be smartly dressed or might even be wearing a uniform. You should always check identification. Utility companies operate a password system you can use to make sure the caller is genuine. Contact your utility provider to ask if they offer this service.
- **Bogus sales people** - might attempt to sell products on your doorstep. Using the element of surprise, they can trick you into paying for something you don't want or paying an unfair price. Never agree to pay for something at your door or invite any sales people into your home who appear unexpectedly.
- **Bogus workmen** - come to your home and can trick you into paying for work to be carried out that you simply don't need. They might tell you work needs to be done immediately and ask for payment right there and then. Never hand over any money up front or offer to go and get money. If you do need work done, always get at least three different written quotations on company headed paper with the company's name, postal address and telephone number before you agree to have work done. You could also ask friends, family and neighbours for recommendations. Never agree to pay for any work offered on your doorstep.

### Bogus phone calls

Bogus callers can also make contact with you by phone. The caller might pretend to be from your bank and ask for personal information such as bank details, or they might be someone offering you a deal or a prize. Remember:

- Don't give out any personal information unless you are the one who made the call and you are certain of the identity of the caller.

- Never send money to anyone who claims to have a prize for you. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- Don't give out your credit card or bank card details to strangers on the telephone.

### How can you stop bogus callers?

Use the door viewer when answering the door.

Check identification badges of anyone calling at your door.

- If you don't know the person who is calling, and you're not expecting them, don't let them in.
- If you have a password with a company make sure the caller uses it.
- Never let people try to persuade you to let them into your home. If someone is persistent, ask them to call at another time when a friend or family member can be with you.
- Never agree to pay for goods or give money to strangers who arrive at your door.
- Don't keep large amounts of money in your home.
- If the person refuses to leave your door, dial 999 and ask for the police.

Remember, it's your home. There's no reason why anyone should ever enter your home against your wishes. Keep the caller out of your house or ask them to leave and call the police immediately. You might also want to try to alert a family member or attract a neighbour's attention but you should always contact the police first by dialling 999. The police would much rather attend a false alarm than have someone fall victim to a bogus caller. If the caller has a vehicle, note down the registration and give the information to the Police.

### Help protect your family and friends from bogus callers

If you have vulnerable family, friends or neighbours, there are things you can do to help protect them against bogus callers.

Everyone has a part to play, whether it is keeping an eye out for a strange van in your elderly neighbour's driveway or making sure your mum or dad aren't regularly taking large amounts of cash out of the bank. Bogus callers will often target the same victim more than once so the earlier the police are informed the better. Friends and family of vulnerable householders should also discuss the advice on this page with them and remember: Not everyone is who they appear to be. Keep bogus callers out of your home.

For more information on doorstep crime or assistance regarding home security, contact your local Community Policing Team.

### Local Community Officers

Bridge of Earn

& Abernethy: Constable Graham Ogilvie

Kinross-shire: Constable Sadie Allan

To contact the local community officers, telephone the police non-emergency number 101 or email as follows:

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# Community Council News



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

## Kinross Community Council

### News from the December Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 4 December 2013 were: CCllrs D Colliar, M Scott, W Freeman, B Davies, D West, C Watson, M Blyth, M Wood, and D Mackay; P&K Cllrs J Giacomazzi, D Cuthbert and M Barnacle and eight members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllrs I Jack and G Thomas and P&K Cllr Robertson.

**Police report** received by email: theft of plant, machinery and trailers from rural locations around Kinross (under investigation) and youth calls to Millbridge Hall and Church Centre, Kinross (ongoing).

**Town centre:** CCllr Colliar attended a meeting in relation to the application for funding for the Town Centre Regeneration.

**MacIntosh Memorial Trust:** A meeting was held on 8 October with the three Trustees and PKC representatives. PKC wish the views of the CC on the proposed use of the site. The Chairman asked for the views of each CC member; the majority wished the land to be used for car parking. Cllr Giacomazzi confirmed that funding is in place for such a proposal.

**KCCNL Director:** CCllr Watson stated that he and CCllr Thomas had received contradictory information from PKC. Cllr Cuthbert is regarded as an ex officio member of the CC. CCllr Watson was unable to confirm the content of the Articles regarding CC membership, however, believed this would only record the fact that Directors should be CC members and proposed that Cllr Cuthbert remain as a Director and was seconded by CCllr West. This was carried.

### Planning Applications

13/01847/FLL Costcutter Supermarket: alterations and extension to form hot food takeaway and formation of four flats above existing shop.

13/02077/FLL Leven Fields: modification of previous consent (13/01378/FLL) for the change of house type at Plot 56 and 54.

13/01784/FLL 8 Thompson Place: erection of orangery.

13/02107/FLM Balado Park: temporary change of use for one year to Class 11 (Assembly and Leisure) for purpose of holding music festival in 2014. There is also a variation request to change the Saturday 12th arena operating times from midnight to 1am. The campsite music will stop at 2am. Further discussion was held. The majority of noise emulates from the campsite and it was commented that many complaints were received last year that the noise and music did not cease until after 2am. A member of the public commented that they did not reach their target last year and did not sell out.

13/02094/FLL Kinross Curling: alterations, including recladding.

13/02024/FLL Land 30m north west of 23 Sunnypark: demolition of dwelling house and erection of six flatted units, formation of access, parking and upgrading of adjacent public road. Copy letter received from Kinross-shire Civic Trust objecting to this application on the grounds that it is out of

place with its surroundings, the proposal will increase the traffic and the visibility splays are currently poor. CCllr West asked if a resident from Sunnypark could make comment and from the gentleman's remarks and further discussion it was noted that one of the main concerns relates to the entrance/exit to the Heritage Trail and the access from the Muirs onto a narrow road. The Roads Department surveyed the road junction prior to the construction of the flats at Sunnypark. It was commented that the road is not signposted for access to the Heritage Trail. It was added that there is more of a problem with car parking when there is a funeral at the cemetery. There is no footpath along this narrow road – this would be up to the Roads Department and Planning Office. The Developer, Mr Wilson, answered that he was more than happy to discuss this and reach a solution. It was also mentioned that we could write to the Roads Department (John Thomson) with a request to assist in improving the entrance to the Heritage Trail and suggest a 20mph speed limit.

### Applications Approved by PKC

13/01645/ADV Bridgend Ind Estate: display of sign.

13/01736/FLL 90 Muirs: renewal of existing permission (10/00283/FLL) partial demolition of extension and erection of two storey extension.

13/01679/FLL Land 50 metres north west of Cruachan, Old Cleish Road: renewal of existing consent (10/01409/FLL) erection of a dwelling house and garage.

13/01702/ADV The Co-op: erection of illuminated totem.

13/01749/FLL Ivy Garden, Muirs: alterations, extension and change of use from bin/cycle store to form a dwelling house.

13/01965/FLL Former Blockbuster: change of use from retail (Class 1) to office (Class 2).

**Appeal:** High Street property opposite the Co-op. This was referred to the Appeal Tribunal following the application being refused under delegated powers. This was upheld for two dormer replacement windows.

**Travellers' sites:** Some discussion was held on this subject.

### Reports from Councillors

Cllr Giacomazzi advised that new generation Broadband provision was to be in place in 2015.

Cllr Cuthbert reported on the successful market in the Town Centre on 23 November.

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The Council Budget is to be held in February. Cllrs Barnacle and Cuthbert asked for ideas from CCs as to what should be funded by the Council. Cllr Barnacle added that funds cannot be transferred from revenue to capital and that he had consistently argued for the money to be allocated for the A977.

CCllr Jack raised two questions by email : (i) Dobbies are not allowed to touch the sign opposite their entrance on the A977. This sign has been damaged for some months and can the Council restore it to its normal position? (ii) The bridge at Burnbrae was damaged some years ago but still has not been repaired. CCllr Jack was advised early this year by the District Engineer's Office that the bridge would be repaired in the current financial year but to date there is no sign of repairs commencing. Cllr Giacomazzi will follow up on the sign and Cllr Barnacle the bridge.

#### Correspondence

**Library closures:** Meeting on 9 December to discuss change to library hours (complete closure on a Monday and reduced hours on a Saturday). This will also affect the Museum which will be closed if access to the library is denied. The library is also a popular resource for pupils. The CC were not consulted on this matter by the Council but heard this from a third party.

**Kirkgate Park signage:** To be located opposite the new toilet block. The sign will be similar to those used in other Council Parks. Asking for CC comment on text for the rear panel. CCllrs to look over signage and provide comment.

**Town centre regeneration:** Grant funding available for carrying out design charrettes. Programme will require to be completed and all grant monies paid out by March 2014, however may be extended to include the following financial year. It was suggested that the CC could take up a small project to improve Kinross. Upgrading to the War Memorial was suggested – at an earlier meeting it was commented that this requires sanding.

**Better Place To Live Fair:** To take place on 8 March 2014. Meeting to be held on 9 December; CCllr West attending.

**Junction 7 on M90:** Copy of letter and email to Keith Brown by Cllrs Robertson and Cuthbert suggesting upgrading. Asking for CC support.

**Baillies:** Request for support from Baillies in regard to the mains power supply which was damaged following the incident on 10 November. Timescale given for reinstating power supply is 4-6 weeks. Mr Wilson advised that this was now in hand.

**CC Workshop:** In May 2014. Two representatives from each CC in Kinross-shire are invited.

**Community Benefit:** Tom Wood advises that calculations have been carried out which indicate that the potential Community Benefit for Kinross CC may be £5,000 pa. Meeting to be held on 22 January. CCllr Wood will attend.

**Swansacre:** Variation Traffic Order - 20 mph speed limit and one-way system, Swansacre (between Piper Row and Swansacre) including speed table and crossing.

**Former Kinross High School site:** Stephen Kelso from Persimmon Homes replied to our queries as follows:

Frontage of the site: they intend to utilise the materials removed from the existing stone building to form a gateway feature walling into the development and have the entrance portion of the site as open space.

Education: This is something the Council would need to address if deemed an issue.

Parking: The will be fully compliant with the guidance from the Roads Department of the Council.

Open space: At this time they are unsure if it will be factored or adopted by the Council. The situation will be confirmed during their planning application and purification.

Boundary walls: The ownership may be mutual responsibility between the respective land-owners, however they are currently having this checked out by their solicitors.

Timescale: They are currently looking to start works in the first half of 2014, subject to all permissions being in place.

Type of properties: Two-storey housing.

#### Other business

**County Buildings/Light Up Kinross:** Due to imminent signing of the missives, LUK could not use the County Buildings for the switch on of the Christmas lights. The CC understands the premises are to be converted into a business centre. The cenotaph and area of garden in front of the County Buildings are not included in the sale. The mortuary is leased by LUK; no official notice to vacate has been received by LUK. A temporary pole was installed and cables run overhead to light up the tree. Council workmen cut through the cables at Gacé Gardens and the lights there had to be replaced at some expense. LUK will speak to PKC about recompense. A large crowd witnessed Tom Kitchin switch on the Christmas lights at the Church Centre on 3 December.

**Kinross-shire Partnership:** The Chairman attended a recent meeting in regard to economic development where a number of ideas that might help improve the economy of Kinross were raised. He will email the CCllrs a copy of this list and this subject will be added to the agenda for the February meeting.

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

#### Agenda for meeting on 5 February

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of interest
3. Police report
4. Presentation: town centre improvements (tbc)
5. Presentation: Green Hotel retirement apartments (tbc)
6. Minutes of meeting held on 4 December 2013
7. Matters arising from minutes of 4 December
8. Disbursement of funds
9. Future of Kinross buildings
10. Planning
  - a. Applications received including former High School site (Persimmon Homes) for 102 houses
  - b. Applications determined and other planning correspondence
11. Reports from P&K Councillors
12. Miscellaneous correspondence
13. Other competent business
14. Date of next meeting: 5 March 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](http://www.kinross.cc/cc.htm)**

## Milnathort Community Council

### News from the December Meeting

CCllr Hamilton, Chair, welcomed CCllrs Bennet, Cottingham, Halford, Pettinger, Smith and Thomson to the meeting held on 12 December 2013. Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs Giacopazzi and Robertson, and nine members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllr Milne-Home and from P&K Cllrs Barnacle and Cuthbert.

**Police matters:** PC Sadie Allan said there had been no reported crimes within the MCC area of interest during the previous month, but she stressed the continuing need for security and vigilance. (There had been thefts in rural Kinross-shire.) The Police were aware of continuing vehicle speeding problems in North Street and Burleigh Road and would be carrying out further checks.

In response to a query from the Chair about Police counter service in Kinross, PC Allan reported that the service was due to end in January 2014. She stressed that the 'yellow telephone' would still be available to members of the public, and that the police officers would continue to use the station facility and respond to calls at the front door if present.

A member of the public raised the issue of a paper delivery boy riding without lights whom he nearly struck with his car. He had raised the issue with a member of staff at Giacopazzi's, who has spoken to staff about the need for lights and also now provided yellow jackets for delivery staff. CCllr Thomson raised the issue of joggers wearing inappropriate dark clothing whilst running on local country roads, and stressed the need for all to wear appropriate clothing during darkness. PC Allan confirmed that it was illegal to ride bicycles without lights during darkness and undertook to approach local schools to raise awareness.

**Static home:** The PKC enforcement officer expects a retrospective application for the home at Mawcarse crossroads. Alternatively, it may be necessary for PKC to take enforcement action.

CCllr Thomson had attended a **Planning Users' Forum**, convened by Cllr Barnacle to discuss local issues such as: landscape designations, environmental planning, the local Plan and fracking, with local community council representatives. SEPA had been represented, and the meeting had been very positive.

**Planning applications:** The following were discussed:

13/02168/FLL: Extensions to form conservatory and porch, Hilton of Burleigh Lodge.

13/02107/FLM: Temporary change of use for one year to Class 11 (assembly and leisure) for purpose of holding music festival in 2014, Balado Park. This application was also associated with an application to extend the performance on the Saturday night for one hour, until 1am, which had been granted by PKC Licensing Committee on 12 December 2013. CCllr Smith had attended a meeting of the T in the Park local forum on 26 November, where it had emerged that the reason behind the application was to enable two 'headline acts' to perform in darkness. The official campsite would still close at 2am. He reported that the other CCs represented understood that each would support the application. From further discussion it emerged that the organisers, DF Concerts, had undertaken to take greater control of noise levels in 2014, and had offered to provide extra security stewards in Gallowhill Road to limit noise from festival-goers leaving the site at the later time.

**Planning applications determined:** The MCC noted that the following applications had been **approved**:

13/01660/FLL Erection of agricultural storage building (silage), Cuthill Towers Farm; 13/01709/FLL Erection of steel-framed general purpose agricultural building, Cuthill Towers Farm; 13/01839/FLL Alterations to dwelling house, 3 Linden Park; 13/01654/FLL Modification of existing consent (11/01896/FLL) change of house type at plots 1, 2 and 4, Netherhall Farm; 13/01903/FLL Erection of a double garage (partly in retrospect), Bramlea, 32A Linden Park Road; 13/01670/FLL Alterations to access and formation of road, 90m north west of Tayforth Machinery Ring, Glenfarg, for Forestry Commission; 13/02007/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house and formation of a wheelchair ramp, 26 Marshall Place.

The Chair noted that, despite the CC's advice to PKC that application 13/02007/FLL above should not be approved in its present form, PKC had chosen to approve it. The CC recorded its disappointment with the decision. Cllr Giacopazzi advised that he had asked PKC officials to provide justification for the approval.

The MCC also noted that the following application had been **refused**: 13/00814/FLL: Erection of football/ community pavilion, Donaldson Memorial Park. The CC recorded its support for sport locally, but felt that a facility more acceptable to neighbours would be more appropriate. The developer is interested in making a new application but has indicated that they would liaise with the community beforehand. This approach was welcomed by MCC.

**Road maintenance issues:** CCllr Cottingham reported that the dangerous roadway near Middleton Farm had further eroded, and was a serious danger to road users. The Chair has sent an email to Stuart D'All, PKC Roads, asking that the roadway be made safe. After discussion, both Cllr Robertson and Cllr Giacopazzi agreed to raise the issue with PKC senior officials.

**"The Ochil Hills – A Special Place"**: The CC discussed the study by Andrew Jamieson, and whether it should be accessed though a link from the MCC webpage. The CC concluded that a better option would be for a link to be provided from the Kinross-shire website, rather than directly from MCC pages.

### New Matters and Correspondence

**Bus shelter:** Approval received from the Kinross-shire Fund for the grant which the CC had applied for in support of a shelter at Cuthill Towers. The representative from Cuthill Towers thanked the CC for its support.

**Library:** CCllr Bennet raised her concerns that, following a letter to all [regular] library users informing them that from Spring 2014 the library would be closed on Mondays, the school pupils would be disadvantaged. Cllr Giacopazzi assured the CC that the pupils would still have access to library facilities on Mondays.

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**Water supply, Tillyrie:** Email received from a member of the public expressing concerns about the water supply for houses in the area of Tillyrie relating to the intended development at Athron Hall. A lengthy discussion ensued during which several members of the public voiced concerns. When planning permission was granted, it stipulated that mains water supply would be provided for the Athron Hall development. Cllr Giacopazzi undertook to further discuss this issue with PKC officials.

**Zebra crossing:** Email received from a member of the public reporting safety issues at the crossing in South Street, in particular the poor visibility to motorists of pedestrians waiting to cross. After a short discussion Cllr Robertson stated that he understood a new build out had been approved to improve safety of this crossing and agreed to discuss progress with PKC officials.

#### **Comments/Questions from the floor**

**Gritting:** A member of the public reported that although the road near Tillywhally had been gritted once in bad weather, there had been no further applications of grit during recent cold weather.

**Trees:** Cllr Smith raised an issue of a recent fallen tree in Donaldson Park due to high winds. Due to the possible danger to members of the public, he asked whether trees in Donaldson Park could be formally checked by experts as another tree had fallen as recently as January 2012 onto an adjacent property. Cllr Giacopazzi agreed to pursue this issue with PKC officials.

#### **Perth & Kinross Councillors' Comments**

Cllr Giacopazzi provided updates on the following:

- **Perth City Hall** demolition decision.
- **A recent audit report** had assessed that PKC was 'good' at constraining expenditure. PKC provided a surplus to generate 'headroom' to offset future cuts in grants. Cllr Robertson explained that new schools in PKC area had been built using private finance, and therefore showed up as a debt on the Council balance sheet. Cllr Bennet asked why local facilities, such as the community campus, were expensive for members of the community to hire. Cllr Giacopazzi explained that the level of fees were necessary to generate income and cover expenses.
- PKC was disappointed at the way the unification to achieve **Police Scotland** had been conducted and the Council intended to write to Police Scotland expressing its concerns, particularly the lack of consultation on the closure of public counters. A short discussion followed, during which members of the public expressed both dissatisfaction and satisfaction with responses they had received when contacting Police Scotland recently.
- **The footpath at Mawcarse Steading** should be extended between the crossroads and the junction as a condition of a recent development. PKC has requested that the work is completed by the developer by July 2014.

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#### **News from the January Meeting**

Cllr Hamilton, Chair, welcomed Cllrs Bennet, Cottingham, Halford, Milne-Home, Pettinger and Thomson to the meeting held on 9 January 2014. Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs Giacopazzi and Robertson, and four members of the public. Apologies were received from Cllr Smith and P&K Cllrs Barnacle and Cuthbert.

**Police matters:** PC Sadie Allan reported that recent crimes in the area had included the theft of a motor vehicle from Webster's builders yard, which had been recovered, and vandalism to windows in Linden Park Road (under enquiry). Since the last CC meeting, there have been several break-ins and attempts to break in to properties in Perth & Kinross, mainly to secluded or isolated properties. She asked that members of the public should report suspicious activity to the Police. In response to a query about the success of Police Scotland's festive season campaign, she had not seen any results yet, but results would be held centrally by the Police road safety department in Perth.

Cllr Robertson raised the issue of logging lorries using the minor roads from Stronachie towards, and then through Milnathort, driving at speeds which cause alarm to other road users and local residents. He reported that he had raised the issue with PKC officials, but had been advised that PKC could not restrict use of the road, unless a physical obstruction, such as a narrow bridge, was on the route. PC Allan advised that speed checks had been carried out in North Street, but not in the vicinity of the approach roads from Stronachie, and unless the lorries were exceeding the speed limits, the Police could not intervene. A member of the public reported that he had seen some of the laden lorries travelling along these roads without proper strapping of the logs onto the articulated trailer; he also advised that these lorries were causing damage to the roadside. After further discussion PC Allan agreed to pass on MCC's concerns to the relevant Police Department.

**Planning applications:** The CC noted the following outline planning application, but no objections were raised: 13/02363/IPL erection of a dwelling house (in principle), Blainthor Farm.

**Tillyrie turbine appeal:** Cllr Thomson reported that an appeal against PKC's decision to reject application 12/01756/FLL (erection of three wind turbines in the vicinity of Tillyrie Hill) had been rejected, partly through lack of support from residents of Milnathort. She said she was disappointed that the local residents had chosen not to take advantage of the opportunities which could arise from the development.

**Ongoing roads and lorry issues:** The Chair read out an email from Stuart D'All, PKC Roads, advising of various issues, including:

- PKC Roads budget is fully committed, so PKC will be restricted to making only safety repairs until a new budget is allocated in April 2014.
- The ditches alongside the road leading from Milnathort up to Stronachie will be cleared during the week commencing 13 January 2014.
- An official had checked the culvert at the Meikle Seggie crossroads and found that it was intact, but the adjacent farm field entrance would be sandbagged to prevent the water lying in the field (reported to be about 6 feet in depth) from draining into the road.

A lengthy discussion between the CC and members of the public followed. The following issues were discussed:

- Logging lorries causing damage to the road, particularly the edges, and roadside verges along the route from Stronachie through Milnathort;
- Particular damage at the Meikle Seggie crossroads;
- Blocked drains and culverts along the route, including damaged drain boxes;
- Disturbance to local residents, because lorries are operating from about 4.30am along the route;
- Potential damage to the Ballingall Bridge as lorries make the sharp turn from the Stirling Road.

The Chair summarised the discussion, emphasising that both PKC and the Police were not able to take action on the above. However, the following actions were agreed:

The CC would write to Stuart D'All, PKC, forwarding MCC's concerns about the issues above. Cllr Giacopazzi would raise these concerns at a meeting he has scheduled with Chic Haggart of PKC on 30 January. Cllr Robertson would ascertain any agreed routes which logging lorries should take.

**Library reduced opening hours:** Cllr Bennet raised the issue of forthcoming reduced library hours at the campus. There would be no service to the public on Mondays and Saturday opening hours would be reduced by two hours, resulting in a closing time of 1pm. She noted that parents of younger children had expressed their disappointment, as the library is used by many, provided a much needed service at weekends, and offered a safe and convenient place for parents to collect children after out of school activities. None of those who had spoken to her on the matter could recall being consulted by PKC about the curtailed library hours. The CC noted that the library hours restrictions would be applied across PKC to realise savings. Cllr Giacopazzi agreed to pass details (see below) of the PKC findings on library usage to the Chair. The Secretary agreed to write to Cllr Bob Band, Convenor of PKC Lifelong Learning Committee, expressing MCC's concerns.

*Post meeting note:* PKC commenced a review of 'Libraries and Cultural Venues' in November 2012 to ensure that services were remodelled to meet the changing needs and pattern of use of customers whilst maximising the opportunities of resources. The review also identified recommendations to achieve savings of £281,000 agreed by PKC in 2011.

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#### New Matters and Correspondence

**Free planning and renewable energy forum** for community councillors on 28 January in Edinburgh. The Chair asked CCllrs to consider attending if available.

**Workshop on planning** for the six CCs in Kinross-shire on 14 May. Two members of each CC are invited.

**Forest certification:** Letter from UPM TILHILL informing MCC that the Warroch Hill woodlands are currently being assessed for forest certification under the UK Woodland Assurance Standard and a management plan produced. The Standard requires that local people and relevant organisations are made aware when a forest is being evaluated and are able to engage with the manager. If anyone wishes to comment please contact: Bruce Spalding, Manager, UPM TILHILL, 1 Duckburn Park, Dunblane, FK15 0EW email: [bruce.spalding@upm.com](mailto:bruce.spalding@upm.com)

**Composting:** Letter from PKC's Waste Minimisation Officer. (See article on Home Composting project, p. 19.)

**LDP:** Letter from PKC giving notice of PKC's intention to adopt the P&K Local Development Plan (as Modified).

#### Perth & Kinross Councillors' Comments:

Cllr Robertson advised that PKC was aware of **street lights** in South Street, Mill Lade and Burleigh Road which were not functioning. He requested that members of the public should report any further defects via 'Clarence'.

He also advised that he had received a disappointing response from Keith Brown MSP to his letter requesting that **Junction 7** of M90 be upgraded to full grade separated junction. (See Cllr Robertson's column, p. 10.)

Cllr Robertson noted that the proposed 'build-out' at the **pedestrian crossing** in South Street had been approved by PKC, but a date had not yet been set for the work.

Cllr Giacopazzi had contacted Scottish Water about the **sewage problems** in Milnathort. The necessary work in the centre of the village and in Stirling Road had been allocated funding and work will begin by March 2014. He also reported that PKC intended to repair the **potholes** in the vicinity of Tillyrie.

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

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## Portmoak Community Council News from the December Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 10 December 2013 were: CCllrs M Strang Steel (Chair), R Cairncross (Secretary), R Williamson (Treasurer), B Calderwood and Tom Smith; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and J Giacopazzi; a member of the Police and 19 members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllr S Forde and P&K Cllrs D Cuthbert and W Robertson.

### Reports

**Police:** PC Sadie Allan reported. Key points: the matter of safety at Kilmagadwood junction had been referred to the RPU; there had been a theft of lead and copper building materials from a house under construction in Kilmagadwood; and speeding analyses at different points on the A911 were being evaluated.

Cllr Barnacle advised that PKC are, in light of the proposal to withdraw counter services, considering further discussions with Police Scotland.

**Planning:** The CC considered application 13/02054/FLL (alterations to layout of existing chalets (in retrospect) and erection of an additional chalet, Loch Leven Lodges, Kinross) and agreed not to object.

The CC reviewed application 13/01858/FLL (land east of Causeway Cottage, Scotlandwell, erection of a dwelling house and garage). The CC had objected to this application. Subsequent to the closure date for consultation, the CC had been advised direct from PKC of further information which constituted significant material change to the original application. It noted that this information had been backdated on the website to before the closing date. The CC confirmed that its objection would remain. It would write to PKC and advise them that in its view the correct course of action is to require the applicant to withdraw the application and resubmit it on the new basis, so that all interested parties would be given a proper opportunity to comment.

These decisions were unanimous.

The CC reviewed progress with the Kilmagadwood development (applications 10/00134/FLL, 13/00903/FLL, 13/01425/FLL and 13/01976/FLL, variation of Condition 8 of planning permission 8 of application 10/00134/FLL to improve the road junction with the A911). There were now further amendments to 13/01425/FLL which the CC would consider. Cllr Barnacle reported on a site meeting that he had convened in which residents of Kilmagadwood, the CC, Cllr Giacopazzi and PKC officials had participated. Concerns, primarily about the handling of the plans to improve safety at the junction, were aired. Cllr Barnacle opposed work continuing on the site until the work required to make the junction conform to the required safety standard had been carried out. The CC supported urgent implementation of the proposal to revise the junction. Application 13/01976/FLL, dealing with the improvements at the junction, would be taken forward by PKC in due course. It was also noted that PKC had apparently rejected an objection from a member of the public to application 13/01976/FLL on the grounds that it was one day late - a matter that was open to challenge.

The CC noted the following decision by PKC: 13/01465/FLL East Newhall Cottage, Kinross: Formation of agricultural field access (for TRACKS). Consent granted.

**Local Development Plan:** The CC is considering the decisions of the Government Reporters made in respect of the draft LDP, focussing on implications for Portmoak.

**Developer contributions:** Progress continues to be slow in securing the funds due for trees at The Green in Scotlandwell

(£400). Cllr Giacopazzi confirmed that he had been told by the relevant officer that the funds had been paid. There was some doubt as to whether they had been received by Scotlandwell in Bloom and the Cllr would follow this up. Cllr Cuthbert is exploring: the eligibility of Portmoak Primary School for a recent local developer educational contribution (£12,750); and the loss of developer contribution support for post-excavation archaeological work on 23 Bronze Age urns retrieved at the development site at Kilmagadwood (£30,000). An interim response had been received from PKC.

**Snow:** There is a concern that, without more targeted support, the access to Glenlond from the A911 could be compromised in heavy snow. It had not been possible to recruit local farmers to the formal PKC scheme which complemented routine road clearing.

**Paths:** CCllr Smith reported: there was a need to cut back the growth on the footpath alongside the A911 leading from the Church to Scotlandwell. As the path is a part of the road this is really a matter for PKC roads department, but self-help may be a more effective option. The CC wish to re-convene the "Paths sub-group." There is an interesting and challenging programme of work here. PKC are supportive and would provide advice. Anyone interested in joining the paths group should contact Tom Smith.

**Access at Grahamstone:** Residents confirmed that some walkers, including those exercising their dogs, had found that their regular access from the Portmoak Moss onto the lands of Grahamstone had been curtailed by the person or persons with shooting rights over the property. There had been an altercation and what were perceived as intimidating signs erected. Having heard the concerns the Chairman undertook, as a first step, to discuss the matter with the landowner. He asked that those involved in the incidents should contact him to give him full details of what had occurred before the meeting took place.

**Kinross-shire CC Network:** A meeting was held on 20 November with representation from Portmoak CC. It covered:

- Landscape designation: There was little prospect of the Kinross Basin becoming a National Scenic Area;
- New planning procedures in relation to drainage within the Loch Leven catchment area: These are to be regulated primarily by SEPA and underpin mitigation of phosphorus discharges;
- Fracking: The current PKC policy position on this was noted; and
- Access to the M90 to and from the south at the Milnathort junction: There were advantages in pursuing this in connection with the CC's attempts to reduce heavy traffic on the A911 and the CC determined to write to Keith Brown MSP, Minister for Transport, in support of the proposal. All four ward Cllrs had already done so.

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**Supporting the role of CCs:** With the support of Fossoway & District CC, PKC propose a training session in the spring for representatives from the CCs of Kinross-shire.

#### Reports by P&K Councillors

Cllr Barnacle reported that there was a fund of £100,000 available to support the bringing of currently **unadopted roads** up to adoption standard.

Cllr Giacopazzi reported that **improved broadband** could be anticipated in due course. Most residents present confirmed that they were handicapped by what was regarded as poor broadband speed.

#### News from the January Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 14 January 2014 were: CCllrs M Strang Steel, R Cairncross, R Williamson, B Calderwood, S Forde and T Smith; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, D Cuthbert and J Giacopazzi; two members of the Police; a representatives from TRACKS and six members of the public. Apologies were received from P&K Cllr Robertson.

**Invitation for new members:** The CC would welcome interest from any resident of Portmoak over the age of 18 years who might wish to join the Council. Interest in the position of Minute Secretary would also be welcome. Please contact the Secretary on 01592 840672 or any member of the CC.

**Donation of trees from Scottish Woodland Trust:** Almost all trees had now been spoken for. If there is interest in the remainder, please contact Tom Smith on 01592 841160.

**Memorial bench (MBW):** Arrangements are in hand.

**Access at Grahamstone:** The Chairman had met with the new owner and had explained concerns about inappropriate notices and threats made to walkers. The shooting had been let to a tenant who lived on site. It was noted that there had been one instance of dogs worrying sheep. The owner had agreed to consider model advisory notices and their usage.

**Living Lomonds Partnership Project (LLPP):** Representatives of LLPP were unable to attend on this occasion but a Board Member, George Lawrie, explained that the Project had recently won an award of £1.8M for a three-year programme of work. Of interest to Portmoak would be: i) support for core paths on the top of the Lomonds to include fencing and self-closing gates; ii) a path from Vane Farm over Benarty towards Lochgelly; and the possibility of iii) in due course, a path across the Glebe close to the Church leading to The Green.

**Path between Wester and Easter Balgedie:** George Lawrie (TRACKS) reported that, with the agreement of landowners, he would be seeking planning approval for the path along the east side of the A911 this week. If planning consent is granted, the intention is to commence construction during March. The overall cost approximates to £100,000 with almost all funding coming from two charities: SUSTRANS and SITA Trust. The Council warmly welcomed the progress made and thanked Mr Lawrie for his significant contribution.

**Lomond Inn Kinnesswood:** The CC noted concerns of a resident that unauthorised parking could constitute a risk to the security of the site. It was mindful of the need for access to recycling and composting provisions. The position would be monitored but it was agreed that at present no action should be taken. The CC would contact the owner to advise him of its interest in seeing that the recycling facility was retained in position.

**Projects and the "Unpaid Work Team":** The CC noted the invitation from the "Team" who are seeking suitable projects, big or small, where free labour would benefit the local community. Local community organisations were encouraged to seek assistance.

#### Reports

**Police:** PC Douglas Stapleton was welcomed to his first meeting and presented the Police Report. Key points included: interference with a horse by pleating its mane which could signal adverse consequences; and a burned-out caravan in Kinnesswood. Enquires were on-going. The public should be alert to gangs of eastern Europeans working in the Tayside area: outbuildings should be secured and, if there is suspicious activity, the police notified and the number of any associated vehicle recorded.

**Treasurer:** As at the end of December 2013 a balance of £650.85 in the General Account and £770.97 in the Michael Bruce Way Account giving a total of £1,421.82.

#### Planning

The CC considered 13/02240/FLL (erection of viewing structure, Loch Leven Heritage Trail) and agreed not to object.

The CC considered 13/02250/FLL (change of house type on plots 8, 9 and 10 site west of Main Street Scotlandwell) and agreed to comment. Confirmation of the path leading from the Development through these plots and into The Green would be sought.

These decisions were unanimous.

The CC noted there had been no progress with application 13/01858/FLL (land east of Causeway Cottage, Scotlandwell, erection of a dwelling house and garage).

The CC noted that in respect to the planning applications at Kilmagadwood (including revision of the junction) decisions were now pending.

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**Local Development Plan:** The LDP is now in its final stages and should be confirmed and circulated shortly.

**Developer contributions:** Confirmation of the funding due for trees at The Green in Scotlandwell (£400) is still being pursued (Cllr Giacomazzi). Eligibility of Portmoak Primary School for a recent local developer educational contribution (£12,750) and the loss of developer contribution support for post-excavation archaeological work on 23 Bronze Age urns retrieved at the development site at Kilmagadwood (£30,000) continue to be investigated by Cllr Cuthbert. Concern was expressed by all at the lack of information as to how developer contributions are distributed.

**Roads:** CCllr Calderwood circulated a revised "Summary Road Report" for Portmoak. It had had been received by PKC and was being used by both Ward Councillors and officials. The Report would be considered further along with a complementary report from Daryl McKeown, PKC Road Safety Officer. Of some urgency were:

- Maintenance of build-out bollards: Replacement of deficient reflective surfaces and failed illumination. Some work on the reflective surfaces had been carried out but lights in two bollards remained non-functioning.
- The Gullet Bridge: Loss of reflective warning signs rendering the bridge approach dangerous. This was in hand with the likelihood of new signs being installed shortly.
- Grit Bins: There was an urgent need for grit bins at the new junction of Kilmagadwood to the A911 and at Bishop Terrace. PKC was not disposed to provide new bins but offered to resite the bin at Whitecraigs. The CC agreed that this proposal should be proceeded with, noting that there may be objections from the residents of Whitecraigs which should be addressed to the PKC roads department.
- Paths: CCllr Smith reported that a first meeting for those interested in participating in the "Paths Group" would be held on 21 January. Anyone interested in joining the group should contact him on 01592 841160.

**Reports by P&K Councillors:** Council budget preparation was underway.

**Heritage Trail:** George Lawrie reported that 95% of the route around Loch Leven was now ready and that, with the installation of a bridge over the Gairney due shortly, the Trail would be completed in March. A formal opening would occur sometime in the late spring.

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

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## Fossoway & District CC

### News from the December Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 3 December 2013 were: CCllrs S Morrison, K Borthwick, A Lavery, T Duffy-Wigman, S Anderson and A Cheape; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, J Giacomazzi, D Cuthbert and seven Members of the Public (MoP). Apologies were received from G Pye, R Paterson and P&K Cllr W Robertson.

**Co-option:** Graham Pye has now been approved by PKC, and the CC now formally adopt him.

**Declarations of interest:** None.

**Community Policing:** Report received too late for meeting. Theft from insecure motor vehicle – under investigation.

**Minutes of the previous meeting:** Amendment: The meeting discussed the wind turbine application of Hilton of Aldie stating that it was outside the CC area. It is, in fact, within our area. There was also discussion and clarification of the CC's position on wind turbine applications.

**Travellers' site, Crook Moss:** The application was approved with a number of conditions with timescales for their implementation. The process now moves from planning to enforcement. The enforcement officer has to check on progress and if they think it appropriate they can extend the timescales for implementation. In any event a notice of enforcement has to be issued and the recipient has 28 days to comply. There was considerable discussion on this item and a general feeling from those present that the council did not have a good record on robust enforcement.

**CC Business:** Two communications from MoP. One communication was regarding the excessive generator noise, and the other stating that development work, not covered by the planning permission, was taking place at the site.

**Bus Investment Fund** application has been approved.

**Waulkmill Play Park:** The CC submitted a form to the council with suggestions. It is hoped that interested parties such as the PTA, village hall, toddlers' group etc, could get together to discuss funding and improvements.

**Meetings Attended: KCCN.** Alastair reported on the removal of section 75 in the Loch Leven catchment area. He also reported on the possible non-conventional gas extraction and the exploitable deep coal extraction in the Loch Leven area. The AGLV policies are to finish in February.

**T in the Park** didn't sell out this year, so next year the organisers have requested an extension to the Saturday licence to accommodate a famous headline act until 1am. It was agreed that the CC should not object.

Angus reported on the **Kinross-shire Fund**. It has, over the years, shrunk from £40,000 to £15,000, which is insufficient considering the adverse effect that T in the Park has on local businesses.

Sandy reported on the **Planning Users' Forum**.

### Reports by P&K Councillors

**Cllr Giacomazzi** updated the CC on the implications of unconventional gas extraction from coal deposits and the protest in Airth.

**Cllr Cuthbert** commented on a possible under-spend of the council. He also reported on the Christmas Market in Kinross which was well attended.

**Cllr Barnacle** suggested that the CC should not seek to make any changes to the local plan and accept what the Reporter had said. Mike also stated he would like to see more money spent on the A977. He is also going to attend a meeting in the village hall to discuss local paths and their maintenance.

**Cllr Robertson** has written to Keith Brown seeking an upgrade to the junction 7 on the M90 to give full access to the motorway in both directions. After vigorous discussion it was agreed that the CC should write in support of this proposal.

#### Planning

Kevin reported on the Kincardine to Blairingone overhead power line upgrade. Although it is expected to provide little visual impact, it is hoped that reinstatement of any damage to fields will be forthcoming, and the CC would write to the appropriate body to ask them to commit to reasonable reinstatement.

Ken Thompson is lobbying PKC on the Reporter's decision to allow only 30 houses in Powmill. He feels this reduced number would not allow for infrastructure improvements.

**13/01612/IPL** Erection of a dwelling house, land 300m north east of former Craigend Farm, Powmil. The CC had no knowledge of this application.

**13/02117/IPL** Reject, as contrary to policy 48 of KALP and proposed policy PM4 of PLDP.

**13/02088/FLL** No Community Council comment.

**13/01926/FLL** No Community Council comment.

**Correspondence:** all available for reading.

**Other business:** Trudy told the CC that the High School was planning a change to the school hours. They would have a longer day for 4 days and have a ½ day off. She also said that the library was going to shut on a Monday and earlier on a Saturday to save money. She feels the Monday closure was harmful to the school children who use the library. It was agreed that Monday closure to school children was not appropriate and the CC and local Councillors would take this up with PKC.

#### News from the January Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 7 January 2014 were: CCllrs S Morrison, K Borthwick, A Lavery, T Duffy-Wigman, A Cheape, G Pye; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, D Cuthbert and W Robertson and seven Members of the Public (MoP). Apologies were received from CCllr R Paterson and P&K Cllr J Giacomazzi.

**Declarations of interest:** None.

**Community Policing:** Report was not received. Cllr Barnacle met with Inspector Sangster, the Convenor of Safety, and Cllr Giacomazzi to discuss the proposed counter closures, however no reassurance was given that there may not be any further reductions in police numbers in Kinross. The CC will write to the Police authority and seek reassurance about this, and also to request that the area report is always received in time for this meeting if the Community Officer is unable to be present.

**Rumbling Bridge Hydro scheme:** The application has been approved. Hugh Wallace will attend the next meeting to give an update. Although there were representations from local residents at the DMC, local councillors thought that this was a worthwhile scheme and voted in favour of it. Alastair had previously complained to PKC that this CC's comments had not been included in the planner's report, and as a result the convenor presented our comments at the start of the DMC meeting.

**Blairingone War Memorial:** The wall at the rear of the cemetery was partly demolished during the recent storms, which may mean that the memorial has to be moved to a different place.

**Travellers' site at Crook Moss:** The CC is waiting for a date when the enforcement action will take place, as the conditions are due to be met in early January. Cllr Barnacle intended to take this up, as the travellers' representative had confirmed his client was keen to meet all the conditions within three months. The CC will remind PKC of the timescales. There was extensive discussion amongst all present about the proliferation of traveller sites in Kinross, and how they seem not to be handled in the same way as normal applications. MoP asks for definition of a traveller – it's self-defining, as long as an applicant can convince council officials of their status.

**Glenquey Quarry:** The next DMC meeting that could include this application is 19 February.

**Glendevon pollution incident:** The CC will contact SEPA again to determine when a result is likely to be published once the legal proceedings are completed.

**Community Workshops:** The workshops are planned for 18 March in Powmill and 25 March in Blairingone. More details to follow when available. The CC has responded to an email from PKC that had suggested postponing the Powmill workshop, saying that it should go ahead as planned.

**Community Speed Watch:** Cllr Robertson reports that a business case is being put forward by PKC to fund a Police-based post. A decision will be available in the next couple of months, and it's widely supported. There was some discussion about the 40mph limits on the new Green Routes, which are thought to be too high.

**Bus Investment Fund:** Cllr Barnacle reports that there is interest from Clacks in this scheme too. Local Cllrs will seek information about the progress of this scheme for the next meeting.

#### Reports by Perth & Kinross Councillors

**Cllr Cuthbert:** M90 Junction 7 upgrade is supported by all four local councillors. It has been suggested by the Scottish Government that this should be financed by planning gains from local applications, but Nick Brian says this is unlikely to be feasible. Cllr Robertson notes that as it concerns the M90 it should be financed by the Scottish Government, and he has replied to that effect. However there is an intention to include this in the next PKC roads review. MoP asks when the passing places required as a condition of the development at Easter Muirhead Equestrian Centre will be constructed – Cllr Cuthbert will contact the Enforcement Officer.

**Cllr Barnacle:** The LDP has now been approved, and in the main the final result after the Reporter's changes is reasonable. However there seems to be a flaw in the democratic process since the Councillors have no opportunity to comment on the Reporter's changes. Cllr Barnacle has written to Andy Clegg about cessation of maintenance of the St Serf's Road, Crook of Devon footpath, and this will be

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looked at again. Naemoor Road to River Devon footpath work has now been done, although minor flooding issues that have now become apparent are still to be addressed.

**Cllr Robertson:** Perth City Hall is proposed to be demolished at a cost of £3.5 million since there was no viable plan for its future use. The £40 million re-development of the Perth Theatre is mostly financed by the Gannochy Trust, which might impact other projects that have been funded by this trust in the past. MoP asks about A91 drain blockage, Cllr Robertson will ask for it to be investigated.

**Cllr Giacopazzi** was not present, but he had reported that Loch Leven Community library opening hours had been [would be] reduced due to finance cuts which were implemented without any local consultation. School children will still be able to access library facilities during the Monday closure. In spite of these cuts, the opening hours are still longer than they were before the campus was opened. More resources will be directed towards mobile libraries. Cllr Barnacle hopes that something can be included in this year's financial plans to address this problem.

#### Planning

**13/02195/FLL** Extension to dwelling house, Mutehill, Powmill, Dollar. No CC comment.

**07/00555/FLL** Plot 5A Powmill has been withdrawn.

SP Power Systems have confirmed that the upgrade to the overhead power line between Kincardine and Blairingone does only consist of replacing the insulators with new ones to suit the higher voltage of the line, and the existing towers will be retained. Detailed plans for consultation with, and compensation of, affected landowners are in place.

Cllr Barnacle reports that he is still requesting a site meeting with Nick Brian at Lambhill wood chip plant, and this has now been promised for February. It was agreed a pre-meeting should take place before the site meeting. Cllr Barnacle to organise. John Anderson has had a meeting with Gordon Banks MP and PKC's planning department at which it was shown that the legal precedent used to permit this development is not relevant in this case. The SEPA officer will also re-examine the site in the next few weeks.

Cllr Barnacle notes that the planning conditions for several items of the Braehead site at Rumbling Bridge have still not been done, even though they were promised by the end of December. The enforcement officer will visit shortly.

**Correspondence:** Kevin went through the correspondence which was all available for reading.

Details and booking form are available for the Better Place to Live Fair on 8 March.

#### Other Business

**PKC Criminal Justice:** Application forms for work to be carried out by people on Community Service Orders have been received. Suggestions for work to be done under this scheme are welcome. The CC will ask the responsible officer to attend this meeting and explain the type of work that can be done.

**Blairingone Notice Board:** This suffered severe damage during the December storms. Repairs will take place in the next few weeks; meanwhile it will not be possible to add any new notices to it, and most notices previously posted have been lost.

#### Draft Agenda for Next CC Meeting

Welcome and Apologies. Declarations of Interest. Community Policing. Minutes of last meeting. Matters arising: Rumbling Bridge Hydro Scheme, Blairingone War Memorial, Crook of Devon Church Car Park, Travellers' Site Crook Moss, Glenquey Quarry, Community Workshops, Speed Watch, Bus investment Fund, Waulkmill Play park. CC Meetings Attended. P&K Councillors' Reports. Planning Applications. Correspondence. AOCB.

**The Next Meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place on Tuesday 4 February 2014 at 7.30pm in Fossoway Primary School. All welcome!**

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## Cleish & Blairadam CC

### News from the December Meeting

The meeting on 2 December 2013 was attended by seven CCllrs, Cllr M Barnacle, Fran Gillespie and four members of the public. There were apologies from Ron Kitchin, Cllrs D Cuthbert and W Robertson and the police. CCllr F MacGregor chaired the meeting.

**The cemetery road** in Cleish has had a temporary repair to the surface. Fred Whalley's help was acknowledged.

**Police matters:** A horsebox was stolen west of Cleish in the middle of the day.

A review of the front counter service is being undertaken. Cllr Barnacle reported that the independent councillors met with senior Police Officers. He was concerned that this consultation was looking at closing counters as opposed to considering the alternatives. The perception is that this is a precursor to actual station closure in Kinross.

### Correspondence

- Letter from PKC regarding three dwelling houses at Nivingston (09/001154/FLL). This was a 2009 application that has just now been approved.
- Also notified that the application for four dwelling houses on Site 5B, Kelybridge has been withdrawn, but only because another application has been submitted.

**Website:** There has been an increase in use in previous archives of old newsletters. Links for planning applications are to be put onto the site.

**Christmas lights:** Blairadam have requested funds for new batteries for the Christmas lights.

**Wind turbines:** The Outh Muir consultation ends this week. Blairadam is expected to be submitted in the following week. Patty Fraser attended the Outh Muir liaison meeting, and was asked if Cleish and Blairadam communities would be happy with 15% of the Communities Fund. This was put to a vote and it was agreed should the situation arise.

### Report from Blairadam

**The lamp-post** bulbs keep blowing, but are being replaced when reported, so please keep reporting.

**The road surface** by Blairfordell Farm is starting to sink and deteriorate.

Cllr Barnacle reported that local members meet with **Road Service** officers monthly (but will become bi-monthly). It would be good to have a list of current issues that can be passed on at these meetings. Please report any issues to both Patty Fraser and Cllr Barnacle.

**A caravan** that was abandoned and burnt at Kinnair has resulted in damaged road surface.

There has been a report of kerb crawling in Kely and again in Maryburgh that was reported to the Police.

**A skip** has been moved from the front of a house to the rear by the unadopted road up to Blairadam Forest. This is thought to be a temporary situation during building works, but there have been reports from local residents concerned about waste blowing out of the skip and littering the area. Nigel Robertson will speak to the land-owner.

### Planning

Two previous applications have been approved: extension at Boreland Farm Cottage and the agricultural shed at Millwood.

### New applications

**Plot 1, Beauford Cottage, Cleish.** This is a similar design to that of Plot 2 which has already been discussed and accepted to be a good design.

Dwelling house, 50m SE to Woodlands, Nivingston. Wood cladded, low profile design. There haven't been any concerns raised by neighbours.

**27 Mains St, Kely** (known locally as Plot 5B). This has been resubmitted with two houses proposed rather than the previous four. Cllr Barnacle commented that the current old Policy 90 was designed to give a presumption against development at this site. This Policy has now been directly replaced in the new Plan. Reporters have ruled on the proposed new Plan, adding a new Policy that is relevant here (PM4 – settlement boundaries). This new Policy does not permit development except within a settlement boundary. As the boundary has changed in the New Plan, there is going to again be a presumption *against* development at this site. The CC will object again to this new application; seven previous applications at the site have all been refused, the Reporter has twice refused and so it has to be questioned why the Planning Dept doesn't give stronger negative feedback to the developers.

The community aspirations for using the land has been present for a considerable time. Scottish Land Fund should be explored further to assist in community buyout of the land.

### Other business

Cllr Barnacle said the Local Plan Reporters' findings have been summarised in the Kinross Newsletter. On the whole he is pleased. There are potential issues with regard to windfarms, landscape designation (losing the current AGLV) and the Loch Leven catchment area (whilst the Council are scrapping the Section 75 legal requirements, this hasn't yet been agreed by SEPA). These matters were discussed at recent Kinross-shire Community Network meeting, which did not have a representative from Cleish & Blairadam.

There is also to be a budget debate soon. The independent members are discussing what savings are not thought to be suitable.

**The Next Meeting of Cleish & Blairadam CC will take place on Monday 3 February 2014 at Cleish Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.**

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

## Kinross and District Art Club



The Club AGM was held on 3 December, with some changes to the committee. Standing down as Treasurer, Margaret-Elspeth Harman was thanked for the impeccable way in which she has managed the club's finances and contributed to the overall management of the club. The new committee and supporting members who will carry our key jobs for the club, are as follows:

**Committee:** President: Doug Hague. Vice-President and Secretary: Glenys Andrews. Treasurer: Angela Walter. Membership Secretary: Sybil Galbraith. Professional Adviser: Tom Sutton-Smith. Members: Mags Gray and Alice Mee. **Club Roles:** Accommodation Convener: John Green. Exhibition Co-ordinator: David Cochrane. Learning Resources Co-ordinator: Archie Scott. Outdoor Painting Co-ordinator: John Tydeman.

Outgoing and incoming Presidents, Glenys and Doug are pictured at The Kirklands, where the club members enjoyed an excellent Christmas lunch.



*Incoming and outgoing KADAC Presidents, Doug Hague and Glenys Andrews*

The club has had a busy and productive year, topped by donating some paintings to the High School's Charity Auction for Mary's Meals in December, which raised over £1000. The club's contribution to that was £367 raised from the sale of our paintings.

Club sessions began again on Tuesday 7 January. If you are interested in joining us, pop along to any of our sessions at The Millbridge Hall from 2pm-4pm on Tuesdays and Fridays. **More information about the club is on our web site at [www.kadac.co.uk](http://www.kadac.co.uk) or you can ring Glenys on 07702 572664.**

## Kinross-shire Day Centre

The committee, staff, volunteers and service users of Kinross-shire Day Centre are extremely grateful to Lloyds Banking Group and everyone who supported our application to the bank's Community Fund. The Day Centre received 32% of the Perth and Kinross votes cast online, by phone and in the branches, resulting in an award of £3000 towards the work of the Day Centre.

## Light Up Kinross

The Light Up Kinross committee would like to convey their sincere thanks to all who assisted in the switch on of the Christmas lights on 2 December, with particular mention to Tom Kitchin, Purvis Plant Hire, Nan Cook, Kinross Police, Kinross Pipe Band, The Kilted Tree Company, Santa, Rotary Club, Round Table, Kinross Parish Church, Dobbies, Sainsbury's And The Co-operative.

Our gratitude also to the local businesses who have contributed once again to the Light Up Kinross funds: Kinross Guides, Adam Neilson, Andersons LLP, Kirklands Hotel, S M Bayne, Stewart Funeral Directors, Todd & Duncan, TSB, Smith Street Motors, A Country Affair and Little Gems.

Light Up Kinross rely solely on the generosity of the local businesses and public and our own fundraising to provide the monies to fund the light up each year. There is still time for local businesses and members of the public,

should they wish, to contribute towards the fund. Any monetary donations can be handed in to Margaret Scott at Macbeth Currie's Office at 62 High Street, Kinross (cheques payable to Light Up Kinross).

Again, many thanks to all who contributed and assisted Light Up Kinross in their efforts last year. Should anyone have an interest in joining the committee or offering any assistance, please contact Margaret Scott on [mbs21@btinternet.com](mailto:mbs21@btinternet.com) or Kinross 862945.

Have a good 2014.



*Celebrity chef Tom Kitchin switched on the Christmas lights  
Photo: Eileen Thomas*

## Kinross Camera Club

[www.kinrosscameraclub.org.uk](http://www.kinrosscameraclub.org.uk)



The club has continued to enjoy a varied programme of speakers and competitions. A recent highlight was visiting speaker Joan Roy from Dundee Photographic Society who gave a talk on audiovisual presentations. Members were treated to some stunning photographic sequences with carefully chosen music. This talk was in advance of Kinross Camera Club's first "audiovisual" competition and provided some great inspiration and tips.

If you are interested in finding out more about the club, please visit our website or contact [sallyroberts100@hotmail.com](mailto:sallyroberts100@hotmail.com)

## Kinross Pipe Band

We are currently all learning the sets for the 2014 season, so if you are a piper or drummer in the local area looking for a band to join, then now is a great time! Believe it or not in 2013 Kinross was officially the busiest single competing pipe band in the whole of the UK and Ireland! In the results area on the RSPBA website ([www.rspba.org](http://www.rspba.org)) bands are now displayed showing their total number of competing performances over the year, and with some 29 performances under our belt (from 13 contests in total) only five band names in the country had more entries than Kinross - all of whom had more than one band competing under the same name, but in different grades. So as just a single (Grade 4A) pipe band, no other band in the country (from any grade) did more than us!

Over the winter months we tend to concentrate more on solo competitions, and we have had some healthy entries to recent events. Results from our two main local contests recently are summarised in the table below. Congratulations to all competitors who took part, and in particular all those who were placed!

### Dundee, Perth & Angus Branch Solos, end November, Dundee

Derek Sneddon (13) 6th place, Chanter; Alasdair Bennet (14) 3rd place, 18 and under Novice Piping, 5th place, Piping 18 and under March; Nigel Kellett (45) 1st place, Piping Over 18 March; James Roger (15) 6th place, Piping 18 and under March, Strathspey and Reel, 5th place, 18 and under Jig; Cameron Roger (11) 2nd place, 18 and under Novice Drumming; Sophie Bryson (11) 4th place, 18 and under Novice Drumming; Cameron Roger (11) 2nd place,



Drumming 18 and under March; Alexander Cox (16) 2nd place, Drumming 18 and under March, Strathspey and Reel.

### Vale of Atholl Solos January, Pitlochry

Ross Wyllie (9) 3rd place, 9 and under Chanter; Max Crawford (12) 6th place, 10 – 12 years Chanter; Alasdair Bennet (14) 5th place, Novice Piping; Douglas Mair (14) 5th place, Piping 13 – 15 years March, 3rd place, Piping 13 – 15 years Jig; Sophie Bryson (11) 6th place, Novice Drumming; Alexander Cox (16) 6th place, Drumming under 18 March, Strathspey and Reel.

We will also be fielding entries to the Perthshire Music Festival **Perform in Perth on Friday 14 March**, and after that we will be back into Band competitions with the first event, the **Lothian and Borders Mini-Bands contest**, taking place on **Saturday 29 March**.

The Band will be opening the **Better Place to Live Fair** at the Community Campus on **Saturday 8 March**, and otherwise from a local perspective, we will be working hard again to make a success of the 3rd Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest which will take place this year on **Saturday 10 May**, and will once again be combined with the Half Marathon and the Feel Good Fair. We aim to have a Pipe Band Street March again this year, playing the runners off from the bottom end of town at 1.00pm, and then marching up the High Street, hopefully as far as the Co-op. But all of this is hugely dependent on the support of local businesses to contribute towards the prize fund and running costs, so please be generous when we come round requesting sponsorship/programme advertising again this year!

As usual, for any queries or information please contact Nigel on 07801 182283 or email [nigel.kellett@talktalk.net](mailto:nigel.kellett@talktalk.net)

## Boys Brigade

It has been a busy period for the members of Kinross BB. The entire Company of Anchors, Juniors and Seniors enjoyed their pre-Christmas visit to the Pinocchio pantomime at Dunfermline.

Prior to this, the Company took part in the Battalion Swimming Gala at Perth Leisure Pool, winning the Pullar Inkstand once again for the four by two length relay competition and sharing the best overall swimmer award (Norie-Miller Shield), with Jack Watson finishing first equal. The Company also won the best team for the most points scored overall.

The Company badminton and table tennis teams have won through to the national quarter-finals and the draw should see the teams play before the end of February to see who reaches the semi-finals.

The next Battalion competition is the under 15 five-a-side football at Bell's Sports Centre. This is followed by the Battalion Chess competition at the end of January.

Also coming up in the near future are the Battalion drill competition and midnight hike.

The Company volleyball teams continue to compete fortnightly in the Perth District Recreational League with the BB team still in contention to retain the league championship trophy.

Plans are fairly advanced for this summer's camp to Perth's twin town of Aschaffenburg.



## Kinross and District Town Twinning Association



The association is linking with neighbouring Dollar for shared activities over the coming months.

Dollar has been twinned with La Ville aux Dames in the Loire Valley for over 30 years.

This joint approach to promote Twinning has the aim of sharing ideas and perhaps even participating in joint future exchanges.

A Fête des Rois was held in Dollar in mid January to everyone's delight and amusement.

Drawing inspiration from Dollar's twin town, La Ville aux Dames, the town's twinning group organised a Fête des Rois - a traditional 'Twelfth Night' event which is celebrated all over France. During the evening, guests sample a 'galette des rois' - a delicious almond gâteau. The cake traditionally has a favour - in the shape of a king - concealed in it and the person lucky enough to find it was crowned king for the evening. The Dollar group has adapted this tradition slightly - by crowning a king and a queen, who then headed up two teams to compete in various fun games.

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## Milnathort and Kinross Allotment Association

Fifteen months ago, a group of friends decided they wanted to grow some vegetables. Frustrated by the fact that there were no allotments close to Kinross and Milnathort, they set about providing some. Now, thanks to the hard work and dedication of the committee, their vision is about to come to life. The picture shows work being carried out to prepare the long abandoned plot and make it suitable for producing fruit and vegetables. Weather permitting, plot holders will be able to get onto the ground on the first of February.



*After much hard work, the allotments should be ready for use at the beginning of February*

The group have plans to also turn this into a community facility, with sections for children's plots as well as raised beds where elderly and disabled gardeners can enjoy the benefits of being in the fresh air and growing produce. A modest programme of training events is planned for the 'community hut' which will also become home to Dobbies 'Little Seedlings' club. It is also hoped that, in time, there might be a community orchard, and a wild flower meadow to help support wildlife, including those all-important pollinating insects.

The group would like to express their thanks to the various funding bodies who have helped the project to fruition: Climate Change Challenge, Awards for All, Kinross-shire Fund, Kinross Newsletter, CSV Action Earth, Woodland Trust Scotland, Foundation Scotland.

If you would like to know more, please go to: [www.milnathortandkinrossallotments.org](http://www.milnathortandkinrossallotments.org)



## Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



The annual Christmas event was a splendid lunch on 15 December. The food was cooked by members who, each year, provide mouthwatering dishes. The venue was most comfortable and we had all the facilities we could possibly want plus the very helpful staff of Milnathort Bowling Club. Our small band of volunteers set an elegant table, thought up games and quizzes to keep us entertained and organised the whole afternoon so that a most enjoyable time was had by all.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 12 February at 7.30pm.

## Kinross-shire Round Table



2013 has been another busy year for Kinross-shire Round Table; the past six months have seen some of our best events, so far.

September saw the seventh annual Beer Festival, held over two nights at a new venue, Backstage at the Green, with over 20 beers, ales, and ciders available to sample, two bands performing and a pub quiz. A great time was had by over 500 people. Over £4,000 was raised for charity. The event was organised splendidly by Paul Murray and Niall Dewar. A big thanks also goes to the Kinross-shire Ladies Circle who helped "man" the bar and organise the raffle, on the Saturday night. This is becoming one of the highlights of the Kinross-shire social calendar; next year promises to be even better.

During December the annual Dragons' Den event took place. On the night, over £10,000 was distributed, with eight local organisations and charities presenting to our panel of Dragons. Thanks to Pamela Thompson and Jamie Montgomery who joined the Dragons this year. This is the fifth year we have allocated funds using the Dragons' Den format, resulting in £50,000 being given out since its launch. This is an enjoyable way to distribute funds, giving a chance to meet with recipients face to face.

The second week of December saw our traditional Santa's Sleigh fundraiser. As usual, local groups were chosen to carry out the collections and raised in total £3,000 for their own funds.

During the second half of 2013, KRT has attended comedy gigs, cinema and Laser Quest. Highlights for February include Table Tennis, Six Nations Rugby and Paint Balling. 2014 is an important year for Kinross-shire Round Table as it marks 50 years since receiving our Charter. **A Charter Dinner** will be held on **Saturday 22 March 2014** in the Leven Suite at The Green Hotel. All former Table members are invited to this commemorative occasion. Please contact Table Secretary Cameron Ewen [kinrossrt@gmail.com](mailto:kinrossrt@gmail.com) for more details.

Round Table is for men aged 18-44; looking for new experiences and activities, who want to make new local friends and contacts. Gain new life skills to help your personal and professional development and have the opportunity to really contribute to your community. If interested in joining, please email [kinrossrt@gmail.com](mailto:kinrossrt@gmail.com) for more details.

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2nd	No. 60	Frank Wellman, Scotlandwell
3rd	No. 89	Kirsty Grey, Kinnesswood

### November Draw

1st	No. 1	James Gardner, Scotlandwell
2nd	No. 78	Sheila Drysdale, Kinnesswood
3rd	No. 33	Ann Smallwood, Kinnesswood

### December Draw

1st	No. 12	Anna Mills, Kinnesswood
2nd	No. 95	Julie Close, Scotlandwell
3rd	No. 75	Ros Irving, Kinnesswood





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Once collected, the scarves will be sewn together over 24 hours in a "stitchathon". They will later be unpicked and sold to raise money for CHAS. We will have a few "special" scarves which will be auctioned off at a charity dinner in Kinross.

More details and updates can be found on the CHAS website at [www.chas.org.uk](http://www.chas.org.uk) and on the Gateside Facebook Page, at [www.facebook.com/GatesideFife](http://www.facebook.com/GatesideFife).

Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS) is a charity that provides the only hospice services in Scotland for children and young people with life-shortening conditions. CHAS offers care in two children's hospices, Rachel House in Kinross and Robin House in Balloch. The hospices support the whole family by offering short planned breaks, emergency support, end of life care and a range of bereavement services. CHAS also provides a home care service, called CHAS at Home, staffed from both hospices and with dedicated teams in the North of Scotland. The service offers care to families in their own homes when they need it most. CHAS supports over 250 families, as well as a significant number of families who receive bereavement support. The services are funded mainly through the generosity of the many supporters who help raise over £7 million needed each year to provide these vital hospice services.

## Loch Leven Walkathon

Put a spring in your step this March and join us for a wee Sunday morning wander! Scotland's Health Charity Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland is marking the start of spring with a repeat of its highly successful Loch Leven Walkathon. This walk along the stunning Loch Leven Heritage Trail is in its fourth successful year and has raised over £20,000 so far for the charity. There's a choice of 6km or 11km routes; both start and finish at the Boathouse Bistro in Kinross, have fantastic views and follow well-maintained, signposted, traffic-free footpaths.

Both routes are suitable for all ages and fitness levels so come along for some fun and healthy exercise on **Sunday 23 March** by signing up for the walk and paying the small entry fee (£10 for adults, £5 for young people 5 – 17, under 5s free) – and raise money for a great cause at the same time!

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## Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



The February Club meeting will be held on **Thursday 6 February** at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall. The speaker will be photographer Willie Shand.

### Away Days February:

Thursday 13 February River City Set  
Thursday 27 February Braehead

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

**AGM and Club Annual Party:** Venue - Windelstrae Hotel is booked for **6 March 2014** and the cost will be £13 per head. The AGM will be held at 12.30pm, with the party commencing at 1pm and the entertainment from approximately 2pm. The Napier Concert Party lead by Jock Nairn will provide the entertainment. Payment should be made at the February meeting. Cheques payable to Kinross 50 Plus Club please.

**Annual Holiday 2014:** This holiday, to the Royal Clifton Hotel, Southport is a month later than previous years for the period **9 to 14 March**. More details will be given at the February and March meetings as well as in the March Kinross Community Newsletter. Please note there are still a few vacancies for this holiday including one single room. Contact: Pat Crawford on 01577 862962.

### Friday Walkers:

**14 Feb** The River Devon walk from Powmill, mainly using the paths on either side of the Devon.

**28 Feb** A snowdrop walk through Valleyfield Woods, starting from Culross.

Contact: Ian Simpson 01577 863691.

### Friday Hill Walkers:

**7 Feb** Bonhard Circular Walk Anne 9.00

**21 Feb** Ben Cleuch Jock 9.00

**7 Mar** Gargunnoch Hill Richard 9.00

**21 Mar** Kirkton Glen, Balquhidder Valerie 9.00

### Activities:

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

**Carpet Bowling** 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:** Contact: Ian Campbell for details 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.

## Milnathort Chess Club

This social chess club meets twice monthly on Wednesday afternoons, 2pm till 4.30pm, free with teabreak. The club meets on the last and second last Wednesdays of each month. Knowledge of basic chess moves desirable. Contact Donald, telephone 01577 864441, for details.

### 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.



## Inner Wheel of Kinross and District



This year sees the 90th anniversary of the Inner Wheel. To celebrate the occasion, groups have been asked to find a project involving wheels. The Kinross club asked the Day Centre if there was anything we could do to help them provide their fantastic service. Nan Cook, who runs the centre, asked if we could fund the refurbishment of the catering trollies. This we were delighted to do! In early January they were sent away to have new castors fitted and be re-sprayed. To mark the return, on 16 January, members provided sandwiches and home baking for a Tea Dance at the Day Centre. Senior citizens, Day Centre staff and Inner Wheelies enjoyed a fun afternoon of singing and dancing, including a couple of rousing

choruses of the Hokey Cokey. The entertainment was ably provided by MC John Ramage of Milnathort. This was also the club's annual

celebration of Inner Wheel Day and happily fulfils two of the organisations stated aims of fostering true friendships and service to others.



*Inner Wheel members provided the catering for a Tea Dance at the Day Centre at part of the organisation's 90th anniversary celebrations*

## Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

Need to get out and blow the cobwebs away? Eaten too much Christmas cake? Suffering from SAD? Winter walks can be beautiful, as well as a sociable way to improve your general health and fitness. Whether you're new to walking, returning to walking or a regular walker, try out a walk or two to see if you'd like to join us. You will be made very welcome.

**Sunday 2 February:** Lendrick Hill, six miles. Steady walk on good track to the summit. Thereafter drop down NE and follow burn on a circular route back to the start. Great views.

**Sunday 16 February:** Cramond and Silverknowes, four miles. Easy circular walk on paths and quiet roads along the river at Cramond to Silverknowes. Return along shore with a possible extension to explore Cramond Island depending on tides and weather.

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

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

## Fairtrade Fortnight 24 February - 10 March

This year the focus of the Fairtrade Fortnight is on the Banana Trade.

There will be events throughout the fortnight including a **Coffee Morning on Saturday 8 March** in the Kinross Church Centre from 10am until 12 noon.

Details of other events will be in the March Newsletter.

## Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation



### Festive Street Market

The Festive Street Market took place on Saturday 23 November. It was a great event and well supported by local businesses, local groups and the public. We have received a lot of feedback about the event. If you have any comments or feedback, please e-mail it to [info@kleo.org.uk](mailto:info@kleo.org.uk) or phone 863107.

### Leven Voices

The Leven Voices group had a busy time in November and December singing at the choir evening at the campus, the Festive Street Market in Kinross, the singing trail in Perth, the Light Up Kinross event and they sang carols at Dobbies and Ashley House in Milnathort. All great fun!

A new block of sessions started on 14 January with various Horsecross Arts tutors. Amy Lord and The B Sharps (barbershop quartet) did the first two sessions. On Tuesday 28 January, Ewen Sutherland will do some Burns songs and from 4 until 18 February Karen Dietz will sing World Music songs with the group. Other tutors will be confirmed. Leven Voices is a fun, informal drop-in singing group which you can join anytime. No music-reading or singing experience is necessary, just come along, sing and enjoy! The singing sessions take place on Tuesday evenings, 7.30pm at the Kinross Parish Church. You pay as you go (£4 or £3 concession). There is a £5 registration fee which is used to pay for the hall for a ten-week period.

### Feel Good Fair at Loch Leven Half Marathon and Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest

In conjunction with the Kinross Road Runners and the Kinross Pipe Band, KLEO will be arranging some entertainment and fun activities at the finish line of the Loch Leven Half Marathon. Like last year, the event will take place in the grounds of the community campus on **Saturday 10 May**. Put this date in your diary!

For more information about KLEO events, go to [www.kleo.org.uk](http://www.kleo.org.uk), e-mail [info@kleo.org.uk](mailto:info@kleo.org.uk) or call (01577) 863107.

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## Kinross & District Probus Club



This first report of the New Year covers the period from November 2013 until the present. It starts with a very amusing talk given by Mrs Sandra Thompson entitled 'My Jute Journey'.

Mrs Thompson was born in India to Scottish parents who were themselves involved in the jute industry and so began a lifelong association with jute which eventually found Mrs Thomson managing her own company, inherited from her father.

It was around this background that she recounted her experiences. But first she gave an insight into the jute trade in Dundee, especially in its early days when conditions were bad in terms of poor wages, unhealthy working conditions due to the dust created in the spinning of jute yarn and the employment of children.

Her working experience gave rise to many amusing stories and included experiences in Bangladesh where the jute is grown and where jute mills manufacture.

Harry McLennan gave the vote of thanks.

The meeting on 4 December was addressed by Meg Luckens, a historian and Russian speaker who works as a freelance lecturer and has, for many years, co-ordinated technical assistance projects in the Soviet Union where she has travelled extensively and developed close links, especially with St Petersburg. Her talk was entitled 'Scots in Russia' and we were surprised by the sheer numbers of Scotsmen who played significant and important roles in the Russian empire, ranging from Christopher Galloway, who was an architect from Haddington and was instrumental in the design and construction of some of the most important buildings in Russia, to Andrew Leslie and Patrick Gordon, who remodelled the Tsarist army, and Admiral Greig, sometimes referred to as the father of the Russian Navy. Alex Johnston gave thanks for an informative talk.

Our next meeting was the annual Christmas Lunch, which this year was held in Portmoak Hall. A very good lunch in good in convivial company made this a pleasant event.

The first meeting of 2014 on 8 January was entitled 'Stories from the Beat' and was given by Mr George Beatie, a retired policeman, who served for 30 years in Fife Constabulary in most of the West Fife towns. Mr Beatie recounted his experiences during these 30 years with many amusing stories, although he was careful to point out that some of the stories may have, indeed, been stories. His talk was much appreciated. Alan Dearing gave the vote of thanks for an entertaining talk.

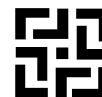
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## Kinross Potager garden

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In December, we held two very **successful workshops** for making your own Christmas wreath, and we are considering a similar event for Easter floral arrangements. Thank you to the committee at Crook of Devon Hall for hosting the workshops, with tasty refreshments, and to Margaret and Lucille for their help.

**Volunteer sessions** at the garden will start again in the spring, when the weather has warmed up somewhat, hopefully around the beginning of March. We usually meet at the garden on a Monday morning, and **new volunteers would be made most welcome**. You do not need to be an experienced gardener to be part of the team, we can give advice and support, and you could learn alongside us about growing your own vegetables or herbs.

We will have a stand and be **selling spring plants at the Better Place to Live Fair** on 8 March; why not come and have a chat with some of the volunteers, about what goes on at the garden?

We plan also to **invite different community groups to visit the garden**, and experience our new sensory area, over the spring and summer. If your group would like to arrange a visit, please contact Amanda.

We will also be liaising with the Milnathort and Kinross Allotments Association about **extending opportunities for community learning** for everyone about growing, and environmental issues.

PKC are extending their **Community Composting project**. (See article on p. 19.) There will be two **introductory workshops about home composting** at the campus on **Wednesday 19 February** at 10am, and **Saturday 22 February** at 1.30pm, lasting about one hour. Even if you do have the brown lidded bin service, but would like to know more about composting garden and kitchen waste at home, you would be welcome to come to one of the workshops. To book a place, please contact Yvonne Bell at PKC at [YvonneBell@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:YvonneBell@pkc.gov.uk) or Amanda James, as below.

Amanda James, Garden Convenor, Tel (01577) 840809, or [amanda@tyafon.plus.com](mailto:amanda@tyafon.plus.com)

## Kinross Garden Group



Our meeting in December was given by Mr Andy Paterson, who spoke on 'Over Wintering Begonias' and also gave us some corms to try and grow our own.

The January meeting took us to Windlestrae Hotel for our Seasonal Lunch, which was enjoyed by all. Mr John Porter Chairman thanked everyone for attending and gave good wishes for the New Year.

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 13 February** when Dr Carole Bainbridge will talk on 'A Garden from Scratch'. The meeting will be in Millbridge Hall, Kinross, at 2pm.

Kinross Garden Group are going to Harrogate Autumn Flower Show, York and other gardens in the area from Sunday 7 to Saturday 13 September 2014 and have double and twin rooms available. For more details, contact Mrs C Rodger. You do not have to be a Garden Group member to join us, just a love of gardens and fun.

## Kinnesswood in Bloom

Once again the village was decorated for the Christmas season with a lovely tree and some extra battery operated LED lights festooning some of the garden areas. Due to the inclement weather, there were later rescue efforts to ensure the tree stayed upright. It is always an enjoyable event decorating the tree, drinking mulled wine and listening to carols on Janette's car CD player. This year we had the added bonus of some Aussie words, not to mention the delicious mince pies provided by Chrissie. We are delighted to offer work experiences to Duke of Edinburgh members, especially when they bake such lovely mince pies.

During December Fiona Mead and her husband have been completing much needed maintenance to the Wildflower Meadow and the Cottage Garden. Hopefully this spring we will see a regeneration of plants and flowers in the Cottage Garden as light will shine through the trees once again.

Kirsty has kindly taken charge of the trees that were planted in the school grounds. The School Ground group has started up again with a number of winter tasks still to be completed. Like the rest of us they will be planning their lists of plants and seeds needed for 2014.

A date to put in your calendar is **Saturday 22 March** when we will join with Scotlandwell in Bloom to organise a Quiz and Curry night. The last one was very successful. Our quizmaster will once again be the inimitable Raymond Sutherland. Who knows what costume he might be wearing this time!



## Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom



### Spanish Orange and Almond Cake

I found this recipe when I had to cater for someone who has a dairy-free diet. It is deliciously moist and it went down well with the family and the ladies from the local knitting group.

#### Ingredients

2 oranges, about 280g in total, scrubbed, roughly chopped (with skin)  
5 eggs separated  
200g caster sugar  
225g ground almonds  
2 tablespoons of flaked almonds  
Sifted icing sugar to decorate

#### Method

Put the chopped oranges in a bowl, discard pips, add one tablespoon of water then cover and microwave for 5-7 minutes until they are soft and excess liquid has evaporated. Leave to cool.

Preheat the oven to 180°C. Line a 23 cm cake tin.

Finely chop the oranges in a food processor or blender.

Whisk the egg whites in a large bowl until they form stiff peaks. Gradually whisk in half the caster sugar and set aside.

Whisk the egg yolks with the remaining caster sugar in another bowl until pale and quite thick.

Whisk in the oranges then carefully fold in the ground almonds.

Stir in three spoonfuls of the whisked egg white then gently fold in the rest with a large metal spoon.

Transfer to the cake tin and sprinkle on the flaked almonds. Bake for 50 minutes or until the cake is golden and a skewer comes out clean.

When it is cool, turn the cake out and lightly dust with icing sugar just before serving.

## Lodge St Serf No 327

February

**Tue 4th** Next Regular Meeting at 7.15pm. EA Degree followed by Extraordinary General Meeting of both Lodge and Lodge Social Club.

**Tue 11th** General Committee Meeting at 7.30pm. Arrange work for next Regular Meeting. Arrange work for a Fellow Craft Degree.

**Tue 18th** Next Regular Meeting at 7.15pm. Fellow Craft Degree.

**Tue 25th** General Committee Meeting at 7.30pm. Arrange work for next Regular Meeting  
**Tuesday 3 March** Annual visitation of Provincial Grand Lodge of Fife & Kinross at 7.15pm.



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## Portmoak Film Society

Portmoak Films waved the old year goodbye on a magical note with Woody Allen's *Midnight in Paris* and saw in the new with a bang – many of them in Quentin Tarantino's highly entertaining yet sobering slave story *Django Unchained*. It was the usual gore fest but still gained an 88% audience satisfaction rating from the band of determined fans who braved the weather to reach Portmoak Hall.

It's all change again on **Sunday 9 February** when *Restless Natives* is showing, a Scottish cult comedy about two young Edinburgh lads who become modern-day highwaymen, holding up coaches throughout Scotland to the soundtrack of Big Country. It was made in 1985 and features some top-class actors such as Nanette Newman, Ned Beatty, Iain McColl and Mel Smith.

Give yourself a treat and Portmoak Films a try – all for the ridiculously low price of £5 at the door, or using your season ticket. As always, the film will be followed by hot drinks and the chance to catch up with your friends. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Newcomers and 'pro's' always welcome!

Visit our website: [www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk](http://www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk)

## Kinross Museum



A fine portrait of Robert Burns Begg Senior, a noted 19th-century worthy of Kinross, arrived in the Museum just before Christmas. Burns Begg, who was a nephew of the poet Burns, came to Kinross in 1822 as schoolmaster, a post he held for 50 years. At a special event held in the Town Hall in April 1872 to mark this anniversary, his former pupils presented him with a portrait painted by the Perth artist John Maclaren Barclay. This painting was kindly offered to the Museum by Mrs Patricia Begg, whose husband was a descendent of the Burns Begg family. While the portrait is currently on loan to Kinross Museum, we aim to raise sufficient funds both to buy and restore it.

The Museum has raised its concerns over the proposed closure of the Campus Library on Mondays and Saturday afternoons. The Museum is located within the Library space and closure by the local authority would reduce access to displays and weekend activities as well as pose a security risk.

Our exhibition "A Loch of Bronze" continues until the end of March and following our successful "Growing up with Loch Leven" display we are busy preparing new exhibitions, including "The Naturalist on Loch Leven" and "When we were at the schule".



*Portrait of Robert Burns Begg, Senior*

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### 2014 Programme of Events

**Antiques, Vintage, Retro and Collectors Fair – Saturday 8 February.** There will be buying, selling and valuations given. Admission will be from 9.30am – 4.00pm with entry fee of £1 per person. For exhibitors booking please contact: Angus on 07944 416565.

### Indoor Table Top Sale – Saturday 1 March

There will be an Indoor Table Top Sale with free public admission from 9am – 1pm with sellers set up from 8am. All pitches and tables are £10 each (includes a refreshment voucher for a hot roll & hot drink) and must be booked in advance. If you would like further information or want to request a booking form then please contact Gerry McGregor by telephoning 01577 867119 / 867200, or by email at lochlevenreception@pkc.gov.uk .

### Argask Primary School Euroquiz – Monday 3 March

Confirmed details are currently unavailable but will be published in due course.

### Other Events for 2014

- Sat 8 Mar Better Place to Live Fair
- Sat 15 Mar Antiques & Collectors Fair
- Thu 20 Mar Master Dance Class with International Presenter
- Sat 29 Mar Spring Craft Fair
- Sat 12 Apr Antiques & Collectors Fair
- Sat 26 Apr Kinross Sportive Cycling Event
- Sat 10 May Kinross ½ Marathon/Feel Good Fair/Pipe Band Comp
- Sat 24 May Northern Counties Brass Band Competition
- Sat 31 May Antiques & Collectors Fair
- Sat 7 June Outdoor Car Boot/Indoor Table Top Sale
- Sat 14 June Antiques & Collectors Fair
- Sat 9 Aug Antiques & Collectors Fair
- August Vintage Day
- August Vintage Day Afternoon Tea Dance
- Sat 13 Sep Antiques & Collectors Fair
- Sat 11 Oct Antiques & Collectors Fair
- Sat 1 Nov Indoor Table Top Sale (Date TBC)
- Sat 8 Nov Antiques & Collectors Fair
- Nov/Dec Christmas Festival & Craft Fair (Date TBC)
- Sat 13 Dec Antiques & Collectors Fair

For more details on any of the above events please see Loch Leven Community Campus Website and Loch Leven Community Campus Events Facebook page.

### Ideas for Events

If you have any ideas or suggestions for any events you would like to see at the campus, comment on previous events, or can think of ways to improve on the ones we are already doing then please get in touch – we look forward to hearing from you. If you are a group, organisation or individual who is thinking of holding any type of event then please do contact Gerry McGregor (contact details above) who can offer advice and support if needed.

**Future Events:** Information regarding all other events will be published in due course.

### Looking for Contact Details?

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## Networking in full swing as the sun rose over Loch Leven

by Karen Elwis

The amazing thing about Kinross-shire Partnership's Networking Business Breakfasts is that one never quite knows what exciting business venture is going to emerge next in this vibrant part of Scotland. And that was certainly the case at the latest breakfast, held at Loch Leven's Larder on 4 December...

As is the custom, each attendee stood up to introduce (briefly) his or her business to the assembled masses and it was thus that we learned about a three-day Festival of Film titled "Just about Movies" (JAM), which will take place in September 2014 at local venue Tullibole Castle.

It seems there is no end to the creative vision of Kinross-shire entrepreneurs, and this new event looks set to bring up to a thousand visitors to the area, providing a welcome boost to the local economy.

After the last fork and knife had been put down and breakfast was over, it was time for Chairman Alisdair Stewart to introduce the speaker, Sid Grant. Sid is, himself, no stranger to the concept of business breakfasts. In fact, he explained that it is "a way of life" for him, given that he attends as many as three every week in his capacity as Executive Director of BNI Scotland North (an area which covers Fife, Tayside, Highland and Grampian).

For those new to networking, Sid had much valuable advice to offer. He explained the importance of working "on" your business rather than just "in" it, and pointed out that when attending networking events the purpose is not simply to push your products or services at people. Networking, he emphasised, is about sharing stories and building relationships that may lead to business in the future.

The key to success at business breakfasts and similar events is simply to let those present know what you do and the type of people you feel would benefit from your services. As a networking facilitator, BNI certainly has an impressive track record when it comes to organising successful events.

Indeed in 2013, the organisation generated over £5.7million of business in Scotland North for its members, a fact of which Sid is justifiably proud. The total amount of business generated in the whole of Scotland by BNI last year was £17.3m.

Kinross-shire Partnership Administrator Sandra Ralston thanked Sid for his highly informative presentation and intimated that there would be two further Business Breakfasts in 2014: one on Wednesday 5 February and the other on Wednesday 5 March.

All local businesspeople are most welcome to attend, but please email Sandra in advance to book your breakfast (which costs £10 and can be paid for on the day). The Partnership's directors look forward to seeing a host of new faces and old at the forthcoming breakfasts. In the meantime, they wish all Kinross-shire enterprises a prosperous New Year in 2014.

## Common Grounds



Hopefully as you are reading this, the welcoming signs of spring will be emerging and snow will not have sneaked up on us! Our AGM saw a shift in office bearers with James Henry and Claudia Pleass taking a well deserved "back seat", although we will value their promised continuing support and experienced efforts to back the management team. A sincere thank you from all the volunteers for their commitment and hard work over Common Grounds' 13 years.

Our Management Committee is now as follows:

**Convener** – Elspeth Caldwell (Contact telephone number outside opening times 01577 863350); **Vice-Convener** – Frances Miller; **Treasurer** – John Colebourn; **Secretary** – Linda Freeman (Contact telephone number outside opening times 01577 865045); **Project Co-ordinator** – Phil Leiper; **Volunteer Representatives** – James Henry and Linda Colebourn.

The New Year also saw a sad farewell to our cheery log fire and in its place, a magnificent wood burner which promises to be 70% more efficient in heating the Hall. Volunteers are learning new skills fast and it is certainly providing a centre-piece for advice and conversation! Our thanks to the Hall Committee for this generous facility. As we prepare for our next Project Lunch in March, we hope it will be as successful as our November lunch with speaker Marcus Dunk from Medicines sans Frontiers. His excellent presentation and enthusiasm made it a particularly successful event. It brought home how vital a difference even our relatively small scale efforts make to those in real need. So when you are next out and about, either on your own or with friends, please drop-in, a warm welcome, Fairtrade beverages and tasty home baking will await you. As you enjoy your visit (maybe picking up a bargain second hand book) you'll be contributing to making a difference to a needy cause, many, many miles away!

**Project:** Our current project is Bees for Development (Troy Trust).

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

## Milnathort Town Hall Association

### 50/50 Club Monthly Draw

**December 2013:** 1st Graeme Marshall, 2nd Sandy McCalman, 3rd Linda Hutt.

**January 2014:** 1st Kirsty Cassells, 2nd Tolson Family, 3rd Britton Family.

All profit from our 50/50 Club goes to the Milnathort Town Hall Renovation Fund.

If you would like to join, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the hall committee, e-mail [susanjbritton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:susanjbritton@yahoo.co.uk) or send us a message on our Facebook page 'Friends of Milnathort Town Hall'.

Watch this space for news of the renovation and future fundraising events.

## Rotary Club of Kinross & District



Since the last Newsletter article, the wide variety of subjects covered by speakers at weekly Club meetings has included:

- The Royal Scottish Agriculture Benevolent Institution. Speaker – Paul Tinson.
- Scottish Hydro. Speaker – Alex Harper. Home visits to advise on energy saving also arranged.
- Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA). Speaker – Keir Campbell, pupil at Kinross High School who had been selected by the Club to participate in the 2013 Rotary sponsored Youth Leadership programme held at Abernethy. Keir reported on his activities in a most interesting and articulate (note free) presentation.
- Laurel & Hardy (life & times). Speaker – Dr Martin Hepworth.
- Sir Edward Elgar (life & times). Speaker – Paul Bassett.
- A visit to Lapland. Speaker – Hans Lindebo.

There have also been a number of other Club activities over the period, and on a cold November weekend, the generosity of the Kinross public was highlighted once again when the Club's Wishing Well was sited at the entrance to Sainsbury's, to highlight the devastation caused by the hurricane disaster in the Philippines. Two days of fundraising raised a total of £1604 towards the cost of Rotary Shelter Boxes to relieve the plight of the poor people in the islands. The excellent cooperation of the management at Sainsbury's, who made this possible at very short notice, was greatly appreciated.

The Club Festive Season started in early December with members involved in the annual Light up Kinross event, when the route travelled by Santa on his sleigh was marshalled by Rotarians in their high-vis tabards. Others were on 'crowd control' duty for the ceremony outside the Church Centre in the High Street, performed this year by Michelin Star and TV Chef, Tom Kitchin, who had returned to his home town to pull the switch to illuminate the town centre. The opportunity was also taken to raise money to contribute towards the maintenance and replacement of the Christmas lights.

Many of the same members returned to the Church Centre the following evening for the annual Rotary Concert,

when residents of Causeway Court and Whyte Court, along with regular attenders of the Day Centre, were entertained by Club members. In addition to performances from the Rotary Singers and turns by individual members, the event was enhanced this year by contributions from members of the local Interact Club at Kinross High School.

The season of goodwill continued when cheques to the value of £3300 were distributed to the representatives of local organisations and charities who attended a reception in the Windlestrae Hotel prior to one of the Club's December meetings.

The last Club meeting of 2013 took the form of a Christmas Party, where the only business on the agenda was fun and games. All entertainment was provided 'in house', and organiser and MC for the evening, Barry Davies, made sure that no one escaped involvement of some kind during the evening!

2014 commenced with a Business Meeting, followed by the annual Burns Supper, organised by the Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach, and supported by the Club. The usual high standard of entertainment and tributes to the Bard were in evidence during an enjoyable evening chaired by Club member, Jim Paterson.

The Club meets each Monday at the Windlestrae Hotel at 6pm for a meal at 6.30pm. For more information, contact Secretary Neil Maclure at [neil.maclure19@gmail.com](mailto:neil.maclure19@gmail.com)



*The Rotary Singers beside the new Church Centre Christmas Tree donated by the Club*

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## Kinross Parish Church

### Kinross supports Syrian refugees

Those attending Kinross Parish Church over the Christmas period donated over £2,000 to help Syrian refugees. A total of £2,153 has been sent to the 'Place at the Table' appeal organised by the Church of Scotland to raise £50,000 to help in what the United Nations says is "one of the biggest crises of modern times".

The money was raised at the December Communion and at various Christmas services such as the Watchnight Service on Christmas Eve. The total will provide food for over 100 refugee families for a month. The aid will be administered by a partner of the Church of Scotland in the region: the National Evangelical Church of Syria and Lebanon, which is trying to support 24,000 families over the next year.

This was the last of the special retiring collections at Kinross Parish Church of Scotland over 2013. These have raised over £7,800 for seven good causes suggested by members of the congregation, ranging from local charities to international appeals.

## Compassion Corner

by Marg Meade

One of the joys of coming together to share our experiences of Compassion in Kinross is meeting people who appreciate the importance of having Self-Compassion, i.e. learning to treat ourselves as well as we wish to treat others! One such person is Lyn Haworth, a Reiki Master/Teacher from Milnathort who discovered the benefits of Reiki and other complementary therapies whilst recovering from a serious car accident. Lyn continues to receive regular complementary therapy treatments herself. She now teaches Reiki and treats others, helping them towards physical, mental and emotional well being, using Reiki, Reflexology, Crystal and Gem Therapy, Indian Head Massage and NLP. Her compassion is even extended to abandoned hedgehogs that have thrived from her TLC!

Another dynamic lady is Susan Bathgate, a yoga teacher from Kinross who has also discovered the power of Meditation and Mindfulness for our wellbeing. She will be teaching this in Kinross in the near future.

Our meetings are also an opportunity to share books and internet links on topics related to Empathy and Compassion. One such link - [info@compassioninsociety.org](mailto:info@compassioninsociety.org) - is showing the 2013 videos of the talks given by leading authors including Karen Armstrong who wrote "Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life" and Kirsten Neff, author of "Self-Compassion". Another great read is "Loving Kindness" by Sharon Salzberg.

All of these people, books and video talks give us much food for thought and we look forward to meeting others from the community who wish to share ideas on compassionate living. In the meantime, I've made a New Year's Self-Compassion resolution to take more long, lazy, candle-lit baths and fewer fast, furious showers!

Our next meeting is at St Paul's meeting room on **Wednesday 26 February** at 7.30pm.

## Dobbies Community Champion

The period before Christmas was busy with several fundraising events for our national charity, the **Make a Wish Foundation**. As well as Santa's arrival, we held a very successful Ladies Night at the end of November with beauty and pamper sessions, a tombola and a roving magician. Thank you to all the local therapists who gave their time to make this a great night, which we hope to repeat in the future. Other events included the Christmas wish tree in store, carol singing by some of the Leven Voices, and guess the teddy's birthday, which was won by Mrs Savage from Powmill. Thank you to all the generous local people who attended these events, and donated generously, to our **total raised of nearly £600!**

We also donated live **Christmas trees** to the Kinross campus, and to the Day Centre for the Light Up Ceremony, and **Kinross Guides** also held a can collection at the store for **Light Up Kinross**, and raised nearly £200. Other recent collections have been for Kidney Kids, and Help the Heroes.

Local charity representatives are welcome to contact Amanda to book a date to hold a can collection at the store.

We are also currently seeking applications from local charities to be considered to become our **Local Charity of the Year**, from March 2014. This would allow them to have collection cans at the tills, and arrange fundraising events in the store until September, when the next national charity would then take precedence. To apply, please email Amanda at [Kinross.Manager@dobbies.com](mailto:Kinross.Manager@dobbies.com) or collect an application form in the store, **to be returned by Monday 10 February**.

**The Little Seedlings Children's gardening club** had a fun Christmas party in December, and in January learned about birds in the garden, and how to help them during the winter. The club is free for children aged 4 to 10, accompanied by an adult, and takes place in the store on the first Sunday of each month at 11am. On **2 February** we will be learning about nature's re-cyclers, the bugs which help to recycle plant material in the garden, and we hope you can join us then.

On **Friday 21 February** from 2pm to 3.30pm, we will have a **HALF TERM ACTIVITY SESSION** for children of all ages. This is free, with optional donations for some activities to the Potager Garden, our current local charity. There will be a **treasure hunt, badge making, planting cress men, and a tombola**. Do tell your friends and come along for some fun. Children must be accompanied by an adult for the session. **Please book your place** by phoning the store on 863327, **by 20 February**, so we know how many to expect, but you can also come along on the day.

If your school or community group would like some **help with a growing project**, contact Amanda at Dobbies or [herewegrowkinross@dobbies.com](mailto:herewegrowkinross@dobbies.com). We are pleased that progress is being made with the **allotments site** behind the store, and look forward to working closely with them in various community events later in the year. **Look out for details of other events** in the store in future newsletters, on the school Face book pages, and in store.

*Amanda James, Community Champion*



## Cleish Primary School

### School Plants Trees for the Future

Cleish school staff, pupils, parents and members of the Cleish Field Association enjoyed a school planting afternoon on Friday 22 November 2013 to plant rowan, wild cherry and silver birch trees. A willow arch organised and donated by parent Heather Tough was also erected at this time.

The school applied to the Woodland Trust for free trees which they then donated to Cleish Field Association to develop and enhance the bio-diversity of the local community field. The hope is that the school and local community will continue to work together in using the field for educational and local events.

A member of the Cleish Field Association commented that they were grateful to the local Primary school for the donation of a number of trees and the erection of a willow arch at the field. Great fun was had in planting on a sunny Friday afternoon.

The field has been acquired for the local community with the aid of grants from Awards for All, Scottish Land Trust, Scott Davidson Trust and Perth and Kinross direct grants plus local contributions.

The local community, including the school, will be consulted in the New Year as to how to make best use of this fantastic local asset.



*Pupils from Cleish school help to plant trees*

## Seamab School

### Fundraising for Seamab

Seamab is a charity, registered in Scotland (SC011002), with the aim of supporting children who have significant and complex difficulties. To achieve this, we provide education, care and therapy for children.

Fundraising is absolutely vital to us – income from this helps us to make sure all the children have the best opportunities possible.

There are many different ways in which the children benefit from fundraising. We have recently been able to take all the children on outdoor education residential trips due to direct support from Children in Need. This has helped the children grow in confidence as well as improving their skills in outdoor activities such as kayaking and mountain biking. The music project, Sounds of Seamab, is funded by Creative Scotland. We have used these funds to pay for specialist music tutors – all the children now have the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument and sing in a choir.

Many individuals have raised funds for us, and this has helped buy play equipment, toys and fund our swimming club and other activities including our caravan holidays. Local businesses have chosen us as their charity of the year and also donated goods to us, including many gifts for Christmas.

Last year was our twenty-fifth anniversary and to help celebrate this we had a special fundraising challenge: the 25 for 25 challenge. For this, people signed up, were given an initial sum of £25 and asked to raise as much money as possible for Seamab. Our volunteers held a sponsored swim, organised a jumble sale, held evenings with food and entertainment and led many more activities that were successful in raising funds. Everything raised in this challenge is being used for the direct benefit of the children. For many of the readers of the Kinross Newsletter, Seamab will be your local children's charity. Please give some thought to whether you could support us this year. We welcome all donations and would be delighted to work with your club or organisation if you are interested in fundraising for Seamab. We will of course, have a new fundraising challenge for this year – details to follow in the next Newsletter!

If you would like any more information about Seamab, or to discuss fundraising, please contact Joanna McCreadie on 01577 840307 or by email [jmccreadie@seamab.rg.uk](mailto:jmccreadie@seamab.rg.uk)

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## Kinross High School

Happy New Year!

2014, as everyone knows, is going to be a hugely significant year for Scotland and, since we are educating Scotland's future, it is going to be a significant and exciting year for KHS.

In the world of education, Curriculum for Excellence (CFE) is the big story. All of the pupils from S1 – S4 are now experiencing the benefits of updated ways of classroom working which involves pupils in very active ways of learning. They are also being helped more and more to see the connections between subjects and to experience “real life” contexts in which to develop their knowledge and skills. Exam time this year will see our first cohort tackle the new exams. We are confident that pupils have been prepared well and are ready for the challenge.

CFE, of course, has presented schools with new challenges too. A huge one is how we ensure pupils have sufficient time in each facet of their new curriculum to really deepen and extend their learning rather than just skim along the top. To address this we are currently planning a change to the shape of our school day and week. We anticipate a move to 33 periods. This in turn will change the pattern of our week.

Let me assure everyone that pupils and staff will be working differently, not less! We have consulted parents, staff and pupils about the changes and have had some very honest, useful and practical feedback. The proposed new model therefore is the product of lots of brains tackling the challenge!

Looking forward, we will be watching the preparations for the Commonwealth Games with interest. We have four young Sports Ambassadors within the school and I will keep you updated as the term progresses with our sporting excitements.

September 2014 will bring a particular moment of history. The school will play its part in ensuring that pupils are aware of the issues and debates surrounding the decision to be made on 18.9.14. We are, for example, introducing Modern Studies to the curriculum to help our pupils understand the significance of topical issues such as the Scottish Independence debate to their lives.

It is fitting that as well as helping pupils look forward to their futures, we also help them become aware of their nation's history. In the summer we will be giving pupils the chance to visit the battlefields of France and Belgium to learn some of the stories of the Great War first hand.

I have written before about the need to prepare all our young people to be citizens of not just their local communities and own country but also citizens of the world. This year we will also be giving pupils the chance to plan and take part in educational trips to Cambodia, Canada, China, France, Germany, Holland and Vietnam.

Watch out for the reports of these trips as the year goes on.

RH Keatings



## Kinross High School Parent Council

Clerk: Jennifer Sneddon 0794 667 9815

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Parent Council meeting minutes can be requested by contacting the Clerk.

A meeting of the Parent Council was held on 14 January. Mr Keatings outlined part of the system for looking at Kinross High School alongside other comparable schools. The main use of such comparisons is to monitor trends in performance over time. KHS compares favourably to other schools in their group but Mr Keatings emphasised the importance of constantly seeking to find improvements and the benefits of sharing knowledge between schools, something KHS is actively pursuing.

Prior to Christmas, parents and carers were invited to a consultation information evening to hear more about proposed changes to the school week to allow best management of the 33 period week necessitated by having seven assessable subjects at S4. The proposed change is to allow even amounts of time to be given to subjects. There was a large turnout and many questions were asked about the proposal of four slightly longer days and one early finish. Mr Keatings reported that he had outlined the benefits of the proposed changes but that parents and carers will ultimately have the choice of what they feel will work best for pupils. A letter will be sent out, outlining the proposal and showing some of the frequently asked questions and responses. A reply slip will be included which parents should return to indicate whether they support the proposed changes.

There was considerable discussion regarding the changes to the hours of the library at the campus and specifically the loss of the use of the library facility to the school on Mondays. There was concern from all. Mr Keatings would raise the concerns the following day at a planned meeting with the Libraries Manager.

Mr Keatings reported on the excellent progress made by KHS in fundraising for Mary's Meals.

Later this school year the Parent Council hopes to run a daytime Jobs Fair. Our objective is to provide KHS pupils with an understanding of the breadth of opportunities and experiences in the world of work by meeting real people who do a variety of jobs. A number of parents have indicated their willingness to come along and share information about their jobs and if you think you might like to share your work experience with pupils, please get in touch with the Clerk.

The Parent Council exists to represent the views of parents and guardians of pupils at the school to help ensure that our young people can learn and develop to their maximum potential. We work in partnership with the school to create a positive and proactive environment which supports pupils, staff and parents. The Parent Council is on hand to help support the process of communications with the school and we are always keen to hear from you. If you would like to join the Parent Council, please contact the Clerk.

The next meeting of the Parent Council will take place on **Monday 10 March** at 7pm.

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



### Need Equipment for a Community Event?

Marquees, Gazebos, Chairs, Tables and more available to hire (or sometimes borrow).

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[www.kinross.cc/equipment\\_hire/equipment.htm](http://www.kinross.cc/equipment_hire/equipment.htm)

If your community group has items it would be prepared to lend or hire out, please add them to the list.

## The Kinross-shire Civic Trust

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### Programme for 2014

Annual General Meeting, **Wednesday 9 April**, 7.30pm, Venue and Speaker to be agreed on.

Annual Dinner, **Wednesday 14 May**, venue to be decided, speaker Professor David Munro on the Lomond Landscape development.

Mid-summer Walk, **Sunday 22 June** from Vane Farm to Kinross, the last section of the Loch Leven Heritage Trail, led by David Munro.

Kinross Show, **Saturday 9 August**.

We would ask members to make a note in their diary and the Trust will inform everyone of the details shortly.

## KHS Mary's Meals project

Last year, Kinross High School decided to dedicate all its fundraising efforts to one single charity: Mary's Meals. This charity feeds children in developing countries one meal a day in a place of education so that they may continue with school. It takes just £10.70 to feed a child for a year, so, KHS aimed to raise £11,235 by the end of the school year to feed the same amount of children as there are pupils and staff in Kinross High. Mchinji Mission School in central Malawi is the project KHS is sponsoring, which is exciting news for everyone.

A week before Christmas, the Mary's Meals fundraising team announced that the school had already surpassed this target. This is an outstanding achievement! The entire school and community have really got behind the cause and fundraising has been extremely successful throughout the year. Events have included coffee mornings for staff and pupils, a charity fashion show, the selling of Christmas cards and dress down days. The generosity of all those involved has brought our current total to over £12,500, which is an amazing achievement.

But why stop now? Kinross High wants to keep the momentum going and the New Year has brought with it a new target. £7,000 is enough money to build a kitchen in a school, which local people can run themselves, cooking the meals that Mary's Meals provides for the children. So, the new target is £18,235. Hopefully 2014 will prove just as successful as last year with future events being planned by the charity team, which could include a charity ball, a quiz and a show.

"Our new total is within our reach because of the support we have received from pupil, parents, staff and the wider community," suggested Andrew Jack, a senior prefect at Kinross High, and one of the leading fundraisers. Thank you for your continuing support and stay tuned for more exciting news.



## Kinross-shire Historical Society



Prof David Munro gave a wonderful talk on 'The Artist in Kinross-shire' to a large audience at Kinross-shire Historical Society on 9 December. The talk was in four sections, covering The Decorative Arts, Portraiture, Functional Art and Landscape.

The Decorative Arts looked at items from a Bronze Age food vessel found at Carsegour through carved stones and gravestones to the memorial to the Crook of Devon Witch Trials made by local sculptress Gillian Forbes in the maze at Tullibole which was opened last year.

Portraiture of the landed gentry was done by many artists including Allan Ramsay, Henry Raeburn and William Lorimer and there were also portraits of local Ministers and Schoolmaster Robert Burns Begg, nephew of Robert Burns. This particular portrait is coming very soon to Kinross Museum who hope to raise £1000 to purchase it.

Functional Art included work by architects, surveyors and advertising. Prof Munro showed slides of old maps and plans from the early 19th century and billheads from businesses such as Harris' Green Hotel and The Salutation Hotel from the late 19th century and the illustration for the programme for the opening ceremony of the County Cinema.

Landscapes showed a wide variety of interpretations of Loch Leven and the Castle. Many were used for illustrating books including The Waverley Novels and The Abbot by Walter Scott. The best known landscape artists who worked in Kinross-shire were Turner and Millais. Coming into the modern period, Peter Scott sketched mallard ducks at Loch Leven in 1980. Local artists such as Amanda Webster are still producing paintings of the landscape and the 'Growing Up With Loch Leven' exhibition at the Museum shows many examples of the work of the local schools.

Prof Munro ended his talk by saying that he would love to see a gallery in the area where some of the wonderful artwork could be displayed.

Jim Paterson gave an enthusiastic vote of thanks and recommended the members to visit the museum where some of the artwork can be seen.

On 20 January, the members enjoyed a very informative and entertaining evening with Kevin Thompson, dressed in the style of the 18th century, on 'The Life of Robert Burns'. He outlined Burns' life from childhood through his days as a farmer, a poet, the darling of Edinburgh, a ladies' man, his travels round Scotland and an exciseman, to his early death in Dumfries. The well-illustrated talk used performances of several of his poems and songs to give an insight to Burns' life. 'Tam O' Shanter' was a particular highlight.

Anne Milburn gave the vote of thanks to Kevin Thompson, a gifted actor and singer, who had given the audience a wonderful evening. With his enthusiasm and knowledge, he will doubtless have inspired them to go home and read Burns. See p. 100 for details of next meeting.

### S.M. Jewellery Design.

As of 30 November my hand made jewellery will be for sale at **Little Gems by Gemma, High Street, Kinross** Commission work, repairs including restringing of pearls.

Shirley Morgan 01577 864745.

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Thanks to all my customers for their support at the Gallery.

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# Sports News

## Kinross Cycling Club

### Sandy Wallace Cycles Cyclo-Cross

Lochore Meadows Country Park, Fife, 1st December, saw the inaugural cyclo-cross event organised and promoted by Kinross Cycling Club in conjunction with local bike shop Sandy Wallace Cycles. With around 200 competitors taking part in the various categories of races, of which nearly 70 were children, the day was a great success. Paul Zarb, KCC Club Chairman, said: "Three of the guys in the club who regularly race cyclo-cross wanted us to promote and organise an event that would allow the younger competitors in as well as the adults, and we hit the nail on the head with a great turnout from the youngsters."



*The cyclo-cross event at Lochore Meadows Country Park*

The event hosted six separate races: under 8s, 12s, Youth, a combined (Juniors, Womens, vets over 50), Vets over 40 and a Seniors open.

The course was large largely flat on a mixture of grass and tarmac but for the adult riders it featured what the winner of the ladies race, Gillian Palmer (Sandy Wallace Cycles), described as the 'Swiss roll'. Here the riders rode into a decreasing circle then, on reaching the centre, cycling out on a different path in the opposite direction. Gillian added: "It was tough with all those corners and dead turns which made for some great competitive finishes." Another competitor, Stuart Allan of Kinross Cycling Club, described the feature on Facebook as a 'Spiral of death'.

KCC rewarded all the children who participated with a medal having been generously donated by Havelock Europa plc. KCC also received support from Mozolowski and Murray, Scottish Wood and Valtti paints to make up the event hurdles.

## Kinross Tennis Club

[www.kinrossstennisclub.org.uk](http://www.kinrossstennisclub.org.uk)



The recent mild weather has meant that considerably more tennis is taking place than might be expected at this time of year – great news for those who indulged in a few too many mince pies! Adult members are meeting on Wednesdays 6.30pm and Sundays 10.30am. There is also the Thursday afternoon 1.30pm social session which we hope will garner some new momentum and this is open to non-members for a small fee of £2 – so why don't you come along and give it a try?

Meanwhile **indoor tennis for those aged 9 years and under** is currently mid-block at Loch Leven Community Campus on Tuesday evenings and due to finish on 4 March. There are a couple of spaces for any late joiners... email us at [kinrossstenniscoaching@gmail.com](mailto:kinrossstenniscoaching@gmail.com) for junior coaching enquiries.

We are busy planning an exciting tennis programme for the 2014 season. To kick us off and after the success of last year's junior camps, we will again run two **Easter Camps** on the weeks of 7 and 14 April. Details will be emailed shortly by our new junior coordinator Siobhan Macleod, and we'll pop it on our website and maybe even on Facebook if we manage to get organised!

Our **Annual Quiz** takes place on **Tuesday 25 February** 7.30pm at the rugby club and we are delighted once more to have Mike Spain as quiz master extraordinaire – club members, their family and friends are welcome to come along and pit their wits in this fun event and enjoy the chilli supper too. Please support your club in this fundraising event.

At the AGM in November our members agreed once again to maintain the same subscription rates for this season and these will be due for renewal at the **Open Day on Saturday 29 March** – details to follow.

General enquiries can be made to our secretary at [kinrossstennis@gmail.com](mailto:kinrossstennis@gmail.com) or by calling 01577 861323. Visitor keys continue to be available for a small fee via John and JH Sands Ironmongers.

## Kinross Bowling Club

The AGM of Kinross Bowling Club was held in the clubhouse on Sunday 12 January. There was an excellent turnout, with only two members absent through illness.

The following appointments were voted on: President – R. Moffat, Vice President – Paul Grant, Treasurer – E. Paterson and Secretary – G. Rennie.

The bowling green will open on **Saturday 19 April** at 2.00pm.

We look forward to meeting the members again on this date and would also welcome anyone who would like to come along and have a go at this friendly, healthy game. We have an experienced coach in the club who can give coaching etc to anyone of any age who would like to try bowling – get in touch with George Rennie (01577 864727). You will be more than welcome – remember bowling is now a Commonwealth Games Sport.

### Need to check something in an old Newsletter?

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## Kinross Curling

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**Henderson Bishop Playdowns:** Team Inglis (Valerie Inglis, Susan Scougal, Heather Gough and Sue Cameron) won the local qualifier. The Henderson Bishop finals take place in Dumfries in February.

**Kinross Open (Goldline Scottish Curling Tour):** This December competition was won by Dave Edwards for the second time.

**Hogmanay Pairs:** Craig Gudmunsson and Ross McCleary won a very close final against Gavin Baird and Jim Jack. Both teams will now represent Kinross at the National Pairs finals in Stranraer in March.

**Kinross & District Ladies Branch Bonspiel:** This took place on 6 January. The winning rink was Grace Paterson (skip), Maria Tait, Sandra Ritchie and Linda Colebourn. There's a great set of pictures from this event by Andy Macpherson on Kinross Curling's Facebook page and full results on the website.

**Another Eight-Ender!** The fourth eight-ender of the season was achieved during a Dunfermline Ladies session by Enid Brown, Jeananne Lauder, Sandra Ritchie and Kim Massie.

**KDLB Points Competition:** This was won by Dunfermline Ladies (Pat McFarlane, Irene Baillie and Enid Brown) with Enid Brown winning the individual prize for highest score. Mike Niven of sponsor **Loch Leven's Larder** presented the prizes.

**Scottish Curling Junior Championship:** Seven members of Kinross Junior Curling Club qualified for this event, taking place in Aberdeen 21-26 January, while this Newsletter is in production. Best wishes to Grant Barr, Fraser Thomson, Alison Wood, Fiona Spain, Kathryn Spain, Linzi Sim and Kirsty Paterson.

**The Japanese Olympic team** practised at Kinross Curling in January. Staff say they were a joy to host and fantastic to watch. Look out for curling on TV during the Winter Olympics, 7-23 February.

**Try Curling:** Fifty new curlers of all ages took to the ice for the first time in a Try Curling event on 4 January. See separate notice below for sessions in February. Also take a look at [www.trycurling.com](http://www.trycurling.com)

**Kinross Curling Newsletter:** Iceman Andy Macpherson has launched a great monthly email newsletter as a supplement to the Kinross Curling website and Facebook page. Sign up for it on the home page of the Kinross Curling website.

*Thanks to Andy Macpherson for much of the above information.*



### Olympic Try Curling

£1 per person

**Monday 17 February** 5.30pm - 8pm

**Wednesday 19 February** 5.30pm - 8pm

**Sunday 23 February** 2.45pm - 5pm

There are mini-sessions contained within the times listed above. For more information, contact Claire Milne, Area Curling Development Officer, telephone 07789 646672 or email: [kinrossdev@royalcalendoniancurlingclub.org](mailto:kinrossdev@royalcalendoniancurlingclub.org)

## Kinross Curling Trust

### Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Curling Trust will take place on **Sunday 2 February** in the Windlestrae Hotel at 2pm. Trust members should have received notice of this by email or letter. This meeting is only open to Trust members.



## Fossoway Curling Club

Website: [fossowaycurlingclub.weebly.com](http://fossowaycurlingclub.weebly.com)

Fossoway have now won through to the semi-finals of The John Stewart Double Rink Knockout. Skips Iain Brown and Ian Nicholson guided their rinks to victory over Kinross Juniors.

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. And don't forget to check our website (see heading).



## Kinross Ladies Hockey Club

Training resumed with sessions on Wednesday which, as a result of the Christmas break, contained more grunting and groaning than a Williams sister tennis match. Club members worked hard to forget the indulgences of a merry few weeks, not least those of the Christmas night out. I will not go into detail here – what goes on tour stays on tour or, alternatively, at the bar at the Windlestrae.

It was fabulous to see some new faces at training and especially to hear from some that they had been attracted to the club by the friendly atmosphere they had encountered on previous meetings. They also look set to provide us with some great new talent and the enthusiasm we like to see!

League games resume at the beginning of February and the coming weeks will be spent working on fitness, skills and tactics so that we are best prepared to start back with a bang.

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 playing in Midlands League divisions 1 and 2. If you would like to come along and join in, please do! We have players of all ages attending and do not be put off if you have not picked up a stick since school – many of us can count (with a gulp and a shudder) a frightening number of years of abstinence before we started playing for the club. Young players are also very much in evidence and enjoy a supportive and nurturing experience with us.

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



### Community Website

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## Kinross Colts FC



Kinross Colts continue to expand with the addition of two new age groups to the club: 2005 & 2006. Both age groups are currently developing and preparing for the start of the children's soccer season in March when they will join the FSSDA set-up and begin playing against other teams from Fife.

The 2005 team have enlisted the support from two of our older players to help their coaches - Andrew Beveridge and Calum McIntyre, who are both Kinross Colts in the older 98 and 99 teams. The boys have volunteered to support the 2005 training as part of their own Duke of Edinburgh efforts.

The 2002 squad completed a very successful 2013 season with two teams playing in the Fife Soccer Sevens League at Pitreavie. Their hard work and skill has been recognised with several players being included in SFA development squads and Pro Youth team coaching programmes. Our congratulations and best wishes to Cameron Cook (St Johnstone), Blair White (Hibs / Celtic) and Thomas Gray (Perth and Kinross regional SFA development squad). They are a credit to their coaches, Iain Fulton and Brian Kenny, and everyone connected with the 2002 squad.



*The Colts 2004 squad*

The 2004 squad have recently re-structured into one squad and will also start the new season in the FSSDA set-up in March. Many thanks to our new sponsors, Todd & Duncan (2004 team), and Steward & Smart (2005 team), for their help with the purchase of strips for the players.

The club now have approximately 120 children regularly training and playing matches across most age groups from 1998 to 2006. We would welcome any interest to add additional age groups to the club or any applications from children wishing to join the current squads where we have space. Please contact [kinrosscolts@gmail.com](mailto:kinrosscolts@gmail.com) if you wish any further information on the club or are interested in getting involved.

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## Milnathort Golf Club

### Senior Section

A Happy New Year to all our readers; may it be healthy and prosperous!

Now that all the stramash of Christmas shopping, etc, and over indulgence has passed, we are now into the period of self-recrimination and resolutions to get back into shape, so to that effect, make the most of your membership and get out there and start swinging again. The winter Thursday league is still going strong when the weather allows and there is good company and good scores to be had with a little bit of effort.

The Senior Section is looking at having an away day, probably in March. The venue has not yet been decided but it will be posted on the Seniors' Notice Board as soon as things have been finalised. Keep your eyes peeled and if you don't want to be disappointed, get your names down early!

With the days getting longer it will soon be time to get the 2014 Fixture Lists, and before we know it we'll be back into the full flow of Club Golf again.

**Watch the Notice Board for further information.**

### Ladies Section

A most enjoyable Christmas lunch was enjoyed by the winter sweep ladies in December. The sweep continues to be well attended every Wednesday and Saturday, and hopefully right up until March. From then we look forward to the good weather and more importantly, good golf into and throughout the new season.

### Junior Section

There has not been a lot of competitive golf over the past few months with the junior winter league competition in December being rained off.

Seven Milnathort juniors have been taking advantage of county golf coaching opportunities at Gleneagles over the winter and have two more coaching sessions before the full golf season restarts at the end of March.

Also before the start of the season there are three more rounds of the winter league to be held, so hopefully the weather will be kind.

Plans for the new season include the introduction of Clubgolf Level 2 coaching for those who have already gone through Level 1 and a refreshed competition schedule that will include more Stableford format competitions and some more opportunities to play Matchplay golf as well.

Junior memberships are available for £89 or £63 for U14s; please contact the club for details.

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## Kinross Otters

### Club Championships 2013

The Otters annual club championships took place at the Loch Leven Leisure Centre on Sunday 24 November 2013. As usual, this was a well attended and fun day. There were some very interesting and competitive races due to the heats being graded on personal best times.

Foremost of these, which had all the swimmers and spectators on their feet cheering, was 6'3" **Jordan Curtis** (17) against 4' 11" "pocket rocket" **Ola Stanton** (10) in the 100m Breaststroke. To be fair, this is **Jordan's** weakest stroke, highlighted by the fact he is club record holder in the 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m Freestyle. **Jordan's** sheer power won the day...just...and all bets are off for next year.

**Jordan** was also involved in one of the other most exciting races of the day in the 100m Freestyle, where he held off a very determined effort by **Cameron McCloskey** (15) to dethrone him as the Otters fastest swimmer. **Cameron** led for 99 metres only to be pipped at the touch (59.01 vs 59.02 secs). Over all four strokes though, **Cameron** re-gained the momentum to win the oldest age group.

However, the most hotly contested category was the Girls 15 and over where **Rachel Brisbane** (16) and **Mhairi Boyle** (16) battled it out all day only to be separated by **0.63 secs**, with **Rachel** just shaving it. This is the closest finish ever at these championships.

The annual Otters Awards Night to celebrate the winners from the Championships and other achievements throughout the year was held at the Windlestrae Hotel on Saturday 4 January 2014. A full list of winners and categories is shown below.



<b>9 &amp; U Girls 50 m</b> 1st Zosia Stanton 2nd Emma Mitchell 3rd Helen Hamilton	<b>9 &amp; U Boys 50 m</b> 1st Struan Bennet 2nd Campbell Shiels 3rd Jack Brisbane
<b>10/11 Girls 50 m</b> 1st Jennifer Austin 2nd Nikki Dall 3rd Rachel Davis	<b>10/11 Boys 50 m</b> 1st Lewie Reith 2nd Lewis Bental 3rd Matthew Bental
<b>12 &amp; U Girls 100 m</b> 1st Ola Stanton 2nd Amy Hardie 3rd Rebecca Mitchell	<b>12 &amp; U Boys 100 m</b> 1st Rory Hutchison 2nd Elliot Hogg 3rd Alex Bell
<b>13/14 Girls 100 m</b> 1st Niamh Mullen 2nd Amy Broadhurst 3rd Iona Crawford	<b>13/14 Boys 100 m</b> 1st Conor McCormick 2nd Ryan Curtis 3rd Euan Boyle
<b>15 &amp; over Girls 100 m</b> 1st Rachel Brisbane 2nd Mhairi Boyle 3rd Fiona Thomson	<b>15 &amp; Over Boys 100 m</b> 1st Cameron McCloskey 2nd Jordan Curtis 3rd Callum Simpson
<b>100m IM Girls</b> 1st Ruth Ritchie 2nd Ailsa Bennet 3rd Honor Ashcroft	<b>100m IM Boys</b> 1st Rory Hutchison 2nd Elliot Hogg 3rd Alex Bell
<b>200m IM Girls</b> 1st Niamh Mullen 2nd Mhairi Boyle 3rd Rachel Brisbane	<b>200m IM Boys</b> 1st Conor McCormick 2nd Cameron McCloskey 3rd Jordan Curtis
<b>100m Open IM Girls</b> 1st Fiona Crichton 2nd Johanna Rae 3rd Ann Malcolm	<b>100m Open IM Boys</b> 1st Mirek Chmielek

In addition, the Otters actually won three different age categories within the Midland District Premier League against the cream of Tayside. They were:

**10 and under Girls**- Ola Stanton, Ailsa Bennet, Ruth Ritchie, Zosia Stanton, Livia Witt and Kirstin Fotheringham

**10 and under Boys**- Jack Muncey, Struan Bennet, Conor Houston, Campbell Shiels and Lewie Reith

**13 / 14 yr old Boys**- Conor McCormick, Finlay Nesbitt, Euan Boyle, Gregor Malcolm, Robbie Carstairs, Ryan Curtis and Jack Watson

#### Coaches Award

Bronze Squad - Zoe Findlay  
Silver Squad - Audrey Doyle / Sarah Coutts  
Gold Squad - Caitlin Steptoe  
Platinum Squad - Cameron McCloskey

**Swimmers of the Year** - Kirstin Haig & Conor McCormick

A big thank you to **Jinty of Dream Flowers, Milnathort**, who produced three stunning floral bouquets purchased by the Otters. These were generously arranged for free by Jinty who very kindly supplemented the flowers with greenery and thistles and provided cellophane and ribbons.

**Club Success** - Two of our senior swimmers recently successfully completed and received their certificates for the Level 1 coaching qualification. Well done to **Mhairi Boyle** and **Rachel Brisbane** as this is a fantastic achievement.

#### Tayside Schools Championships 2014

Several Otters were involved in these annual championships representing their schools, which serve as a qualifier for the National event in early 2014 (date yet to be set). They were held in the week beginning 11/11/2013 at the new Olympia Pool in Dundee. The age groups are a bit oddly organised in that it is your age as of 31/12/2014 that you compete in. In addition, you can only compete in a maximum of two events. The most stunning performances came from Ola Stanton (10) representing Milnathort Primary School when she won the 12 and under Girls 50m Butterfly in a startling 35.10 secs. This places her quickest 10 year old in Scotland and 3rd quickest in the whole of Britain! Her 50m Breaststroke was no less impressive, which she won in 40.90 secs. This places her quickest 10 year old in Scotland by some 3.4 secs (a huge amount) and 5th quickest in Britain. Clearly "pocket rocket" only begins to cover Ola's abilities and the excitement is growing for the National Finals.

**Finlay Nesbitt** (13) once again proved his credentials to win both the Boys 13-14 200m Individual Medley and 100m Backstroke very comfortably in 2.40.55 and 1.14.95 respectively.

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## Kinross Otters continued...

**Gregor Malcolm** (14) won the Boys 15-16 200m Individual Medley and **Niamh Mullen** (14) won the same category in the Girls 200m Butterfly. **Jack Watson** (13) won the Boys 13-14 200m Backstroke. **Rory Hutchison** (11) won a silver medal in the Boys 12 and under 50m Freestyle and a bronze in the 50m Butterfly.

**Cameron McCloskey** (15) won a silver medal in the Boys 15-16 year old 200m Freestyle as did **Iona Crawford** (13) in the Girls 13-14 year old 200m Breaststroke and **Amy Broadhurst** (13) in the Girls 13-14 100m Butterfly.

**Ryan Curtis** (14) won a bronze medal in the Boys 15-16 yr old 200m Freestyle, as did **Rebecca Hardie** (14) in the same age group Girls 100m Breaststroke and **Rebecca Mitchell** (11) in the Girls 12 and under 50m Butterfly. **Jordan Curtis** (17) also won a bronze medal in the Boys 17-19 yr old 200m Freestyle in a new Otters Club Record of 2.03.45, breaking his own recent record by over two seconds.

Over at the new Michael Woods Sports and Leisure Centre in Glenrothes on 24/11/2013, **Kirstin Haig** (13) representing Bell Baxter, won a gold medal with ease in the Girls 12-13 year old 200m Freestyle in 2.28.80, some 4 seconds clear of the next swimmer.

## Scottish National Short Course Championships Royal Commonwealth Pool, Edinburgh 13 – 15 December 2013

Only one Otter eventually made it through to these top quality Championships, which sees good club swimmers rubbing shoulders with Olympians. **Conor McCormick** (14) came 53rd in the Boys 15 and under 100m Individual Medley in 1.08.25 and 54th in the 400m Individual Medley in 5.09.28. Well done. Even getting there was an achievement.

## Kinross Adult Otters Swimming Club

This club meets every Tuesday evening at the pool at Loch Leven Leisure Centre between 8 and 9. The idea behind the club is to try and improve the stroke, style and stamina of those attending so that any other swimming is more worthwhile, effective and enjoyable. The fact that you may look a little more toned whilst on a sunny foreign poolside is an incidental bonus. We have, as members, triathletes, serious swimmers and those just looking to swim a little more or a little better: in short, anyone who is looking to improve their technique in a friendly adult environment. There is absolutely no need for someone coming along to be a good swimmer, as that's what we would hope to help you become.

We generally aim to have either a swim leader or coach on the poolside who is on hand to direct training by suggesting exercises and drills. This is not in any way formal and there is no compulsion to follow any or all of their suggestions.

We would like to welcome new swimmers of any ability who think that they would like to improve their ability in the pool. If you feel that this may be for you, then please pop along on a Tuesday evening and give it a try. We hope to see you there.

If you need any further information, then please just contact Ian Shepherd on 07944 503074 at any time.



## Orwell Bowling Club

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Hard to believe that our Bowling season will be starting again soon, though some of our members do continue throughout the winter months by turning their hand to indoor Bowling instead.

Since the end of our season, the club has held its Annual General Meeting and I'm glad to say that there was a fair turnout of members for this.

Congratulations to Mr Jim Whittet, our newly elected President, who will be ably supported by Dr Brian Cook in Vice-President role and his other committee members. (This information can be found on our website.)

The club also held its Presentation Dance at the end of November, when many members enjoyed a lovely buffet supplied by outside caterers and a ceilidh provided by our own local band, The Benarty Ceilidh Band, who fairly put us through our paces! A big thank you to them both for helping the night go well.

A full list of winners will be on our website but well done to our Singlehand Winners:

	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Runner-up</i>
<b>Gents</b>	David Winton	Vic McKechnie
<b>Ladies</b>	Jean Menzies	Sandra Fullerton
<b>Senior</b>	Sandra Fullerton	Vic McKechnie

We have held Christmas and Hogmanay parties with entertainment provided by a local DJ. We also have a Thursday afternoon gang who meet throughout the winter for a blether, cuppy and to play indoor sports such as darts and table tennis.

At the start of this coming season, the club will have to start the preparations for the 2015 season, as the club will celebrate 125 years as a Bowling Club. Some members remember the celebrations undertaken for the 100 year landmark and we hope that our members will come forward with ideas to help fundraise to enable the club to mark this achievement. We do have a small working party set up (note in club).

If members wish anything included in the Newsletter article, please let the Secretary know and I will organise it. I appreciate I don't always remember everything!

New members are always welcome and our opening day would be a grand opportunity to come along - date to follow.

*Diane Foster*

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## Kinross Volleyball Club

The club started the new year with a friendly set of games against neighbours Alva, reciprocating an early season visit to the Clackmannanshire Club.

In the Premier League, Kinross Scotrange continue in pole position with Kinross Kintronics a wee bit further behind. In the Recreational League, Kinross BB are still close to the top with Mongrels and Kinross BB Girls' Association slightly further down the table.

January sees the start of the East Central Scotland Regional League with Kinross having home fixtures against Team Fife and Perth with away fixtures to Linlithgow and Edinburgh University. The Kinross Club have been beaten finalists over the past two seasons losing out to Dundee

University on both occasions.

Club members continue to attend weekly training and coaching sessions at the Community Campus on Monday evenings from 8pm till 9.30pm. New members are welcome at any time –

any age, male or female. The Club will be entering teams in this year's Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament in early June where they look forward to meeting up with their friends from Belgium and Italy.



*Kinross and Alva players who met for a friendly game in January*

## Kinross Road Runners

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Over the festive period things tend to slow down a little as the members of KRR take some time out from races and concentrate more on training for the upcoming Devil's Burdens relay race which takes place on 25 January and takes in the summits of East Lomond, West Lomond, Bishop Hill and Whitecraigs. Over the past month or so, a huge number of members have taken to the hills on a Sunday morning in order to fine tune their routes for race day. The results will be posted in next month's Newsletter.....

### Kinross Handicap Race, 15 December

The one race that did take place last month was the KRR Christmas handicap.

The handicap race is a great event whereby all the members are set off on a staggered start based on their predicted 10k times and the first to cross the line wins. The idea is that everyone should have an equal chance to win. Due to her early retirement, obviously this year's winner **Anne Wilson** has managed to fit in some sneaky extra training sessions and ran a fantastic time of **50:04** to win by a clear margin over **Nick Rowan** who finished second overall and First male in a 10k time of **40:16**. **Anne Malcolm (53:58)** was third over the line, closely followed by **Jillian Gordon (39:18)**, **Struan Robertson (57:20)** and **Peter 'The Postie' Edgerton (41:59)**.

For those of you interested in joining the club, please feel free to come along to Lathro car park at 7pm on Wednesday night and join in. Come to a few training sessions and see what you think.

**Website:** visit our refreshed website for more information about the club.

## Kinross Badminton Club



**Club Nights:** The club welcomes players of all standards and meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Games Hall, Loch Leven Community Campus, Kinross, between 8pm and 9.45pm.

**Club Competitions:** For members: The annual tournament takes place during February and March, so add your name to the lists on the notice-board. It is hoped to play one event each night but this is dependent on numbers.

**Perth & District League:** Kinross won their latest match against Forgandenny 15-3. The match schedule is on the notice-board.

### Club Competition Results

- **Kate Francis Mixed** – John Mahoney and Mo Macpherson were the winners after beating Steve Thomson and Lorna Halley.
- **McDonald Quaich** – There was a good turnout for this event and following various exciting rounds of 5 minutes play per round (with a draw taking place for the next pairings after each round), the top four players (those with the most points) were then drawn to play a final of one game to 21. Rory Cooper and Alison Scott were paired together (title holders from last year), to play Mo Macpherson and Sean Clemic. It was a closely fought match, with Rory and Alison retaining their title in an exciting final.

For further information on the Club, please contact Honorary President, Bill McDonald, 01577 862592. Kinross Badminton Club can also be found on Facebook. The club recently celebrated its 50th anniversary, so please enjoy looking at the pictures then feel free to like us!

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## Kinross Cavaliers Basketball Club

Weekly training at Kinross Cavaliers Basketball commenced again on 7 January.

Following a taster session arranged by John Anton, Regional Development Manager for Tayside & Fife, which was held at the campus in November, the club is delighted to welcome new members mainly from Primary 6 and 7 classes from schools in the area.

They all seem to be enjoying their weekly training, and will shortly take part in the forthcoming under 12 Tayside & Fife Regional Development tournaments.

The players taking part in Basketball Scotland's 'Future Starz' programme have been training hard, and hope to make it to the final selection at the national camps, the first of which will take place 1st/2nd March.

Several former members now play in the Under 16 cadet men's team at Perth Phoenix. Coach Kesson at Perth is delighted that his under 18 junior men's team has made it to the final of the 'Scottish Cup'. This is the first time that Perth will have taken part in the final. The game will be held against Boroughmuir Blaze, on Sunday 2 February at 1.15pm at the Lagoon Leisure Centre, Paisley, and should be an exciting experience. Good Luck, Phoenix.

For more details and information on these events, check out [www.basketballscotland.co.uk](http://www.basketballscotland.co.uk).

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

Our weekly training sessions cost £3.00 each and, if you want to join the club, there is a one-off annual payment of £10.00, which includes your registration with Basketball Scotland.

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

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## Kinross Kobras - Junior Hockey

The festive period saw the Kobras having a go at indoor hockey with a couple of tournaments, first in Perth then in Dundee. Indoor hockey is a fast and furious version of the game where the side walls keep the ball in play and are used strategically by experienced players. Over the course of the two tournaments Kinross players gained useful experience in this version of the game and were, by the end of the Dundee tournament, getting the better of their more experienced opponents. Special mention goes to the U10 team playing in Dundee who, despite losing their first game, came back strongly to win all their other games. Kinross Kobras also featured an U16 team for the first time at this tournament and will be looking to develop opportunities for this age group in the coming year.

Training has now restarted on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and this term will see the older Kobras looking to secure places in the Midland District U14 squads.

The Kobras will be hosting a junior tournament in early March and this will give them all a chance to get some competitive hockey under their belts.

New players are always welcome so if you want to try a new sport this year why not give hockey a go.



*The Kobras U10 team from the Dundee tournament*

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## Kinross Men's Hockey Club

Kinross 1sts play in East District Division 1 and the 2nds in Division 3. Refreshed after the Christmas break, both teams are looking forward to getting back to winning ways. Both teams are lying eighth in their leagues. The 1sts have played nine, won three, drawn one and lost five. The 2nds have played eight, won three, drawn one and lost four. Fantastic to see so many youngsters having progressed up from the Kobras coached by Andy MacIntyre.

Training is on Tuesday nights 7.30pm to 9pm at KGV with our new coach Gurdial Duhre and is free. We are always looking for new players young or old so why not come down to training and give it a go!

For further information either contact Chris Robson on e-mail: [captain@kinrosshockey.co.uk](mailto:captain@kinrosshockey.co.uk) or David Niven: [secretary@kinrosshockey.co.uk](mailto:secretary@kinrosshockey.co.uk) or visit our website at [www.kinrosshockey.co.uk](http://www.kinrosshockey.co.uk).

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# News from the Rurals

**CLEISH** – Vice president Mrs Dorothy Morris welcomed everyone to the December meeting. She then introduced Mr Mark Crush who gave us a very enjoyable talk on the history of the fire service and also showed us firefighting uniforms from years gone by to the present day. Our own members modelled them very well.

A vote of thanks was given.

Competitions:

Flower of the Month	-	Margaret Kilpatrick
3 Pieces of Tablet	-	Margaret Nelson
Firefighters Limerick	-	Heather McDougal

President Mrs Alison Morris welcomed everyone to our January meeting. After business she introduced our speaker for the evening, Reverend Alan Reid.

He then gave us an entertaining recollection of his call to preach for the Queen at Balmoral, and an insight into all the protocol that went with it. Mrs Dorothy Morris gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

Pot Plant	-	Mrs Fiona Barnfather
2 Sausage Rolls	-	Mrs Margaret Nelson
Bookmark	-	Dorothy Morris

**BISHOPSHIRE** – December report: Members enjoyed a delicious meal at The Well in Scotlandwell, and donated 29 wrapped Christmas presents to the Salvation Army in Glenrothes.

Competition:

Wrapped Christmas parcel	-	Joanne Cowan
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The first meeting of the New Year took the form of a Members' Night with an international feel. Members Norma Smith and Jeanette McLennan presented a slide show of their recent holidays. Norma had visited China, and gave us many different glimpses of life there. Some of the scenery was quite stunning, especially in the south and on the Yangtse.

Jeanette's trip was quite different; the deep south of America. Some of Elvis' songs were played to accompany the different facets of his life.

Competitions:

Holiday Souvenir	-	Norma Smith
Jar of Blackcurrant Jam	-	Jeanette McLennan

**MILNATHORT** - Our January meeting was a Scots night. Entertainment was by Meauliane: accordionists Lorna Mair and her husband, with son Gordon playing a selection of tunes on the bagpipes.

Competitions:

Dumpling	-	Vi Todd
Small item in tartan	-	Lorna Douglas
Flower of the Month	-	Cathie Cochrane

**CARNBO** – President Elizabeth Campbell opened the December meeting and handed over to Heaven Scent who gave us an excellent Christmas meal, after which we had readings, a quiz and sang carols.

Competitions:

Christmas Card	-	Linda Band
Flower of the Month	-	Josephine Paterson

President Elizabeth Campbell welcomed members to the January meeting. Three members gave short talks: Molly White advised on finishing handicraft items for showing, Chris Scholes spoke about Royal Crown Derby china and Frances Drysdale showed how to propagate plants.

Competitions:

Beanie hat	-	Josephine Paterson
Flower of the Month	-	Cath Mearns

**BLAIRINGONE** – December: Members joined Powmill WRI for Christmas dinner at Powmill Milk Bar.

January: Vice President Fiona Clark welcomed Nicola Glennie from Ecoknits, Alloa, who gave a demonstration using recycled material.

Competition:

6" knitted square	-	Mary Ramsay
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**CROOK OF DEVON** – Vice President Alice Johnston opened the January meeting, introducing Lesley Bruce who gave us a talk on how she began designing and making jewellery. Lesley brought along samples of her lovely work which we could admire and purchase. She also very kindly donated one of her pieces to our raffle; Mary Patterson was the lucky lady who won.

Competitions:

Necklace	-	Jean Jackson
Flower of the Month	-	Alice Johnston

**GLENFARG** – Dunkeld Handbell Ringers, under their amazing leader Heather MacLean, entertained members with a selection of Christmas melodies. Heather also performed a solo medley which delighted the members.

Competitions:

Sausage Rolls	-	Linda Stuart
Christmas cracker	-	Allison Messenger
Flower of the Month	-	Allison Messenger

Mrs Margaret Scott proposed the vote of thanks and wished the members a very Happy Christmas.

Mrs Margaret Scott welcomed members and guests to the first meeting of 2014. The speaker was Willie Shand, whose slides of Highland Perthshire, together with some amusing and fascinating anecdotes, proved an excellent start to the New Year.

Mrs Andzia Scott proposed a very well-deserved vote of thanks.

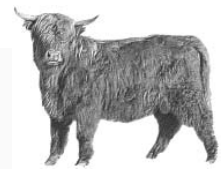
Competitions:

Pot Plant	-	Helen Quartermaine
Oatie biscuits	-	Allison Messenger
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# Out & About

## RSPB Loch Leven

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Hello again efter a wee brek due tae the festivities. Hope ye hiv awe recovert fae the trials, joys, over indulgence and tribulations. Wi the centre bein open durin the festive period, maist o' the centre based staff wur workin shroo. Some quite busy days ensued wi folks comin oot fur walks, food, birdwatchin, n the like.

Oan the reserve, the wet weather hiz fair raised the watter levels, the gales took some trees doon, but the wildlife jist seemed tae get oan wi it the best they could. Did help fur birdwatching tho, cos awthing gaithered in the lee o' the loch edge banks fur a bit o' shelter.

The twa regular Sea Eagles turquoise tag H and X fae the 2009 release hiv been hingin aboot the islands again, first bein seen early December and at time o' writin ur still here. They're the age tae breed noo, bein five years auld this comin spring, so we await developments tae see whit micht or indeed micht no happen?

Oan a non bird theme we ur regularly gettin a visit fae an otter which is often seen richt oot in front o' the first hide, alang wi guid numbers o' whooper swans feedin oan the newly rejuvenatit ponds. A red squirrel is also bein seen fae time tae time behind the screens in the picnic area oan the peanut feeder.

The shop hiz been festooned wi boxes lately due tae the hunners – 'n' ah mean hunners – o' new products which hiv jist come in. Everythin fae hoosehold, outdoor stuff like collapsible lunch boxes, a collapsible kettle, tons o' new kids stuff like cuddly toys, games etc, bakin products, cookie jars, peenies, mugs, gairdenin stuff. Mighty! Soonds like a list fae the end o' "The Generation Game" if ye kin mind that far back – "good game, good game!" The sale also continues wi some grand bargains on selectit items.

Since we ur mair aboot helpin all o' nature noo, weel wi aye hiv been aboot that, bit folk thocht it wiz jist birds we did, but we didnae we aye did everythin so noo ye ken. Onywey tae help oor furry, spikey, shelly wildlife the new products continue wi a range tae help all o' nature, no jist the feathert yins. Feeders, hooses new lines o' food fur various things like hedgehogs etc. Gan intae the shop fur a guid gander the next time yer in. If ye need ony advice ask the friendly knowledgeable staff or volunteers.

Work on the Heritage Trail continues, although the path is not yet open. A lot has been done but sections are still to complete. Please follow the signs put up by TRACKS who will let us and you know when it is useable. In the meantime should you have any queries ask when you are in, or phone TRACKS for an update. The planned opening date is the end of March at present.

Till next time, ta ta

Colin

## Loch Leven NNR



We are 50! Happy New Year to one and all, and welcome to 2014 - the year in which we celebrate 50 years as a national nature reserve at Loch Leven. We have lots of things planned to mark the momentous occasion, including a celebratory Discovery Day with new activities and a unique feel; a photography competition of the last 50 years; the completion of last year's artist in residence projects; various bits and pieces of merchandise; and the small matter of the Heritage Trail completion, which I'm sure everybody is eagerly anticipating the opening of this spring. As part of our celebrations, we're planning on putting together a time line of Loch Leven over the last 50 years, and would appreciate your help! Locals in the area will have seen significant changes in the way the loch is managed over the last 5 decades, and we're asking for any contributions to our time line, whether they be old photographs, memoirs, or newspaper cuttings, there is a rich story to tell dating back to its designation in 1964, and we need your help to tell it. Any contributions, suggestions or thoughts on this, please contact me at the reserve office on 01577 864439.

### Walk for Wetlands – Sunday 2 February, 10am – 1pm

#### Meeting at Loch Leven's Larder car park

Our first event of the year will take place on World Wetlands Day, and will be in celebration of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance. Loch Leven has been afforded the highest levels of designation on account of its importance to breeding and migratory wildfowl, with the winter wildfowl assemblage being virtually unrivalled nationally. The Ramsar Convention of 1971 took place in Iran, and required all signatory countries (of which there are now 168) to designate sites within their borders of wetland importance, with particular emphasis on wildfowl. Loch Leven has become one of Great Britain's most important Ramsar sites, with a significant proportion of wintering Pink-footed Geese, as well as large numbers of a wide range of other ducks, geese and swans, so each year we mark the anniversary of World Wetlands Day with a Walk for Wetlands. Come along and join us to learn more about what makes Loch Leven such an important place for migratory wildfowl, and help us to look out for some of the winter visitors that makes this a hotspot for birders and naturalists the world over. Places are limited and booking is essential, so if you'd like to join us please get in touch to book your place by calling the reserve office on 01577 864439.

Now is the time of year to be looking out for early signs of courtship display, and two species its worth looking out for are Great-crested Grebe and Goldeneye. The long-necked elegance of the former and the inimitable head bobbing of the latter make them fascinating features of the loch through the early weeks and months of the year. Look out also for the White-tailed Eagle, as they have been seen roosting on all three islands over the course of the last couple of months, and if you don't look now you may be disappointed for another year, as they tend to depart the loch during the summer months.

That's all for now folks. Remember to check the blog ([www.lochlevennnr.wordpress.com](http://www.lochlevennnr.wordpress.com)) for up-to-date news and activities taking place around the loch.

Craig

### Loch Leven NNR Fact of the Month

The first National Nature Reserve in UK was Beinn Eighe NNR, designated in 1951, making it 13 years older than Loch Leven.

## Farming



### The effects of history on farming

A Happy New Year to everyone and I hope any New Year resolutions are proving easy to keep.

For farmers it's a time to look forward and finalise plans for the coming summer season with regard to seed and fertiliser requirements and grazing plans.

As we start this year, the centenary of the outbreak of the Great War is focusing attention on its effects in shaping our recent history. This is certainly true of the agricultural industry where there is discussion on how the country sources its food and how the farming role in feeding the nation has changed through the years. In 1914 Britain imported 80% of its wheat requirements. This statistic bluntly highlights the attitude to food and farming during the end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th centuries.

Fast forward 100 years and I would argue that the situation is similar, although we are far closer to being self-sufficient as far as wheat is concerned and general attitudes began to change about the importance of food security a few years ago. This coincided with a sharp rise in the price of food caused by, amongst other things, a poor global yield of wheat. In reality this was just the resulting explosion from the ticking time bomb of static wheat and other foodstuff prices. Look back to 1980 and you would find the price of wheat at roughly £100 per tonne. For about thirty years it hovered around this figure. Farm efficiency has improved over the years to help counter balance static output prices, but it couldn't continue indefinitely. I have used wheat as an example but the same principle applies to milk, meat and other produce.

The policies of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) within the Europe and successive UK governments post-World War 2 encouraged farm production as history showed that countries who couldn't feed themselves were vulnerable. However, history also shows us that the more things change, the more things stay the same. The post-war agricultural policies led to surpluses of meat, milk and grains, which cost money to store which in turn led to changes in the emphasis of agricultural policies from encouraging production to increase, to limiting production. Now we have the situation where there is very little 'spare' foodstuffs in store (ignoring the fact that two-thirds of the world's population suffer from malnutrition), which leaves us here in Britain vulnerable to the size of the world harvest and looking to the future, the increase in world population if the agricultural potential isn't maximised.

So, we find ourselves a century on from the start of the Great War in a situation where:

1. food production has been pegged back (some would say discouraged) by European Union policies but the CAP (farming) budget is still being spent, collected from taxpayers, but not for its original purpose of subsidising the price of food;
2. large areas of once productive farmland have been semi-abandoned, as it became uneconomical to maintain them;
3. rising population and static food production are major issues for the near future.

And they call it progress!

John

## Weather



### December Weather Report from Carnbo

The only word that describes the weather of December 2013 is abominable. During the month a succession of deep low pressure systems crossed the Atlantic from Newfoundland, aiming for the bullseye of Britain. This led to frequent severe gales and very heavy rain at times.

Total rainfall 254 mm (215% of average)

Heaviest fall 39 mm (4th)

Rain days 25, trace days 5, dry days 2!

Snow days 3, lying days 2, total depth 2cms

Highest temperature 10°C (13th)

Lowest temperature -3°C (3rd)

Average temperature 3.5°C

No ice days

12 sunless days, 75% total cloud cover

Ground frost on 16 nights, air frost on 5 nights

Thunder not recorded

### November Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall 50.8 mm (2.032 inches)

Heaviest fall 8.6 mm (2nd)

Total sunshine for month 34.9 hours

Sunniest day 3.2 hours (10th)

Maximum temperature average 8.09°C

Highest temperature 12.5°C (27th)

Minimum temperature average -1.45°C

Lowest temperature -5.6°C (4th)

### December Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall 205.3 mm (8.21 inches)

Heaviest fall 29.6 mm (4th)

Total sunshine for month 7.2 hours

Sunniest day 1.8 hours (1st)

Maximum temperature average 8.41°C

Highest temperature 12.3°C (13th)

Minimum temperature average 0.21°C

Lowest temperature -6.6°C (5th)

### Scotland's Gardens Snowdrop Festival 2014

1 February – 16 March

Several properties within easy reach of Kinross-shire are participating in Scotland's Gardens Snowdrop Festival.

**Perth & Kinross:** Braco Castle, Cluny House, Kilgraston School, Rossie House

**Fife:** Cambo House and Lindores House

**Stirlingshire:** Gargunnoch House, Kilbryde Castle, The Linns, West Plean House

Scotland's Gardens is a registered charity which raises funds for other deserving charities by co-ordinating the opening of gardens of horticultural interest to the public. See [www.scotlandsgardens.org](http://www.scotlandsgardens.org) for more information.

## Congratulations



**ELIZABETH BOYD** celebrated her 100th birthday on Christmas Day, 2013.

Congratulations to **MARGARET and JIM WARDROPE** of MacDonald Avenue who celebrated their Golden Wedding recently. They were married in Kinross Parish Church on 21 December 1963 by Rev Duncan McKenzie.

**ADRIAN SHARP** graduated as a Flying Officer from RAF College Cranwell on 19 December, 2013. A big well done from his proud wife, Samantha, and parents, David and Barbara Sharp, Mawcarse Crossroads, Milnathort.

**HUNTERS OF KINROSS** won a Gold award at the 2014 World Scotch Pie Championship in the 'Hot Savoury' category for their Breakfast Pie.



*Les McKeown of the Bay City Rollers (centre), a judge in the World Scotch Pie Championship, presents a Gold Award to Iain Hunter, with Conner Stewart, apprentice.*

## Thanks



**ELIZABETH BOYD** would like to thank everyone who sent cards, flowers and gifts to mark her 100th birthday.

The **Milnathort Primary School Parent Council Fundraising Team** would like to thank everyone who helped to raise over £1,200 at our Christmas Fair this year.

A special thanks to the following individuals and organisations for their support:

Sainsbury's, Giacomazzi's, Loch Leven's Larder, Morag Thomson Freelance Marketing and PR, The Fairtrade Steering Group, Milnathort Filmhouse, Nikki Matthew Dance School, Steven Ritchie, The Green Hotel, The Tormaukin Hotel, Grouse & Claret, Lochend Farm Shop, Milnathort Golf Club, MB Salon, Robertson's, The Studio Hair Company, Sands Ironmongers, Stewart & Smart.

All the stall holders for bringing along their stalls and donations for our raffle; The kind people who donated hamper goodies, raffle prizes, home baking and bottles; The volunteers who helped set up, run the event and dismantle on the day; The staff of Milnathort Primary School.

Thank you also to the local businesses and organisations who helped promote the event.

## Thanks continued...



The Members of the **ROTARY CLUB OF KINROSS & DISTRICT** wish to express their grateful thanks to the management and staff of **Sainsbury's Kinross Branch**, for their help and co-operation at very short notice, and to their customers for contributing the sum of £1604 to assist in relieving the plight of the people of the Philippines rendered homeless by the devastating hurricane which hit the islands at the end of last year.

From **BAILLIES NEWSAGENT**: Thank you to everyone for their support over the last few months following the damage to our shop. Special thanks to the local small businesses who have offered their services and shown the value the High Street offers to Kinross. Special thanks also to Izon Projects (Graham Blackadder) and local builder Simon Wilson for helping us tidy up and rebuild. Welcome back! From Gordon, staff and family.

On behalf of the staff and tenants of **CAUSEWAY COURT**, we would like to thank **Sainsbury's, Bayne's the Bakers, Hunters the Butchers** and everyone else who contributed to the Christmas Raffle. The total sum raised was £235, for which we are very grateful.

On 7 December, **ORWELL OLD FOLKS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE** provided Milnathort over-70's with a most enjoyable Christmas Party. A delicious lunch, catered for by 'The Jolly Beggars', was followed by excellent entertainment from Liz Campbell on her accordion, and then by Gordon Menzies of 'Gaberlunzie'. There was even a visit from 'Sandy Claus', adding to the fun. Grateful thanks to car drivers for their help and kindness in providing transport. In all, a very much appreciated special afternoon. A big thank you to all involved. – *Isabel Gillon*

Rosemary Tolson, on behalf of **ORWELL OLD FOLKS ASSOCIATION**, would like to thank all who helped to make the Christmas Party on Saturday 7 December such a huge success. Personally, I would like to thank the Committee for their continued support and help in organising all events including the drive and the party, fundraising events, buying of Christmas presents and provision of raffles throughout the year; it wouldn't be possible without you.

We would like to thank the members of the **Town Hall Committee** who made sure the Christmas Tree was in place in time for the party. We would like to thank **Ann Rowse of the Jolly Beggars**, for the once again excellent meal enjoyed by all and for her donation of wine and whisky and for her and her staff's help to serve up the meal; **Gordon Menzies** for his excellent and appropriate entertainment, and **Liz McNab** for her well played set on the accordion. Finally, we would like to thank the management and staff of **Sainsbury's** who provided raffles, mince pies, shortbread, tea, coffee and sugar and the staff members who came along on the day to help serve the meals to the party goers. We had many comments about how nice it was to see 'young' people helping! (Don't know what that says about us?) Most of all, we would like to thank all those who came to enjoy the party; it is always rewarding to see people enjoy themselves and enjoy different company for a few hours.

# Kinross-shire Churches Together



## Kinross Parish Church of Scotland

*Following Christ | Spreading the Word | Serving the Community*

10 Station Road, Kinross KY13 8TG (Charity number SC012555)

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

Ordained Local Minister:

Rev Margaret Michie Tel: (01592) 840602

Session Clerk: Jaffrey Weir Tel: (01577) 865780

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

The Church Office sells Fair Trade goods by Traidcraft.

Church E-mail: office@kinrossparishchurch.org

Church/Church Centre Lets: lets@kinrossparishchurch.org

Church website: www.kinrossparishchurch.org

**Church open for visiting or quiet contemplation at same times as office** (but note Pram Service 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 'JamPact' (Secondary Age) meet at church centre from 10.15am, finish at church.

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

**Tuesdays:** 10am: Pram Service, in termtime

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

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

### Other Events and Services

#### February

**Sun 2** 10.30am Morning Service, followed by Informal Communion.

**Mon 3** 8am: Silent Meditation (30 mins.)

**Tue 4** 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.

**Thu 6** 7.30pm: Thursday Group, church centre – Demonstration by Sarah Scott, Studio Hair Co.

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

**Sun 9** 6.30pm: 'Befriending the Lonely' – an information evening about 'Passing the Baton', a Bethany Trust project which helps churches set up a befrienders scheme for those facing loneliness.

**Tue 11** 7.15pm: Guild, church centre: Janice Webster.

**Thu 20** 9pm: late evening service of Compline (20min).

**Sun 23** 6.30pm: Informal Evening Service.

**Tue 25** 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.

7.15pm: Guild, church centre, 'The Balcraig Foundation'.

8pm: Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.

### Concerts for Charities in February

Kinross Parish Church is the venue for two concerts in February.

**Sun 9** 3pm **Guitar Concert** by virtuoso Ayman Jarjour, in aid of Syrian Refugees.

**Sun 16** 3pm **Harp Concert** in memory of Esme Morris MacIntyre, in aid of Teenage Cancer Trust.

### 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

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

**4 February** Guild in Orwell Hall 7pm – 'What a gem', Mr & Mrs Adam Winski.

**18 February** Guild in Orwell Hall 7pm – 'An Invitation to Balmoral', Rev Alan Reid.

**28 February** Oasis Ladies Group in Portmoak New Room 10:15am – 11:45am.

'Chocolate creations' – Hilary Brown.

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.

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.*

## St James's R C Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Father Colin Golden Telephone: (01577) 863329

<b>Mass Times</b>	Saturday Vigil	7.00pm
	Sunday	9.30am

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



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

Minister: Rev Lis Stenhouse Email: lissten@sky.com  
 Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie Telephone: (01592) 840823  
 Session Clerk: Mrs Janet Harper Telephone: (01755) 840225

**Sunday Services** at 9.45am**February**

- Sun 2** 9.45am Morning Worship, Rev L Stenhouse,  
 followed by Refreshments and Fellowship.  
**Sun 9** 9.45am Morning Worship, Rev L Stenhouse.  
**Sun 16** 9.45am Morning Worship, Rev L Stenhouse.  
**Sun 23** Sacrament of Holy Communion,  
 9.45am Rev L Stenhouse.

**A date for your diary**

Dundee Strathspey and Reel Society Scottish Concert,  
 Fossoway Church **Saturday 29 March** 6.30pm

**Wrigglers Group (0-3 years), Junior Church and teens** all meet during term time within the church family at the beginning of the service, and then in their own groups after 'Time to Talk'.

**Café Refresh:** Every Thursday, church hall, 2-4pm.

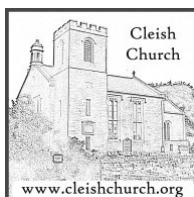
**House group:** Please contact Fred for details, 01577 840833.

**Film Afternoon: Friday 7 February** 2.30-4.30pm and 7.30-9.30pm in the Elizabeth Wilkie Hall. Join us for a film, a cuppa and a blether.

**Cleish Parish Church**  
**Church of Scotland**

(Charity number SC 003168)

Minister: Rev Lis Stenhouse  
 Email: lissten@sky.com  
 Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie  
 Telephone: (01592) 840823  
 Email: brianj.ogilvie1@btopenworld.com  
 Session Clerk: Gordon McMillan  
 Telephone: (01506) 825641  
 Email: gordon.b.mcmillan@tak21.com

Website: [www.cleishchurch.org](http://www.cleishchurch.org)**Sunday Services** 11.15am**Crèche and Junior Church** 11.15am**February**

- Sun 2** 11.15am All Age Morning Worship followed by coffee in the Village Hall.  
**Sun 9** 11.15am Morning Worship.  
**Sun 16** 11.15pm Morning Worship.  
**Sun 23** 11.15am Morning Worship: Sacrament of Holy Communion.  
**Mon 24** 7.15pm Cleish Guild meeting and AGM in the Village Hall.

All welcome

**Healing Rooms Kinross and Loch Leven**

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

No appointment needed. No charge. Totally confidential.  
 Trained volunteers from different churches will pray for your healing. Call 07531 435715 for further information.

[www.healingrooms-scotland.com](http://www.healingrooms-scotland.com)**St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church**

(part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion)

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AY

Fr David Mackenzie Mills, Rector Telephone: 01577 863795

Email: frdavidkinross@gmail.com

Mrs Sarah Oxnard, Vestry Chair Telephone: 01577 864213

Website: [www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk](http://www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk)

You can also find us on Facebook

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. Parents and children of all ages are always most welcome to stay in church for worship or to join our Sunday school for their activities.

If you would like to give us a try, we look forward to meeting and greeting you.

8am Morning Prayer (Mondays and Wednesdays)

12 Noon Said Holy Communion (Wednesdays)

**February Services**

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

**Sun 2** Candlemas (The Presentation of Christ in the Temple). 8.30am Holy Communion.  
 11.00am Family Sung Eucharist.

**Sun 9** 5th Sunday of the Epiphany.  
 8.30am Holy Communion (1928 Prayerbook).  
 11am Sung Eucharist.

**Wed 12** 7.30pm Holy Communion and candlelit service of Compline.

**Sun 16** 6th Sunday of the Epiphany.  
 8.30am Holy Communion.  
 11.00am Sung Eucharist.

**Sun 23** 7th Sunday of the Epiphany.  
 8.30am Holy Communion.  
 11.00am Sung Eucharist.

**Everyone welcome at all services**

The Church is open as a quiet space and to perhaps 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: 12.30pm–1.30pm (which is usually the Rector's Hour).

**Acknowledgements**

**KATHERINE MABBOT** and family wish to thank all the friends and neighbours who sent flowers or cards following the death of Katherine's husband, Ian.

Thank you for all the donations to the Renal Unit at PRI; £358 was donated.

**CAMPBELL** – The family of the late Mary Campbell would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for the many cards and calls received after our mum died in December. We would like to thank staff at Lister House for the care mum received whilst there. Thanks also to Rev Alan Reid for services in Church and at the graveside. Thanks to Stewart Funeral Directors for their professionalism and to Milnathort Bowling Club for their hospitality. Finally, thanks to all who brought beautiful floral tributes.

# Playgroups and Toddlers <sup>56</sup>

## Milnathort Babies & Toddlers

**Orwell Church Hall, Milnathort**  
**Friday 9.30am-11.15am**

A relaxed and friendly group  
Healthy snacks, tea & coffee  
Children from birth to 3 years  
(5 years if attending with younger sibling)  
Great fun for the kids, mums, dads and carers!

### PLACES NOW AVAILABLE!

To join in the fun  
call 07745 804539  
Email [milnathortbt@gmail.com](mailto:milnathortbt@gmail.com)  
Or find us on Facebook



## FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

**Glenbank Cottage, Powmill**

Partner-provider for P&K Education

Places available for 3-5-year-olds and Rising Fives  
Sessions daily 9.30– 12 noon

Contact Pat Irvine 07703 177766 or  
[www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross](http://www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross)



## LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

**Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross**

**Session times (term time only)**

Tuesdays 9.30- 11.15, Fridays 9.30- 11.15

Contact Sylvia Flynn 07793 005732,  
[sylviaastewart@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sylviaastewart@hotmail.co.uk)

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

## FOSSOWAY TODDLERS

**Crook of Devon Village Hall**

Friday 9.30am - 11.00am

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

Contact - Christina Smith 01577 840733

## PORTMOAK UNDER 5s

Portmoak Hall – between Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell  
(only 10 mins from Milnathort and Kinross)

We are a friendly and relaxed playgroup welcoming children aged 2-5. We offer a wide range of activities including arts and crafts, dressing up, outdoor play and stories. We also on occasion arrange outings, parties and have special visitors who come to the playgroup!

Babies and Toddlers (birth- 3yrs), Tues 9.30am - 11am  
Playgroup (2yrs onwards), Mon & Fri 10am– 12noon

Contact Lynda Hardie (Play leader/Manager)  
01592 840785 or 07594 328475

Email: [portmoakunderfives@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:portmoakunderfives@hotmail.co.uk)  
or find us on Facebook

## SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

21-23 Swansacre, Kinross  
Kinross-shire Playgroup Association  
Aka Swansacre Playgroup  
Reg Scottish Charity No SC017748



**Tel: 01577 862071 Mobile: 07592 392235**

*We provide a warm, friendly and stimulating environment in which children can learn and develop through play.*

**Playgroup:** Mon 9.05am-11.35am with Lunch Club after (for children from age 3 yrs). Tue to Fri 9.15am-11.45am. Children from the age of 2 years welcome.

**Inbetweeners:** Fri 12.45pm-3.15pm with Lunch Club before. Children from the age of 3 years welcome.

**Rising Fives:** Tues & Wed 12.45pm-3.15pm with Lunch Club beforehand. Complementary to preschool Nursery.

**For availability or more information, please contact:**  
Kim 07504 445949, [enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com](mailto: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 **Siobhan 07443 223408** or the Playgroup.

## LOCHLEVEN TWOS CLUB

**Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross**

**Thursdays 9.45 to 11.15am (term time only)**

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

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

## GLENFARG BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We meet in the newly refurbished village hall, Greenbank Road, Glenfarg on Wednesdays, 9.30-11.30am.

Healthy snack for children

Coffee/tea & biscuits for carer

Lots of toys

Friendly support for all carers

First session free, £2 thereafter (£1 for additional children)

Contact Sadie Allan on 01577 830807 or just come along!

## Private Nurseries and Childcare

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



# Notices

## Children's Hospice Association Scotland



Children's Hospice Association Scotland



### Dolls Dolls Dolls

If you are an avid doll collector, then come along to Bazaar, the CHAS Charity shop at 88 High Street, Kinross, from

**28 January to 7 February**

and bag yourself a bargain at our doll sale.

Visit the CHAS Gift Shop at 23 Avenue Road, Kinross, for your Valentine's cards and gifts.

Bazaar Charity Shop in Kinross - happy to receive your donations

### Still clearing out after Christmas?

The Kinross charity shops would be delighted to have any unwanted gifts, clothes, accessories and jewellery

## The Thursday Group

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

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| <b>6 February</b> | The Hair Studio: demonstration    |
| <b>6 March</b>    | Talk on Dementia by Brenda Fraser |
| <b>3 April</b>    | Police: Constable Sadie Allan     |
| <b>1 May</b>      | Annual General Meeting            |

## Music in Dollar

Concerts are held in the Gibson Hall, Dollar Academy, starting at 7.30pm. Season tickets for all of the concerts are £28 (single) and £52 (family). Tickets for individual concerts are £8.

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| 22 Feb | <b>Edward Cohen</b> (piano) – a first class graduate of the Royal Academy of Music.               |
| 15 Mar | <b>The Busch Ensemble</b> (piano, violin, cello) – an international prize and award-winning trio. |

[www.musicindollar.org.uk](http://www.musicindollar.org.uk)    [info@musicindollar.org.uk](mailto:info@musicindollar.org.uk)

## Kinross Floral Art Club

'Floral Album' a demonstration presented by Mrs Elizabeth Paterson

**Thursday 27 February** at 7.15pm  
in the Windlestrae Hotel

Come along and enjoy a relaxing evening as Elizabeth demonstrates a variety of arrangements of fresh flowers.

Visitors welcome

## Second Sunday Music at Kinross Parish Church

On **Sunday 9 March** at 3pm,

Second Sunday starts up again with a concert by **Allan Neave** (guitar) and **Angus Ramsay** (violin) with tea afterwards.

Tickets are £10 from Milnathort PO or Kinross Church Office or by email from [alexcant44@aol.com](mailto:alexcant44@aol.com)

## THE KINROSS HUB A CAFE FOR CARERS

### GUEST SPEAKERS

**3rd February 2014**

10:30 am Kinross Day Centre  
1:30pm Crossroads Perth (Care Services)

The speakers will give a brief talk at 10:30am then 1:30pm allowing time for one to one advice.

The hub cafe is an informal meeting place to chat over a cuppa with other carers, cared for and family members.



ST. PAULS CHURCH HALL  
KINROSS  
1st MONDAY of EVERY MONTH  
10am–12noon & 1pm–3pm

Contact Gail Boath  
or Elaine Kincaid  
Tel. 01577 867306 or 867310



## Milnathort filmhouse february double bill



**The Great Gatsby**  
Sat 8th Feb 8pm



**The Croods**  
Sun 9th Feb  
3pm

### Milnathort Town Hall

The Great Gatsby (12A) **OVER 18's ONLY**  
8pm, doors open 7.15pm (BYOB)

The Croods (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)** Tuck shop available

**big screen movies**



## 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.

**17 Feb New Life for an Old Place:** Restoring a landscape, revitalising a forest and reconnecting people to a hidden place. **Ninian Crichton Stuart, Hereditary Keeper of Falkland Palace, Steward of Falkland Estate, Director Falkland Centre for Stewardship**

**17 Mar The History of the Perthshire and Kinross-shire Constabularies:** The formation of local Police Forces in mid 19th century. **Willie MacFarlane, Hon Curator Tayside Police Museum**

## Charity Disco

Raising Awareness and Funds for  
**WomenVCancer**

After the post-Christmas lull, isn't it time to organise a night of dancing and socialising?  
Looking for a great night out with the hubby/wife, friends, school mums or work colleagues?

**LOOK NO FURTHER!**

Come along to

**The Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross  
Friday 7 March at 7.30pm**

Tickets £10, Raffle tickets £1 each, available by phoning  
**Sarah on 0781 007 7182**

Raffle Prizes gratefully received, anything from a bottle of wine, cupcakes, beauty treatments & grass cutting, to weekend holiday lets accepted!

**Look forward to seeing you all there**

**If you can't make it, but would like to support these charities please log on to**

**[www.justgiving.com/sarahfulke2](http://www.justgiving.com/sarahfulke2)**

**and sponsor me cycling 450km across the Beijing Province in China, in September, for the womenVcancer charities.**

For more information on the womenVcancer charities:

[www.breastcancercare.org.uk](http://www.breastcancercare.org.uk)  
[www.jostrust.org.uk](http://www.jostrust.org.uk)  
[www.ovarian.org.uk](http://www.ovarian.org.uk)



## Secret Dealers TV programme

The hit television series Secret Dealers will be on screen again in 2014 and the makers are looking for people to take part now.

What would you keep and what would you sell?  
You could have some of your possessions expertly valued with the opportunity of selling them commission-free to one of the dealers.

For more information, or to apply, call 0117 970 7674\* or email [secretdealers@rdtelevision.com](mailto:secretdealers@rdtelevision.com)

\*Standard network charges apply from a BT landline. Calls from mobiles will be considerably more.

## Kinross Parish Church Thursday Group

invite you to a

### CONCERT

by

**Jambouree Cabaret Singers**

of Perth on

**Friday 28 March**

in Kinross Parish Church at 7.30pm  
in aid of Breakthrough Breast Cancer  
Tickets: £8.00

## Scottish Concert

at

**Fossway Church**

(Scottish Charity No. SC013157)

on

**Saturday 29 March**

at 6.30pm

Members of Dundee Strathspey & Reel Society  
with singer

**Layla Brown**

*presenting an evening of music and song*

Tickets £10 including tea and coffee.

Tickets available from Janet Harper, Session Clerk, 01577 840225 or any Fossway elder



## Kinross Guides

Girls – do you need something to do on either a Monday or Tuesday evening?

Then come along and try Guides from 7.30 to 9.00 in the Millbridge Hall, Kinross

Guides are involved in a variety of challenges and activities. In the past they have worked on the Chocolate Badge; a Dr Who theme challenge; parties; circus and performing arts badges along with crafts of various descriptions; one of their favourite pastimes in eating, whether it is melting chocolate for dipping or their other efforts in the kitchen. We have visited the Camera Obscura and Chambers Museum in Edinburgh, and were in the audience for the Gang Show in 2012.

We have plans to visit Pop Party, the Science Fair in Edinburgh and an activity day at Fordell Firs, and work on preparing entries for the Flower Show in March. Some girls enjoyed a Panto at Christmas and collecting donations for a charity at Dobbies.

Want to try something new or do you have your own ideas that we could work on then come along and join us.

If interested, contact Margaret Scott on  
[mbs21@btinternet.com](mailto:mbs21@btinternet.com) or Kinross 862945.

Look forward to hearing from you.

## Perth Association for Mental Health

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

### Temporary Closure of Local Studies and Reference Library at AK Bell Library, Perth

As part of ongoing work to improve the quality of experience for library visitors, the Local Studies and References departments on the first floor of the AK Bell Library in Perth will be closed to the public from **20 January to 3 March 2014.**

### Blythswood Care

Sainsbury's Car Park

(if car park is full, van will park nearby, e.g. Park & Ride or Ochil View)

**Tuesday 18 February**

**between 10.30 am and 11 am**

Further details from 862258

### Art for Recovery Kinross

*Confidence building Skills Sharing Socialising*

ARK provides support through arts and crafts for people with health issues in Kinross and surrounding areas.

ARK offers peer support to those in need of a little company to socialise and learn new skills. Try drawing with pencils and pastels, painting with acrylics and watercolours, working with clay, felt-making and patchwork. Or just have a cup of tea or coffee!

The group meets **weekly on a Wednesday** from 1pm to



3pm in Orwell Church Hall, Ba' Hill, Milnathort. £1 per session. For more information, email [arkforart@gmail.com](mailto:arkforart@gmail.com) or call the Chair on 07590 387189.

### Kinross Recycling Centre

Bridgend Industrial Estate

Opening Times: **Mondays to Fridays 9am to 7pm**  
**Saturdays and Sundays 9am to 5pm**

Bicycles, cans (inc aerosols, biscuit tins, aluminium foil), car and household batteries, cardboard, cooking oil, electricals (WEEE), engine oil, fluorescent tubes, long life light bulbs, food and drinks cartons (Tetra-packs), fridges, freezers, garden waste, glass, large domestic appliances, paper, plastic (rigid plastic packaging), rubble stone and soil, scrap metal, telephone directories, textiles (clothes and shoes), timber, tyres (maximum two per visit, strictly householders only) and non recyclable (general) waste.

Compost can be collected from the Recycling Centre, subject to availability. Maximum of 2 x 25kg bags per visitor.

### The Bike Station

Donate unwanted bikes, parts and cycling accessories for reuse. Bikes are refurbished and sold on to the public at affordable prices. Poorer bikes are salvaged for parts.

Bikes can be donated at the Kinross Recycling Centre (Bridgend Industrial Estate) or at The Bike Station at Mid Friarton, just off the Edinburgh Road in Perth.

Bike Station opening hours: Monday to Saturday, 10.30am to 4.30pm and late opening to 8pm on Wednesdays.

Weekly bike sales: Fridays, 10.30am-4.30pm (children's bikes) and Saturdays, 10.30am to 12.30pm (adults' bikes).

Tel: 01738 444430. Email: [perth@thebikestation.org.uk](mailto:perth@thebikestation.org.uk) Website: [www.thebikestation.org.uk](http://www.thebikestation.org.uk)

### Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers

**Linda Freeman**

Tel 01577 865045. Email: [linda.freeman\\_64@btinternet.com](mailto:linda.freeman_64@btinternet.com)



**Loch Leven Community Campus**  
**The Muirs, Kinross**  
**KY13 8FQ**  
**[www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk)**

### Community Learning & Development Adult Learning Free local and friendly support with:

#### English as a Second Language

Would you like to improve your ability to:

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

#### Adult Literacy & Numeracy

**Reading Writing Spelling Numbers**

"I can enjoy books now"

"I feel more confident"

"Filling in forms is less scary"

"I passed my driving test"

#### BOOKING ESSENTIAL

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

**Jayne Ramsay**

**Clerical Assistant**

Loch Leven Community Campus

Email: [JSRamsay@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:JSRamsay@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](http://www.careconfidential.com)

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre, 40 St John Street, Perth, PH1 5SP

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

email: [hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com](mailto:hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com)

Helpline 01738 621174

We are a Scottish Charity SC037103

### 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.



THE  
TALKING  
DONKEY

Every Friday 11am - 2pm  
@ The Millbridge Hall

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

The Cafe where everything is

# FREE!

 Soups 

 Snacks 

 Hot Drinks 

 Cold Drinks 

 Home-cooked lunches 

All brought to your table by our friendly staff

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

## Prayer For Any Need



### Mindspace Counselling Service

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



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

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

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



### Need to consult an old Newsletter?

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

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

### Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

The Kinross Outreach Advice Surgery is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at St Paul's Church Hall, The Muirs, Kinross. The next visits are:

**11 and 25 February**

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



### Ceilidh Dancing

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

All proceeds go to the Scouts and Guides.

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

### Newbies

**Every Monday, 2- 3pm**

Loch Leven Community Campus

A new group for new parents and new babies!

Come along and meet other parents for a blether, whilst the babies play.

Parents with babies 0 - 18 months FREE!

### MOUBRAY HALL, POWMILL

Do you need to hire a venue for your club or society meetings, family get-togethers, birthday parties or functions?

Then look no further than Moubray Hall, Powmill.

Available to hire all year round with new kitchen and disabled toilet.

For further details, please call 01577 840330.

### Local Knitting and Crochet Club

Members wanted for this local club.

The club meets on Mondays and Thursdays 11am - 1pm and Tuesdays 7pm - 9pm.

Cost per Club £3 (includes refreshments).

Free Starter Kit for Learners.

For more information, please call Jayne on 07722 388124 or Email [jayne20@live.co.uk](mailto:jayne20@live.co.uk).

### Give a Greyhound A Home

Look on our Website

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



Why not come along and welcome **your** hound or hounds into your home

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



## Community Councils

**Kinross:** Secy: Mrs M Scott (01577) 862945  
KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk  
**Cleish & Blairadam:** Secy: Patty Fraser (01577) 850253,  
CleishCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk  
**Milnathort:** Chair: Bruce Hamilton (01577) 830616  
MilnathortCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk  
**Fossoway & District:** Secy: Kevin Bothwick (01577) 840845,  
fossoway.cc@gmail.com  
**Portmoak:** Chair: Malcolm Strang Steel (01592) 840459,  
PortmoakCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

## Portmoak Community Councillors

Robin G Cairncross	01592 840672
Bruce Calderwood	01592 840423
Susan Forde	01592 840128
Thomas Smith	01592 841160
Malcolm Strang Steel	01592 840459
Richard Williamson	01592 840538

[www.portmoak.org](http://www.portmoak.org)

## Perth and Kinross Councillors Kinross-shire Ward

**Councillor Mike Barnacle** (Independent)  
Tel/Fax (home): 01577 840516.  
Email: michaelabarnacle@gmail.com

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

**Councillor Dave Cuthbert** (Independent)  
Tel (home): 01577 861681. Email: dcuthbert@pkc.gov.uk  
8 Highfield Circle, Kinross, KY13 8RZ

**Councillor Joe Giacomazzi** (Scottish National Party)  
Tel (home): 01577 864025.  
Email: jgiacomazzi@pkc.gov.uk

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

**Councillor Willie Robertson** (Scottish Liberal Democrats)  
Tel (home): 01577 865178. Email: wbrobertson@pkc.gov.uk  
85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XA

**Perth & Kinross Council** [www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk)  
**Customer Service Centre** Tel: 01738 475000  
(Mon to Fri, 8am-6pm)  
**Out of Hours Emergencies** Tel: 01738 625411  
(Roads, flooding, environmental health and dangerous buildings)  
**Clarence** (for non-emergency road and lighting defects) Tel: 0800 232323  
**Registrar** Tel: 01577 867133  
The Registrar is normally in Kinross only on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Loch Leven Community Campus

## Mobile Library

*Mobile 2, Week 1, every second Wednesday:*  
Visiting Powmill, Rumbling Bridge, Crook of Devon, Fossoway, Cleish and Milnathort. Next visit: **5 February.**

*Mobile 2, Week 2, every second Tuesday:*  
Visiting Mawcarse, Glenlond, Kinnesswood, Scotlandwell, Levenmouth Farm, Hatchbank and Cambo. Next visit: **11 February.**

*Mobile 1, Week 2, every second Wednesday:*  
Visiting Glenfarg and Duncricvie. Next visit: **12 February.**  
For times of stops, see PKC website: [www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk)  
Any queries, telephone AK Bell Library 01738 444949.

## Kinross Community Councillors

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

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

Roseanna's constituency office at York Place in Perth is closed. We have moved to a new constituency office in order to provide a better service to constituents.

Until the new offices are up and running, constituency staff will be working from Holyrood. We will be available on 0131 348 5727, five days a week. You can write to us at:

Roseanna Cunningham MSP  
M3.15, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP

You can email Roseanna at:

Roseanna.Cunningham.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause. Roseanna's surgeries will not be affected by this move. (See p. 91 for details of upcoming surgeries.)

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

All MSPs can be contacted at the following address:

The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP

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

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

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Email: jaynebaxter.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

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

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

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**Elizabeth Smith MSP** (Cons) Tel: 0131 348 6762

Email: Elizabeth.Smith.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

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

[www.gordonbanksmp.co.uk](http://www.gordonbanksmp.co.uk)

Email: banksgr@parliament.uk

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

## Fossoway and Cleish Community Office

A service for the Community, open:

Thursdays 2 pm - 4 pm

Saturdays 10am -12 noon

Out of hours there is an answering machine

Tel: 01577 840185 Email: fccoffice@btinternet.com



# Kinross-shire *Day Centre*



**Film shows • Cards • Dominoes • Art Class  
Daily Papers • Chiropody • Trips • Exercises**

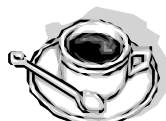
## Weekly Programme

<b>Monday</b>	Exercise Class	11am	Bingo	1.30pm
			Knitting Chat	1pm
			"Stride for Life" Walking Group	2pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Relaxation Class	1.15pm	Singing group with Alex Cant	1.45pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Morning Service	10.45am	Quiz Afternoon	1.30pm
	Dominoes & Games	1.30pm	Scrabble	1.30pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Film Afternoon	1.30pm	Dominoes	1.30pm
	Art Class	1.30pm	Scrabble	1.30pm
<b>Friday</b>	Bingo	1.30pm	Dominoes	1.30pm

## Additional Events for February

**Valentine Dance Music by John Ramage**  
**Chiropody**

**Thursday 13th 1.30pm**  
**Thursday 6th, 27th 9.30am - 12.30pm**  
(phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)



**Coffee Bar open to the public 8.30 am - 4 pm, Older Adults Lunches Daily.**

Our activities are open to everyone - please feel free to come in and have a great afternoon.

**Phone: 01577 863869 Fax: 01577 863869 Email: [kindaycent@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:kindaycent@tiscali.co.uk)**

## LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



### Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

(opposite David Sands)

Mon - Fri: 9.00 am - 6.00 pm

Saturday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

Tel: 862422

### Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

Mon to Fri: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm &

2.00 pm - 6.00 pm

Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm

Tel: 862219



**Sundays: The nearest open pharmacy is Asda, Dunfermline**

## Perth Samaritans

Need to talk? We'll listen.

Contact us by

**phone** on 01738 626666 or 08457 909090

**Email** us [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

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

**Mondays** 1630 - 2130 **Thursdays** 1630 - 1900

**Wednesdays** 0830 - 1100 **Fridays** 1000 - 1630

**and** 1930 - 2130 **Sundays** 0800 - 2130

**No pressure, no names, no judgment.**

**We're here for you, anytime.**

## Marie Curie Cancer Care

### Gifts in Wills fund one in two Marie Curie nurses

Marie Curie Cancer Care is the UK's leading end of life care charity. The charity provides free nursing care to people with a terminal illness, either in their own home or one of the charity's nine hospices. The charity is also a leader in research into the best ways of caring for people with a terminal illness.

For more information about how you can remember Marie Curie Cancer Care in your Will, contact your local Legacy Advisor, Emily Hogg on 01315 613 952 or [emily.hogg@mariecurie.org.uk](mailto:emily.hogg@mariecurie.org.uk) or visit [www.mariecurie.org.uk/legacies](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/legacies)

## 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.

## Newsletter Deadlines 2014

Please note, deadlines are on a **FRIDAY**. More deadlines for the months ahead can be found on our website.

In very rare circumstances it may be necessary to change a deadline at short notice. Check Newsletter website for latest information: [www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org)

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
March	Fri 14 February	Saturday 1 March
April	Fri 14 March	Saturday 29 March

## 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

- Merino wool mattress toppers** £50.00 each  
2 x single bed mattress toppers. Warm in winter, cool in summer. Excellent value and cleaned.  
*Seller details: Gwen Perry 07971 460490*  
gwen.perry@hotmail.co.uk
- Two Ercol dining room chairs** £40.00  
Light wood, with cushions, good condition.
- Ikea corner desk unit** £25.00  
Light wood, good condition including shelves.  
*For both items above: Robert Mathieson 01577 861524*
- Two Sofas** £75 and £50  
Both light grey pattern on cushions with cream base.  
Sofa 36" (92cm) deep / 80" (204cm) long £75.  
Sofa 36" (92cm) deep / 66" (168cm) long £50.
- Foot stool** £25.00  
Footstool with storage. Light grey pattern on cushions with cream base. 22" (56cm) / 24" (61cm).
- 4 Bar stools** £10.00 each  
Chrome bar stools, 29" (73cm) high.  
*Four items above contact: Denise Dupont 01577 861465*  
denise.dupont@hotmail.co.uk
- Upright Dyson vacuum cleaner** £50.00 ono  
Dyson cleaner with ball for easy movement. Good suction and filter for allergens. Approx 3 yrs old, good condition. Changing as prefer a cylinder model.  
*Seller details: Amanda James 01577 840809*  
amanda@tyafon.plus.com
- Volkswagen Golf TDI 115bhp** £400.00 ono  
One owner, FSH, X reg, 3 door, metallic red, MOT April 2014, sun roof, good tyres, alloys, tow bar (light trailer), diesel.  
*Seller details: Jock Keith 01577 861547*  
kelsokeith@btopenworld.com

### Wanted

- PS1 games**  
Just bought second hand PS1 console and am looking for some games suitable for teenager.  
*Contact: Jennifer Sneddon 07946 679815*  
jms927@btinternet.com
- Old pram for wheels**  
*Contact: Jock Keith 01577 861547*  
kelsokeith@btopenworld.com

## Funding Alert!

PKC produces a huge list summarising funding opportunities for the voluntary sector. There are dozens of Trusts and Foundations giving away grants. The list will be posted on **www.kinross.cc** or go to **www.pkc.gov.uk** and look for the voluntary sector page.

### Contacts:

The P&K Grants Direct Team 0845 605 2000  
Steve MacDonald, P&K External  
Funding Officer 01738 477963

(Contact Steve MacDonald if you would like to subscribe to P&K's regular e-funding bulletin.)

## 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').

### Pastry chef (full time), Loch Leven's Larder

Required to join our dynamic team in our award winning restaurant and shop. Loch Leven's Larder produce high volume and quality home-baking for two outlets. The position is based in Kinross. 5/7 days. Experience essential. Wages dependent on experience. Own transport required. No accommodation. Apply within or send your CV to emma@lochlevenslarder.com

### General Assistant (full time), Loch Leven's Larder

Required to join our team in our shop. This position is based in Kinross. The ideal candidate would be enthusiastic, pro-active, be able to work on their own initiative and as part of our dynamic team. Apply within or send your CV to emma@lochlevenslarder.com

### Administrator, Kinross-shire Partnership

KP is a not for profit company run by volunteer directors. The Administrator will work from home on a fully flexible basis in return for an hourly fee calculated on time spent. Responsibilities include: principal point of contact for KP, dealing with enquiries & correspondence, organising meetings, venues & KP participation at events, minutetaking. Looking for someone with a strong blend of administrative and inter-personal skills who wants to help us make Kinross-shire a better place to live.

To apply contact: Alisdair Stewart, Chairman tel: 01577 862262 or mob: 07825698613 or e-mail: alisdairstewart@yahoo.com

### Office Assistant, Douglas Miller Plumbing

See advert on page 26.



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## 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  
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For further information please contact Tracey Ramsay 01577 867177 or email  
Tramsay@pkc.gov.uk

## Grants and Funding Websites

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

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