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Letters

Editorial

After ten years of planning and phased construction, the Loch Leven Heritage Trail, forming a continuous circuit around the loch, will be completed this month. Well done to all concerned on this great achievement.

Sometimes many months go by and nothing much changes regarding our public buildings in Kinross. Sadly, in recent years, that has meant quite a few of them sitting empty. However, this month there seems to be firm news about several of the buildings all at once. You can read about this in the update provided by Cllr Cuthbert.

We have received a lot of items for this Newsletter this month, which is good, but it does mean that we have had to edit quite a few submissions to get everything to fit. Next month's issue is likely to be even busier, as there is a five-week gap between issues, so we plead with our contributors to be briefer with their reports next month. Thank you very much.

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Perth Provost's Official Car

Following Ken Miles' letter relating to the above, I can confirm the following:

1. The 'limousine' is a high mileage Jaguar with a low resale value;
2. The 'chauffeur' has other duties within the Council and drives part of the time;
3. The '£150,000' estimated value of the 'ES 1' number plate is speculative. Local legend has it that the late Eric Sykes was interested in buying it!
4. While the SNP does indeed lead the administration, the 'ES1' plate and Provost's car are assets for use in the course of her civic duties. Did Provost O'Malley (Labour) not have an official car with the 'ES 1' plate?
5. The sale of the Provost's car, or the number plate, would require the approval of a majority of Perth and Kinross Councillors i.e. not only SNP Councillors.
6. I shall be working from within the administration to try to reinstate the library opening hours. The decision to reduce library hours was unanimously approved by Councillors of all parties at the Life Long Learning Committee.

Regards

Councillor Joe Giacomazzi

Better Place to Live Fair

I was at the gathering in the Kinross Campus on Saturday 8 March to help promote Kinross as a compassionate county. Although our table was on the outer reaches, we had many people show a keen interest in what we are doing. As I visited the other exhibitors it was heart warming to realise all that is already available in Kinross and the surrounding area, both for individuals and the environment. It was good to talk to others who are interested in providing a caring community and to make links with them to find areas where we can work together to further promote Kinross as a better place to live.

It can seem overwhelming at times when we look at the needs in our community, but Saturday somehow put things into perspective. There are so many people out there working for the good that I left feeling positive and uplifted.

Lucille Henderson

9 Mayfield Gardens, Milnathort

Charity Plant Sale

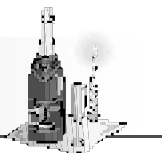
Saturday 17 May seems quite a long way away at the moment but planting is well underway. I have five propagators, seven cold frames and a greenhouse on the go and cuttings, perennials, shrubs and summer bulbs in pots all over the garden. I still have plenty of normal size pots but could do with plant cells for the annuals – 6, 8, 9, 12 and 20's – so if you have any lying in the shed or garage I'd be grateful if you'd recycle them in my direction.

Please remember to put the date in your diary as all proceeds on the day go to two very worthwhile charities – Kinross-shire Day Centre & FOBS (Friends of Brimblehill School).

Jean Miller

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Congratulations



Congratulations to Shoena and Justin **FRYER** on the birth of their daughter **Josie Anne**, who was born on Thursday 23 January 2014. Josie was in a hurry to come into the world – she was safely delivered by her father just off the Edinburgh bypass. Josie is a little sister for Annalie, aged 3.

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News & Articles

Councillor Robertson

M90 Junction 7 upgrade

My request to Transport Scotland and the transport minister Keith Brown MSP for junction 7 on the M90 to be considered for an upgrade to a fully integrated junction has been refused. This is despite letters of support for the idea being sent from Kinross-shire Community Councils and my fellow councillors.

I am disappointed at the unwillingness of those responsible for our roads network to consider this proposal. An upgrade of junction 7 on the A91 would substantially reduce the levels of traffic both in Milnathort but also in the arterial roads in Kinross which lead to junction 6. The desire for the upgrade of this junction won't go away. I will continue to press for it to happen.

Loch Leven Community Campus

There have been ongoing parking problems at the campus. Myself and my fellow councillors met with council officers and the head teacher to try and address the issues. It was agreed that parking restrictions should be relaxed on the access road during the day and in the evenings when the area is not used by buses and taxis picking up pupils. Action will also be taken to improve the disabled parking situation. It is hoped that by freeing up this extra parking space it should make it easier for people using the campus facilities.

Springfield Road/Station Road roundabout

Work has now begun on this much needed roundabout. It should be completed early in April. This should help to ease the traffic build ups at this junction.

Old Railway path, Gallowhill Road to Station Road

I have received a request for lights to be installed along the length of this much-used path. I have written to the Council requesting this be added to a future capital programme. The installation of lights would make this path usable during the long winter evenings. I will update you on progress with this in future newsletters.

Loch Leven Heritage Trail

And lastly as I write this article, the final link in the Heritage Trail is being put in place, that is the bridge over the Gairney Water. This will mean that the whole trail is complete. I am delighted we have reached this final stage. The idea of a multi use path around our beautiful loch has long been a dream for many people. As many long term residents of Kinross-shire will tell you, Loch Leven was for many years a 'no go' area and people were not permitted access to the vast majority of its margins. Now all will be able to enjoy the pleasures of its scenery and delights of its wildlife.

I am very grateful to my fellow members of the TRACKS committee who have worked so hard to bring this project to fruition. We also owe a debt of gratitude to all the various landowners who allowed access for the trail through their lands and especially the Kinross Estate Company and the Montgomery family who are the major landowner and one of our greatest supporters. As our excellent project director Neil Kilpatrick says in his article in this month's Newsletter, the trail will be open by Easter and an official opening will be arranged at a later date.

Councillor Cuthbert

Update on Kinross Buildings owned by PKC

There is some good news on some of the buildings in Kinross, which I thought I would share with you.

County Building

The County Building on Kinross High Street was finally sold on 5 March. The purchaser is a Mr Jerry Alexander, who is planning to turn the County Buildings into a business centre.

I am really pleased that this transaction has completed, for two reasons, the first being that it means I no longer have to keep pestering Council officers to speed the process up! The second is that it means that the gradual deterioration of the building will stop and the building will again become the attractive, busy place it once was.

I am absolutely delighted that Jerry plans to establish a business centre in Kinross as I believe it is an essential element in allowing businesses to grow and expand in the area, thereby offering employment to residents locally rather than them having to commute to work. There is a plethora of micro-businesses in Kinross-shire and I know from my own experience that a business centre of this sort will allow them to expand out of the home into a more formal office environment.

(Editor's Note: For more on this, see Kinross-shire Partnership report on p. 63.)

I am now pestering officials to identify more business land in the area after the reporter removed most of the business land which was in the draft local development plan. I believe that we need more business spaces in Kinross-shire to allow the micro-businesses to grow and flourish, thereby making Kinross-shire a more sustainable place to live.

Kinross Town Hall

I understand that the Section 69 agreement on Kinross Town Hall was recently completed and that the planning consent for the renovation of the building and the development of the block of flats to the rear was finalised in the week commencing 3 March. I understand that a Section 75 agreement is due to be signed and we will see work commence in the area shortly.

I have spoken to the developer, Simon Wilson, and understand that he is very keen to get to work on the building. I am again delighted that this eyesore in our County town is at last going to get worked on.

Former Social Work Buildings – Mill Street, Kinross

I am very conscious that parking in Kinross town centre is becoming a real issue. I have been nipping at officers' heels about this incessantly since I was elected.

I asked that the former social works building in Kinross be demolished and replaced with additional long-term parking. I have been manfully supported in this by Cllr Giacopazzi and it looks like things are coming to a head.

I have been told that all outstanding legal matters have been resolved and that a report will be taken to the next property sub-committee, on 21 May. I am on this committee and will of course be speaking in defence of the demolition of the building and the creation of additional parking in the area.

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Councillor Cuthbert continued...

Not everyone agrees with this decision, however I really believe that our County town needs more parking.

Former Kinross High School site

As I write this, the planning application for the former High School site is still in the consultation phase.

I am very concerned at what is being proposed for this site, as it requires the demolition of the Edwardian block at the front of the school, which is part of the Conservation Area.

Policy HE3 (Conservation Areas) states that Development within a Conservation Area must preserve or enhance its character or appearance. My view is that what is proposed does NOT do this.

Policy HE3B (Demolition within Conservation Areas) says: "When assessing applications for the demolition of unlisted buildings in Conservation Areas, the Council will give careful consideration to the merits of the building and its contribution to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area. Where a building is considered to be of value, either in itself or as part of a group, there will be a presumption in favour of its retention, restoration for the current or another appropriate use."

In my view the Edwardian block of the former High School should be retained; it is not just the importance of the stone built building to the conservation area, but is also the fact that many residents went to school here and it is part of our heritage.

Policy HE3B goes on to say: "In those exceptional circumstances where demolition is considered acceptable and is to be followed by the redevelopment of the site, the application for proposed demolition should be accompanied by a detailed application for the replacement development. This is to allow for their consideration in parallel, and to ensure that the replacement scheme will enhance or preserve the character of the area and avoid the formation of gap sites."

Demolishing a stone built building and replacing it with modern housing and a grassed area does not in my view enhance or preserve the character of the area and in fact leaves the possibility of the grass being developed at some time in the future, i.e. it creates a gap site.

I have difficulty in understanding how it can be that a resident wanting to replace 1960 style windows with white sash windows in the conservation area should be refused and then a key heritage building in the conservation area given permission for demolition and replacement with modern housing.

The parish church is 'Listed' (protected) in 'Category B': (buildings of regional or more than local importance). I believe that its setting should be protected and believe that additional parking should be identified within the former High School site. Twice in the last month, funerals at the parish church have caused mayhem in the town centre with cars parked in every available space, and this was when parking at the former High school was available. Where are these cars to park should this development go ahead?

Green Road is a small road used regularly for parking. The proposed planning application assumes an entrance onto this road. I ask myself, where are these cars to park, and will this access cause disruption to those attempting to get to their homes?

Finally, the application is for 102 homes. The local development plan adopted by PKC only in February

stipulates that the housing allocation for this site is 70 units. My view is that this is overdevelopment of this site.

Kinross Town Centre Regeneration

I have been told that: "The Kinross High Street public realm is scheduled for implementation in the autumn of this year with completion in February 2015." Watch this space for more information.

Former Health Centre, Lathro: I have been making enquiries on what is happening at the former Health Centre and have established that the property has been bought by GS Brown. They have indicated that they have not yet decided how to develop the site and are in discussions with various developers who are interested in developing part or all of the site.

Roundabout at Station Road and Springfield Road

I asked for this roundabout in June 2012 so am delighted that it is getting built, as it should really help the traffic flow in this area and slow traffic approaching from the motorway.

Councillor Barnacle

Cllr Barnacle is having his website updated. Any significant correspondence since the 2012 election will be posted for the public to read.

The website address is mikebarnacle.co.uk

Road works on U221

There will be road works (carriageway patching etc) on the **U221 Gelvan** road starting on 28 April for a period of two weeks. Vehicular traffic will be prohibited on the U221 from its junction with the A977 to its junction with the A91 at Cambo. The alternative route for vehicles is via A91 – U222 – A977. Works will also take place on the U221 (near Tullibole Castle) from its junction with the A977 to its junction with the B9097. The alternative route for vehicles is A977 – B9097.

Street light repairs – Old Causeway

There will be no loading or parking for vehicles on Old Causeway, Kinross, on Monday 21 April for one day. This is to allow street light repair works to be carried out.

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Parents seek community support for new primary school

A parents' group is campaigning to have a new primary school built for Kinross.

Kinross Primary School was built in the late 1960s using pre-fabricated concrete sections, a pioneering method at the time, but the building is now in a very poor state. Another school in the Perth & Kinross area, Tulloch school, was constructed in a similar way to Kinross and is also in poor condition.

Perth & Kinross Council has received funding from the Scottish Government which would probably allow one school to be replaced. The Council will carry out an independent options appraisal over the next few months to inform the decision making process.

Kinross Primary Parent Council has set up a petition to press the case for replacing Kinross Primary School, and would like everyone in the community, not just parents of children at Kinross Primary School, to consider signing it. You can read more about this on page 57.

T in the Park Survey

I am a fourth year Events Management student at the Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen. For my final research project I am conducting a study into the impact of music festivals on local residents living in the host community, using a case study of T in the Park.

I have created an online survey and would greatly appreciate if you could spare some time to complete it. It can be accessed at

www.surveymonkey.com/s/TITPResidentSurvey

and should take no longer than ten minutes to complete.

With T in the Park being one of the biggest music festivals in the UK, residents of Kinross-shire can provide a unique insight into how an event like this impacts on their lives, and the results of the questionnaire will form a vital part of my research.

Thank you.

Robert Poller



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Hospice opens its doors

Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS) will be opening the doors of Rachel House Children's Hospice in Kinross for an open day on **Tuesday 29 April** to welcome supporters old and new.

This is a great opportunity for anyone who would like to come and see the hospice and find out more about the care that CHAS provides children with life shortening illnesses and their families. It is also a chance for supporters to see exactly how their money has made a difference.

CHAS Regional Fundraising Manager, Sarah Secombes, said: "The open day at Rachel House is a fantastic way for our supporters to see what we are able to provide the children and their families and the importance of their crucial fundraising. It is also an excellent opportunity for those who want to find out more about CHAS to come along."

Booking is not necessary and visitors are free to arrive between 10am and 7pm and will receive a guided tour around Rachel House by volunteers and staff at the hospice.

If you would like to support CHAS, please contact the Kinross fundraising office on 01577 865 222 or go to: www.chas.org.uk

Community Website

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

Loch Leven Heritage Trail

by Neil Kilpatrick, Project Director



The end is finally in sight! Despite the efforts of the winter monsoon to bog down our contractors in a sea of mud, we now have a final programme of work that will see the Trail open to the public by 18 April, Good Friday. This will be made possible by the combined efforts of our trail contractor, bridge contractor, fencers, wall builders, tree planters, hedge planters, artists and the TRACKS project team. A particularly useful contribution has been the efforts of the large number of volunteers for hedge and tree planting, including parties from Dollar Academy and Elmwood College. Thank you, all volunteers and the experienced SNH staff who supervised the programmes. There is still much work to do and not all the artwork will be in place by Easter, but the final circuit of the Loch will be complete at last. We have not yet been able to fix a firm date for the official Opening Ceremony for the Trail but we hope to do this soon and plan a suitable formal celebration.

It will have taken ten years to design and build the complete Loch Leven Heritage Trail, fulfilling a community wish that has been there for decades. There are two groups of people without whom nothing would have been possible – the landowners and our sponsors. The landowners with whom patient and occasionally tortuous



Cllr Willie Robertson (Chairman, TRACKS), George Lawrie (Project Officer, TRACKS) and Fred Whalley (Committee member, TRACKS) at the start-up of trail work at the RSPB Reserve

negotiations took place include the Kinross Estate Company, Sir David Montgomery, Lethangie Estate, Stewarts Turf Ltd., the River Leven Trust, Findatie Farm, Todd and Duncan Ltd., RSPB, Classloch Farm, Robert Purvis and Scottish Natural Heritage. Our sponsors have been led from the start by the Heritage Lottery Fund, Scottish Natural Heritage, the Gannochy Trust and the Arthur and

Margaret Thompson Trust. Behind them we have had valuable contributions from Sustrans, Perth and Kinross Council, Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust, Perth and Kinross Quality of Life Trust, the Forestry Commission, the Jean Lindsay Bequest, SITA Environmental Trust, the Community Environmental Renewal Scheme, Tayside Biodiversity Trust, the Community Challenge Fund and Todd and Duncan Ltd. It is a huge cast list and a most impressive example of community co-operation and support.

The work in March was enlivened by the unexpected presence of a solitary Glossy Ibis blown in by the gales to land up feeding happily next to the tree planting volunteers on the Trail at Classloch. This is a first recording of the bird in Kinross-shire in the last hundred years and it must have wished it was in warmer southern climates.

The availability of a complete circuit around the Loch is likely to stimulate a number of special sponsored or community events. Event organisers should contact Scottish Natural Heritage and Perth and Kinross Council beforehand to ensure that any activity of this type does not interfere with normal traffic on the Trail.



A new reed bed

Ten-year project nears completion



*Above and below right, volunteers from Dollar Academy
Below left, construction of the viewpoint*



Whole trail to be open by Good Friday



Work progresses on the new section of the trail

Councillor Giacopazzi

The place of Councillors in the planning system

Ok, so this might not be very interesting, but it needs to be said.

In last month's Newsletter, GM Lindsay wrote wondering why councillors were elected if they are only there to decide whether applications are in line with planning policies and rules. Well, not all decisions relating to planning are constrained in this way. Remember H46, that unloved strip of land between the M90 and the existing houses, which some out of town developer wanted included in the Local Development Plan? Do you recall how all four Ward 8 Councillors fought hard to have H46 excluded from the LDP? We were certainly on side with the vast majority of Kinross residents on that one.

I use this example to demonstrate that where Councillors are involved in planning matters which relate to formulating policy, they are fully entitled to take a view. These matters are not 'quasi judicial'; we are not taking an impartial view. We can champion a cause.

Where, however, a Councillor sits on a 'quasi judicial' committee, the rules of 'natural justice' must be respected, otherwise any decision can be overturned on the grounds that it is biased. The Council committees termed 'quasi judicial' are Licensing Committee (e.g. taxi licences), Licensing Board (alcohol licences), Development Management (Planning) and Local Review Body (Planning appeals).

The rules of planning are laid down in the Town and Country Planning Acts. (This really is starting to sound like a Law lecture; sorry). While the rules are very specific, providing planning officers with guidance when determining applications or making recommendations to Councillors on the Development Management Committee, there is scope for the interpretation of facts. For example, if an application is being considered for a house in the countryside, one factor which might be considered is whether the house has an 'established landscape framework', like surrounding trees. But, how many trees? This is a matter of judgement, the application of which will determine the outcome of a planning application.

This, then, is the nub of the matter. Yes, Councillors must decide whether applications are in line with planning policy and rules, but this leaves considerable scope for interpreting the facts. We can, and do on occasion, overturn the recommendations or decisions of planning officers. In this way we may come to decisions which accord with the wishes of the community. For example, planning officers recommended in favour of a football pavilion in Milnathort; we on the Development Management Committee disagreed with their assessment that it would not detract from the amenity of neighbouring houses. In refusing the application, we decided that amenity would have been badly affected, a decision which greatly pleased the neighbours.

Members of a quasi judicial committee must not prejudice an application and must hear the facts before making a decision. Yet a member of the Development Management Committee may still voice an opinion and take a public view on an issue, providing he or she does not thereafter take any part in the deliberations of the committee. Nor can that Councillor thereafter vote on the issue.

I hope that you brave souls who have persevered to the end of this lecture can agree that, in matters of judgement, a computer is still no match for your local representative!

Residents at Cuthill Towers enjoy their new bus shelter

A bus shelter has been installed at a Kinross-shire hamlet thanks to the efforts of residents working in partnership with Perth & Kinross Council.

Cuthill Towers is a rural steading development just off the B996 between Milnathort and Glenfarg. The first homes were occupied in 2005 and there are now over 90 people living there. The nature of its location meant car use was particularly prevalent. Bus stops installed by developers some years ago saw very little use as they were exposed and close to traffic moving at 60mph.



Photo courtesy of Stuart Walker Photography

Keen to encourage the use of public transport and also to provide a safer location for children waiting for their school bus, residents worked with PKC's Public Transport Unit. Due to pressure on public finances, PKC could not provide a new shelter, but a pre-used one was put in place, with residents contributing towards the cost of installation. A grant from the Kinross-shire Fund made via Milnathort CC also assisted with costs.

The bus shelter has made a significant difference to the lives of school children and other residents and is a great example of what can be achieved when residents work together and with their community councils and local authority.

Temporary recycling restriction

There is currently no access to the cardboard, scrap metal and wood skips at Kinross Recycling Centre. These skips were closed on 24 March for a period of two weeks to allow maintenance work to be carried out. Full facilities will be available again as from Monday 7 April.

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Kinross-shire to host new Scottish Film Festival

They say movies are the new Rock 'n' Roll, so it is very fitting that Kinross-shire, already home to T in the Park, is also set to host Scotland's first custom-created, outdoor, festival-style celebration of film.

Just About Movies (JAM) will be held over three days between 29 and 31 August in the grounds of Tullibole Castle, near Crook of Devon.

Complete with two camping grounds, one with an outdoor movie screen in partnership with Perth Playhouse Cinema, and at least four dedicated pop-up cinema marquees, JAM has received the backing of some of Scotland's best-known screen names.

Cinema celebrities such as David Hayman and Peter Mullen are among the actors, directors, scriptwriters and other film folk expected to attend the event.

A variety of films from classics to cult and sci-fi to horror will be shown at the event, which is for over 18s only.

The festival will be the venue for the Scottish premiere of Plan Z, a film written and directed by award-winning Stuart Brennan, 31. A globetrotting film-maker and actor, Stuart spent some of his travelling hours pondering what he would do in the event of an apocalyptic zombie attack, and so the idea for Plan Z was born. The movie is set in Dunfermline, with some filming having taken place in Kinross and Perth as well.

Stuart said: "I have been looking to shoot a film in Scotland for some years and the experience of filming Plan Z here has been amazing, as has the welcome and support we have received. Showing our Scottish premiere at JAM Film Festival is just perfect, particularly as some of the film was

shot on the festival site." Stuart will attend the festival along with cast and crew from Plan Z, including Terry Deary, author of the Horrible History books, who made a cameo appearance in the film. There will also be a Question and Answer session.

As well as cinema screenings, there will be plenty of other attractions for film buffs, including an exclusive collection of movie related toys and collectibles on sale from A1 Comics who are the key sponsors of the SciFi & Horror Cinema.

Joe Baillie, one of the festival organisers, said: "JAM will be an access-all-areas event where the audience can mix with movie makers, actors and fellow film fans to enjoy a real behind the scenes VIP experience."

This year's official launch comes after a successful trial event held at Tullibole Castle last year.

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Loch Leven – Farmers look at options for solving erosion problems

by Richard Lockett – Lockett Agri-Environmental

Angus Bayne at Wester Gospetry Farm has a tricky juggling act. He grows high value crops on erosion prone fields in the Loch Leven catchment. Growing crops like potatoes and winter wheat and stopping nutrient rich run-off getting into the loch can be challenging, but it's a challenge that Angus, and many other farmers in the catchment, is up for: "I've been farming at Wester Gospetry for 15 years and I've seen how large amounts of soil can erode and get into the loch, particularly during really wet weather," says Angus.



A filter fence designed to reduce soil run-off during heavy rain

Loch Leven is an internationally important wildlife site and sensitive to nutrient inputs, including inputs from agricultural land. Over a period of 15 years Angus has done lots of things to protect the loch from run-off: "Initially we started with the easy things like putting in wide buffer strips next to burns. This worked well but we still had problems in some areas. Since then we've used hedges to reduce field size and in one really problematic spot we put in a sediment trap which has worked really well."

Run-off from harvested potato fields is a particular problem. The bare, compacted soil is extremely prone to erosion and Angus is diligent in ensuring tattie fields are ploughed after cultivation; something that all farmers are required to do under subsidy rules. Sometimes this isn't enough to prevent run-off and Angus was interested to find out about what else could be done. "I heard that the James Hutton Institute (JHI) were trialling 'filter fences' and was keen to give them a go. These fences are made of mesh and are designed to intercept soil run-off before it gets into burns." The fence went up in the spring of 2013 and has been monitored by Angus and the JHI since then.

Almost inevitably it was a very dry autumn and there was no field run-off so the fence wasn't needed. However, actually having the fence made Angus feel happier. "Having the fence up meant I didn't have to worry every time I looked at a weather forecast. We didn't need it this time, but it's been a useful exercise and I'll definitely use it again in future."

Agronomist Eric Anderson of Scottish Agronomy joined a field visit to look at the filter fence. Eric pointed out that farmers can also look at soil quality to help prevent erosion. "Healthier soils, with higher levels of organic matter and lower levels of compaction, are much less likely to erode during periods of bad weather. Soils in good condition generate better yields too, so it's an all round winner." For more information, contact Richard Lockett on 07766 485374 or lockett@agri-environmental.co.uk or to find out more about Loch Leven's international importance for wildlife, visit www.nnr-scotland.org.uk/loch-leven/

Childcare and family directories

PKC's Childcare and Family Information Service has recently published newly updated versions of the area's five local directories detailing services, groups and organisations that may be of interest to families.

The area directories are available to download from the Council website at www.pkc.gov.uk/families

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Town centre shopping survey

PKC has commissioned a survey to establish people's shopping habits. This updates work the council undertook in 2009. The research will involve sending questionnaires to businesses in Kinross, as part of the survey involves looking at the 'health' of town centres.

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Ethiopia Medical Project keeps on going

by Jo Middlemiss

Once a year, usually during February, my cousin Maureen and I set off for a little clinic in the south of Ethiopia. All year we collect clothes (mostly pants), medical supplies and money to help this brave little clinic do its valuable work. We could not do it without the help and enthusiastic support of so many of our friends, family and random strangers who have heard of our passion for the silent, patient women who suffer for just the business of being a woman, whether is be through protracted labours, carrying of heavy loads or circumcision. This is what EMP is about.

Buccama Clinic works seven days a week. There are 15 members of staff in total: nurses, guards and a cleaner. The nurses rotate the duties. There are always two on duty, day or night, although it seemed to us that they were all always there. They are paid the equivalent of £2000 a year. (The guards etc are paid considerably less. 95% of Ethiopians survive on less than \$10 per day.)

Things have changed at Buccama since our last visit. We learned on arrival that 5000 women had gone through the prolapse repair, but now the programme has been stopped. This is very sad, as it was such a fantastic programme, and brought relief to so many women. The work of EMP goes on however, because our involvement has always been to support the clinic and to restore the women to health. This is all still happening. We have also introduced and facilitated the use of pessaries, which in many cases, the women prefer, because with them, they do not have to undergo surgery. They are taught the value of the pessaries, and also how to use them. They are checked regularly, and know to come back to the clinic if they are unwell, or in any doubt. The very worst cases are still being taken to hospital, and we decided that EMP could fund these. The cost of an operation is in the region of only £80.



EMP helps with births at Buccama clinic. l to r: Maureen Burnett (co-founder of EMP), Jo Middlemiss, new mother Abbebech with baby Joseph and baby's grandmother.

Something New

The Government of Ethiopia has passed a law to say that there are to be no more "home" births. Therefore, the clinic has now become very busy, with ante-natal classes and new babies arriving everyday. There is a midwife now, who is a

Godsend. She visits the mothers in their homes, before and after the birth. Each birth is greeted with great rejoicing, noise and clamour. We were very privileged to be allowed to take part in these births. Once again, the comparison with home is stark. The mothers labour without complaint. (Don't make the mistake of thinking things are easier for them, they are not.) Their labours are just as tiring and difficult; they do it all without anaesthetic, and the only time they cannot control their pain is when they are cut, and stitched without pain relief. No fun, but the joy comes afterwards, and as ever, the pains of labour seem to be quickly forgotten.

We loved this aspect of our visit; we massaged tummies, held lamps, scissors, hands and babies. We took two mothers to hospital, and for some reason were allowed to stay in the delivery room. I honestly believe that they didn't know what to do with us, and we just went along with their quandary, because we wanted to stay and see everything. Birth is a messy, noisy and exhilarating business, and an incredible privilege to witness. Now there are two Josephs, two Maureens and one Josephina: all sweet, all perfect, and we wish them well in a life that will be far from easy.

Meanwhile, the other business went on.

We went back and forth to the hospital, collecting and delivering patients.

Our time raced by. We marvelled at the strength and resilience of the clinic staff, and the patients. We laughed and played with the little children. We wept with relief when one newborn baby seemed like he wouldn't survive, and then suddenly breathed after a heart stopping 10 minutes effort to revive him.

It really is hard to describe the combination of work, play and genuine goodness that we find there.

The projected needs for 2014/15 are broadly similar to 2013, although there are fewer prolapse mothers coming to the clinic, but many more new mothers and babies who need our help and money for the most basic items, but also more sophisticated and specialised kit like ultrasound and analgesics.

This expanding little clinic works non-stop to provide help for the surrounding community. It is an example of excellence. They are not completely dependent on EMP, but Maureen and I intend to help them in every way possible, and are already planning our year of fundraising, and can't wait until we see them all again.

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

E-Book & E-Magazine Taster Sessions for Everyone

Are E-Books and E-Magazines a mystery? Why not come along to our taster sessions on **Monday 31 March**, 1pm-3pm, to have some of your questions answered, or to have an introductory session.

Library staff are organising one-to-one taster sessions lasting approximately 20 minutes. To find out more, book a place and let us know what you want to learn, please feel free to contact the library. Booking in advance is required.

IT Taster Sessions for Everyone

Are computers a mystery? Can you text on your mobile? How can you get an email address? How do I shop online? How do I download an E-Book? These are just a sample of the questions that will be answered during the IT taster sessions to be held on **Friday 4 April** at the library, 10am - 12 noon and 1pm - 3pm.

Library and Community Learning Development staff are jointly organising one-to-one taster sessions lasting 20 minutes. To find out more, book a place and let us know what you want to learn, please feel free to contact the library. Booking in advance is required.

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Kinross-shire setting for crime novel

Gillian Galbraith has created a new detective for her latest book, "The Good Priest" published on 3 April.

Father Vincent Ross cannot rely on forensic laboratories, nor does he have the resources of a police force behind him, so when murder is committed he has only his powers of deduction to help him solve the crime.

Set firmly in Kinross-shire, readers can follow the Good Priest as he uncovers dark secrets amongst familiar landmarks.

The first of a new crime series, "The Good Priest" will appeal to fans of Miss Marple and Father Brown and represents a change in pace for our local crime writer.

Food waste recycling reminder

During March and April, PKC Waste Services are running a campaign to remind residents that all cooked and uncooked food waste can be recycled in their brown-lidded bin. 56,000 households will receive an updated service leaflet in late March.

Andrew HiTs the spot again

HiT Scotland (Hospitality Industry Trust) unveiled the emerging talent for 2014 last month, and yet again Andrew Scott was among those receiving awards.

In 2012 Andrew was recognised as emerging entrepreneur of the year and was awarded a scholarship to shadow the dynamic company of Drake & Morgan in London.

HiT Scotland promotes excellence within the industry, and this year Andrew has won a bespoke Scholarship, allowing him to decide what he would like to focus his next "learning curve" on.

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Esme's Adventure Harp Concert

Kinross Parish Church hummed with harps on 16 February when some of Scotland's top clarsach players came together for a sell out concert in memory of Esme Morris Macintyre. The concert was in response to Esme's wish to have harp tunes written for her and was a fitting tribute to the young teenager who lost her battle with cancer last summer.

Musicians included world-renowned harp duo Mary Macmaster and Patsy Seddon who performed an original composition 'Esme's Flying' inspired by Esme's trip in a hot air balloon. Karen Marshalsay performed her spirited composition 'The Girl with the Purple Harp' inspired by Esme's purple harp that was on display in the church sanctuary. Other tunes composed for Esme and performed on the day included 'Sunflower' written by Esme's harp teacher Fiona Rutherford, 'Esme's Adventure' by Jennifer Port, 'Esme's Tune' by Mairi Robertson, 'One' by Gwen Yorke and Amy Moar played a Swedish tune 'Toker' which

translates as 'happy', remembering happy times when she and Esme learned this tune together.

The Rev Dr Angus Morrison gave a reading of Sorley Maclean's beautiful Gaelic poem 'Camhanaich'. The finale was the great harp orchestra 'Na Clarsairean' led by Isobel Mieras and their wonderful rendition of 'Esme's Bicycle Ride' inspired by Sir Chris Hoy's visit to Esme's home in Kinnesswood last year. The concert concluded with the familiar ring of bicycle bells.

Anne, Dave and Calum would like to thank all the musicians for making this a concert to remember, everyone who came along to support the event and for their generous donations. They would also like to thank Heaven Scent, Loch Leven's Larder, Kirklands Hotel, Glencoe Mountain and Kinross Parish Church for all their support. A total of £3,680 was raised for the Teenage Cancer Trust. It is now hoped that a CD will be made of the concert to raise further funds for TCT and information about this will be available at www.facebook.com/EsmesAdventure



Harpists with Esme's family at the sell out concert in memory of Esme Morris Macintyre at Kinross Parish Church

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Sienna to perform in Milnathort

Local band Sienna will perform at Milnathort Town Hall on **Saturday 26 April**, the day before releasing their new single, 'Wandering Star', an evocative track, demonstrating Sienna's signature upbeat, rootsy, playful nature.

Formed in 2012, Sienna packed out the 'T Break' tent at T in the Park and have twice sold out King Tut's in Glasgow. They released their debut EP last year.

Sienna are: singer and songwriter Danny McAtear, multi-instrumentalist Ross Mathieson, guitarist and songwriter Andy Clarke, Ben Watt on bass, drummer Calum Anderson and Ian Dunnett on sax.

Tickets for the Milnathort performance (£6 each, minimum age 14) are available from the Post Office, Milnathort; Macbeth Currie Estate Agent, High Street, Kinross and The Muirs Inn, Kinross.



Local band Sienna will play Milnathort Town Hall in April

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News from the Health Centre



April is bowel cancer awareness month

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The Scottish Bowel Cancer Screening programme aims to detect bowel cancer at an early stage when there are potentially more treatment options and a better chance of treatment being effective. People between the ages of 50 and 74 are invited for screening every two years, but only about half of those sent a testing kit actually complete and return it. The home screening test is the best way to find bowel cancer early. The screening test can spot hidden blood which can often be a sign of bowel cancer – blood you and your doctor wouldn't even know was there.

We would like to encourage everyone who is sent the home screening test to complete it. We know it is all a bit embarrassing, but it is well worth just getting on and doing it. It can be completed at home in privacy and then popped in the post. This is perfectly safe and it is free to post the test to the Scottish Bowel Screening Centre laboratory.

If you would like more information, there are lots of leaflets in the Health Centre and you can ask your GP or nurse for advice. Information can also be found on the following websites:

www.bowelscreening.scot.nhs.uk

www.nhsinform.co.uk

There is also a Freephone Patient Helpline Number for Bowel Screening : 0800 0121 833

Complaints, Comments and Concerns

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

Complaints, comments or concerns can be discussed with any clinician or member of staff at the Health Centre or they can be sent in writing to the practice manager. There is also a feedback form on our website www.lochlevenhealthcentre.co.uk which you may use to make comments about our services, but this should not be used for any medical matters or for official complaints.

At the end of each quarter, we send reports to NHS Tayside on the number and type of complaints we have received and also report on whether we have changed any systems to prevent such problems happening again. We also have an internal annual review of all complaints and use this to identify any trends and to check whether changes put in place are working effectively.

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

Harry Dall Chalmers and John Dall Chalmers

The Chalmers Family, prior to the War, lived first in a house in Curate Wynd before moving to Ivy Bank in 1904. They suffered a double loss. Both of their sons, Harry Dall Chalmers and John Dall Chalmers, joined The Royal Garrison Artillery and were both killed in action.

John had sought employment at Loch Leven Garage (then Morgan's Garage) but was too young and the job went to David Beveridge, who was later to be the proprietor of the garage.

One might have thought that with the Artillery placed well behind the frontline, the life of a Gunner might have been a relatively safe one. The Artillery took great steps to try to conceal its whereabouts but German aircraft were constantly on the lookout for them and would direct shellfire on to the British Artillery once they were found.

John was born 21 July 1891 in Kinross and died on 11 December 1917 at Ypres, aged 26. He is buried at Hospital Farm Cemetery in Ypres.



The Chalmers family memorial at the East Cemetery, Kirkgate Park, Kinross

"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.

Harry was born 21 May 1896 and died also at Ypres on 14 July 1917. He is buried at the Kandahar Farm Cemetery near Ypres, and both brothers are mentioned on the Chalmers Family gravestone in the Kirkgate Cemetery. The following article announcing Harry's death appeared in the Kinross-shire Advertiser edition of 28 July 1917:

"PRO PATRIA MORI

From the past weeks casualties in the battlefields of France we deeply regret to record the loss of two young lives representing families well known and respected in Kinross. Both were distinguished by winning and attractive natures, and in each case the prospect of a successful career seemed assured. Those such sacrifices made on behalf of King and Country and in which Kinross has borne a heavy share, Whittier wrote some 30 years ago:

"O land of lands to thee we give

Our prayers our hopes our services free

For thee thy sons shall nobody live

And at thy need shall die for thee"

The official information was received by Mr David Chalmers, Ivy Bank, Kinross on Saturday last that his son Gunner H D Chalmers, Royal Garrison Artillery, had been killed in France on 11th July where he had been serving for the past 11 months. A letter accompanying the sad news from his commanding officer referred to his sterling qualities as a soldier and to the personal loss felt by his death. Mr Chalmers has two other sons serving, one in the RGA and the other in the Cameron Highlanders."

Some of the information used in this WWI series of articles is drawn from research carried out by Alastair Smith. This is available for consultation at the Kinross (Marshall) Museum at the Loch Leven Community Campus during Museum Study Room opening hours.

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Safe Driving

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In a bid to reduce the number of lives lost on the country's roads, Police Scotland is issuing a safety message targeting vulnerable groups, to raise awareness of the steps that people can take to help avoid accidents.

Country roads

Which poses the most danger – a quiet jaunt in the countryside or a hectic journey on Scotland's motorways? There is often a perception that open roads are safer as the environment is less busy. However, a recent survey revealed that two out of three motoring deaths happen on country roads.

Main mistakes made while driving on rural roads:

- High speed overtaking
- Overtaking on bends
- Driving poorly on bends in general.

The dangers of driving at speed on country roads are often not fully appreciated by the general motoring public. Overtaking in areas of limited visibility and excessive speed on bends can have tragic consequences.

It is vital to be aware of the driving characteristics of your car and adjust your driving to the conditions.

Drivers need to be 100% sure that any manoeuvres carried out - including negotiating bends and overtaking - can be completed safely.

Pensioners

Another group causing concern is the elderly. In recent years, a significant number of pensioners have been killed after being knocked down.

Road policing officers stress the importance of all pedestrians taking care when crossing the roads - using pedestrian crossings where they are available and never taking risks.

Drivers must be aware that older people may take longer to cross the road and may not be able to judge vehicle approach speed accurately. As such, drivers must be prepared to slow down or stop to allow pedestrians to cross safely.

Young Drivers

The Road Policing Department is keen to engage with young drivers, to put across important safety messages in a positive way, while letting them know the consequences of careless or risky driving.

They aim to encourage younger motorists to take charge and consider the benefits of learning new skills.

Courses such as the Pass Plus scheme run by the Driving Standards Agency provide additional training to young

drivers, who may also benefit in terms of discounts on insurance premiums on completion of the scheme.

Our Driver Training Department section also offers some advice about approaching and negotiating hazards.

New Sergeant in Kinross

Hello to all,

My name is **Sergeant James Thomson** and firstly allow me to say how delighted I am to be here in Kinross. I have 17 years Police Service and come from a CID background, having worked in this environment for the last nine years. I also have experience working within the Public Protection Unit, protecting children and the most vulnerable in our society. Having chosen to leave my former role as a Detective Sergeant in Perth, I am keen to interact with members of the public, businesses and other organisations in Kinross and the surrounding area, identify areas where we can work together and continue to strive to keep people safe. I firmly believe we can have success working together and as you are our eyes and ears, I would like to encourage you to contact me or any officer, in confidence if you wish, anytime about any concerns you have.

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I look forward to speaking to you soon.

Sgt James Thomson

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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 March Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 5 March 2014 were: CCllrs D Colliar (Chair), M Blyth, M Wood, G Thomas, B Davies, D Mackay, I Jack, D West, M Scott (Secy) and W Freeman; P&K Cllrs W Robertson, D Cuthbert and J Giacomazzi and six members of the public present. Apologies for absence were received from CCllr C Watson and P&K Cllr Barnacle.

Declarations of Interest: CCllrs D Colliar, M Blyth, D Mackay, M Scott, I Jack and W Freeman in relation to Light Up Kinross, CCllr W Freeman in respect of KLEO and CCllr M Blyth regarding planning application.

Police report: No police present. The report from last month was: Vandalism at Gallowhill area (detected) and theft/shoplifting (detected). Warning about bogus workmen (roof repairs and selling tools). Any suspicious behaviour should be reported to the Police.

Kinross Buildings and Streets

An update was provided.

For updates similar to those given at the CC meeting, and additional information, see Cllr Cuthbert's column on page 5. A further update regarding the former High School is also in Cllr Cuthbert's column.

Former Kinross High School: It was planned to decide on this application at the Council meeting in April but due to the extension and recent amendment this may be postponed. Cllr Robertson added that he intended to raise his concerns with Nick Brian (Planning), in particular with regard to the way in which the application is handled. There have been a couple of style changes and repositioned houses in the new plan.

Swansacre, road and footpaths: Work to commence on 10 March and should take three weeks to complete. The residents are totally in agreement with the proposals. It was confirmed that the refuse lorry is able to gain access.

Disbursement of Newsletter Funds

CCllr Davies provided a sheet detailing the payments made over the period 2012-2014, a total of £21,008.00. It was agreed that this should be published in both the Newsletter and the website.

1st Kinross Scout Group: An application was received requesting £500.50 for the purchase of a new flag and accessories. This was agreed.

Light Up Kinross: Request for funding of £1,000 towards expense of displaying the Christmas Lights. It was explained that LUK was formed by the CC and organised by them until some years ago when for funding reasons LUK formed their own constitution. This constitution demands that at least two members of the CC should be members of LUK. It was agreed by those CCllrs present and able to vote that the sum of £1,000 be paid out. There was some discussion as to where this payment should be made from. In view of the recent changes to be made to the Council grant for CCs, it was suggested and agreed by all that £500 be made from this resource and £500 from the Newsletter fund.

Website: It was also agreed that £500 be transferred from the CC grant towards the website upkeep (www.kinross.cc).

AeroSpace: Request from Kinross-shire Partnership for funding towards a feasibility study into an AeroSpace visitor attraction and learning centre. It was agreed that the sum of £2,000 be awarded under the proviso that these funds be released once the balance of the £35,000 required for this project is obtained.

KLEO: Requesting £4,020 to purchase a trailer to store market stalls, tents etc. CCllr Davies advised that further information is required and that this should be dealt with next month.

CC laptop: Discussion held on the reason for using Newsletter funds to pay for this rather than the CC grant.

Funding applications: It was agreed that two further questions should be added to the application form, i.e. requesting an estimate of the total cost and whether other sources of funds have been sought. CCllr Davies added that applicants should be advised when their application is to be considered to allow them to attend the CC meeting and a list of previous applications should be available both online and in the Newsletter.

The frequency of the disbursements was raised. Applicants require funding at different times. The majority of the CC was happy for this frequency to continue.

Council grant: The funds held at the end of the financial year will be taken into account when the new grant is to be allocated. We need to clarify what the term "reconciling balance" means.

Swansacre Playgroup: Letter of gratitude received.

Planning Applications Submitted to PKC

14/00220/FLL and 14/00220/LBC The Stables, Kinross: change of use and alterations, formation of additional residential, office, storage and staff accommodation (partly in retrospect).

14/00302/FLL 24 Station Road: erection of a garage.

14/00306/FLL 6 Muir Grove, alterations and extension to dwelling house.

14/00242/FLL Vane Farm Nature Centre: temporary siting of storage container (for five years) within a fenced enclosure.

14/00186/IPL Land to rear of Station Road: renewal of planning permission (11/00027/IPL): erection of a dwelling house (in principle).

14/00036/FLL 5 Clashburn Road: alterations and extension.

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14/00068/FLL 18 Wilson Court: alterations and extension.

13/02342/FLL Classloch Farm: modification to planning consent (13/00145/FLL): amendment to steading unit 4.

14/00155/FLL Plots 1-84 Station Road: change of house type on plot 33.

12/00833/IPL Land north west of Hatchbank Farm: erection of two dwelling houses (in principle).

13/02161/FLL Land 50 metres north west of Bellfield House, Balado: erection of two dwelling houses and garages.

14/00053/FLL 43 High Street, alterations to dwelling house.

13/02338/FLL Site north of Bishop's View, Gairneybridge: modification of existing consent (05/01633/FUL): change of house type (Plot 13).

13/02238/FLL Land 30 metres west of Annafeuch Cottage, Hatchbank: change of use of land from agricultural to garden ground.

13/02240/FLL Heritage Trail, viewing structure.

Application refused: 14/00077/FLL 7 Muirpark Road: alterations to dwelling house.

Gypsy travellers site, Mawcarse: This proposed development is in the Milnathort CC area. We made no comment in relation to Greenacres and a similar approach was agreed with regard to this application.

Reports from Perth and Kinross Councillors

Heritage Trail: Cllr Robertson advised that it is expected that the work should be complete by Easter.

Cllr Giacopazzi commented on the **Community Safety Meeting**. Again, anything suspicious with regard to vehicles should be reported to the Police.

Cllr Cuthbert referred to his article in the March Newsletter about PKC's **Scrutiny Committee**. Any internal complaints in connection with the Council should be investigated by this Committee but, in his opinion, an approach to them is a waste of time. He is working hard to change this. Cllr Robertson was concerned with the planning system and how PKC responds to the public's issues. A case in point was the changes to the CC grant.

Correspondence**Fifth Review of Local Government Electoral**

Arrangements: The Commission is consulting with Councils on the proposals for Cllr numbers for a period of 2 months, ending 23 April.

LDP: PKC announced on 17 February they have adopted the Local Development Plan (LDP) subject only to any legal challenge through the Court of Session. PKC are now in the process of adding detail to the LDP through the preparation and subsequent adoption of Supplementary Guidance (SG). One particular piece of SG is on Landscape, and it is through this SG that PKC will specify which areas within PKC will be designated a **Local Landscape Area** (LLA). LLAs will replace the AGLV designation which has disappeared with the adoption of the LDP.

Ochils: Auchterarder & District CC (ADCC) are very keen to ensure that the area of the Ochils which lie within Perth & Kinross (P&K) is designated an LLA in the SG on Landscape. Asking if we would be interested in supporting this campaign and attending a planned event. To be placed on the agenda for next month.

Ryder Cup willow sculpture project: PKC requesting recommendations on venues to house the 18 sculptures.

CC Short Life Working Group: Following extensive discussions with a range of stakeholders, the Improvement Service has established three short-life working groups of officers throughout Scotland. The groups will consider some of the challenges which affect the development of CCs, and

focus and agree where funding and support is needed and should be directed to enhance the role of CCs for the future. Initial thoughts from the working groups will be shared with CC Liaison Officers at a conference to be held on 28 March. It is hoped that the groups will be in a position to report back more fully by April this year.

Affordable Housing: Cllr Cuthbert advised that he had received a response from the Council.

Swansacre: Two notices received from PKC regarding Traffic Orders.

Other Business

Hatchbank Road: Cllr Colliar commented on the increasing volume of traffic in this area and the requirement to impose a 20 mph speed limit. The Council are currently trialling "Green Routes" and if this is successful they may roll out to other areas. Cllr Robertson will ask if they could consider Hatchbank.

LUK: Cllr Colliar, as Chair of Light Up Kinross, commented on the rumour that a fee was paid to Tom Kitchin for switching on the lights in December. It was clarified that this was not the case and that no fee has ever been paid for this service. Tom Kitchin was delighted and honoured to switch on the lights having been brought up and educated in this area.

Remembrance wreaths: Cllr Thomas asked who is responsible for removing the wreaths at the cenotaph. Cllr Colliar answered that he usually disposes of these once they deteriorate, usually around April/May.

Kinross Primary School: A member of the public mentioned having emailed a report to the CC in relation to the condition of the Primary School.

The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will be held on Wednesday 2 April 2014 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

Agenda for the Meeting on 2 April

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of interest
3. Police report
4. First Responders presentation
5. Minutes of meeting held on 5 March
6. Matters arising from minutes of 5 March
7. Disbursement of Newsletter funds
8. Kinross buildings
9. Planning matters inc LLA designation for Ochils
10. Reports from P&K Councillors
11. Miscellaneous correspondence
12. Other competent business
13. Date of next meeting (7 May: AGM)

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

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Milnathort Community Council

News from the March Meeting

In the absence of the Chair (CCllr Hamilton), CCllr Milne-Home (Vice Chair) welcomed CCllrs Cottingham, Halford, Pettinger, Smith and Thomson to the meeting held on 13 March 2014. Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs Barnacle, Giacomazzi and Robertson, and eight members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllrs Hamilton and Bennet, from P&K Cllr Cuthbert and from the Police.

Police matters: CCllr Milne-Home read extracts from the report provided by the Police. He noted the theft of cycles and tools from a garage in Bridgefauld Road, and a fraudulent telephone scam requesting 'Ukash vouchers' to enable a fictitious PPI claim.

Minutes of last meeting: CCllr Halford asked that two points he raised at the previous meeting be added to the minutes: (i) What progress was being made with the 'Milnathort Future Trust' now that permission for a wind farm to the north of the village had been refused by PKC? (ii) His concerns about the scoping of a possible application for a solar panel array in Tillyrie. The CC approved the minutes of the meeting 13 February 2014, subject to the above amendments.

Matters arising: Cllr Giacomazzi advised that the Town Hall was open again, following rewiring work by PKC.

Planning applications: The following applications in Milnathort were noted:

14/00213/FLL: Extension to dwelling house and erection of detached garage at The Hurst, Old Perth Road.

14/00348/IPL: Renewal of planning permission (06/02716/IPL), proposed site for three residential plots (in principle) at land to the north east of East Netherton Farm.

The CC also noted that a modification to an existing planning permission (11/00197/FLM) to erect replacement services, petrol station, new retail units at the motorway services at Kinross had been sought by MOTO Hospitality Ltd.

Local Development Plan: Supplementary Guidance on

Local Landscape Area (LLA): The MCC discussed a letter from Auchterarder & District CC (ADCC), which outlined ADCC's intentions to press PKC to designate the Ochils, which lie within PKC's area of responsibility, as an LLA, and seeking support from other CCs. In particular the ADCC asked whether MCC would be prepared to participate in an event to discuss a paper by Drew Jamieson, a member of 'Friends of the Ochils' addressing the future of the Ochils. The MCC also noted that PKC has yet to issue supplementary guidance on LLA's, and that PKC would be consulting with CCs beforehand. The MCC was reassured by P&K Cllrs that

local landowners would also be consulted. The Secretary agreed to write to Peter Marshall, PKC asking for information about the likely timescale for consultation and development of Supplementary Guidance for LLAs. The Secretary also agreed to write to ADDC requesting MCC are kept informed. Regarding whether or not MCC press PKC to designate the Ochils as a LLA it was agreed that MCC would seek information from both ADCC and PKC and present this at a future meeting to the community for their views.

MCC Financial Report and Funds Distribution: The CC briefly discussed a proposal prepared by the Treasurer, for donations of MCC funds. Following discussion, during which it was suggested that the funds should be used solely for MCC administration, rather than for donations to local causes, the Secretary agreed to write to Brenda Lackie, PKC seeking clarification on the use of these funds provided by PKC.

T in the Park: The CC and members of the public discussed at length the threat to the future of the T in the Park festival, at Balado, due to the HSE concerns of a cross-country oil pipeline under the site. From discussions, PKC wish the festival to remain at Balado. The CC unanimously agreed that the festival had a significant positive economic impact on the local area, and agreed to write to the Chief Executive at PKC giving MCC's strong support for the festival at Balado.

New Matters and Correspondence

CC Workshop: Notification from Diane Cassidy, PKC about a CC workshop to be held on 14 May at the campus. The Secretary and CCllrs Thomson, Cottingham and Halford agreed to attend. The Secretary agreed to respond to PKC providing names of CCllrs wishing to attend.

Bus shelter: The MCC also noted a recent press release showing the new shelter at Cuthill Towers.

Comments/Questions from the Floor

A member of the public raised the issue of **Milnathort Future Trust**. The MCC noted that the Trust was in abeyance pending development. The same member of the public also raised concerns about delays in the LLA process and possible windows for potential developers to sidestep restrictions. CCllr Thomson suggested that potential developers may be required to await PKC designations before permission to proceed would be granted.

Another member of the public raised the issue of **dog fouling** near Tillywhally, and near Burleigh Castle. MCC noted that this is a constant issue in and around the village, and agreed that dog-owners should act responsibly when exercising their pets. This would include having a torch on dark mornings or evenings so dog fouling could be located and picked up.

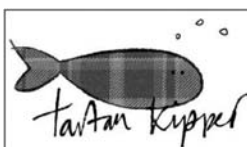
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Comments by Perth & Kinross Councillors**Councillor Robertson**

Cllr Robertson advised that the **Heritage Trail** should be open by Easter, with an official opening event in May/June this year. The MCC congratulated TRACKS on an outstanding achievement, often requiring difficult and protracted negotiations.

Councillor Giacomazzi

Cllr Giacomazzi advised that the **Milnathort Town Hall** Committee had decided to proceed with Phase 1 (heating refurbishment etc) of development, whilst continuing to seek funding for a further phase to be carried out at a later time.

He also advised that he had attended a meeting arranged by PKC at Glenfarg, where presentations on the use of the **Community Challenge Fund** were made; he noted that up to £100,000 was available for environmental projects.

Councillor Barnacle

Cllr Barnacle endorsed MCC's view on the outstanding achievements by **TRACKS**.

He also advised that the deferred application for mains water for the proposed development at the former **Ochil Hills Hospital** site by Tillyrie was due to be discussed again soon, possibly in April 2014.

He noted local concerns about the possible proliferation of **travellers' sites** in the area and advised that he and two fellow Ward 8 Councillors had a meeting with senior PKC officers to provide feedback on local concerns. He also believed that more dialogue between PKC and CCs would be beneficial.

The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will take place on Thursday 10 April 2014 at Orwell Church Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

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Fossoway & District CC**News from the March Meeting**

In attendance at the meeting held on 4 March 2014 were: CCllrs K Borthwick, A Lavery, R Paterson and G Pye; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, D Cuthbert, and W Robertson and 12 members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from: CCllrs S Morrison, T Duffy-Wigman and A Cheape and P&K Cllr J Giacomazzi. In Sandy's absence, Alastair assumed the chair.

Declarations of interest: None.

Community Policing: PC Stapleton was unable to attend, however a report has been received: there has been a spate of housebreakings in the area, and a theft of a tractor from a farm in the Kinross area.

Criminal Justice Service: Any suggestions for possible projects for the team?

Blairingone War Memorial: Cllr Barnacle reports that work has started on the collapsed wall, and has asked the developer's contractor to liaise with PKC.

Crook of Devon Church car park: A new minister has been appointed to the Church, so we are now awaiting a decision on whether the car park proposal will actually proceed.

Travellers' site, Crook Moss: There are seventeen conditions associated with this development. Although the road access conditions have been met, and some of the noise abatement measures have been put in place, there has been no progress on the conditions relating to waste water disposal. PKC have issued a briefing note, but it contains no details of when the outstanding conditions will be enforced, even though it is now six months after the planning approval was granted. Cllr Barnacle notes that PKC has the highest number of gypsy travellers in Scotland, and most of the existing sites are within the Loch Leven catchment.

Glendevon Pollution Incident: Cllr Barnacle finally established the responsible person in PKC and will be contacting them, SEPA and Scottish Water to establish the new procedures for notifying the public should a similar incident occur again.

Community Workshops: The Blairingone workshop will be on 25 March. In light of the reduced development now proposed for Powmill, it's looking unlikely that there will be a similar workshop there.

Community Speed Watch: The CC has received an email from Alan Briscoe pointing out that the Speed Watch seems to be being actively promoted in Fife – Why not here? Cllr Robertson has had further discussions with Police Scotland who have said that although the Fife Speed Watch is currently in progress, it will shortly be terminated, in line with the policy that we had previously heard about, which seems to be a final decision. PKC's Road Safety Officers are investigating replacing the current speed warning signs with ones that actually display the vehicle's speed as they have been shown to be more effective. At the end of the day, the outstanding issue is the speed of vehicles through settlements in the CC's area and some measures need to be implemented. The CC will ask PKC's Road Safety Officer to attend a meeting and explain possible options, including cameras.

Waulkmill Play Park: Cllr Barnacle has written to various officials about the consultation, drainage, road adoption, etc. A local resident needs to request the adoption of the road in order to get a current estimate for the work, which will be done.

Winter Road Maintenance 2013-14: Feedback will be sent to PKC at the end of the winter.

Lambhill Wood Chipping Plant: Alan Kinloch reported on a meeting with Gordon Banks MP and the head of planning earlier this year during which it was demonstrated to PKC that the legal precedent used to justify the development had been overturned. It appears that the limits of both volume and time applying to the storage have been exceeded. Cllr Cuthbert has received a briefing note about this issue. Planning and Legal Services are meeting on 12 March to discuss the implications of the precedent no longer being applicable.

Crook Moss: Sandy has met with Mr Aird, the owner of Crook Moss, to discuss the possibility of the community buying the Moss, totalling some 23 acres. General consensus amongst the community present was that it is worth progressing, with several suggestions for funding, etc. A public meeting will be held to discuss the acquisition and set up a committee to progress the matter. Items to be covered will include confirming the exact area, whether the Moss is an SSSI, what wildlife habitats and plant species are present, the legal status of the purchase – possibly becoming a charity, sources of funding and the positions and interests of other organisations: PKC, SEPA, Forestry Commission, etc.

Blairingone Notice Board: John Anderson has constructed new doors and they are in place. The board is locked and access can be obtained by ringing John or Graham (numbers posted on board.)

Administrative grant: Cllr Cuthbert has discussed this with the Chief Executive who has admitted that there was a process error; however it is unlikely that the decision will be returned to committee unless more complaints are received.

Meetings attended: Fossoway School Fête: Kevin reports that this will go ahead and prizes and volunteers are sought.

Community Office: Angus reports that the future of this facility is under review due to limited usage.

T in the Park: Sandy and Angus attended a meeting where an earlier start on Friday was discussed and approved.

Reports by Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllr Barnacle:

The new **LDP** is now active and is to be used.

Crook of Devon **footpath maintenance** had been withdrawn, but is now restored.

Consultants are investigating potential LLAs (**Local Landscape Areas**) for PKC and the Ochils should be considered for inclusion as one. The CC was supportive of at least part of the Ochils becoming a LLA if not all.

Cllr Cuthbert:

The landowner has been contacted about **overhanging trees** in Naemoor Road.

Cllr Robertson:

LLCC Library hours: Further correspondence was received by the CC but it appears that nothing can be done about this without changing the budget.

Aldie Road: General state of repair is poor, and will be chased. Water problem is due to a burst water main.

A91 Litter: Litter picking has been requested. If any other problems are seen they should be reported to PKC's litter hotline on 01738 476476

Planning

14/00249/FLL. Removal of condition No 8 (occupancy) from planning permission (09/00553/FUL) Erection of a dwelling house. Land north-east of Powmill. Object, as contrary to

Policy RD3 (Housing in the Countryside of the LDP 2014) now that the link to rural employment has been removed.

14/00278/FLL. Erection of stable building (temporary for two years) (in retrospect). Dollar Equestrian Blairingone Dollar FK14 7ND. Discussions between local residents and Alastair will continue after the meeting before a decision is reached about the CC's position on this application.

Local Review Body Appeals

TCP/11/16 (293) – 13/01546/FLL Removal of condition No 2 from planning consent 13/00159/FLL to enable agricultural unit to be used to house livestock. Cairnfold Farm, Blairingone. Comments on this appeal were required before the date of this meeting, so the CC members discussed it by email. The CC objected to the original application and will again object on the grounds of health and amenity impact on neighbours.

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

Ryder Cup Willow Sculptures: suggestions invited for locations and themes.

Other Competent Business

What happens to a building that has been abandoned and left to decay? If the building is dangerous, then the Council can force the owner to make it safe, nothing much other than that. Sign has gone missing from Ghartwhinzean Road. Cllr Robertson will look into it.

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, Village Speeding, Bus Investment Fund, Walkmill Play Park, Outh Muir Wind Farm, Winter Road Maintenance, Lambhill Chipping Plant, Crook Moss Community Purchase
- Community Councillors - Meetings Attended
- PKC Councillors' Reports
- Planning Applications
- Correspondence
- AOCB

The Next Meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place on Tuesday 1st April 2014 at 7.30pm in Carnbo Village Hall. All welcome!

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Portmoak Community Council

News from the March Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 11 March 2014 were: CCllrs B Calderwood (Deputy Chair), R Cairncross (Secretary), R Williamson (Treasurer) and T Smith; P&K Cllrs J Giacomazzi and W Robertson; one member of the Police and two members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from: CCllrs M Strang Steel and S Forde, and P&K Cllr D Cuthbert.

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. Interest in the position of Minute Secretary would also be welcome. Please contact the Secretary on (01592) 840672 or any member of the CC.

Access at Grahamstone: Signage that had given cause for concern had now been removed.

Path between Easter and Wester Balgedie: A planning application for the path alongside the A911 would be considered shortly.

Police report: PC Sadie Allan was welcomed and presented the Police report. Key points included: a recent house break-in at Leslie Road, Scotlandwell and a tractor stolen from Findatie. As always with any suspicious incident, the public are encouraged to note and report vehicle registration numbers. Concern was expressed at yet a further significant accident on the A911 between Scotlandwell and Auchmuir Bridge and in general at significant road incidents that may not be reported to the Police. As PKC rely on police reports to inform road safety strategy, there was a risk that underreporting could affect that strategy.

Treasurer: At the end of February, a balance of £561.60 in the General account and £770.97 in the Michael Bruce Way account, giving a total of £1,332.57. Further expenditure during March could be anticipated.

Planning: The CC considered the following planning applications and agreed not to object to:

14/00153/FLL Land 200 metres north west of Easter Balgedie House Lodge, Easter Balgedie: change of use of agricultural land and the construction of a footpath; and 14/00242/FLL Vane Farm Nature Reserve: temporary siting of a metal storage container (five years) within a fenced enclosure.

These decisions were unanimous.

The CC noted:

14/00008/EIA Proposal for 11 windmills at Blairadam, Fife. This was a significant development. The CC, with the support of PKC, had contacted Fife Council to gain improved information on view points from Kinross-shire and to seek an extension of time permitted to comment. Eligibility for community benefits, were any to accrue, would be pursued.

13/00184/FLL, Iona Back Dykes Road: modification of windows and door. PKC approved.

13/01858/FLL Land east of Causeway Cottage, Scotlandwell: erection of a dwellinghouse and garage. No progress.

13/01976/FLL Plans to revise the junction at Kilmagadwood with A911. Determination by PKC had now been deferred to 19 March. Since February new modifications to the proposed arrangements were reported by ward Councillors.

Developer contributions: The Chairman and Secretary met recently with Cllrs Giacomazzi and Cuthbert and officials to review current concerns. PKC acknowledged that there was a programme of work to render information on the different types of developer contribution both transparent and compliant with Scottish planning regulations and the

Council's own guidance on accountability for developer contributions. The CC would seek reports on progress.

Roads: CCllr Bruce Calderwood presented an updated Roads Report covering some 21 items. This will be placed on the CC's website. Of note were:

- The need for white line delineation to support the recently installed warning signs on the Gullet Bridge;
- Reflective strips on the kerbs of build-outs to be considered;
- Cats' eyes to be fitted along all of A911;
- Improved signage and other improvements to the junction at Wester Balgedie;
- Relocation of the Scotlandwell signs on the A911;
- Recognition of the need for a conference of interested parties on HGV traffic along the A911 and the possible reclassification of the A911 and the B9097 South Loch Road;
- Proposals for a pedestrian crossing at Vane Farm;
- Continuing consideration of traffic flows and speeds along the A911.

Paths: CCllr Smith: Preparatory work to support the "Paths Group" of the Council was now underway.

Improving CCs: The CC noted that, following on the conclusion of consultation on the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill and issues raised in the Report of the Government's CC Short Life Working Group, the Government's Improvement Service had established three short-life working groups of officers throughout Scotland to consider some of the challenges which affect community councils.

Reports by P&K Councillors: Cllr Robertson reported that the extended Heritage Trail would be open from Good Friday onwards. A formal opening is planned for later this spring.

Parking at Loch Leven Community Campus: A resident had raised concerns about parking access when visiting the library. Ward Councillors reported that there had been a recent review of parking at the campus and new arrangements would shortly be introduced.

Dog Waste Bin: A request for a dog waste bin opposite the Hall on the way to the Woodland Trust walk would be passed to the Dog Warden services of PKC.

The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 8 April at Portmoak Village Hall.

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Cleish and Blairadam CC

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Club & Community Group News

Kinross and District Art Club



As well as the regular painting sessions at the Millbridge Hall on Tuesdays and Fridays, the art club has enjoyed some interesting and stimulating sessions with visiting artists and outings. At a Friday session recently we were privileged to have artist **Clare Yarrington**, who, amongst her other prizes, won the JD Fergusson Art Award in 2009. Clare has a background as an archaeologist as well as a professionally trained artist and her novel approach to building a landscape using a collage of pieces of paper and oil pastels was both fascinating and enlightening. You can see examples of her work on her web site: www.clareyarrington.com



Clare Yarrington demonstrating her collage technique

The well attended **Better Place to Live Fair** at the Loch Leven Campus was, once again, an opportunity to spread the word about the club and its activities. Most visitors who passed by stopped en route to look at the display of paintings and several expressed interest in the subject matter or painting styles, with two people signing up as being interested in joining the club. The fact we now meet twice a week makes it possible for us to increase our numbers. In particular, there is room for more people to come along on Friday afternoons.

The club's visit to the very popular **J D Fergusson exhibition** at the Gallery of Modern Art (TWO) in Edinburgh was an inspiration! A full bus load of club members, associate members and some spouses and friends enjoyed a guided tour of some of the most exquisite paintings by this founding member of the group known as The Scottish Colourists. The Gallery of his work in Perth is always a delight to visit and, to coincide with this celebration of his work shown in Edinburgh, a special exhibition, 'JD Fergusson, Picture of a Celt' is being shown in the Perth Fergusson Gallery (free admission) until 15 June.

KADAC welcomes members of all abilities. If you are interested in joining us, why not come along to one of our afternoon sessions or visit the club web site at www.kadac.co.uk or ring Glenys on 07702 572664.

Common Grounds



A smiling face always makes one feel better and March saw lots of them among our Volunteers. Our stand at the Better Place to Live Fair was busy with friendly faces and we look forward to them following up their enquiries. Certainly, the chocolate truffles, fudge, apple cake and meringues played their part in brightening up many a customer.

On a sadder note, February saw the loss of a regular supporter, Joe Keppie; his smiling face will be greatly missed. We were both humbled and gratified to learn of his kind wish that Common Grounds was to share with the Day Centre his funeral collection. Our half, the magnificent sum of £398.38, will be put to good use. Joe's and his family's generosity brought a warm appreciative smile to all our faces. Many thanks from all at Common Grounds.

We are running a "**Spring Raffle**" with many lovely prizes such as chocolates, Fairtrade Easter egg, spring bulbs and lots more. The raffle will be drawn on Saturday 5 April at 12 noon, so please call in and treat yourself to a few tickets. The Guide and Scout Hall will be closed over the School Easter Holidays (7-21 April) for repairs but they may not take the full fortnight so keep a look out to see if we are back in business earlier than expected.

Our project for April is the **Ethiopian Medical Project**, which is a small charity with local links. Its organisers raise funds and travel to Ethiopia, paying their own travel costs, to help on the ground. We are delighted that Jo Middlemiss from the charity is coming to talk to us at a **Project Lunch** on **Tuesday 13 May**. (See article on p. 19 to learn more about the Ethiopian Medical Project.)

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

www.spanglefish.com/commongroundscharitycafe

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

Contacts outside of opening hours are: Elspeth Caldwell (Convener) 01577 863350 and Linda Freeman (Secretary) 01577 865045.

Fairtrade Fortnight - thanks

The **Kinross-shire Fairtrade Steering Group** wish to thank all those who helped to make the events during the two weeks so successful. In particular we offer our thanks to local retailers who gifted prizes for the raffle, to the staff of The Studio Hair Company who made a Fairtrade window display, to those who joined with us at our Coffee Morning and to others who enthusiastically participated in events such as the children of Milnathort Primary School who enjoyed over a hundred banana smoothies. You are all part of the movement to assist those who produce Fairtrade goods by improving their working conditions.

Looking for Contact Details?

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

Probus Club

Scottish Fire Service

An informative talk was given to the club by Mr Trevor Lynch of the Scottish Fire Service on 19 February. Mr Lynch, a Station Officer based in Larbert, has an additional function – that of Dog Handler. He has two dogs, a Springer Spaniel and a Collie. At one time, fire officers would investigate the cause of a fire and if any accelerant had been used. The police would then take over and decide if any criminal act had been carried out. This has changed; cooperation between the services has increased and improved, especially in the search for evidence that fires have been deliberately started. And this is where the dogs come in.

It is often quite apparent that an accelerant such as petrol has been used in starting a fire. One sure sign is the rapid rate at which a fire spreads. Visual evidence such as excessive charring of timber can also help to ascertain where the fire started. However, in the process of fighting the fire and controlling its spread to other buildings, it is inevitable that evidence is lost.

The dogs are trained not only to smell accelerants but to find the seat of the fire by detecting where the accelerant was placed. The first dog was introduced in 1996 in Lancashire and the first in Scotland in 2005, where there are now three.

Officer Lynch gave a demonstration with one of his dogs by putting a small amount of an accelerant, which had virtually no smell and is increasingly used by fire raisers, on the floor and instructing the dog to find it. The dog circled the room and gradually narrowed the field until, in a matter of minutes, it found the exact spot. It lay over the spot and would not move until it was given its reward.

Officer Lynch finished by reminding us that the fire service



offers free advice regarding fire safety.

Klondike

The Meeting of 5 March heard a talk entitled 'Klondike', given by Dr M Hepworth, who is no stranger to the club, having given some very informative and interesting talks over the last year or so.

As the title suggests the talk was about the so called Gold Rush in the north west of Canada in the 1800s in the territory of Yukon, although in fact it cannot really be called a 'rush' as it occurred from 1896 to 1899 and involved many thousands in hardship and danger. In the end only a handful of men became rich.

Yukon is a territory which borders Alaska and is the size of California but has a population of only 35000. It stretches from the north coast of Canada south to 200 miles south of the Arctic Circle. The winter is eight months long with temperatures reaching 60°C below freezing. The summer, only two months long, is plagued with mosquitoes often coming in choking, suffocating clouds, so the window to access the interior of Yukon was severely limited.

Nevertheless, many thousands made the attempt to reach Dawson City, which grew from being a tented encampment near the gold finds. It was situated on the Yukon River, the third longest river in North America. A number of routes were taken, some by sea from Seattle via the Yukon River, some part-sea, part-land and some over-land. Those which entered via British Columbia, part of the Dominion of Canada, were controlled by the 'Mounties' who laid down a ruling that every would-be miner must carry a ton of food and equipment. As the amount a man can carry is 65 lbs, this was obviously a difficulty on those parts of the trail which had to be undertaken on foot.

Dr Hepworth told stories of the hardships and of the characters of this great adventure in a most entertaining talk.

Kinross Parish Church

Good News: Pram Service

At the joint evening service for Kinross-shire churches held on Christian Unity Sunday, each local church was asked to talk about some Good News affecting their church over the past year. As a member of the congregation said that night "this left you very aware of all that God was doing in just this little speck of land".

Kinross Parish Church talked of its Pram Service, held on Tuesday mornings at 10am when the church becomes a focus for fun and faith for those aged under five, along with their mums, dads, grandparents or other carers.

A short service – 'energetic and musical' – is followed by crafts and a snack for the bairns, which is a chance for the adults to have a cuppa and a chat themselves. This is a very important source of fellowship for the mums, dads and others who attend.

Around half of the 36 children on the roll and their carers have had no previous association with the church. Many have come along because of a personal invitation from a church member. Rev Alan Reid says



The Pram Service - fun and faith for the under 5s

that, "it is in no small measure due to the Pram Service that our Crib Service on Christmas Eve was attended by 170 people of a generation we don't normally see in church." The volunteers organising the Pram Service are led by the Rev Evelyn Cairns (tel: 863990) who says: "This is one of the most rewarding and happiest things I have ever done".

£900 raised for 'Mary's Meals'

Last month the Newsletter reported on an approach from Kinross High School student, Rachel Miller, to Kinross Parish Church of Scotland on behalf of the school's appeal for the charity 'Mary's Meals'.

The church always supports a range of charities over the year through special collections at its principal Communion. Following the plea from Rachel, the Kirk Session decided that the collection at the March Communion would be used to supplement the school's efforts. A total of £929 was raised and the church has expressed 'grateful thanks to all who contributed to this worthy cause'. The sum raised by the congregation of Kinross Parish Church will now go towards the school's target of raising £18,000.

Portmoak Hall Draw 100 Club

February Draw

1st	No. 92	Margaret Paterson Hunter, Scotlandwell
2nd	No. 104	Wendy MacPhedran, Kilmagadwood
3rd	No. 74	Fiona Mitchell, Kinnesswood

Kinross & District Town Twinning Association



The Kinross twinning link with Gacé in rural Normandy was formalised in 1975 by the signing of charters and since then there have been numerous exchanges between the twin towns.

Initially the exchanges took place every year but now we operate a three year cycle with one year having no official exchange visits. School exchanges, however, take place annually, with third year pupils visiting Gacé in spring and Gacé children of a similar age visiting Kinross in September. Pupils and families look forward to these regular exchanges, meeting new friends as well as re-acquainting with previously established family links.

The basis of exchange visits is that a Kinross-shire family will stay with a Norman family in or around Gacé when we visit there next year and the following year, when they visit us they will live with the Kinross-shire family for a week. This means the cost of the visit is kept to a minimum and only involves travelling costs plus spending money.

Over the past thirty nine years various local groups have also participated in twinning visits to Gacé including BBs, Scouts, Guides, Otters, Pipe Band, Football Club and Dance groups along with the regular twinners who have been toing and froing over the years.

The year 2015 marks forty years of twinning between the two communities and a special visit to Gacé is planned to commemorate this twinning milestone.

In summer 2015, probably late July, we plan to celebrate our 40 years of twinning with a special visit with all previous individuals and groups welcome to refresh and renew this "Auld Alliance" between two rural communities.

Travelling by coach and ferry from Hull to Zeebrugge, the week long trip starts and ends in style with the channel mini-cruise which includes a variety of on-board entertainment as well as en-suite cabin accommodation, all-you-can-eat evening meal and breakfast. During the week-long visit, there will be day trips to places of interest around Normandy including Paris. The cost of the trip is estimated to be around £250 for this week long visit. Places will be limited so be sure to book early! Interested individuals and families should contact Kinross Chairperson, Jeannie Paterson (tel. 01577 862159).

Lodge St Serf No 327

April

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| Tue 1st | Regular Meeting at 7.15pm.
Entered Apprentice Degree with candidate. |
| Tue 8th | General Committee Meeting at 7.30pm.
Arrange work for next Regular Meeting.
Arrange a Fellow Craft Degree. |
| Tue 15th | Regular Meeting at 7.15pm. Fellow Craft Degree with candidate. |
| Tue 22nd | General Committee Meeting at 7.30pm. |



Milnathort Town Hall Association

Town Hall 50/50 Draw March winners

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| 1st | No 23 | Ann Reid |
| 2nd | No 39 | Ritchie Farmer |
| 3rd | No 11 | Cath Ferrier |

Rotary Club of Kinross & District



The Ryder Cup was the subject when club members learned about the history of one of golf's most famous competitions from its conception by Samuel Ryder to the present day, in a talk by Billy Murray from the Gleneagles Hotel. The M90 County boundary signs tell us that this year's version will be held in Perthshire, but Kinross-shire residents will be very much aware of its presence with Balado being one of the major Park & Ride venues for the thousands of spectators expected to be bussed from there to the Gleneagles course each day this September.

This was followed by a visit from Rotary District Governor Jim Houston, a member of the Leven Club, who complimented the club on some of its recent projects. The importance of support for local activities, organisations and charities was stressed, and highlighted by the message which should come out from all Rotary Clubs - "We're for Communities".

At the March Business meeting, the proposed summer projects were reviewed, and some programme changes to the plans for activities around Loch Leven agreed.

A most enjoyable evening was spent listening to former policeman Ronnie Child reminiscing on his 30-year career in the force. Having moved around various locations in Perthshire, Ronnie ended his career in Kinross, and prior to his retirement in 2010 had become a well known and respected figure in the area in his role as the Community Policeman. The ensuing question and answer session also touched on the career of his athlete daughter, Eilidh, who captained the British athletic team at the recent World Athletic Championships in Poland.

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

Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

Need to get out and blow the cobwebs away? Want to meet new people? Spring is the perfect walking season and walking the best 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 13 April: Bruar - Glen Banvie Circular, 8 miles. Good paths through woods. Initial fairly steep ascent taking in Falls of Bruar viewpoint, mixed woods up Glen Bruar, followed by open moorland views from Glen Banvie. Gradual descent and ascent back to the Falls. Ascent 800m overall.

Saturday 26 April: Antonine Wall and Forth and Clyde Canal, 8 miles. A circular walk following part of the John Muir Trail along the canal towpath and narrow hill tracks which take in the remains of the Wall and an Iron Age Hill Fort UNESCO World Heritage site. Superb views over the Kelvin Valley and Kilsyth Hills.

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.

Loch Leven Community Campus

Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross

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

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

2014 Programme of Events

There is free admission to our **Spring Craft Fair on Saturday 29 March**, 10am – 3pm. There will be over 50 craft stalls at this event with many stallholders providing demonstrations and workshops together with craft displays. Workshops will include jewellery making, fabric origami, chilli seed planting, planted basket making, Mother's Day card baskets and embroidery & sewing. There will be lots of children's craft activities, including Mother's Day Card making, a raffle and there will be family film showings that people can drop in to throughout the day. This will be a great family day and a wonderful chance to take your mum out, buy her something nice and treat her to a Mother's Day special Tea & Cake refreshment.

Antiques, Vintage, Retro and Collectors Fair – Saturday 12 April. There will be buying, selling and valuations given. Admission from 9.30am – 4pm with entry fee of £1 per person. For exhibitors booking, please contact: Angus on 07944 416565.

Kinross Sportive – Saturday 26 April. See page 71 for information.

Scottish Ensemble Concert – Saturday 27 April

As part of their Perth residency the Scottish Ensemble will be performing an hour long concert of selected works from their repertoire. From Mozart to Piazzola; from intimate duos to the depth of the string orchestra, come along and hear a taster of the UK's only professional string orchestra. The performance will start at 11.30am and is free admission to all. Seats will be on a first come first served basis but if anyone would like to reserve a seat and guarantee their space, then please contact Gerry McGregor.

Some Other Events for 2014

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

Sun 17 Aug Kinross Cycling Club - 3 Man Time Trial

Sat 23 Aug Vintage Day and Afternoon Tea Dance

For more details on any of the above events please see Loch Leven Community Campus website (in the process of being updated) and Loch Leven Community Campus Events Facebook page.

Kinross Half Marathon, Feel Good Fair and Pipe Band

Competition The campus will be supporting KLEO, Kinross Road Runners and Kinross Pipe Band with this event on **Saturday 10 May** which will be held on the campus sports pitches. If your local group or charity would like a free stall at the Feel Good Fair, please let us know. Businesses can hire a stall space for £10 (you have to bring your own stall), or hire a stall in the marquee for £15. If you would like to register your interest, reserve a stall space or would like more information then please contact Gerry McGregor at the Campus on 01577 867119 / 867200 or at GMcGregor@pkc.gov.uk Booking forms and information will be sent out very shortly. If interested in any of the other activities, please e-mail Bouwien Bennet at bouwien@kleo.org.uk

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 who can offer advice and support if needed.

Kinross Camera Club

www.kinrosscameraclub.org.uk

The club enjoyed meeting members of the local community at the Better Place to Live Fair. Many thanks to all who entered our "what's your favourite print" competition and congratulations to George Guthrie who won his chosen print of hoverflies.

Other recent activities have included a practical night where members learnt about basic Photoshop techniques and some members demonstrated innovative ways to convert their slides to digital images. We have also enjoyed a competition night judged by Libby Smith of Carluke Camera Club on the theme of "elements". This was interpreted in various ways and produced an interesting selection of images.

We were delighted to take part in and win a local three-way competition with Dunfermline and Glenrothes camera clubs. If you are interested in finding out more about the club, please visit our website (see header) or contact the secretary, email: sallyroberts100@hotmail.com



The winning monochrome image for the competition "elements": a Chinstrap Penguin in a blizzard on Paulett Island by Stewart Niven.

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.

Contributors

Please write or type clearly
Leave a margin
Use one side of the paper only

Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



The April club meeting will be held on **Thursday 3 April** at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall. The speakers will be Lt. Colonel Richard Callandar OBE and Mr Bruce Critchley of the Royal Company of Archers, HM the Queen's Bodyguard for Scotland. The May club meeting will be held on **Thursday 1 May** at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall. The speaker will be Sandra Thompson, owner of the last jute factory in Dundee.

Away Days April and May

Thurs 10 April	Scotland Road School
Thurs 24 April	Royal Palace of Holyrood House
Thursday 8 May	Blair Drummond Safari Park
Thursday 22 May	Glasgow School of Art

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

Theatre Outing: Edith has secured seats, at advantageous prices, for the show "Whisky Kisses" at the Pitlochry Festival Theatre. This will be for the evening performance on **Tuesday 17 June**. The show is described as a musical drama with humour. The all inclusive cost is £27.50 and a minimum amount of £20 must be paid by the April club meeting. Please make cheques payable to Kinross 50 Plus Club. The coach will depart from the Green Hotel at 6.30pm. Remember this is a Tuesday evening performance.

Friday Walkers

11 Apr "The Pie Walk" starting from Bridge of Allan, arriving at Dunblane at lunch time for a hot pie, and walking back the same way to Bridge of Allan.

25 Apr A repeat of our spring walk in St Andrews, going along the Lade Braes to stop for lunch in Craigton Park, and then coming back to St Andrews.

Contact: Ian Simpson 01577 863691.

Friday Hill Walkers

4 Apr	Milldam	Jacky	8.30
18 Apr	Little Glenshee	Bill	8.30
2 May	Schiehallion	Kate	8.30

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

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

Craft 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.

Kinross in Bloom



At this time of year our thoughts have turned to spring and we only have to look outside the Gallery shop to see the daffodils almost in flower that the children planted in autumn.

Pansies in the beds and flower barrels at the Park and Ride, Health Centre and other places in the town were also planted by Kinross in Bloom.

We order plug plants in Feb/March with money raised by donations and sponsorship which are then grown on in the poly-tunnel for summer baskets and tubs to be planted out in June.

Occasionally we hear about other areas in Kinross which are neglected or need brightening up and we couldn't agree more. However, with our limited resources of manpower (volunteers) and money we are struggling to cope, especially at certain times of the year. Experience is not a requirement and we are interested in any person or group who are prepared to give a helping hand. If neighbours, friends or groups can identify and help us improve a piece of ground, it would enhance our environment and help make Kinross a more attractive place to live. We hold a short meeting at the Day Centre on the second Wednesday of the month and anyone interested in helping Kinross in Bloom please contact Ian Todd at 01577 208110 or Derek Lawrence 01577 862833 for more information.

With Dobbies' kind permission we are holding a fund-raising and open weekend on **3 and 4 May**. Please feel welcome to visit us then at our poly-tunnel and find out more about what we do.

200 Club Draw

1st Eileen Thomas 2nd Yvonne Wardrope
3rd Robert Findlay 4th Margaret Lyon

Kinross Garden Group



Mrs C Rodger, Vice Chairman, welcomed all the members to the March meeting. She introduced Mr Ian Christie from Kirriemuir who gave a talk on 'The Scottish Wildflower', showing slides from the places they are found in the North of Scotland.

The next meeting is on **Thursday 10 April** at 2pm in Millbridge Hall with **The Cairn o' Mohr Winery Team** from the Carse of Gowrie. This will be preceded by the AGM. For more details, contact Mrs C Rodger, telephone 01577 863785.

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Dobbies Community Champion

The photograph below shows some of the keen young gardeners at **Muckhart School**, after my recent donation of tools, plants and seeds, under the Dobbies' "Here we Grow" programme.



Amanda, Dobbies Community Champion (centre), with keen gardeners from Muckhart School

The next **Little Seedlings** meeting on **Sunday 6 April**, at 11am, will be about the signs of spring, and symbolism around Easter, and we will be planting our first flower seeds of the season to take home. The club is free for children aged 4 to 10 years, accompanied by an adult. We are planning that this meeting will be the

Again, children should be accompanied by an adult. Our half term event in February was very successful, and if you would like to come to the Easter session, **please book a place** in the store, or by phoning, so that we know how many youngsters to expect.

On 4 August this year it will be 100 years since the start of the First World War. As part of community commemorations of this, Dobbies have launched a seed donation scheme called "Poppies for our Heroes", and **we are asking you to help us to "Paint the Town Red" this summer.**

I will be sending packets of annual red poppy seeds to all the local schools, and consulting the In Bloom groups about planting the seeds around Kinross and surrounding villages, particularly near to War Memorials. If your Church, Youth group, or any other community group have an area of clear soil in a sunny position, or even a large container, and you would like to sow some poppy seeds, please let me know by emailing me on Manager.Kinross@dobbies.com. The May Little Seedlings Club meeting on **4 May** will also be about annual flowers, and the **symbolism of poppies for remembrance**, and the children will be given poppy seeds to grow at home, donated by our sponsor, Suttons Seeds.

Also, from **7 to 10 April** there will be **20% discount at Dobbies for Garden Club members** – not to be missed!

If you would like any more information about any of these donations or events, please leave a message for me at the store, and I will contact you.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable start to the growing season,

Amanda James,
Community Champion

We are pleased that our **Local Charity for 2014** will be the **Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme**, known locally as the "Volunteer Drivers". The service provides befriending, and volunteer drivers to transport older people and others to hospital appointments etc, and many of our customers are either drivers, or users of the service. I will be working with the committee members over the summer to organise some fundraising events at the store, and I am sure that our customers will, as ever, be generous in their support for this important local service.

first in the community hut at the allotments behind the store, but I will meet families at the checkouts so we can walk over together. If you are a new member and would like to join us, please leave a message for me at the store, so I know to expect you – telephone 863327.

Also for budding young gardeners, I will be holding a **free planting and craft session** in the store during the Easter holiday, on **Wednesday 16 April**, from 2pm to 3.30pm. We will be sowing seeds of summer flowering plants to take home, and doing various crafts, some with an Easter theme.

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Kinnesswood in Bloom

The group had much discussion at the March meeting about the War Memorial and how to improve it for 2014 by forming new edging, painting the railings and planting poppies.

The artwork for the bus shelter commemorating Year of Natural Scotland 2013 has now been installed. We are grateful to the Kinross Fund for helping with this project. One class from Portmoak School has already painted pictures of events in the Sochi Olympics for this year's Children's Art Exhibition at the Portmoak Festival. The theme this year is Active Portmoak so there is plenty of scope with the Commonwealth Games and Ryder Cup to follow.

The group heard about funding available both from the Community Challenge Environment Fund and The 2014 Community Challenge Fund. It was agreed that some of our planned projects might fit the criteria and more enquiries would be made.

The School Grounds Group spent a busy afternoon pruning and clearing around the pond area in what was a small sunny weather window in a wet day. Meanwhile they have contacted Amanda from Dobbies and look forward to meeting her soon.

Many ideas were discussed of how we can celebrate the Commonwealth Games and Ryder Cup. Watch this space for more information. We also hope to make a willow sculpture to put in an appropriate place.

Our work party lists for the month ahead started in March and are posted on the notice board. Please do come along even if you can only make it now and again. Usually work parties are on Saturday but work can be done at other times. We will contact school parents about work parties in the school grounds, usually once every six weeks.



Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom



Hot Cross Buns

If you want to try making hot cross buns but are a bit daunted by the preparation time, you can make these in your breadmaker. Alternatively they can be made kneading by hand.

Ingredients

1 packet active dried yeast	1 egg
¼ cup water	¼ cup raisins
4¼ cups plain flour	¼ cup chopped cherries
¼ teaspoon salt	¼ cup dried cranberries
½ cup white sugar	Topping
1 teaspn ground cardamom	2½ cups icing sugar
1¼ cups lukewarm milk	¼ cup milk
½ cup melted butter	1 teaspn almond extract

Method

Sprinkle the yeast over the warm water and let stand until dissolved, about 5 minutes. Place the flour, salt, sugar, cardamom, milk butter and egg into the bread machine. Pour the yeast mixture on top. Close the lid and set to dough setting. Add dried fruit at the beep.

When the dough has finished, divide into 12 portions and shape into balls. Place on a greased baking tray. Cover with plastic wrap and set aside in a warm place until doubled in size.

Preheat the oven to 175°C. Remove the plastic wrap. Bake until golden brown, 20-25 minutes.

Make frosting by whisking together icing sugar, milk and almond extract until smooth. When the buns are cool, drizzle frosting in a cross shape.

Portmoak Film Society

This season's penultimate film shown at Portmoak Picture Palace in March garnered a 91% satisfaction rating. 'Sunshine on Leith' is a light-hearted look at young love and family life in Edinburgh, with stunning scenes of the nation's capital accompanied by the well-known strains of the Proclaimers.

The final film, on **Sunday 13 April**, will be '**Captain Phillips**', a tense tale of the true-life hijacking of a ship by Somali pirates in 2009. It stars Tom Hanks as the captain and Barkhad Abdi as his captor, who was nominated for an Oscar as Best Supporting Actor. It promises to be a thrilling evening.

But as PFS regulars will know, no season is complete without its AGM, to be held the same night at 7pm before the film starts. The business of Treasurer's report and election of office bearers is over in no time at all; as the more important business is to let the audience nominate their eight best films out of a selection of 20 as chosen by the film selection committee.

Entry is £5 on the door or with your season ticket, and newcomers, visitors and 'regulars' are welcome as always. So have your say for next season's films and remember to arrive for 7 o'clock.

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

Compassion Corner

If there was any doubt that Kinross-shire is 'A Better Place to Live', one only needed to have a stroll through our Community Campus on 10 March. The central corridor and the big hall was filled to capacity with stalls and people sharing information about the multitude of activities and projects that strive to enrich the social, spiritual and physical well being of the local community and the wider world.

Although we have an awareness of many of these activities, thanks to this jam packed monthly Newsletter, this event gives us the opportunity to meet the people behind the projects and be encouraged to consider giving of our time and talents and/or receiving what's on offer!

One such project that really impressed us was the PKC 'Shared Lives' service offering an alternative way for people who need support through age, disability or other circumstances to access care and support in the way THEY want. Real compassion in action! Our Compassion Corner gave us a chance to explain one to one how the Charter of Compassion, being circulated worldwide, is a path to peace in our hearts, our homes, our communities and our world.

If you missed us, please log onto www.charterofcompassion and/or join us for our next meeting on **Monday 28 April** at 2pm in St Paul's meeting room, Kinross.

Marg Meade

Milnathort in Bloom

The gardening year has started again and although we haven't been out in the village much, we have held a few meetings to plan for this year.

The planting scheme this year will tie in with the Ryder Cup colours of red, white and blue and, while choosing the plants with the right colours wasn't difficult, having ones that will last into September is more challenging. The plant plugs are due for delivery at the end of March and they will be grown on for a few weeks before being planted in the baskets and troughs that will be placed around the village. So the polytunnel has had to be tidied up, throwing out all those items that weren't useful after all, and cleaned ready for the plants.

There is some maintenance of different areas round the village so we have created a list and we can work our way through it when time, and weather, allow. The work is mostly removing rotten tubs and replacing them, moving other planters around, some painting, pruning and weeding. The repaired and recast **War Memorial Plaques** should go back up on the week of 10 March. We plan to have a small floodlight set up to illuminate the memorial to hopefully discourage anyone trying to steal them again. The plaques will also be treated with SmartWater. The planting of the two beds at the Memorial Gardens will be done on 26 April from 10am and everyone is invited to come along and take part. The path on the south side should finally be finished in May when the epoxy resin finish is applied. This is dependent on the weather, which is why there was such a delay in finishing it. There will be a **rededication ceremony** for the Memorial on **Saturday 7 June** at 10am, which we hope as many people as possible will attend.

We can only carry on with these activities due to the dedication and effort of our volunteers and the more we have the easier it is. If you would like to help, in any way, then please contact Graeme Stewart on 864357 or graemehs@yahoo.com

Kinross-shire Volunteer Group & Rural Outreach Scheme



We are delighted to announce that Dobbies have nominated us as their Local Charity of the Year. We will, hopefully, raise some money towards our costs and, just as importantly, it will raise awareness of the services we offer. Please look out for us in the local Dobbies store over the next few months. We will be collecting on 12/13 April and on 31 May but there will be various fundraising events going on too. Look out for our **Guess the Weight of the Simnel Cake** which will be in store from 13 April – plenty of time for everyone to have a guess and for some lucky person to win the cake in time for Easter.

Members of the committee manned a stand at the Better Place to Live Fair and were delighted to talk to people about the work we do and they even managed to sign up a new volunteer driver.

Continuing the theme of awareness, we would like to thank the Loch Leven Health Centre for putting information of KVG&ROS on their screen in the waiting room.

Kinross Potager Garden

www.potagergardenkinross.com



Thank you to everyone who visited our stall at the Better Place to Live Fair, some buying spring plants, and we hope the children enjoyed watching the cress hair grow on their googly eyed pots. A few people showed an interest in coming along to help at the garden, and learn about growing, and we hope to hear further from them.

Volunteer sessions have now started again on **Monday mornings** from about 10.30am, and we can always put the kettle on to welcome any visitors, and show you our range of plants for all situations in your garden. **The garden will also be open during the day from April**, and we hope you will call in for a look around, or just sit quietly for a while, and listen to the birds, and look out for bees and other insects. **Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult**, and please take care around the garden, and do not touch or taste the plants. If you are visiting, please do sign our **visitors' book**, which is under the veranda of the shed, with any comments about your experience there.

If you would like to **arrange a group visit to the garden**, or have any questions about this, please contact Amanda, as below.

Margaret and I look forward to welcoming Ms McGrath's **P5 class from Kinross Primary School**, who will soon be making their first visit to the garden, including a bug hunt, before starting their learning sessions next term. Fingers crossed for some sunshine for their visits!

For any enquiries about the garden, please contact Amanda James, the Convenor, on 01577 840809, or email amanda@tyafon.plus.com

Carnbo Hall Association

Charity No SC015354

Carnbo Hall is a great community resource at the heart of the rural community of Carnbo. We are a charity and organise eight to ten varied events per year; something to suit everyone.

This year started with a fantastic, "open door" and spontaneous Hogmanay Bash with dancing well into the New Year. The Burns' Supper was a sell-out, celebrated with vibrant addresses to the haggis, colourful recitals, piping, immortal memory and a plentiful and delicious dinner by the Milk Bar, Powmill.

An excellent programme of hall talks followed with topics covering Mountaineering, Picturesque Perthshire and Community Policing. Their popularity has grown and we were delighted to see audiences of up to 30. These short presentations were so stimulating and entertaining on a dark winter's night and were followed by light refreshments. We would like to wholeheartedly thank all our presenters.

Forthcoming Events

Ladies Pamper Night in aid of Women v Cancer on **Friday 28 March** at 7.30pm. Join us for a fantastic evening to brush away the winter blues. Welcome drink, reflexology taster or hand spa included. Tickets at £8 from j.savin7@btinternet.com

Gents' Evening on Saturday 29 March. A meal out in Kinross. Meet at the hall at 7.30pm

Easter Eggstravaganza: A family event for all aged 2-102! Roll your decorated eggs, Easter crafts, baking and of course an Easter Egg Hunt. Donations £3. Contact j.savin7@btinternet.com

The Boys' Brigade

Anchors and Juniors are preparing for the Battalion Sports to be held in April. Junior members also took part in Perth Battalion's Festival of Activities, performing figure marching and musical items. Juniors are preparing for the Battalion five-a-side football competition at Bell's Sports Centre on the evening of April Fool's day.

Company Section members have also been busy participating in the Battalion Scripture Search competition. Seniors are preparing for their five-a-side football competition at Bell's Sports Centre, also in April, having won both the Battalion basketball and volleyball cups in February. Company section members are also preparing for the Battalion drill competition, having won the medal last season.

A number of Company Section members attended a 'Build your Skills' training day at Broughty Ferry, run by Dundee and Angus District Battalion.

Four senior members are finishing off work for their Queen's Badge and are due to attend the completion course over a weekend in April at the BB Scottish Headquarters in Carronvale House.

In the national competitions, the table tennis and badminton teams fell at the final hurdle, losing out in the Scottish final, failing to reach the UK finals.

Junior Section members are also preparing for their annual weekend camp over the May holiday weekend. Company Section members are looking forward to their summer camp in Perth's twin town of Aschaffenburg.

The annual display and presentation of awards will be held in the Church Centre on **Friday 16 May** with all parents and friends invited to celebrate the Company's successes over the session.



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Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation



Male voices wanted at Leven Voices - beards not required!

More than 40 women and only three men sing with Leven Voices at the moment...so, men, do come along! We sing different styles and genres with different Horsecross Arts tutors. The next block of ten sessions starts after the Easter break on **Tuesday 29 April**, 7.30pm at the Kinross Parish Church, and runs until 1 July. Leven Voices is for anyone who just wants to sing and have fun! You can join in anytime. Enrolment fee is £5 (which will be used to pay for the hire of the hall) and £4 a session (concessions £3). Just come along, sing and enjoy!



Men of Kinross-shire - Leven Voices need you!

Fun for all the family!

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. While you wait for the runners coming in, come along and browse through the wares of local stallholders, take part in a tug of war or in other mini Highland Games. The whole event will take place on the playing fields behind the Community Campus on **Saturday 10 May**. Put this date in your diary!

If your local group, club or charity would like a free stall at the Feel Good Fair, please let us know. Businesses can hire a stall space for £10 (you have to bring your own stall) or hire a stall in the marquee for £15. If you would like to register your interest, reserve a stall space or would like more information, then please contact Gerry McGregor at the campus on telephone 01577 867119 or 867200 or email GMcGregor@pkc.gov.uk.

If interested in any of the other activities, please e-mail Bouwien Bennet at bouwien@kleo.org.uk.

Eddi Reader at Kinross-shire Winter Festival!

We are delighted to announce that Eddi Reader will perform at the Kinross-shire Winter Festival on **Saturday 22 November** at the Community Campus.

Tickets will go on sale at the Feel Good Fair on 10 May.

For more information about KLEO, go to www.kleo.org.uk or e-mail info@kleo.org.uk.

Portmoak Community Woodlands

Portmoak Moss has welcomed its first team of 'drowners', volunteers from the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, whose job was literally to drown those parts of the raised peat bog which are still too dry for the regeneration of sphagnum moss. The work group spent a chilly afternoon cutting side drains in an area to the south side of the main path across the bog.

The term 'drowners,' which was new to us on the Portmoak Woodlands Steering Group, seems to come from the ancient practice of managing water meadows to protect the grass from frost and provide some spring grazing for sheep and cattle.

The dozen or so volunteers, from as far afield as Dingwall and Glasgow, enjoyed their dirty work. One of them said it was like being a kid at the seaside again, diverting water into channels, except this time he was working with peat, not sand.

The bog restoration project isn't all about hard work. We're holding a **guided bird walk** at 10am on **Saturday 26 April** to see how many different species we can find. We're very lucky to have Scott Paterson, the Bird Recorder for Perth and Kinross, leading the morning walk. Scott worked for many years with the RSPB and now has his own company, Kinross Ecology. He has already identified over 40 bird species during a survey of Portmoak Moss.

Bird sightings can never be guaranteed, of course, but hen harrier, sparrowhawk, woodcock, snipe and green woodpecker are all possibilities. We'll meet at the Moss entrance in Scotlandwell. Bring sturdy footwear as well as binoculars, if you have them. There's no charge but please register by contacting Stuart Garvie 01592 840825 or Louise and Dave Batchelor 01592 840233 or louise@louisebatchelor.co.uk

The Woodland Trust, who own our community woodlands, have been busy creating new leaflets and signs. A big welcome sign to Kilmagad Wood has been erected beside the A911, as this woodland is now being specially featured by the Trust. The new leaflets can be found at the entrance to Portmoak Moss. Both were unveiled at our successful Burns Supper; another sell out event starring the actor, poet and singer, Gerda Stevenson, who gave the Immortal Memory, alongside some wonderful local musicians and speakers who provided the rest of the entertainment.

For more pictures and news, our website is www.portmoakcw.org.uk

Kinross-shire Historical Society



On 17 March, members heard a very interesting talk on the History of Perthshire and Kinross-shire Constabularies from Willie MacFarlane, a retired police officer and Honorary Curator of the Dundee Police Museum.

He outlined the early days of policing and showed illustrations of various buildings used as headquarters in Perth and local police stations around both counties. He had a wealth of stories about early policing and the constables of the time, most of whom were quite elderly and often former soldiers.

The Kinross-shire Constabulary was set up in 1836, as the Sheriff felt that the Church was no longer able to maintain law and order. This was a force of five men with the Kinross constable given superiority over the other four constables around the county. There was a huge turnover in men and it was all very disorganised. Three years later the Perthshire force was formed and had 33 men. The first Chief Constable in Perthshire was Capt Joseph Grove and he leased 1 Marshall Place, Perth, as the Headquarters. Perth City and County forces were separate.

Photographs of serving police showed the uniforms of the time with the CID wearing bowler hats. The various forms of transport used, from bikes and horses to the first police car and motorbikes were described, and some illustrated.

Cells were not always available and sometimes a bedroom in the police house would be used. Sometimes it was cellars in public houses. Once the Police Federation was formed in 1919, things began to improve as far as buildings were concerned.

Before WWI there were 54 police stations and 80 men. In 1914, about half of the policemen enlisted, which closed many of police stations. After the war, a lot of the police stations didn't reopen. From a police station in nearly every village, over time it has reduced greatly.

Tayside Police was formed in 1975 and Kinross-shire and Perthshire forces became part of the new force. This has now all become part of Police Scotland. For all the advances through technology, policing has lost the local knowledge that used to come from the local bobbies on the beat.

After some questions from the members, Ronnie Muirhead thanked Willie MacFarlane on behalf of the society for a most interesting talk.

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Kinross Primary Parent Council



Report on School Building

In this first report to the Newsletter for sometime, we thought we'd bring to your attention an issue that dramatically affects our children. We'd also like to offer everyone the opportunity to help do something about it.

After just 45 years of service, the Kinross Primary building is in a poor state. A very poor state. Plaster has been falling off walls and ceilings. The school is riddled with damp – recent surveys indicate that no less than 13 rooms are seriously affected. Over the years, pupil numbers have dramatically increased and it is now the second largest primary school in the whole of Perth & Kinross. The school is literally bursting at the seams. Various mobile classrooms (some thought to be around 30 years old) have been used to cope with the large number of pupils. The 100 new houses proposed by Persimmon will make it worse.

Clearly something has to be done. Somebody has to do something for the kids.

That somebody has been the KPPC. We have been tirelessly lobbying for maintenance and investment in a new school building for Kinross.

And our efforts are working. After a year of campaigning, the toilets have been recently refurbished. And our draft report and parents' petition submitted to council officers has got a somewhat positive outcome, bringing about a clear commitment to conduct an independent study of the need to refurbish or rebuild the school. The findings of this study will be available by mid-June.

It's not, however, all plain sailing.

Unfortunately, Tulloch Primary in Perth is of a similar design and also in a poor state of repair. And with the Council having allocated funds elsewhere, including over £13m for Perth Theatre, there is now only enough money to rebuild one of the schools. We think Kinross has a clear case for rebuilding. With this in mind, we would like to extend heartfelt thanks to all those that provided support by signing our petition. Your support has forced the council to look at Kinross Primary in depth, right now, not in 2021 as previously intended.

But we still need more help.

Parent pressure has got us this far. Community pressure could get us much further. We need your help. We are asking all concerned Kinross-shire residents like yourself to take just two minutes to go online and give your support at www.surveymonkey.com/s/kppc-petition or email

kppc.building.issues@gmail.com with your name and address. Alternatively, fill your details below and return to us at the address below. We will make sure the updated petition is submitted before the lifelong learning committee decides which school is rebuilt. So please, please show your support by going online now. Just two minutes could make a big difference. Thank you.

The KPPC look forward to having more good news in the July issue of the Kinross Newsletter.

If you want to see how bad the school is, visit our Facebook group to see pictures of the condition and read the report submitted to officers. Join the group to receive updates on progress. There is also a link to the online petition from our Facebook page. Find us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/groups/kppcbuildingcampaign

Other News from KPPC

News from the KPPC Meeting held on 30 Jan 2014

There will be an **Open Evening** for parents on **Tue 3 June**.

A summary of School Improvement Plan and information surrounding the new government 600 hours initiative was provided.

Problems with illegal and dangerous parking along Bowtown Road, around the school gate, Elmslie Road and parents using the nursery car park that should only be used by staff and disabled access, were again highlighted. The police have again been informed.

Dog fouling continues to be a problem in the school lane and surrounding streets. Posters outlining the problem will be designed by children and these will be erected along the lane. The Dog Warden has visited and official notices will be erected at both ends of the lane. Should anyone wish to contact the Dog Warden the number is 01738 476476.

Police had visited due to continual vandalism of the nursery garden and Wendy House. A camera and a motion detecting camera is to be purchased.

KPPC Facebook page proving to be very popular. Any Kinross Primary School/Nursery Parent is welcome to join. KPPC Chair and Secretary positions will be made available at the next AGM in June. Anyone interested, please email. Recent fund raising has enabled eight new camcorders and one new PA system to be purchased. New goal posts will also be purchased.

School Summer Fayre Saturday 24 May 12-4pm. If you would like a stall or if you want your local sports club involved, then email Kath Davis (see below). The theme this year is Commonwealth Games.

Email us at: kinrossprimaryparentcouncil@googlemail.com

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Address*

Email address (optional)

Comments (optional)

*These fields will be included in the final petition, but in line with Data Protection laws will only be held for that purpose and not distributed to any other party.

Please Return to: KPPC, c/o Jonathan Bryson, 8 Nan Waker Wynd, Kinross, KY13 8FF

Kinross High School



It's always gratifying to be able to start an article with a huge and heartfelt thank you and I would like to do just that. The response to my appeal in the last edition of this newsletter for members of the community to engage with KHS has been astonishing. We have had offers of support with mock interviews and language practice (Spanish). We have had interest from gardeners. We have people willing to talk to pupils about their jobs and why they enjoyed doing them. We are even negotiating a couple of 'taster sessions' for new activities. Thank you to everyone who got in touch. We are glad to have you on board but we still have room for many more. A big thank you to our reminiscences group who are working with our pupils on their own memories. Our next task is how we capture these for future use.

Perhaps the most unexpected contacts came from people just keen to hear a bit more about what the school offers its pupils beyond the classroom. One person fairly new to the district, had heard 'we didn't just concentrate on the exam stuff' and wanted to know what else we offered. Happy to oblige...

KHS has a well-established tradition of academic success. We know that exam results have the power to shape lives. We also believe, however, that they are just part of the story when it comes to educating our young people. For that reason we work hard to offer a wide range of opportunities with which pupils can engage. These fall into two categories. Some activities are award-bearing, such as our wildly successful and popular Duke of Edinburgh scheme or our Community Sports Leader awards. Similarly many of our instrumental tutors support young people to achieve a wide variety of qualifications for their chosen instruments. Other valuable activities don't come with formal awards but nonetheless offer challenging, enjoyable and character-building experiences to our young people. Rugby, hockey, football, basketball, gymnastics, golf, curling, swimming and badminton teams within the school offer sporting opportunities. Rock Challenge, an international Healthy Living competition, offers pupils the chance to develop team-working, planning and performance skills. Our annual engagement with various charities (big plug alert! Mary's Meals: Help us to help them) and community performances such as K Factor and our Pantomime allow our singers, dancers, thespians, organisers, motivators and ideas people to shine.

On any given week a KHS pupil might be found debating, learning advanced knife skills from a well-known chef or contributing to the musical extravaganza that is our staff pupils Ukulele group.

The desire to develop and celebrate the whole person is important within KHS.

This brings me quite neatly to my final thought this month. Our School Parent Council is equally keen to value the contribution made by KHS pupils both within and outwith school. Each year they organise the 'Young Person of the Year' Awards. There are three categories covering S1/2, S3/4 & S5/6. These are nominated by you. If you know of any KHS pupil doing good work in your community, why not take the opportunity to nominate them for this award? Let's hear from you.

R H Keatings

Kinross High School Parent Council



Clerk: Jennifer Sneddon 0794 667 9815

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

There was a meeting of KHS Parent Council on 10 March and as usual a wide range of topics was discussed. These included the effect of the Library closing on Mondays, the new timetable, school staffing, demands made on the school by proposed new housing and the new national assessments (assessment concerns, study leave and the appeals process). Parents attending recent Parents' Evenings may have seen, and might even have spoken to, Parent Council members. By and large we all seem to have similar concerns for our children's education and welfare.

We have many young people in this area who contribute to our community in inspiring and caring ways, over and above the demands of their school work. Some give their own time caring for others, working for charities and supporting voluntary organisations. Some overcome personal difficulties in ways that inspire people around them. The Parent Council applauds these inspiring young people amongst us and at the end of each school year presents a **Young Person of The Year Award** to KHS pupils in three age categories. Anyone can nominate a KHS pupil for this. If you know of a young person whom you think might deserve such an award, we would like to invite you to nominate them. You can do this by contacting the Clerk in the first instance (contact details above).

The Parent Council hopes to run a daytime **Jobs Fair** for pupils at the school, probably after exams are finished in June. The aim is to open the eyes of the pupils to as wide a range of jobs as possible, some of which they might not have realised even existed, and allow them to chat to real people doing these jobs. If you think you might like to share your experience of the world of work with pupils, the Clerk would be delighted to hear from you.

If you are a parent or guardian of a KHS pupil, perhaps you might consider joining the Parent Council. If so, you would be most welcome to visit one of the meetings. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested in finding out more. The next meeting is planned for **Tuesday 6 May**. Even if you cannot commit the time to joining the Parent Council, if there is ever a general concern you would like raised about the school, please contact the Clerk with details and it can be discussed.

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Portmoak Primary School

Last month was another busy month at Portmoak Primary, with mid-term discos and the holiday weekend to fit in too. Here are some of the things that we have been up to:

P7 Curling

P7 enjoyed their visits to Kinross Ice Rink for curling sessions from the Royal Caledonian Curling Club. We were all rather excited to hear that Eve Muirhead, the skip of the ladies' team at the recent winter Olympics at Sochi, started her school career at Portmoak Primary!



Olympic champions in the making? P7 enjoyed their curling lesson

P2/3 visit to RSPB Loch Leven

On 29 January P2/3 went on a class trip to RSPB Loch Leven. They were fortunate to have a dry day after all the rain we have had so far this year. They hardly noticed the cold because they were so busy using their senses to experience what life is like for some of our local animals. Everyone had a great time doing all of the activities and the recounts of their trip have demonstrated some wonderful writing skills.

World Book Day

Children were invited to dress up as a book character for World Book Day on 6 March. We were raising money for Yorkhill Children's Hospital, which the children from the Events and Fundraising Committee chose because one of their members went there when she was little. The children raised £72 for Yorkhill. The winners from each class were:

- P7 Mary Poppins (Holly Paton)
- P5/6 Gangsta Granny (Lewis Bental)
- P4/5 Julian from the Famous Five (Callum Caldwell)
- P2/3 Catniss Everdeen (Isabel Gray)
- P1/2 Saucepan Man (Neve Weir)

Above and Beyond Award

Everyone at Portmoak Primary School is delighted that Mr Alan Surtees received the 'Above and Beyond' volunteer award at the Perth and Kinross Sporting Achievement Awards ceremony on 7 March.

As some of you will know, Mr Surtees is a parent at our school. He runs the after school football club and is passionate about cricket too. Due to his coaching, the Portmoak team reached the national finals of the kwik cricket competition. He even clears the school paths when it snows so that the children will be safe and drives the minibus on school trips.

Fundraising Plea

The next **Bags 2 School** collection will take place on **Thursday 24 April** at 9am. Bags of clothing and fabric are requested to be dropped off at the school, or to Buchan's Garage before this date please. Community support for this does make a big difference to the amount raised – so thank you.

I hope you have enjoyed reading our news. As ever, if there is anything you are able to share with the school, we would love to hear from you.

Louise Gordon, Headteacher



Mr Surtees with the cricket teams

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Fossoway Pre School Group

Stagecoach donates £500

Stagecoach East Scotland has donated £500 to Fossoway Pre School Group, matching the amount raised by the playgroup's fundraising activities.

A children's ceilidh was held and was a great success with many local people and businesses donating time, effort and prizes, raising a fantastic £500, with the additional donation from Stagecoach bringing the final total to £1000.



Andrew Jarvis (right) with Pat Irvine, Manager of the pre school group and children

Andrew Jarvis, Managing Director, Stagecoach East Scotland, presented the cheque to the group and brought a bus along which the children were excited to climb onboard and explore, taking turns to 'drive'.

Fossoway Pre School Group, based in Powmill, is a small early education service in for children aged 2½ to 5 years.

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Seamab School

The most recent topic studied in the school is Pirates. This has been great fun for the children. One of the classes wrote their own pirate story and put on a lovely performance for the weekly school assembly.

Of course the better weather is finally starting to arrive, and this has meant that the children are able to go outside much more. We have installed new play climbing equipment at the school – the children are enjoying the opportunity to play on this at break and lunch times.

A new Chair has been appointed to the Board of Trustees. Brian Fearon is an experienced and well-known senior manager from the field of social work, and was previously the Director of Social Work in a local authority. Brian has considerable skills and expertise, and brings his enthusiasm and commitment to the work that Seamab does with vulnerable children.

New fundraising campaign at Seamab

The new fundraising campaign for 2014 is 'Building Bricks'. We aim to raise funds to improve our buildings and play equipment. Play is, of course, a 'building brick' for all children. The funds we raise will support us to add a new kitchen and dining room to one of the children's residences, develop a new dining room and kitchen in the school and improve the facilities for outdoor play. Every penny raised will directly benefit children at Seamab. If you are interested in supporting us through fundraising, please contact us by email info@seamab.org.uk or by phone 01577 840307.

Kinross-shire Day Centre

The Day Centre held a Valentine's Day entertainment for service-users and friends with lunch that day having an Italian theme. After lunch, the music was once more kindly provided by John Ramage and we discovered the previously undisclosed singing talent of one of our members! I mention no name but we know who you are!

In one of those happy chance encounters, Sara Grey came into the coffee-bar one day and mentioned that she plays the banjo. As a result, on 5 March, she gave us a very informative talk about the banjo and entertained us with several pieces. Thank you to Sara.

On Friday 7 March, the ladies of Portmoak Church hosted a World Day of Prayer Service in the Day Centre. This was an opportunity for our service-users to enjoy fellowship and chat with churchgoers from all the churches around the loch. After the service, the ladies provided tea and cakes. Thank you to them for all their hard work in arranging the service and tea.

The brighter weather has enabled us to have the first of our occasional afternoon trips out in the mini-bus and we look forward to many more in the glorious summer we're going to have!

As you can see, for another month we have reason to be thankful for the variety of ways in which local people show their support for the Day Centre. If you would like to be involved with the Day Centre, as a service user, a volunteer or as a supporter, speak to Nan Cook 863869.

To see the Day Centre regular programme, go to page 108.



Kinross-shire Partnership's business breakfasters told "great oaks from little acorns grow"

Kinross-shire Partnership's final business breakfast of the 2013-14 season, which took place on 5 March at Loch Leven's Larder, followed the customary recipe for successful networking, with around 30 local entrepreneurs exchanging news, views and business cards over a full Scottish breakfast. In addition to bacon, eggs, sausage and black pudding, there was plenty of local information to digest, too...

Rhoderick Moncrieff flagged up the imminent press launch for the forthcoming Just About Movies Film Festival being held at Tullibole Castle in August. This event bodes to be the film equivalent of a small music festival (an audience of 500-600 is expected) and should thus hopefully bring welcome benefits for the local economy.

George Lawrie, Project Officer for The Rural Access Committee of Kinross-shire, told attendees that recent progress on the round-the-loch Heritage Trail should see the last section completed in time for Easter.

Richard Jeffrey, the Partnership's representative on the LEADER Local Action Group for rural Perth and Kinross, encouraged everyone present to complete LEADER's online survey, the results of which will support the group's bid to the Scottish government for funding for a six-year programme of rural development.

Jerry Alexander, Managing Director of Liberty Business Centres, then outlined his company's plan to set up a centre for microbusinesses in Kinross. Having negotiated for some time with PKC to purchase and refurbish Kinross's historic

County Buildings (which, as readers may or may not be aware, house the town's former jail!), he was delighted to confirm that missives will soon be concluded.

Liberty Business Centres already have a proven track record of nurturing microbusinesses in Rosyth, Dunfermline and Dalgety Bay in conjunction with sister company Acorn Enterprise Initiative – Fife's only free Scottish Business Accelerator and a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee.

A comprehensive range of services are available to businesses renting accommodation in a Liberty Business Centre – whether that be hot desks, a single office, shared office, co-operative area or larger office space. Services include reception staff, fibre optic networks and telephone answering. The emphasis is on encouraging local businesses to grow.

The even more exciting news, announced at the breakfast by Kallum Russell, Chief Enterprise Officer at Acorn Enterprise Initiative, was that 15 new Kinross-shire businesses (i.e. microbusinesses under three years old) – otherwise known as "acorns" – will benefit from free rent in the centre for the first five months, not to mention free Wifi, coffee, networking events plus a weekly business mentoring seminar.

The establishment of a facility such as this at the heart of Kinross is an extremely positive development. By the time the Partnership's networking business breakfasts resume in October, refurbishment work on County Buildings should be well underway, creating a range of flexible workspaces where Kinross-shire's commercial "acorns" will have the opportunity and infrastructure to grow and prosper.

In June, the Partnership Directors are planning to hold a family event in the new cricket pavilion currently being constructed close to Loch Leven's Larder. Further details of the cricket afternoon will be announced in due course.

Karen Elwis

Kinross-shire Round Table

In March we had a very interesting speaker who spoke about autism. We also celebrated 50 years of Round Table in Kinross with a "Charter Dinner" at the Green Hotel with speakers Willie Rennie MSP and Jim Leishman.

On Tuesday 1st April we have a Sheriff's Night, on Saturday 19th Indoor Paintball in Glenrothes, on **25 April** our **AGM** at 7pm in Milnathort Golf Club and Saturday 26 April Kinross Sportive, 7.30am at Loch Leven Community Campus.

Our programme, with details of events, is available on www.kinross-shire.roundtable.co.uk

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



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Items are listed on www.kinross.cc at:

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.

Orwell Guides

On 25 February, 1st and 2nd Orwell Guides joined together and welcomed Craig from Circus Sensible. The leaders wanted the girls to try to obtain their Circus Skills badge. The girls were treated to a few magic tricks, some daring handstands on a chair and a few acrobatic moves. With lots of “oooing” and “aaahing” and “how did he do that” at some of the magic tricks, we were thrilled to be taught a few of our own. We were able to try these out and were most impressed with our ability to perform magic! Next was balancing acrobatics, where girls relied on putting their trust in a fellow guide to carry out some balancing acts. We also learnt to juggle, Diablo, spin plates and make a dog from a balloon.

At the end of the night, for a bit of fun there was the opportunity to ‘limbo’. After a lot of laughs and some amazing performances by the girls, the Circus Skills Badge was awarded to all who had completed the two-hour workshop.



Orwell Guides at the Circus Skills workshop

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Kinross & District Pipe Band



The band is getting ready for the forthcoming season, with two or three mini-band ‘warm up’ contests taking place between March and April, and then into the competition season proper, starting with our own **Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest** at the Community Campus on **Saturday 10 May**. Once again, this event will be combined with the **Half Marathon** and **Feel Good Fair**, and we will again have the massed bands kick the runners off in style down at the Myre, followed by a **Street March** back up as far as, hopefully, the Co-op store. Much more about this popular day in next month's issue.

On Friday 14 March a few of our youngsters took part in the **Perform in Perth** Music Festival, and acquitted themselves very well against some stiff competition. Places were as follows:

Ross Wyllie (9), 5th place in the Under 13 Chanter; **Cameron Roger** (11), 1st place in the Under 13 Drumming; **Amy Bryson** (16), 2nd place in the 13 - 16 Drumming; and **James Roger** (16), 3rd place in the 13 - 16 Piping - March, Strathspey and Reel. Well done to them all for some excellent performances!

The band has been doing well over the last few seasons, picking up more than our fair share of prizes, but once again we are on the hunt for a few extra pipers, particularly with some experience, to swell the ranks. If you have recently moved to the area, or just haven't played for some time, then please give us a shout. Kinross is a very friendly band and we would be delighted to welcome any new pipers, whether joining to compete or even just to play with us occasionally.

For all queries, contact Nigel on 07801 182283 or email nigel.kellett@talktalk.net

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The Kinross-shire Civic Trust

Helping protect, conserve and provide a better built and natural environment
website: www.kinross-shirecivictrust.org



Best Kept Village Competition 2014: This year the Best Kept Village competition will be judged on 17 June. Letters will be sent to the village organisers shortly, along with an entry form. We look forward to receiving many entries for this year's competition – *Patty Fraser*.

The Annual General Meeting of the Civic Trust will be held in Cleish Village Hall on **Wednesday 9 April** at 7.30pm. The Trust is very pleased that the AGM will be followed by a talk by Neil Kilpatrick, Project Director for TRACKS, on the completion of the Loch Leven Heritage Trail. Members and non-members are very welcome.

Annual Dinner: The Trust will be having its Annual Dinner at the Grouse and Claret on **Wednesday 7 May** at 7.30pm. The speaker will be the Trust's President, Professor David Munro MBE, who will be talking about the Lomond Landscape Project. Members, Guests and Non-members are very welcome. Tickets will be £30 per head. Please contact Bridget Lindsay on 01592 840 252 to make reservations.

The Mid-summer Walk will be held this year on **Sunday 22 June**. The walk will be led by Professor David Munro and will be the last completed section of the Loch Leven Heritage Trail, from Vane Farm back to Kinross.

Kinross Show: The Civic Trust will be having its usual stand at the Kinross Show again this year.



Kinross-shire Civic Trust



Preliminary Announcement of Environmental Awards Competition

The Kinross-shire Civic Trust offers an award to acknowledge the creation of new woodland, the management of existing woodland

or

any works that have contributed to environmental enhancement within Kinross-shire.

Entries for the competition are invited from within the County of Kinross and Glenfarg Parish.

The area of the entry may be between 0.1 to 10 hectares in size and should meet one or more of the following aspects:

- Fit into the landscape
- Are well maintained
- Help minimise soil erosion
- Help maintain a diversity of wildlife
- Accommodate recreational facilities such as footpaths
- Promote the growth of good quality timber
- Utilize native species

Applications are invited from owners or project managers who should send in a statement of management intention and a map.

Judging of entries will be undertaken in the late summer

For further information and entries to:

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patrick@milnehome.org

www.kinross-shirecivictrust.org



Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



Sharon McCall gave a lively account of Jane Austen's life and work to members on 12 March. She examined the life of both the novelist and that of her relatives to show the basis of her plots and characters. It explained how a relatively isolated spinster of limited means gained such knowledge and understanding of contemporary society.

Sharon also spent some time on the work of the Jane Austen Society which has done so much to reveal the details of Austen's life and experiences. We saw the house at Chawston, heard of the pieces of jewellery which were traced and bought along with other artefacts to restore the house to its Regency interior. It was fascinating to see the very small delicate table which served as Jane's desk and on which she wrote her classic and much loved novels. As treasurer to the Jane Austen Society, Sharon was able to show how the struggle to keep the possessions of the novelist available to us goes on.

Do you have

Photographs of Kinross-shire

you'd be happy to share with others?

Visit www.kinross.cc to find out how to add your photos to the Photo Library. The aim of the library is to provide a resource for promoting Kinross-shire.

Kinross Junior Agricultural Club

This time of the year is one of big changeover within our club. At the beginning of the month we held our AGM where Ian Cullens gave a roundup of what was a very successful 12 months for Kinross JAC. At the end of the evening Ian passed on to our new Chairman, Angus Nelson, who will be guiding our club through the next 12 months. He will be expertly assisted in his task by our new secretary Lynn Paterson who takes over from Charlotte Erskine who has done a great job keeping us all in check.

Angus's new reign was kick-started with a win in his first competition as Chairman. He was part of the Kinross curling team that triumphed in the east area curling competition held at Forfar ice rink. The other team members were James Hay, Kirsty Paterson and Fin Campbell. Kinross JAC's winning ways were not over; in early March the club was named 'district club of the year', putting it forward to the national competition held in June at the Highland Show.

We are always looking for new members to join our club and we would like to emphasise that you do not need to be from a farming background to get involved. If this is something you or someone you know would be interested in, then come along to our **new members evening** on **1 April** at Kinross Primary School at 7.30pm. For more information you can find us on Facebook by searching for "KINROSS & DISTRICT JAC" or alternatively contact Angus on 07762590066.

Sports News



Kinross Kobras Junior Hockey

It has been a busy few weeks that has seen teams at all age groups take part in tournaments against other local clubs. At a U14 & U16 Tournament, hosted at a wet and windy KGV, Kinross teams competed against those from Grove Menzieshill, Perthshire and Blairgowrie. At U16 the team came away winning all their games and played some very nice and competitive hockey against strong opposition. The U14 players grew in confidence and composure and also played some very good hockey coming away with a good win against Grove Menzieshill at the end.

The next weekend, on a colder but brighter day, we hosted an U10 & U12 Tournament. The U12 team won three of their four matches against strong opposition from Grove Menzieshill, Blairgowrie and Dunfermline Carnegie and both the Kobras U10 teams all had victories against their opponents, one team coming a close second behind the Junior Hockey Academy team which won all of its matches and the second Kobras team was not far behind. It is good at both tournaments to see players' confidence growing and really starting to gel as teams.



The two under 10 teams from the recent tournaments



Kobras players are currently trialling for places in the Midland District U14 squads and hopefully a number of girls and boys will be selected to play in the Inter District Tournaments in May. Training is ongoing and continues into the Summer Term on Tuesdays 6.30 - 7.30 or also on Thursdays 6.30 - 7.30 at the KGV astroturf pitch in Kinross.

Kinross Road Runners

Cupar 5

Cupar played host to the first of this year's KRR Road Running Championship Races. Local knowledge surely played a part as

Graham Kemp took an early lead in the Men's Championship in a time of (32:03) closely followed by **Matt Newton** (32:32)

Kirsty Gray was the first KRR Lady this year in a time of 34:19. with **Amanda Rennie** (37:08) in second. 14 members in total took part in this event.

Smokies 10

The Arbroath Smokies 10 mile race is a popular and novel event with the KRR ladies. This is a ladies only race, 11 of whom toed the line this year in very windy conditions.

Jillian Gordon was 2nd overall and first KRR home in a time of 1:05:34 to take a lead in the Ladies Club Championship. **Judith Dobson** (1:14:15) and **Maureen Hill** (1:14:39) were 2nd and 3rd KRR respectively and with Jillian completed the ladies team who went on to pick up the 3rd team prize.

Gartmorn 6

This year the Kinross Road Runners will be running an Off Road Running Championship which is aimed at those members who like the challenge that Multi Terrain Running offers. The first of this year's Off Road Running Championship Races took runners round Gartmorn Dam near Alloa. **Andy Johns**, who is somewhat of an expert on Multi Terrain events (although generally about 40 miles longer than this one), was first KRR home running the course in 39:54. **Nick Rowan** (40:37) was 2nd and **Graham Kemp** (40:53) was 3rd. **Jillian Gordon** (40:55) leads the way in the ladies event after finishing 1st senior lady in the race. KRR's current Athlete of the year **Anne Macintyre** (56:07) sits in 2nd place closely followed by **Alison Robertson** (56:18) in 3rd. This event also saw **Brian Kemp** make his long awaited return to the world of racing and ran a very respectable time of 57:18. **Peter Hookham** (42:56), **John Boyle** (42:59), **Geoff Bilton** (52:11) **Norman Smith** (1:03:47) and **Sandy MacCalman** (1:07:25) completed the KRR contingent.

For further information on Kinross Road Runners please go to the Kinross Road Runners website:
www.kinrossroadrunners.co.uk

Milnathort Golf Club

Fun and Friendly Junior Golf

Junior Golf Memberships for £89 (or £63 if aged U14)
ClubGolf coaching available

For further information please contact the club on:
01577 864069 or visit the club website
www.milnathortgolfclub.co.uk

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Kinross Cycling Club



The month of May will see the start of our club confined GP series, always well supported by riders and occasionally attracting the interest of local photographers. If you would like be involved informally as a spectator or formally as a club member, we welcome all positive contributions. Club members don't have to compete, they can be social members and help out with the organisation. For more information about the GP series including the dates, times and locations of the events visit www.kinrosscyclingclub.co.uk

Sportive Kinross will be staged on **Saturday 26 April** and it is one of the biggest events in Scotland's cycling calendar, with around 800 cyclists expected to take part raising money for various charities. The event's charity is CHAS (Children's Hospice Association Scotland). In three years the event has raised over £20,000 for CHAS, and Kinross Cycling Club, the event organisers, will be presenting a cheque to CHAS for over £5,000 this year – that's before any money is counted that has raised by cyclists taking part in the event on behalf of CHAS.

Riders leave the Loch Leven Community Campus from around 8.30am and the organisers would be delighted for anyone who wants to pop along to cheer them off to come along to the campus. If you are in fancy dress, some spot prizes will be awarded.

For more information, and to see a map of the Sportive routes, visit the website: www.sportive-kinross.co.uk

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 Competition

The annual tournament is underway and is due to finish on Thursday 27 March. The ladies singles competition has been completed and the result is:

Winner: **Alison Scott** Runner Up: **Laura Dalgleish**

The remaining results will be published in next month's Newsletter.

Perth & District League

Kinross won their final match of the season against Glenearn 13-5. Well done, team, and thanks to all players who played in league matches throughout the season – your support is appreciated.

Dates: End of Season and Start of Season 2014-15

Last night of the season is on **Thursday 24 April**

KBC will resume on **Tuesday 2 September**

The Junior Club resumes on **Thursday 4 September**

Presentation of Prizes and BBQ

This will take place in June. The date has yet to be agreed and will be published in next month's Newsletter.

For further information on the Club, please contact Honorary President, Bill McDonald, 01577 862592. Kinross Badminton Club can also be found on Facebook – feel free to like us!!

Milnathort Golf Club

Now's the time to clean your clubs, think about getting new grips, buy new balls and generally prepare yourselves for the 2014 season!

The Opening Day is Saturday 29 March when the Captains (gents, ladies, seniors and juniors) take on the various Vice Captains. Much can be learned and wayward shots forgotten in this Texas Scramble format. The emphasis is on enjoying yourself!

The Seniors have an away match at Balbirnie (an inaugural meet to be followed by a return leg in September) on 27 March and thereafter are away again to Dundas Parks on 3 April.

The Thursday Winter League was won by Sandy Fleming who, in addition to £20 and the trophy, won a steak meal for two at Deans Park Hotel but he assures us it was the taking part that was important!

We asked if any males were interested in a nine-hole Competition which could lead them to be awarded a handicap or maintain it, mostly suited to those who don't have the time, inclination or fitness to play 18 holes and there are over 15 names on the list in the gents' locker room. This is certain to be a welcomed addition to the club's fixtures.

The daffodils on the Railway Hole should soon be in bloom, bringing a bit of colour to the course

Ladies section

Our final Winter Sweep will be on Wednesday 26 March. This winter has been difficult, certainly no snow, but the rain has been..... well, need I say more! However, we have a hardy bunch of ladies who don't seem to have a problem braving the elements. Well done, ladies, and congratulations to all who were 'in the money'.

Our opening nine holes will be played on Monday 31 March. This is a Greensome and it's a great way to start the season, meeting up and having a catch up with everyone after the long dull winter lull.

Our first Open is on Sunday 4 May - this year we're having a Greensome (playing for the Jim Greig Targe), which is a change to our usual Two Ball Open. Here's hoping for a bumper entry and a warm, dry, sunshiny day!

Junior section

Those juniors from Milnathort doing winter coaching at Gleneagles finish these sessions with rounds on the King's Course for over 14s and the Wee Course for those under 14s, so should be well prepared for the upcoming season at Milnathort. Junior Coaching at Milnathort GC starts in early April with stage 2 Clubgolf coaching being provided by PGA Pro Andrew McHardy. This is designed for those who have done the stage 1 Clubgolf coaching in previous years who want a bit more professional coaching to give them confidence on the course. The stage 1 Clubgolf coaching start towards the end of April for junior beginners and all local juniors who want to give golf a go are able to come along. There is also £20 off the cost of a junior membership at the club for those that take part in the Clubgolf coaching course!

A junior winter league competition was held on 16 February where David McIntyre took the honours. Hopefully one more will be held in March before the full golf season starts in April. Junior Memberships at the club are £63 for U14s and £89 for over 14; please contact the club on 01577 864069.

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

Kinross Otters

Perth and Kinross Sports Awards Volunteer of the Year

It is with great pleasure that Kinross Otters announce that Fiona Crawford was voted Volunteer of the Year at the Perth and Kinross Sports Awards held in Perth on Friday 7 March 2014. These awards cover all sports and all clubs in the entire Perth and Kinross area.

Fiona was nominated due to the sheer amount of time and effort she has given to Kinross Otters Swimming Club during 2013. This effort, drive and enthusiasm have been shown consistently over not just one role but over several during this period. Her roles have included Membership Secretary, Land Training coach, Judge, interim Club Chairperson, Timekeeper and Midland District League Convener. She was also instrumental in organising the Club Championships and producing the start sheets and she maintains the Club Records database.

Fiona has shown that her volunteering has gone above and beyond that of even the most committed club representative and is worthy of her award of Volunteer of the Year. Well done Fiona!

Otters Appoint First Ever Head Coach

Kinross Otters have appointed their first ever Head Coach to oversee all aspects of training and competition right across the club. **Simon Metcalfe** was appointed to the role from previously being a Lead Coach on one of the training groups. Simon began his swimming career, aged 6 with Dunfermline Amateurs and since then has enjoyed many successes, latterly as a current Scottish International Water Polo Player. He has been coached through his career by a number of well respected coaches and demonstrated his talent and potential at last year's warm weather camp to Mallorca where the sets he constructed and delivered were very well received by all swimmers.

Otters Chairperson, **Jon Broadhurst** said, "I am delighted to announce the appointment of Simon to the role of Head Coach. It is a first for the Otters and he has some ambitious and exciting ideas around the development of the club. I am sure his enthusiasm will help deliver on his plans as he builds on the great work and coaching we have at the Otters. I wish him well in his new role."

Midland District Age Group/Open Championships 2014 Olympia Lesiure Centre Dundee, 1- 2 March

The first long course event (50m pool option) at the new Olympia took place over the first weekend in March. Some of the Otter performances were excellent and they managed to bag 20 medals.

Most be-medalled was **Finlay Nesbitt** (13) who dominated the 13 year old boys category winning gold in 200m Backstroke, Butterfly, Freestyle, Breaststroke and Individual Medley. He also won a silver medal in the 50m Freestyle.

However, the swim of the Otter weekend probably went to **Ola Stanton** (just turned 11) in the Girls 10-12 year old 100m Breaststroke. She battled a group of 12 year olds, lay in 3rd position at the halfway point and came strong at the end to win gold in a new personal best time of 1.29.32. More importantly she achieved a qualifying time for the National Age Group Championships to be held in Aberdeen in June. A similar qualifying time in the same event, but in the 13 year old category was achieved by **Iona Crawford** who won a bronze medal in 1.26.20.

Conor McCormick (14) had a good weekend which would have been better had he not had to pull out of day 2 with a

sore shoulder. He won two gold medals in the 14 year old 200m Butterfly and 100m Freestyle. The former was a bizarre race where **Conor** broke his 100m Butterfly personal best during the race. This is not meant to happen and then he later won silver in the actual 100m Butterfly in a time over 1.3 secs slower than his 200m split time!! He also won silver in the 200m Breaststroke.

Backstroke specialist **Jack Watson** (13), won silver in the 100m Backstroke and bronze in the 200m event. He also came third in the 100m Freestyle.

Niamh Mullen (14) stuck with her favourite Butterfly stroke and won gold in the 200m and silver in the 100m. Rounding off the individual performances were **Ryan Curtis** (15) in the 15-16 age group where he came 2nd in the 200m Backstroke and **Robbie Carstairs** (14) who came third in the same 14 year old event.

The Boys 10-16 year old Medley Relay team of **Ryan Curtis, Cameron McCloskey, Finlay Nesbitt and Jack Watson** won a silver medal.

Midland District (Tayside) Leagues

Kinross Otters 'A' Team got off to a great start to the new Premier League season in their home match on 15/02/2014. They out-performed all expectations to finish the day in second place ahead of the first teams from St. Thomas of Arbroath, Dundee City Aquatics and Forfar. The very strong Perth City team maintained their grip on their crown.

The **Otters 'B' Team** performed well to finish third in their first match at Perth, hosted by Blairgowrie. They were up against the first teams of Blairgowrie, Monifieth, Carnoustie, Menzieshill/Whitehill and Montrose.



Otters Chairperson, Jon Broadhurst congratulates Simon Metcalfe (above) and Fiona Crawford (below)



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Kinross Curling Goes to Sochi: Eve Muirhead's team may not have featured in the 2014 Winter Olympic women's curling final, but two Kinross curlers did! Dor Borthwick and Anne Malcolm (both members of Dunfermline Ladies) were in Sochi for official umpire duties, so you may have caught sight of them on your TV, most notably during the women's final, when Dor had to carry out a measure. You can read more about the experience in Anne Malcolm's article. (See below right.)

Try Curling: In anticipation of the Winter Olympics, Kinross Curling arranged three Try Curling sessions to give the public a taste of the sport. There was high demand, which rapidly increased following Team GB's medal success (bronze for the women and silver for the men) and extra sessions were put on.

Mixed Doubles: On 2 March the ice rink hosted a Mixed Doubles trial session, attended by 16 participants. Special guests Lee and Judith McCleary (Team Scotland for the 2012 World Mixed Doubles Championship) introduced the discipline, provided a demonstration and gave coaching. Kinross Curling aims to host a Mixed Doubles league next season. If you are interested, email the ice rink.

The Morton: For the second year running Kinross represented the East in the semi-finals of the Morton Trophy. This is a RCCC ladies competition played throughout the season. Seventeen centres compete in their respective sections with the top centre from each qualifying for the semi-finals, which this year took place on 11 March. The three Kinross teams were beaten by very strong teams from Ayr, who went on to win the trophy by two games to one. The losing finalist was Lanarkshire, who had beaten Aberdeen in their semi-final.

The Kinross Curling **Easter Pairs** competition takes place over the weekend **29-30 March**, with a fundraising **Quiz Night** in the ice rink lounge on the evening of **29 March**. There are STILL PLACES AVAILABLE at the Quiz. See Notice on p. 74.

The season rounds off with the Kinross Curling **Closing Bonspiel** on **Saturday 5 April** and a fundraising **Turkey Shoot** on **Sunday 6 April**. This is a family-friendly event to raise funds for a much-needed new stone measure. Shooting starts at 2pm. There will be a tombola and stovies at half time. Tickets are £4 each or £10 for a family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) and are available from the curling bar. For more information contact organiser, Ena Stevenson: enastevenson@aol.com

Email Newsletter: If you would like to receive a Curling Newsletter by email each month, with a variety of news, reports and colour photographs, go to the Kinross Curling website and sign up (Go to the 'Newsletter' tab.)

With thanks to Andy Macpherson.

Kinross Curling Trust

Charity No. SC040599

www.kinrosscurling.co.uk

Mike Caffyn, Trust Secretary and Treasurer, has written to all members of Kinross Curling Trust with another appeal for donations.

The Trust has recently received an indication from sportscotland of the funding the organisation *might* be able to offer towards the upgrading project. Sportscotland is pressing Kinross Curling Trust to incur additional up front costs on a low-e ceiling to assist with energy conservation. The Trust believes a further £40,000 needs to be raised to avoid cutbacks in essential expenditure.

All curlers are urged to consider making a donation (or further donation if they have already donated) so that a much-improved curling facility in Kinross becomes a reality. A range of ways of giving money are described on the website or telephone Mike on 01383 737231.

Sponsored Walk

Don't forget that Anne Malcolm and Pat Pilgrim of Kinross Curling Club are walking 96 miles along the West Highland Way in one week to raise funds for the refurbishment of the ice rink. To sponsor them, call in to the ice rink or donate using Kinross Curling Trust's BT MyDonate page: mydonate.bt.com/charities/kinrosscurlingtrust



Being a curling umpire in Sochi

by Anne Malcolm

Dor Borthwick and I, both members of Dunfermline Ladies Curling Club, have recently returned from the Winter Olympics in Sochi where we worked as curling umpires in the Ice Cube Arena. For me this was a first trip to the Olympics but Dor was already experienced at this level, having been to both Torino 2006 and Vancouver 2010.

The Sochi Olympics were unusual in that all the ice arenas are clustered together, making it easy to walk between them and to visit other sports. The hotel where all the officials were housed is also in the park and meant it was possible to walk to and from the arena in the lovely warm weather.

Nine umpires from Great Britain, Canada, USA, Switzerland, and Poland, officiated at the 91 games that made up the round robin followed by one tie-break, the semi-finals, and medal games. No umpire works with their own nation and as Great Britain, Canada, and Sweden all featured in the knockout stages, duties had to be allocated with care.

Dor and I were delighted to have the honour of umpiring the Women's gold medal game but were even more delighted to be ruled out of the Men's final as it meant we could watch Great Britain playing!

It was a pleasure to work with such dedicated athletes and humbling to witness the despair which followed when a team lost a critical game and the euphoria after a big win. It was also a privilege to work with such a professional group of umpires and to share such an unforgettable experience with them.

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Fossoway Curling Club

fossowaycurlingclub.weebly.com



We are now in the final three weeks of the season and most of our club games have been played, with Ian Nicholson winning The Reid Cup. We recently played for The Falkland Kettle in Perth and, having won it twice out of the three times we have played for it, we had high hopes. However, it wasn't to be and despite an excellent start by skip Tom McColgan, we finished in joint third place.

There now only remains The Skins competition to be played, along with the final few games in our external competitions.

Fossoway is 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 header).

Quiz Night

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Kinross Volleyball Club

Season Silverware Still in the Balance

Current champions at both Premier and Recreational League in the Perth District League, this season's competitions are very close, with Kinross Scotrange and Kinross BB trailing in the championship race for the Premier and Recreational leagues, respectively.

Being unable to field their strongest sides at critical games has been costly for both sides, losing points and slipping to second position in both leagues.

In the East Scotland Regional League, Kinross men had two good wins away to Linlithgow Hornets and at home to Perth.



The Kinross men's volleyball teams

Club members are also preparing for this year's Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament on Perth's North Inch over the first weekend of June. This year's tournament will be a bit different, with the indoor competition featuring the Women's European Championship Qualification Tournament involving Scotland, Northern Ireland, Ireland, Malta and Cyprus. This is the first time Senior European Championships have been held in Scotland, with PKC being instrumental in bringing this prestigious tournament to Perth through liaison with the Scottish Volleyball Association.

The Kinross Club has also entered two teams in this year's De Haan Volleyball Tournament. The popular Belgian tournament takes place in mid August with Kinross entering one men's team and one mixed team.

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Kinross Tennis Club

www.kinrossstennisclub.org.uk

The season is off and running, so if you haven't renewed your membership and changed your court key, now is the time to do it!

Junior Easter Camps are taking place during weeks commencing **7 April** and **14 April**. Ages 5 to 16 are welcome, whether you are a member or not. The coaching is great fun, good value for money and is a great way to enjoy tennis prior to the term time coaching blocks!

Junior summer term coaching (members only) commences **25 April** for nine weeks on Tuesdays and Fridays. All junior bookings and enquiries should be made to Siobhan MacLeod by emailing kinrossstenniscoaching@gmail.com. Exciting things to come for juniors this season include Mini Tennis Rally Awards, AEGON Team Tennis and The Road to Wimbledon competition, various competitions and our own club championships in August.

Adults are also busy dusting off their rackets! League matches start towards the end of this month. Club sessions rev up on Wednesday evenings 6.30pm and Sunday mornings 10.30am. The Thursday afternoon social session at 1.30pm is great if you are not a member and want to come along and try it – at £2 a session it's a great way to meet other players whilst considering membership.

Open to members and non-members, **adult coaching** starts on **Tuesday 29 April** for five weeks, with beginners at 7pm and improvers at 8pm. This block is flexible depending on demand, so if you are interested but don't know whether either of these groups is for you just let us know and we will fit to suit - details from our secretary Vivien Clarke at kinrossstennis@gmail.com.

After successfully trialling **Adult & Child** taster sessions last season we have included a block of four sessions in this season's programme. If you are keen to encourage your child on court but lack the confidence or need ideas to help them, these are the sessions for you! The block will start on **Sunday 4 May** with sessions for children aged 6 and under with a parent/guardian at 1.30pm and a session at 2.15pm for children aged 9 and under with their adult. At only £2 per couple this is fantastic value! Bookings can be made by emailing kinrossstenniscoaching@gmail.com.

New members are always welcome and enquiries can be made to our secretary Vivien Clarke at kinrossstennis@gmail.com. Visitor keys are available from Sands the Ironmongers for a small fee.



Kinross Swimmers

Kinross Swimmers have been continuing with a mix of training sessions at Loch Leven Leisure. These have covered a reasonable mix of endurance, sprints and technique. We have had the odd session preparing us for the upcoming TI (Total Immersion) swimming instruction. Some of us are beginning to see the effects of this change in style and technique and I for one have actually noticed an increase in speed and a reduction in effort, so something must be happening. We still intend, after the Easter weekend, to run a continuous block of sessions, perhaps six or so, to be taken by our TI specialist. This is to introduce the benefits of TI swimming to a wider club audience. This has been popular thus far and most of our swimmers have reported some benefit already. This may be of particular interest to triathletes and those looking to cross train as those swimmers appear to have derived most from TI according to the internet and You Tube. No actual date for the starting session has yet been agreed with Fraser, but Facebook and this column will be updated as soon as we have confirmation.

Kinross Swimmers' Facebook page has been up and running for a wee while now and we have a number of online members. All we need now is some witty banter, so please feel free to both join and then post.

John has been looking into the possibility of Kinross Swimmers branded clothing to increase awareness of the club and should have samples featuring our new logo shortly. This is eagerly anticipated by those members hoping to look smart this summer, of a Tuesday.

We continue to meet every Tuesday evening at the pool at Loch Leven Leisure Centre between 8 and 9pm and it is still our intention to try to improve the stroke, stamina and style of those attending so that any other swimming is more worthwhile, effective and enjoyable. As before, we would like to welcome anyone looking to improve their swimming for whatever reason.

For further information, please either contact us on Facebook - Kinross Swimmers - or Ian Shepherd via email at shepherd_ian@hotmail.com or on mobile 07944503074.



Orwell Bowling Club

Orwellbowlingclub.co.uk

The **Opening of the Green** is on **Saturday 12 April**, 1.30pm for 2pm. A warm welcome is extended to all for the start of what we hope will be another successful and enjoyable bowling season. As usual the opening day sees Orwell Bowling Club support a nominated charity and it will be the Blind Bowlers.

This year sees our Ladies' Open Pairs being held on Wednesday 30 April (time to be decided); entries welcome from opening day.

A successful quiz night was held in February and we do hope to hold more regular quiz evenings throughout the year. A huge thank you to all who organised it and to those who attended and made it a success.

Let's hope the weather is good and hope to see as many members as possible on the opening day.

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Kinross Ladies Hockey Club



It has been a busy month again with matches being played every weekend. The 1st XI have had victories against St Andrews Uni 2s (6-1), St Andrews Uni 3s (11-0), Dundee Uni 2s (7-1) with goals racked up by Lynn Patterson 3, Annmarie King 3, AJ Combe 3, Gail Nelson 2, Catherine Thoms 6, Vicky Carver 6 and captain Michelle Best 2. They then met Shetland in the last 16 of the Scottish District cup. End result was 2-2 but Kinross unfortunately lost on penalty flicks.

The second XI notched up wins against Dundee Uni 4s (9-5), St Andrews Uni 4s (2-0) and losses against Stirling Uni 2s (0-3) and Perthshire 2s (1-4). I cannot remember the exact scorers but I know goals came from Kirsty Dunn, Jenny Thoms, Claire Brownbridge, Louisa Poultney and a hat-trick from Wendy Marshall. Apologies to anyone I have omitted to mention.

This year is also the **Club's 40th Anniversary**. All past and present members are warmly invited to a social evening on **Friday 15 August** in the KGV rugby clubhouse in celebration of this. Past members: I hope we can coax you all out of hiding – the mental and physical scars must have healed by now! (?) More details to follow and please let us know if you wish to be kept informed directly. On Saturday 16 August KLHC will be hosting the Playing in Pink Charity Hockey Tournament followed by an evening of entertainment, the extent and severity of which is currently unclear. Sunday 17 August, if anyone is still standing, will involve a Past v Present fun match – if you are interested in playing please let us know.

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!

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

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Better Place To Live Fair

The club had a stand at the Better Place To Live Fair and we were delighted at the number of people who stopped and enquired about the club and senior memberships in particular. We are delighted that three over 18s have subsequently joined the club and will start playing in the new season. Thanks to David, Ant, Calum and Kirsteen for manning the stand and for their efforts on the day.

Perth & Kinross Indoor Senior League

With only two rounds left to play at the very end of March, Kinross-shire are currently second in the table with high hopes of a top three finish in the 10-team league. The team has posted impressive results all winter and face Perth Doo' Cot in the last match. The club have a team in the P&K Super League Tournament on 30 March and we will post our results in next month's Newsletter.

New Season Dates

Outdoor junior training starts at 6.15pm on Monday 21 April at the Loch Leven's Larder Cricket Ground. The junior training is split into U9s, U11s, U13s, U15s and U18s, with UKKCC qualified coaches working with each of the age groups. Our new pavilion will be in operation by the start of the season and we would be delighted to welcome any new players or parents who would like to find out more about junior cricket. We will be serving parents tea, coffee and juice all night if you would like your children to "have-a-go" and see how they get on. The club has scope for 150 juniors and we are currently around the 130 mark, so there are places available.

Senior outdoor training will start at 6.30pm on Thursday 17 April as we have our first home game on 21st against West Lothian. Players will be contacted directly about April indoor nets ahead of the new league season which starts on Saturday 26th with a home fixture against St Modan's.

Social Events

The club intends to run a number of social fundraising events during the season to help with the costs of the new facilities and ground development programme. Current ideas are for a Mid-Summer Ball, a Halloween quiz, a sponsored obstacle race, a family BBQ, Pro-Am Golf tournament, The KCC Factor Talent Show and a session on the Olympic rowing simulator at the National Rowing Performance centre. Other ideas are very welcome and we would encourage parents and non-players to take out social memberships to get involved in the wider club activities.

New Website

The club has been working over the winter on our new website and it will be up and running for the start of the new season. This will provide a much greater amount of information covering all aspects of the club including individual player statistics, full match reports, access to online shops, player profiles and a members' section with details of training and match arrangements. The web address will still be www.kinrosscc.co.uk. More to follow as the season progresses.

More information on all aspects of the club and our summer programme can be found on the club website.

The Newsletter reserves the right to refuse or amend any advertisement or submission and accepts no liability for any omission or inaccuracy

Kinross Colts



In March Kinross Colts was selected to be a finalist in the "Club of The Year" awards run by Perth & Kinross Sports Development, Perth & Kinross Sports Council and Live Active Leisure. The Perth and Kinross Sport Awards celebrate the successes, and other achievements in local sport by honouring volunteers, coaches, officials, teams, clubs and athletes for their achievements over the last 12 months. The award ceremony was held on 7 March at The Dewars Centre, Perth and was attended by a number of Kinross Colts representatives.

After narrowly missing out to a well-deserved first prize for Perth Strathtay Harriers Athletics Club, Kinross Colts won the runner up prize. This is a great achievement for all the players and volunteers connected with the club and is a defining moment in the short history of Kinross Colts. The club continues to grow and to achieve its objective of providing the children of Kinross-shire with an opportunity to enjoy, learn and play football locally.

The wet and windy weather has not dampened the enthusiasm of the club's young footballers with the 2005 and 2006 teams playing their first Fife "Soccer Sevens" matches on Saturday mornings. The 2002 squad has started their transitional year from seven-a-side to eleven-a-side and the 2001 squad is almost at the end of their transitional year, ready for eleven-a-side competitive fixtures at the beginning of next season.

In February The Kinross Round Table presented the club with a much-appreciated cheque for £1100 following the club's support of "Santa's Sleigh" which will help with funding the club training facilities and kit - many thanks to them for this donation.

The club now have approximately 120 - 130 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 if you wish any further information on the club or are interested in getting involved.



Some Kinross Colts players and coaches with the £1100 cheque from the Round Table

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Kinross Cavaliers Basketball Club



Everyone at Kinross Cavaliers Basketball has been training hard, and for those involved with the Future Starz programme, have attended two national camps. The camps were held in Aberdeen on 1-2 March, and then in Glenrothes on 8 - 9 March, before final selection to the national squads.

Wednesday 12 March was the date that Basketball Scotland had arranged to email everyone with the results. Anxious players and parents awaited the news. The competition is always extremely fierce and only 20 players are selected from all over the country, to each squad: Under 11s, 12s, 13s and 14s.

Two of the girls are overjoyed to have made it to the squads as follows: **Ella Doherty** to the Under 12's squad and **Kirstin Fotheringham** to the U11's squad. We would like to congratulate them both on such an amazing achievement and wish them every success in the following months.

Everyone who has taken part in the training programme has worked really hard and have benefited from training and instruction from the best coaching staff available. We hope you have enjoyed the experience.

We would also like to congratulate our very own Coach, Fraser Notman. Fraser has been assisting the coaching staff at the Future Starz sessions and has now been appointed to the post of Assistant Coach to the Under 11 boys' national team.

For more details and information on these events, check out www.basketballscotland.co.uk.

Sharon Doherty has been busy raising funds for the club and has been contacting various local businesses looking for donations, no matter how small. We are most grateful to Fiona and David Rutherford of **Earnside Coaches** in Glenfarg for their donation. It is very much appreciated.

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 6 to 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, please call Karen Nicholson on 07795 101719 or email k.e.nicholson@btinternet.com or Fraser Notman on 07506 241653 or email chippysauce@btinternet.com.

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Kinross Men's Hockey Club

Kinross 1sts play in East District Division 1 and the 2nds in Division 3.

A great milestone was achieved by David Goodenough this weekend as he scored his 150th league goal for Kinross – well done, sir!

Kinross 1sts lost narrowly to league leaders Fidra Lions 2-3 before a 4-2 win against Edinburgh and with a depleted side lost to Erskine SM.

Kinross 2nds lost 4-0 to Fidra Lions 2nds, then beat Edinburgh 4ths 2-1, then lost to Peebles 6-1 before holding out to beat Falkirk 5ths 4-3.

Mention in dispatches to Dave Niven and Alistair Elwis who both donned keepers pads to help out as Andy Marsh, our 1sts keeper, got injured and is out for the rest of the season.

Training is on Tuesday nights, 7.30 to 9.00pm, at KGV with 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 or David Niven: secretary@kinrosshockey.co.uk or visit our website at www.kinrosshockey.co.uk.

Kinross Bowling Club

It's nearly that time again – ready to play outdoor bowls, looking for some sunny days!

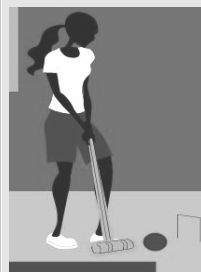
The Green opens on **Saturday 19 April** at 2.00pm; looking forward to seeing all the existing members again and to some new members (the more the merrier).

If you are one of the people who have stood at the wall and watched us playing – come on in and have a go; we would be delighted to see you.

If you want more information on the club and the sport of bowls, please get in touch with George Rennie (Secretary) at 01577 864727.

Kinross Croquet Club

An invitation to come and join us for the 2014 season



Our 2014 season will start on **Monday 14 April** at 2pm (unless raining heavily) and you would be very welcome to join us on the lawn of the Green Hotel.

Croquet is a fun game which develops the usual skills of ball games and planning of moves. It is easy to learn and we give you tuition, so why not come and give it a try?

We play every Monday from 2 to about 5 in the afternoon (weather permitting). All you need to do is bring yourself wearing flat soled shoes. We provide the equipment. The annual subscription is £15 but new members may play for a month before being asked to pay.

If you are interested and would like further information please phone our club secretary, Brian Smith on 01383 722252.



News from the Rurals

KINROSS GROUP – At the Kinross Group SWRI meeting, the competition was 'Prose and a Poem'. The Ramage Dawson trophy was won by Milnathort WRI, the Erskine trophy won by Bishopshire WRI and the Jessie Smith Salver for best individual performance by Jean Paterson, Milnathort WRI.

CARNBO – President Elizabeth Campbell welcomed members to the meeting and introduced Mrs Joanna McCreadie, who gave us a very informative talk about Seamab, which is a Residential School for children with difficulties.

Competitions:

Children's Verse	-	Frances Drysdale
Flower of the Month	-	Margaret Forrester

CROOK OF DEVON – President Isobel Mill introduced David Johnstone who very kindly came along at short notice to give an illustrated talk on Mary's Meals.

Competitions:

Teapot	-	Sheila Lamont
Flower of the Month	-	Alice Johnston

CLEISH – President Alison Morris welcomed members and guests to our fund raising coffee evening. The SWRI Federation choir provided us with a very entertaining evening. Everyone then enjoyed some delicious home baking.

GLENFARG – President Margaret Scott welcomed Sylvia Troon for an evening of puppets and storytelling. The construction of the puppets and their use in teaching history, especially to youngsters, is fascinating and Sylvia's anecdotes and descriptions made for an entertaining evening. Lynda Stuart proposed the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

Bowl of Bulbs	-	Allison Messenger
Muffins	-	Lynda Stuart
Easter Card	-	Allison Messenger

BLAIRINGONE – President Joyce Petrie welcomed Amanda James who talked about her work at Kinross Potager Garden and plants to encourage wildlife into your garden.

Competitions:

Garden Photo	-	Agnes Murray
Flower of the Month	-	Fiona Clark

MILNATHORT – For our February meeting we visited Heaven Scent Coffee Shop in Milnathort where owner Andrew Scott and two of his staff prepared different coffees for us to taste. We then enjoyed delicious cocktails available at one of his other shops, Café Vita in Perth.

Competitions:

Carrot Cake	-	Agnes Sharp
Folded Napkin	-	Loma Douglas
Flower of the Month	-	May Paterson

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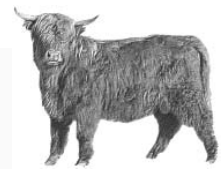
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Hello, whit like the day folks? Weel it seems spring is oan the whey; buds are startin tae burst oan the trees, the bird song is increasin so nature thinks it's onwards and upwards. Geese hiv been mair evident aroond the reserve and loch area, buildin up again tae heed north tae Iceland. At time o' writin we hivnae seen ony spring migrants yet but yin o' oor visitors mentioned he'd heard that chiff chaffs were in the sooth o' England; jist a matter o' time before they start appearin up here.

Lapwings are startin tae establish territories oan the wetland areas. The sight o' thur tumblin display flights and the soond o' thur calls is becomin a daily occurrence. Hiv also noticed a few skylarks singin awa, risin up till they near disappear oot o' sight before parachutin back tae earth again; typical behaviour at this time o' year as they too establish territories. The sicht and soonds o' Loch Leven reserve in springtime. Magical!

The volunteers hiv built 'n' installed new reed screens tae hide folk walkin ower the bridge tae oor third hide. Unfortunately the reeds that wur plantit tae dae that joab didnae, so plan B was pit intae action; problem solved. Actually it wiz plan C, come tae think o' it, cos we hid green mesh afore that; och weel, joab done.

The building wark oan the Heritage Trail continues at the tap o' oor underpass as ye come oot o' the tunnel and I guess by the time ye read this shid be completit. When it's done we will hiv a wheelchair accessible path doon tae the first hide and beyond and a flash new area fur visitors tae meet up or talk tae oor staff and volunteers. Last we heard fae TRACKS, the expected completion date fur the full trail is late April.

In the visitor centre Chefy boy is workin oan a new spring menu fur the café. Dinnae ken whit it is yet, but nae doot the hamster is runnin roond that big wheel in hiz heed generatin ideas fur sumthin tasty. Hiv a look at the menu when yer in tae see whit hiz come tae fruition. Wan thing tho, wur popular scones will aye be there, weel unless thur selt oot in which case thull no!

The shop seems tae hae continual offers oan various selectit things noo-adays. Ower hard fur ma wee brain tae keep up wi at times, so tae see whit bargains are tae be had, best tae come in fur a look see yersel.

The education gurus hiv been workin oan sum new events fur spring and beyond: kids' fun weeks fur durin the hoalidays and a whole host o' ither stuff.

If ye wid like tae fund oot a bit mair aboot whit they will be up tae, either go oan tae the RSPB Loch Leven website or phone in oan the usual number 862355 tae fund oot prices or mak bookings. If yer no yin yet, Wex members receive discoonted prices, so worth thinkin aboot and findin oot whits involved.

Thank that's it again then till next time,
Ta ta,

Colin

Farming



As I am writing this we have had a record set for the year to date in that I think it's the first time there have been four consecutive dry days, three of which were practically dawn to dusk sunshine.

The puddles here on Backward Farm and on the surrounding wetland style farms (some wetter than others) are receding almost as fast as my hairline and some areas have even disappeared. Something which has improved even more than the ground conditions is the general mood of farmers, crops and livestock. Having a bit of sunshine after three months of pretty much relentless dreich, dark, wet days coupled to a forecast which suggests the weather may be quite settled for another week is a very effective tonic to help turn grimaces into smiles. Our sheep are looking happier than they have for months as their fleeces have had the chance to dry out and fluff up, and they will need to burn fewer calories to keep themselves warm. Grass and winter cereals are showing signs of greening up too, although the wet winter has taken its toll on one of our fields of winter barley. The wet, combined with seed which was a few years old, resulting in a lower germination rate and less vigour, added to the fact that it was sown later than I would have liked, meant that it was always going to struggle. However, the final blow was an explosion in the slug population which has, in the past couple of weeks, just proved too much for it to bear. I have been thinking that slug farming might be a useful diversification project, so if anyone has a shortage of slugs, or would like to start their own slug farm (sluggery), just get in touch, as I am sure I could be of assistance.....!

The ewes are due to start lambing at the beginning of April, so we will look forward to the first real snow of the winter about then. We had our poorest pregnancy scanning results to date this year and I could probably point to two factors which would have influenced this. The first is that the ewes never really had an abundance of grass around tugging time, so certainly one half of the flock probably weren't in as good a state of nutrition as I would have liked. This was a result of last year's very late spring which caused silage to be cut later than planned, which didn't leave as much grass to see the ewes through the autumn period. The second reason is that a good farmer would have been better organised and prepared to counteract these issues. Backward by name, backward by nature, guilty as charged m'laud.

It isn't all doom and gloom, however (apparently), since we have very few ewes expecting triplets, so lambing time might be slightly more straightforward, with less extra lambs needing to be fostered onto ewes with only one lamb of their own. Also, lambs which are reared as "singles" tend to grow faster, so they will be able to be sold quicker.

Always look on the bright side of life – dum – de – dum – dum de dum de dum.

John

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Loch Leven NNR

It's been a busy month at Loch Leven NNR this month, not least because of the on-going construction of the soon-to-be-completed new section of Heritage Trail. We expect the new section, and therefore the full circuit, to be open to the public by Easter weekend, and I can tell you that we're all eagerly anticipating it! It seems like a long time ago when I first arrived at Loch Leven and the only section of Heritage Trail took you up to Burleigh and back. The fully circular route is sure to attract more visitors to the area, boosting the local economy and encouraging more people to enjoy the natural spectacle that Loch Leven is.

We played our part this month, in partnership with TRACKS, and with the help of about 30 local volunteers and two work parties from Elmwood College and Dollar Academy. In March we were asked to plant approximately 3000 trees between the new path and the loch, to form a natural screening barrier from the path, minimising disturbance to breeding and wintering wildfowl on the loch, and creating new shoreline habitat. We were unfortunate with the weather, particularly on Friday with the Dollar group when it would change from blizzards to blue skies and back to blizzards, all the while blowing a gale! There were a few left over the following week, which we've been planting with our specially boosted group of regular Wednesday volunteers. I'd like to extend our thanks to the groups of volunteers that gave their time in March to help us with this mammoth project. In all, almost 70 people have chipped in at least a day's work to getting all the trees planted, and the result will be extra protection for the special wildlife of Loch Leven.

It was great to see many of you at the Better Place to Live Fair in March, a very well organised event that is always an excellent opportunity for us to meet members of the community and discuss the National Nature Reserve and the work that SNH does here. Falling on the same week as our tree planting efforts, it proved to be a hectic weekend, especially with the discovery of a new species of bird for Loch Leven! A cracking rarity that had birders from around the country flocking to the loch, the Glossy



The Glossy Ibis

Ibis was actually discovered on Thursday 6th whilst out with our Elmwood tree planters. It's always great to see rare birds, and it was particularly great to add another species to the Loch Leven list, although I may have some way to go before catching my esteemed colleague Mr Squire!

Insect Survey Training Day

Saturday 26 April, 11am – 3pm

Reserve Office, The Pier, Kinross

As the survey season swings back into action, we're hosting our annual insect survey get-together at the Pier. We would like to encourage past surveyors and potential new ones alike, to come along and join in the conversation about how the programme has gone up to now and also to discuss some changes that need to be implemented as a result of the new section of Heritage Trail. Surveying began back in 2007, and is now almost completely managed by volunteers; with Dick Alderson having updated his insect survey reports and also producing some excellently constructed photographic guides

to the range of dragonflies and bumblebees at Loch Leven. Dick's reports are available through the Publications page of our website: www.nnr-scotland.org.uk/loch-leven and his guides are available on request. There will also be an opportunity later in the day to join local moth recorder Tim Brain, as he leads the first in his series of four moth trapping nights at Loch Leven. If you are interested in butterflies, moths, dragonflies or bumblebees, and would like to know more about how you can become involved with monitoring efforts locally, then please get in touch with us at the reserve office on 01577 864439 to book your place.

Now it only remains for me to say good-bye for the summer, as I migrate north for a new adventure as seasonal reserve manager of Noss NNR in Shetland. Whilst I'm sad to be leaving Loch Leven during its 50th year, I'm also extremely excited about the prospect of working on a seabird island up north. Look out for news and updates from Shetland as I get to grips with the bonxies and the tyskies, and I leave you for now in the capable hands of Jeremy, who will be maintaining regular contributions to the Newsletter and the blog in my absence.

Until October, farewell!

Craig
Reserve Officer

Fact of the Month

The last Glossy Ibis record for Perth and Kinross was in 1903, when one was shot! Birding has certainly changed a lot since then...

Weather



February Weather Report from Carnbo

February continued the stormy wet conditions endured during the previous two winter months. There was however a slight difference, with the gales still frequent but less severe. Also rainfall totals were lower, despite being recorded on most days. Snow again was mostly absent below 600m, but above that height it was a different story!

Total rainfall 131 mm (131% of average)

Dry days 0, trace days 1, wet days 27

Heaviest fall 20 mm (14th)

Highest temperature 9°C (19th)

Lowest temperature -2°C (12th)

Average temperature 3.1°C (2013 1.5°C)

Ground frost on 13 nights, air frost on 7 nights

Snow days 2, lying days 2, total depth 4cms

8 sunless days, 65% cloud cover app.

Thunder not recorded, ice days not recorded.

February Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall 108 mm (4.16 inches)

Heaviest fall 16.4 mm (14th)

Total sunshine for month 28.3 hours

Sunniest day 5.3 hours (27th)

Maximum temperature average 7.2°C

Highest temperature 10.7°C (20th & 23rd)

Minimum temperature average -0.1°C

Lowest temperature -4.8°C (11th)

Rain recorded every day in February.



Gardens Open

Gardens open regularly

There are many fine gardens (and houses and castles) open regularly within easy reach of Kinross. A number of these, all in Fife, are National Trust for Scotland (NTS) properties, as follows: **Falkland Palace and gardens, Hill of Tarvit mansion house and estate, Kellie Castle and gardens and the Royal Burgh of Culross**, including the palace and gardens. NTS also has a small but fine garden in Perth, **Branklyn Garden**, which has an impressive collection of rare and unusual plants. Find out more at www.nts.org.uk. Some gardens open regularly under Scotland's Garden Scheme are also within easy reach of Kinross. These include **Braco Castle gardens** in Perthshire and the famous **Cambo Estate** at Kingsbarns, near St Andrews. The gardens at **Glendoick**, near Glencarse, are open throughout April and May. Other places to consider visiting are **Scone Palace**, the **Botanic Garden in St Andrews** and **Pittencreeff Park** in Dunfermline.

Scotland's Gardens Scheme

SGS, a registered charity since 1931, organises the opening of hundreds of gardens, ranging from formal castle gardens to small cottage gardens, to raise money for charity. 60% of entry fees to gardens in this scheme benefit SGS's charities: The Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland, Gardens Fund of the National Trust for Scotland, Maggie's Cancer Caring Centres and Perennial. 40% of entry fees goes to a charitable cause chosen by the garden owner. For more information, see the book "Scotland's Gardens: Our Guide for 2014" or the website www.scotlandsgardens.org

Gardens open by arrangement

Briglands House near **Rumbling Bridge** in Kinross-shire is open to visitors by arrangement until 30 June. An essentially spring garden, it was originally designed by Sir Robert Lorimer and has been lovingly restored by the current owners over the past 35 years. More details from SGS website.

Other SGS gardens open by arrangement are **Barham** at Bow of Fife (until 31 July), **Earlshall Castle gardens** near **Leuchars** and **Kirklands** at **Saline** (until 30 September).

• Gardens info on our website •



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

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Special Days Open in April under SGS

Set in extensive woodlands, **Rossie House** at **Forgandenny**, PH2 9EH, is open on **Thursday 10 April**, 2pm to 5pm (and also on 1, 15 and 29 May). In April there are abundant hellebores, scilla, chinodoxias, early rhododendron and narcissi. Admission: £4. Charity: Sandpiper Trust. Partial disabled access, dogs allowed, teas available.

There will be a **Spring Plant and Craft Fair** at **Cambo House, Kingsbarns** on **Sunday 13 April**, 11am to 4pm. Invited nurseries will join Cambo in providing a wide ranging plant sale and there will be local craft and food stalls. Admission: £2.50, children free. The gardens at Cambo are open all year round. The Fair on 13 April will benefit SGS charities and Cambo Stables Project to provide a training and education centre on the estate. Full disabled access, dogs welcome, refreshments. Cambo is on the A917 between Crail and St Andrews.

The gardens at **Megginch Castle, Errol** are open on **Sunday 13 April** from 2pm to 5pm. 19th century formal front garden, topiary and ancient yews. Splendid array of daffodils. Walled kitchen garden and orchard. Admission: £4, children free. 40% to All Saints Church, Glencarse. Disabled access. Teas available. Route: approach from Dundee only, directly off A90, on south side of carriageway ½ mile on left after Errol flyover between lodge gatehouses. PH2 7SW.

Rofsie Arts Garden by **Collessie** is open 1pm to 4pm on **Sunday 27 April**. The 1¼ acre Victorian walled garden has been developed as a 'roofless studio', a hidden space in which to explore ideas, philosophies and care for the family's horticultural legacy. Many interesting specimens. Woodland walk. Admission: £5. Partial disabled access, teas, plant sales. Between Auchtermuchty and Collessie on A91. One mile east of Auchtermuchty turn right for Charlottetown, turn first right into Rofsie estate drive. KY15 7UZ.

Local Attraction Opening Times

Lochleven Castle, Castle Island, Kinross



Famously where Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned in 1567 and forced to abdicate before dramatically escaping, this semi-ruined 14th century castle is set on an island in beautiful Loch Leven, within a National Nature Reserve. There are toilets, lawns and picnic benches on the island. Castle towers not suitable for visitors with limited mobility (narrow stairs). No access for wheelchair users. Dogs not permitted.

The property is reached by boat, operated by Historic Scotland and departing from the fishery pier, where there is parking, a Historic Scotland shop and a bistro.

Opening times for 2014:

1 April to 30 September: Daily, 10am to 5.30pm
(last outward sailing 4.15pm)

Admission prices: Adult £5.50, Child £3.30,
(includes ferry trip) Conc £4.40. HS members free.

Kinross-shire Churches Together



Kinross Parish Church of Scotland

Following Christ | Spreading the Word | Serving the Community
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 Ordained Local Minister:
 Rev Margaret Michie Tel: (01592) 840602
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 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

April

Tue 1 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.

Thu 3 7.30pm: Thursday Group, church centre - PC Sadie Allan.

Sun 6 10.30am Morning Service, followed by informal Communion.

Mon 7 8am: Silent Meditation (30 mins).

Sat 12 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (names in advance to church office).

Holy Week in Kinross Parish Church

Sun 13 Palm Sunday 10.30am Morning Service, followed by Walk of Witness with other local churches.

3pm Second Sunday Concert and Tea: £10.

Thu 17 Maundy Thursday 9pm, late evening service of Compline.

Fri 18 Good Friday 10am – 12 noon, **An Easter Journey:** a fun event for all the family, organised by the Family Week team. 7.30pm Reflections for Good Friday.

Sun 20 Easter Sunday: 10.30am Morning Service.

Sun 27 6.30pm: Informal Evening Service.

Tue 29 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.

8pm: Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.

Family Week, 4 – 8 August

A staple of the summer holidays, our morning programme will run from 9.45am - 12 noon and include the usual fun with games, crafts and outings. We welcome all children and young people from pre-school through to S4 at High School.

An Easter Journey: 18 April, 10am – 12noon

A fun event in Kinross Parish Church, organised by the Family Week team for all the family.

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

Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

Church of Scotland (Charity number SC015523)

Locum Minister - Rev Duncan Stenhouse

Telephone: 01577 866992

Email: duncan.stenhouse@btinternet.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

5 April Messy Church in Orwell Hall, 4 - 6pm.

13 April Palm Sunday, 10.30am Joint Service at Orwell Kirk, followed by the walk of Christian Witness to Kinross.

20 April Easter Day. Services as usual 10am Portmoak, 11.30am Orwell.

Everyone welcome

Church office & shop open Mon – Sat. 10am until 2pm
 29 South Street, Milnathort KY13 9XA.

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

Contact the Office 01577 861200
 orwellportmoakchurch@gmail.com

St James' R C Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Father Colin Golden Telephone: (01577) 863329

Mass Times	Saturday Vigil	7.00pm
	Sunday	9.30am

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

Kinross 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.

Fossoway, St Serf's & Devonside Church**Church of Scotland** (Charity number SC013157)Minister: Rev Lis Stenhouse Telephone: (01577) 862937
Email: listen@sky.com

Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie Telephone: (01592) 840823

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

Sunday Services at 9.45am**April****Sun 6** 9.45am Morning Worship, Rev L Stenhouse,
followed by Refreshments and Fellowship.**Sun 13** Palm Sunday 9.45am Morning Worship,
Rev L Stenhouse.**Sun 20** Easter Sunday 9.45am Morning Worship,
Rev L Stenhouse.**Sun 27** 9.45am Morning Worship, Rev L Stenhouse.**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 4 April** 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**

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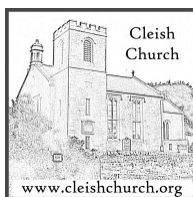
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Website: www.cleishchurch.org

Sunday Services 11.15am**Crèche and Junior Church** 11.15am**April****Sun 6** 11.15am All Age Worship.**Sun 13** 11.15am Palm Sunday Worship.**Sun 20** 11.15pm Easter Sunday Worship.**Sun 27** 11.15am Morning Worship.**Wed 9** 2pm Cleish Guild 'Daffodil Tea'.

All welcome

**St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church**

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AY

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Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk

You can also find us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalchurchkinross

8am Morning Prayer (Mondays and Wednesdays)

Thur 10.30am - 12 noon Study Group in the Meeting Room

Thur 12.30pm - 1.30pm Rector's Hour (except 17 April and 1 May)

April Services and Events

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

Wed 2 12 Noon Meditation for Lent (Meeting Room).
12.30pm Holy Communion.**Sun 6** Passion Sunday. 8.30am Holy Communion.
Breakfast Practical Exploration of Mark 4.35 - 5.43
11am Sung Eucharist.**Wed 9** 12 Noon Meditation for Lent (Meeting Room).
12.30pm Holy Communion.**Sun 13 Palm Sunday.** 8.30am The Blessing of the Palms and Holy Communion (1982).
11am The Liturgy and Procession of the Palms followed by Sung Eucharist and dramatic reading of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

12.15pm Kinross Churches Together Walk of Witness to Millbridge hall.

Wed 16 12 Noon Meditation for Lent (Meeting Room).
12.30pm Holy Communion.
7.30pm Holy Communion and Compline.**Thu 17 Maunday Thursday** (11am Chrism Mass at St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth).
7.30pm Sung Eucharist with the Washing of the Feet, the Stripping of the Alter and the Watch until Midnight.**Fri 18 Good Friday.** 12 Noon - 3pm The Three Hours, led by members of Kinross Churches Together.**Sun 19 Holy Saturday.**
10pm Easter Vigil and first Eucharist of Easter.**Sun 20 Easter Day** (7.30am Kinross Churches Together Lochside Service).
8.30am Holy Communion.
11am Family Sung Eucharist.**Sun 27** Easter 2. 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

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

Acknowledgement**KEPPIE** - Laura and Joanne would like to thank everyone who sent cards, letters and flowers received after Joe's death on 7 February.

Grateful thanks also to Ward 6 PRI; the lady carers of the Elite group; Stuart Funeral Services; and Dr David Richmond for his 20 years of caring for Joe.

Playgroups and Toddlers ⁵⁵

Milnathort Babies & Toddlers

Orwell Church Hall, Milnathort
Friday 9.30am-11.15am

A relaxed and friendly group
Healthy snacks, tea & coffee
Children from birth to 3 years
(5 years if attending with younger sibling)
Great fun for the kids, mums, dads and carers!

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FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

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Places available for 3-5-year-olds and Rising Fives
Sessions daily 9.30– 12 noon

Contact Pat Irvine 07703 177766 or
www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross



LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Session times (term time only)

Tuesdays 9.30- 11.15, Fridays 9.30- 11.15

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

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

FOSSOWAY TODDLERS

Crook of Devon Village Hall

Friday 9.30am - 11.00am

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

Contact - Christina Smith 01577 840733

PORTMOAK UNDER 5s

Portmoak Hall – between Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell
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We are a friendly and relaxed playgroup welcoming children aged 2-5. We offer a wide range of activities including arts and crafts, dressing up, outdoor play and stories. We also on occasion arrange outings, parties and have special visitors who come to the playgroup!

Babies and Toddlers (birth- 3yrs), Tues 9.30am - 11am
Playgroup (2yrs onwards), Mon & Fri 10am– 12noon

Contact Lynda Hardie (Play leader/Manager)
01592 840785 or 07594 328475

Email: portmoakunderfives@hotmail.co.uk
or find us on Facebook

SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

21-23 Swansacre, Kinross
Kinross-shire Playgroup Association
Aka Swansacre Playgroup
Reg Scottish Charity No SC017748



Tel: 01577 862071 Mobile: 07592 392235

We provide a warm, friendly and stimulating environment in which children can learn and develop through play.

Playgroup: Mon 9.05am-11.35am with Lunch Club after (for children from age 3 yrs). Tue to Fri 9.15am-11.45am. Children from the age of 2 years welcome.

Inbetweeners: Fri 12.45pm-3.15pm with Lunch Club before. Children from the age of 3 years welcome.

Rising Fives: Tues & Wed 12.45pm-3.15pm with Lunch Club beforehand. Complementary to preschool Nursery.

For availability or more information, please contact:
Kim 07504 445949, enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com
or Playgroup on telephone numbers above.

Baby and Toddler Group – Thurs 12.45-2.45pm

Ante-natal to pre-school. Fun for children; coffee and chat for the parent/carer. For more information, please contact Playgroup on 07592 392235.

The premises are available to hire for **Private Functions**. For more information, please contact **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 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

SCOTTISH CONCERT

at

Fossoway Church

(Scottish Charity No. SC013157)

on

Saturday 29 March

at 7.30pm

Members of Dundee Strathspey & Reel Society
with singer

Layla Brown

(Gold and Silver Medal Winner, Perform in Perth 2012)

present an evening of music and song

Tickets £10 including tea and coffee.

Tickets available from

Alan Harper 01577 840225

Stewart Roberts 01577 840822

Ian Robertson 01577 840526

Tickets also available at the door

Welcome Spring at Tillywhally Community Woodland

Spring is coming so it is time for a "spring clean"
and habitat boost.

You are cordially invited to a

Grand Planting Event

on **SATURDAY 29 MARCH** at 10am

We will plant young Holly and Hazel trees,
Raspberry shoots and wildflowers.

All volunteers will be offered a fantastic opportunity –

Free Willow Workshop to follow the planting.

Under the expert supervision of Craig Nisbet we will weave
plant climbers to take home.

This is a free community event, but please
book your place. Contact: Gosia,

mmm.sozańska@btinternet.com tel: 01577 861237

Please bring your own spade/garden fork and packed lunch.

We will provide tea, coffee and biscuits.

Great thanks to Woodland Trust for supplying the trees,
Craig Nisbet for kindly agreeing to supervise the willow
workshop and Tayside Biodiversity and Milnathort in
Bloom for sponsoring the project.

Children's Hospice Association Scotland



Children's
Hospice
Association
Scotland

21
years

Mother's Day

Sunday 30 March 2014

Pop in and see the wide range of cards and gifts available at
the CHAS Gift Shop, 23 Avenue Road, Kinross.

10% off if you mention or bring this advert,
can also be used in our charity shops:

Bazaar 1, 88 High Street, and Bazaar 2, 76 High Street.

Valid until 30 March 2014.

THE KINROSS HUB A CAFE FOR CARERS

GUEST SPEAKER

7th April 2014

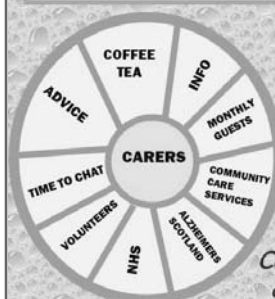
Carers Health Checks
(Linda Tarbet)

10.30 and 13.30

Talk carried out by NHS Staff Nurse

The Guest speaker will be at the Carers Café
all day for information.

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



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.

3 April

Police: Constable Sadie Allan

1 May

Annual General Meeting

Kinross Floral Art Club

Coffee Evening and Demonstration

'Festival Fun' presented by Mrs Audrey Buchan

Tuesday 22 April at 7.15pm

in **Kinross Parish Church**

Tickets: Members £6.00, Visitors £8.00
(payable on the night)

All welcome

Raffle and Tombola

Light Up Kinross AGM

Thursday 24 April 8.00pm

Millbridge Hall, Kinross

All welcome

British Summer Time

begins on **Sunday 30 March 2014**

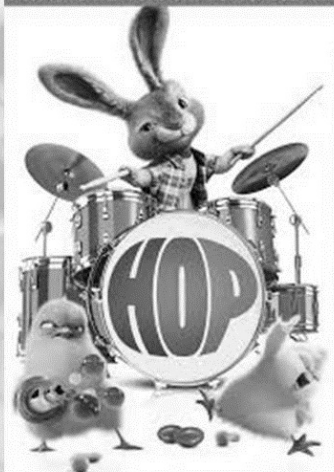
Clocks go forward one hour at 1am

FAMILY CINEMA AFTERNOON WITH THE CROOK OF DEVON VILLAGE HALL

On the Last Sunday of Every Month 2pm-4pm

Come along on the 27th April to see HOP !

FROM THE CREATORS OF DESPICABLE ME



Adults £5.00. Children £3.00.
Family Ticket (2+2) £15.00

Visit our Facebook page for more details SC026692

Charity Race Night & Disco

Raising funds and awareness for **Kidney Cancer Scotland**

Looking for a great night out?
Come to the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross

Saturday 26 April
First Race 7.30pm

Please come and support a very good cause.

We are doing a tri-cast: Winner paid on first three past the
post on a chosen race £1 a shot, great prize money.

Please phone Kathy for more information on 07438 078006

Buffet, raffles and lots more

Charity Plant Sale

in Jean's Garden, 24 Gallowhill Road, Kinross

Saturday 17 May 10.30am – 4.30pm

Gazebos up for sun or rain

Lots of bargains including Petunia, Marigold, Sweet Pea,
Pansy, Snapdragon, Larkspur, Alium, Cornflower,
Nasturtium, Geranium, Pinks, Aster, Lily, Sunflower,
Rudbeckia, Lupin, Grasses, Hosta, Potentilla, Willow,
Succulents, Hebe, Herbs, Strawberry, Tomato and more!

All money received on the day will be divided equally
between chosen charities: Kinross-shire Day Centre and
FOBS.

Milnathort filmhouse The Smurfs 2 (U)



Sun May 11th 3pm
Milnathort Town Hall

The Smurfs 2 (U) tickets available on the
door and in advance through our Facebook
page (Milnathort Filmhouse). Family £15 (2
ad + 2 ch), Child £3, Adult £5 (OAP & Conc
£3), Screening 3pm, doors open 2.30pm. Tuck
shop available.

big screen movies



Scotlandwell in Bloom

Plant & Bake Sale

Saturday 10 May from 11am
Well Country Inn, Scotlandwell



There will be a variety of plants on sale as well as home-
baking, home-made jams and chutneys, books and DVDs.

While you're there, why not take the opportunity to visit our
recently restored Wash-House and Well – it's 'well' worth a
visit!

Fridge Magnets & Wall Hangers depicting Well and Wash
House will be on sale

Copies of 'Where Poet's Dream'd' by David Munro
will also be available to purchase

Thanks in anticipation of your support, and we look
forward to seeing you!

Portmoak Under Fives Fundraiser

Night at the Movies Film: Dirty Dancing

Saturday 31 May at 8pm
Portmoak Hall, Kinnesswood

Cost £5 pp BYOB Amazing Raffle Prizes

Tickets available from Kinnesswood shop
or contact beth1974@hotmail.co.uk

Fossoway Primary School Fête

Saturday 7 June

1pm – 4pm

Lots of Events, Activities, Stall, BBQ,
Pipe Band, Tombola etc

All welcome

PORTMOAK GALA DAY

Saturday 21 June

As always there will be plenty of family fun events, stalls and attractions, so please come along and join in the fun.

Crowning of the Gala queen will take place at 2pm, following the parade from the Church. Join the parade in Fancy Dress - prizes for best dressed! Stalls are available for the day - contact us to reserve one. To make the day successful we are asking for help on the day to run the stalls, and also to set up the evening before/take down the day after.

Donations always appreciated for baking,
tombola and bric a brac stalls.

Contact Sandra Davidson 07900 196742

MUNDUFF HILL (PORTMOAK HILL RACE)

Saturday 21 June

This race will take place during the Gala on 21 June, starting around 3.15pm. The race goes from the Well Green up onto Munduff Hill and return. Entry is £5 per runner, pre-register or enter on the day. Can anyone knock the current champion off the podium?

Contact Sandra Davidson 07900 196742

JAM 2014

Just About Movies – the Filmgoers Festival

Tullibole Castle, near Crook of Devon

29 – 31 August

A film festival is similar to a music festival except instead of music stages there are pop-up cinemas throughout the site showing back-to-back films.

- Exclusive Premieres
- Horror Cinema (set in the woods and only open after dark!)
- Old Favourites and Bloggers Choice
- New Talent and Old Classics

Other attractions at the event include:

- Q&A Sessions with Industry Professionals
- Memorabilia
- Film Buff Quiz
- Set in the grounds of a privately owned 16thC castle
- Full weekend camping
- Witches Maze
- Street Food Café and the JAM Bar

Tickets (all prices include free parking):

Full Weekend (with camping)	£55
Full Weekend (no camping)	£45
Saturday Day Ticket	£30

More information from:

www.justaboutmovies.co.uk
www.facebook.com/JustAboutMovies

Badminton Sessions

Crook of Devon Village Hall

Every Thursday

6pm - 7.30pm

All ages welcome but children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please wear appropriate footwear.

Equipment can be supplied if necessary.

Any questions contact Jean Shearer at the village shop.

Adults £2 Children £1

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Kinross-shire Fund

Grants available for local
community projects

e.g. *Events, Information, Transport, Welfare,
Physical Amenities, Recreational Facilities, Support for
Care of the Elderly, Voluntary Organisations*

For more information and to download an application form,
see www.kinross-shirefund.org or contact Annabel Bath
on 0131 524 0300

or email Annabel@scottishhcf.org

Newsletter Deadlines 2014

Please note, deadlines are on a **FRIDAY**. More deadlines for the months ahead can be found on our website.

In very rare circumstances it may be necessary to change a deadline at short notice. Check Newsletter website for latest information: www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
May	Fri 18 April	Saturday 3 May
June	Fri 16 May	Saturday 31 May



Welcome to the Kinross-shire Volunteer Information Point

**Located in the Loch Leven Community Campus Library
Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8FQ**

Here you can find information about **Volunteering Opportunities** available in Kinross-shire. Take your time and see what is available. You will also find leaflets in the folders explaining where you can go for further help such as Voluntary Action Perthshire www.vaperthshire.org

If you would like to promote your **Organisations Volunteering Opportunities** please hand your information into reception for attention of: Tracey Ramsay (Community Capacity Building Worker)

Blank profiles are also available for your use if required. These are in the organisation folder at the VIP alternatively follow this link: www.pkc.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=22228&p=0

**The Volunteer Information Point has been organised and supported by
Partners of the Kinross-shire Community Learning and Development Group.**






For further information please contact Tracey Ramsay 01577 867177 or email Tramsay@pkc.gov.uk

Kinross Recycling Centre

Bridgend Industrial Estate

Opening Times: **Mondays to Fridays 9am to 7pm**
Saturdays and Sundays 9am to 5pm

Bicycles, cans (inc aerosols, biscuit tins, aluminium foil), car and household batteries, cardboard, cooking oil, electricals (WEEE), engine oil, fluorescent tubes, long life light bulbs, food and drinks cartons (Tetra packs), fridges, freezers, garden waste, glass, large domestic appliances, paper, plastic (rigid plastic packaging), rubble stone and soil, scrap metal, telephone directories, textiles (clothes and shoes), timber, tyres (maximum two per visit, strictly householders only) and non recyclable (general) waste.

Compost can be collected from the Recycling Centre, subject to availability. Maximum of 2 x 25kg bags per visitor.

The Bike Station

Donate unwanted bikes, parts and cycling accessories for reuse. Bikes are refurbished and sold on to the public at affordable prices. Poorer bikes are salvaged for parts.

Bikes can be donated at the Kinross Recycling Centre (Bridgend Industrial Estate) or at The Bike Station at Mid Friarton, just off the Edinburgh Road in Perth.

Bike Station opening hours: Monday to Saturday, 10.30am to 4.30pm and late opening to 8pm on Wednesdays.

Weekly bike sales: Fridays, 10.30am-4.30pm (children's bikes) and Saturdays, 10.30am to 12.30pm (adults' bikes).

Tel: 01738 444430. Email: perth@thebikestation.org.uk
Website: www.thebikestation.org.uk

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

Blythswood Care

(The Newsletter does not always have space to publish the full details regarding items which can and cannot be accepted, so readers may wish to cut out this Notice for future reference)

The Round South Truck accepts small items of furniture, clothing and bric à brac. The uplift of any larger items of furniture (e.g. sofas, beds, wardrobes etc) can be arranged by phoning Hillington on 0141 882 0585. All soft furnishings (e.g. beds, sofas, three-piece suites etc) donated to Blythswood Care must have a fire label with the British Standards code (BS7177) attached to it.

We regret that the Round South Truck cannot accept books. We are also unable to accept bikes, carpets, coat hangers, gas appliances, prams, televisions, small electrical appliances, exercise equipment or wall units.

The next collections will take place on

Tuesday 22 April

between 10.30am and 11am

in Sainsbury's car park

(if car park is full, van will park nearby,

e.g. Park & Ride or Ochil View)



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

Community Learning & Development Adult Learning Free local and friendly support with:

English as a Second Language

Would you like to improve your ability to:

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

Adult Literacy & Numeracy

Reading Writing Spelling Numbers

"I can enjoy books now"

"I feel more confident"

"Filling in forms is less scary"

"I passed my driving test"

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

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

Jayne Ramsay

Clerical Assistant

Loch Leven Community Campus

Email: JSRamsay@pkc.gov.uk

Tel: 01577 867177

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre

based in the centre of Perth

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

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

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

On-line support and information can be obtained from our website www.careconfidential.com

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre, 40 St John Street, Perth, PH1 5SP

www.careconfidential.com

email: hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com

Helpline 01738 621174

We are a Scottish Charity SC037103



THE TALKING DONKEY

Every Friday 11am - 2pm
@ The Millbridge Hall

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

The Cafe where everything is

FREE!

 Soups 

 Snacks 

 Hot Drinks 

 Cold Drinks 

 Home-cooked lunches 

All brought to your table by our friendly staff

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

Prayer For Any Need



Mindspace Counselling Service

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 or others.

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



Need to consult an old Newsletter?

The Kinross (Marshall) Museum at the Loch Leven Community Campus houses a collection of every Kinross Community Council Newsletter ever published (July 1977 to the present day). Newsletters can be consulted when the Museum Study Room is open: Thursdays, 10am - 8pm and Saturdays, 10am - 3pm. Electronic versions of Newsletters from September 2006 to the present day can be downloaded from the Newsletter website: www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Perth Citizens Advice Bureau



The Kinross Outreach Advice Surgery is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at St Paul's Church Hall, The Muirs, Kinross. The next visits are:

8 and 22 April

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.

Perth & Kinross School Term Dates 2013-14

Term	Start	End
Spring	Mon 6 Jan 2014	Fri 4 Apr 2014
Summer	Wed 23 Apr 2014	Thu 26 Jun 2014

In Service Days and Occasional Holidays:

Tue 22 April.

May Day Holiday: Mon 5 May.

Greyhound Rescue Fife 7th Annual Dog Show 11th May 2014

Sponsored by



Please note this show is held indoors and there is plenty of free parking available!!!

Tickets are £4 per person
kids (under 16 free)

See our Website for full details

www.greyhoundrescuefife.com

Caldwell's Farm,
Collessie,
By Ladybank,
Fife, KY15 7UY.

Various Commercial,
and fund-raising
Stalls Available.



Can you give A Greyhound A Home

Look on our Website

contact us to arrange a suitable time to come along and see them for yourself find **your** perfect hound
Mob: 07826244765 Phone: 01577 850393 (evenings)
email us on ferniejimmyf@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

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Bruce Calderwood 01592 840423

Susan Forde 01592 840128

Thomas Smith 01592 841160

Malcolm Strang Steel 01592 840459

Richard Williamson 01592 840538

www.portmoak.org

Perth and Kinross Councillors Kinross-shire Ward

Councillor Mike Barnacle (Independent)

Tel/Fax (home): 01577 840516.

Email: michaelabarnacle@gmail.com

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

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8 Highfield Circle, Kinross, KY13 8RZ

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

Councillor Willie Robertson (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

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

85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XA

Perth & Kinross Council www.pkc.gov.uk

Customer Service Centre Tel: 01738 475000

(Mon to Fri, 8am-6pm)

Out of Hours Emergencies Tel: 01738 625411

(Roads, flooding, environmental health and dangerous buildings)

Clarence (for non-emergency road and lighting defects) Tel: 0800 232323

Registrar Tel: 01577 867133

The Registrar is normally in Kinross only on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Loch Leven Community Campus

Mobile Library

Mobile 2, Week 1, every second Wednesday:

Visiting Powmill, Rumbling Bridge, Crook of Devon, Fossoway, Cleish and Milnathort. Next visit: **2 April**.

Mobile 2, Week 2, every second Tuesday:

Visiting Mawcarse, Glenlond, Kinnesswood, Scotlandwell, Levenmouth Farm, Hatchbank and Cambo. Next visit: **8 April**.

Mobile 1, Week 2, every second Wednesday:

Visiting Glenfarg and Duncricvie. Next visit: **9 April**.

For times of stops, see PKC website: www.pkc.gov.uk

Any queries, telephone AK Bell Library 01738 444949.

Kinross Community Councillors

Margaret Blyth	6 Muir Grove	
David Colliar (Chair)	10 Rannoch Place	864037
Barry M Davies	60 Lathro Park	865004
Bill Freeman	64 Muirs	865045
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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 Cunningham's constituency staff are available by telephone on 0131 348 5727, five days a week. Address details:

Roseanna Cunningham MSP
M3.15

The Scottish Parliament
Edinburgh
EH99 1SP

Email:

Roseanna.Cunningham.msp@scottishparliament.uk

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All MSPs can be contacted at the following address:

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

www.gordonbanksmp.co.uk

Email: banksgr@parliament.uk

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

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: fcoffice@btinternet.com

Kinross-shire *Day Centre*

64 High Street
Kinross
KY13 8AJ



**Film shows • Cards • Dominoes • Art Class
Daily Papers • Chiropody • Trips • Exercises**

Weekly Programme

Monday	Exercise Class	11am	Bingo	1.30pm
			Knitting Chat	1pm
			"Stride for Life" Walking Group	2pm
Tuesday	Relaxation Class	1.15pm	Singing group with Alex Cant	1.45pm
Wednesday	Morning Service	10.45am	Quiz Afternoon	1.30pm
	Dominoes & Games	1.30pm	Scrabble	1.30pm
Thursday	Film Afternoon	1.30pm	Dominoes	1.30pm
	Art Class	1.30pm	Scrabble	1.30pm
Friday	Bingo	1.30pm	Dominoes	1.30pm

Additional Events for April

**Barge Trip
Chiropody**

Wednesday 2nd 10am
Thursday 3rd, 24th 9.30am - 12.30pm
(phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)
Thursday 17th 12noon

**Food from around the world, and
Entertainment (Greek)**

PLEASE NOTE:

The Day Centre will be CLOSED for a Public Holiday on Monday 21 April

The Day Centre Annual Holiday takes place from Monday 21 - Friday 25 April



Coffee Bar open to the public 8.30 am - 4 pm, Older Adults Lunches Daily.

Our activities are open to everyone - please feel free to come in and have a great afternoon.

Phone: 01577 863869

Fax: 01577 863869

Email: kindaycent@tiscali.co.uk

LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

Mon - Fri: 9.00 am - 6.00 pm
Saturday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm
Tel: 862422

Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

Mon to Fri: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm &
2.00 pm - 6.00 pm
Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm
Tel: 862219

**Sundays: The nearest open pharmacy
is Asda, Dunfermline**



The Wash House, Scotlandwell

Visitors can look inside the restored, historic wash house by borrowing the key from the Well Country Inn at anytime during daylight hours.

Perth Samaritans

Need to talk? We'll listen.

Contact us by

phone on 01738 626666 or 08457 909090

Email us jo@samaritans.org

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

Mondays 1630 - 2130 **Thursdays** 1630 - 1900

Wednesdays 0830 - 1100 **Fridays** 1000 - 1630

and 1930 - 2130 **Sundays** 0800 - 2130

No pressure, no names, no judgment.

We're here for you, anytime.

Disability Sport

There are many activities for people with disabilities at local, regional and national level which welcome people with physical, learning and sensory disabilities. Sports available include swimming, athletics, boccia and bowling. If you would like further information or would like to be included on an email distribution list to keep up-to-date with what is available, please contact Caroline Ness, Sports Development Officer by telephone on 01738 472242 or email CMNess@pkc.gov.uk

Classified Adverts

The Newsletter publishes items for sale listed on the kinross.cc website. If interested in purchasing an item, we suggest **checking the website for current availability** (www.kinross.cc then 'Local Adverts' then 'Classified Adverts'). If interested in selling an item, please list it on www.kinross.cc and it will automatically be published in the next available Newsletter, subject to space.

Items for Sale

Sony cinema surround system £170.00
Dav-DZ830W. Brand new & never been used. No box. Cost £499.00.

*Seller details: Maureen Martin 01577 863267
maureen.carrie@sky.com*

Samsung Galaxy mini mobile £30.00
Hardly used.

Wii Guitar Hero Aerosmith limited edition £30.00
Still in box, hardly used.

*For two items above contact: D Loughney
dannyloughney@googlemail.com*

Gas Hob £35.00

Neff gas hob for sale, as new.

*Seller details: Josephine Mason 01577 864765
j.mason286@btinternet.com*

Set of 4 car tyres £60.00

205/55 R16. Only run for 6000 miles.

*Seller details: Mike Thomson 07880 792763
mike.thomson3@yahoo.co.uk*

Trampoline for the garden £50.00

14ft trampoline suitable for people to use in the garden. All that is required is new netting.

*Seller details: Ian Jack 01577 863980
ian_jack@bopenworld.com*

Single Chair Bed £50.00

Transforms from a chair into a single bed, green zip-off cover and matching cushion, wheels on base, extra foam mattress included. Very good condition.

Seller details: Elaine Sparling 01577 863633



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

Technology Drop-in

CONFUSED BY YOUR COMPUTER?

INTRIGUED BY THE INTERNET?

ERRORS IN YOUR EMAIL?

FLUMMOXED BY YOUR PHONE?

The IT Tutor with Community Learning and Development
at

Loch Leven Community Campus

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

Friday mornings 10am – 12 noon

in the ICT room within the library

No need to book, just drop-in!

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

Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers

Linda Freeman

Tel 01577 865045. Email: linda.freeman_64@btinternet.com

Situations Vacant

In conjunction with www.kinross.cc, the Newsletter is pleased to publish local situations vacant. Please go to the kinross.cc website before applying to **check whether a position is still available**. (Go to www.kinross.cc then click on 'Local Adverts' and choose 'Situations Vacant').

Kitchen and waiting staff (full and part time), Heaven Scent, Milnathort

Looking for staff who are flexible and have some experience to join our existing team.

Apply by email to recruitment@scotthospitality.co.uk

Finance/Office Assistant (part time), Smartworks Chartered Accountants, Balado, Kinross

Our client, a fast-growing local business, is looking to recruit an enthusiastic person with bookkeeping skills who can also whip the office into shape. Must have a strong, but fun personality and be able to work unsupervised after initial training. Flexible hours. Pay dependent on experience.

Apply by sending CV and covering letter or email to
info@smartworkscs.co.uk

Art for Recovery Kinross

Confidence building Skills Sharing Socialising

ARK provides support through arts and crafts for people with health issues in Kinross and surrounding areas.

ARK offers peer support to those in need of a little company to socialise and learn new skills. Try drawing with pencils and pastels, painting with acrylics and watercolours, working with clay, felt-making and patchwork. Or just have a cup of tea or coffee!

The group meets **weekly on a Wednesday** from 1pm to 3pm in Orwell Church Hall, Ba' Hill, Milnathort. £1 per session. For more information, email arkforart@gmail.com or call the Chair on 07590 387189.



Funding Alert!

PKC produces a huge list summarising funding opportunities for the voluntary sector. There are dozens of Trusts and Foundations giving away grants.

The list will be posted on **www.kinross.cc** or go to **www.pkc.gov.uk** and look for the voluntary sector page.

Contacts:

The P&K Grants Direct Team 0845 605 2000

Steve MacDonald, P&KC External

Funding Officer 01738 477963

(Contact Steve MacDonald if you would like to subscribe to P&KC's regular e-funding bulletin.)

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.

New Toddler Group at the Gospel Hall

to be held every Thursday

from 9.30am to 11am (term-time only)

in the Gospel Hall, Montgomery Street, Kinross.

Starts **Thursday 24 April**

Christina Smith (01577) 840733 or 07792260509

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