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Letters

Editorial

The Heritage Trail could not have had a better weekend for its first days of full access around the whole path.

Cllr Willie Robertson 'cut the ribbon' at a mini opening ceremony on the morning of Good Friday, under beautiful blue skies, and the good weather continued for the whole of the Easter weekend. The formal opening ceremony will take place on Friday 30 May. Find out more on page 15.

Our community will be hoping for more good weather as the season of Fêtes, Fairs and other outdoor activities is upon us.

This is also the time of year when many organisations hold their Annual General Meetings. If your organisation has a listing on the kinross.cc website and you have a change of relevant office-bearer, please let Pauline Watson, the site administrator, know by emailing admin@kinross.cc

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A Wee Stushie at the Glebe!

As a resident of Manse Road in Milnathort – and as a dog-owner – I consider it is quite wrong for someone repeatedly to take the locked gate of the Orwell Glebe off its hinges. This is the third successive year that similar disruption and deliberate damage to locks and fences has occurred, starting when the field was taken back into use for grazing by a small flock of ewes and their lambs in spring and summer.

The Glebe is owned by Orwell Kirk and leased to a farmer in a suitable state for grazing in the summer season. This is a business relationship in which the farmer pays an annual rent to the Kirk, an agreement that does not deserve to be disrupted by unjustified interference. We live in what is still a rural village where respect for the countryside, for farming and other country pursuits, is a fundamental principle. We don't know – or care to know – who has deliberately been causing this problem, but we, dog-owners I have spoken to, neighbours and members of the Orwell Congregation, trust that the culprit will desist forthwith and allow sheep to graze safely and healthily as and when the farmer may wish and the church officers approve.

(Dr) Jack Matthews

18 Manse Road, Milnathort

Closure of the Clydesdale Bank in Kinross

The bank that proclaims in its publicity material that it "cares about here", apparently no longer cares about here.

The head office of the Clydesdale has decided that our local branch is to close on 28 July 2014.

In their letters to their customers they state that they will "take care of everything" and automatically move all our accounts to their bank in Dunfermline.

This threatened closure is very unfortunate as our local branch remains popular and well-used despite the advance of mobile and internet banking. It provides a friendly and efficient service to the local population, particularly the elderly of the district.

Petitions against the closure have been placed in the Post Office, Robertson's and Davidson's the chemist, in Milnathort, together with the Co-op and John and JH Sands in Kinross. If this local resource is to remain, much used by local residents and local businesses alike, then all the banks' past, present and future customers should sign it, together with anyone who considers that banks should not promote themselves in their publicity material as caring for "here" when, plainly, they do not. Bankers need to know that little places matter and that "what people really need" (another of their slogans) are local branches.

Gillian Galbraith

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Potager Garden, Bowton Road, Kinross

The committee and volunteers at the Potager Garden would like to say a very warm 'Thank you' to Kinross CC for their generous grant from the Newsletter Funds. The money was used to finance the landscaping for our new sensory garden, which is now open. The remainder of the money needed for the planting and the water feature was raised from plant sales.

May I, through your pages, extend an invitation to the residents of Kinross to visit the Potager to enjoy this lovely garden and admire the new planting. Within the busy centre of Kinross, the Potager provides a little sheltered oasis. During the summer months, the garden is open every day from morning till late afternoon.

On **7 June** we will be hosting a **Coffee Morning** in the garden in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care. You are invited to come along, admire the flowers, have a coffee and perhaps buy some of the plants which we will be selling on the day. We will have a selection of annuals, perennials and shrubs grown by our volunteers.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Rosalind Irving
Allandale, The Cobbles, Kinnesswood

Mental Health and Wellbeing Information

I would like to introduce myself to you as I am new to the area and to your community. My name is Claire Thomson. I work for PLUS Perth (local mental health charity) in the Blairgowrie and Kinross areas.

I would like to share with you what I plan to do within the community. I aim to make mental health and wellbeing information more available to you. I plan to do this by visiting and leaving information in local centres such as schools, libraries and doctors' surgeries. What I also want to do is to help people become more connected and have more of the opportunities which they would like. I passionately believe that if people have the knowledge and information they need, they can make the best choices for themselves and regain control of their lives.

PLUS is a social movement led by community activists. Please get in touch if you would like to know more about PLUS or you would like to help with this initiative.

I look forward to being part of your community.

Claire Thomson
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First of all, thanks for all the plant cells I received – they will be put to good use as I have about three times as many annuals growing this year. My idea is to sell as many as possible as cheaply as possible so that I make as much as I can for the two charities. As long as we don't get a sudden frost or snow everything should be fine for **Saturday 17 May** – I just have to prod some seedlings on and hold back others.

The sale is on from 10.30am to 4.30pm but anyone is welcome to pop round later and I will be in the garden all day Sunday as well – the more plants I sell, the more money I get and every penny goes to the two charities.

For anyone who hasn't been to one of my plant sales before, it's all very informal and in my garden at **24 Gallowhill Road**. You write your name on a label, stick it on one of the chairs lined up against the house and that's your shopping basket. If you end up with more plants than you can carry (I'm ever hopeful!) you can pick them up later and I have bags, boxes and trays to put them in.

Each perennial, shrub, herb etc is named and priced individually. Annuals are all the same price per plant no matter how many you buy, so you can mix or match and then all you have to do is count how many you've bought.

I can't have photos on individual plants but hopefully I'll manage to do my own sort of catalogue again so you can see what the plants look like. I've listed some of the plants I have in this month's Notice page.

I have gazebos up to cope with sun or rain, so please come along and support the two worthwhile causes: Kinross-shire Day Centre & FOBS.

Jean Miller
24 Gallowhill Road, Kinross
Email: j2miller@hotmail.com

Seven Day Doctors

The Westminster government's announcement they are to introduce a weekend cover by doctors' surgeries is heartening, as for too long we have had insufficient weekend cover in parts of Britain. People fall ill at weekends, have accidents at weekends and a country with an ageing population needs a seven-day-a-week service. Yes, you can phone National Health 24 but it can be a problematic service and patients prefer seeing a doctor they know. Some towns in England have Medical Social Centres you can just walk into which are run by qualified nurses and they are open at weekends.

Let's hope we get more doctors and more money into our health system and that Scotland follows England's example.

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News & Articles

Loch Leven Half Marathon, Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest and Feel Good Fair, Saturday 10 May



The 31st Loch Leven Half Marathon will welcome 600 runners to Kinross on 10 May. The race will be starting at the Myre football pitches at 1pm to the sound of Massed Pipes and Drums and will take the usual anti-clockwise route round the loch before finishing on the playing fields at the Loch Leven Community Campus. The Half Marathon's organisers, Kinross Road Runners, have been working together with the Kinross Pipe Band, the Community Campus and KLEO (Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation) to ensure there is a wide variety of entertainment and activities on offer so that the competitors' friends and families, as well as the wider local population, have a fun-packed afternoon while they await the arrival of the runners at the end of the race.



Please note that **the High Street will be closed between 1pm and 2pm** on the day from Smith Street junction to Station Road junction to allow the runners to start the race and for the subsequent pipe band street march.

Come along and enjoy! *For other KLEO events, see page 52.*



Programme of events for all the family at Loch Leven Campus, including:

0945 - 1615	Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest (with bands from all over Scotland!)
1300	Half Marathon start with Massed Pipe Bands send off at The Myre, followed by Pipe Bands Street March up the High Street
1300 - 1600	Local market stalls Swansacre Playgroup activities including a bouncy castle Beer tent
1300-1600	Family sports activities from Live Active Leisure
1330	Fun Run by Swansacre Playgroup. This popular event is open to all children under 12 years old.
1400 onwards	Half Marathon runners finish on the campus playing fields.
1400	Drum Majors' contest
1445	Highland Dancing display by Lawson's School of Dancing
1600	Final Massed Pipe Bands

Crumbling school fabric hits headlines

There has been quite a bit of press coverage over the last month about the poor physical state of Kinross Primary School. The Courier newspaper ran three articles in the space of a few days about the deteriorating fabric of the primary school building and a near-identical one in Perth, Tulloch Primary. Jonathan Bryson, Chair of Kinross Primary Parent Council, is pleased that the needs of the primary school are being highlighted, saying:



One of the dilapidated mobile units at Kinross Primary

"This is great, however the pressure needs to continue. We will have a stall at the Feel Good Fair at the community campus on 10 May where local residents can come and find out more about the condition of the school and sign the petition."

Clydesdale bank to close

The Kinross branch of the Clydesdale bank is to close, it was announced in late March. The parent company, National Australia Bank, is closing 28 branches of Clydesdale and Yorkshire banks throughout the UK, and will invest more in online and mobile services.

A campaign has been set up locally to call for the Kinross branch to be saved, with petitions set up in various shops. *(See letter by Gillian Galbraith, p. 2, for more details.)*

Campaigners could also write to: David Thorburn, Executive Director UK, Clydesdale Bank PLC, 30 St Vincent Place, Glasgow, G1 2EU.

'Strictly' fitness fun

'Strictly Come Dancing' dance stars Natalie Lowe and Ian Waite have teamed up with world champion swimmer Mark Foster, a former Strictly contestant and an expert in fitness and conditioning, to produce a unique dance and fitness programme – 'FitSteps'.

They have combined the best known and most popular Latin and Ballroom dances with proven fitness techniques to develop a programme that delivers fast fitness results, with a heap of fun thrown in!

FitSteps is at Portmoak Village Hall now on Wednesdays at 7pm until 8pm. Other classes will be added soon. For more information contact Pam Spowart, tel 07572 466297, or email pamspowart@hotmail.co.uk

Housing at old High School: Critical document removed from Council website

A PKC document strongly criticising the Persimmon Homes planning application to demolish the old Kinross High School and build 102 houses on the site has been removed from the Council's planning website.

The former High School is in the Conservation Area, and comments by Diane Barbary of PKC's Conservation team were sent to Steven Callan, the planning officer for this application, in a memorandum dated 7 February 2014. This was logged in chronological order along with all the other documents relating to the application, e.g. plans, drawings, residents' letters, other consultee comments etc.

The Conservation memo was highly critical of the planning proposal for the old High School site. Although the former High School buildings are unlisted, Ms Barbary described the Edwardian section fronting the High Street as making "a positive contribution to the Conservation Area". This building, constructed around 1907, is described in PKC's Kinross Conservation Area Appraisal as a "key building of interest."

Ms Barbary stated in her memo that: "Conservation area consent will be required for demolition of the building complex as a whole but, given the importance of the Edwardian High Street frontage of the building to the historic character and appearance of the conservation area, full consideration should be given to the retention of at least this section within any new development, along with the existing sandstone boundary wall and the cast iron railings and gatepiers to the High Street."

She also points out that: "Re-use of the building would be in line with the legislative requirements to preserve or enhance the conservation area".

Of the proposed new houses, she says: "The current proposals are for a standard suburban housing development, using materials and finishes (e.g. upvc windows and concrete roof tiles) which would not normally be considered acceptable for any scale of development in a conservation area and which, in a development of this density, would result in a radical alteration (and dilution) of the area's quality and character. The proposals are fundamentally at odds with the established identity of the northern section of the conservation area, characterised by large villas set back from the road."

Ms Barbary concludes: "The proposed development is of insufficient quality of design and materials to meet legislative requirements to enhance the conservation area, and fails to recognise the area's historic and urban design context. The standard, suburban building type and density of the site layout is in no respect a contextual design response, and can only detract from the quality and interest of the conservation area. On these grounds, I strongly object to the development proposals."

When asked on 24 April why the document had gone from the planning website, Mr Callan said that the Conservation comments had been "premature" and that "additional justification regarding demolition from the applicant is going on the website today".

Additional documents justifying demolition were placed on the PKC planning website on 25 March and 4, 8 and 24 April.

Persimmon say that the Edwardian building is too costly to adapt to another use. They commissioned chartered surveyors

to work out the cost of renovating the building to create seven flats and concluded that this would cost over £1.1 million and give them -30% return on sales. They quote the Historic Scotland document 'Managing Change in the Historic Environment – Demolition' that says: "Consent may also be granted for the demolition of a building that is capable of repair but where the costs of doing so mean that its repair would not be viable."

Persimmon also point to the fact that Historic Scotland has refused three separate suggestions that the Edwardian building should be listed and that the recently adopted Local Development Plan does not mention a requirement to retain the building.



The Edwardian frontage to the school: Not financially viable to renovate, say Persimmon Homes

MSP asks Scottish Government to call in Persimmon proposal

Concerned by the size of the Persimmon Homes proposal, and by the number of objections to it, Liz Smith, Scottish Conservative MSP for Mid Scotland & Fife, has asked the Scottish Government to call in the application. There have been around 100 objections to the planning proposals. Ms Smith said:

"The current proposed development has attracted widespread concern from many local residents, organisations, and groups in Kinross from the Community Council to the Kinross-shire Civic Trust. Local democracy is all about local communities having their voice heard and for these concerns to be listened to and acted upon.

"The proposed development represents a departure from the local development plan and goes against a number of local development plan policies.

"Concerns have been expressed regarding the insufficient number of parking spaces, the changes to the proposed layout of the development and the fact that the development will put the local primary school over capacity.

"If the application is given consent Perth & Kinross Council could benefit significantly from the sale of the site to the tune of £3.5 million.

"I have written to Derek Mackay MSP, Minister for Local Government and Planning calling on the Scottish Government to call in the application."

Article by Eileen Thomas

The planning application references are:
13/02314/CON for permission to demolish and
13/02328/FLM for the erection of 102 houses etc

Councillor Giacomazzi Kinross Primary School

As many of you will know, Jonathan Bryson who is conducting a campaign to have the primary school replaced, 'went public' at the weekend in an attempt to 'put pressure on the local Councillors and Perth & Kinross Council'. I am paraphrasing somewhat, but that is the gist of what he said. I would state publicly that, as all four Ward 8 Councillors are on side with Mr Bryson and his team in wishing to secure a replacement school for Kinross, he is pushing on an open door.

The debate so far has been characterised as a competition between Tulloch Primary in Perth and Kinross Primary, as the potential funding would only have been sufficient to replace one school. Now a third school has emerged as a competitor for replacement: Balhousie Primary in Perth. The physical condition of Scottish schools is categorised from 'A' through to 'D', with the likes of the Loch Leven Campus being an 'A'. Tulloch and Kinross are both 'B' category, with Balhousie a 'C'. School buildings in the 'B' category are buildings which have problems and require high maintenance but are still considered as fit for use. Both Kinross and Tulloch are 'CLASP' schools built in the 1950s and 1960s using prefabrication techniques to meet the increasing post war population; they suffer from internal condensation and are prone to roof leaks. As such, CLASP schools are candidates for replacement. The problem, in case you had not already guessed it, is money! A new primary typically costs between £8 and £11 million to replace.

The debate surrounding Kinross Primary arose following an approach by the Scottish Futures Trust inviting a bid from the Council for funding to replace one secondary and one primary school. While the bid to build a new secondary school was successful, the bid for a new primary failed. As the Council's Capital Budget is set for the next seven years, there is no money in the system for the replacement of any CLASP school in Perth and Kinross.

Where does this leave Kinross Primary? Well, Mr Bryson and his team have done a good job of highlighting the condition of Kinross Primary School and offering it as a competitor to Tulloch Primary for funds when they become available. Without the efforts of Kinross parents, I suspect

that only Tulloch would have been in the running for replacement. Of course, the decision as to which school is replaced will depend on independent advice as to which school is in greatest need of replacement, not on which concerned group lobbies hardest. I wrote 'greatest' because of the late emergence of Balhousie Primary as a possible contender.

The latest developments will give no comfort to those of us wishing to see Kinross Primary replaced. It seems that the ball is now in the court of the Scottish Futures Trust and when it will invite new bids for school building.

Tillyrie, by Milnathort, planning refusal

At Wednesday's meeting of the Development Management meeting [16 April], I raised concerns which I had in relation to an application for the formation of a private water supply for the 35 houses which have consent at the site of the old Ochil Hills Hospital. The recommendation by our planning officials was for approval, following SEPA's advice.

To Tillyrie and Athronhall residents, this saga has been a long-term source of anxiety. At issue is the fragile hydrology of the area with both communities depending on spring water. The legitimate fear was that the sinking of a new borehole to supply 35 houses would prejudice the existing water supplies in times of scarcity.

The applicants relied on a report monitoring water levels at Tillyrie spring from March to September last year. On three days, 3 to 6 September, the Athronhall borehole pump was switched on, drawing water at a rate consistent with the needs of 35 houses. The level within the borehole dropped by 4.2 metres in three days! The level at the Tillyrie reservoir also showed a decline. I brought these points to the attention of the Committee, which refused the application by ten votes to three.

While this result has removed a veritable sword of Damocles from the heads of the residents, the applicants may yet appeal the decision to the Scottish government. The legal officer advising the Committee offered the opinion that the decision was robust and could be defended. The development at the hospital site may still proceed on the basis of the existing permission which requires the developers to lay a water main to the site. I would point out that the existing newly built houses at Tillyrie do have mains water.



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Councillor Cuthbert

Parking in Kinross

I don't know if you agree, but in my view long-term parking in Kinross is becoming more and more difficult.

The Co-op have introduced parking cameras which will automatically issue tickets to cars parked over two hours.

The County Buildings have been sold by the Council and the parking which used to be available here has now gone.

These changes have, in my view, caused pressure on the other long-term car parks and have resulted in a large number of cars being parked in the grounds of the former High School.

Should planning permission be granted for the application to build 102 houses at the former Kinross High School site, this will result, not only in the loss of the car park at the front of the school and parking on the blaze at the back, but will also remove parking spaces on Green Road and the High Street due to the need to create junctions and turning circles for the entrances to the estate.

It will also require the parish church to redesign their disabled parking on the adjacent lane with the loss of at least two of the five disabled parking spaces in order to create a turning space at the top.



Chaos in Kinross: a recent funeral required the Police to attend and create a one-way system due to the number of parked cars

The former High School site proposal is designed with two car parking spaces on drives outside most of the houses on the development. In addition to this there would be a total of 12 visitor spaces on the estate. However plots 28, 71 and 85 only have space for one car on their drives, so I suspect a number of the visitor spaces will be taken up with residents' cars, potentially leaving nine visitor spaces for 102 houses. There is little, or no on street parking available, so my conclusion is that parking on the estate is insufficient and will be so difficult that visitors will need to park on the High Street or Green Road.

With all this in mind, I requested a copy of the parking survey which was carried out by the Council in Kinross in April 2013.

When I got this I was struck by the fact that many of the car parks were shown as being utilised at well below their available capacity, so, for example School Wynd was shown as having a maximum of 18 cars in it when capacity is shown as being 21 cars.

Naturally I went out to look at the various car parks around the town centre and was forced to the conclusion that the survey needed redoing as the base number of parking spaces must have been from historical data.

I raised this with my fellow ward councillors and a letter was drafted, signed by us all and sent to the Head of Planning and Regeneration asking that the former Kinross High School site application be put on hold until the parking issue could be resolved.

I am currently arranging a walk around Kinross with the four local Councillors and officers from the Council to agree the availability of long term parking spaces in Kinross, so that a new review of long term parking can be carried out.

I don't know if the former Kinross High School planning application will be put on hold, but sincerely hope that it is.

In addition to all the lost car parking and the potential impact of the former High School application, I am aware that the town centre regeneration and the development of the former Town Hall will probably require some car parking spaces to be lost.

So I have come to the conclusion that Kinross will face problems with long-term parking going forward, should the application for the former High School be approved in its current form.

On the flip side to this, the former Social Works building in Mill Street is due to go before the Property Sub-committee at its next meeting and hopefully it will be agreed that the building should be demolished with a view to creating more long term parking in the town centre.

However this will not resolve the problems faced by the Parish Church, with the loss of parking on the blaze and at the front of the former High School.

At a recent funeral, parking was such an issue that a one-way system on Station Road had to be established by the police.

I sincerely hope this is not a taste of what is to come.

Perth & Kinross Spring News

by Perth & Kinross Council

In this issue you'll find a copy of the latest edition of Perth & Kinross News, the residents' magazine from Perth & Kinross Council.

Perth and Kinross News is published three times a year to share stories about the people, events and activities which make this such a great place to live, work and visit.

The magazine is also published in a new digital format which gives access to exclusive new content such as embedded videos to bring the stories to life.

To make sure you receive the next issue of Perth and Kinross News first sign up to receive future issues by email at www.pkc.gov.uk/PKNews

In the mean time, please take a look at the Spring issue where you can read about:

- Work to make Perth and Kinross the food and drink capital of Scotland
- How you can get involved in Ryder Cup legacy activities in Perth and Kinross
- Easter activities
- Exciting opportunities to help more men into a career in childcare

Note from Editor: PKC was unable to supply sufficient copies of Perth & Kinross News to go with each copy of the May Newsletter. However, a digital copy of the Perth & Kinross News can be viewed at the webpage mentioned in the article above.

Councillor Robertson Heritage Trail

The trail is now open and complete but, as you will read in Neil Kilpatrick's report, the grand opening won't be until Friday 30 May.

I am amazed that TRACKS have managed to build this wonderful multi use path all the way around our beautiful Loch Leven. It seemed an impossible dream when we started all these years ago. Our small committee made up of local people has raised over £3 million to build the trail, the many bridges, the hides, and plant the many trees and reed beds. The viewing point that we have built on the southwest corner of the trail is outstanding and well worth a visit on its own.

The TRACKS committee has been supported by all of Kinross-shire's community councils and many local people and organisations over the years. All have contributed in their way to help us overcome the many challenges we faced. Our aim has always been to create a facility that Kinross-shire people would be proud of, that would bring prosperity and jobs to our small county and that would be enjoyed for generations to come. I hope that when you walk, cycle or run on the completed trail you will be pleased with the finished result.

Pot holes

If you damage your car on a pothole you can make a claim against the Council for the cost of the repair. It is important that you take a picture of the offending pot hole, showing if possible how deep it is and that you also photograph the damage your vehicle has sustained. You must then contact the council and ask them to supply you with a claim form.

High Hedges

The High Hedges (Scotland) Act 2013 became law on the 1st April. This allows councils to take action when hedges on neighbouring properties are deemed to block the light from adjoining properties. If the problem can't be resolved between the neighbours, the Council will, for a one-off fee of £270.00. The Council will then take the matter over and if the owner of the hedge refuses to cut it back to a height of two metres they will be issued with a High Hedge Notice. This is a statutory notice instructing them to cut the hedge down to the required height. If this notice is not complied with, the Council will have the hedge cut back and the hedge owner will be charged the cost of this.

"I welcome this new legislation," Willie says. "High hedges can ruin the quality of life of people affected by them. I hope this new act helps to stop this happening in the future."

The High Hedges (Scotland) Act 2013 says this about the meaning of "high hedge":

"(1) This Act applies in relation to a hedge (referred to in this Act as a "high hedge" which –

- a) is formed wholly or mainly by a row of 2 or more trees or shrubs,
- b) rises to a height of more than 2 metres above ground level, and
- c) forms a barrier to light.

(2) For the purposes of subsection 1c, a hedge is not to be regarded as forming a barrier to light if it has gaps which significantly reduce its overall effect as a barrier at heights of more than 2 metres."

More information available from www.legislation.gov.uk

Residents happy with retirement flat proposals

No objections were made to PKC regarding the planning application by McCarthy & Stone to build 33 retirement apartments on land to the north of the Green Hotel in Kinross. The period for comments finished in late March.

The McCarthy & Stone proposals appear to have been much better received than a previous planning consent for 41 retirement flats granted to Talisker Properties Ltd in 2011 (on appeal) but not taken forward.

The McCarthy & Stone proposal sees the height of the building reduced compared to the Talisker Properties proposal, and is a much less dense development. McCarthy & Stone held a public exhibition of the proposals in January, and the firm also explained their plans at a Kinross CC meeting.

A spokesman for McCarthy & Stone said:

"Responses to our consultation exercise held earlier this year show that 82% of respondents supported the proposal and 89% thought it was a good use for the site.

"Since the consultation exercise, windows closest to neighbouring properties have been made smaller to alleviate any potential concerns regarding overlooking, and the central atrium has been removed, to add a communal WC next to the sun room.

"During the exhibition, several attendees mentioned the flat appearance of the roof, looking for a more traditional design. McCarthy & Stone confirmed that the low pitched roof allows for the building height to be reduced, whilst still being able to deal with heavy rainfall. Many attendees complimented the contemporary approach."

It is expected that the planning application will be considered by PKC over the summer.

Campus block booking invitation

Live Active Leisure is inviting community groups, sports clubs and individuals who are interested in placing block bookings at the Loch Leven Community Campus to submit their application of interest for blocks in 2014 and 2015.

The community campus offers a wide range of high quality facilities including indoor sports halls for badminton, basketball, volleyball, table tennis and cricket, outdoor pitches, a dance studio and climbing wall. These spaces provide the perfect setting for a number of activities and the campus is a venue thriving with activity.

The application deadlines for the four blocks that will take place between July 2014 and June 2015 should be received by **2 June 2014**.

Andrew Brown, Operations Manager from Live Active Loch Leven said:

"The Loch Leven Community Campus welcomes a high number of community groups, sports clubs and individuals each year. Our aim in 2014 is to continue to provide a high quality of service and allow a diverse range of groups to enjoy the many benefits of using the Campus facilities."

Contact the Loch Leven Community Campus on 01577 867200 or email lochlevenreception@pkc.gov.uk for further details.

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

Loch Leven Heritage Trail

by Neil Kilpatrick, Project Director

At last the full circuit of Loch Leven is now fully open to the public and we in TRACKS can only hope that after ten years of patient development, the whole Kinross-shire community will get lasting pleasure from it. We have deliberately opened the last section of the Trail quietly to allow early access, but the **formal Opening Ceremony** will now take place on **Friday 30 May** at 11.00am. The ceremony will be performed by Dame Seona Reid who is Chair of the Heritage Lottery Fund in Scotland and Deputy Chair of the Heritage Lottery Fund in the UK. In view of the continuous support that we have had from HLF, our major sponsor, over the whole period of the project, it is highly appropriate that Dame Seona should perform this task. Everybody is invited to attend this event, which will be held at the spectacular new Viewpoint on the trail at East Brackley. Access will be either from the new Vane Farm entrance to the trail or by walking out from Kinross. It will not be possible to get access by parking on the B9097 at East Brackley.



A mini ceremony to mark the opening of the final part of the trail took place on 18 April. An official ceremony will take place on Friday 30 May. Photo shows l to r: Cllr Willie Roberts on (TRACKS Chair man), three representatives from Allison Enterprises, George Lawrie (project officer) and Neil Kilpatrick (project director)

Although the trail itself is complete and usable by cycle or on foot, a number of heritage art works remain to be finished and installed. These include two sculpted engraved stone benches outside the East Brackley Viewpoint accompanied by a stone sphere one metre in diameter which will have engraved on it a selection of the migratory birds that visit Loch Leven. The artist for both works, David Wilson from Perth, hopes to be able to carry out the sphere carving work on site so that visitors can see this being done in outdoor studio conditions. Also commissioned, but not yet completed, is a Railway Heritage feature which will be installed at the Kinross Mill end of the Trail. This artwork will sit on the site of the old Kinross railway sidings and the design has been taken from an old photograph in the Kinross Museum of a railway engine standing on the exact spot. It is hoped that both of these commissions will add real value to the trail experience.



LOCH LEVEN
HERITAGE TRAIL

The final touch to the Trail will be a new downloaded App suitable for use on either smartphone or tablet. This will come in both Apple and Android format and has been designed both as a guide to the user on the trail and as a way of exploring the potential experience before setting out. It will contain concise information on over 30 heritage sites around the loch, it will have modern and ancient maps of the territory and there will be games and competitions for children. All parking, eating and information points around the loch will be covered. A number of pupils from Kinross High School are to assist our developer, DOGFISH, in testing the Apps before they are released.



Kinross residents Alex and Susie Montgomery were the first cyclists on the newest trail section after its informal opening on a beautiful, sunny Good Friday, shown here in conversation with TRACKS Chair Willie Roberts on

Thanks are due to the hard work put in by our contractors over the past wet months, particularly Allison Enterprises, who have done all the trail construction and fencing work, and Realm Construction, who installed the bridge over the Gairney water. Our architects responsible for the Viewpoint, ICOSIS, had their joiners working steadily in the wind and rain at the exposed East Brackley site but managed to complete on schedule. ICOSIS is the firm that also designed the award winning bird hide at Kinross Mill.

The ultimate success of the Loch Leven Heritage Trail will depend on the number of people who use it and their attitude to this opportunity to explore the beauty and history of this unique landscape around us. We hope that as many of you as possible will enjoy the experience.



The completed viewpoint

Future of curling secure in Kinross

The curling rink in Kinross has been saved, thanks to the enthusiasm of local curlers and a recent generous grant from sportscotland.

Local curlers have been in a race against time to raise enough funds to upgrade the ice rink before EU regulations come into force banning the type of gas used in the refrigeration plant. Without a new plant, the ageing ice rink would be forced to close in December 2014.

Blair Melville, Chairman of Kinross Curling Trust (KCT), the charitable body that manages the ice rink, said:

"We are absolutely delighted to receive final approval from sportscotland for a grant of £400,000. This, together with a grant of £125,000 from Perth & Kinross Council, grants from other organisations, and funds raised by curlers and curling clubs, means that the sport of curling is secure in Kinross for the foreseeable future. It was absolutely crucial that this project proceeded this year to capitalise on the upsurge in interest from the Olympics, and now future generations of curlers will have a quality facility in Kinross."

Mr Melville paid particular tribute to local curlers and clubs, who showed how much curling means to their community by raising over £350,000 in personal donations, loans and fund-raising events, saying:

"Money is always tight for community sports projects, but this shows just what communities can do to help themselves if the public bodies stand alongside them."

Stewart Harris, Chief Executive of sportscotland, said:

"Following the three medals from our Olympic and Paralympic curling teams at the recent Games in Sochi, there is significant interest in curling and it is absolutely right that we capitalise on that interest to grow the game in Scotland."

"The Kinross Curling Trust put together a strong business case for investment from sportscotland, with community engagement right at the heart of that bid so we were delighted to make this award of £400,000. On behalf of sportscotland I wish the Trust, and the local community every success with the project and look forward to seeing the refurbished facility welcoming its first curlers onto the ice later this year."

Renovations to the ice rink have already begun and will continue over the summer months. Improvements include a new insulated cladding system, new plant and ice-pad, new electricity sub-station, improved dehumidification, heating and lighting and installation of a low emission ceiling. The refurbishment is expected to be completed in time for the start of the next playing season in September this year.

Kinross Curling Trust has been working since 2009 towards a new or improved curling facility in Kinross. Last year the Trust decided that the way forward was to upgrade the town's existing ice rink, built in 1977 as a leisure facility of the Green Hotel, and embarked upon a long lease of the four-sheet ice rink, now known as Kinross Curling.

Other grants made to KCT to assist with the project are: £20,000 from the Scott Davidson Trust, £3,000 from Kinross CC, £2,500 from the Kinross-shire Partnership and £2,000 from Kinross-shire Round Table.

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News from the Health Centre



Additions to our website

We have added a couple of new services to our website which we hope will be of use to patients and visitors to Kinross. The first has come out of a project we were involved in last year. Part of the project was to provide patients with an easy way of accessing information about how to live well, with a particular focus on information for patients who live with a long term health condition. We invited local groups to a meeting in the Health Centre and we spent an afternoon gathering information on resources available in our community. We have a very active community and there are lots of groups and organisations who provide a whole range of services which could help people to improve their quality of life and manage their condition. The information might relate to a local charity, a support group, a club or society, or on-line resources. Much of this information is already available from various places, for example this Newsletter, the library, website searches and so on. We have tried to gather that together so that it is available in one location. This is done by adding all the information into a search engine and this can be accessed via our website. The link is on the Useful Contacts page under the Support Organisations heading - ALISS Community Search. Clicking on that link takes you to the ALISS website and you can then search for relevant resources. For example, you might be looking for information on support services for carers, or for those with dementia, or you might want to get a bit more active and are looking for a social activity which involves some exercise. Many resources are listed on the website. Some are local and some are farther afield. The Health Centre, however, is not endorsing or recommending the resources listed and it is up to users to evaluate them. We are just providing a means of finding the information. We would welcome information on resources not already listed and will add them to the search engine so that others can find out about them.

The second addition to our website is a link to Traveline Scotland. This can be used to find out about public transport to and from the Health Centre on a particular date and time.

We are keen to hear feedback about our website and if you have a suggestion for other content, please use the Comments and Suggestions form on the Contact Us page. Thank you.

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Marimba concert in Kinross

Kinross Parish Church, Sunday 11 May

Gillian Maitland is an acknowledged expert in marimba and vibraphone playing. She studied at St Mary's Music School, and went to several specialist percussion courses in the USA. While attending one of these she was involved in a car accident and suffered damage to her leg. Since then she has been back in the UK, living in Fife, and has given masterclasses up and down the country and has performed in several premieres. She is also developing as a motivational speaker! She comes to Kinross on 11 May to give a recital as part of this year's Second Sunday Series at 3pm as usual.

The marimba (a kind of enhanced xylophone) comes from Mexico and Guatemala and is well known as a folk instrument. As a homemade instrument it was also popular amongst slaves in the USA. Nowadays, players play with anything up to eight mallets in their hands! Gillian

specialises in six, and this enables her to play fast leaps and rich chordal textures. The Rolling Stones made use of the marimba in some of their tracks, and composers from Milhaud onwards have written music for it. This will be a good chance to get up close to an amazing and exotic instrument and meet Gillian.

Tickets are £10 from Milnathort Post Office, Kinross Parish Church Office (10am-12pm), or reserve by email from alexcant44@aol.com. Children's tickets are £2.



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Control barriers at recycling centre

New traffic control barriers are in operation at the Recycling Centre at Bridgend Industrial Estate, Kinross.

The barriers have been introduced to help staff on-site direct members of the public to the appropriate skip and will assist with controlling traffic during busy periods. The barriers will also enable staff to control and prevent unauthorised use of recycling centres by commercial traders.

Similar barriers have been installed at other recycling centres in the local authority area.

Childminder training courses

PKC's Childcare Strategy Team is continuing to offer free childminder pre-registration training courses for anyone interested in following this career path.

A two-day course will also be held on Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 May, from 9.30am to 4.30pm each day with a free crèche provided. Dates for courses in the autumn will be announced in due course. All these courses are being held at Perth Grammar School Community Wing. For further information about the courses, or to find out more about childminding, please call the Childcare Strategy Team on 0845 601 4477 or email childcare@pkc.gov.uk

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Landscape Designation - The Kinross-shire Experience

by **Mike Barnacle**, member of the Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland Council and an Independent Councillor for Kinross-shire

In 2000 the Draft Local Plan produced by Perth & Kinross Council (PKC) omitted any reference to Areas of Great Landscape Value (AGLVs) and was much criticised in that respect. As a result of representations, the original area of the AGLV (covering the hills to the east and south of Loch Leven to the Fife boundary) was extended to cover the Cleish and Ochil Hills up to the Fife and Perthshire boundaries in the Final Draft Local Plan 2001. At the Public Inquiry in 2003, representations that the whole of Kinross-shire should be an AGLV were rejected by the Reporter because areas within the shire had varying quality in landscape terms. However, the River Devon and its gorge were regarded by him as of outstanding quality and merited inclusion in the designation; this contrasted with PKC's position that they did "not know what to do with the Devon Gorge area".

The Local Plan 2004 included these extensions of the AGLV to the shire's hill and river borders after a hard-fought campaign by Community Councils, pressure groups and local elected members. The designation offered some degree of protection against inappropriate development; in particular it assisted opposition to wind farm development in the Ochil Hills, most notably at Mellock and Tillyrie Hills (the latter the subject of a current appeal to the Scottish Government).

During consultation on the Main Issues Report for PKC's Local Development Plan (LDP) between 2009 and 2011, calls for the retention and extension of the AGLVs were made by the community and elected members, who were dismayed that the designation was due to be lost from the Proposed Plan due to a change in Scottish Planning Policy. In a speech to our Full Council in September 2010, I expressed concern at this loss and the essential need to replace AGLVs with robust Local Landscape Areas (LLAs). I then followed this in February 2011 requesting involvement in further discussions on including LLAs for safeguarding against inappropriate development. PKC's Proposed LDP 2012 contained Policy ER6 to protect landscape, but only referred to National Scenic Areas (NSAs), with the Tayside

Landscape Character Assessment to be used for assessing development proposals until supplementary guidance on LLAs is produced.

During 2012, the community and elected members lobbied PKC reinforcing the view that Kinross-shire's AGLVs should become LLAs, remaining in place until supplementary guidance is produced and expressing concern at the delay in the process. At

to pursue a NSA for the shire following advice from Scottish Natural Heritage, but continuing scepticism remained over the Reporter's view that current policy is a satisfactory defence against inappropriate development. I subsequently made a formal request for local elected members to be involved at the outset in shaping the supplementary guidance needed. At PKC Committee in April 2014 the Action Programme for



Loch Leven from Bishop's Hill, looking towards Cleish hills

Photo: Pauline Watson, kinross.cc photolibrary

Full Council in January 2013 a Report on Representations to the Proposed LDP covering landscape change suggested PKC make no modification to the Plan, and left to the Reporter the option to retain existing AGLVs in the short period before supplementary guidance is available (2013/14), this having been delayed because of insufficient resources. An amendment by local members in Kinross-shire to retain the AGLVs meantime was withdrawn upon assurances from PKC officers that landscape guidance would be prioritised.

At Full Council in December 2013 a Report on Plan Modifications and recommendation to adopt the LDP by accepting the Reporter's Examination changes was approved reluctantly, but it was noted that the Reporter thought "it was unfortunate the supplementary guidance on landscape protection was not available"; he also "considered that Policy ER6 provides a better framework for managing the landscape in the former AGLV areas".

At a meeting in November 2013 of local Councillors and Kinross-shire Community Councils it was decided not

our LDP (adopted by Scottish Ministers in February 2014) contained the need to prepare, consult and adopt Supplementary Guidance during 2014 on landscape protection and wind farm strategy amongst 15 items of policy guidance still outstanding for 2014 and later consultation within our new LDP. A Review of Local Landscape Designations at PKC is now to be undertaken and I have sought participation.

In summary, it has taken PKC five years to address this matter and I suggest currently there is a widening gap and policy vacuum from the loss of AGLVs and what is to replace them. I would be interested to hear what other members of APRS know regarding their local authority's current policy on landscape protection; I do know for example that Fife Council has LLAs in place and has used them to recommend refusal of a wind farm on the border with Kinross-shire at Outh Muir.

This article first appeared in the Spring 2014 issue of Rural Scotland, published by the Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland.

Bower sponsors Kinross Colts

Bower Hair Salon is to sponsor the local under-12 football team, Kinross Colts. The Bower name will appear on the front of the Kinross Colts strip for their games in the Fife under 12's league where games are played home and away on Sunday mornings, March through to October.

Bower Hair has been a fixture of Kinross High Street for 35 years, and has been owned by Andy and Lorraine Ferguson since August 2012.

Commenting on the sponsorship, Lorraine said: "There is a huge amount of effort and enthusiasm that goes into the running of the Kinross Colts constantly encouraging and producing some great young talent – we are delighted to give them something to help with that".



Some of the Kinross Colts modelling the new football strips, sponsored by Bower Hair

J & G Wilson strengthen their team

Local solicitors and estate agents J & G Wilson have strengthened their legal team in order to help to address the growing demand for their services. Lisa Kowbel recently joined the firm as a solicitor and will play a prominent role in the firm's residential and commercial property section. In addition, Lisa will also be advising clients on Family Law matters as well as aspects of adult incapacity including the preparation of Powers of Attorney and other remedies and procedures.

Senior Partner Eric Williamson, said: "We are delighted that Lisa has joined the firm to further strengthen our dedicated and experienced legal team. We're very much looking forward to working with her and certain that clients will find her friendly, approachable and helpful."

A further recent change at the firm has seen the retirement of Maureen Allison after many years of loyal service. To mark the occasion, Maureen enjoyed a celebratory luncheon with partners and staff at The Muirs Inn. Partner, Graham Cox, said: "Maureen has been an invaluable help to us and a real asset to the firm. She leaves us with our grateful thanks and best wishes for a long, happy and active retirement."

Discover 'The Golden Age of Photojournalism' at art gallery

A fascinating new photographic exhibition at Perth Museum & Art Gallery tells the story of three Perth photographic businesses at a time when the demand for newspaper photography grew hugely.

'The Golden Age of Photojournalism' focuses on the businesses in the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s and provides a chance to see a wide variety of pictures taken for the press in Perth and Perthshire. Many of the images have not been seen since they were first used up to 70 years ago.

Most of the images in the exhibition were printed from negatives donated by well-known Perth resident and retired professional photographer Louis Flood. Louis began his long and distinguished career in photography with an apprenticeship at Star Photos in 1947. After completing National Service, he joined the staff at Alex C Cowper before establishing his own business, Louis Flood Photographers in 1977. Today the company continues under the management of his son, Louis T Flood.

The majority of the pictures in the exhibition were taken on old fashioned press cameras using glass plate negatives, and the quality of the images is sure to impress, including action pictures which required split-second timing to achieve.

In addition to the photographic prints, visitors can see a recent interview with Louis Flood, conducted by retired journalist and broadcaster Ninian Reid, in which he gives a unique insight into the world of the press photographer in the Fair City during that period.

Louis Flood Photographers have also loaned interesting items including an early press camera and a wire photo transmitter used for sending pictures to the press via a telephone line.

'The Golden Age of Photojournalism' runs until Sunday 25 May 2014 during normal Museum opening hours. Admission to Perth Museum & Art Gallery is free.

Home Composting workshop

Householders who have taken part over the past year in the Kinross-shire Home Composting Project are being invited to attend a home composting workshop in May.

The workshop, led by a local Zero Waste Volunteer, will be held at the Potager Garden, Bowton Road, Kinross on **Saturday 31 May** between 2pm and 3.30pm.

The project began in 2013 for householders who live within a 5km radius of Milnathort and was expanded earlier this year to include all householders in Kinross-shire who do not receive the brown-lidded bin kerbside collection service for food and garden waste.

May's workshop will be an opportunity to assess how residents in the first phase have been getting on with their composters and kitchen caddies, particularly with composting food and garden waste over the winter months.

Households in the second phase have recently received their home composting equipment so the workshop will also be a chance to answer any initial queries they have about the project.

To find out more about composting at home, please call the Council's Customer Service Centre on 01738 476476, email recycle@pkc.gov.uk or visit: www.pkc.gov.uk/composting

Deadline for all Submissions
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Come and join the fun! Bring your teddies for a 'toy' sleepover. Enjoy some bedtime stories, and take part in some fun activities on **Friday 23 May**.

Will your toys get up to mischief when everyone is away? Find out at our usual Saturday Bookbug Rhymetime session. (Dolls, teddies and soft toys stay in the library on Friday night and are returned at the Bookbug Rhymetime session on Saturday.)

Teddy sleepover, stories

and activities **Fri 23 May 4.30-5.30pm**

Bookbug Rhymetime Sat 24 May 10.30-11am

Suitable for 0-8yrs; children under 8yrs must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

For further information, and to book a FREE ticket please contact the library.

NOTE: The library opening hours changed with effect from 5 April 2014. The library no longer opens on a Monday and closing time on a Saturday has changed from 3pm to the earlier time of 1pm. The Monday morning story telling session has changed to a Tuesday morning.

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Hunters running out of wall space!

Hunters of Kinross gained an impressive six awards at the Scottish Craft Butchers Awards 2014, a haul which must have left some bigger, longer-established butcher's chains envious. Kinross's local butchers achieved Silver awards for their Lamb Kofta Kebabs, 6 oz Rump Steak Burger, Japanese Black Pepper Kebabs, Beef Italia Burger with Vine tomatoes and Mozzarella Cheese and Indian Inspired Chania Chicken Burger. They won a Gold award for their Venison Burger with Redcurrant and Rosemary. The shop still holds the award as 'Diamond Best' in Scotland for its venison stir-fry.

These latest awards mean that Hunters have achieved 24 awards in 36 months, with Pamela Hunter joking, "We're running out of wall space!" She added: "We can't beat supermarkets on price but we can beat them on quality, service, freshness, locality of produce and knowledge and skill. Our butchers are trained to Master Butcher level and we currently have 125 years of butchery experience and skills in the shop!"



*Hunters staff with their latest awards
back, l to r: Conner Stuart, Dean Miller, David Winton
front: Iain and Pamela Hunter*

Iceman's art exhibition

Andy R Macpherson, known to many locally as one of the icemen at Kinross Curling, currently has an exhibition of local landscape paintings at Heaven Scent café in Milnathort. The paintings are available to buy.

Andy is a graduate of Edinburgh College of Art.

2014 Soutar writing prize

Short story writers have until the end of June to enter this annual competition.

The first prize in the competition held in memory of Perth poet William Soutar is a week-long writing course, worth around £700.

Entry is free but limited to two short stories, which must each be less than 2000 words. Entries are welcomed from writers all across the globe and the **deadline is Monday 30 June 2014.**

Further details can be found on the PKC website.

Kinross CC Newsletter Limited charitable grants

For 26 years, The Newsletter has been pleased to be able to generate enough profit to enable donations to good causes. So far over £79,000 has been given away. Who gets the money is decided by Kinross CC, and in September 2009, the CC set up Kinross Community Council Newsletter Limited (KCCNL), a charitable company limited by guarantee, to oversee the distribution. The purposes for which grants may be considered are defined as:

1. The advancement of citizenship and community development within the County of Kinross.
2. The prevention and relief of poverty within the County of Kinross.
3. The advancement of education within the County of Kinross.

Under this arrangement Kinross CC has considered and agreed grants in sums from £100 to £3,000 to groups as varied as Kinross High School Sixth Form Newsletter to Milnathort and Kinross Allotment Association to Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation. A full list of successful applications will be available on the www.kinross.cc website.

Kinross CC welcomes applications from local organisations or individuals for all types of funding but grants are not intended for use where central or local government funding could otherwise be used, nor is it intended to support general running costs of an organisation. Applications are considered by Kinross CC at its regular meetings. Application forms are available from the community website www.kinross.cc or from the Kinross CC secretary.

Independence Referendum

There has not been much opportunity, if any, locally, to debate Scottish Independence since the question and answer session organised by Yes Scotland in November.

However, there are further opportunities in May and June. There is a 'Better Together' presentation at the Windlestrae Hotel on **Tuesday 27 May**, and the Courier Referendum Roadshow comes to Kinross and Milnathort on **Tuesday 24 June**. See Notices, pages 99 and 100 for more information.

Café and delicatessen plan for County Buildings

A planning application has been lodged for permission to create a café and delicatessen at the County Buildings, as well as converting most of the premises to office accommodation for small businesses.

The buildings were recently sold by Perth & Kinross Council to Liberty Business Centres.

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

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



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

Pt Officer William Wood

William Wood was the son of James Wood and came from Avenue Road, Kinross.

He served on HMS Hermes. The Hermes had been built in Govan and served before the war as the flagship of the East Indies station, then at the Cape Station in South Africa, but when war broke out she was re-commissioned as a seaplane carrier. The process compared with modern times was basic. The ship was converted to allow a stowage platform to be fitted at the rear and a launching platform for planes at the front. The planes took off using wheeled trolleys and were picked up at the end of their flights by cranes.

In the early days of World War I, the Hermes was used to ferry aircraft to France. On 30 October 1914 she arrived at Dunkirk with seaplanes and then set out the following morning on her return journey to England but she was recalled because a German submarine had been reported in the area. Before the order could be obeyed, the Hermes was doomed. Just after breakfast on 31 October 1914 she was hit by a torpedo which, as one of the crew said, made a lame duck of the ship. They could see the second torpedo coming but were powerless to manoeuvre to avoid it. Although destroyers came to the rescue, the crew had to take to the water and that included Pt Officer William Wood. He survived the sinking, was eventually rescued and made it home, but six months later, on 17 May 1915, he died at Ochil Hills Hospital.

His family were no strangers to tragedy. His twin brothers had drowned in Loch Leven in 1902.

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

Feedback on WWI feature

Morag Chalmers, who used to live in Kinross but now lives in the Stirling area, has been in touch to thank the Newsletter for publishing the WWI profiles. On a recent visit to Kinross she saw a copy of the April Newsletter and was very interested to read about **Harry Dall Chalmers** and **John Dall Chalmers** as she is related to them and they feature on the family tree she has drawn up of her ancestry.

Violet Fowlis has been in contact to say that **John William Wiseman** was her mother's brother and she is one of six nieces and five nephews of John William Wiseman living today.

Ryder Cup Transport Plan

Ryder Cup, 23 – 28 September 2014

PC Euan Mitchell, community liaison officer for the Ryder Cup, attended some local CC meetings in April. He was there to tell communities about the draft Transport Plan for the Ryder Cup. It may be viewed at: www.pkc.gov.uk/rydercup

Three Park and Ride facilities will be set up as follows:

East: Balado Airfield, near Kinross

North: McDiarmid Park, Perth

West: Castlevie, Stirling

Balado would be the largest site, holding up to an estimated 7,500 cars daily. First tee-off would be at 0730 hours. The park would be opening at 0400 hours daily with buses running from 0500 hours to transport staff, and from 0545 hours to transport spectators. At its peak there would be 90 buses, which would be departing from Balado at a rate of six every five minutes. The expectation was that 80% of spectators would be on the golf course by 0730 hours. The buses would be routed to the event from the A91 to Yetts o' Muckhart and then along the A923 through Glendevon. A bus service would be maintained throughout the day, but reducing in frequency as the day progressed. Buses would return to Balado via the A9 to Broxden, the M90 to Milnathort and finally the A91. It was expected that the first spectators would return to Balado at about 1830 hours, with the last buses departing the Gleneagles site at 2100 hours and reaching Balado by 2230 hours.

Access routes to Balado would be similar to those used for T in the Park. From the south, vehicles would leave the M9 at Junction 5 and travel through Cleish, then along the Coldrain Road to the A977, and then via the 'Golf Ball' site to Balado. From the west, vehicles would approach along the A977 through Crook of Devon and Drum, before turning left onto the Tillyochie Road, then over the Burn Bridge to C Gate at Balado.

There will be a range of temporary one-way systems and speed limits in force during the event in order to manage the flow of traffic. The authorities will liaise with local householders and businesses along the routes affected in order to reduce disruption.

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- It is now easier to contact the Police with the non-emergency number 101.
- A Managed Appointment System is available where the police come to you.
- There is no reduction in service to the public; help is still available by contacting us in other ways.

Nominated Neighbour Scheme

Police Scotland, in conjunction with Trading Standards, have relaunched the scheme in a bid to protect residents from rogue traders and doorstep crime.

The scheme works by residents showing a poster asking the caller to attend at their nominated neighbour for them to verify their identity.

The nominated neighbour thereafter carries out the necessary checks and returns to the initial resident's home with the caller, if they are attending for a genuine reason.

Many utility companies also offer a password scheme so that residents can register a password for staff to use if they need to attend at a resident's home.

Stop Garden Thieves

Consider how much the property in your garden costs: bicycles, golf clubs, lawnmower and other gardening tools, barbecue equipment, garden furniture etc. It soon adds up and is costly to replace.

Secure storage: Put away all equipment in a locked, garden shed, garage or outside store. Fit a good quality hasp and padlock to the door. The hasp and door hinges should be fixed with dome-headed bolts or non-returnable screws to prevent tampering. Fit window grilles internally or use heavy wire mesh or fit reinforced glass. Consider using curtains or opaque film to stop persons seeing what is inside the shed. If the window opens, a lock should be fitted.

If you do not have a garage, shed or outside store, bring items inside. **DO NOT** leave them lying about.

Property marking: Mark your property with your postcode and photograph valuable garden plants, equipment and ornaments. Take a note of make, model, colour and serial numbers of garden equipment. This is also very important for owners of off-road motorbikes. These are rarely registered on the Police national computer or with DVLA, so note all frame and engine numbers.

Extend your security

- If you have a burglar alarm, why not extend it to cover the shed, garage and other outbuildings?
- Install outside security lighting that comes on automatically.
- Use defensive shrubbery (see right).
- Keep walls and fences surrounding your garden in a good state of repair. Hedges and shrubs in the front garden should be kept to a height of no more than 3 feet in order

to avoid giving a burglar a screen behind which they can conceal themselves.

Garden furniture

- Ensure that garden furniture is put away; it can be used by a thief as a climbing aid to gain entry to your home.
- Security postcode your garden furniture. This can be done by marking the items with paint, engraving the item or, where appropriate, security mark with an ultraviolet pen.
- Note a detailed description, and take a photograph.

Gardening tools

- Never leave tools lying about. Put them in a locked shed at the end of the day. Remember, they could be used by a thief to break into your house. Linking garden tools within the shed with a chain can also help reduce the chance of them being stolen or used to break in.
- Make a note of serial numbers etc and photograph them. Forks, spades, rakes etc are all valuable.

Defensive Shrubs to deter garden intruders

One of the best ways to keep thieves out is to use nature's own defence mechanisms to stop intruders. A barrier of prickly hedging can help protect your property.

Blue spruce: *Picea Pungens Globosa*. Rigid branches, irregular dense blue, spiky needles.

Common holly: *Ilex Agulfolium*. Large evergreen shrub, dark green spiked leaves.

Giant rhubarb: *Gunners Manicata*. Giant rhubarb-like leaves on erect stems, abrasive foliage.

Golden bamboo: *Phyllosatachys Aurea*. Forms thick clumps of up to 3.5m high. Less invasive than other bamboos.

Firethorn: *Pyracantha "Orange Glow"*. White flowers in June, with bright orange-red berries. Thorny stem.

Pencil Christmas tree: *Picea Abias "Cupressina"*. Medium-sized tree of columnar habit with ascending spiky branches.

Juniper: *Junipers x media "Old Gold"*. Evergreen, golden tipped prickly foliage. Height 2ft. Spread 6ft.

Shrub rose: *Rosa Frau Dagmar Hastrup*. Excellent ground cover, pale pink flowers, and very thorny stem.

Others: *Aralia*, *Chaenomeles*, *Colletia*, *Crataegus* (including hawthorn/may), *Hippophae* (sea buckthorn), *Maclura*, *Mahonia*, *Oplopanax*, *Osmanthus*, *Poncirus*, *Phamnus*, *Rosa* (climbing & shrub roses) and *Rubus* (bramble).

Local Community Officers

Bridge of Eam

& Abernethy:

PC Graham Ogilvie

Kinross area:

PC Sadie Allan

Kinross-shire landward: PC Dougie Stapleton

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

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Community Council News



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

Kinross Community Council

News from the April Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 2 April 2014 were: CCllrs D Colliar (Chair), M Blyth, D Mackay, M Scott, C Watson, W Freeman, D West, B Davies and I Jack; P&K Cllrs Barnacle, Robertson, Cuthbert and Giacomazzi; representatives from the Police and First Responders and three members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllrs Wood and Thomas.

Declaration of Interest: CCllr Freeman in relation to Newsletter disbursement (KLEO).

Police report: PC Euan Mitchell reported. There was vandalism to a car at Sandport and a break-in to a property (both under enquiry). Advice was given on the subjects of rural security and scams. The police counter service is now closed. (See page 29.) PC Mitchell was asked about the caravan(s) at the High School and agreed to look into this.

Ryder Cup: PC Mitchell outlined the traffic management plan. (See page 28.)

First Responders: Lisa Megginson gave a presentation. First Responders work voluntarily alongside the Scottish Ambulance Service. There are five people working in Kinross, with three to be trained. The organisation submitted an application for funding towards the purchase of Kit Bags, one of which was on display. They own another bag and have the funding for a third. The bags contain oxygen, masks etc and a defibrillator and cost around £1,000. Funding is also required for the uniform, i.e. jacket and waterproof trousers and boots; this looks professional and also reassuring to the patients. The boots alone are between £100 and £150. Lisa explained that when a call is made to the Ambulance Service this is also received by them and if the ambulance is some way off, a quicker response can be made by them. They attend a variety of emergencies including heart attacks and strokes. The organisation received £2,000 from Newsletter funding.

Newsletter disbursement: Swansacre Playgroup received £1,000 towards the purchase of play equipment and the CC received a letter of thanks from them.

KLEO requested funds to purchase a storage trailer for market stalls at a price of £4,020. They were asked for further information and this has been received. This was discussed further. It was commented that this was a lot of money and also that a number of other organisations will benefit from this. CCllr Davies proposed £2,000 and was seconded by CCllr West. This was agreed. Cllr Cuthbert mentioned that KLEO were considering trying to establish a Farmers' Market in Kinross.

The funding information has still to be placed on the website. CCllr Davies will attend to this.

Kinross Buildings

The County Buildings have been sold.

Town Hall: Planning application has been approved.

Former High School site: The Councillors have requested that the figures in the parking survey be checked and that this application should not go before committee until this has been carried out. The only condition on the sale relates to planning permission. A member of the public advised that he had objected to this application and explained the reasons behind this.

Former Social Work office, Mill Street: Possible demolition to be discussed at the next PKC Property Sub-Committee Meeting.

Former Health Centre, Lathro: It is understood that GS Brown have bought this site and are currently approaching other prospective investors regarding this. The CC agreed to write to GS Brown to ask them what their intentions are and if they have a timescale regarding their proposals.

Planning

Planning applications submitted to PKC: A long list of planning applications was read out. The CC had no objections.

Applications approved by PKC:

14/00049/FLL 3 Lomond Mews: alterations to garage.

14/00153/FLL Land 200m northwest of Easter Balgedie House Lodge: change of use of agricultural land and construction of new public footpath.

14/00302/FLL 24 Alexander Drive: erection of a garage.

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

13/00462/FLL 108-114 High Street and land to the rear of 106 High Street: erection of an apartment block (8 units), formation of access, parking and amenity space and change of use of Kinross Town Hall and related buildings to Class 1 (shops) and Class 2 (Offices) and alterations to buildings (amended submission).

14/00272/ADV land 60m north of Green Hotel, display of sign.

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Ochils Landscape Designation: Cllr Barnacle advised that Friends of Ochils and other stakeholders will be included as part of the process. CCs in the relevant area will also be included in the consultation.

Reports by P&K Councillors

Cllr Giacomazzi reported that the **Swansacre works** would end in the second week of April due to a burst main. He also reported on the new **High Hedges legislation** (*see page 14 for more information*) and on **next generation broadband**, which is on track for December 2017.

Cllr Barnacle reported on important papers before committee on 2 April in relation to the **Lochleven catchment and retrospective applications regarding Gypsy Traveller sites**. **Road maintenance strategy** was also discussed. Finally, the **Development Plan process** was addressed and consideration of the update for 2019.

Correspondence

Litter Free Scotland: Results of a Scottish Government consultation carried out in 2013 can be viewed on the website www.zero-waste-scotland.org.uk.

A Tree Management Policy was approved by PKC's Environment Committee on 26 March 2014.

TAYPlan: Two briefing events for CCs, one in Perth on 17 April, the other in Dundee on 15 April.

Other Business

County Buildings: PKC is to create footpath access from the High Street to the war memorial. The new owner has confirmed that he would be happy for the memorial seat to remain at the County Buildings, although he may have to relocate this to another area. The Remembrance Service can also continue as before. The owner is keen for the building to remain a community focal point and also confirmed that Light Up Kinross can use the premises for the Switch On in December. He is also contacting KLEO with a view to their using the area in front of the County Buildings during the Winter Festival. The Council are also to meet with the Chairman prior to any work being instructed.

Sainsbury's access: Numerous complaints have been received and requests for a pedestrian crossing on Junction Road and Springfield Road. This would assist both the elderly shopping at Sainsbury's and students walking to school. The CC is to write to the Roads Department with a request that a survey of this area be carried out with a view to constructing pedestrian crossings. The work in this area is still ongoing. The high hedge in this locality was also mentioned.

Primary School: Emails have been received notifying of the petition in relation to the school and it was agreed that we continue to push for this to be prioritised by PKC. There are two primary schools in Perth & Kinross that are outdated, overstretched and need action now, however funding is only available for one. PKC is undertaking a fully independent study of the need to rebuild both schools and this report will be available in June. It was added that the Council would prefer the Primary School to adjoin the campus. It was remarked that this is too far for young children to walk from the bottom of the town.

Swansacre: A member of the public asked a question about bollards which was answered by Cllr Giacomazzi.

The Next Meeting of Kinross CC, and the AGM, will take place on Wednesday 7 May 2014 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

Agenda for the Annual General Meeting

1. Apologies for absence
2. Chairman's report
3. Minutes of meeting held on 1 May 2013
4. Treasurer's report and accounts
5. Appointment of officers
6. Any other business

Agenda for the May Meeting

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of interest
3. Police report
4. Minutes of meeting of 2 April 2014
5. Matters arising from the April meeting
6. Disbursement of funds
7. Future of Kinross buildings
8. Planning
9. Reports from P&K Councillors
10. Miscellaneous correspondence
11. Other competent business
12. Date of next meeting (4 June 2014)

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

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Milnathort Community Council

News from the April Meeting

CCllr Hamilton, Chair, welcomed CCllrs Halford, Milne-Home, Pettinger, Smith and Thomson to the meeting held on 10 April 2014. Also in attendance were P&K Cllr Giacopazzi, PC Euan Mitchell and seven members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllrs Cottingham and Bennet, and from P&K Cllrs Barnacle, Cuthbert and Robertson.

Police matters: PC Mitchell reported three instances of vandalism recently: two to motor cars in South Street and Fleming Court and one to a house window in New Road; all instances were under investigation. He also warned of bogus workmen in the local area offering to do repairs - often requiring cash in advance; recent thefts of heating oil - advising householders to ensure adequate security, bogus 'charity' collectors and foreign lottery scams.

In response to a question about local reaction to the closure of the police counter service in Kinross, he explained that the Police Service had received several complaints. He advised that there would be a managed appointment service allowing members of the public to meet with local police, either at their homes or, if preferred, at the station. He also advised that a dedicated community policing team was in place.

CCllr Smith commended the local police on their handling and subsequent follow-up action to a recent instance of minor vandalism in the village. Finally the CC noted instances of rural vehicle theft, both locally from Portmoak and from wider rural Perthshire.

Planning applications: The following planning applications in the Milnathort area were discussed:

14/00468/FLL: Erection of a wind turbine and ancillary infrastructure at Colliston Farm, Drunzie, Glenfarg for DA Baillie and Sons, c/o Green Cat Renewables, Roslyn, EH25 9RE. The applicant, Gavin Baillie, briefed the meeting on the background to this application. He explained that his farm used a great deal of electricity, mainly to store potatoes. In order to remain competitive he had to cut costs. A previous application to install a wind turbine of tip height 86 metres on a site 255 metres above sea level had been refused by PKC. Following advice from PKC planners, the above application was for a turbine of reduced capacity (to deliver up to 225 kilowatts) measuring 46 metres tip height, on a site 200 metres above sea level. Mr Baillie advised that the total annual power consumption of the farm was over 500,000 kilowatts, and that he expected the turbine to generate about 420,000 kilowatts annually. Finally he advised that, whereas Glenfarg CC had objected to the original application, it was content with the application above. Following discussion, MCC fully supported the application, as it had a sound business case, and could assist in providing local employment. The CC agreed not to object to any part of this application.

14/00474/FLL: Removal of condition 3 (occupancy) from planning permission (08/01141/FLL): Erection of a dwelling house, straw shed and stable block at Wester Tillyrie Steadings. CCllr Thomson advised of her interest in this application, and then, from the floor on behalf of the applicant, explained that the original approval was conditional on the house being occupied by agricultural workers linked with Wester Tillyrie Steadings. This condition is no longer recommended under Scot Gov Guidelines and PKC have accepted this advice. Following a short discussion MCC agreed not to object to the application.

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

12/02115/FLL: Partial demolition of agricultural warehouse and erection of mixed use building (Resubmission of 12/00960/FLL) at Scottish Agronomy Ltd, Arlary Farm, Milnathort. The Chair advised that this had been approved, subject to a range of conditions, which included provision of a passing place at a suitable point in the existing private access, adequate turning facilities, and limiting delivery hours to 0700 to 1900 hours, Monday to Friday, and 0800 to 1300 hours on Saturday, with no deliveries on a Sunday, unless otherwise agreed in writing with PKC.

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

MCC funds distribution: The Chair advised that MCC funds provided by PKC were for running and administrative costs of the CC, and not for donations to other groups. He noted that some of those funds had been used to buy a projector, whilst funds would also be used to pay rental for the Church Hall at an appropriate rate, to pay the Minute Secretary and for other administrative purposes.

Ryder Cup Transport Plan: PC Mitchell briefed the meeting. (*See p. 28 for details.*) In response to a member of the public, who advised that the event would be taking place at a very busy agricultural period, PC Mitchell stated that there would be close liaison with those farmers affected.

Orwell War Memorial: Graeme Stewart, Secretary to Milnathort in Bloom, advised that the plaques containing the names of those who had fallen had been replaced. Floodlights would be erected later in April and possibly CCTV cameras would be fitted at Kinellan House, opposite the memorial. He also advised that the garden would be planted on 26 April - any assistance would be appreciated - and the memorial would be rededicated on Saturday 7 June. Any group wishing to lay a wreath that day should contact him. CCllr Halford congratulated Milnathort in Bloom on their achievements.

Milnathort Festival: CCllr Thomson provided a brief update on plans for the festival to be held over the period 6 to 8 June. There will be information on display about local residents who have served in the armed forces as well as flower arrangements with the theme of 'Songs for the Troops' in the church over the three days. She appealed for members of the public to assist her with the information and the flower arrangements. There will be a film in the Town Hall, the CC is presenting a prize for the best shop window and there is to be a concert in the Town Hall, as well as the Community and School Fête on the Saturday afternoon. The War Memorial is being rededicated that weekend too.

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TRACKS: George Lawrie, TRACKS, advised that the final section of the Loch Leven Heritage Trail would be opened to the public from first thing on Good Friday, 18 April, when the final barriers would be removed. The official opening was planned for 30 May. The overall cost of the project was £2.9 million. He also advised that an 'App' describing the Loch Leven Heritage Trail would be launched from 30 May; it would provide information about sites such as the Kirkgate Cemetery by Kinross House Estate and the Well at Scotlandwell, as well as panoramic photographs from selected viewpoints.

George Lawrie briefed the CC on other projects in hand such as: a path from Wester Balgedie to Easter Balgedie (at a cost of about £100,000), the Living Lomond Landscape - fencing and gates, and into 2015, to develop a track over Benarty Hill. TRACKS had provided posts for the tree-planting initiative in the Community Woodland to the north of Milnathort.

Finally he advised that TRACKS's constitution did not allow the group to carry out maintenance of paths, but suggested that TRACKS could advise communities about setting up appropriate groups to maintain local pathways. He noted that the Fife Coastal path was maintained through a Fife Council initiative, which levied an additional charge of £1 per night to hotel guests in Fife.

Following a short discussion the CC agreed to explore maintenance issues at the next meeting.

New Matters and Correspondence

LLAs: The Secretary advised that, as agreed at the last meeting, he had written to Peter Marshall, PKC, seeking information about the likely timescale for consultation and development of Supplementary Guidance for Local Landscape Areas. Although the response had not given any timescales, it indicated that PKC had engaged a consultant to assist, and intended to form working groups of stakeholders - about 35 members - and later to consult members of the public. Cllr Giacopazzi reassured the MCC that this process would not delay PKC's planning processes in the interim.

CHAS: The Chair had received an email from CHAS asking for assistance with a knitting project attempting to create seven miles of scarves, which would be subsequently sold, with special scarves auctioned at a charity dinner in Kinross next September. CCllr Thomson advised that there were groups in the area busily knitting for CHAS.

Comments/Questions from the floor

Gavin Baillie asked MCC to clarify their position on supporting planning applications. The Chair informed him that MCC would only respond to PKC if it had objections, and therefore a nil response should be regarded as support.

Perth & Kinross Councillors' Comments

Cllr Giacopazzi raised the following issues:

Upper Tillyrie: The developer has completed the roadwork at the Upper Tillyrie Mains development.

Ochil Hills Hospital site access: He queried the lack of access to the former Ochil Hospital site, but was informed that a pedestrian gate was in place.

Athron Hall: PKC's Development Management Committee would be considering an application by the developer of the Athron Hall site to provide a private water supply, rather than installing mains water supply. He informed the MCC that the report he had received from PKC officials indicated that the applicant had submitted a report on Spring-flow monitoring at Tillyrie Spring: March to September 2013, which was 'prepared in conjunction with one of the objectors, who assisted by measuring flow rate in the Tillyrie Spring', and that the report had been forwarded to SEPA for comment/advice. SEPA had concluded that it was unlikely that borehole water abstraction would have an adverse affect on spring abstraction at Tillyrie Spring. After lengthy discussion the MCC raised concerns about the report from the applicant and the way in which it had been compiled. The Secretary agreed to examine the report, and to forward his observations and advice to Cllr Giacopazzi and the CC.

High Hedge legislation had come into force from 1 April 2014. (*See p. 14.*)

Faster broadband (24 megabits/sec) would be available to communities of over one thousand inhabitants by December 2017. Smaller communities would have a slower service.

Scottish Water had delayed installation of additional drainage pipes in New Road and the 'donkey field' until September 2014. Cllr Giacopazzi undertook to inform Scottish Water of potential clashes with the Ryder Cup.

Other business

Clydesdale Bank: CCllr Halford informed the meeting that he had received notification that the Clydesdale Bank branch in Kinross would be closing, and accounts would be transferred to the Dunfermline Branch. CCllr Smith advised that the Post Office could assist with some banking business, normally conducted with a teller. He also advised that there was a petition available in the Milnathort Post Office.

The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will take place on Thursday 8 May 2014 in Orwell Church Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

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Portmoak Community Council

News from the April Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 8 April 2014 were: CCllrs M Strang Steel (Chair) B Calderwood (Deputy Chair); R Cairncross (Secretary); R Williamson (Treasurer); S Forde and T Smith; P&K Cllrs D Cuthbert and W Robertson and 27 members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from P&K Cllrs J Giacomazzi and M Barnacle, and PC D Stapleton.

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.

The Lomond Inn: preliminary notice of possible development plans: The developer for this site was not able to attend but would be present at the CC meeting on 13 May. He had made available preliminary plans which engendered the following comments: regret that an iconic village building would be lost and concern that, as a consequence, so could employment opportunities and an important asset to the village; concern that the siting and scale of the proposed buildings did not appear appropriate to the character and setting of this conservation village; and that this was compounded by the loss of views from Main Street to Loch Leven. The CC would seek that an official from PKC Conservation Team join the meeting on 13 May when the matter would be reviewed.

Fife Wind Farms

Outh Muir: report on five wind turbines (13/01898/EIA). The CC noted that Fife Council had rejected this application but that it yet may go to appeal. Separately the CC would pursue eligibility for community benefit.

Blairadam: proposals for 11 wind turbines (14/0008/EIA). This was a significant development. The CC, with the support of PKC, had contacted Fife Council and secured an extension to the consultation time to allow time for it to comment. The CC would object to this planning application. It was concerned at the paucity and poor quality of the View Points (VP) within Kinross-shire and the absence of such VPs for the residents of Portmoak. It believes that this development would have a significant visual presence when seen from Portmoak. It would also have an adverse impact on the landscape character and quality of the hills to the south of the Loch Leven/Kinross Basin and so cumulatively, when taken with other such wind farms, on the Basin itself. Eligibility for community benefits would be pursued.

Reports

Police: The CC received and noted the Police Report. Councillors were concerned that there could be under-reporting of significant road incidents by the police to PKC. They noted that PKC now encouraged the CC independently to notify them of such incidents. The CC would consider how best to do this but would approach Police Scotland to explore what might be done to assure valid reporting of such incidents and whether such police reports to PKC could be put in the public domain.

Treasurer: The Treasurer reported as at the end of February 2014 a balance of £43.15 in the General Account and £771.05 in the Michael Bruce Way Account giving a total of £814.20.

Planning: The CC noted **progress** with the following applications:

13/01976/FLL junction at Kilmagadwood. Planning consent had been granted. Safety at the junction would be reviewed after the changes had been made.

14/000153/FLL footpath Easter to Wester Balgedie. Planning consent had been granted and work was underway. Cllr Robertson will pursue a request to retain a verge between path and road in the section immediately north of Easter Balgedie.

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

14/00518/FLL 22 Whitecraigs, Kinnesswood, erection of single story extension; and

14/00271/FLL Langayre, Pittendreich, extension of dwelling house.

The CC considered the following planning applications and agreed **to object** to:

14/00413/FLL 40 metres NE of The Napix, the Cobbles, Kinnesswood, erection of a four-bedroomed dwelling house and upgrade of access from Gamekeepers Road. (The application was not appropriate for the conservation area and the proposed access arrangements could compromise the integrity of core paths including the Michel Bruce Way); and 14/00200/FLL Caol Isla, Back Dykes Road, Kinnesswood, erection of a new dwelling house. (The format of the application did not conform with the requirements for a conservation area);

These decisions were unanimous.

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Developer contributions. The CC had sought transparency in the arrangements for all developer contributions. Following the meeting of the Chair and Secretary with PKC officials on this matter there had been no further feedback from PKC - a further explanation in respect of educational contributions was awaited. PKC had admitted that it did not comply with the Town and Country Planning Regulations (2008 and 2013) nor with its own Supplementary Guidance. It was endeavouring to do so. The new Local Development Plan now required all development to contribute towards the provision of on or off-site public space and play facilities where required in line with Council guidance. However this Guidance was not available. The CC would consider a further approach to PKC.

Roads: CCllr Bruce Calderwood presented an updated report. The report had been well received by Ward Councillors and PKC officials and progress had and would be made on most matters. Recent accidents on the A911 around Wester Bowhouse were a specific concern. Ward Cllrs agreed that there was a case to look again at the matter and, in response to a letter from the CC, would take the matter up with PKC officials.

Paths: CCllr Tom Smith reported that the "Paths Group" of the CC had prepared a listing of all paths in Portmoak and that this in due course would be circulated. It included those paths which were the responsibility of others to look after. A path visit to the upper reaches of the Michael Bruce Way would take place shortly and would focus on identifying the need for repairs.

Reports by P&K Councillors

Cllr W Robertson reported that: legislation which could restrict over-tall hedging was now in place and could be pursued with the help of PKC; the complete Heritage Trail would be open informally from 18 April with the formal opening following on 30 May; and that a new approach aiming to secure longer lasting road repairs was being applied.

The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 13 May 2014 at Portmoak School. This is also the AGM.

Portmoak CC minutes are posted on the website
www.portmoak.org

Fossoway & District CC

News from the April Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 1 April 2014 were: CCllrs S Morrison, K Borthwick, A Cheape, T Duffy-Wigman, P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, J Giacomazzi, W Robertson and D Cuthbert, PC Mitchell and nine members of the public. Apologies were received from: A Lavery, G Pye and R Patterson. There were no declarations of interest.

Community Policing: Euan Mitchell attending. A report had been sent in advance but there were no particular issues in our area. In the wider area there were reports of bogus workman, scam letters asking for money to release a prize, bogus charity collectors and thefts of heating oil. The public was reminded that an oil tank needed to be secured (padlock or within a fence) in order to be insured.

Euan reminded the public that the counter service at Kinross Police station has now finished. Anyone needing to speak to the police (in a non-emergency) can use the phone outside the station. Officers can come to people's home or alternatively make an appointment to meet at the police station. There was a question about Community Speed Watch but the situation regarding continuation is still unclear.

Ryder Cup: PC Mitchell briefed those present on draft travel plans for the Ryder Cup. (*See p. 28 for details.*) Feedback will be welcomed.

Unpaid Work Team: FDCC was asked to suggest projects for the unpaid work team: clearing offlets on the road A977 joining with A91; Aldie Road; Drum village; B9097; work on the footpath from Drum to Fossoway Primary. There was a report of damage to the little bridge on Gelvan Road.

Hydro Scheme: £10,000 developer's contribution is supposed to be used for footpaths in the Fossoway Area. This is NOT the possible annual community gain, which will come directly to the community.

War memorial: When the wall has been rebuilt, the monument will be put in place.

Crook Moss Travellers' site: There was a list available with the conditions and possible enforcement actions. PKC is to meet with the travellers next week and will draw up timetable for the conditions to be met; mainly regarding waste water treatment and noise pollution. A short general discussion on enforcement of planning conditions within PKC followed. Planning enforcement FAQs are now put on the PKC website.

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Glen Devon Pollution Incident: Cllr Barnacle received reply to his concern that in the future with incidents like these an early multi-agency meeting will be called. He will follow this up as we are still concerned about an early warning system.

Workshop, Blairingone: Turnout was disappointing and although the activities and exercises were interesting, there was a general feeling that the wheel was being reinvented; much of this was done during the strategy meetings in preparation for the current local plan. All agreed that Blairingone needs more and affordable housing to get a critical mass.

Bus investment fund: PKC is now working on legislation to put everything in place.

Waulkmill Play Park: A survey has been held and there seems to be some progress. Eventually a meeting will be called to discuss the options.

Outh Muir Wind Farm: This application has been rejected on three points, one of which was the interference with radar systems at Edinburgh Airport. This may have an impact on the Blairadam application.

Crook Moss community acquisition: This group has had a meeting. A valuation has now been received and discussions with the owner will now take place. Initial research on sources of funding has been carried out, and some funding may be available, up to 95% of the acquisition price.

Winter maintenance: Rod will deal with the winter road maintenance feedback.

CC funding: MB to follow this up. Many CCs are dissatisfied. In the meantime it is wise to make sure that there is not much left in the account at the year end.

Community Challenge Fund: This fund can provide matched funding up to £10,000. There will have to be a community contribution, but this contribution can be in kind (work carried out etc.)

Councillors' Reports:

JG: High Hedges Act came into place today. (*see p. 14.*)

MB: is writing an article for Rural Scotland about the loss of the Area Of Great Landscape Value designation. There will be a replacement, but there is considerable delay in putting another designation in place. (*see p. 20.*)

WR: Litter picking on A91 has taken place. Green Routes are proving to be successful and are being rolled out in other areas. There was a question about fly tipping on the A91 - is difficult to do anything against. If there is fly tipping on farmers' lands, it is the farmer's problem.

DC: Is hoping Director of Environmental Services will learn from the Crook Moss situation; PKC needs to learn from the experience and perhaps put their foot down in similar situations. There is a general feeling that travellers are treated differently from the public when dealing with planning applications, but this was refuted by PKC. MB adds that PKC is trying to set up a dialogue between travellers and communities.

Planning: In the absence of Alastair, Kevin dealt with the planning.

14/00412/FLL. Installation of swing, Conference Centre, Lendrick Muir, Rumbling Bridge. Erection of a 15m tall giant swing near existing high ropes course. No CC comment.

14/00418/IPL. Erection of a dwelling house (in principle). Land 40 metres south east of Fossoway Schoolhouse, Crook of Devon. The plot is small and this may restrict the size of the house, not defined at this stage, to allow for proportionate garden and access. The site is within the settlement boundary and not zoned as greenspace in the Local Development Plan. Recommendation: Further investigation required.

Update: 14/00278/FLL. Erection of stable building (temporary for two years) (in retrospect). Dollar Equestrian, Blairingone. Objection sent.

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

Craigton Wood: The sign and the style have been removed.

PKC spam: All email correspondence that comes to the CC via the PKC address has unnecessary graphics and text attached to it. This has to be manually removed prior to printing to save paper. Also the CC receives a lot of Spam email via this address. Dealing with these emails is very time consuming. The CC has emailed PKC to see if anything can be done. Awaiting a reply.

PKC conduct: In reply to a question from the public, the elected members explained that they cannot vote on an issue if they have expressed an opinion prior to a meeting where the vote will be held. This is part of the Code of Conduct of Councillors. JG has published a longer explanation in the April Newsletter.

The Next meeting and AGM of Fossoway and District CC will take place on Tuesday 6 May 2014 at 7.30pm in Fossoway Primary School. All welcome.

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Cleish & Blairadam CC

News from the April Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 7 April 2014 were: CCllrs F MacGregor (Chair), P Fraser, N Robertson, J Moore, R Jeffrey and M Traylor; P&K Councillors M Barnacle and D Cuthbert; PC Euan Mitchell and one member of the public. Apologies were received from CCllrs H Somerville and R Kitchin.

Roads/Green Routes: After a successful trial in parts of Kinross-shire more green routes are to be rolled out, although this will depend on funding from Sustrans. There is a meeting re the cemetery road on 25 April. The Councillors will be meeting with roads dept and will report various potholes etc. The fence to the field at the bottom of the Nivingstone road has been removed by the farmer and the verge has gone under the plough. We have assurances from the landowner that this will be reinstated and the fence replaced.

The right hand bend road sign at Blairforge has gone as has the Blairforge sign and there was a request for slow sign to be re painted on the road.

Secy will write to roads dept regarding replacement.

The flooding on the B9097 was again raised and there was a suggestion that flood warning signs to be erected; PF to investigate.

Crime Prevention: We welcomed PC Euan Mitchell who reported that there had been no crime reported in our area. He warned us to be aware of bogus workman as this is the time of year they prey on unsuspecting householders. Should you see anything suspicious take a car registration and call 101. The public counter at Kinross police station has been withdrawn but this does not mean there has been a reduction in service. There was a report from a member of the CC that there was evidence of drug abuse and drinking at the triangle in Maryburgh. A police presence especially at the weekend was requested.

Ryder Cup: An overview of the traffic management system for the Ryder Cup was given. (See p. 28.)

Correspondence

The Perth and Kinross Tree Management Policy has been received.

Beat Doorstep Crime was received from Police Scotland.

Anyone wishing more information please contact the Secy (patty@cleish.net).

"Review of Local Landscape Designations - An invitation to participate". We have asked Fred Whalley to attend this panel and are awaiting confirmation of his place.

CC website (www.cleish.org): Fran reported that the website is well used and the most popular pages are the planning and weekly lists. The Cleish & Blairadam Newsletter will go on the website as soon as it is published.

Finance: The CC has approx £1700 in the bank. We were informed by Cllr Cuthbert that CC now operate on a top up scheme and are only given money by PKC if the funds fall below £700. It was decided to investigate how we could distribute some funds for the good of both communities.

Blairadam: The main concern is still the state of the roads. We are awaiting Cllr Giacopazzi's investigations into who is responsible for the surface of the Keltybridge. The path from Blairforge to shooting range is overgrown. Cllr Barnacle will contact Scottish Rights of Way society regarding some funding. There was a suggestion made regarding the Maryburgh road and a possible one-way system to save buses and large vehicles meeting and destroying the verges.

Planning

Outh Muir Wind Farm application has been refused by Fife Council.

There has been an application to subdivide Orchard Cottage at Nivingstone to provide two houses. It was agreed that a comment should be sent to planning regarding overdevelopment and phosphate mitigation. CCllr MacGregor to take this forward.

A letter to the planning dept regarding the apparent expansion of Geen acres - another villa has appeared. This site has a plan boundary under the new local plan and a letter to David Rennie the enforcement officer reiterating this was recommended; CCllr MacGregor to write.

Application for an extension at Rybog: no comment.

Alterations and extension to dwelling house, Bridge House, Main Street, Keltybridge. No comment.

Plot 27A at Keltybridge, erection of two dwelling houses: this has been approved.

Policy PM4 protects village settlement boundaries from built development. This policy was at the insistence of the reporter during the review of the new PKC Local Development Plan. However this was totally overturned at the recent Development Management Committee meeting, deciding that the application came under the housing in the Countryside Policy describing the site as "brownfield".

The Next Meeting and AGM of Cleish & Blairadam CC will take place on Monday 2 June 2014 at Cleish Village Hall, 7.30pm.

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Club & Community Group News

Kinross Radio Model Flying Club

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A busy few months for KRMFC and this has also seen the club's profile raised significantly, not only in the Kinross area but across much of Scotland.

Our first upgrade of the year: our new club hut is in position and club members can often be found paying homage to the tea and coffee table contained within it, and new notice boards and a table are now in place. The hut has been painted green to blend in with the surroundings.



Billy Dunn's Guinness plane at one of the static displays

Our first outing of the year was a very successful evening at a static competition in East Kilbride. A handful of KRMFC members entered their models in some of the different classes. I am pleased to report that we won pretty much

everything; Ally Grant won the top two prizes with two of his models and Billy Dunn won first prize with one of his planes. As we found out later, some people spend years and years trying to win the main prize at this event. We did it first time round! Well done to those who attended and let's hope we can do it again next year (if they let us back).

Our second outing of the year was another static display, this time in the Kingdom Shopping Centre in Glenrothes. KRMFC were invited to put models on display along with four Fife based clubs. A good 100 or so models were on display and plenty of interest was shown by the public. Our club was the only one to show helicopters and, on totalling their cost up, we found that this was indeed the most expensive corner of the display – seven helicopters worth in the region of £14,000.

The mower has returned after its visit to the mower doctor for its yearly service. Hopefully, by the time this article is being read, we will have gotten some serious grass cutting under our belts.

I'm pleased and excited to report that turbine jets are now starting to make an appearance at KRMFC. We also hope to have some very impressive jets at our annual fixed wing fly-in, which is not far away.

Please feel free to pop in and have a look at our club. Club members can be found there on a Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. We can, if weather permits, get you hooked up to our club trainer so you can experience the thrill of the hobby to see if it is for you.

A date for your Diary is **1st June**. As fore mentioned, our fixed wing fly-in takes place on this day, sporting all sorts of models from Tiger Moths, Spitfires, and Lancaster Bombers to present day 3D planes, as well as burgers, tea, coffee and soft drinks.

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3 June Michael Bruce Trail, Kinnesswood. Meet 10am at old Health Centre **or** 10.20am on Bruce Road, Kinnesswood.

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

Probus Club



The subject of the meeting on 19 March was the ship 'Costa Concordia', which was involved in an accident off the island Isola di Giglio, in the Mediterranean, on 14 January 2012. Ian Fairley was himself a marine engineer and so is well qualified to talk on the subject.

The Costa Concordia was a luxury cruise liner with a displacement of 114000 tonnes, was higher than Nelson's column, and, at the time of its construction, was the 26th largest liner in the world and carried 4,252 passengers and crew. The Captain was Francesco Schettino.

The ship set sail on 13 January 2012 and headed for the strait between the Isola di Giglio and the Italian mainland. There were two routes to be followed: a winter route and a summer route. These were normally changed at the beginning of January but it was decided to stick to the winter route which went closer to the Island of Giglio and would act as a salute to the family, on the island, of the ship's head waiter.

These routes were controlled by computer but that is where the trouble started. The captain had a girlfriend whom he took to show the workings of the 'Bridge' – against regulations. He then relieved the First Officer who was the Officer of the Watch – again, against regulations. He then went further and took the control from the computer and assumed manual control. The only explanation for these actions seems to have been one of bravado in front of the girlfriend. However, the Captain's command to alter course to the winter route seems to have been premature and took the ship too close to the island. This was compounded by the fact that he had the chart for the summer route and not the winter route.

This resulted in the ship grounding on rocks which tore a hole 65 metres long in the ship and allowed 2000 tonnes of water to flood the ship in one minute, resulting the ship to list to port. The Captain, realising it was sinking and using the momentum of the ship, guided the ship to shallower

water where it grounded again, this time listing to starboard. The list made it virtually impossible to use the lifeboats but most of the passengers were evacuated by small boats from Giglio Harbour. Sadly 320 people lost their lives.

'A Day in the Life of a Pot of Honey' was the intriguing title of the talk enjoyed by the Club on 2 April. It was given by Mrs Clare Paton, a local farmer's wife who has kept bees for seven years and is currently President of the Kinross and District Agricultural Society.

Whilst Mrs Paton has a wide knowledge of the art of bee-keeping and provided us with an insight into the problems of bee-keeping, she focussed her talk on the good things about honey and demonstrated its use as a food by preparing a number of dishes.

For breakfast she suggested blueberries, yoghurt, mixed seeds and honey. Only a teaspoonful is required, as it must be remembered that honey is much sweeter than sugar.

Oatmeal and honey biscuits for elevenses were next, soon to be followed by a carrot, honey and ginger soup for lunch.

The taste buds were already beginning to flow and we were all looking forward to the tasting session which we had been promised at the end of the talk.

It was at this point that Mrs Paton prepared a loaf of bread. Unfortunately this would not be available for tasting as it had to sit for an hour or so to rise before baking but it led to the honey cakes for tea.

At this point we were shown a selection of pottery honey pots and, most interestingly, a stilton cheese dome which was used to catch bee swarms – a risky business with a costly piece of porcelain.

The demonstration was completed with a suggestion for supper of water melon, feta cheese, pine nuts and green leaves with a dressing of olive oil, juice of lime and honey. And, just to make our mouths water even more, Mrs Paton prepared Cranachan – raspberries, cream, whisky and honey.

We waited impatiently for Club business to be completed and a vote of the thanks to be given by Dick Crichton before besieging the table to sample the goodies.

Kinross Camera Club



A recent highlight of the Kinross Camera Club syllabus was the annual joint meeting with the Scottish Wildlife Trust. Lorne Gill, a well-known and respected environmental photographer, gave an excellent talk and the night was one of the best attended nights we have held as a club. Another highlight was the annual "treasure hunt" where members went out in groups, braved the elements and poor lighting conditions, and searched for the appropriate photographs to match the clues. It was a social and fun occasion.

There are just a few more Thursday evenings before the club breaks up for the summer. A variety of excursions and activities over the summer are already planned, including a weekend away. We look forward to our annual prize giving dinner at the end of April.

If you are interested in finding out more about the club, please visit www.kinrosscameraclub.org.uk or contact the secretary sallyroberts100@hotmail.com

Kinross and District Town Twinning Association



The association held an 'Auld Alliance' Scottish and French Food Festival Meal at Orwell Church

Hall on Saturday 29 March. A wide range of French and Scottish dishes were sampled and enjoyed by all who attended, with the food being accompanied by French wines and Normandy cider, both apple and pear.

The meal was preceded by pipe music from members of Kinross & District Pipe Band and, following the meal, Leven Voices performed a number of songs. Poems, including one from our local Jim Douglas, were read and the evening concluded with more traditional Scottish music from the pipers. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by members old and new.

Kinross High School S3 pupils and staff are making their annual journey to Gacé, leaving Kinross on 20 May, returning to Kinross on 29 May. Gacé schoolchildren will make the return journey to Kinross in September when the Kinross pupils will have started S4.

Scottish Gliding Centre scoops 2014 national awards

The Scottish Gliding Centre, based at Portmoak on the shores of Loch Leven, and its members have been awarded no fewer than **six UK national trophies** at the British Gliding Association's annual awards ceremony held in Nottingham during March.

John Williams, a multiple UK record holder, came away with four individual trophies, including the BGA 1000k Trophy for the fastest 1000km flight of the season. His 1003km (620 miles) flight (over Scotland) was achieved at an average speed of 135.1km per hour flying at heights varying from 4000ft up to 9000ft. In addition to the trophy for the fastest 500km flight and the longest handicapped distance flight, John also received the BGA Enigma trophy for winning the year-long BGA Ladder competition.

John was joined at the awards ceremony by another Portmoak glider pilot, Santiago ("Sant") Cervantes who collected the Manio Trophy for the fastest 300km flight of the year – again in Scotland – with a flight at an average speed of 138.8km per hour.



John Williams in his aircraft

In addition to these individual successes, the club was awarded the **2013 BGA Challenge Trophy**. This is awarded to the club which, relative to its size, has trained the most new cross-country pilots in the previous year and is the only national trophy awarded to a club rather than an individual. Commenting on this award, club chairman, Alan Boyle said: "We are delighted to have been awarded the BGA Challenge Trophy. This is a great testament to our team of predominantly volunteer instructors and underlines what a superb location Portmoak is for learning to fly."

John and Sant's individual trophies were the culmination of another tremendous year for the Scottish club which saw members **set no fewer than 13 UK national records**, helped by the fabulous soaring conditions enjoyed by pilots flying from Portmoak.

It is these conditions, coupled with excellent facilities, which see pilots from all over the UK coming to Portmoak to experience for themselves the best of what Scotland has to offer.

The Scottish Gliding Centre is situated at Portmoak Airfield on the eastern shores of Loch Leven in the lee of the Lomond Hills. The club, the largest in Scotland and one of the largest in the UK, has a total of 270+ members and provides flying and flight training facilities year round.

Full information about the club can be found at: scottishglidingcentre.co.uk

Kinross-shire Round Table

www.kinross-shireroundtable.co.uk



The 50th Charter Dinner was a great success and attended by around 70 members past and present and members of Round Tables from other towns. A cheque for £1000 was donated on the evening to Andrew's Rainbow and £500 to the Mary Leishman Foundation. Many thanks to speakers Jim Leishman and Willie Rennie MSP and to Mike Spain for being MC. A great time was had by one and all.

Our AGM was due to take place on 25 April (after this issue went to print) and we will have a new Chairman who I will tell you about next month.

On Saturday 10 May we anticipate helping at the Loch Leven Half Marathon.

On Friday 16 May we will be playing a round of golf at Milnathort Golf Club.

On Tuesday 20 May we are off to Grassicks in Perth to test drive a selection of vehicles.

Our programme, with details of events, is available on our website.

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.

Kinross Museum



Our new exhibition entitled "When we were at the schule" is now complete and an opening is scheduled for 6-8pm on **Thursday 1st May**. This exhibition, which tells the story of schools, schoolmasters and pupils in Kinross-shire schools, includes a special feature on Robert Burns Begg, Senior, whose portrait was acquired by the Museum with generous help from the Kinross-shire Historical Society and friends of the Museum. If you have not seen the portrait by Perth artist John MacLaren Barclay, do visit our Study Room where it is on display.

On 29 March we took part in the Loch Leven Community Campus Craft Fair with a special exhibition on the making of parchment and vellum in Kinnesswood and a demonstration of spinning by Jan Hendry. Jan is engaged with the 'Craft in the Hills' project, which forms part of the Living Lomonds Landscape Partnership programme. Also on display that day was the stunning Lomond Hills quilt. Now that spring weather has arrived, volunteers have returned to the Kirkgate Churchyard to continue our study of the memorial stones. We will have plenty more outings this summer, so do get in touch if you would like to join in. Because of the cuts to Library opening hours which began in April, the Museum is now **not** open on Mondays (all day) and Saturday afternoons (after 1pm).

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Administrator

It is already three years since Sandra Ralston took up the administrator post, during which time she has enthusiastically and energetically contributed greatly to the advancement of the Partnership's aims. Regrettably, other commitments now preclude Sandra from continuing to be the Partnership administrator, and she has decided she must step down. Sandra has made many friends in the role, and no doubt all would echo my sincere thanks for what she has contributed. I am however glad to confirm that Sandra will continue to be closely involved in all that we do, as she will continue as a director of the company.

Sandra will be a hard act to follow but I am pleased to advise that, with immediate effect, Karen Grunwell has accepted the position of administrator for the Partnership (including the Loch Leven Tourism Forum). Karen, who is an experienced public sector professional, has until recently been a personnel officer at Perth & Kinross Council. She and her family moved into the area six years ago and she is keen to deepen her involvement in the community. I am sure Karen will add significant strength to our team and that, like me, you will welcome her into the role and look forward to working with her.

Alisdair Stewart, Chairman



Annual General Meeting

7pm

Tuesday 27 May 2014

Cashmere at Lochleven, Lochleven Mills, Kinross

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Loch Leven Tourism Forum

Promoting Loch Leven's cycle routes

Are you a keen cyclist? If so, you could help the Loch Leven Tourism Forum enhance the quality of cycling information on the 'Discover Loch Leven' website (www.visitlochleven.org).

There are some excellent routes around Kinross and Loch Leven for cycling. To date, a member of our Forum has provided valuable information regarding our various cycling routes, but due to ill health can no longer cycle them to check it remains up-to-date or accurate. So we're on the **look-out for volunteers to test the routes out** (while getting some exercise and enjoying the glorious countryside around Kinross of course!). If you're interested in helping, please contact **Ann Barlow** on 01577 861931.

How to help others 'Discover Loch Leven'

Anyone with knowledge of other things to see and do in Kinross-shire is invited to submit information, be it **history, walks, visits to gardens, visitor attractions** etc. Please let us know and help place the area, and its many attractions, firmly on the map! (You can telephone Ann Barlow on the above number or email: bandb@burnbank-kinross.co.uk).

The Loch Leven Tourism Forum is a sub-committee of the Kinross-shire Partnership. It was formed to promote Loch Leven to locals and visitors alike. We **meet on the second Tuesday of each month**, and are always on the lookout for new ideas to promote the area. If you'd like to get involved, you're very welcome to come along to one of our meetings. Please contact us on the number above and we'll send you details of our next meeting.

Kinross in Bloom

Isn't it nice to see the sunshine again after all the rain and cold?



Our barrels and planters have taken advantage of the weather and are looking well, with the blue and yellow pansies complementing the yellow tulips.

The daffodils at the Gallery, which were planted by local children back in the autumn, were looking fine, until they were attacked by some mindless yobs who left them torn and broken. Honestly, Neanderthals behaved better. However, after being replaced they look not too bad, but we apologise to the children whose name tags who have been lost or broken.

Thanks to Koronka for allowing us to place three barrels at the foot of the town, which will help to brighten that entrance to the town.

We are pleased to announce that, courtesy of Dobbies at Turfhill, we are having an open weekend on **Saturday 3** and **Sunday 4 May**, where we will be showing those interested just what Kinross in Bloom does, and we invite you over to check out our new vehicle, peep around our polytunnel, munch on some home baking, gather some gifts, meet the crew and have a chat too. We will be very pleased to see you.

Congratulations to the winners of our 200 Club April draw:

1st No. 32 Dorothy Hutton 2nd No. 7 Jean Beveridge

3rd No. 30 Violet Henry 4th No. 11 Margaret Carling

Our next meeting is **Wednesday 14 May** in the Garden Room, Kinross Church Centre.

Our AGM will be held in the same venue on **Wednesday 11 June** at 7.30pm.

Kinnesswood in Bloom

The fundraising evening with Scotlandwell in Bloom, a Quiz and Curry night, took place in Portmoak Hall on Saturday 22 March. It was a great success with a lovely selection of curries, an enjoyable quiz and generous raffle. Our quizmaster, Raymond, had recently returned from his holiday and his outfit and deep tan, never mind the exotic hairstyle, reflected his Caribbean experience. £460.80 was raised so many thanks to all who contributed curries, raffle prizes or took part.

Earlier on the 22nd, Kinnesswood in Bloom celebrated the opening of their bus shelter artwork. Portmoak Primary School, in conjunction with Kinnesswood in Bloom, celebrated the Year of Natural Scotland 2013 with valuable input from Scottish Natural Heritage and RSPB staff. After the display of art work at last year's Portmoak Festival, some of the pictures have been reproduced in two panels. Funding for the project was provided by the Kinross-shire Fund. Malcolm Parkin from the Kinross-shire Fund and several of the pupils involved were present at the event.



The bus shelter artwork panels

Plans are in hand to develop the War Memorial area this year. An area of poppies is to be planted and the railings painted. It's also hoped to place a picnic bench near Lavender Walk.

There are many plans to brighten up the village even more than usual this year, as along with the rest of Scotland we will be celebrating the Commonwealth Games, the Ryder Cup and the Homecoming. We are pleased to have been given a willow sculpture of a golfer, which will enhance our displays. Our other plans are under wraps at the moment but be prepared to be amused and amazed by our interpretation of the themes. We already have the support of the school and a number of needleworkers in the village to put the plans into practice.



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New Potato Salad

Take advantage of the new potatoes on sale now to make a quick potato salad. Boil new potatoes in their skins and peel them as soon as they are cool enough to be handled. Slice and dress while still warm with a dressing made of four or five parts of olive oil to one part of wine or cider vinegar. Snip some chives or spring onion tops over them.

All sorts of things can be added to this salad: strips of green or red pepper, little rounds of chorizo or any cooked sausage you have, particularly garlic sausage.

Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation



Feel Good Fair at the Loch Leven Half Marathon, with Pipe Band Contest

Saturday 10 May. For details, see article on page 6.

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 £24 will go on sale at the Feel Good Fair on 10 May or online at www.kinrosswinterfestival.co.uk
Buy your tickets now!

KLEO at Farm Open Day, Sunday 8 June

Come along to the Farm Open Day at Hilton of Aldie Farm in Fossoway, KY13 0QJ, on Sunday 8 June from 11am to 4pm. A fun farm day out for all the family! KLEO is involved in the arts and craft marquee but there is a lot more to do! Meet the farmer and his family, sheep shearing demonstrations, machinery display, food at the farm (local food producers), sheep dog demonstration, visit the ducklings and chicks, feed the animals, RHET children's activity, farm walk, meet the pygmy goat herd, pig roasts, plant sale etc.

Admission/donation is £1 per adult (under 16s and over 65s free). More info: www.farmerdawes.co.uk

Leven Voices

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. The first five sessions will be led by Horsecross Arts tutor Alice Marra and tutor Debra Salem will do the last five sessions of this block. 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!

For more information about KLEO, please visit www.kleo.org.uk, e-mail info@kleo.org.uk or call (01577) 863107.

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Kinross Potager Garden

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Miss McGrath's P5 class visited the garden before the Easter holiday, and are looking forward to their other teaching and growing sessions over the next eight weeks.

We had a stall at the **Craft Fair** at the campus on 29 March, selling some spring plants, and also providing Easter and Mother's Day crafts for children, which went very well. We are grateful to Gerry McGregor, who arranged for us to receive half the proceeds of the raffle that day. We also had two enquiries from two new people **offering to volunteer** at the garden, so it was a successful day all round.

Volunteer sessions are continuing on Monday mornings from about 10.30am, when you could also call to see our range of **plants for sale**. We will have bedding plants and some young vegetable plants ready in a few weeks time, and will have a stall at the **Feel Good Fair** on **10 May**. Hunter's butchers and Fossoway Store have again kindly agreed to sell our plants this season, and sales are already going well.

The garden is now open during the day, so do call and have a look round, as we continue to plant the new sensory area. If your group would like to arrange a special visit, please contact Amanda as below.

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday 21 May** in the Garden Room in the Church Centre, at 7.30pm, and all are welcome to join us.

Please also come along to our **"Blooming Great Tea Party"** at the garden, in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care, on **Saturday 7 June**, at 10.30am, when there will also be plant sales, and planting and craft activities for children.

On **Saturday 31 May**, from 2pm to 3.30pm, we will also be hosting a **composting workshop**, as part of the Kinross-shire Home Composting programme with PKC. Do contact Amanda to book a place at this event if you have any issues or questions about home composting.

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



Kinross Garden Group

Mrs C Rodger welcomed the members to the April meeting with the AGM. The Committee is to remain the same, with Caroline Anderson taking up the post of Secretary. Mr G Paterson gave a vote of thanks to the committee for all their work over the past year.

Mrs Rodger then welcomed Mrs Isla Gillon from Caim O' Mohr winery who spoke on the history of the winery and gave a wine tasting to the members. A good afternoon was had by all.

The May outing takes us to Dundee Botanic Garden and then onto Brechin Castle Garden.



Lodge St Serf No. 327

Special Meeting **Saturday 3 May** at 4pm, Mark Master Mason Degree conferred by Lodge St Claire of Dysart No.520. A good attendance is requested. Harmony to follow.

A fundraiser was held in the Masonic Lodge on Saturday 12 April in aid of cancer research and raised the fantastic sum of £2,860.48.



Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club

The May meeting was due to be held on 1 May in the Millbridge, with speaker Sandra Thompson, owner of the last Jute Factory in Dundee.

Away Days

Thurs 8 May

Blair Drummond Safari Park

Thurs 22 May

Glasgow School of Art

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

Theatre Outing: We have a theatre trip to Pitlochry Theatre on **Tuesday 17 June** to see "Whisky Kisses" which is a musical drama with humour. The total cost is £27.50 which includes ticket, transport etc. This is now open to non-members; if you are interested, please contact Edith Oswald at 01577 865731. The coach will leave the Green Hotel at 6.30pm.

Friday Walkers

9 May Circular Walk starting at Limekilns and Charlestown going through Broomhall Estate.

23 May Our annual walk to Loch Ordie, starting from Dowally.

Contact: Ian Simpson 01577 863691.

Friday Hill Walkers:

2 May Schiehallion Kate 8.30

16 May Killiecrankie Alan 8.30

30 May Bengenie Hill Liz 8.30

and Colsnaur Hill

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

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

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.

The **Fly Tyers** have now finished for this session.

Keep-Fit: This group has finished for this session.

Carpet Bowling has now finished for this session.

Portmoak Hall Draw 100 Club

March Draw

1st No. 118 Maureen Miller, Kinnesswood

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Common Grounds

"Busy bees" certainly applies to Common Grounds. We had a very successful project lunch with Peter and Christine Matthews, giving us the inside story of "Bees for Development (Troy Trust)" – never again will we underestimate how far-reaching the impact of pollination can be! The lunch raised a marvellous three hundred pounds. An equally productive Spring raffle was our next event with winners including Flora Douglas, Nesta Hogg, Catriona Darbyshire, Rosemary Tolson, Laura Keppie, Joanne McArthur, Tuesday Bobby and Common Grounds' two Pats to name but a few. The raffle raised a very welcome one hundred and forty one pounds. Thanks to all who contributed to their success.



Convener Elspeth Caldwell with Peter and Christin Mathews from Bees for Development (Troy Trust)

We were delighted to have two separate visits from third year Kinross High School pupils, who each have chosen us as their nominated charity for their presentation competition. Their enthusiasm and mature conduct in carrying out research was very impressive and we wish them "Good Luck!"

And then the hall was closed for two weeks, due to repair work: a well-earned rest for volunteers and supporters but, hopefully, by the time of publication, we should be back in action, as busy as ever, with a warm welcome to you all.

Project lunch: Our next project lunch is on **Tuesday 13 May** at 12 noon with Jo Middlemiss from a small charity with local links, the Ethiopian Medical Project. Its organisers raise funds and travel to Ethiopia, paying their own travel costs, to help on the ground. Jo has recently returned from Ethiopia and we are sure will give us a very interesting and informative talk. Everyone welcome.

Thank you: We were very pleasantly surprised to be invited by Kate Low to the Windlestrae Hotel on 17 April to be presented with a cheque for a £100 from the Kinross-shire Ladies Circle. We are very grateful to them for their donation and support. From all at Common Grounds, a very big thank you ladies.

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.

Boys' Brigade

The Company is preparing for its end of session Display and Presentation of Awards which will be held at 7pm in Kinross Church Centre on **Friday 16 May**.

Just prior to this, members will be attending a special 130 years celebration in Perth with a treasure hunt, march past and civic reception at Perth Concert Hall.

Junior Section members are looking forward to their annual weekend camp in West Lothian over the first weekend of May.

Four members have recently completed their President's Badge work with three others completing their Queen's Badges following a weekend residential course at the Carronvale Scottish BB Headquarters. These awards along with other Company and Battalion trophies will be presented at the Company's Display Night.

Other Company Section members are preparing for Duke of Edinburgh Awards at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels.

Company section members are looking forward to their annual summer camp to Perth's twin town of Aschaffenburg in Bavaria from 28 June till 7 July.

Company Section members will also be busy over the summer with a record number of marquee bookings – our 40 foot by 20 foot white marquee tents are available for hire at £200 per occasion. Contact Company Captain David Munro (01577 862126) for more details.

The Company is also looking for uniforms which may be lying in former members wardrobes or cupboards – please hand them back!



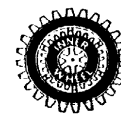
Inner Wheel

Our March meeting was a great success. Our scheduled speaker was unable to visit us but President Ann gave a fascinating illustrated talk on her very recent visit to India.

We held our Charity Bridge Day on 28 March, when all present generously raised over £1000 for our nominated charities. Thank you to everyone who came.

At our April meeting, George Lawrie, Project Officer of TRACKS, gave us a brief history of the Loch Leven Heritage Trail, before explaining the background, funding and construction of the last 6.5 kilometres of the 21-kilometre trail around the loch.

George has had involvement with this project since it started and gave us a very comprehensive illustrated talk.



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2014 Programme of Events

Half Marathon, Feel Good Fair, Pipe Band Contest. The campus will be supporting KLEO, Kinross Road Runners and Kinross Pipe Band with the above event on **Saturday 10 May** which will be held on the campus sports pitches. This will be a fun day out for all of the family from 10am including the finishing line for the Half Marathon, Loch Leven Outdoor Pipe Band Contest, Local Market Stalls, Beer tent, Swansacre Playgroup activities including a Bouncy Castle, Swansacre Playgroup Fun Run and Family Sports Activities from Live Active Leisure. For more details please go to www.kleo.org.uk

If your local group or charity would like a free stall at the Feel Good Fair, please let us know as soon as possible. Businesses can hire a stall space for £10 (you have to bring your own stall), or a limited number of stalls are available in the marquee for £15. If you would like to book any type of stall please contact Gerry McGregor at the campus on 01577 867119 / 867200 or at GMcGregor@pkc.gov.uk

Northern Counties Open Brass Band Contest – Saturday 24 May. Due to the success of last year's contest the campus will be hosting the 2014 Northern Counties Open Brass Band Contest. Brass bands from across Scotland will be competing for the title of Northern Counties Champion Band. The first band will be on stage from 10am with the final results from 4pm depending on band entry numbers. Admission is £4 or £2 for concessions. This promises to be an exciting day of varied and entertaining brass music.

Antiques, Vintage, Retro and Collectors Fair – Saturday 31 May. There will be buying, selling and valuations given. Admission will be from 9.30am – 4.00pm with entry fee of £1 per person. For exhibitors booking please contact: Angus on 07944 416565.

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*** Please note that the Outdoor Car Boot/Indoor Table Top Sale on Saturday 7 June has been cancelled.**

Other Events for 2014

Sat 14 Jun	Antiques & Collectors Fair
Sat 9 Aug	Antiques & Collectors Fair
Sun 17 Aug	Kinross Cycling Club - 3 Man Time Trial
Sat 23 Aug	Vintage Day including Afternoon Tea Dance
Sun 7 Sept	Kinross Cycling Club – Road Race
Sat 13 Sept	Antiques & Collectors Fair
Fri 19 Sep	Health, Wellbeing & Pamper Evening (Date TBC)
Sat 11 Oct	Antiques & Collectors Fair
Sat 1 Nov	Indoor Table Top Sale (Date TBC)
Sat 8 Nov	Antiques & Collectors Fair
Fri 14 Nov	Winter Festival - Kinross-shire's Got Talent
Sat 15 Nov	Winter Festival - Iain Hunter Concert
Sun 16 Nov	Winter Festival - Choirs Together Concert
Sat 22 Nov	Winter Festival - Eddie Reader Concert
Sat 6 Dec	Christmas Festival & Craft Fair (Date TBC)
Sat 13 Dec	Antiques & Collectors Fair

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

Ideas for Events

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

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

Milnathort in Bloom

Well the plant plugs have been delivered and planted on into larger containers to be grown ready to be planted in the hanging baskets, tubs and troughs.

We have started fixing the edging on the bed at the Cross and the tiered plant stand from Stirling Road has been moved to Burleigh Road. The weeding and cleaning is underway and some of the permanent beds have been weeded and tidied up already.

By the time you read this, we should also have completed the planting at the Orwell War Memorial.

The schedule for the planting is now:

- Plant up 18" and 12" baskets and the troughs on 17 May at the polytunnel of Hattonburn road.
- Plant up 16" baskets and troughs, 31 May at the polytunnel of Hattonburn road.
- Hang the 18" and 12" baskets at the beginning of June. This depends on the weather as one year we had frost in June, which didn't do the begonias much good.

There will a **rededication ceremony** for the **Orwell 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 (01577) 864357 or graemehs@yahoo.com.

Tillywhally wake up

Since the start of the project at Tillywhally Community Woodland in November 2012, the biodiversity of this little habitat has received a good makeover. In 2013 we introduced some Holly trees, Dog roses, Honeysuckle and a variety of wild flowers. The nest boxes put up by local children and their parents were very popular with last year's chicks.

The change is coming slowly in this little wood, but it is hard to believe that 45 years ago there was a road there. The reclamation work can be hard, but it is worth the effort. The walkers can now enjoy this little wood with the beautiful chorus of birds – black birds, tits, chaffinches, yellowhammers and robins, or rest on the benches to admire the rural views of Tillyrie. Occasionally you can spot the buzzard circling over the wood.

On 29 March a group of volunteers – the conservation “ground force” – made another great effort for the project. Thirty trees and bushes donated by Woodland Trust (Holly and Hazel trees, Hawthorns and Dog roses) were planted in the wood. The ground force have also planted 750 fresh snowdrops in the centre of the wood to replenish the previous stock that did not do that well. Hopefully these plants raised at Cambo House will find a good home here. After a good morning's planting work, the volunteers took part in a willowcraft workshop led by Craig Nisbet at Orwell Hall, taking home a handsome self-made willow support for plant climbers.

The Tillywhally conservation project is coming to an end, but there is still a busy time ahead. The removal of alien Spanish and hybrid Bluebells is continuing in the wood. Native Bluebells will be planted in the wood in a couple of years after the hybrid Bluebells are removed to avoid interpollination. It is a long process, but the end result will

be a new beautiful wood with native Bluebells, which are more fragrant and intense in colour. There are upcoming events in the wood this summer for families – a bat walk and willowcraft for children, which will take place before the summer holidays (date to be confirmed).

Last exciting news from Tillywhally – a red squirrel has been spotted in the wood on a couple of occasions. If you go to the wood for a walk, please look out for this very welcome arrival. The last time it was spotted in the western side of the wood. If you are lucky to see it, please let Gosia know your sighting using the details below. For more information on the events in the wood go to:

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or just look out for the posters.

Contact details for Gosia:

mmm.sozanska@btinternet.com or 01577 861237



The willowcraft workshop

Kinross and District Art Club



As well as inviting professional artists to come to the club and give demonstrations, members of KADAC benefit from the in-house skills and expertise of our members. At the April Group Activity session, David Cochrane conducted a workshop on ‘Painting in Sepia’, an effect which gives an antique appearance to a landscape or portrait. The participants were well pleased with their results, some of which will hopefully appear in our Exhibition in September.

The same afternoon, other club members opted for the workshop on ‘Painting Still Life’, conducted by our Professional Adviser, Tom Sutton Smith. Tom provided the participants with large pieces of paper and encouraged them to produce bigger and bolder work than they normally do. Everyone rose to the challenge, with some excellent results. The end of May starts the summer recess for the club, but summer also brings the opportunity for outdoor painting and club member John Tydeman has arranged an excellent programme, including visits during June and July to Lochornie House, Blairadam, Cleish Castle and grounds and Falkland Palace. More details will be given in next month's Newsletter.

Find out more about the Art Club on our web site at www.kadac.co.uk or ring Glenys on 07702 572664.

Kinross-shire Day Centre

This month, we continued with our regular programme of activities, for which we have to thank many local people for lending us their support and expertise. Thanks to them, we enjoy a weekly exercise class, a relaxation class, painting, arts and crafts, singing and other musical entertainment. These regular volunteers are the people who keep us entertained, cheerful and active week by week and we are much indebted to them.

In addition we have ‘one-off’ events which we also much appreciate. This month, these have been a session of ‘Play Your Cards Right’, a Mexican themed lunch followed by lively musical entertainment, and a visit from our community police officer who gave us advice on dealing with ‘cold callers’.

We were also able to loan our bus and driver to the residents of Causeway Court for the popular barge trip at Ratho. There will be another barge trip from the Day Centre on 1st May.

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.

Milnathort Town Hall Association

50/50 Draw for April

1st: Tolson 2nd: S Wardell. 3rd: C & J Ferrier.

Dobbies Community Champion

There has been a lovely show of **daffodils at Crook of Devon Village** hall, from bulbs I donated in the autumn, and they have also been flowering well at several of the Primary Schools locally. The committee at the Village Hall are also planning to plant annual poppies in this area, around the War Memorial, as part of our **"Poppies for our Heroes"** campaign. I still have some poppy seeds left, if you would like to plant them somewhere public in the next few weeks.

We have several new members of the Little Seedlings club, and the **Easter holiday activity** session was also very well attended; the children made Easter cards and finger puppets, did a treasure hunt, and sowed seeds of flowers and easy vegetables to take home. I also discovered a robin's nest in a broken bag of compost, which we will leave quietly in a corner, until the babies have left!

Our local charity, the Volunteer Group, held a guess the weight competition for a lovely simnel cake in the week before Easter, and the winner was Mrs Kay Gilray from Kilmarnock.

The May meeting of Little Seedlings will be on **Sunday 4 May**, at 11am, and we hope that we can meet at the allotments site, where we will have our own growing area.



A robin's nest was found in a broken bag of compost

I will meet families at the Garden Centre before we go over to the site. The club is free for accompanied children between 4 and 10 years. Please leave a message for me at the Centre if you would like to join us. We will be learning about **poppies, and their symbolism for remembrance, and other annual flowers; children will take some poppy seeds home to grow, and also plant runner bean seeds, to grow for a longest bean competition in August**

After the Easter holidays I will be **donating seeds etc to Portmoak and Cleish Primary Schools, for them to grow their own vegetables and herbs during the summer**. If your school or community group would like some help with a growing project, please contact me at the Store.

Our plant team will also be holding regular **"Grow How" talks** with demonstrations about growing your own vegetables, and other subjects over the summer. Look out for details of these sessions in the store. We are also planning a special **Grow Your Own Day, on Saturday 17 May**, from 10am to 3pm. This will include demonstrations and advice from the plant team about growing fruit and vegetables, even in small spaces or containers, and there will be growing workshop activities for children. Check in store for details of timings and demonstrations.

Contact me at Dobbies on 01577 863327, or by email via manager.Kinross@dobbies.com

Amanda James, Community Champion

Rotary Club of Kinross & District



Club members had the pleasure of learning about one of the oldest recorded companies in the country from Edwin White, whose family have been manufacturing weighing machines in Auchtermuchty since at least 1715. This was a fascinating story of the business of John White & Son, which has been steered successfully through the generations, adapting and modernising with the times, and now has customers in almost every corner of the globe.

Fruit and Veg was the next subject on the 'menu', with a visit to the premises of wholesale merchant Ivan Wood & Son at Navity Farm, Ballingry. Now one of the area's major suppliers to hotels and restaurants in central Scotland, the tour provided a most interesting insight into the latest storage and preparation methods required for a wide variety of produce, much of which is grown on local farms.

We were reminded of the tragic events which took place 100 years ago, when Dr Derek Patrick, a History lecturer at Dundee University, recounted tales of the experiences of the Dundee Brigade of the Black Watch, and of the men who answered the call for King and Country in 1914. Some of the slides shown will appear in a BBC documentary to be shown later this year.

We then heard from Martin Williamson, who gave an insight into the organisation behind the Tour de France, and showed some excellent slides taken on Tours over the many years he has attended as an official photographer.

The annual Rotary sponsored Primary School Quiz was held in Loch Leven Community Campus. Teams representing Arngask, Cleish, Fossoway, Kinross, Milnathort and Portmoak took part, and contestants faced 60 questions covering a wide range of subjects. After a closely run contest, Kinross Primary School emerged as winners, and now go on to the Rotary District final where they will come up against the winners from other areas.



The winning team from the local Primary School quiz: Kinross Primary School pupils l to r: David Cor mack, Cameron Cook, Marshall Smith, Eleanor Baughan and Damian Crawford.

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.

Kinross Parish Church

Charity No SC012555

Scarecrows in Kinross

The garden of Kinross Parish Church was 'scarecrowed' one Sunday recently by 'Crossfire', the church's youth group which meets on Sunday evenings. The mass of colourful scarecrows planted across the grounds was a foretaste of what has been happening since in gardens across Kinross and surroundings. The young people of Crossfire have been using these scarecrows to raise funds for a Tearfund Scotland project which supports self-help groups in Ethiopia. Supporters of the appeal have been paying £5 for the right to choose a friend who then wakes up to find their garden overrun with scarecrows before they move on to someone else.

As reported in earlier Newsletters, Rev. Alan Reid, minister of Kinross Parish Church of Scotland, visited the Tearfund project in Ethiopia in January. He said: "On my return, I encouraged groups in the church to consider how they could support these self-help groups, which I have seen to be a successful way of raising the poorest people out of poverty by their own efforts and, at the same time, increasing their self-esteem and sense of community. Crossfire's fun 'scarecrowing' of their friends is certainly the most colourful of the reactions to my appeal!"



'Scarecrowing' has raised funds for Tearfund

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Milnathort and Kinross Allotment Association



Ready, Steady, GROW

After eighteen months of planning, numerous grant applications, and lots of meetings, the Milnathort and Kinross Allotments and Community Garden are up and running. The thirty allotments are all taken, and plot holders were given the go ahead to start cultivating in late March, just in time for the start of the planting season.

Alongside the allotments we are creating a community garden, which we hope will be used by various groups in the community. The Little Seedlings, Brownies, the Kinross Day Centre, and various other groups have all asked to have a wee plot. There will be a herb garden, fruit trees, a sensory garden and a pond. There will also be raised beds, so people with limited mobility will also be able to take advantage of the benefits of working outdoors. We plan to have picnic tables, so people will be able to come for a day out at the garden. There is also a programme of events and workshops ranging from composting to harvesting planned for over the summer.

There is still lots of work to be done, so if you would like to volunteer for one of our work/fun days, please get in touch. Would you like to gain some new skills? Meet new people? Boost your CV? We are looking for a small team of people to help create wildlife friendly areas within the community garden. Hours and days are negotiable. No experience needed. For more information and an informal chat, contact Miranda, who will be able to give you dates, on 07543 851099, or by email at mirandashephard@yahoo.co.uk, or check out the website at

www.milnathortandkinrossallotments.org

The Association would like to thank the various funding bodies who have helped us to get this project off the ground (or should that be into the ground). But we would like to give a special thank you to Tracey Ramsay, the PKC Community Officer for Loch Leven Campus, who has helped us from the beginning with advice, provided meeting rooms and also a small grant to allow us to get the community garden underway.

Kinross Primary School Parent Council



Primary School Summer Fayre

Saturday 24 May, 12-4pm, Free Entry

(Sorry no pets allowed)

Please come along and join in the fun! Inflatables, stalls, barbecue, raffle, facepainting and much more. The theme for this year is 'The Commonwealth Games'.

If any groups or sports clubs would like to come along and promote their group, please contact us on:

kinrossprimaryparentcouncil@googlemail.com

or call Kath Davis on 07976 919694.

If any stallholders would like to reserve a table during the fayre, please also contact as above.

Kinross-shire Visitor Information Points

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

Kinross High School Parent Council

Clerk: Jennifer Sneddon 0794 667 9815

Email: jms927@btinternet.com

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

With the exam period upon us, the Parent Council wishes all pupils involved the ability to perform at their best and to rise to the challenges set for them. And we wish them good luck too!

Though undoubtedly important, exams and schoolwork are only part of our KHS pupils' world. Within our KHS community we have many young people 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, some work for charities and support voluntary organisations. Some overcome personal difficulties in ways that inspire people around them. The Parent Council applauds these inspiring young people among 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 will run a **Jobs Fair** for pupils at the school on the afternoon of **11 June** to showcase some of the varied jobs people in our school community do, or have done. 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 at this event, the Clerk would be delighted to hear from you.

The Parent Council is comprised of parents of young people at the school together with teachers, (including our Headteacher Mr Keatings) and community members. The Parent Council represents the views of parents and guardians of pupils at the school to help ensure that our young people can learn and develop to their maximum potential. We work in partnership with the school to create a positive environment which supports pupils, staff and parents. The Parent Council is on hand to help support the process of communications with the school and we are always keen to hear from you, whether it be good, or not. If you are a parent or guardian of a Kinross High School pupil, perhaps you 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.

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



Portmoak Primary School

School Phone Number: We have recently started to use a new phone system, which has necessitated a change of number. Can you please change to our new number of: **01577 867290**.

Talent Show: Well done to everyone who took part in the Talent Show on 13 March and to the Events and Fundraising Children's Committee for organising this event. Thank you to the parents who supported this.



Talent Show winners: 1st: Eve, Katy, Emma and Rebecca (group entry), 2nd: Garry, 3rd: Will and Joe (joint third place)

Choir: The boys' choir was successful in the Perform in Perth competition on 27 March, winning the rural boys' choir section. The feedback was extremely positive about not only the quality of the singing, but also their team work, commitment to the group, listening to one another and the way they conducted themselves. (See p.86 for photo.)

Bus Shelter: A selection of last session's work on the plants and animals around Loch Leven (as part of '2013 The Year of Natural Scotland') has been made into boards for the bus shelter in Kinnesswood. Some of our pupils past and present are pictured here with Norma Smith (Kinnesswood in Bloom), Ms MacGillivray and Malcolm Parkin from Portmoak Community Council.

P5/6 Victorian Day: P5/6 really got into character on their Victorian Day, which they organised for their Victorian's topic.



P5/6 girls dressed up for Victorian Day

Hall Bookings

A list of halls and contact details can be found at

www.kinross.cc

Milnathort Primary School The Big Pedal Day of Action

by Andrew Clark, P6 ©

As part of The Big Pedal competition in March, the Transport Responsibility Group from Milnathort Primary School organised a Day of Action on 14 March. This was in order to raise money for Sustrans, a charity which helps support young children's knowledge of how to cross the road and encourages environmentally friendly journeys to schools and places of work. Over two weeks, we monitored how pupils travelled to school and those who travelled by two-wheels the most were bestowed the honour of officially opening the new bike shelter and scooter racks.

Children were encouraged to dress as a super hero and, after a parade of the costumes, we did a whole school walk around the village to practise our Green Cross Code and observe safe places to cross the road. Some of the teachers dressed up too!



A superhero Day of Action at Milnathort Primary School

There was a bake off where children made and decorated transport-themed cakes, and we had a road-safety beetle drive. In total, we raised an amazing £109.75.



Transport-themed cakes were part of the Day of Action

The Kinross-shire Community Learning and Development Group

Better Place To Live Fair 2014

The Better Place to Live Fair (BPTLF) 2014 was the third event organised by the Kinross-shire Community Learning and Development Group (KCLDG). The group work together to share information with individuals, groups and communities to inform services, identify and respond to needs improving the quality of life in our local communities. The event provided local community clubs, organisations, local businesses and services of Kinross-shire with an opportunity to celebrate community achievements, network, seek new members and volunteers, showcase what they do as well as gaining a sense of pride in Kinross-shire.

The event made obvious the high level of community activity and services in the Kinross-shire area, all thanks to everyone involved on the day who provided an amazing range of information stalls, interactive and fun activities, local crafts, jewellery and produce, Tayside Fire Engine, Alzheimer Scotland Bus, Rhyme Time and Ancestry workshops in the Library, Bouncy Castle, Face painting, Baton Twirlers display and a wonderful Kinross-shire Pipe Band performance.

In addition to this, the Learning Community Project supported groups and services to work together to provide a host of fun things for all the family from mosaic and sun catcher making, relaxation techniques and taster sessions, life saving techniques, face-painting, planting and garden design, cress pot making, arts and crafts, biscuit decorating and an interesting World War I exhibition in the Museum.

The BPTLF is inclusive of all population groupings in Kinross-shire in which it attracted involvement with over 500 people in attendance:

- Community Groups and Organisations: 40
- Local small Businesses: 16
- Local services: 15

150 evaluation forms and questionnaires were returned, which showed 100% of stall holders thought the event proved a great opportunity to see what others do in the area that makes Kinross-shire a Better Place to Live. 82% of stall holders highlighted they would like the event to continue, whilst feedback specifically from our questionnaires showed 99% of people thought the event benefited the community and 100% of people feel there should also be another BPTLF event.

Congratulations to our four prize **raffle winners**: Lara Watson, Iris Smith, Margaret Scott and David Gibson.

We would like to thank local media for their support with this: Kinross Newsletter (Eileen Thomas), local website (Pauline Watson) and the Kinross-shire correspondent (Linda Freeman) for ensuring information was promoted accordingly.

Comments from participants included:

'Really appreciate the effort put into making the BPTLF such an opportunity to meet people, thank you'.

'We think the event works well. More advertisement perhaps on social media forums to reach a more diverse audience'.

'Could the event be attached to another event to draw more people from far and wide?'.

'Not sure it can be improved – a lot of work has gone into organising this event and very well done. Excellent event!'

For further information please contact: Tracey Ramsay, Senior Community Capacity Building Worker, email: tramsay@pkc.gov.uk, telephone 01577 867124.

The Kinross-shire Civic Trust

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website: www.kinross-shirecivictrust.org



Best Kept Village Competition 2014

This 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

The AGM of the Civic Trust was held in Cleish Village Hall on 9 April. The meeting was well attended, with over 30 members present. The Chairman presented his Annual Report, covering the activities of all the Committees, the Awards Committee for their work with the Best kept Village Competition and the successful Architecture Awards, the Planning Committee for their involvement in considering all the planning applications over the year, the recently adopted Local Plan and the opposition to Wind Farms and the Events Committee for organising the Kinross Show entry, the Better Place to Live Fair entry and the presentation evening for the awards at Tullibole Castle. He concluded by thanking all the members of these committees for all their hard work during the year. The Treasurer presented the audited Accounts of the Trust, which were accepted by the meeting.

The following were appointed officers for the coming year: Chairman, Alistair Smith, Secretary, Eileen Thomas and Treasurer, Ken Miles.

The meeting was followed by an excellent talk by Neil Kilpatrick, Project Director for TRACKS, on the completion of the Loch Leven Heritage Trail. Mr Kilpatrick reminded everyone of the history of the Trail, stretching back 10 years, the funds that had to be raised, and then took the meeting through a pictorial display of the last section of the Trail from Kinross through to Vane Farm. The Chairman thanked Mr Kilpatrick for his excellent talk and for his hard work in bringing the Trail to its final fruition.

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 Eye to the Hills *the hills surrounding Loch Leven, why they are so special and how they have attracted a variety of commercial and conservation developments ranging from wind farms to Heritage Lottery funded landscape partnerships*. Members, Guests and Non-members are very welcome. Tickets will be £30 per head. Please contact Bridget Lindsay on 01592 840252 to make reservations.

The Mid-summer Walk

To be held this year on **Saturday 21 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. *(Please note: this is a change to the date shown in the April issue of the Newsletter.)*

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:

Patrick Milne Home
Craigow, Milnathort, KY13 0RP
(01577) 863758
patrick@milnehome.org

www.kinross-shirecivictrust.org

Compassion Corner

For the six weeks leading up to Easter, our Compassion Group met on Monday afternoons to review books related to the topic of "Compassion". The chosen authors included: theologians Karen Armstrong and Jean Vanier, mystic Meister Eckhart, Jesuit priest Anthony De Mello, Buddhist Sharon Salzberg and the Dalai Lama, and poet Kim Rosen. These authors all challenge us in various ways to be constant observers of our attitude and behaviour towards ourselves and others. By becoming more mindful of what we think, do and say, we will gain the capacity to bring peace, joy and happiness to ourselves and others.

Several of us also attended a lecture entitled 'Compassion and Well-being' given by Sir Harry Burns, the retiring chief medical officer for Scotland, whose research concludes that the most effective ways to improve the health and well being of Scots is to rebuild caring communities and create more jobs. Statistics have shown that isolation and unemployment have been the key causes of alcohol and drug abuse, violence in the home and crime in the community. He was delighted to learn of our efforts to make Kinross-shire a "County of Compassion" and believes we should all be aiming to make Scotland a "Country of Compassion".

If you care to join us in this work, our next meeting is **Monday 26 May**, 2-4pm at St Paul's Church Hall, Kinross.



Sports News

Kinross Ladies Hockey Club

www.kinrossladieshockey.co.uk

I am a bit confused about who scored what, when and against whom as it has been another busy month for both the First and Second VI!

In March, the Firsts faced Dundee Wanderers, winning 5-1, and beat Blairgowrie 7-2. April's games saw wins against Perthshire 1s 15-0. Scorers were Vicky Carver, Michelle Best, AJ Combe, Gail Nelson, Kirsty Dunn, Anny King and Kari Carswell. In the Midlands Knock Out Cup we won 5-0 with goals from Vicky Carver, AJ Combe, Claire Brownbridge and (I think!) Gail Nelson. This victory took the team to the final, which was a hard fought match against Brechin, resulting in a 3-0 win and a piece of silverware for the club. Kinross Ladies have also won the Midlands first division league again – lost count of how many years running now but about 5?!



The KLHC team after the cup final win

The Seconds had an 8-0 win over St Andrews Uni 4 in the Knock Out Cup but unfortunately then lost to Dundee Wanderers 2 0-4 in the next leg, in what was an excellent match and solid performance against a team in the league above us. A friendly against Dunfermline saw a 5-0 victory in the 'weekend of 5-0 wins'.

Both teams still have the League Cup and League Plate finals to come in May – hopefully the trophy cabinet will be full to bursting by the end of the month!

A reminder that 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. **Sunday 17 August** will involve a **past v present fun match** - if you are interested in playing, please let us know.

For further details, see our website or contact the club secretary, Libby Simpson, on 07941 465811 or e-mail libbysimpson1@gmail.com.

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Kinross Men's Hockey Club

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The 2013/14 season has now finished. **Summer mixed hockey** started on Tuesday 29 April for all ages and abilities – it's all about having fun. 7.30 to 9.00pm. Cost: £2 per session every Tuesday night. Check our website for further details.

Kinross 1sts play in East District League Division 1 and finished eighth out of 12. Played 20: won 8, drawn 2 and lost 10.

Kinross 2nds play in East District League Division 3 and finished sixth out of 12. Played 21: won 9, drawn 1 and lost 11.

Full report after our AGM in next month's Newsletter.

For further information, please visit our website.

Kinross Kobras Junior Hockey

The focus of the past month has been the Midland District U14 Trials. With several Kinross players nominated through school and club, it has been good to see eight get through the trials and now in the training squads, hoping to get selected for the Inter-district tournament matches in May. Of the girls who attended the trials, Erin Stevens, Olivia Mears, Jenny Walls and Georgia and Lucy Smith made it through and Alex Wilson, Arthur Morris and Tom Morris made it through the boys' trials. The club also did a 'Dribble' for Sport Relief and youngsters of all ages dribbled (with a hockey ball!) a total of 14,630 metres and raised £172.08 for Sport Relief. A great effort for a great cause!

Training continues through the summer term on Tuesdays and Thursdays and competitions for U10, U12 and U14 players are coming up so that the training can be put to the test with some competitive hockey.

Kinross Curling Trust

Charity No. SC040599

www.kinrosscurling.co.uk

Refurbishment goes ahead!

The Trustees are delighted to announce that all necessary funding to allow the refurbishment project to go ahead has been secured. (See article, page 16.) Work began on 14 April.

A huge THANK YOU to those who have contributed. However, we are still actively fundraising, and will be for a significant time into the future, in order to reduce our reliance on loans (as these have to be repaid).

If you now feel capable of contributing to this exciting project, please download a donation form (and Gift Aid form if appropriate) from the Kinross Curling website or telephone Mike Caffyn, 01383 737231.

Kinross Curling is scheduled to reopen for the 2014-15 season in mid September as usual.

Walking the West Highland Way

Pat Pilgrim and Anne Moore of Kinross Ladies Curling Club are walking 96 miles in one week to raise funds for Kinross Curling Trust. You can donate at:

mydonate.bt.com/charities/kinrosscurlingtrust

(Note from editor: apologies for substituting Anne Malcolm for Anne Moore in the April Newsletter!)



Kinross Curling

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Rink office email: iceman@KinrossCurling.co.uk



Kinross Curling League results

What a close and exciting season this was! Almost all of our leagues were won by ends and shots rather than points! Full results can be found on our website but the champions are listed below.

NFU Mutual SSL Div 1:	Pete Lang
NFU Mutual SSL Div 2:	Dougie Murray
NFU Mutual SSL Div3:	David Jones
Green League Div 1:	Dunfermline
Green League Div 2:	Boreland
Green League Div 3:	Tulliallan
Coady's Bar (Dunfermline)	
Ladies Superleague:	Wilma Brownlie
Mixed League:	Diane Bell
Fifty Plus:	Jimmy Robertson
BoS John Stewart Double Rink Knockout:	Kinross

Competitive opportunities next season

If you are looking to play a higher number of competitive fixtures next season, we have several leagues and competitions that may be of interest to you.

Our NFU Mutual Kinross Sunday Super Leagues have space for at least two new teams to enter Division 3. There is an average of one game per month, all played on a Sunday evening at 20:15 with 8 ends (no bell). There are no restrictions on who can play (apart from players not being allowed to sub down the divisions), and it is all played in a friendly competitive spirit.

The Mixed League has been very sociable this season. Open to any teams consisting of two male and two female players, fixtures take place on Saturday evenings (usually one per month) followed by a special meal in the curling bar.

We are also accepting entries for our new Mixed Doubles League next season - more information below.

The Kinross 50+ League and the Ladies Super League are both played on weekday afternoons, and may have space for new teams next season.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please email us: iceman@KinrossCurling.co.uk

What is Mixed Doubles?

Each end of Mixed Doubles begins with two pre-positioned stones already in play, and teams of two players (one male, one female) play a total of five stones, with one player throwing stones 1 and 5 while their teammate plays stones 2, 3, and 4 (although you can change the playing order each end if you wish).

This format provides a real tactical challenge, and with take-outs banned until the fourth thrown stone, players are forced to use precision and finesse. Scoring is as normal, except that with only six stones per team, the maximum score per end is 6 rather than 8.

It provides a good mixture of entertainment and serious competition, with feedback from our trial saying the tactical challenge and quick play were greatly appreciated.

RCCC Rink Championship

Kinross Curling Club (Ross McCleary, Craig Gudmundsson, Hugh Thomson and Gavin Baird) won the RCCC Rink Championship at Forfar on 16 March.

Another Eight Ender!

Congratulations to Kinross Ladies members Maggie Byford, Trisha Garnett and Kathryn Spain who scored the fifth eight-ender of our 2013-14 season on 26 March.

Quiz Night, 29 March

Quizzical Kinross put on an entertaining quiz to raise funds for the rink refurbishment. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening, with 51 people taking part, and raised more than £360. The winning team, with a remarkable score of 99.5 out of 110, was Kinross Ladies. Many thanks to Mike Spain and his team for their fantastic work organising the event, and to the bar staff for their hospitality.



Quiz winners, Kinross Ladies
photo: Andy R Macpherson

Closing Bonspiel, Saturday 5 April

20 teams took part on the last official day of curling in our 37-year-old rink before this summer's major renovation work. Games took place over three sessions, with the overall winner being the team to score the most shots followed by ends.

After the first session Forret led with 14 shots and 6 ends. In session two, Orwell Ladies overtook them with 20 shots and 6 ends, while the third session provided a great climax to the season as Orwell Men eagerly chased after the leaders. A modest start preceded back-to-back sixes, which raised the tension in the curling bar as Orwell Ladies anxiously watched the men catching up. The final end could have seen scores tied were it not for damage limitation by their opponents - final score 19 shots and 6 ends.

Our Facebook page has a series of amusing photos portraying Orwell Ladies' reactions to the men's game, as well as action photos from throughout the day.

Turkey Shoot, 6 April

A large crowd enjoyed the family-friendly Turkey Shoot, organised by Ena Stevenson, which aimed to raise funds for a much-needed new stone measure. The event was a great success and raised more than £1500. Ena would like to thank everyone who helped make the day as good as it was: all the helpers, both ice and bar staff, and especially all those who attended and spent money. Again, there are plenty of photos on our Facebook page.

Curling E-Newsletter

Sign up on the Kinross Curling website to receive a colourful, informative E-Newsletter compiled by iceman Andy Macpherson. Andy is pleased with the positive feedback. The newsletters now go out to over 400 people.

Thanks

Kinross Curling thanks everyone for their custom and support. Enjoy the summer.

With thanks to Andy Macpherson for information.

Kinross Tennis Club

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After a very successful Open Day at the end of March, the tennis season is now in full swing and we are all looking forward to a season of 'strawberries and cream' and getting fit!

With summer nearly upon us, including The Wimbledon Championships, what better way to emulate your tennis heroes than to come along to KTC for a game of tennis?

Junior summer term coaching commenced late April for nine weeks on Tuesdays and Fridays and continues until 24 June. Thereafter, we have two **summer camps** from Monday 30 June to Friday 4 July and from Monday 21 July to Friday 25 July. All junior bookings and enquiries should be made to Siobhan MacLeod by emailing kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com

Adult league matches commenced at the end of April with both Gents and Ladies hoping to have another successful season – match results will be reported in the next Newsletter.

Social tennis for adult members on Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm and Sunday mornings at 10.30am are proving extremely popular and the Thursday afternoon session at 1.30pm is good for both members and non-members wishing to come along to try the sport.

Adult coaching for members and non-members started on 29 April for five weeks plus a second block of four weeks is planned from 3 June based on beginners PLUS at 7pm and improvers at 8pm. These blocks are flexible depending on demand so, if you are interested, please contact our Secretary, Vivien Clarke (see header).

Adult and Child Taster Sessions start on **Sunday 4 May** at 1.30pm for children aged 6 and under with parent or guardian and 2.15pm for children 9 and under with their adult. We have organised a block of four sessions so, if you are keen to encourage your child on court or need ideas to encourage them to participate, these are ideal for building up their confidence. Bookings can be made via kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com and at only £2 per couple, this is great value.

On **Sunday 1 June**, Kinross Tennis Club is hosting a **Mini Red Tournament** and on **Sunday 22 June** a **16 and under** (10.1-10.2 rating) **Tournament** as part of the Central & Tayside Tournament Circuit.

An **Open Day** is planned for **Saturday 29 June** during Wimbledon for members and non-members to come along and play tennis at KTC.

New members are always welcome and enquiries can be made to our Secretary, Vivien Clarke (see header).

Visitor keys are available from Sands the Ironmongers for a small fee.

Kinross Road Runners

Alloa Half Marathon

Congratulations to the 13 KRR who competed in Alloa Half Marathon. The third of this year's Club Championship races saw Jillian Gordon scoop 1st prize in the female vet category in a time of 1:25:21. Peter Edgerton had another fine performance to finish second in the male vet 60 category. Other notable performances were: Matt Newton (1:32:39), Sarah Hutt (1:38:18), Kirsten Gray (1:39:12), Amanda Rennie (1:44:42) and Sarah Eaton (2:15:27).

Lochaber Marathon

A huge well done to Andy Laycock (3:13:56), Sarah Hutt (3:39:08), Amanda Rennie (3:52:56) and Anne Wilson (4:25:23) for completing the Lochaber marathon in appalling weather conditions. Well done to Gill Lopez, too, for managing 17 miles before retiring due to injury.

Grangemouth Round the Houses 10k

Well done to the 16 KRR who ran this in very windy conditions. First KRR and second in her age category was Jillian Gordon in a time of 39:22. Further congratulations to Val Findlay, who also finished second in her category in a time of 50:53. Well done also to our more senior members in this race, too, particularly Sandy MacCalman 1st MV70 1:01:25, Bill Nouillan 1st MV75 1:01:44 and Norman Smith 2nd MV70 1:03:06.

Tay Ten

Congratulations to Maureen Hill (1:13:16) and Judith Dobson (1:16:22) for finishing second and third respectively in their category. John Boyle also ran in the event and completed the course in a time of 1:15:19.

Birnam Hill Race

Well done to Norman Smith for his first place in the over 70 category in this year's race in a time of 1:02:01. Congratulations also go to Sandy MacCalman who finished 2nd in the same category running a time of 1:04:34.

London Marathon

A great achievement by two KRR ladies in this year's London Marathon: Jillian Gordon ran another fantastic marathon in a time of 3:02:11 and finished 87th female in possibly the biggest race in the world. Wendy Grieve had a great race and ran what was her very first marathon in a time of 4:29:50 on a very warm course. Superb performance, Wendy.

Congratulations also go to Annabel Simpson who ran in this year's London mini marathon and finished in a fantastic 18th position in the girls under 17 category in a time of 17:36 for 3 miles.

Milnathort Golf Club Juniors

The summer golf season finally got underway in April with the Juniors & Friend Greensome. This was won by Katie Bell and David McIntyre who finished with a net 74.5, just beating Cameron and Euan Wallace with a net 75.5. Jamie Greenshields and Patrick Freeman came third with a net 78 and the lowest gross score was achieved by Blair Addison and Michael Morrison with a 98. Of those playing nine holes, Struan and Kirsten Fotheringham came home ahead of Hannah Robb and her friend Euan.

There are junior competitions most Thursdays and Clubgolf Stage 1 and Stage 2 coaching on a Wednesday evening, so if you fancy giving golf a go, Milnathort Golf Club is a great place to start.

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Kinross Volleyball Club

Volleyball extravaganza comes to Perth

Things are hotting up on the volleyball front with both the Premier and Recreational League championships still in the balance. Kinross teams are tucked in second place in both leagues: they are looking for other teams to do them a favour in defeating the teams above them with just a few games remaining.

Kinross Volleyball Club has now moved outdoors for the summer – let's hope the weather is up to it! With Kinross teams preparing for two outdoor tournaments, the Scottish Open at Perth over the first weekend in June and the De Haan, Belgian tournament in mid August, it is ideal preparation trying to accommodate wind conditions which puts a slightly different complexion on the game.

Anyone wishing to try volleyball is welcome to come along to the free fun session games on Monday evenings on the grass area to the rear of the Community Campus from 7pm until twilight.

This year's Scottish Open Tournament in June also sees women's European volleyball come to Scotland for the first time, with Bell's Sports Centre hosting the European Championships Qualification Tournament from 6 to 8 June. Scotland, Malta, Cyprus, Ireland and Northern Ireland are the five teams looking to qualify for the second round of Europe's top competition. There will

also be a secondary schools' festival on Friday 6 June and all European games will have free entry – an ideal opportunity to witness top class volleyball on your doorstep. Every school pupil should receive a flyer inviting them and their families to come along to support the Scottish girls in their attempt to qualify for the next round of games. They will be hoping to emulate the Scottish under 20 men's side who finished in gold medal position at a similar tournament in Luxemburg. Coincidentally, the Scottish men's team is on international duty in Iceland over the same weekend as they also attempt to qualify for the next round.

As well as the international tournament, the Scottish Open Tournament will also attract teams from Belgium, Italy and the USA to compete in the UK's largest competition, with over 100 teams expected to converge on Perth's North Inch.

Feeder primary school pupils attended an after school festival at Kinross High School prior to the Easter break with sixteen teams assembling for fun games.

Four Kinross boys will be attending coaching sessions over the next six weeks as part of the selection process in preparation for sending a Scotland East side to the Sainsbury's UK School Sports.



The Scottish Open Volleyball tournament takes place over the first weekend of June.

Kinross AFC

On Saturday 12 April, Kinross played Kingskettle AFC in the Kingdom Caledonian Cup. Despite a very windy day, the team pushed on and beat 'Kettle' 5-0, securing us a place in the semi-finals. Well done lads; a great result.

Our Manager Billy Whitehead has organised a friendly in Carrick Fergus near Belfast for the Easter weekend. The team, committee, friends and family will travel to Belfast on Good Friday and return on Easter Monday. We will be playing a local team called Barnes United and they have organised a trophy for the winning team. They are so looking forward to us coming over and have organised an evening of food, entertainment and of course a few beers for after the game. Although this is primarily a football match, it is also a great bonding session for the team and a chance to form a friendship with another part of the UK. Hopefully we will be able to return the favour next year when they come to our annual tournament at the Myre. This year's tournament is taking place on Saturday 26 July.



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Kinross Otters

Scottish Gas National Open Swimming Championships

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3 - 6 April

This top class meet saw many of Britain's best swimmers competing to see if they could achieve those elusive Commonwealth Games qualification times. Four Otters made it and acquitted themselves rather well.

Breaststroke specialist, **Conor McCormick** (14), qualified for all the Breaststroke events, but it was the 100m Breaststroke where he actually qualified in the main event, *the men's race*, beside the likes of Olympic silver medallist Michael Jamieson and eventual winner and new British record holder Ross Murdoch. **Conor** managed 49th position and 1.16.50, some way off his best. However, in the 200m he came 18th and broke the Otters' Club record in 2.45.46. He also did the same in the 50m where he took another 1.4 secs off his recent Club Record to record 34.10 secs and come 24th.

If **Conor** is the best Breaststroker the Otters have ever had, then **Jordan Curtis** (17) is certainly the best Freestyler. **Jordan** entered the 400m seeded 37th but smashed the Club Record to come 13th in 4.28.47. He did the same in the 800m, taking 5 seconds off his entry time, coming 25th in another Club Record of 9.18.66.

The Otters proved their strength in depth at the Breaststroke with **Iona Crawford** (13) who entered the 200m in 72nd position, only to jump to 31st position in a new Club Record 3.03.43, taking some 3.5 secs off her best time: a huge improvement and she now holds two of the three Long Course Club Records.

Rounding off some fine Otter performances was **Niamh Mullen** (14) in the 200m Butterfly where she came 24th in 2.48.86, less than a tenth of a second outside her own Club Record.

Well done to all these swimmers as even making an event such as this is a real achievement.



Swimathon 2014, Loch Leven Leisure Centre 21 - 23 March

This year, Swimathon teamed up with Sport Relief to raise as much money as possible to give extremely vulnerable and disadvantaged people in the UK and throughout the world a helping hand to turn their lives around. The world's biggest fundraising swim took place at over 645 pools UK wide over the weekend of 21 - 23 March, with almost 25000 swimmers participating.

As usual there were Kinross Otters taking part and as an interesting aside and bonus to the big day, there were some superb results. In his sixth year of Swimathons, **Cameron McCloskey** (15) produced a quite outstanding display of endurance and speed in the Individual 5km swim (200 lengths!) to knock 39 seconds off last year's time and was once again the fastest swimmer all weekend at Kinross (including adults!). This year though he surpassed himself (very provisional results just in) by also being the *fastest swimmer in Scotland* for the third year in a row and he managed to come *quickest* in the whole of the UK in the 13-15 yr old category in 1 hour six minutes and one second. It appears as though he will be in the top 20 swimmers UK wide of the 4000 swimmers who undertook this mega challenge.

The other Otters were perhaps more sensible and completed the challenge in teams! **Amy Broadhurst** (13) and **Iona Crawford** (13) completed the Team 5 kms in 1.15.50 whilst **Duncan Crawford** (11) and his mother **Fiona** (Membership Secretary) finished in 1.42.00 and **Liam Slater** (11) and **Ben Griffin** (11) did it in 1.47.44. **Liam's** little sisters **Abbie** and **Elsie** completed the 1.5 km distance with **Ben's** little brothers in 51.23.

Of course, it is not about times, it is about money. So if you know anyone involved in this year's Swimathon, then please donate in whatever way you feel most comfortable. Unfortunately, you cannot donate online for an under 16.

Kinross Swimmers

Kinross Swimmers 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 and 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.

The 'Total Immersion' (TI) technique of swimming is a style of coaching swimming that brings results faster than conventional teaching, helping any level of swimmer or triathlete master a fluent, efficient and fast stroke technique. Although swimming is an essential life skill, traditional teaching and coaching methods have made it difficult to master because they teach an awkward, exhausting style of swimming. Total Immersion helps any student master an efficient and beautiful technique. An added benefit is it makes swimming more enjoyable.

Our 'TI' enthusiast, Fraser, is to begin his six week workshop commencing on Tuesday 29 April. This is open to anyone to attend, although you may decide that a weekend workshop from Total Immersion Ltd at a cost of nearly £400 is a better introduction. These sessions will



introduce the benefits of TI swimming to anyone that can swim at least 50 metres and should give you an excellent base for further training or instruction. There are a number of Total Immersion websites online most of which contain short video clips and further info.

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.

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Canoeing

Recently **Eilidh Gibson**, Kinnesswood, competed at the Great Britain canoe slalom selection weekend held at the Olympic course in London, Lee Valley. The race took place over a three-day period with the best two days' results counting.

The racing kicked off on Friday with a fairly straightforward gate sequence set on the powerful white water. Eilidh was placed second at the end of the day, giving her confidence for the two days to follow and putting some of her competitors under pressure. Saturday offered a much more technical course and after some mistakes on her semi-final run, she refocused and had an excellent final run. To her shock she placed first! This confirmed her place in the Senior and U23 C1 women canoe slalom team. This summer offers an exciting opportunity for her to compete in both the U23 and Senior European and World championships and four World Cups. These take place across three different continents and she will compete against some of the best paddlers in the world.

In the recent Junior Great Britain canoe slalom selection trials, **Angus Gibson** and his canoeing partner Crawford Niven competed in the C2 category. (This is when both people paddle in the same boat.) They finished second and third in the first two races, securing them a place in the GB Junior team to race at the Junior and U23 European Championships in Skopje Macedonia this summer. They join six other Scottish boats in the Junior GB team.

Orwell Bowling Club

Milnathort. Website: orwellbowlingclub.co.uk

Our bowling season started in April on a dry but blustery day. There was a good turnout of members and it was good to see some new members come along. 30 playing members took to the green and the first game of the season commenced with the President's wife rolling the first jack. As usual the first game is the President versus the Vice-President. It was a closely fought game with our VP's (Mary White) side being the victors by two shots overall. Soup, sandwiches and a blether rounded off the afternoon for players and spectators nicely. Our opening game usually supports the Blind Bowlers and a huge thank you to everyone for their donations, which raised £160 for this cause.

Our friendly Monday afternoon games and our Senior Thursday afternoon games will be well underway by now and our rink night will start on Tuesday 29 April.

Lets hope the weather's kind to us this year and we can make the most of this bowling season. Whether we chose to play just in our many friendlies against other clubs or to represent our club in external competitions, the overall aim is to enjoy ourselves, which is definitely easier with the sun shining!

It's not too late to join if you're interested and a warm welcome will be extended, or come along to the afternoon games and try it out. More information is available on our website or by contacting our secretary on Kinross 865538.

Kinross-shire Cricket Club



New Season Dates

With the sun finally breaking through, the outdoor junior training started at 6.15pm on Monday 21 April at the Loch Leven's Larder Cricket Ground.

The junior training is split into U9's, U11's, U13's, U15's and U18's, 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 started at 6.30pm on Thursday 17 April and runs throughout the season on Thursday evenings.

May fixtures are as follows:

Sat 3rd	1st XI away to Norwood
Sat 10th	1st XI away to Coupar Angus
Sat 17th	1st XI at home to Rossie Priory
Wed 21st	Mid Week XI away to Dollar CC
Sat 24th	1st XI away to Perth Doo' Cot
Sun 25th	Sunday XI at home to Doune CC
Sat 31st	1st XI at home to Kinloch

"Wee Stramash" and Junior fixtures are posted on the club website and at the pavilion.

Perth & Kinross Indoor Senior League Success

At the start of April we had the final rounds of the indoor league to play and as indicated in last month's Newsletter we had high hopes of a top three finish. With the final matches played, we were delighted to be joint runners up in the ten-team league, finishing second to Glenalmond College's performance XI. As Glenalmond are coached by our 1st XI skipper, we didn't feel too unhappy. It's been an excellent winter league with many of our 1st and 2nd team players participating and gaining in confidence and ability.

1st Class county debut for Kinross Junior of the Year

The club was delighted to hear that our former U18 captain and Junior of the Year, Peter Ross, made his 1st Class county debut at Headingley for Leeds Bradford MCCU in a three-day game against Yorkshire at the start of April, with a second game against Somerset the following week. Yorkshire is regarded as one of the top county sides this season, with seven of their team being current and former England Test players. Peter's played his role as a specialist batsman and help the MCCU side to draws in both games which is a great result against county sides.

Peter is the first Kinross-shire player to go through our junior coaching programme, where he started as a nine-year old, up to the highest professional levels. Peter has already achieved notable successes with the Scotland age group teams, most recently with the U19 team that played in the 2012 World Cup in Australia. Peter is part of the Cricket Scotland performance academy and has his sights set on a professional career as a cricketer and hopes to be selected for the full national team playing in the 2015 Cricket World Cup in New Zealand. The club wish him continued success for the future and hope to welcome him back during the summer for some specialist coaching sessions with our U15 squad.

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

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News from the Rurals

MILNATHORT – After business, President Fiona Hynd introduced Graeme Stewart from Milnathort in Bloom, who told us how the group started with just a few people hanging ten baskets around the village fifteen years ago. The group has grown and twenty people are now involved. They now hang fifty baskets around the village as well as fifty for T in the Park, plus some for selling.

Fifty tubs and barrels are filled and eight troughs, and some flower beds and rose beds are tended to. Over the years this hard working group have grown the plants from plugs in a polytunnel on the outskirts of the village. Disaster struck a few years ago when the weight of the snow flattened the tunnels, but this determined group arranged to bring on the plants in friends' greenhouses. The polytunnels have been rebuilt.

The group are also behind the upgrading of the War Memorial and the Community Orchard. They are always on the lookout for waste ground to brighten up the village. Thank you all.

Competitions:

Individual Quiche	-	Nan Paterson
Pot Plant	-	May Paterson
Flower of the Month	-	Nan Paterson

After business President Fiona Hynds introduced four ladies from Blackford Institute who gave us a varied programme. Margaret showed us how to make flowers from old tights. Liz introduced us to Irish bingo. Jessica and Cathie were winners. Irene's quiz was an Easter trip round Scotland. We then made Easter bonnets from paper plates, ribbon, tissue paper and other bits and pieces. Sheryll and Claudia were judged to be winners. Shona did poems and songs which we all enjoyed.

Competitions:

Decorated flower pot	-	Fiona Hynds
Flower of the Month	-	Cathie Cochrane

BISHOPSHIRE – Colin Shaw of the RSPB showed us a short film on the work of the RSPB. He followed this up with a film about garden birds. Some of the members were able to identify many of the birds, and Colin gave hints on the best foods for the different species, and the sort of nesting boxes they like. This was a very informative talk, with some questions afterwards.

Competitions:

Bird related ornament/picture	-	Margaret Paton
3 Fairy cakes	-	Joanne Cowan

CLEISH – President Mrs Alison Morris welcomed 23 members to our April meeting. After business she welcomed our speaker for the evening, Mrs Jo Middlemiss, who gave us an interesting talk and insight into the Ethiopia Medical Project. Mrs Dorothy Morris gave the vote of thanks.

Competition:

Flower of the Month	-	Lizzie Glennie
2 Cup Cakes	-	Marion Bissett
Premature Baby Cardigan	-	Anne Bayne

POWMILL – President Mary Wilson welcomed members to the February meeting and introduced Joanne McCreadie from Seamab, Rumbling Bridge. Joanne gave a very interesting and informative talk about the aims and achievements and the daily running of Seamab. Although it is on our doorstep, many of the members were unaware of what Seamab is all about. Joanne then judged the competitions.

Competitions:

Jar of Pineapple Jam	-	Ella Shand
Cushion Cover	-	Catherine Stewart
Garden Gem	-	Mary Wilson

President Mary Wilson welcomed members to the March Meeting. Due to ill health, the guest speaker had to call off at short notice. However, Treasurer, Anne McKay stepped up to the mark and organised a Pictionary style quiz which was great fun and enjoyed immensely.

Competitions:

3 Coconut Tarts	-	Elsie Johnstone
Flower arrangement in	-	Catherine Stewart

an unusual container

At the April meeting President Mary Wilson welcomed members and introduced Edith Brown who gave a very informative talk and slide show on bee keeping and the life cycle of the bee.

Competitions:

Small Simnel Cake	-	Elsie Johnstone
Homemade Easter Card	-	Catherine Stewart
Garden Gem	-	Mary Wilson

CROOK OF DEVON – President Isobel Mill welcomed friends and members to our annual coffee evening. Sisters Louise, who played piano and violin, and Rosanne, who sang, provided an excellent evening's entertainment with a variety of music and song from musicals, opera and country and western.

Jean Jackson gave the vote of thanks. Tea and cake was then served by the members.

CARNBO – President Elizabeth Campbell welcomed members to the meeting and introduced Laura Cuthbert from Laura's Chocolates. We had tastings of her lovely chocolate.

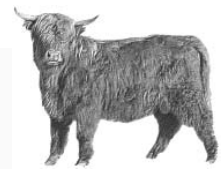
Competitions:

Chocolate Muffin	-	Christine Dawson
Flower of the Month	-	Jean Beveridge

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Fit like the day folks? Weel, it looks like spring hiz sprung, trees beginning tae burst intae leaf, birds in full chorus, birds oan nests, bees n insects buzzin aboot, weather warmin up, winter ower?

Wance again nature hiz din its wee miracle and come full circle tae anither breedin season. Summer migrants ur appearin back daily, fillin the air wi thur song along wi the regular bide at hame yins awe proclaimin thur wee pairt o the planet whaur they wull raise thur bairnies; a renewal o nature.

Twa pairs o Little Ringed Plovers hiv returned tae the wetland again this year so we are hopin they dae whit they did last year and raise a couple o broods again? Tho at time o writin it's still early days. Fingers crossed, tho. Lapwing nests hiv been building up nicely as weel so things ur lookin promising fur them enaw. The Glossy Ibis that wiz hingin around the factory area near Kinross hiz turned up oan the reserve richt in front o the first hide, so ye kin get crackin views o it fae there and the café viewin windaes.

The Red Squirrels hiv also been performin fur visitors ahint the screens in the picnic area and a few hiv snappit some fabby picturs, which they hiv sent in or posted oan the website. Worth a look.

The last section o the Heritage Trail tae complete the loop back tae Kinross is noo complete. The four-mile section wiz opened oan Guid Friday and hunners o folk were oot n aboot oan it ower the Easter weekend. Yin o oor volunteers, Ken, cycled it oan the Sunday and said ye get great views o the furthest pairts o the reserve. So please come along and enjoy this new opportunity fur yersel.

RSPB Scotland have committed a fair bit of the reserve to allow the completion of the overall project and we are delighted that people can now get access to view parts of the wetland areas that previously were not accessible; it also lets you see the work we do.

However please remember that this is still a nature reserve managed for wildlife, and disturbance (especially during the breeding season) has to be a major consideration when you are making use of the trail. Please follow the Scottish Outdoor Access Code guidelines if you are oot and aboot and enjoy what is a wonderful new facility. We will try to have staff and volunteers on the trail as often as possible to answer any questions you may have about the wildlife or reserve, our work or anything else you would like to know? So go explore, enjoy and remember "leave only footprints" or mibee tyre tracks if yer a cyclist, or paw prints if yer a dug walker.

The next events comin up are "**Nature Tots**" which will run **every Wednesday** from 23 April tae the 25 June. Startin at 9.30am till 11am, it will be an outdoor playgroup fur 2-5 year aulds and parents or parent, and will consist o age appropriate woodland exploration activities. No bookin required, jist turn up oan the day. Costs £4 members or £5 non-members and refreshments are included.

Think that's it again. T a ta,

Colin

Loch Leven NNR



At the time of writing Craig is just getting to grips with life in Shetland; we wish him well on his adventures.

We've had an exceptionally busy month assisting TRACKS where needed, getting the final part of the Heritage Trail opened. I think it is safe to say that our volunteers will be glad to see the end of the mountains of trees that were planted to create habitat and minimise disturbance on the trail!

We've been busy fixing fences around the reserve. Some that need replacing were ones I installed. You know you've been here a long time when that happens! We've also put in our seasonal cattle fencing in at Carsehall. This protects the ponds and ditches against trampling so the beasts can feed safely and keep the sward short for the interesting vascular plants.

We have started our breeding duck surveys where we circumnavigate the loch seeing where birds are holding territory. There are lots of Shoveler, Gadwall and Tufted Ducks already on territory and many others displaying and competing for a mate.

Though the weather has been rather windy, it has remained mild at least! An opposite of what it was like last year when we were battered by northerly winds.

There has been a steady stream of migrant birds throughout this time. Ospreys have been seen nearly every day. We've seen our first Swallows and Sand Martins too. The woodlands are alive with the sounds of Thrushes, Tits, Chiff-chaff, Finches, Wrens and Dunnocks. Other visitors to the reserve include a Crossbill, Black-necked Grebe and Long-tailed Duck. The Glossy Ibis is still commuting between pools along the south shore.

The insect surveying season is in full swing. George Guthrie and his crowd have been doing their various transects and have seen Early, Buff-tailed and White-tailed Bumble Bees. They have also spotted Peacock and Small tortoiseshell butterflies. I've had the moth trap out most nights in the compound at work and have been trapping most nights, the highlight of the season so far being a Red-sword Grass.

As well as writing the newsletter I am also keeping the blog updated. For up to the minute information please visit www.lochlevennnr.wordpress.com

A date for your diaries is **Sunday 8 June** when this year's **Discovery Day** takes place at Kirkgate Park. This event runs from 12pm to 4pm. There will be willow weaving, storytelling, kids' games and a whole lot more, alongside many of the organisations that are involved with the work we do at Loch Leven. The whole event is **FREE!** This year will be special because it's the 50th anniversary of loch being declared a National Nature Reserve.

In early May, we'll be upgrading the car park at Burleigh Sands. It will, however, remain open and there will be the minimum of disruption.

I suggest you all enjoy the lengthening days, out and about the wonderful loch, now you can enjoy the full circuit of the path.

Jeremy Squire, Warden

Fact of the Month

Moths evolved long before butterflies, fossils having been found that may be 190 million years old!

Farming



What a difference a year makes! We are nearly finished the indoor lambing of our 730 ewes and, despite the tiredness and highs and lows of the lambing season, we feel truly blessed by the weather. We've been turning out ewes and lambs onto fields where the grass is growing and our student lambers even had to dig out a pair of sunglasses to wear while driving the quad bike. This is in stark contrast to last year, which we will now refer to as the dreadful spring of 2013 (enough said).

I mention the highs and lows of lambing as they occur daily. The lambing shed is a fast paced environment with lots of vulnerable newborns and their mothers in our delivery system. With so many births, sometimes a lamb gets stuck with a leg in the wrong position to be delivered naturally or they come backwards; so I train everyone in the shed to spot the signs of this happening in order that we can help quickly to get the lamb delivered safe and well. One early morning, I found a ewe struggling to give birth and on inspection discovered two heads; thankfully this wasn't a mutation, but twins trying to be born at the same time. In this instance I pushed one head back where it came from to create enough space for the first lamb to make its way into the world, very closely followed by its brother. It's an amazing feeling to help at this point and leave a ewe and her new lambs safely getting to know each other. For the gimmers (first time mums), the experience is all-new and they don't always fall in love with their lambs straightaway or nurture them to suckle. So we routinely check everyone has a full tummy. It's easy for us to top up a hungry lamb until the ewe's milk comes in and the bond is firmly established between them.

We can't save them all though, and deaths do happen. The recent Lambing Live television series received a little criticism from the farming industry for not portraying the full picture of a lambing, including the inevitable deaths. So I will share the top causes in our system. These are either as stillborn due to a knock the ewe has received at the trough or in the livestock trailer or due to a difficult birth. Lambs born outside succumb easily to hypothermia and inside born lambs avoid this threat but they can pick up an E. coli bug in the shed; this gives them an infection which can be fatal. Other causes include the ewe squashing them in their pen; the ewe can be tired and if she has one lamb snuggled in beside her she won't notice the other one missing underneath her 80-kilo body.

So, as I said, lots of highs and lows and we stay as vigilant as we can to prevent as many disasters as possible. If we can get them to two days old and outside to grass then the risk of death greatly diminishes and if most of the ewes have twins, then we've done our job properly for another year.

On another note, I was disappointed to read about the "Which" survey that revealed that up to 40% of takeaway lamb curries in their survey contained little or no lamb. This is a real blow to the hard-working sheep farmers across Britain who take pride in production of this tasty meat. As a consumer I will always be asking from now on where the lamb comes from or making more myself from scratch.

Fiona

Newsletter Deadlines

A list of future deadlines can be found on our website
www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Weather



March Weather Report from Carnbo

The stormy weather endured by all the British Isles during the whole of the Winter period came to an end early in March. The month from then on was very changeable, with slightly higher than normal temperatures. Snowfall was very heavy above 600M, but almost absent in the populated areas (unlike last year when snowfall was very heavy).

Total rainfall recorded	114 mm (slightly above normal)
Heaviest 24 hr fall	20 mm (5th)
Dry days (no rain recorded)	5
Trace days (rainfall recorded below 1mm)	9
Rain days (rainfall above 1mm recorded)	17
Highest temperature	11°C (16th)
Lowest temperature	-4°C (24th)
Average temperature	5°C (2013 2.5°C!)
Ground frost on 16 nights, air frost on 10 nights	
Total cloud cover 75% app., 7 sunless days	
Westerly Wind component 23 days	
Easterly Wind component 6 days	

March Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall	89.8 mm (3.59 inches)
Heaviest fall	24.4 mm (20th)
Total sunshine for month	112.3 hours
Sunniest day	9.0 hours (26th)
Maximum temperature	average 9.81°C
Highest temperature	12.4°C (19th)
Minimum temperature	average -1.47°C
Lowest temperature	-8.0°C (23rd)

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.

Burleigh Castle, Milnathort

A fascinating semi-ruin dating from around 1500. The round tower is an eye-catching piece of Jacobean architecture. Access inside the tower can be pre-arranged by calling 01786 450 000. Burleigh Castle is ½ mile from Milnathort on the A911. In the care of Historic Scotland.



Gardens Open

Special Days Open in May under SGS

There are several stunning private gardens near Kinross opening to the public in May.

The garden at **Dowhill, Cleish**, is open daily **throughout the month of May**, noon to 4pm. The garden is set off by the background of Benarty Hill and magnificent old trees, has wonderful inspirational spring plantings through which paths lead past a series of linked ponds to the old ruined castle. This is a great place for a picnic on a fine day. Admission: £4 (charity: Motor Neurone Disease), no disabled access, dogs on leads welcome. Dowhill is ¾ mile off exit 5 of the M90, towards Crook of Devon on the B9097.

Rossie House, Forgandenny, has an enchanting woodland garden, awash with bluebells, trillium, smilacina, rodgersia and primula, and other imaginative plantings beneath a canopy of rhododendrons, and rare shrubs. The gardens are open on **Thursdays 1, 15 and 29 May**, 2pm-5pm. Admission is £4 (charity: Sandpiper Trust). Partial disabled access, dogs on leads welcome, teas available on 15 May. Forgandenny is on the B935 between Bridge of Earn and Dunning. PH2 9EH.

Hollytree Lodge, Muckhart, has a one-acre mature garden full of treats for garden lovers, including a collection of rhododendrons, azaleas, a Japanese garden and unusual garden sculpture. It is open on **Sunday 11 May** (and 22 June), 2pm-5pm. Admission: £4 (benefiting RAF Benevolent Fund and The Coronation Hall). Dogs on leads welcome, full disabled access, teas (£2.50), plant sales. School Road, Muckhart, Dollar, FK14 7JW. Off the A91 down the small lane directly opposite the Inn at Muckhart.

The Robert Lorimer designed garden at **Briglands House, Rumbling Bridge**, has been lovingly restored over the past 35 years by the current owners. It is open on **Sunday 18 May**, 2pm-5pm, and also by arrangement at other times. Glorious displays of rhododendrons, young trees and shrubs, historic lime walk, newly planted peony garden, topiary, rockery and vegetable gardens. Admission: £4 (local animal rescue charities benefit), partial disabled access, teas available. KY130PS. On A977 Kinross to Kincardine Bridge Road, on left just beyond Crook of Devon.

Slightly further afield, a wonderful selection of **small gardens** will be open in the village of **Falkland** on **Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 May**, 11am-5pm. Admission £4.50 (charities: Alzheimer Scotland and BHF). On A912 and B936. Partial disabled access.

The NTS property, **Branklyn Garden, Perth**, has a special open day on **Sunday 18 May** which will benefit SGS charities. An outstanding collection of plants. Open 10am to 4pm. Admission £6.50, family £16.50 conc £5 (inc NTS members). Refreshments and plant sales.

Gardens open by arrangement

Arndean, by Dollar is a beautiful mature garden extending to 15 acres, including a woodland walk. It has flowering shrubs, azaleas, fine specimen trees and a treehouse for children. It can be visited between **15 May and 15 June** by arrangement with the owners. Admission is £5 (charity: Marie Curie), children free. Disabled access, dogs welcome, refreshments available. Well signposted off the A977. Contact 01259 743525 or email johnny@arndean.co.uk.

Briglands House at Rumbling Bridge, as mentioned in the Special Days Open section, can also be visited by arrangement up until 30 June. Contact details: 01577 840205 or email briony@briglands.com

Slightly further away, the following gardens can also be visited by arrangement with the owners:

Barham, Bow of Fife (up until 31 July).

Earlshall Castle, Leuchars (on request).

Kirklands, Saline (up until 30 September).

Full details are available in the Scotland's Gardens Guide and on the SGS website.

Gardens open regularly

The gardens listed in this section are not necessarily participants in the Scotland's Garden's Scheme.

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, 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.

Drummond Castle Gardens at **Crieff** opened for the season on 1 May. The gardens were originally laid out in 1630 by the 2nd Earl of Perth. In 1830 the Parterre was changed to an Italian style. The formal garden is said to be one of the finest in Europe and is the largest of its type in Scotland.

Other places to consider visiting are **Scone Palace**, the **Botanic Garden in St Andrews** and **Pittencreeff Park** in **Dunfermline**.

Scotland's Gardens Scheme

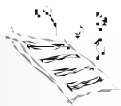
SGS, a registered charity since 1931, organises the opening of hundreds of gardens, ranging from formal castle gardens to small cottage gardens, to raise money for charity. 60% of entry fees to gardens in this scheme benefit SGS's charities: The Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland, Gardens Fund of the 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 info on our website •



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

Perform in Perth



Local success at the 90th Perthshire Music Festival, March 2014

Amy Bryson, Kinross – 2nd, Solo snare drum, Novice, aged 13-16.

Milnathort Primary School – 1st, Choir, Primary Schools, not entered in the past 5 years.

Portmoak PS Boys' Choir – 1st, Choir, Boys- Treble Voices.

Irene McFarlane, Kinross – 2nd, Vocal Solo – Songs from the Shows, aged 18 and over; 1st, Vocal Solo – Music Hall, aged 18 and over; 2nd, Vocal Solo – Opera (Aria), aged 18 and over; 1st Eq, Burns Poems, aged 18 and over.

Helen Hamilton, Kinross PS – 3rd Eq, Violin Solo, Beginners.

Finbar Dumbreck, Kinross PS – 3rd Eq, Violin Solo, Elementary.

Eleanor Baughan, Kinross PS – 2nd, Violin Solo, Transitional.

Ola Stanton, Milnathort PS – 1st Eq, Violin Solo, Intermediate.

Lilly Roy, Milnathort PS – 1st Eq, Violin Solo, Intermediate.

Audrey Doyle, Milnathort PS – 1st, Violin Solo, Advanced.

Nicholas Baughan, Kinross HS – 2nd, Violin Solo, Advanced.

Cally Evans, Kinross HS – 3rd Eq, Violin Solo, Advanced.

Isla Skea, Kinross PS – 3rd Eq, Viola Solo, Beginners.

Seamus Nesbitt, Kinross PS – 3rd Eq, Viola Solo, Beginners.

Ruaraidh Sturgess, Kinross PS – 3rd Eq, Viola Solo, Beginners.

Iona Sutherland, Kinross PS – 1st, Viola Solo, Transitional.

Calum Macpherson, Kinross HS – 2nd Eq, Cello Solo, Intermediate.

Lorna Doyle, Kinross HS – 2nd, Cello Solo, Open.

Garry Simpson, Portmoak PS – 2nd, Drum Kit Solo, Transitional.

Helen Hamilton & Caroline Newton, Kinross PS – 3rd Eq, Duo (Strings), Elementary.

Iona Sutherland & Eleanor Baughan, Kinross PS – 1st, Duo (Strings), Intermediate.

Audrey & Lorna Doyle, Milnathort – 1st, Duo (Strings), Advanced.

The Milnathort Quintet – 1st, Chamber Music (Strings only), Advanced.

Lorna Doyle, Ola Stanton, Audrey Doyle & Shona Rae – 1st Eq, Small Ensemble (other combinations), Intermediate.

Kinross HS String Orchestra – 2nd, String Orchestra (Schools), Intermediate.

Trophies

Milnathort Primary School: Robert Brough Silver Chalice.

Portmoak Primary School Boys' Choir: Perthshire Church Union Shield.

Thanks



We would like to thank everyone for all their support and contributions to our **Breast Cancer Charity Games Night** and Disco on Saturday 12 April at the Masonic Lodge, Kinross. We raised an amazing £2860.48 and could not have got that total without the help of family, friends and the local businesses of Kinross. A special thank you to all who attended on the evening and made it such a fun filled, successful night – *The Gallaghers*.

KINROSS-SHIRE LADIES CIRCLE recently donated £100 to the **Milnathort Town Hall Association**, £100 to the **Guide and Scout Hall** in Milnathort and £100 to **Common Grounds**.

MILNATHORT TOWN HALL ASSOCIATION would like to thank all its hall users for their support during the planned Easter holiday renovation of the hall windows. Much more rotten wood than expected meant that the work has taken three weeks rather than the planned two weeks. The understanding of hall users during this time has been greatly appreciated.



Perform in Perth: the Portmoak Primary School Boys' Choir with their Church Union Shield

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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 'Jam Pact' (Secondary Age) meet at church centre from 10.15am, finish at church.

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

Tuesdays: 10am: Pram Service, in term time

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

May

Sun 4 10.30am Morning Service, followed by informal Communion.

Mon 5 8am: Silent Meditation (30 mins.)

Tue 6 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.

Sat 10 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (names in advance to church office).

Sun 11 3pm: Second Sunday concert with afternoon tea, £10.

Sun 11 – Sat 17 Christian Aid Week. To help, contact church office.

Thu 15 9pm, late evening service of Compline.

Sun 25 6.30pm: Informal Evening Service.

Tue 27 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.

8pm: Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.

Sat 31 10am – 12 noon: aMAYzing FUNdraising, church centre.

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.

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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.

Service on Sunday 18 May is at Portmoak at 10.30am.

Transport to Heart & Soul in Edinburgh will leave immediately afterwards. No service at Orwell that day.

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 Levenshale: 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

18 May Joint Service - see above.

No service at Orwell that day.

31 May Messy Church in Orwell Hall, 4 - 6pm.

Everyone welcome

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

29 South Street, Milnathort KY13 9XA.

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

Contact the Office 01577 861200
orwellportmoakchurch@gmail.com

Kinross Christian Fellowship

Jesus said, *'I am among you as one who serves.'*

Sunday morning service at 10.30am (refreshments and blether at 10am), Millbridge Hall, Old Causeway, Kinross.

Lively praise (children participate), reverent worship open to the leading of the Holy Spirit, prayer, ministry and solid Bible-based preaching and teaching. An all-round family service for families, which includes Sunday School. Communion every second Sunday, as is our evening service at 6.30pm; a time for praise, worship, sharing and joy in The Lord Jesus. (Followed by light refreshments and more blether.)

Everyone is welcome to either service or to both, so please come and, *taste and see that the LORD is good.*

Contact Peter on 01577 863509, for further information.

KCF also runs the Talking Donkey café - see separate notice in the Newsletter. Additionally, the Friday evening Youth Group at the Millbridge Hall (Space) is also the responsibility of our Fellowship, and we are pleased to accept this privilege.

Discover Loch Leven Website

To discover *the myriad things* to see and do in Kinross-shire and its neighbouring counties, visit

www.visitlochleven.org

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Sunday Services at 9.45am**May****Sun 4** 9.45am Morning Worship, Rev L Stenhouse, followed by Refreshments and Fellowship.**Sun 11** 9.45am Morning Worship, Rev L Stenhouse.**Sun 18** 9.45am Sacrament of Holy Communion, Rev L Stenhouse.**Sun 25** 9.45am Morning Worship, Brian Ogilvie.**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 2 May** 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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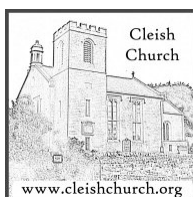
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Website: www.cleishchurch.org

Sunday Services 11.15am**Crèche and Junior Church** 11.15am**May****Sun 4** 11.15am Morning Worship followed by refreshments in the village hall. Traidcraft.**Sun 11** 11.15am Morning Worship and Junior Church.**Sun 18** 11.15pm Morning Worship and Sacrament of Holy Communion.**Sun 25** 11.15am Morning Worship.

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8am Morning Prayer (Mondays and Wednesdays)

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

No Midweek Communions (Wednesdays) or Rector's Hour (Thursdays) this month.**May Services and Events**

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

Sun 4 Easter 3. 8.30am Holy Communion.
11am Sung Eucharist.**Sun 11** Matthias the Apostle (*transferred from 14th*).
8.30am The Scottish Liturgy (1928).
11am Sung Eucharist.**Sun 18** Easter 5. 8.30am Holy Communion.
11am Sung Eucharist.**Sun 25** Easter 6. 8.30am Holy Communion.
11am Sung Eucharist.**June****Sun 1** Ascension Sunday. 8.30am Holy Communion.
11.00am Family 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

St James' R C Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Father Colin Golden Telephone: (01577) 863329

Mass Times	Saturday Vigil	7.00pm
	Sunday	9.30am

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

Kinross Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross

Website: www.kinrossgospelhall.info

Sunday	10.30am	Breaking of Bread
	12.00pm	Sunday School
	6.00pm	Prayer Meeting
	6.30pm	Gospel Meeting
Monday	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
	8.15pm	Bible Study

Obituary

THOMAS (TOM) BUCHAN passed away peacefully at his home in Kinnesswood in the early hours of the morning on 10 March 2014, with his family by his side.

Friend of the family, Professor David Munro delivered the eulogy at the service to remember Tom on 17 March in Portmoak Parish Church:

I have a photograph of a cheeky fair-haired Kinaskit bairn in the mid-1920's by the architect Jim Scott whose family occupied 'Roselea' house not far from the village garage. Seated on 'Maidie's Steps', which led up to the home of Maidie Syme, this must be one of the earliest photos of young Tommy Buchan. There is evidence of a budding sportsman. His left hand clutches a golf club and in his right hand is a tennis ball held up to his cheek. With a hint of mischievous design and an emerging smile that was recognisably that of Tom Buchan, he looks as if he is about to throw the tennis ball at the photographer, and he probably did. This is one of these photos that most people, but not Tom, might wish to keep hidden in a drawer. Young Tommy is wearing a rather fetching smock with short socks and sandals. Even at this late date, little boys were dressed in the same style as little girls until they were 'breeked', as the expression was.

When I showed this photo to Tom, just over 20 years ago in 1993, he smiled in his own inimitable way over the rim of his glasses. I asked if he knew who the bairn was and without hesitation or embarrassment he said it was him and told me all about it. The photos taken by Jim Scott were gifted to Kinross-shire Historical Society and can now be found in Kinross Museum. But you will also find the photograph on page 16 of a book by the novelist and historian Iona Macgregor entitled *Bairns Scottish Children In Photographs* published in 1994 by the National Museums of Scotland. In a caption to the photo, the author notes: "The cheeky young golfer, whose father established the first garage in the village, later became the garage owner as well."

Owning and running a garage puts you at the heart of a community and Tom was, in every sense, the heart of Kinnesswood and the Bishopshire, a tradition that his son, David, continues. The Buchan family has always cared about the place and its people and Tom was always there to offer a helping hand to anyone in need of help.

When I was appointed a Trustee of the Michael Bruce Trust at the tender age of 18, I found myself at Trustee meetings surrounded by a rather intimidating array of venerable gentlemen all of whom seemed to be at least 50 years older than me. There was one exception, Tom Buchan. He bridged the age gap and helped put me at my ease.

Tom also acted as an ambassador, not just for the Michael Bruce Museum but also for Kinnesswood. He would be contacted or visited by people from all over the world who had a connection with the village and put them in touch with me if they were looking for family history in addition to what he could recollect himself.

Tom had a remarkable memory was always a port of call when I needed a story verified or a photograph identified. A couple of years ago when mounting a wartime exhibition in Kinross Museum, I was collating information on planes that had made unscheduled landings in or around Loch Leven. I was particularly curious about a Lysander that made an emergency landing on St Serf's Island in 1947 but managed to take off again some time later. Tom recalled this event, telling me that the plane had run out of fuel. This he

remembered well, since it was he who was called upon to deliver several jerry cans of petrol to enable the plane to take off again.

Kinross-shire has always been a meeting place. Loch Leven, a meeting place for migrating birds; Kinross, with its many inns and hotels lies at a crossroads and Milnathort had its markets where people gathered. Thomas Buchan & Son's garage has always been more than a place to fill up with petrol or have your car serviced. It is a meeting place for folk, not just those living in the parish, but also people from all the airts worldwide. Tom again helped foster this social function at the heart of our community.

At my age there are few people I can say I have known all my life. Until last Monday Tom was one of the few. My father and Tom always got on particularly well and I have vivid memories of him wheeling into the garage for a fill of petrol with myself in the backseat. Tom would always have a special word for myself and as ever give us a good wave as we swept out onto the road and away.

At the beginning of this service we sang Michael Bruce's 2nd Paraphrase – *O God of Bethel, by whose hand* – a hymn much loved by Tom and a great favourite of Scots the world over. Described by John Guthrie Barnet as "That great hymn, dearest of all hymns to our people throughout Scotland," it is a hymn that connects people to their place of birth and to each other. For a man like Tom who was born, lived his life and died in Kinnesswood, and who admired the life and work of Michael Bruce, there is no more fitting hymn for us to have sung today.

To all of us here this morning Tom has bequeathed memories such as these and many more. Memories of a good-hearted friend and family man who had a life well lived at the centre of our community. That nature dies and lives again was how the poet Michael Bruce



Tom Buchan

came to terms with the passing of so many dear friends and with his own fate. In bidding farewell to Tom Buchan I would finish at this sad moment with the lines of hope from Bruce's 8th Paraphrase which reads:

*O may the grave become to me
the bed of peaceful rest,
Whence I shall gladly rise at length,
and mingle with the blest.*

Acknowledgement

BUCHAN – David, Ishbel and family would like to thank everyone for all the cards, letters, phone calls and visits received after the passing of Tom (Pappy) on 10 March; they have been of great comfort during this sad time. Thanks also to everyone who attended the service at Portmoak Church on 17 March and for their very generous donations to Ward 3, Perth Royal Infirmary, which will be used to buy essential equipment for the ward who nursed Tom through his final illness.

Playgroups and Toddlers ⁵⁴

Milnathort Babies & Toddlers

Orwell Church Hall, Milnathort
Friday 9.30am-11.15am

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

PLACES NOW AVAILABLE!

To join in the fun
call 07745 804539
Email milnathortbt@gmail.com
Or find us on Facebook



FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

Glenbank Cottage, Powmill

Partner-provider for P&K Education

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

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



LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Session times (term time only)

Tuesdays 9.30- 11.15, Fridays 9.30- 11.15

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

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

FOSSOWAY TODDLERS

Crook of Devon Village Hall

Friday 9.30am - 11.00am

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

Contact - Christina Smith 01577 840733

PORTMOAK UNDER 5s

Portmoak Hall – between Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell
(only 10 mins from Milnathort and Kinross)

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

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

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

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

SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

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



Tel: 01577 862071 Mobile: 07592 392235

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

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

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

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

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

Baby and Toddler Group – Thurs 12.45-2.45pm

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

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

MONTGOMERY TODDLERS

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

The Gospel Hall, Montgomery Street, Kinross.

Contact Christina Smith 01577 840733 or 07792 260509

Private Nurseries and Childcare

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

To inform the Newsletter of any changes to Playgroup information, please send an email to: editor@kinrossnewsletter.org



Notices

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.

1 May Annual General Meeting

Bishopshire Horticultural Society

PLANT SALE & COFFEE MORNING



Portmoak Hall

Saturday 3 May 10am - 12 noon

Bedding Plants, Vegetable Plants, Tomato Plants, Perennials

COME ALONG AND STOCK UP YOUR GARDEN FOR SUMMER



Temporary prohibition of driving and loading

Kinross Half Marathon, **Saturday 10 May**

There will be a prohibition of vehicular traffic and loading (both sides) on the following roads:

- Smith Street, Kinross from its junction with High Street to its junction with Myre Terrace, between the hours of 11:00 and 13:45.
- Myre Terrace, Kinross from its junction with Smith Street to its junction with Montgomery Street, between the hours of 11:00 and 13:45.
- High Street, Kinross from its junction with Smith Street, to its junction with Station Road, between the hours of 12:45 and 13:45.

Pedestrian and emergency access to premises will be maintained. The alternative route for vehicles is: Clashbum Road – Junction Road – Station Road.

JUMBLE SALE

to raise funds for Guides

SATURDAY 10 MAY

starts 10.30am

Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort

CEILIDH DANCE

Sat 10 May 8-12pm

Portmoak Village Hall, Scotlandwell

With the Glenfarg Ceilidh Band

Tickets £10.00 adult £5.00 child

Supper included - Licensed bar

Tickets at Kinnesswood Village Shop

Or John Nicol – tel. 01592 840573

Or Wendy MacPhedran – tel. 01592 840779

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!

Support Websites

Samaritans

www.samaritans.org.uk

Breathing Space

www.breathingspacescotland.co.uk

Childline

www.childline.org.uk

Perth Assoc for

Mental Health

www.pamh.co.uk

Second Sunday Series MARIMBA CONCERT

by Gillian Maitland
in Kinross Parish Church at 3pm on
Sunday 11 May

Tickets are £10 from Milnathort Post Office, Kinross Parish Church Office (10am-12pm), or reserve by email from alexcant44@aol.com. Children's tickets are £2.

(See also article on page 19.)

Council Archive Talk

Birth, marriage and death:
a day in the life of the Registrar

7pm

Thursday 15 May

in the Soutar Theatre, AK Bell Library, Perth.

The many and varied roles undertaken by registrars will be the subject of an absorbing talk by Ruth Ingham, Senior Registrar, and Mo Cairncross, Assistant Registrar, and hosted by the Friends of Perth & Kinross Council Archive. The talk will be of interest to anyone researching or interested in local and family history.

Entry is £5, or free of charge for members of the Friends of the Archive. Booking is essential - to reserve your seat or for further information, please call the Council Archive on 01738 477012.

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 Alyssum, Petunia, Marigold, Sweet Pea, Pansy, Snapdragon, Larkspur, Alium, Stock, Ageratum, Begonia, Nicotiana, Candytuft, Cornflower, Nasturtium, Geranium,

Geun Aster, Lily, Cosmos, Livingstone Daisy, Dahlia, Strawflower, Rudbeckia, Lupin, Grasses, Hosta, Linaria, Nemesis, Busy Lizzie, Phlox, Lavatera, Potentilla, Willow, Forsythia, Hebe, Jasmine, Herbs, Tomato and more!

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



Annual General Meeting

7pm

Tuesday 27 May 2014

Cashmere at Lochleven, Lochleven Mills, Kinross
All welcome

Please let Karen Grunwell know if you plan to attend:
mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk or call 07865193844

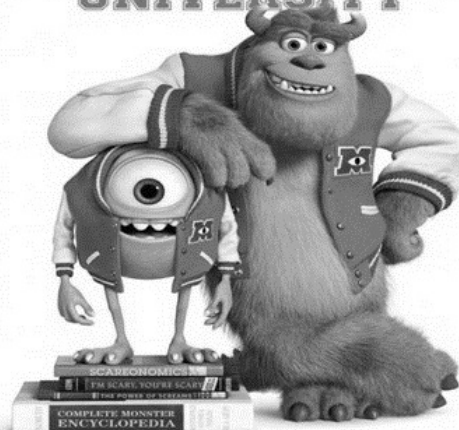
www.kinrosspartnership.org.uk
www.kinross.cc



FAMILY CINEMA AFTERNOON WITH THE CROOK OF DEVON VILLAGE HALL FILM BEING SHOWN IN THE CHURCH HALL

Come along on the 25th May 2-4pm to see

Disney · PIXAR
**MONSTERS
UNIVERSITY**



Adults £5.00. Children £3.00.

Family Ticket (2+2) £15.00

Tickets avail from Village Shop or on the Door

Visit our Facebook page for more details

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BETTER TOGETHER

TUESDAY 27 MAY

There will be a Better Together presentation followed by questions and answers by:

- **Jane Baxter MSP** (Labour)
- **Liz Smith MSP** (Conservative)
- **Willie Rennie MSP** (Liberal Democrat)

on Tuesday 27 May at 7pm in The Windlestrae Hotel, The Muirs, Kinross.

This event will give you the opportunity to have an informal gathering with a cup of tea, to talk about why we think we have the best of both worlds in Scotland.

**aMAYzing
FUNraising**

Saturday 31 May

Church Centre, Kinross

10am – 12 noon

Teas	Coffees	Home Baking	Sweets
Plant Stall	Traidcraft Stall	Craft Stall	
Bottle Stall	Previously Loved Stall	Talent Table	
	Children's Corner		

We look forward to seeing you at this event

Kinross Parish Church of Scotland SC 01 2555

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

Milnathort School SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY 7 JUNE

12 noon – 2.30pm

Lots of fun for all the family

MEDIUM NIGHT

Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort

FRIDAY 13 JUNE

at 7.30pm

Tickets £5 at the door Raffle and Refreshments

Raising funds for Guides

THE KINROSS HUB A CAFE FOR CARERS



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 Booth
or Elaine Kincaid
Tel. 01577 867306 or 867310



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

Are you suffering from Macular Degeneration?

A meeting is held by the Support Group at The Blind Society, New Row, Perth on the last Wednesday of the month. If you are interested or require further details, please contact **Hazel Rennie**, telephone 01738 442358.

The Courier Referendum Roadshow

The Courier newspaper is undertaking a roadshow throughout April, May and June across its distribution area, to engage with as many people as possible in the run up to the Scottish Independence referendum on 18 September.

The Courier 'Battle Bus' will be in our area on

TUESDAY 24 JUNE

in

Kinross High Street
Milnathort New Road

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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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.)

Blythswood Care

Sainsbury's Car Park

(if car park is full, van will park nearby, e.g. Park & Ride or Ochil View)

Tuesday 20 May

between 10.30 am and 11 am

Further details from 862258



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
June	Fri 16 May	Saturday 31 May
July	Fri 13 June	Saturday 28 June

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

Enquire

Are you looking for information about your child's rights to support in School?

If so, contact **Enquire**, the national advice and information service for additional support for learning.

Enquire offer: a confidential telephone helpline and online enquiry service, practical guides, fact sheets and newsletters, helpful materials for children and young people with additional support needs.

For more information contact: tel 0845 123 2303

Website: www.enquire.org.uk

Enquire is funded by the Scottish Government and managed by Children in Scotland

Subscriptions to the Newsletter

Useful for readers living outside the distribution area of the Newsletter, a subscription service is available.

For further details see www.kinrossnewsletter.org or

phone Ross McConnell on 01577 865885 or email

subscriptions@kinrossnewsletter.org



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

MindSpace Counselling Services are now able to offer counselling to adults and young people aged 11+ at The Loch Leven Health Centre on Mondays and Tuesdays. We offer counselling to people who are facing a wide range of difficulties or challenges such as: bereavement or loss; isolation, anxiety or depression; stress of work or in the home; difficulties in friend, family or intimate relationships; confused feelings. If you are interested in this service you can self-refer via email to info@mindspacepk.com, by telephone on 01738 631639 or by visiting our website at www.mindspacepk.com. You can also be referred by your GP.

MindSpace also offer counselling to adults (18+) at their offices in Perth. For more information visit our website at www.mindspacepk.com



Need to consult an old Newsletter?

The Kinross (Marshall) Museum at the Loch Leven Community Campus houses a collection of every Kinross Community Council Newsletter ever published (July 1977 to the present day). Newsletters can be consulted when the Museum Study Room is open: Thursdays, 10am – 8pm and Saturdays, 10am – 1pm. Electronic versions of Newsletters from September 2006 to the present day can be downloaded from the Newsletter website: www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

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:

13 and 27 May

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
Summer	Wed 23 Apr 2014	Thu 26 Jun 2014

In Service Days and Occasional Holidays:
May Day Holiday: Mon 5 May.



MOFFAT
The Catering Equipment Company

Are delighted to be sponsoring
G R F's 7th Annual Dog Show

On Sunday 11th May 2014,
At Caldwell's Farm, Collesie,
By Ladybank, Fife, KY15 7UY

Doors Open 11:00 First Class 11:30

Tickets £4.00 Per Adult
accompanied
under 16's are free

Advance Tickets
Available from

G.R.F.
Baltree Kennels,
Gairneybank,
Kinross, KY13 0LF

Entry for each dog
in all classes £1





www.greyhoundrescuefife.com
email: ferniejimmyf@aol.com

The show is held indoors and there is plenty of free parking available!!!

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

Councillor Dave Cuthbert (Independent)
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8 Highfield Circle, Kinross, KY13 8RZ

Councillor Joe Giacopazzi (Scottish National Party)
Tel (home): 01577 864025.
Email: jgiacopazzi@pkc.gov.uk

38A New Road, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XT

Councillor Willie Robertson (Scottish Liberal Democrats)
Tel (home): 01577 865178. Email: wbrobertson@pkc.gov.uk
85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XA

Perth & Kinross Council www.pkc.gov.uk

Customer Service Centre Tel: 01738 475000
(Mon to Fri, 8am-6pm)

Out of Hours Emergencies Tel: 01738 625411
(Roads, flooding, environmental health and dangerous buildings)

Clarence (for non-emergency road and lighting defects) Tel: 0800 232323

Registrar Tel: 01577 867133
The Registrar is normally in Kinross only on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Loch Leven Community Campus

Mobile Library

Mobile 2, Week 1, every second Wednesday:
Visiting Powmill, Rumbling Bridge, Crook of Devon, Fossoway, Cleish and Milnathort. Next visit: **14 May**.

Mobile 2, Week 2, every second Tuesday:
Visiting Mawcarse, Glenlond, Kinnesswood, Scotlandwell, Levenmouth Farm, Hatchbank and Cambo. Next visit: **6 May**.

Mobile 1, Week 2, every second Wednesday:
Visiting Glenfarg and Duncricvie. Next visit: **7 May**.
For times of stops, see PKC website: www.pkc.gov.uk
Any queries, telephone AK Bell Library 01738 444949.

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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

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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 May

Barge Trip
Health & Wellbeing
Chiropody

Food from around the world, and
Entertainment (American)

Thursday 1st 10.15am
Thursday 8th 1.30pm
Thursday 1st, 29th 9.30am - 12.30pm
(phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)
Wednesday 14th 12noon



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

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LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

Mon - Fri: 9.00 am - 6.00 pm
Saturday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm
Tel: 862422

Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

Mon to Fri: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm &
2.00 pm - 6.00 pm
Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm
Tel: 862219

Sundays: The nearest open pharmacy
is Asda, Dunfermline



The Wash House, Scotlandwell

Visitors can look inside the restored, historic wash house by borrowing the key from the Well Country Inn at anytime during daylight hours.

Perth Samaritans

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

Double Indoor Rabbit Hutch/Cage £100.00

Two level cage with accessories: two ladders, hay racks, sleeping compartment and wooden platform. Doors on both levels and access on roof of cage. Also comes with stand on wheels. L 120 x W 54 x H 102. Bought for £139 new and only used for a few weeks so in excellent condition. Item can be viewed on Zooplus.co.uk under the description Essegi Small Pet Cage Baffly 120 - 2 levels.

*Seller details: Catherine Kilby 01577 861037
ckilby@btinternet.com*

Top Soil £ Negotiable

We currently have tonnes of top soil available. Milnathort.
*Seller details: Kirsty Douglas 07525 359284
kirstymac_1985@hotmail.co.uk*

Fitness Exercise Bike £ Free

Free to anyone prepared to uplift.
*Seller details: Ronald Legge 01577 864540
ronaldandgrace@tiscali.co.uk*

Wool carpet offcut £10.00

Colour natural 3m x 1m

Wii Fit Plus £90.00

Wii Fit plus balance board and Wii Sports Resort Pack. Hardly used.

*For two items above contact: Hugh Dobson 01577 863421
hughdobson@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').

Taxi Driver (part time), A2B Taxis, Kinross

We require a part time taxi driver for school contract one day a week, holiday cover and occasional other shifts. Full UK driving licence and Perth & Kinross taxi licence required. If interested call Bruce on 07743 332237.

Restaurant Supervisor (Contract), Heaven Scent Kinnairds at Knockhill

Looking to enhance our team with the appointment of a restaurant supervisor. Working closely with our manager, the individual must have a passion for customer satisfaction, working as part of a busy team and showing initiative. Previous experience preferred. Apply by email to recruitment@scotthospitalityservices.co.uk

Gardener (part time), Mrs N Kennedy

Required one full day a week, all year round. Hours flexible. Telephone 01577 861951 or text 07743 341541.

Part time Club Administrator, Milnathort Golf Club

Milnathort Golf Club is a friendly nine hole golf course situated in the centre of Milnathort village. The successful candidate will be required to work 15 hours per week (3 hours per day, 5 days per week) with some flexibility required. Skills required for this post are General Administration and experience in Microsoft Office software applications and social media. Experience in book keeping PAYE and some knowledge of Marketing and retail preferred. Previous Golf Club experience would be an advantage but not essential. Salary will be dependent on experience. Job description available on request.

Closing Date for applications Friday 9 May 2014.
Submit CV and supporting statement to Club Captain at Milnathort Golf Club Ltd, South Street, Milnathort, KY13 9XA, or email: cpayne101@hotmail.com



Community Learning & Development Adult & Family Learning Team

Technology Drop-in

**CONFUSED BY YOUR COMPUTER?
INTRIGUED BY THE INTERNET?
ERRORS IN YOUR EMAIL?
FLUMMOXED BY YOUR PHONE?**

The IT Tutor with Community Learning 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**

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.

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.



Children's Hospice Association Scotland



SUMMER WEDDING?

Why not visit CHAS Gift Shop and Bazaars for all your wedding needs? Bridal wear, wedding outfits, wedding and bridal party gifts and favours.

Gift Shop 23 Avenue Road, Kinross
Open 10am to 5pm Monday to Saturday

Bazaar 1 88 High Street, Kinross
Open 9.30am to 5pm Monday to Saturday

Bazaar 2 76 High Street, Kinross
Open 9.30am to 5pm Monday to Saturday

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Sat	21	Portmoak Gala Day	99
Sun-Sun	22-29	Portmoak Festival	
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