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Letters

Editorial

In memoriam

We are saddened this month at the loss of one of the members of our extended Newsletter family. Malcolm Smith, who wrote the 'Weather Report from Carnbo' each month, died on 26 April. Malcolm is thought to be the longest serving continuous contributor to the Newsletter, sending monthly weather reports for over 29 years. An appreciation of Malcolm's life is on page 94.

Former High School site

The Persimmon Homes application to demolish the former Kinross High School and build 102 houses on the site (and its recent refusal by Councillors) receives a lot of coverage in this Newsletter; all four local councillors have chosen to write about it to some extent. However, it is an important issue, as whatever replaces the old High School will have a huge impact on the appearance and functioning of the town. This is also important in that the handling of this planning application raised some serious questions about procedures at PKC.

Persimmon Homes at Lathro

Just before going to press we received a request from Persimmon Homes to put a formal notice in the Newsletter regarding their proposal to build a residential development at Lathro Farm. (This site has an allocation of 260 units in the adopted Local Development Plan.)

We managed to fit their notice in (see page 99) for a **Public Exhibition** to be held on **Wednesday 18 June**, 2pm-7pm, at the campus.

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Loud and clear message to Council officers

On 14 May, PKC Development Management Committee of elected councillors unanimously rejected the Persimmon Homes demolition and substitute housing planning applications for the old High School site. By chance, a pre-arranged meeting of Council Officers and representatives of local CCs and organisations was held at the community campus that same evening.

I attended, as others did, with the knowledge of events earlier in the day and the recent exposure of the "Vanishing Conservation Report" which was well documented in the last issue of the Newsletter thanks to the keen eye of the Editor and subsequently reported elsewhere to the great embarrassment of PKC senior planning staff and officials.

The purpose of the meeting was part of an obligation required by Scottish Government legislation that PKC engage with community groups in the ongoing wider plans for the development future in our area.

Despite the desire of officials to set the agenda of the evening meeting, it became clear an opportunity existed for those present to ask pertinent questions about the planning procedures of PKC. The focus of the meeting turned to these recent events and a sharing of experiences in engaging with the Council.

Those present told of written requests from Councillors to Council officers for information that were not being answered. Views and information submitted by community representatives were routinely being ignored in planning assessments and reports.

The experiences amongst those at the meeting was that PKC officers were not listening to the community and their elected representatives and that a culture of obstruction by officials was evident.

A show of hands was called for from the body of the meeting, which resulted in unanimous agreement that PKC were not fulfilling their role to the community with regard to planning procedures.

The discomfort of Mr Marshall, the Senior Forward Planner, became evident when, after being told he was not giving a straight answer to a question put to him, he attempted to shout down the questioner and was quickly reminded of his duty of respect to his "customers" in his role as Council employee – a post financed ultimately by the public after all. Instead of a sterile meeting we ended up with those present telling the officials in no uncertain terms just what they thought. What started off as a box-ticking exercise will hopefully result in a public driven agenda in future.

I think "the vanishing report" issue will be a watershed event and will result in further questions and scrutiny of how the Council goes about its business when dealing with planning matters that ultimately affect us all.

Ken Miles

Turhills House, Kinross

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

The Fruix Houses, By Kinross

After reading Mum's Newsletter I decided to write to you. Mum has contacted Cllr Robertson about the state of the entrance to The Fruix houses a few times - but **nothing** is done. The entrance now resembles the moon or an assault course. Certainly not good for my car. It seems to me that if you live in certain parts of the country it is a case of **out of sight - out of mind!** Nothing has been done also to clean up the areas around both sides of the footbridge over the M90. Do councillors actually go out and check complaints, where and when possible?

Mum is actually thinking about buying bags of cheap gravel to put into these potholes. These holes are an eyesore, not good for car or pedestrian. Too many trucks use this area to turn their vehicles. They forget this road is a dead end.

PLEASE, please can something be done about this area. It's The Fruix and not Hatchbank!

Yours faithfully,

A disgruntled weekly visitor to The Fruix Houses.

Mrs M Spence,
152 Beatty Crescent, Kirkcaldy

Kinross Library - Volunteer Access

Perth & Kinross Council has confirmed it will allow and support a volunteer group to open Kinross Community Campus Library to the public on Mondays and Saturday afternoons, when the library is closed following implementation of the recent cuts in service. I am working with others to form a group who will take forward proposals, and coordinate volunteers, to open the library on Mondays and Saturdays, resuming the service provision the Kinross-shire community deserves.

There will be a public meeting held in due course but initially, could anyone interested in getting involved as a volunteer, or helping with the group in any other way, please get in touch by email (ciacleaning@live.co.uk) or telephone (01577 861795). It would be helpful if you could say how you think you might be able help. I look forward to hearing from you.

Richard Scott
207 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8DL

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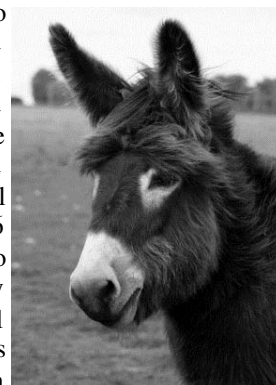
Farm Open Day

On **Sunday 8 June** Farmer Colin Dawes would like to invite you and your family to experience a day out at a real working farm with a few added attractions to make the day extra special. Visitors can chat to the farmer, see the animals, get up close to the machines that work on the farm, browse some art & craft stalls, take a walk round some of the farm, and be tempted by some of the delicious food in the Farmers' Market area. The day's lunch menu includes a pig roast, beef burgers, sausages and drinks, so have a day off from cooking and enjoy pork and crackling down on the farm!

The purpose of the day is to promote food and farming, and raise awareness and funds for local community charities and organisations. The farm will be open between 11am and 4pm. Admission to the event will be £2 per adult, children under 16 and OAPs free. There will be no charge for car parking and the day is raising money for our local community, including Kinross Local Events Organisation (Charity No SC044056) and Kinross and District JAC (Charity No SC021916).

The event will take place at Hilton of Aldie Farm, Nr Crook of Devon, Kinross, KY13 0QJ (from Kinross, head to Crook of Devon, turn left opposite Fossoway Petrol Station and follow the event signs from here.)

If you are interested in taking a stall in the art & craft marquee, or farmers' market square, please contact us for an application or visit our website. All charities are welcome to a free pitch but must provide their own cover. Email: rebecca@farmerdawes.co.uk Telephone: 01577 840111. Web: www.farmerdawes.co.uk



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Discovery Day 2014

Celebrate your local nature reserve's 50th anniversary!

Join Scottish Natural Heritage and a whole host of organisations for a day of wildlife discovery and adventure at Loch Leven!

Sunday 8 June, 12pm-4pm, Kirkgate Park, Kinross

Lots to see and do including:

- Willow weaving
- Story telling
- Kids' activities
- Tasty food and drink

For more information contact the reserve office on 01577 864439.



Willow weaving, one of the activities on offer at Discovery Day

Landscape views

Local residents are invited to give the Council their opinion on their favourite landscapes as part of a Review of Local Landscape Designations being carried out by PKC. The review is being carried out to identify landscapes which justify local designation. Find out more at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/PKC_LLDR
The survey is open until **6 June**.

Kinross-shire Visitor Information Points

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

The Newsletter is on Facebook!

The Kinross Newsletter now has a Facebook page! This will principally be used for announcing when our latest issue is in the shops, and each month we'll also put on a reminder about our deadline, so if you are one of our regular contributors, you can send us your submission in good time. So if you are a regular reader or contributor, please 'Like' us on Facebook and ask your friends to like us too!

Find us at: www.facebook.com/kinrossnewsletter



Vote for a new Sainsbury's charity

Sainsbury's Kinross is looking for a new local charity to support for a year. Customers can vote for their favourite local charity **between 28 May and 8 June**, either instore or online. The chosen charity will receive a year's worth of support.

After voting closes, a shortlist of nominations will be drawn up and the store colleagues will then invite the three charities that they feel best fit the needs of the community into store to talk about how Sainsbury's can support them. The chosen charity will be selected based on the reasons given and the store will announce their chosen charity in July.

One local charity that has benefited from the scheme is Milnathort Town Hall Association, which was the Kinross store's charity partner between December 2013 and May 2014. Over £1000 was raised from the partnership, which will be put towards the renovations.

County Buildings proposal approved

The application for change of use of the former County Buildings to café, offices and delicatessen has been approved by PKC under delegated powers. The proposal also included applying for permission for one residential unit within the building, and for the installation of a biomass boiler, flues and erection of a pellet store. The main use of the building will be small business premises.

War Memorial

PKC retains ownership of the war memorial and the piece of ground on which it stands, the turf'd area and flower bed. The Council has recently consulted with some community groups over draft plans to create pedestrian access to the war memorial from the pavement by creating an opening in the boundary wall and paving most of the area with whinstone setts and sandstone.

Coffee Stop returns to Kinross

A much-appreciated part of the Kinross weekend has returned to the town with the resumption of 'Coffee Stop' in the Church Centre, High Street, Kinross on Saturdays between 10am and 12 noon. Organised by volunteers from Kinross Parish Church as a service to the town, residents or visitors can enjoy a pancake (or scone or cake) accompanied by a cup of tea or coffee for just £1.50. It's a perfect opportunity to meet up with friends for a chat. Any profits go to help the work of the church.

Councillor Willie Robertson

Persimmon application for former Kinross High School site

I am delighted that the planning application from Persimmon Homes for 102 houses in the grounds of Kinross High School was unanimously refused by the Council's Development Management Committee (DMC) on 14 May. I was unhappy about almost every part of this application. The consultation exercise carried out by Persimmon Homes prior to the application being lodged was a token gesture to say the least. There was no attempt by the developers to address local concerns. All of the many comments made by local people as part of the 'consultation' were ignored in the lodged application for 102 houses. I made this point strongly to the representatives of Persimmon Homes who attended the DMC meeting.

I was also very concerned that the comments of the Council's Conservation Officer on the application were not reflected in the report recommending approval which went before the committee. They were very critical of the application both in terms of the proposals to demolish the Edwardian frontage of the old school and the quality of design and materials to be used in the new build. In her memorandum to the planning officers she wrote:

"At present, the site relates well to the High Street, with a well-defined boundary and strong presence in the street, incorporating architectural detailing of quality and interest. In respect of its relationship to the High Street, again, the proposed development would fail to enhance the conservation area, with plans showing an area of unspecified open space and access route along the eastern boundary of the site.

In addition to ensuring that new development enhances the conservation area, the setting of adjacent listed buildings

should also be protected. The historically undeveloped open green space around the playing fields to the west of the site at present forms a peaceful setting to the listed parish church. This would be significantly disrupted by the proximity of the new development to the churchyard boundary. Glimpsed views of the church from the High Street would also be blocked by new housing on the site, again detracting from the quality of the conservation area.

In conclusion, the potential for integrating the historic elements of the existing building complex into any proposed development should be investigated prior to consideration of clearing the site. 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."

None of her report was shown to the planning committee and I was only aware of it when it was put on the Council's planning portal. It was quickly withdrawn by senior planning officers but too late to stop her report becoming public.

I am aware that the Council want to sell this site for the maximum amount it can, but Kinross deserves better treatment than this. Any development of this site must not degrade the conservation area and must protect the amenity of neighbouring properties. This application did neither and deserved to be comprehensively rejected.

I am very concerned about the way this particular application was handled by the Council. I have written to Jim Valentine, Head of the Environment Service, asking for an investigation into this.

Councillor Willie Robertson

Kinross solicitors hand pick talent

The upturn in the economy has led a local legal firm to recruit fresh young talent to help drive its future success.

J&G Wilson, founded in Kinross in 1888, has become the first firm of solicitors to join Hand Picked, an initiative created to give young people a chance to prove themselves in a job. Andrew Marshall (24) is now working with the firm to develop his skills as the firm looks to expand and embrace new technology.

Eric Williamson, senior partner at the firm said:

"We are a progressive firm, but in tough times recruitment is put to one side and it is the younger generation who often suffer. With the economy looking brighter and the firm growing, we wanted to help someone get started.

"The ethos of Hand Picked appealed as we saw this as an opportunity to help a young person develop their skills. It's very easy to take on someone with experience, but with Hand Picked the challenge was to take on someone whose CV would otherwise be put in the 'no' pile and give them a chance.

"Andrew has impressed everyone so far. He is taking on everything we throw at him and he is bringing in fresh ideas which are so important for the development of the firm."

Hand Picked was created by CR Smith chairman Gerard Eadie CBE. It is backed by a network of employers across Scotland who provide 16 to 24-year-olds with a three-month paid job, a reference – known as the 'Hand Picked Passport' – and support to find their next job.

Andrew, an Information Systems graduate, had been out of work for six months before he heard about the Hand Picked opportunity through the job centre. Having joined J&G Wilson in February, it looks likely that he will be kept on. He said:

"Finding a job when I graduated was not as easy as I thought. In fact, it got quite brutal at times. So many employers wanted experience, which as a recent graduate I just didn't have. That's tough.

"Working at J&G Wilson has been great. I love the discipline of a 9-5 job and the job is growing all the time."



Eric Williamson of J&G Wilson, Andrew Marshall with his 'Hand Picked Passport' and Gerard Eadie CBE

Councillor Joe Giacopazzi

Former Kinross High School site

It was unanimously decided by the Development Management Committee today (14 May 2014) to reject the application by Persimmon Homes for the erection of 102 houses at the site of the old High School. Having heard delegations consisting of Eileen Thomas, Jaffrey Weir, Simon Wilson and Malcolm Smith, there ensued a very lengthy debate led by three of your local representatives. Councillor Cuthbert, who had done a quite extraordinary amount of work in preparing for the meeting, was unable to attend and was substituted by Councillor Robertson. Of the many points raised at discussion, I would mention, in no particular order:

1. The threat to demolish the stone built Edwardian era school building which, although not of sufficient architectural value to merit a listing, is very much part of the streetscape of the Kinross conservation area;
2. The proximity of the proposed houses on the south side of the site to the parish Kirk, a listed building. Normally one would respect the 'listed building context' by allowing more space between old and new;
3. Parking problems, current and anticipated, associated with this part of the town;
4. The lack of recreational space or play areas within the boundaries of the proposed new housing;
5. The density of the proposed housing was considered by several committee members to be too high;
6. The appropriateness of the proposed new house types in relation to the Kinross conservation area.

The recommendation by our planning officials to approve the application was all the more surprising in light of the opinion of the Council's own Conservation Officer who wrote: "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".

My suspicion that the house designs were of a type used nationwide, were confirmed by the Persimmon executives present. In the end the proposal was unanimously rejected on various policy grounds including the view that the development failed to preserve the character or appearance of the conservation area.

Your local members told the Persimmon representatives that their consultation with the community had been less

than enthusiastic, and that the views expressed by the public had not really been taken into account to any extent. Hopefully, when Persimmon embark upon consultation in relation to the 260 houses planned at Lathro, the lessons of the High School site will be remembered. Persimmon now have three months to appeal the decision.

Parking in Kinross

On Thursday 24 April, I accompanied Councillors Cuthbert and Robertson on a 'walkabout' in Kinross with the head of roads department, to assess what could be done to enhance the availability of on street parking. We were able to identify that by reducing yellow lines and changing the lining in various car parking areas, it will be possible to add a considerable number of extra parking bays. Officials are now working on the details.

In addition, a proposal is to be brought to the next meeting of the Council's Property Committee for the demolition of the old Mill Street surgery/social work office, to create 18 or so additional, and much needed, parking spaces. Both Cllr Cuthbert and I have put a considerable amount of effort into this project. I shall give further updates in future editions of the Newsletter.

Milnathort Matters

Victoria Avenue: Following my recent reminder to officials, the long standing proposal to make Victoria Avenue into a one-way street, from west to east, is finally coming to fruition. Residents are shortly to be consulted by letter. Following the consultation exercise I shall, as Vice Chairman, bring a report to the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee on 3 September. Readers may recall that the proposal was agreed by residents at the time of the 'Placecheck' environmental improvements of four years ago.

Sewage system upgrade: Scottish Water inform me that, subject to SEPA approval, the scheme to upgrade the capacity of the sewage system in the centre of the village is to begin immediately after the Ryder Cup event. There will be considerable disruption at the Cross, which may last for up to two months, the area being a subterranean maze of pipes, wires and miscellaneous services. They will also be digging up my garden to lay a new, larger overflow pipe down to the burn. This is the price of enhanced flood protection. Mrs Giacopazzi is not best pleased that her flower beds are being dug up!

Councillor Joe Giacopazzi

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Councillor Dave Cuthbert

The former Kinross High School site

As I write this, the dust is settling on the decision by the Council's Development Management Committee (DMC) to refuse the application to demolish the former High School buildings and to erect 102 houses on the site.

These applications were refused as they were deemed to breach a number of the Council's policies, which I understand included HE3A (new development in a Conservation Area), HE3B (demolition within a Conservation Area), RD1 (development within a residential area), PM1 (placemaking) and overdevelopment, with specific reference to the setting of the Parish Church.

Prior to the meeting, I produced a 23-page report, which highlighted the issues I had with the development as it was proposed.

This report was sent to all Councillors on DMC, the planning department and the developer, so that they were aware of what I was saying. I also asked that a copy be put on the planning portal, however this was deemed inappropriate, so did not make its way there.

If you would like to see a copy of this report please go to: www.kinrossfocus.co.uk/Documents/KinrossHighPlanningReport.pdf

Representatives of the Parish Church, the Kinross-shire Civic Trust, and a local developer spoke to the committee and answered questions on the concerns that they had with this application.

Councillors Barnacle, Giacomazzi and Robertson were on the committee and asked many pertinent questions and I understand the questions and debate took over an hour.

I think the result was the right one for the applications as they were submitted.

The question is, what happens next?

My understanding is that Persimmon Homes (the applicant) have a right to appeal this decision with the reporter's unit in Edinburgh. They may choose to do this.

Or it could be that they will develop a new scheme based on the retention of the front part of the school, a lower density of housing, with a different choice of finishes and a bit more parking on the site.

Or it could be that Persimmon will decide to walk away and the site will then probably have to be remarketed for another bidder to appear.

No matter which scenario pertains, the site will remain designated in the Council's Local Development Plan as a Housing Opportunity site. There is no threat that H46 will need to be released as a potential housing site, and the case for a new primary school in Kinross will not in my opinion be weakened by the refusal of planning consent for this site. All in all I think this was a good decision.

Housing Opportunity site H47 – Lathro Farm

There is about to be an application (again from Persimmon) for consent to develop housing at Lathro Farm (H47 in the Local Plan). This site is zoned for 260 houses. Hopefully the public consultation will be more meaningful with this site.

**Deadline for all Submissions
5.00 pm, FRIDAY 13 June
for publication on Saturday 28 June**

Road works in Kinross-shire

Your four local Councillors are working together to get more focus on Kinross-shire. To this end, we have been pressing for road repairs to be done in the area.

The current plan for 2014-15 is to get the following road surfacing work done:

C493	From B9097 – boundary	patching/overlay
C414	From Ardgardie – U29	patching/overlay
C494	Hilton of Aldie – B9097	patching/overlay
B934	From boundary – Littlerigg	patching/overlay
U212	Mawmill – Boreland	patching
C413	Tillyrie – Waulkmill Crossroads	patching/overlay
A977	Powmill – Crook of Devon	patching
A911	Lethangie – Kinnesswood	patching/gullies
A911	Burleigh Road, Milnathort	plane out full width
B935	From Forgandenny – Forteviot B9112	patching/overlay
B9097	Fruix – Cleishmills	patching
A977	Both flyovers at Turfhill	patching
A977	Turfhill – Balado Crossroads	patching
Church Brae	Glenfarg	plane out full width
B996	Bein Inn – Glenfarg	patching
B919	A91 – A911 Balgedie Toll	patching
A912	A913 – boundary – Bein Inn	patching

Also, the following additional work on roads and drains is to be done:

U221	Gelvan (both legs)	Carriageway overlay
	Swansacre, Kinross	Carriageway overlay
B996	High Street, Kinross	Carriageway resurfacing
U213	Muirhead to Tethyknowe	Surface dress
U29	Middlethorpe	Surface dress
C493	Cleishmains Cottage	Drainage: lay pipe to catch spring water
A912	from Glenfarg House	Renew drainage
B996	Glenfarg village	Drainage: drainfills and pipes
B9097	from U212 inc C494	Drainage: French drain

Footway repairs:

A922	Springfield Road, Kinross
u/c	Springfield Park, Kinross
u/c	Beveridge Place, Kinross
A922	Muir, Kinross
B918	Station Road, Kinross
u/c	Montgomery Road/Way, Kinross
u/c	Ross Street, Kinross
u/c	Whinfield Avenue, Kinross

Councillor Dave Cuthbert

Councillor Mike Barnacle

All is not well with planning

I have been moved to respond to an article in the Perthshire Advertiser of 1 April 2014 featuring comment from PKC Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee Convenor, Councillor John Kellas in lauding the progress in speeding up decision making recognised in an SNP Government assessment of PKC's planning performance, in particular the emphasis on "community empowerment and involvement in the planning process through a community-focused and citizen-led approach."

This struck me as all part of 'smart, successful Scotland' so beloved of the SNP Government's approach, also mirrored in the positive future message and apparent seamless transition to an independent Scotland from a 300-year old union.

The reality from a planning perspective in Kinross-shire is somewhat different.

In October 2013 I resigned from PKC's Scrutiny Committee because of its refusal to scrutinise the quality of planning reports, which I thought was badly needed. I have seen no improvement in this aspect of PKC operations at Development Management level and there are several occasions at planning committees that both community representatives and elected members point out inaccuracies, omissions and misrepresentations in reports being presented to members for decision. I would cite three recent examples of Committee reports recommending approval of applications in Kinross-shire that illustrate this viz:

1. Formation of a gypsy/traveller site at Crook Moss on 9 October 2013

Unanimously approved by Committee despite opposition from three local councillors since May 2012 and the overwhelming majority of the Drum community in the immediate neighbourhood. This Report followed a deferral on 1 August 2012 with most of the issues raised then not addressed in the lengthy ensuing period. I addressed the Committee again regarding the deficiencies in the Report and the policies the application could be refused on to no avail; bearing in mind Fossoway CC had two of their official complaints regarding the earlier planning report upheld. I continue to remain aggrieved that the applicants have been permanently residing on the site since 2 March 2013, their agent at Committee giving assurances his client would meet the extensive list of conditions within three months, whilst at current date a significant number of conditions have not been implemented (particularly in relation to drainage, noise and water supply) with PKC continually extending deadlines for compliance. I shall be writing separately to PKC regarding what I perceive as their breach of a statutory duty to protect the Loch Leven catchment.

2. Erection of two houses on edge of settlement boundary at Keltybridge on 19 March 2014

Approved by majority vote with Councillor Kellas and all his SNP colleagues supporting the proposal, despite opposition from two local members (Cllr Cuthbert and myself) and many local objections. This site had been village setting in our former local plan, with long-held community aspirations for it, using the Scottish Land Fund (which grew out of the radical Land Reform Act passed by the previous Labour/Liberal administration at Holyrood). It had been the subject of considerable discussion with Forward Planning during all the stages leading to adoption of our current Local Development Plan (LDP) (not reflected in the Report); they had given assurances that such community aspirations would

not be compromised by a policy change excluding the site from the settlement boundary. The Report chose to place more emphasis on the housing in the countryside policy and a 'disputed' brownfield description rather than its clear breach of Policy PM4 of our LDP. This latter policy was introduced by the Reporter to protect settlement boundaries from creeping development but the planners have stated they don't like it and clearly don't intend to adhere to it.

3. Demolition of former Kinross High School and residential development of 102 houses on 14 May 2014

For once, unanimously refused by Committee, in support of local members' opposition and significant community opposition to the demolition of the Edwardian building element of the old school and the housing proposal. Cllr Cuthbert circulated the Committee with a raft of policy reasons for rejection of the recommendation and I was able to support Cllr Robertson in his motion to refuse demolition. PKC planners' dismissal of the conservation argument of Historic Scotland, lack of real recognition of the loss of parking for Kinross town or the need for a more adequate landscape framework for the setting of Kinross Parish Church, coupled with acceptance of inappropriate density and road alignment proposals are to be deplored and were rightly highlighted in the refusal decision by Committee. Even more worrying was the assertion that the LDP housing numbers were indicative at 70 for the site and that a 46% increase to 102 was acceptable to planners. In challenging this view at Committee, I suggested that 'if all housing site numbers in our LDP are similarly indicative, it would make a mockery of the housing land allocation figures in the recently adopted plan!' I suggest this report should not have come to Committee at this time.

THE INK IS HARDLY DRY ON OUR ADOPTED LOCAL PLAN AND ITS POLICY FRAMEWORK IS BEING UNDERMINED BY DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS.

A **Planning Workshop** was held for Kinross-shire Ward Community Councils on the evening of 14 May 2014 which Councillor Cuthbert and myself attended.

There was strong representation from the meeting put to PKC planners, which included the following points viz:

- Senior officer reports/views from within PKC should be included in committee reports, i.e. conservation, roads, trees and woodland, etc.
- The quality of planning reports are as important, if not more so, than the speed of decision-making.
- There should be opportunities for CCs and local members to discuss issues around contentious applications before a report recommendation is made.
- More local input to planning decisions could be facilitated by Area Devolved Committees, something the current minority SNP administration with their centrist and corporate approach have rejected.
- CC objections should carry more weight than a householder's.
- There was an urgent need to reconvene PKC's Member/Officer Working Group, which has not met for more than a year, to discuss the above, etc.

In conclusion, I suggest to Councillor Kellas that all is not well with planning, contrary to your assertions, asking you to take note. Councillor Cuthbert and myself will continue to press for changes.

*Councillor Mike Barnacle
Independent Member for Kinross-shire*

News from the Health Centre



NHS24 Telephone Number

When the surgery is closed, emergency medical cover is provided by NHS24 and the Primary Care Emergency Service. The telephone number for NHS24 has changed. It is now 111. Patients who require emergency medical help during the evening, overnight, at weekends or when we are closed for public holidays should call 111. The call will be dealt with by NHS24 call handlers. The call will be assessed by a nurse and the patient will either be given advice on the phone, directed to a Primary Care Emergency Centre, advised to go straight to a hospital, or arrangements will be made for a doctor to call. Calls to NHS24 will be recorded. They should not be contacted about matters which can wait until the Health Centre reopens.

Our own emergency telephone number remains 01577 865252. This number should still be used for daytime emergencies. The call will be answered by our Reception Team and the Duty Doctor will be advised.

From 1 July 2014, patients calling 01577 865252 out of hours will no longer be automatically transferred to NHS24. Instead, a recorded message will advise patients to hang up and re-dial 111. Calls to 111 are free from landlines and mobiles.

Daytime Medical Emergencies Monday – Friday, 8.00am to 6.00pm	01577 865252
Out of Hours Emergencies	111
Life Threatening Emergencies at any time	999

New Computer Hardware

Some of the computer hardware which we use is now several years old. A decision has been taken by the IT Department at NHS Tayside to replace the main file server. This is a major piece of work for them and will be done over two days on Wednesday 30 July and Thursday 31 July. On those days we will have no access to our computer system. We will not be able to make or cancel appointments, give out test results, view a patient's clinical history or check their prescriptions. There will therefore be no pre-booked appointments for the nurses, healthcare assistants or GPs on those two days. Patients will be seen where there is a medical emergency and housecalls will be carried out if appropriate, but we would ask patients to try to wait until our computer system is working again on Friday 1 August. We would also ask patients to ensure that they do not run out of medication on these two days. If necessary, please submit your request for repeat medication a few days early to make sure that you have sufficient medication.

Docmail

The practices are changing their mail provider and much of our mail will now be sent via Docmail. Docmail is used by many organisations to print their mail. The mail is transmitted electronically to a secure site in Livingston where an automated system prints the mail, folds it and inserts it into envelopes. It is then taken to the Royal Mail sorting office for onward delivery. The site has passed the necessary security requirements for confidentiality and it is also used to print PIN numbers for bank cards and other sensitive financial information. Mail processed by Docmail will have the Docmail logo in the top right hand corner of the envelope in place of the stamp. Letters will also have a bar code on them in the address window. The bar code is used by Docmail and the Royal Mail for automatic sorting of the mail. Further information is available on their website: www.docmail.co.uk

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Coming soon – Skedaddle Youth Theatre!

Skedaddle Youth Theatre is setting up in Milnathort in August, and is for children who are looking for a fun drama class, whether they already have some drama experience or not.

Run by Fiona Ferrier, the classes will begin with basic theatre and confidence skills, including improvisation, voice work, movement, mime and storytelling, with a plan to work towards a small performance at Christmas. But for the kids, it's all about the fun and seeing their own theatrical ideas come to life!

Fiona lives in Milnathort and is a clown, performer, and drama tutor. She has been teaching drama, circus and clown workshops throughout Scotland since 1998 and has trained in circus and clown in Australia. Fiona currently works for Hearts & Minds as a clowndoctor, and has been appearing as 'Dr Spritely' in children's hospitals and hospices for the last 10 years.

The classes will be held on Thursdays at the Milnathort Guide & Scout Hall, with P1-3 from 5pm - 6pm and P4-7 from 6pm - 7pm. The classes will start on 28 August. For more information or to book a place, contact Fiona Ferrier on 07745 804539 or e-mail fionafferier@hotmail.co.uk or look for skedaddle youth theatre on Facebook.

Yes Scotland events

Local Yes Scotland campaigner Sandy Miller has organised a series of Question Time events in local village halls. Events have already been held in Kelty Bridge, Powmill and Muckhart, with others planned for Crook of Devon, Cambo, Portmoak, Milnathort, Cleish and a major event planned for Kinross in late August.

The Milnathort one will be attended by Aileen Campbell, the Children's Minister, who will be speaking about the Government's proposal for childcare.

All events are open to the public and feature two or three panellists who give a short introductory speech with the rest of the time devoted to questions from the public.

The Milnathort event in the Town Hall will be on **Wednesday 18 June** at 7.30pm.

The Yes campaign will also be in attendance at Kinross Show on 9 August.

See also Notices, page 96.

Kinross Show premium list

The Premium List for 2014 is available to download from the Kinross Show website www.kinross-show.com. Further information can be obtained from Mary Morgan on kinrossshow@aol.com. The Kinross Agricultural Show will take place on Saturday 9 August.

Launch of Muckhart and West Kinross-shire Demand Responsive Transport Service (DRT1)

On 2 June 2014 Perth & Kinross Council and Clackmannanshire Council are jointly introducing a new on demand transport service (DRT1) in the Muckhart and West Kinross-shire area, provided by five local taxi operators.

Who can use it?

Just like an ordinary local bus service, it is available to all members of the public for any eligible journey.

How do I book it?

Phone one of the taxi operators at least 24 hours prior to your journey (every effort will be made to accommodate passengers making bookings at shorter notice).

Where can I use the Service?

DRT1 will operate between any two points on the public highway within the Service area – see map on facing page.

DRT1 is also available between a single point on the public highway within the Service area and any safe stopping point in Dollar, Kinross and Milnathort.

When is the Service available?

DRT1 will operate Monday to Saturday between 7.00am and 10.00pm.

There is no Service on a Sunday or 24, 25, 26 & 31 December or 01 & 02 January in any year.

What is the fare?

The fare is broadly similar to the bus fare and is based on the length of your journey.

Free Concessionary Travel is available to holders of a Scottish National Entitlement Card.

The fare should be agreed with the operator at the time of booking.

How do I find out more about DRT1?

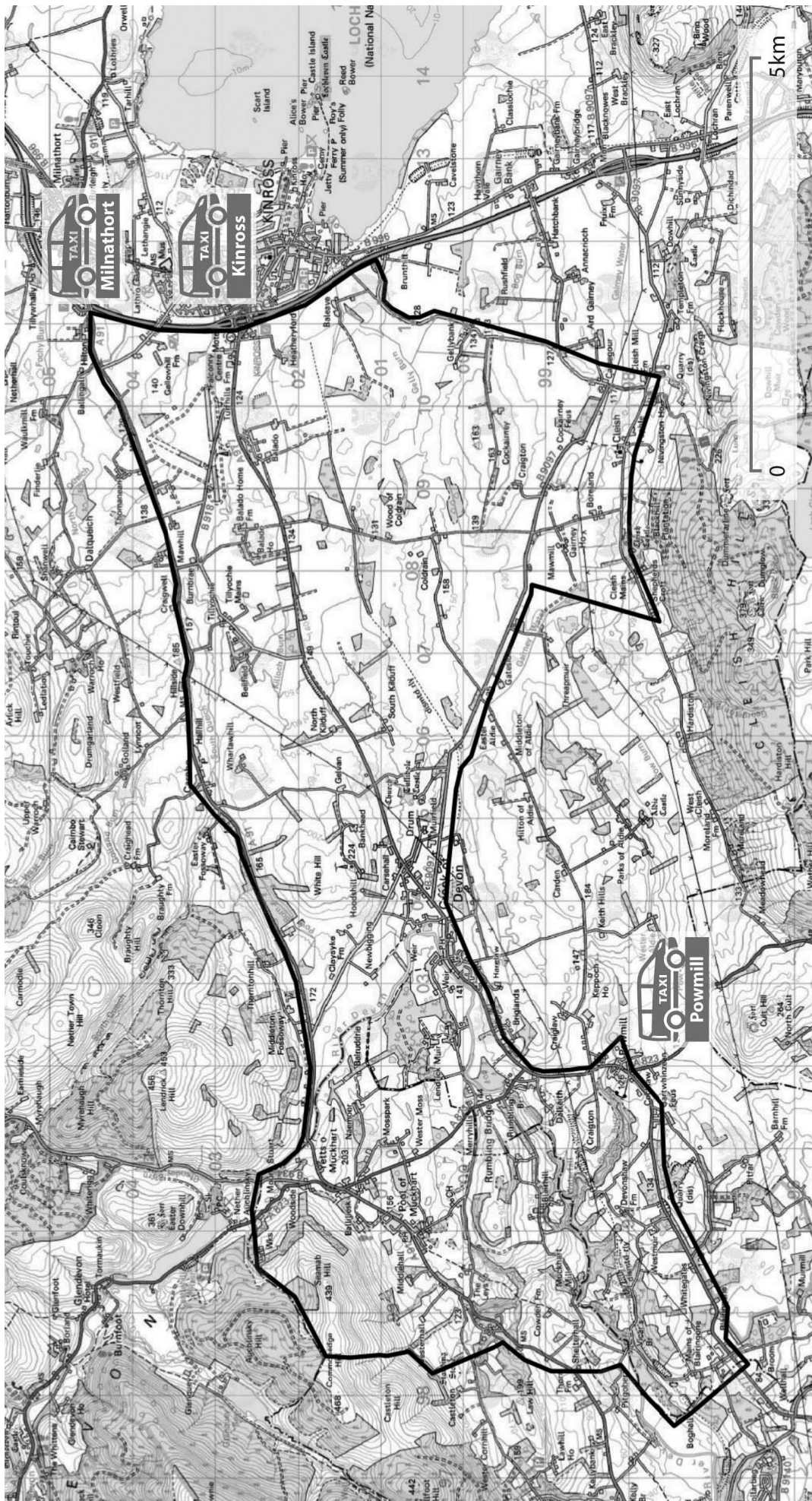
A booklet providing full information on DRT1 has been published and is available throughout the area.

If, however, you want to be sent a copy in the post, or have a general enquiry about DRT1, please contact:

Telephone: 01738 477374

E-mail: Bmartin@pkc.gov.uk

This information has also been placed on the kinross.cc website, where you can download a copy of the information and a colour version of the map.



DRT1 operators

Powmill	Kinross	Kinross	Milnathort
Fossoway Private Hire Iain Carruthers ☎ 07840 944 635	David Collier ☎ 07766 996 655	A2B Taxis Bruce McLaren ☎ 07743 332 237	Kinross Taxis David Graham ☎ 07770 518 808
Fossoway Executive Transport Mary Carruthers ☎ 07840 944 635			

Loch Leven Community Library

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

Opening Times

Sunday and Monday	Closed
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	10am – 8pm
Friday	10am – 6pm
Saturday	10am – 1pm

Regular Library Sessions for Young Children

No need to book, just come along.

Pre-school Story Time

every Tuesday morning	10.15-10.45am
every Thursday afternoon	2.15-2.45pm

Bookbug Rhymetimes

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

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

Film Book Night – Philomena, Wed 11 June at 7pm

Enjoy this film on the BIG screen and participate in the informal, short discussion afterwards, comparing the film to the popular book by Martin Sixsmith. Tickets £3.50, must be booked in advance from the library. This film is shown in conjunction with Milnathort Filmhouse.

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Enchanted Notes from a Harp, Sat 7 June

Enjoy the tranquil sounds of the Clarsach from Dundee musician, Seonaid Birse, as she plays a varied selection of music as part of 'Make a Noise in Libraries' fortnight. Music played in the library space whilst you browse and borrow books from 11.15am. Free event.

Ancestry Workshops

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

Introductory	3 June	2.15pm – 3.30pm (approx)
More advanced	4 June	2.15pm – 3.30pm (approx)
Introductory	10 June	10am – 11.15am (approx)

For further information and to book a place, contact the library.

Mythical Maze starts on 26 June – and it's absolutely free to take part!

It's a fabulous fantasy adventure that invites children to discover more about myths and legends from all over the world. Children ages 4-11yrs are challenged to find their way around a labyrinth that introduces them to some of the most fantastical creatures from the world of legend and mythology. So as well as the fun of reading their six books, they will also discover more about the creatures from mythology and legend including the Minotaur, Anansi, the Loch Ness Monster, Mermaids, Unicorns, Garuda, Medusa, Dragons, Leprechauns and the Yeti!

There will also be special Mythical Maze stories and activities including:

Fri 4 Jul	11 - 12	Artemis Fowl, LEPrecon and the Pot of Gold
Fri 18 Jul	11 - 12	Percy Jackson's Mythical Monsters
Fri 1 Aug	11 - 12	Minotaur's Maze
Fri 15 Aug	11 - 12	We're Going on a Yeti Hunt

Mythical Maze, Thursday 26 June to Saturday 23 August.

For further information and to sign up, please contact the library. (Planned activities require advance booking. Children 8yrs and under must be accompanied by a responsible adult.)

Temporary Disruption to all Libraries

Essential maintenance will affect all library systems across Perth & Kinross on certain dates. There will be no People's Network computer or wireless internet access and there will be no reservations, renewals or catalogue searches. Phones will also be unavailable. The dates affected are Saturdays (24 May), 31 May and 7 June. Check PKC website or library for updated information.

Road Works

Kinross: There will be a temporary prohibition of driving on **Springfield Road** between its junction with Wilson Court and its junction with Station Road (a distance of about 70 metres) on two Sundays in June to allow for the carriageway resurfacing works associated with the new roundabout. The affected dates are **Sundays 8 and 15 June**. The alternative route is via Station Road – High Street – Muirs.

Milnathort: There will be a suspension of loading and parking on **New Road** between its junction with Wester Loan and its junction with Burleigh Road from **2 June for five days**.

Second Mary Queen of Scots Extravaganza with a difference!

Sunday 31 August, 12- 5pm, Kirkgate Park

In conjunction with the Kinross & District Rotary Club, KLEO will be organising their second Mary Queen of Scots Extravaganza in Kirkgate Park this summer.

Rowing Races: As an expansion on last summer's event, this year the Rotary Club will be organising rowing boat races on Loch Leven. Rowing boats will be provided and each race will be between two boats. The teams will launch their boat from the beach at the end of Kirkgate Park, row out to a buoy and back to the beach. The Rotary Club will ensure there is a powered safety boat in attendance.

Enter your team as soon as possible to avoid disappointment! Anyone interested in taking part can put together a team and enter the competition. There will be space available for 20 teams and these may be made up of a group of friends, a community group or a business team. Each team must:

- consist of five persons (over 16) and must be mixed with at least one female and will comprise four rowers and a cox or 'Mary Queen of Scots'
- wear buoyancy aids (which will be provided)
- will receive instructions on use of oars and boat steering
- will agree a standard code of conduct.

The entrance fee is £20 per team with proceeds of the event going to charity and with great prizes to be won! Enter your team by sending an e-mail to Barry Davies at barrydavies57@btinternet.com

With only space for 20 teams, make sure you get your application in early!

Other events and activities

In addition to the races, there will also be an expansion of the other Mary Queen of Scots themed events from last summer. The organisers are hoping to expand the historical re-enactment to include a medieval market and music, horses and combat. They also intend to include historical walks which proved so popular last year and hope to have a falconry display and, of course, plenty of activities for the children.

All in all, it should be a great day out for the family!

More information about the whole programme will feature in the next Newsletter but put this event in your diary!



The Mary Queen of Scots pageant last summer

"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.

Lance Corporal David McGregor

David McGregor's father was also known as "David McGregor" and was from Lethangie, Kinross.

Prior to the outbreak of war, David McGregor was in the City of Edinburgh Constabulary but when war broke out he joined the 8th Seaforth Highlanders.

14 June 1916 was, according to despatches, a quiet day in the trenches in this sector of northern France. There were reports of the Germans blowing a small mine and an exchange of grenades, but it was on this "quiet" day that David McGregor died instantly, having been shot through the head by a sniper.

The letters from the front line sent back home spoke of the high esteem in which he was held, both by his Regiment but also by the City of Edinburgh Constabulary. He was on the verge of being promoted in his Regiment. His body was buried in the trenches, but the trenches and therefore his grave were destroyed in later fighting. He is commemorated on the Loos Memorial in France.

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

Environment funding opportunity

The Community Environment Challenge Fund is a grant -funding opportunity for local communities to make a significant difference to the local environment.

Projects already funded include: sustainable planting displays in villages; redevelopment of parks; creation or expansion of community gardens; creation of paths; conservation of local historic infrastructure.

Match funding of between £2,500 and £10,000 is available per project. Several projects can be teamed up into one application so as to meet the minimum funding level.

Applications forms can be downloaded from the webpage below, or telephone PKC on 01738 476476 or send an email to the address below.

Webpage: www.pkc.gov.uk/CECF

Email: communitygreenspace@pkc.gov.uk

portmoak festival, 22 ~ 29 june

As we enter the second decade of the annual Portmoak Festival, we promise another fun-packed week of entertainment and community based events. All the expected major events are still there, together with new slants on the physical activity events with the intriguing titles of Fitsteps and Bokwa coinciding with our Exhibition theme of An Active Life. This seemed an appropriate theme in a year when Scotland is involved in major sporting events. Our local schoolchildren have been working very hard on producing artwork depicting the various sporting events for this exhibition, and we expect to have the work of local photographers on display as well as displays from other local organisations. In addition there will be floral exhibits complementing the various displays.



Festival regulars The Batchelors of Jazz

As always there will be something for all ages including the regular favourites such as the Pudding Club, Cream Teas, Children's Concert, Jazz Night (with the Batchelors of Jazz of course), Family Ceilidh and the School Prom. We are repeating our successful charity fashion show in aid of Hospices of Hope, a charity pioneering palliative care in S.E. Europe, and are pleased to have the ever popular Portmoak Players at the Classical Concert. For those who enjoy walking, there will be a guided walk along the Heritage Trail from Vane Farm to Loch Leven's Larder, with explanations of the place-names passed on the way, courtesy of the Kinross-shire Historical Society. Those with an interest in the insects to be found in the area can hear about them and then take part in guided walks to actually see them in their natural setting. Cyclists can have a free bike check at the Marquee on the Tuesday evening.

Local talent will be on display at our Art Exhibition in the Hall, with local craft work being demonstrated at the cream teas.

The Portmoak Festival is based in local venues including the church, village hall, pubs, school and the Festival Marquee. The Marquee will be sited again at the Old Bee Garden, Main Street, Kinnesswood (east side). The recently refurbished Wash House in Scotlandwell will be open again on the Wednesday afternoon, giving a unique insight into the history of the village. There will also be the opportunity of a

guided visit to the original Portmoak Chapel at the Gliding Club on Thursday afternoon, and on Thursday evening there will be a talk at the Gliding Club entitled 'Portmoak, a Gliding Centre of Excellence', which will cover a little about the history of the club and records achieved.

This year the Grand Opening ceremony is at the new time of 7pm on Sunday 22 June in Portmoak Village Hall before the Classical Concert at 8pm, although the Church Exhibition will be open that afternoon from 2-4 pm. The Festival finishes with a lively church service in the Marquee at 11am on Sunday 29th with singing led by our local Praise Band.

For the majority of events, entry is paid at the door or by donation. Tickets for the Jazz night, the Family Ceilidh and the Hospices of Hope Fashion Show may be bought at the Village Shop, Kinnesswood or the Church Office, Milnathort. Tickets will also be on sale during festival week at Portmoak Hall during exhibition hours. Alternatively, call 01592 840655.

We really do need lots of helpers to make the Festival a success, before and during festival week, for numerous tasks including pudding donations, electrical work, hanging of bunting, marquee field preparation, selling raffle tickets, recycling, set up of marquee between events..... the list is endless! If you can help in any way, please call Elizabeth (01592 840655) or Kathrine (01592 840767) or email us on the address below.

For additional information, and a full timetable of events, please visit the website www.portmoakfestival.org.uk or email prtmkfestival@googlemail.com. You can also follow us on Facebook: Portmoak Festival

We look forward to welcoming you all to this year's Festival.



Family fun at the ceilidh



Kinnesswood will be decked in bunting for the festivities

Portmoak Festival

22 ~ 29 June 2014

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www.portmoakfestival.org.uk
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	Sunday 22nd June	Monday 23rd	Tuesday 24th	Wednesday 25th	Thursday 26th	Friday 27th	Saturday 28th	Sunday 29th
hall	<p>Grand Opening of Exhibition in Hall 7pm</p> <p>Classical Concert Portmoak Players 8pm Donations</p>	<p>Art Exhibition Mon. to Fri. 2pm - 4pm 6pm - 8pm</p> <p>Fish & Birds</p> <p>Anything Goes</p>	<p>Cream Teas Mon. to Fri. 2pm - 4pm</p> <p>Recycled Crafts Happy Hookers</p> <p>Pudding Club Mon. to Fri. 6pm - 8pm</p> <p>Around the World</p> <p>Men's Night</p> <p>A Touch of Fruit</p> <p>Ooh La La Chocolat</p>	<p>Card Making Demonstration</p> <p>Clay modelling</p>				
church	<p>Family Service 10 am</p> <p>Exhibition 2pm - 4pm</p>	<p>Exhibition - An Active Life Mon. to Fri. 2pm - 4pm 6pm - 8pm (Closed Tues. evening)</p> <p>Children's Concert 6pm</p>						
marquee	<p>Tickets</p> <p>To buy tickets call in at :- Village Shop, Main St. K'wood or Church Office, Millnathort</p> <p>During the Festival they are also available at:- Portmoak Village Hall 2pm - 4pm 6pm - 8pm</p>	<p>Under 5's Party 10am - 12am £1.50</p> <p>Bokwa 1.30pm - 2.15pm School session P4-6</p> <p>Bike Check 6pm - 9pm Loch Leven Cycles Free bike health check.</p>	<p>School Assembly 1pm</p> <p>Hospices of Hope Fashion Show 7.30 pm Tickets £3.00</p>	<p>Elfsteps 9.30am - 10.15am £3.50</p> <p>P7 Prom 6pm - 9pm Tickets from schools</p> <p>Jazz Night 8pm - Midnight Tickets £12</p>	<p>Bokwa 1pm - 1.45pm Adults and children</p> <p>Messy Church 2pm - 4pm</p> <p>Celidh 7.30pm - Midnight Tickets £7/£3</p>		<p>Butterfly Talk 11am - 12.30pm</p> <p>Moth & Butterfly Walk Starts at the marquee 11am - 3pm</p> <p>Place-name Walk with David Munro 10am - 1pm</p>	<p>Praise Band Service 11am</p>
other venues		<p>Pub Quiz Balgadie Toll 9pm</p>	<p>Junior Football Challenge Portmoak PS 6.30pm</p> <p>Pub Quiz The Well Inn 9pm</p>	<p>Wash House Scotlandwell Guided tours 2pm - 4pm</p> <p>Damsels and Dragonflies Walk 1pm - 2pm East Gate Portmoak Moss</p>	<p>Original chapel on the gliding field 2pm Gliding Club</p> <p>Adult Football Portmoak PS All abilities welcome. 7.30pm</p> <p>Glider Talk at Gliding Club 8pm</p>			



Police Box

Hello all,

I am now two months into my role in Kinross. My team and I have been working hard since my arrival in February. Covering Crieff and Auchterarder as well as Kinross has ensured I have covered the miles.

Youth alcohol

During this spell I made it my team's priority, along with Divisional priorities, to target youth alcohol. We are currently engaging with young people and retailers alike in an effort to target any issues, preventing them at source. Unfortunately issues surrounding youth alcohol become very problematic for Police, residents and the youths themselves, and by tackling this it will go some way to ensure we are keeping people safe and protecting the most vulnerable in our society.

I have been impressed by the attitude of some of the young people and the retailers' enthusiasm in assisting Police at all stages; this is encouraging.

One particular positive result was, after a recent incident, my team led a proactive investigation into the purchase and supply of alcohol to a particular group of young people. This resulted in one adult female being identified and subsequently charged with an offence relating to the supply of alcohol to young persons. A report has now been passed to the Procurator Fiscal.

Enquiries are continuing to identify another person who was shown to have supplied alcohol to another group.

I would like to emphasise these individuals are NOT connected to any retail outlet.

My plans include contacting the respective parents or carers of the young people involved in anti-social behaviour. This is an effort to work together and identify solutions and preventative measures or options. I must emphasise this does take time and enquiries are being conducted along with the other daily enquiries which are prioritised accordingly.

I would like to encourage anyone who has information regarding this enquiry or any other issue to contact me, in confidence, anytime by calling 101 or emailing me.

You can also contact Crime Stoppers (0800 555 111) in confidence anytime.

Remember, you are our eyes and ears.

Best regards

Sergeant James Thomson
Kinross Police Office, South Section
D Division, Police Scotland

Email: james.thomson3@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Bogus workmen crime

I would like to remind all this can be a real issue at this time of year and I ask all to be vigilant, especially for the more elderly and vulnerable people within our community. Make sure you always ask for identification from cold callers. If there is any doubt, I would encourage all to contact the Police.

There are two main types of doorstep crime:

- Bogus callers try to get into your home by pretending to be someone they're not, including council staff, meter readers, or even police officers. In reality, they are crooks trying to steal cash and valuables.
- Rogue traders claim to be workers offering to make repairs or carry out work on your house, garden or driveway. In reality, they charge inflated prices for shoddy or unnecessary work.

This type of crime can happen to any of us and we must work together to move toward safer communities, as the effect of this type of crime can have a devastating effect on the victims and their families. So I would encourage all to report any suspicious activity of this nature, calling 101 or, if it is an emergency, call 999. Anyone who has information regarding this or any other issue can contact me, in confidence, anytime by calling 101 or emailing me. You can also contact Crime Stoppers in confidence anytime.

Sergeant James Thomson

Email: james.thomson3@scotland.pnn.police.uk

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:

graham.ogilvie@scotland.pnn.police.uk

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douglas.stapleton@Scotland.pnn.police.uk



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Ryder Cup toolkit

PKC has developed a toolkit of free publicity materials for community and business use during 2014.

The toolkit includes logos, banners showing support for the Ryder Cup, social media wallpaper etc, posters, flyer templates, postcards, balloons and more.

The toolkit is available online at www.pkc.gov.uk



Used stamps support refugees

The collection of used stamps at Kinross Parish Church has helped towards raising over £4000 for Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon by the Church of Scotland through its national appeal for used stamps. The volunteers at the Kinross church are continuing to run the appeal in 2014 to support a new project: a Refuge House for women victims of violence, recently opened by the Greek Evangelical Church.

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 AGM and May Meeting

Present at the AGM and May meeting held on 7 May 2014 were: CCllrs D Colliar (Chair), M Wood, C Watson, D West, B Davies, I Jack, W Freeman, G Thomas, M Scott, M Blyth and D Mackay; P&K Cllrs J Giacomazzi and D Cuthbert and six members of the public. Apologies were received from P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and W Robertson.

News from the Annual General Meeting

Chairman's Report: Three predominate features of this year's CC were the state of the Kinross public buildings, planning and infrastructure of the town. There was good news on the town's buildings in that the County Buildings have been sold and work is progressing to open a business centre. The old High School is subject to a planning application for development. A commitment has been made to restore the Town Hall. The Mill Street Social Works is now in ownership of PKC and hopefully a decision will be made soon on its future. The Lathro Health Centre has been sold and some work is ongoing. Unfortunately we lost out on the grant for Regeneration of the High Street but PKC are funding improvements to make the centre of town more attractive and pedestrian friendly.

Planning, as always, figures highly. LDP was back for consultation with the removal of site H46 for housing – this was welcomed as we had objected to its inclusion. Not so good news was the increased size of Lathro for development and the restriction of no development west of the M90 which leaves the town short of industrial and commercial space. The old High School site is subject to approval but has raised a large number of objections including the CC and hopefully will be rejected in its present form. Other applications are for retirement flats at the Green Hotel and Sunnypark.

On the infrastructure side, the town lacks investment in industrial premises to promote local employment. The state of the Primary School is of grave concern and we need to give our support to the parents and staff to have a new school as soon as possible.

The pluses from last year give me some encouragement for the future improvements to footpaths and cycleways including speed limits on many rural roads, the improvements in Swansacre and construction of a new roundabout on Station Road.

We have donated a substantial amount of money from our Newsletter to local groups and I hope they have benefited from this.

I would like to congratulate TRACKS on the completion of the Loch Leven Heritage Trail. This is a tremendous achievement and brings many visitors to Kinross-shire.

We have two major international events this year, T in the Park Festival and the Ryder Cup Golf Championship. I hope that we get the benefit from the visitors staying in the Kinross area.

I would like to thank all Community Councillors for their help and support over the year and in particular our Secretary for her patience with me. I would also thank our four PKC

Councillors for their regular attendance and assistance. Finally, thank you to all the members of the public who have attended our meetings and for your contribution to our discussions.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer explained that the accounts were modified slightly to comply with Council requirements and to take account of the change in the grant procedures. The balance held by the CCs at the end of the financial year is now taken into account in relation to the payment received from the Council for the next year. With this in mind, £500.00 was paid to Light Up Kinross from the CC monies. The replacement laptop was also settled from this fund. A deficit of £756.99 was recorded this financial year. The accounts were examined by Ross McConnell; proposed by CCllr Freeman and seconded by CCllr West.

Appointment of office bearers: Chairman: D Colliar (proposed by C Watson, seconded by D Mackay). Vice Chairman: W Freeman (proposed by I Jack, seconded by D West). Treasurer: I Jack (proposed by D Colliar, seconded by D Mackay). Secretary: M Scott (proposed by M Blyth, seconded by M Wood). Planning: M Wood (proposed by W Freeman, seconded by D West). All agreed.

News from the May Meeting

Declarations of Interest: None.

Police Report: No representative present however a report had been provided: Shoplifting at Sainsbury's (detected) and vandalism at the Muirs (under enquiry). The Police also remind all residents that Swansacre is now a One Way street from Station Road in addition to it being a Restricted Access street to be used by Swansacre residents and business users to premises in that street only. All other traffic should use the High Street.

Caravans at former High School: CCllr Watson mentioned that the caravans were no longer there.

Newsletter disbursements: Letters thanking the CC for the monetary contributions were received from Kinross Scouts, KLEO and in relation to the Duke of Edinburgh Award. The Potager Garden also made reference to the contribution they received in a recent Newsletter article. Updated information and application form are now on the website.

TRACKS: Application received for funding of £500.00 towards a print run of 10,000 leaflets promoting the LLHT Official Opening on 30 May. The cost of the leaflet will be £1,000. They have applied to PKC Economic Development Department for 50% funding and received verbal confirmation that the application was successful. Accounts were also received from the organisation. CCllr West proposed that we award them this money and CCllr Colliar seconded. All agreed. George Lawrie on behalf of TRACKS advised that the trail was opened in April and was already well used. A small survey has been carried out which revealed that the income received from four businesses around the Trail has increased dramatically. Some 250,000 people have to date used the trail. It is hoped that in the next year this figure will increase to 350,000 and it is hoped that people can be encouraged to visit the town centre.

Kinross buildings: Cllr Cuthbert commented on two plots of land to be rented out for industrial purposes and the infrastructure to be put in place. Consideration of this and Mill Street property will take place in August.

Town centre regeneration: The funding can be reapplied for by the Council in August.

Drainage: Some discussion was held on the sewage and drainage capacity in the town and the implications of adding to it with future development.

Roundabout at Sainsbury's: There has been a delay in completing this work but it should be finished by the beginning of June.

County Buildings: We understand office premises should be available from September onwards.

Planning

Pre Application Notice: Persimmon Homes, **Lathro Farm:** residential development with associated open space, landscaping and infrastructure. Public meeting to be held in May or June. Location plan provided. This is for a proposed 360 houses.

Planning workshop at the campus on 14 May. CCllrs Colliar, Freeman, Wood, Thomas and West to attend.

Applications: A list of planning applications received by PKC was read out. No comments made. A list of applications recently approved by PKC was read out.

Reports by Perth & Kinross Councillors Councillor Giacopazzi

Primary School: The capacity is 530 pupils and the roll is currently 416. Mention was made to the portacabins, the first of which was sited in 1977 and the roll was capped at 420 before this arrived. Tulloch and Kinross are to be looked at independently by another body to determine which one should receive funding. In the Council's view, a possible outcome would be to accommodate the Primary at the campus with some shared facilities. The figures should be available by the end of this month to allow PKC to make an assessment. The CC believe such a proposal to be unrealistic in that the location is not central to the town and would prove difficult for young families without transport to reach.

Swansacre: At the bottom of Piper Row a collapsible bollard was placed, however the key was missing and this created a problem with a lorry becoming stuck. A suggestion was made that a local shop be asked to hold this key. A further suggestion was made that a circular No Left Turn be placed below the No Entry sign at School Wynd area.

Councillor Cuthbert

High School site: Application to planning on 14 May.

Correspondence

Local Landscape Area: The Council has now commenced its review of LLAs and the first meeting of the Review Group was held on 24 April. Those attending were divided into six working groups and the Ochils were repeatedly identified as being worthy of an LLA designation.

A new Forest Plan is currently being written for approximately 387.5 hectares of conifer plantation located in Perth & Kinross, northwest of Kinross with views out over Loch Leven. Inviting the CC to comment by 24 May.

Road Traffic Orders for Swansacre.

Tourism Forum: Invitation to meeting on 13 May. The main topic is the possibility of a digital information point, which could be sited in the County Buildings, following Mr Alexander's kind offer that space might be provided for a 'town office', which would be of great benefit to the Kinross-shire Partnership, townsfolk and visitors alike.

TAYplan Strategic Development Planning Authority: Main Issues Report Consultation available until 27 June.

Road Strategy Maintenance: Document received from PKC. There is money set aside to carry out works to the High Street in areas not covered by the Regeneration programme.

Kinross Common Good Fund Committee: Meeting to be held on 7 May. £200,000 was received from the sale of the Town Hall. The repairs and maintenance costs for Financial Year 2006-07 is to be deducted from this figure, i.e. £21,150.77. Some £22,000 was expended on dry rot treatment. The figure of £156,314.53 surplus has been included in the opening balance figure for the Financial Year 2014-15. PKC is considering ways of investing these funds. Cllr Cuthbert is also looking into the question of the tennis courts in relation to the proceeds from a sale being transferred to the Common Good Fund.

Other business

Library: CCllr Jack commented on the closure on Mondays and the problem now faced by pupils on study leave who used this venue. The Library is closed on Monday and the school is now taking a half-day on a Friday. It was suggested that we write to PKC expressing our dissatisfaction at this turn of events.

Kinross House: A query was raised as to the use of this. It was understood that it is a private house but can be hired.

Partnership AGM: We have yet to receive an invitation but understand this is to take place on 27 May.

Hedges (Springfield Rd/Sutherland Drive): The hedges in this area are overgrown and visibility difficult. Four drains are broken. Cllr Giacopazzi will follow this up.

Seating: A member of the public commented that there was a lack of bench seating from the town centre to the health centre. It is difficult to find a suitable location as the pavements are too narrow, however one at Springfield Road entrance and another at the health building would be possible. Cllr Cuthbert will pursue this.

The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 4 June 2014 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

Agenda for the Meeting on 4 June

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of interest
3. Police report
4. Minutes of the meeting held on 7 May
5. Matters arising from the minutes of 7 May
6. Newsletter report/accounts
7. Newsletter disbursement of funds
8. Kinross buildings
9. Planning matters
10. Reports by Perth & Kinross Councillors
11. Miscellaneous correspondence
12. Other competent business
13. Date of next meeting (2 July 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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www.kinross.cc/cc.htm

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

Milnathort Community Council

News from the AGM and May Meetings

CCllr Hamilton, Chair, welcomed CCllrs Bennett, Cottingham, Halford and Pettinger to the AGM and CC meeting held on 8 May 2014. Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs Giacopazzi and Robertson, PC Sadie Allan and three members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from CCllrs Milne-Home, Smith and Thomson and from P&K Cllrs Barnacle and Cuthbert.

News from the Annual General Meeting

Chairman's Annual Report: CCllr Hamilton read out a short report:

During the past year we have discussed 24 planning applications submitted to our area, down from 35 the year before. We were disappointed that the developer for the Donaldson Park Pavilion did not heed our comments on the location and was subsequently refused permission based on location grounds. The planners took no notice however of our comments on the Marshall Place extension which was given permission despite being obscenely close to its neighbour.

The Athron Hall Water Extraction application amazed us when the recommendation was for approval. Luckily the Councillors listened to local objections and refused it. An opportunity to have an income stream in the village, however, was lost when the Tillyrie Wind Farm was turned down once again. The bus shelter at Cuthill Towers is there thanks to a grant that MCC helped them achieve.

We were all horrified that the war memorial plaques were stolen and we are lucky to have Milnathort in Bloom who, with help from PKC, replaced and restored them. We now have regular dialogue with the Roads Department and many local road issues have been resolved including Middleton Corner, which is now much safer. The police have tried to convince us that the Ryder Cup Balado parking will have minimal impact as spectators will be leaving early in the morning and returning in the evening. I am not convinced, though, as the bus service will continue throughout the day; time will tell.

Thanks to my fellow Community Councillors, our minute secretary and to the P&K Councillors for all their hard work.

Treasurer's Report: CCllr Bennet summarised the accounts for 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014:

Opening balance: £677.84

Annual income: £1,028.32 (including £500 for bus shelter grant)

Total: £1,706.16

Expenditure total -£1,144.00 (including £500 for bus shelter grant)

Cash in bank: £562.16

Accounts outstanding -£399.98

Expected closing balance £162.18

Election of Office Bearers: No changes were proposed to the current Office Bearers.

Date of Next AGM: Thursday 14 May 2015.

News from the May Meeting

Police Report: PC Sadie Allan read out a police report. There were three reports of theft: a) Theft of tools and a fuel bowser from the local treatment works (under enquiry), b) Take and drive away of motor vehicle (under enquiry) and c) Theft of pushchair (detected).

A member of the public raised concerns about speeding vehicles along Burleigh Road. Cllr Giacopazzi noted that speeding was a particular problem for vehicles exiting the village. Cllr Robertson asked if the speed check could be beyond the castle with the police vehicle parking in the access track to the footpath.

Planning applications submitted: No applications in previous month.

Planning applications determined: 13/02107/FLM: Temporary change of use for one year to Class 11 (Assembly and Leisure) for purpose of holding music festival in 2014, Balado, Milnathort for D F Concerts. Application approved.

Lathro Farm proposed housing: Cllr Giacopazzi advised Persimmon Homes have entered the consultation phase for a minimum of 260 houses at this site. Concern was raised that Kinross and Milnathort could merge with this development but Cllr Robertson stated that this wasn't possible due to the flood plain to the North Queich. Members of the public raised concern about the capacity of local schools, the sewage works and also access. Cllr Robertson noted that the capacity of the sewage works had been increased recently by Scottish Water and there was the possibility of a new primary school near Lethangie. Improved access from junction 7 of the M90 was raised but Cllr Giacopazzi noted this was the responsibility of the Scottish Government not PKC.

Athron Hall boreholes: Cllr Giacopazzi reported that PKC had refused the latest application and noted that CCllr Thomson's representation at the April DMC meeting was key to the refusal. A member of the public present also reported that it appeared SEPA had misunderstood the pump test, which was not long term pumping but trial pumping over a very short period. Cllr Giacopazzi noted that borehole levels had dropped 4.2 metres following three days of test pumping and this gave concern about the sustainability of the water source. The planning applicant did not attend the meeting to make representation and has 12 weeks to appeal the decision.

New Matters and Correspondence

CCllr Pettinger reported that MCC had been notified about new forestry plans for Blackhill and Touchie.

CCllr Hamilton reported that PKC had now set up a Credit Union. More information can be obtained by calling PKCU Manager Anne Walker on 01738 624872 or emailing anne.walker@pkcu.org.uk It was agreed that a representative of PKCU will be invited to give a presentation at a future CC meeting. Cllr Robertson noted that the intention was for the Credit Union to be accessible from the Loch Leven Community Library that it would offer credit at excellent rates to individuals who may otherwise find it hard to access credit. These rates would be much better than those advertised on TV adverts by short term loan companies.

PKC Councillors' Comments

Cllr Robertson reported that the Loch Leven Heritage Trail is now open with the official opening on 30 May. He also advised that PKC had a new policy for trees overhanging property and the policy is for PKC to take no action due to the expense of tree surgeons though the property owner may lop back the tree and also keep the branches. He expressed concern that the lack of funding for PKC to inspect trees

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overhanging properties may result in further tree falls and damage to property as per the incident in Donaldson Park where a tree reported as dangerous by locals was not cut back by PKC and then fell following storm force winds onto a house, causing severe damage. Cllr Robertson reported that PKC are trialling a new scheme with Tayside Contracts to repair pot holes where the road is heated to make a permanent repair. Initial findings are this repair is more effective than cold tar, which can often be washed out shortly after the repair causing much frustration to both the community and PKC.

Cllr Giacopazzi advised that the Citizen Advice Bureau are now offering appointments by prior arrangement at the local community campus. To arrange an appointment at the campus the number to call is 01738 450599. He also stated that he has raised the possibility of whether Milnathort can be added to the Common Good Fund which is only available to Kinross at present and that he had made enquiries about the change of Victoria Avenue to a one way street but there was no still no news on the change of priorities here.

Comments or questions from the floor

A member of the public raised concern about near misses for traffic at the Milnathort Town Hall roundabout (The Cross). Here traffic heading north was blind to traffic travelling east along Stirling Road, which was not stopping to give way. Both councillors reported that they had witnessed near misses that day. Cllr Robertson had looked into accident rates at the town hall with PKC but reported accident rates were practically nil. It was agreed to minute this hazard.

A member of the public queried the status of the retrospective planning application for the traveller site at Mawcarse. Cllr Giacopazzi believed that responses from consultees were still awaited and the application may be due to be considered at the June Meeting. A query was also raised about a nearby gas pipeline but Cllr Giacopazzi reported that this was an issue for the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) not PKC.

The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will take place on Thursday 12 June 2014 in Orwell Church Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

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Fossoway & District CC

News from the May Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 6 May 2104 were: CCllrs S Morrison, K Borthwick, R Paterson, A Lavery, T Duffy-Wigman; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, W Robertson and J Giacopazzi and eleven members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from A Cheape, G Pye, P&K Cllr D Cuthbert, and PC Stapleton.

Community policing: Report received. Main issue in this area: the public have to watch out for bogus callers (who have been active in the Powmill area). They will use various methods to distract you (ask for use of the bathroom, a glass of water) to gain entry to your property, and rob you. Do not let cold callers in, arrange for a friend to be with you and contact the police if concerned.

Matters arising

Unpaid work team: Any ideas for projects please communicate to Kevin.

Hydro scheme: One of the landowners received a letter with what he felt was a threat for compulsory purchase of his land if he failed to cooperate. However, councillors had never heard of this measure being used by a private company. Hugh Wallace to update CC at next meeting.

Blairingone War Memorial: No progress. It would be fitting if it is finished before the commemoration of the first World War.

Crook of Devon Church car park: No progress. There was a comment on inconsiderate parking of some churchgoers, possibly hampering the access of emergency services. The CC will take these matters up with the church.

Travellers' site: Enforcement orders have been issued in respect of some conditions. Foul water conditions are prioritised; the measures should be implemented in 6 to 9 months. Other conditions will also be enforced but are not prioritised. There is still concern about the generator noise. Cllr Barnacle commented that, in general, by accepting retrospective applications, it is more difficult to enforce waste and foul water conditions, which is more significant in the Loch Leven catchment area. However, PKC has to consider retrospective applications whoever they are from.

Glenquoy Quarry: The CC still get regular updates from Malcolm Best but the quarry is not on the agenda of the next DMC. Also, Tayside Geodiversity has conducted a survey and they will bring out a report in favour of a geological designation.

Glen Devon pollution incident: Cllr Barnacle is in conversation with PKC to make sure lessons are learned from the incident so that the initial response mechanism will be fit for purpose.

Community workshop on Blairingone: PKC has put a lot of effort into this process; unfortunately the turnout of Blairingone residents was disappointing. Several issues were identified, such as a village hall, paths, a shop, and woodland development. A hall could only be realised in conjunction with some development of housing; PKC will meet with landowners to see whether there is scope for some development. There would also have to be a significant contribution from local residents in respect of funding and project management. Are the people prepared to give this commitment? Mr Stewart may have some information regarding development at the next meeting. PKC are keen to have a follow on meeting to discuss the outcomes from the workshop, probably in Blairingone. A suitable day and venue in Blairingone will be agreed in the near future. The

ownership of site E22 was thought to be James Manclark, but this would have to be confirmed.

Bus Investment Fund: There is now agreement with the taxi operators and licences are organised. The launch may be as early as this month. A wonderful opportunity to improve transport for non-drivers.

Waulkmill Play Park/ Road at Village Hall: There is now a budget for adopting the road. The council will fund up to 40% to bring the road to an adoptable standard.

Lambhill chipping plant: Following a meeting with PKC, John Anderson, Alan Kinloch and Gordon Banks it has become clear that the justification for allowing the plant to operate in the current way is based on an incorrect interpretation. PKC is now reviewing its position.

Crook Moss acquisition: Valuation received, and discussed with the landowner. In some cases the land has been gifted, but the price range could be from £500 to £650 per acre, and it would depend on what value the community put on the land. The landowner has now taken the farm off the market, but has agreed that if he decided to sell the Moss, he would give the community first option on it.

Spam emails: Kevin is trying to reduce spam emails and the length of PKC emails and disclaimers. Has had some success as the Ryder Cup logo is now removed. We are still hoping that PKC can put in some filters.

Ryder Cup traffic planning: Last meeting we had an update. A resident of Cambo has voiced concerns about six buses every five minutes on the A91 - it will be difficult to cut in and join the traffic. There was also a question whether the speed limit imposed in Cambo can be reduced to 30mph. There are conflicting opinions about this in the absence of street lighting. The CC and the Cllrs will take this up again. Also, the verges may need a second cut (are usually only cut for T-in-the-Park); Cllr Robertson will check this.

New Business

Dunning Glen: Once again there are reports of irresponsible camping on the site, and large amounts of rubbish have been left all around the area. The CC will try and resurrect multi-agency meetings and look for more permanent solution.

Road maintenance: Rod will update next meeting.

Local Landscape Designation review: There will be a replacement for the 'Area of Great Landscape Value' designation. It will be called LLA (Local Landscape Area). During a working meeting several areas in Perth and Kinross were put forward for this new designation; in our area they were The Ochils, Lomond Hills and Loch Leven. This was an evidence gathering exercise; the consultants will present the findings back to the group and then propose the way forward.

Reports by Perth & Kinross Councillors

Mike Barnacle:

Community Speed Watch: seems like the end of the road; no support from the police for this initiative.

Footpath at St Serf's: will be maintained.

Willie Robertson:

Tree policy: When a tree is overhanging or obstructing between private properties, it is the owner's responsibility to cut it down and to remove the branches. The council will only step in when it is overhanging on the public road or in any sense dangerous. Previously the council had carried out the work and billed the owner, if they had failed to do the work.

Loch Leven Heritage Trail: The trail will officially be opened on 30 May.

Planning matters

14/00742/FLL. Extension to dwelling house, Braehead Farmhouse, Rumbling Bridge. No CC comment.

14/00705/FLL. Removal of condition 3 (occupancy) of permission 11/01839/FLL (erection of an indoor horse arena building for equestrian business and erection of a dwellinghouse and garage). Recommendation: Refuse as provides no assurance that the conditions of 11/01839/FLL will be fulfilled.

14/00689/FLL. Renewal of permission (11/00068/FLL), erection of a dwelling house (Plot 2), land 40 metres south west of Muirfield Fossoway. No CC comment.

14/00688/FLL. Alterations, extension and formation of timber deck and ramp, Dumyat, Lendrick Muir, Rumbling Bridge. No CC comment.

14/00681/IPL. Erection of dwelling house (in principle). Old Station Yard, The Old Station, Rumbling Bridge. No CC comment.

14/00636/FLL. Extension to dwelling house, erection of garage and re-positioning of fence, 29 West Crook Way, Crook Of Devon. No CC comment.

Correspondence

All correspondence was available for viewing.

Other Business

New roundabout in Kinross: A member of the public asked if there was a council policy for contractors who go over time? Also, the way the site is left (with cones etc) can be hazardous. Councillors reported there was an unforeseen problem with a utility cable. The public were also asked to report hazards at the time and not wait for a meeting.

Lay-by, Aldie Road: This site has been used by Scottish Water as parking/storage for contractors' vehicles and equipment as well as materials and waste. It has not been properly cleared and tidied when the work was finished. Cllr Giacomazzi will take this matter up.

Draft Agenda for Next CC Meeting

- Welcome and Apologies
- Declarations of Interest
- Community Policing
- Minutes of last meeting
- Matters arising: Unpaid Work Team, Rumbling Bridge Hydro Scheme, Blairingone War Memorial, Crook of Devon Church Car Park, Travellers' Site Crook Moss, Glenquey Quarry, Glen Devon pollution incident, Community Workshops, Bus Investment Fund, Walkmill Play Park, Lambhill Chipping Plant, Crook Moss Acquisition, Spam emails, Ryder Cup Traffic Planning, Dunning Glen, Winter Road Maintenance, Local Landscape Designation Review
- Community Councillors - Meetings Attended
- PKC Councillors' Reports
- Planning
- Correspondence
- AOCB

The Next Meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place on Tuesday 3 June 2014 at 7.30pm at Moubray Hall, Powmill. All welcome.

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

Portmoak Community Council

News from the AGM and May Meetings

Present at the meetings held on 13 May 2014 were: CCllrs B Calderwood (Deputy Chair), R Cairncross (Secretary), S Forde and T Smith; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and D Cuthbert and 29 members of the public.

Apologies for absence were received from: CCllrs M Strang Steel (Chairman), R Williamson (Treasurer) and P&K Cllrs J Giacomazzi and W Robertson.

News from the Annual General Meeting

Chairman's Annual Report. The CC received the Chairman's Report:

I must begin my report by paying tribute to my predecessor, Malcolm Parkin, whom ill health compelled to retire last August. Malcolm chaired us with a light and friendly touch and we shall miss his wise counsel and the benefit of his wide range of contacts in many spheres.

Since Malcolm's retirement we have been a council of six, our minimum. That gives us the opportunity to take on up to three more and we would very much like to do so to spread the load. Please let us know if you are interested in the role. If you are under sixty so much the better!

It has been a year of worrying away at long standing problems and I am glad to say that we have made some progress. The first advance is the construction of the inter-Balgedie path, now almost finished. We plan to have an official opening (anything the Heritage Trail can do, we can do just as well!) soon. Our thanks for making this happen go to our funders, Sustrans, SITA Trust and PKC principally, to TRACKS and particularly George Lawrie for coordinating the project and to Robin Cairncross for his worrying of those bodies to make sure that the whole project did happen.

Bruce Calderwood has taken on roads issues in a methodical way and has made progress; at last we have warning signs back on the New Gullet bridge, a sign for Scotlandwell's gardening award and the imminent replacement of the dead cats' eyes in the A911 with live ones. There are bigger issues in hand. It is apparent that PKC are not fully informed as to the number of accidents that take place on the A911, and consequently their decisions are based on inaccurate information. We are pressing for an extension of a speed limit along the Leslie road at least as far as West Bowhouse, where this is a particular problem. We are also pressing for some form of deterrence for HGVs wishing to use the A911 as a through route from the M90 to Glenrothes and beyond. In the very long term it would help if the A911 were to be downgraded.

Tom Smith has formed a paths group and has been listing priorities for action. It is apparent that if any action needs to be taken in respect of a core path or right of way it will have to be done locally; so Tom is looking for volunteers, road building experience an advantage!

Planning matters, as usual, have taken up a good deal of time. For most of the year it has been a question of trying to ensure that planning conditions of interest to the community are observed. PKC seem very reluctant to enforce their own conditions and it is a frustrating business. We can however look forward to a path between the centre of the Wellside development and the Green and safe sightlines at the entrance to Kilmagadwood; and we are determined that the developer contribution specifically for Portmoak school should end up in the right hands. It has been noticeable that the number of

planning applications for new buildings has increased since the New Year and there are others in the pipeline such as the proposals for redevelopment of the Lomond Inn and Wester Balgedie steading as well as the zoning in the development plan of a field for a 30 house development on the edge of Scotlandwell. It promises to be a busy planning year.

There are two other issues I should mention. First there have been two planning applications for wind farms on the south side of the Cleish Hills. Both developers propose to set aside money for affected communities and we are trying to make sure that Portmoak is on the list of beneficiaries. One application has been refused, but may be appealed, and the other (to which the CC has objected) is still sub judice. If there is no development there will of course be no community fund. Second is the question of Stephen's field. Stephens are unwilling to transfer the field to us until their Whitecraigs development is finished; it looks as if they only have one plot left to sell, so watch this space; we may soon be looking for volunteers to look after the ground.

Lastly I must thank my fellow Councillors (which includes the ward councillors who are ex officio CC members) for their help and support. It would not be invidious to single out for particular thanks Dick Williamson, our treasurer, for keeping the books straight and Robin Cairncross who combines the two most onerous jobs of secretary and planning watchdog with great enthusiasm.

Malcolm Strang Steel, Chairman

Treasurer's Annual Report: The Treasurer provided audited accounts for the year to 31 March 2014 and included a report and explanation of the funds in hand. At the year end there was: £43.15 in the General Account; and £771.05 in the Michael Bruce Way Account giving a total of £814.20. The CC approved the audited accounts. The full income and expenditure of the CC's accounts can be found on the CC website.

Office Bearers for 2014-15: The following office bearers were appointed for the year 2014-15:

Chairman: M Strang Steel (proposed by T Smith, seconded by S Forde). Secretary: R Cairncross (proposed by T Smith, seconded by S Forde). Treasurer: R Williamson (proposed by T Smith, seconded by S Forde).

Date of next AGM: Tuesday 12 May 2015 at 7pm at Portmoak Primary School.

The Deputy Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at 7.10pm.

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News from the May Meeting

Attendance: PC Euan Mitchell was in attendance in addition to those mentioned above.

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 0159 284 0672 or any member of the CC.

Stephen's Field: No further progress.

Police: The CC welcomed PC Euan Mitchell and considered the Police Report. It noted concerns about bogus callers, sales people or workmen and advice from the police to the public on how to protect against the risks they can pose. A pilot project was underway in Crook of Devon to support residents. Consideration of a transport matter was deferred to the next CC meeting.

Treasurer's report: Balances as for AGM report above.

Planning

The CC considered the following **new applications**:

14/00707/FLL **The Lomond Inn**, erection of five new houses and associated engineering operations. The developer, Andrew Sinclair, was welcomed and summarised his proposals. He confirmed that the Inn was not a listed building and that its continuance, either renovated or rebuilt, as an Inn was not a viable option. In his view five dwelling houses were preferable to some 14 flats. He had a significant interest in Kinnesswood and wished to work closely with the community to find an agreeable solution. In discussion concerns were raised about: the design (siting, scale and chosen facing of the proposed buildings and how they would fit within the conservation area); loss of car parking space (judged invaluable to Kinnesswood); the need for an "archaeological check"; and about the planning process. (The published plans had been available since May 2013 yet the community now had less than three weeks to respond). Information on a missing "design statement" was sought. This was relevant to this kind of application and should explain the rationale for the proposed design. At the time of the meeting the CC had not been informed of the application. It would review its position in light of comments made and, while it had not been successful in securing a PKC conservation officer to inform the discussion, it would now pursue the "design statement" with PKC.

14/00587/IPL **Findatie Farm**, erection of 16 holiday lodges. There was some regret at the loss of an unspoiled field in a prime setting. The CC would not object to this application but would seek assurances that a full and comprehensive landscape plan would fully screen both the north and south boundaries of the site. It strongly supported the requirement of Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust for a field-based archaeological survey in advance any work on the site.

14/00607/FLL **Levenmouth Farm**, demolition of old farm house and erection of two one-and-a-half storey dwelling houses. The CC would object to the application which was de facto for two and not for one-and-a-half storey houses. In

discussion there was concern that there was a risk of piece-meal development in a sensitive site close to the Nature Reserve and Heritage Trail and that the site represented a significant flood risk. Lastly it was recognised that this application provided an opportunity to press once more for the path from the B920 through Levenmouth to the Heritage Trail.

14/00586/FLL Strathview, Leslie Road Scotlandwell, alterations and extension. The CC will make no comment.

These were the unanimous decision of the CC.

Progress with applications. The CC noted the following:

14/000153/FLL footpath Easter to Wester Balgedie. This was a significant achievement and was now complete. The CC thanked TRACKS, PKC, funders and land owners and in particular George Lawrie - all of whom had made the project happen.

14/00518/FLL 22 Whitecraigs, Kinnesswood, erection of single storey extension (application approved); and

14/00271/FLL Langayre, Pittendreich, extension of dwellinghouse (application approved).

14/00200/FLL Caol Isla, Back Dykes Road, Kinnesswood, erection of a new dwelling house (application withdrawn).

Developer contributions: The CC continues to seek progress with PKC's commitment to introduce transparency into the arrangements for all developer contributions.

Tayplan: The planning cycle had commenced once more. Comments on the Main Issues Report of Tayplan are sought. The CC would consider how to respond.

Roads: CCllr Calderwood presented an updated report. In particular he noted that the CC had written to PKC in light of recent accidents seeking a review of the safety provision on the stretch of road between Scotlandwell and Auchmuirbridge and at least restricted speed to beyond West Bowhouse. Cllrs Cuthbert and Barnacle agreed to pursue this. A wider discussion explored different strategies for reducing HGV usage of, and for modifying and enforcing speed limits on, the A911.

Paths: CCllr Smith reported that the Paths Group had completed a comprehensive assessment of Portmoak Paths and had set its priorities. In the first instance it would look to maintain the upper reaches of the Michael Bruce Way. While some work could be undertaken by volunteers, other work would require contractors. The CC agreed to support an application to the Community Environment Challenge Fund which could, if successful, provide the resources to allow work to proceed.

Ward Councillor Reports

Cllr Barnacle confirmed that the 2014 Local Development Plan was now formally adopted and was being applied. He encouraged participation in the PKC programme to develop revised landscape designations to replace the old AGLVs through revised supplementary guidance.

Cllr Cuthbert confirmed that there was much planning activity and that Kinross town would grow significantly. There was support for his concern that car parking provision within the town would be compromised.

Other business

Royal Mail Post Box: The CC would contact Royal Mail seeking a replacement post box in Kinnesswood.

The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 10 June 2014 at Portmoak School.

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Club & Community Group News

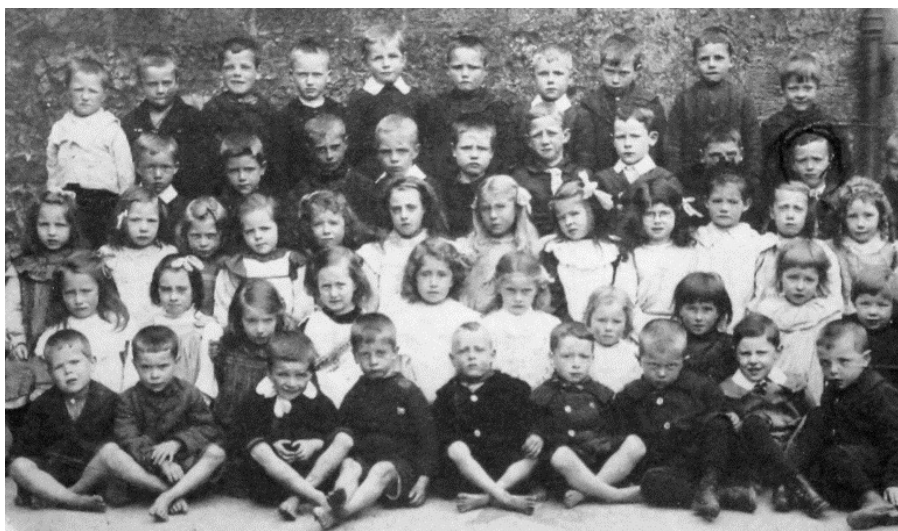
Kinross Museum



May Day saw the opening of the Museum's latest exhibitions, which include stories of schools and schoolmasters in Kinross-shire, a fine collection of glass bottles and old clay pipes and a history of naturalists who visited Loch Leven.

In August we will be dedicating a cabinet and wall space to tell a series of stories about the First World War. If you have any memorabilia you think would be of interest and would like to loan them for temporary exhibition, please get in touch.

The survey of memorial stones in the Kirkgate Churchyard continues and the Museum's involvement in the Living Lomonds Landscape Partnership programme has included walks and



When we were at the Schule exhibition: Children of Kinross North Public School, some in bare feet, c. 1905

talks linked to historical and archaeological projects. A leaflet outlining these events, entitled

Discover the Ancient Lomonds, is available from the Museum.

Kinross Camera Club

www.kinrosscameraclub.org.uk

Secretary: sallyroberts100@hotmail.com

Camera club members were sent on an interesting route through north-east Fife and many of its nooks and crannies this month for the annual 'treasure hunt'! Unfortunately, the weather was not at its best, but eventually all the teams made it home and two weeks later each group did a presentation with a selection of photos they had taken on their way. A good time was had by all.

The Annual Dinner and Prize Giving was held in the Thistle Hotel, Milnathort, and was attended by many members and partners. The meal served by the hotel was excellent. This was followed by the prize giving recognising the achievements of various club members during the 2013-2014 season.

The regular Thursday evening meetings in the Church Centre, Kinross, cease now until September. Instead there is a summer programme of events running on a Thursday night, run by Robert Walker and Ian Thorogood. This provides opportunity for club members to get out of an evening and take photos, and those wanting to learn more about photography and their cameras can get some expert help. Dallas Key has also compiled a comprehensive list of dates for weekend shows and other photographic opportunities over the summer.

All members have been encouraged to get out and about taking photographs of the **Loch Leven National Nature Reserve** in preparation for a **competition** later in the year to celebrate its 50th anniversary. Members have also been encouraged to dig out any old photos or slides from any time over the past 50 years. We look forward to seeing what images are taken or found.

If you are interested in finding out more about the club, please visit the website or contact the secretary.



Portmoak Community Woodlands

News from the Steering Group

Nature is thriving in Portmoak Moss with a huge range of birds seen or heard and large numbers of an unusual butterfly.

We were grateful to have the official bird recorder for Perth and Kinross, Scott Paterson, as our guide for a morning bird walk on 26 April, attended by more than a dozen people.

Weather conditions were perfect and in the space of two hours we accumulated an impressive list: chiffchaff, jackdaw, willow warbler, goldcrest, coal tit, wren, wood pigeon, pheasant, great spotted woodpecker, chaffinch, mallard, kestrel, greylag goose, swallow, buzzard, green woodpecker, blackbird, blackcap, great tit, blue tit, siskin, lesser redpoll, sparrowhawk, meadow pipit and robin.

A kestrel stole the show by swooping down on its prey (probably a vole) in full view of our group and dismembering it on top of a tree stump. There was a possible sighting of a hen harrier but we didn't get a clear view. It was quite likely, as hen harriers have been seen from time to time on the raised peat bog.

More recently, there have been impressive counts of the green hairstreak butterfly. George Guthrie, who conducts weekly surveys of butterflies and moths (and other insects), counted 72 on the transects (his survey sites) but said they were everywhere on the open part of the Moss and he reckoned there must be hundreds of them there.

As part of the **Portmoak Festival**, George will be leading a **guided walk** looking for **damselflies and dragonflies** in Portmoak Moss at 1-2pm on **Wednesday 25 June**, starting at the Scotlandwell entrance. Both George and the butterfly recorder for Perth and Kinross, Duncan Davidson, will give a **presentation** followed by **guided walk on Portmoak moths and butterflies**, on **Saturday 28 June** starting in the marquee in Kinnesswood at 11am. See the festival programme for full details.

Scotlandwell in Bloom

We would like to thank everyone who, despite the rain, came along to our Plant & Bake Sale on Saturday 10 May and made it such a successful event. Grateful thanks to the Well Country Inn for hosting the Sale and to everyone who donated or bought some goodies. We also had a separate stall of second hand garden tools, the profits from which we donated to Hospices of Hope, our chosen charity. The profits from our share of the Curry 'n' Quiz night earlier in the year (joint fundraiser with Kinnesswood in Bloom) and our Giant Easter Egg Raffle (which was won by Jane & Dave Martin of Scotlandwell), together with the donations from our 'brown envelope' collection have enabled SiB to contribute over £600 towards a defibrillator for the parish. To find out more about defibrillators please log into www.communityheartbeat.org.uk

We have decided to enter only the Take A Pride in Perthshire Best Kept Village competition this year. We are delighted to have some new recruits on board and preparations for the competition are in hand and to this end we are most grateful to **Roddy Baird of Turffit** for his very generous donation of bark for two areas of the village – the top of the Howgait, and the area behind our Wash House.

The Wash House will be open on the afternoons of Saturday **21 June** (Portmoak Gala), and **Wednesday 25 June** (Portmoak Festival) where members of SiB will be on hand to welcome you, or you can visit any time during daylight hours by collecting the key from the Well Country



Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



In April, club members heard the experiences of a dedicated button collector, an American based in Aberdeen, Martha Brown. She explained how she began her hobby almost accidentally by searching charity shops for interesting buttons at the request of her sister who lives in the USA, where buttons are collected avidly. Soon she began to appreciate the variety she found and collected herself – pretty ones, or unusual materials and unusual designs. She searches wherever she goes and now has thousands of meticulously catalogued buttons and a hobby which is also a business, as button collecting is shared worldwide.

On 14 May we listened to Richard Allcoat as he told us of his fascinating hobby (and livelihood) of stamp collecting. We heard of an unvalued Australian stamp which rocketed to a value of about £30,000 because it had a wrongly placed watermark! To bring us down to earth, he told also of long cherished stamp collections which were barely worth a few pounds because stamps were so common.

It was an interesting informative talk, delivered with infectious humour. We did enjoy his presentation. Many, I suspect, went home to inspect their own stamps for any irregularities, which seem to be the real moneymakers – so different from the antique objects we often collect, when perfection is essential.

The next meeting, the AGM, is on **Wednesday 11 June**.

Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

Need to get out and blow the cobwebs away? Want to meet new people? Longer, lighter days, spring flowers and birdsong are here - what are you waiting for? Whether you're new or returning to walking or a regular walker, try out a walk or two to see if you'd like to join us. You will be made very welcome.

Sunday 8 June: Pentlands; Carnethy and Turnhouse Hills, 8 miles. Road tracks along Glencarse and Loganlea reservoirs. Steep ascent to Carnethy, then along ridge to Turnhouse. Lunch at Flotterstone Inn.

Sunday 22 June: 'The Missing Link' 8 miles. Linear walk from Loch Leven pier to Vane Farm and return, walking along the newly opened section of the Heritage Trail. Option of a hill nature walk.

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

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

Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

We are now offering fortnightly short walks on a **Tuesday morning** (maximum 4 miles, 1½ to 2 hours). These walks are aimed at people who are new to walking, would like to extend their walk from a health walk or who would simply like an opportunity to keep fit.

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

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

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

Tue 17 June: Falkland Village and Estate. Meet at 10am at old Health Centre or 10.30am at Falkland village car park beside library.

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Kinross-shire Day Centre

Thank you, Newsletter! As a result of an item in the Newsletter a couple of months ago, we successfully applied for funding under the Community Start-up Scheme. We applied for money to buy equipment for the games of boccia and carpet-curling. Within the next month we should have taken delivery of the equipment and started playing. On May 1st, we enjoyed one of our popular barge trips at Ratho. There will be further trips during the summer. The highlight however, for this month must be the really wonderful holiday that some of our members and staff had at Glencoe. Using our minibus, we had days out from there to Oban, Kinlochleven, Mallaig and on the gondolas up to the Nevis ski centre. The brave ones even had a paddle at the beautiful white sands of Arisaig! We owe special thanks to the staff who made this holiday so enjoyable.



Day Centre service users had a little holiday in Glencoe in May

On May 8th, we had a little pampering with a health and well-being afternoon, which is proving to be a popular addition to our programme of activities. We have also been having a monthly themed lunch recently, and this month it was the turn of Greece. Afterwards, we had a quiz all about Greece.

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.

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Club Correspondents

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Kinross and District Probus Club



'Buffalo Bill in Scotland' was the intriguing title of our talk on 16 April, given by Mr Tom Cunningham, who illustrated his talk with a collection of photographs and articles.

Mr Cunningham has written a number of books on the subject of Colonel William Cody's 'Wild West' show which toured the United Kingdom at the end of the 19th Century and beginning of the 20th. The show featured enactments of happenings in the settlement of the western United States such as the Deadwood Stage and included characters of the time such as Colonel Cody himself, who was better known as Buffalo Bill, and Annie Oakley who performed a shooting act.

The show also featured native American Red Indians, some of whom were willing participants in the show and others who had been arrested and held in Fort Sheridan and then taken to the UK by Buffalo Bill. They had names such as Kicking Bear, No Neck and Charging Thunder, and had been involved in fighting General Custer of the American army.

The show's association with Scotland started when it wintered in Glasgow in the years 1890/1891. The circus, which comprised some 800 people and 500 horses, took over a disused industrial premises in Dennistoun. The task of housing and feeding such a number was a huge one, as was the task of touring the country. This was carried out in cooperation with Barnum and Bailey's Circus, which had its own train. The nearest it got to Kinross was a one-day visit to Perth in 1904.

Alan Harper gave the vote of thanks.

The Club then held its AGM when Mr Harry McLennan was elected as President for the year 2014-2015. The next session will commence on **Wednesday 3 September 2014**.

Kinross Garden Group



For the first outing of the season, members and friends enjoyed a trip to Dundee Botanic Gardens. After lunch they went onto Brechin Castle Garden, where they had a guided walk with the Head Gardener. Afternoon tea was taken at Brechin Garden Centre. The weather was good and enjoyed by all. The next outing is to Belsay Gardens in Northumberland on Thursday 12 June.

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1st Kinross Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association Awards 2013 - 2014



The following awards were presented at the Company's Annual Display and Presentation of Awards held in Kinross Church Centre on Friday 16 May where Mr Ian McCallum, Brigade Development Officer was inspecting officer presenting the awards.

There was a good turnout of parents and friends who enjoyed a varied programme which highlighted the talents of the boys and girls within the company. The following awards were presented:

Anchor Awards

1st Year: 1st equal **Angus Ewan** and **Joshua Robinson**, 2nd equal **Harry Bland** and **Konner Slaven**, 3rd equal **Matthew Bell** and **Gus Clark**.

2nd Year: 1st equal **Milly Bell** and **Martha Harvey**, 2nd **Elizabeth Savage**.

3rd Year: 1st **Oliver Dunn**, 2nd **David Savage**.

Best Squad: **Martha Harvey**, **Gus Clark**, **Andrew Robertson**, **Lillias Webster**, **Samuel Leach**.

Promotion Certificates: **Oliver Dunn** and **David Savage**.

Junior Awards

1st Year: 1st **Sean Michael**, 2nd **Ruaraidh Sturgess**, 3rd **Grace Bland**.

2nd Year: 1st **Jack Bland**, 2nd **Liam Menzies**, 3rd **Rebekah Roe**.
3rd Year: 1st **Andrew Clark**, 2nd **Sarah Todd**, 3rd **Thomas Caldwell**.

Best member overall: **Sean Michael**

Winning squad 3: **Andrew Clark**, **Dylan Sangster**, **Grace Bland**, **Ruaraidh Sturgess**, **Rebecca Kiro**.

Company Section Awards

Promotion to Staff Sergeant: **Andrew Jack**, **Lewis McKenzie**.

Battalion Awards

Volleyball Cup: **Mitchell Brown**, Pullar Inkstand (4 x 2 length relay): **Fraser Barbour**, Norrie Miller Shield (Best swimmer): **Jack Watson**, Swimming Team Cup: **Claire** and **Amy Wilson**, Badminton Cup: **Adam Sweeney**, Table Tennis Cup: **Euan Thomson**, Basketball Cup: **Lewis McKenzie**, Scripture Search (Battalion winners): Junior 2nd **Euan Thomson**, Intermediate 1st = **James Morrison** & **Francesca Fiorentini**, 2nd **Geordanne McLaren**, 3rd **Lorine Clark**, Senior: 1st **Andrew Jack**, 2nd **Douglas MacKessack**, 3rd **Lewis McKenzie**, Best Youngster at Camp: **Christina Webster**.

Best Squad: 1st Squad 5 (2572 points), 2nd Squad 2 (2406 points), 3rd Squad 1 (2192 points)

Squad 5 – **George Dick**, **Mitchell Brown**, **Michael Ferguson**, **Jack Watson**, **Claire Wilson**

Neale Trophy (Citizenship): **Mitchell Brown**

Best Recruit: 1st **George Milne**, 2nd **Amy Wilson**, 3rd **Iona Thomson**.

Best member (Melville Trophy): 1st **George Milne**, 2nd **George Dick**, 3rd **Mitchell Brown**.

Duke of Edinburgh Silver: **Jennifer Mackessack**

President's Badge: **Andrew Beveridge**, **Mark Cathro**, **Michael Ferguson**, **Adam Sweeney**

Queen's Badge: **George Dick**, **Andrew Jack**, **Lewis McKenzie**.

Captain's Report

Company camp at Kenmore last July saw us have an adventure filled week with hillwalking, kayaking, mountain biking and all the rest, culminating in our camp concert on the Friday evening.

We still managed a fair bit of success at Battalion competitions and National competitions in chess, badminton,

table tennis and masterteam with us reaching the latter stages at both table tennis and badminton.

A number of seniors have achieved President's and Queen's Badges this session with more in the pipeline for next session.

The Duke of Edinburgh award scheme has now started within the Company to accommodate those aged 14 to 25.

We are looking forward to our summer camp in Perth's twin town of Aschaffenburg in Bavaria with 41 of us travelling by coach and ferry including our local Scout group.

Tonight is the last night we will see Mr Campbell in an official BB capacity as he has decided to retire from Kinross BB after many years of service both here in Kinross and in his home town of Larne. We wish him well but hope to see him popping in "unofficially" now and again.

Thanks to parents for your support and to all staff members from the three sections for their continued enthusiasm, commitment and dedication throughout the session.

David Munro
Company Captain

Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme



Over the past few months you may have seen KVG & ROS volunteers wearing bright purple sashes in Dobbies Garden Centre. We were delighted to be chosen as Dobbies Local Charity of the Year and have had our volunteers out rattling cans in Dobbies' doorway.

Thanks to the help and support of Amanda James and the staff in the Kinross store, we have been able to raise some money and, just as importantly, raise awareness of our group and what we have to offer. There is, too, the added advantage that we have the opportunity to tell people how we are always on the lookout for new volunteer drivers!

As well as Can Collecting, before Easter we ran a Make a Bracelet afternoon for children, in time for them to design and make their own gift for Mum, or Granny, or Auntie, or anyone in fact for Mother's Day. A few days later a delicious looking Simnel Cake appeared in the store and over 80 shoppers "guessed the weight". The winner, a lady from Kilmarnock, was delighted to receive the cake in time to enjoy it over Easter. This Newsletter might be out in time for you to visit us on **Saturday 31 May** when there will be another "Make a Bracelet Day" and our volunteers will be out in force.

Do come along and watch out for our purple sashes and please do support us by stopping to chat or by putting a few coins in our cans. If we are not there, there are cans attached to the two sales points in the store.

What Do We Do With the Money We Raise?

Using a team of volunteer drivers, who are paid out of pocket expenses only, we provide transport and befriending to people in need in Kinross and the outlying areas. Our services include driving people to the Health Centre, hospitals, to visit relatives in nursing homes, to go shopping, in fact any short journey that our clients would not be able to undertake without us.

Please contact our co-ordinator Ann Munro: 01577 840196 for details on the service we offer.

Kinross Churches Together

'Walk of Witness' through Kinross

Christians from churches and denominations across the county took part in a 'Walk of Witness' on Palm Sunday after their respective church services. Earliest started were those who had attended a joint service for Orwell and Portmoak Parish Churches in Milnathort. They were joined at St Paul's Episcopal Church by members of that church and by those who had set off from Kinross Parish Church, gathering members from St Serf's Fossoway on the route. The walk then gathered further participants at St James' Catholic Church and, with the final addition of those from Cleish, they ended up as guests of Kinross Christian Fellowship, Millbridge, for a shared service of praise followed by refreshments and chat.

The event, organised by Kinross-shire Churches Together, represented the unity of all Christians in response to the sacrifice and miracle of Easter.



The 'Walk of Witness' through Kinross on Palm Sunday

Cubs, Scouts and Beavers

The Kinross Cubs, Scouts and Beavers are running very successfully at present. All the groups are full with waiting lists in some. However, the Group Leaders are running with little or no 'spare' adult help – so this is an appeal for anyone who would like to join what is a very rewarding pastime – all necessary training is provided and you get to enjoy some great times with groups of enthusiastic youngsters (both boys and girls). Beavers are from 6-8 years, cubs from 8 – 11 and a half, and scouts from 11 until 14 years old.

The group will hold its regular **annual barbecue** at the Millbridge Hall on **Thursday 5 June**, from 7pm.

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Kinross Parish Church

Kinross Strengthens Hungary Link

'Please come back next year' was the request put to the team who went from Kinross Parish Church to a church in Hungary last year to help run its 'English Camp', where the daily programme for young people includes English conversation, Bible teaching and worship, as well as the inevitable fun and games. In response to the request to return, a team of eleven from Kinross are preparing to head out in June to The Great Church, Debrecen – the main centre of the Hungarian Reformed Church, which has close historical links with the Church of Scotland.



The Great Church, Debrecen

The team includes young people from the Kinross church's youth group 'Crossfire' and one of the organisers from Kinross, Ewan Cathcart, says: "with a number of young people in this year's team, we are thinking of using email or perhaps a Facebook page to keep everyone at home up to date with us while we are away. We are very grateful to Kinross Parish Church and the Presbytery of Perth for significant financial support for this venture and to the Great Church in Debrecen for providing food and accommodation for the days we are there".

It is hoped that a team from Debrecen will then come to Kinross to help at the church's Family Week which runs from 4 – 8 August.

'Impressive Musical Contribution' at Kinross Church

Writing in the current issue of the Kinross Parish Church magazine, Rev Alan Reid has highlighted the 'impressive musical contribution that has been made by so many over recent weeks to Sunday Worship' at the church. He said: "We have seen a large number of people involved in singing and playing instruments to our great Redeemer's praise". The development of music in worship was one of the areas of church life recently identified for development in the Action Plan published by the Kirk Session last year.

One of the organisers of the new musical developments, David Cairns, says: "The response to our request for help with the musical side of worship has been tremendous. We now have a pool of around thirty singers and fifteen musicians to draw on. We all enjoy the chance to bring music to our worship and the companionship that brings, including across the generations. Our instrumentalists for example are aged from eleven towell, a lot older".

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Common Grounds



Another month already, a hint of sun to come and holidays beckon. May saw several of our loyal volunteers away on a well-deserved break – but it did underline the need for a cushion of more volunteers at such times.

Could you, please, spare a few hours, not necessarily on a regular basis (but that would be wonderful!) but willing to be approached when needed? If it doesn't suit, "No" is perfectly acceptable. Serving in our coffee shop or helping with organising our woodpile are our main priorities at the moment. Anyone over 16 is welcome and hours volunteering can contribute to the Saltire award or Duke of Edinburgh awards. It would also be a worthwhile addition to any CV! Contact details are below, including that of our new website. Our thanks to Joanne McArthur for so ably updating it. As always, friends and volunteers were there when needed.

We had a most inspiring and entertaining Project Lunch with Jo Middlemiss's excellent presentation. We were very pleased to present Jo with a cheque for £600 for her charity, Ethiopia Medical Project. The lunch raised £255 and thanks to volunteers and friends who made it such a success. Who knows, but by the time of publication you may be able to enjoy your next visit to Common Grounds, sitting outside in the sunshine.



Linda Freeman (centre) and Elspeth Caldwell (right) of Common Grounds present Jo Middlemiss with a cheque for £600 for the Ethiopia Medical Project at a project lunch in May

Project: Our May project was Resurge Africa, a Scottish based charity providing infrastructure and training in reconstructive and burns surgery to surgeons, anaesthetists, therapists and nurses in Ghana, West Africa. Resurge Africa has created West Africa's first reconstructive plastic surgery service. Our June project will be chosen at our next Volunteers' meeting which will be in late June.

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

commongroundscave.wordpress.com

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.

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2014 Programme of Events

Antiques, Vintage, Retro and Collectors Fair – Saturday 31 May and Saturday 14 June. There will be buying, selling and valuations given. Admission will be from 9.30am to 4pm with entry fee of £1 per person. For exhibitors booking, please contact: Angus on 07944 416565.

Outdoor Car Boot/Indoor Table Top Sale – Saturday 7 June ****Please note this event has been cancelled**.**

Vintage Day 40s Style with Afternoon Tea Dance – Saturday 23 August Turn back time at Vintage Day with free Public Admission from 11am to 4pm on Saturday 23 August which will be held in the campus and on the sports pitches. This will be a fun day out for all of the family from 11am including Scottish Military Vintage Vehicles, 40s Displays, Pathé Newsreel Screenings, Local Market and Vintage Stalls, Family Activities including a Bouncy Castle and Sports Activities from Live Active Leisure. 40s dressing up is optional and there will be hair and make-up specialists available on the day. As part of Vintage Day there will also be 40's style dancing during the day with Afternoon Tea as well. There will be a small charge for this which is to be confirmed.

If your local group, club or charity would like a free stall at Vintage Day, please let us know as soon as possible. Businesses can hire an outside stall space for £10 (you have to bring your own stall) or there may be other stall/table options available to be confirmed. If you would like more information about the booking of any type of stall please contact Gerry McGregor at the campus on 01577 867119 / 867200 or at GMcGregor@pkc.gov.uk

Other Events for 2014

- Sat 9 Aug Antiques & Collectors Fair
- Sun 17 Aug Kinross Cycling Club - 3 Man Time Trial
- Sat 23 Aug Vintage Day with Afternoon Tea Dance
- Sun 7 Sep Kinross Cycling Club – Road Race
- Sat 13 Sep 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 and The Eliot Murray Big Band Concert
- Sun 16 Nov Winter Festival - Choirs Together Concert
- Sat 22 Nov Winter Festival - Eddi 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.

Rotary Club of Kinross & District



The Club's AGM was held during the April business meeting, when each Service Committee reported on the various activities they had been involved in over the past year. It was also an appropriate time for President Carolyne Poller to induct two new members, Philip Dean from Tillyrie and Michael Reay from Kinross. Michael's father, the late Kelvin Reay, was Club President in 2011.



From left - New member Philip Dean, proposer Eric Williamson, President Carolyne Poller, new member Michael Reay, proposer David Birrell

April's first speaker was Richard Allcoat, the proprietor of the Kinross Stamp Shop in the High Street. Stamp collecting may now have to compete with the numerous digital and electronic pastimes of today's younger generation, but there are nevertheless still many collectors of all ages out there. The history of the humble stamp, and why some can be so valuable, proved to be a fascinating subject. Anyone with a collection which has possibly been gathering dust in the attic was encouraged to visit the High Street shop for a valuation. Old coins could also be of interest.

After the Easter break, the Rev Elisabeth Stenhouse provided an interesting and entertaining talk about her experiences during her Christian journey, the latest step of which took her from Fife to the parishes of Cleish and Fossoway.

The main agenda item for May's business meeting was the proposed Charity Relay Cycling event to take place on the recently opened Heritage Trail around Loch Leven. Research had indicated that there was a place for such an event in the cycling calendar, and it was decided to proceed with plans for Saturday 13 September. This would be a team event over a 12-hour period, with only one member being on the trail at any one time. Other activities, including catering for participants and spectators would be planned, and, added to stewarding duties along the route, would keep most Club members fully employed for the day!

The annual Kinross Feel Good Fair and Loch Leven Half Marathon on 10 May brought out Rotarians in their yellow tabards (and waterproofs), for gate duty at Loch Leven Campus. The combination of the Fair with the numerous local organisations unloading goods for their stalls, and the arrival of the members of over 20 bands for the Pipe Band competition made for a busy morning.

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

Compassion Corner Pay It Forward

Most people are familiar with the concept of payback. Someone buys you lunch, you pay the next time. You offer someone a lift, they repay the gesture another time. The Pay It Forward concept is a little different. In this case you start to consciously notice when people do kind things for you and you start to introduce kindnesses you can perform for the people you come across in your life – not necessarily to the source of your received kindness but to completely different people, those with whom you are unfamiliar or perhaps complete strangers. People may have heard stories of buying a lottery ticket or coffee for the person behind you in a queue, allowing cars ahead of you in traffic or into an available parking space ahead of you, allowing someone with a couple of items ahead of you at the till, while you follow with a larger trolley full. What on earth is the point of this practice? Some of it is a hope that others might do unto you as you would like done to. However it is perhaps interesting to look at this from a more curious point of view. How do you feel when someone is kind? What is the impact on you and how you treat people around you? Most could not deny that there is a ripple effect, which positively impacts people's lives. There is also the cultivation of an awareness that we are connected. What each of us does ripples out to affect more people than we possibly know. There is a film called 'Pay it Forward' illustrating that connectivity. The principle can be that you perform a kindness and you leave a note suggesting the recipient might do something kind for three further people, or you might just decide to try your own acts of paying it forward without the overt notifications, letting the ripple take its own course. Either way, it might be fun to try!

The Compassion Collective have been busy formulating a plan going forward and part of that is creating a presentation. We hope this will illustrate what happens when people go beyond the minimum and give of their time, skills and humanity to benefit those around them and beyond. We are looking for photographs to help demonstrate this so if you have some or can take any, we would be delighted to hear from you. Email Marg Mead on margmeade59@googlemail.com

Susan Bathgate

Kinross Bridge Club

The Kinross Bridge Club autumn/winter season has now come to an end.

The Peter Stirling Championship Quaich for best individual over the season was the won by Pat Forrest and Jock Taylor was a very close second.

At the end of season party night the winners were as follows:

North – South:	1st	Helen & Ray Cruickshanks
	2nd	Sandy Greenhill & Jean Toshack
East – West:	1st	Pat Forrest & Madge Malcolm
	2nd	Liz Pottie & Jessie Mitchell

We look forward to the next season, which starts on **Wednesday 3 September.**

New members always welcome. We meet in the Church Centre and start promptly at 6.45pm



Rambling Roses round Loch Leven

Four mobility scooter rambling friends, the Rambling Roses (and a Thorn) completed a sponsored ramble right round Loch Leven in fancy dress on Easter Sunday. They were raising funds for the Homelands Trust-Fife equipment appeal and have raised around £1300. They had hoped to be the first 'disabled ramblers' to complete a circuit of the loch on mobility scooters.

The Homelands Trust is a registered Scottish charity (SC027281). It was set up in 1998 to carry out the wishes of Miss Isabel Paxton of Lundin Links, who generously bequeathed her estate, "Homelands", to charity. Her wish was to establish and maintain a facility to enable people affected by a range of disabling conditions to have a holiday or a break from living with a long-term condition.



The Rambling Roses hit the Loch Leven Heritage Trail

This exciting project, to build four luxury, accessible, self-catering holiday cottages and a disability drop-in centre overlooking the River Forth in Lundin Links, Fife, is rapidly taking shape. Three of the cottages will sleep four (six with a sofa bed) and the fourth will sleep eight. Building work is due to be finished by the summer of 2014. All four cottages will be equipped to make it possible for disabled people to enjoy a holiday or short break at Homelands. Specialist equipment such as ceiling tracking hoists, a wet-floor shower room, profiling beds with air mattresses, and riser/recliner chairs will be available free of charge.

Adjacent to the cottages will be a drop-in centre, to be known as the Paxton Centre in memory of Miss Paxton. It will have therapy and meeting rooms, a kitchen area, office space, toilet facilities, and a handyman's and gardener's storage space. It will be available for use by Fife residents affected by a range of disabling conditions and their family, friends and carers will also be welcome. Visitors to the cottages who are affected by disability will also be able to make use of the facility.

Visit www.homelands-fife.co.uk for progress updates.

You can donate to the appeal at:

www.justgiving.com/Jan-McDonald2/

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Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



The June Club meeting will be held on **Thursday 5 June** at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall. The speaker at the meeting will be Jean Black who will talk to us about the Enkuthazweni Centre School for Children (South African Food Garden Project). The speaker at the May meeting was Sandra Thompson. This proved to be one of our best afternoons yet and Sandra, with a great deal of humour, certainly brought to life her experiences running a Jute Mill.

Away Day June

There is only one away day in June due to the unavailability of the coach:

Thurs 26 June Kenmore Picnic (please bring your own food). The coach leaves from opposite the Green Hotel at 0915 hours. Regrettably no advance bookings for trips can be accepted prior to the monthly meeting. Contact: Mary Muirhead on 01577 863564.

Theatre Outing, June: Our next theatre outing is to the show "Whisky Kisses" at the Pitlochry Festival Theatre. This will be for the evening performance on **Tuesday 17 June**. The show is described as a musical drama with humour. The all inclusive cost is £27.50. Please make cheques payable to Kinross 50 Plus Club. The coach will depart from the Green Hotel at 6.30pm. Remember this is a Tuesday evening performance. As we have a number of seats still available, the club is opening this event to non-members. Contact Edith Oswald: 01577 865731.

Club Annual Outing: This year the outing will be to Lindisfarne on **6 July**, followed by High Tea at the Carfrae Mill Hotel, Lauder. As we have a number of seats still available the club is opening this event to non-members. Contact Pat Crawford: 01577 862962.

Friday Walkers

6 June: The Auchtermuchty Common walk

20 June: The Water of Leith from the Museum of Modern Art to Leith Docks, through the Botanic Gardens.

Contact: Ian Simpson 01577 863691.

Friday Hill Walkers

13 June: Ben Sherup (no bus) Malcolm 08.30

27 June: Ben Vorlich Richard 08.30

7 July: Lomond Tour Anne 08.30

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

Craft Group: This 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.

Carpet Bowling has now finished for this season.

Fly Tyers has now finished for the season.

Keep-Fit has now finished for the season.

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Kinnesswood in Bloom

Work at Portmoak School continues into the summer term. A recent work party, which included three parents, cleared the back area of weeds and cut back many of the plants. The first school grounds work party of the term was rained off but the children caught up with their diaries and planted some wild flower seeds to be planted in the village. They have now planted a strawberry bed and some tatties in sacks. They also had a visit to Tesco to take part in the "Farm to Food" workshop. Meanwhile we are working with the "community group", making bunting to brighten up the village in time for the Commonwealth Games and Ryder Cup.



Volunteers happy at work in the school grounds

We are pleased once again to have the help of Peter Welsh from Kinross High School who has moved on to his Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award and has been helping out as part of his community service. It makes a difference even to have one or two extra helpers occasionally. Chrissie Robertson has recently completed her community service. Some of our basket sponsors for various reasons are no longer involved with Kinnesswood in Bloom. We are very pleased to welcome the local Rotary as a new sponsor. The Rotary have been very generous to the local in-bloom groups over the years and this year we decided to put their name on one of our hanging baskets.

We were recently awarded £2014 by the PKC Challenge 2014 Fund to create artwork on the theme of "The Ryder Cup". There will be 18 small golfers made by Jim Shears, blacksmith from Auchtermuchty, and these will be decorated in different styles, reflecting different ages of golf. Look out for them around the village as the summer progresses. We are looking for old golf bags and golf shoes to use as planters as well as golf clubs which will be used in art projects. Please leave them at 56 Whitecraigs, Kinnesswood or phone Norma Smith 01592 841160.

All new members will be made very welcome. Our usual work parties are on Saturday mornings but as the nights get longer there is an opportunity to help out in the evenings if this suits folk better.

Portmoak Hall Draw 100 Club

April Draw

1st	No. 41	Nicola Mott, Scotlandwell
2nd	No. 14	Isobel Baird, Righead House
3rd	No. 69	Joan Smith, Scotlandwell

Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

Creamy Fettucine

Ingredients

350g fettucine	1 tablespoon olive oil
2 leeks, cut into thin slices	2 cloves of garlic (optional)
1 small tin of corn	½ cup dry white wine
¾ cup cream or crème fraîche	2 cups rocket
¼ cup parmesan	salt and pepper to taste

Method

Cook the pasta according to directions. Drain and cover to keep warm.

Heat the oil in a large pan on medium heat. Add the leeks and garlic. Cook, stirring occasionally until tender. Add the corn and wine. Simmer for 2-3 minutes. Stir in the cream or crème fraîche.

Add the pasta, season with salt and pepper and toss to combine. Fold in the rocket.

Sprinkle with the parmesan before serving.

Kinross & District Town Twinning Association



Next summer sees the 40th Anniversary of the twinning link between Gacé and Kinross-shire, with a visit planned to the Normandy town in late July 2015. The Association is looking for all former members for their special memories of twinning visits over the past 40 years so that they can be recorded for the future. Memories, including photographs, video, film etc can be sent to either Jeannie Paterson (Chairperson) or David Munro (Secretary). Chairperson Jeannie is visiting Gacé accompanying the S3 Kinross High School pupils in part one of the exchange link. (The Gacé pupils visit Kinross in September.)

The Association will have a stall at the Kinross Show and look forward to renewing 'auld acquaintances' and making some new friends who would be interested in the twinning experience by visiting Gacé next summer.



Chairperson Jeannie Paterson with the Jessie Smith Memorial Salver and Ramage Dawson Trophy for her recitation of Rab the Miller by W D Cocker at a recent SWRI competition

Dobbies Community Champion

With the start of the growing season, April and May have been a busy time for community involvement at Dobbies. I have made donations of tools, compost, and plants and seeds to **Portmoak and Cleish Primary Schools**, to help them to grow their own vegetables and herbs, and flowers to attract beneficial insects. Cleish have also planted a hexagonal bed with plants to illustrate their school logo! I have also made a donation to a joint project between **Rosemount Nursery, and the pre-school nursery at Kinross Primary School**, where they will be linking next year's P1 pupils with those who will be in P7, so they have a buddy in school. I think a growing project is a perfect way for the children to work together, and get to know each other.

We also have a new initiative, called **"Helping Schools to get Growing"**, inviting Primary school classes to visit the Garden Centre for some workshops, learning about where food comes from and healthy eating, and how to grow your own fruit and vegetables. So far, we have had small groups visiting from **Swansacre Playgroup** and **Cleish School Eco group**, and a visit is also planned in May for a gardening group from **Rosemount Nursery**. Because space is limited, I can only invite a maximum of 10 children at a time, but if any teachers would like to contact me, we can arrange a date for after the school holidays, for perhaps half a class to visit at a time.

The Little Seedlings Club have also been busy, learning about poppies and their significance for remembrance, one hundred years after the start of the First World War. They also heard about other annual flowering plants, and sowed runner bean seeds. The May meeting was also our first in **our new summer home in the community building at the allotments** behind the store. There we have plenty of space, and our own notice board, and also a growing bed, made from the surround of an old table donated by the garden centre, a good recycling project! We have also planted some potatoes, onions and poppy seeds, and next month will plant lettuce seeds, as the subject of the **meeting on 1 June (11am)** will be leafy vegetables, and how plants can make their own food in their leaves using sunlight. Thank you to the Allotments' group for welcoming us to the site.

If you would like to come to the next meeting, please leave a message for me on 01577 863327, so I know who to expect.

We are also looking forward to our **Grow Your Own day** on 17 May, when there will be seed sowing activities, and an edible plant trail for children. They and the Little Seedlings will be sowing sunflower seeds, to grow some **giant sunflowers** to brighten up the outside of the store later in the summer.

Dobbies have also **recently donated some spring bulbs and other plants**, which I am passing on to help several groups: Strathmiglo School's fundraising, a Marie Curie plant sale in Dollar, Jean Miller's charity plant sale, and the Potager garden.

I can be contacted at Dobbies on 01577 863327, or email Manager.Kinross@dobbies.com

Amanda James, Community Champion

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

Concerts in June

In Kinross Parish Church

The last concert in the **Second Sunday Series** in Kinross Parish Church is on **8 June** at 3pm. This is a piano recital by a young Scot, **Joseph Fleetwood**, a native of Dundee, who at the age of 11 was already giving concerts! He studied at the then RSAMD in Glasgow and at the Royal College of Music in London, from which he graduated with 1st class honours. He has produced two CDs of piano music and has critical acclaim for his playing. He will play at 3pm and as usual tickets are £10 (£2 for children).



Joseph Fleetwood

On **Saturday 28 June** at 7.30pm, the **Alastair Savage Trio** performs traditional and contemporary fiddle music. Alastair (fiddle) is joined by Euan Drysdale (guitar) and Iain Crawford (double-bass). Both Alastair and Iain lead double lives as they both play in the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra and also the Scottish Ensemble, which visited Kinross at the end of May. Alastair has played fiddle on tours in the USA and also in Germany. Iain too is active as a member of the Whistlebinkies' folk group. Euan is harder to pin down as he is a multi-instrumentalist and also arranges and co-produces folk CDs. Their music is sometimes used by the BBC as soundtracks for documentaries, so you may have heard them in action already! Tickets at the door are £10 (concessions £8) and children under 16 can enter free!

The next day, **Sunday 29 June**, **Ian White** is coming to Kinross Parish Church to give another concert of his inimitable music on behalf of Faith & Light, an interdenominational faith group for disabled people and their friends. Ian has set many of the psalms in contemporary style and enjoys writing songs for the younger age group based on Bible themes. Tickets are £5 at the door. The concert will begin at 3pm.

Need Equipment for a Community Event?

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

Items are listed on www.kinross.cc at:

www.kinross.cc/equipment_hire/equipment.htm

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

Kinross and District Art Club



As we come to the end of another term of painting sessions at the club, we are looking forward to three outdoor painting sessions at: Lochornie House and gardens on Tuesday 3 June, Cleish Castle and grounds on Tuesday 17 June and Falkland Palace and town on Tuesday 1 July. Outdoor Painting Co-ordinator John Tydeman has negotiated a discount for entrance to the Palace grounds and gardens. If you would like to join us for a taster session at any of these venues, give us a call at the number below.

Our club was involved in a prestigious event at the end of May when Prince William and the Duchess of Cambridge visited Forteviot in their roles as the Earl and Countess of Strathearn. Club Secretary Glenys Andrews, who is Chair of Perthshire Open Studios, was asked to curate an art exhibition for the village fête on the day of their visit. She was also asked to arrange a gift for them from Perthshire Open Studios and was able to find the perfect choice in a portrait of the Countess painted recently by the club's adviser, Tom Sutton-Smith. (The Art Club is a participating member of Perthshire Open Studios.) Photo of the portrait below, though not in colour!



The Countess of Strathearn, by Tom Sutton-Smith

It has been another very enjoyable and inspirational term at the club. We have welcomed new members, have had an excellent visit to an exhibition in Edinburgh and have benefited from demonstrations from some of the area's top artists. We are looking forward now to our exhibition in September where we hope we will see as many of you as possible. Please put 10-13 September in your diary! Find out more about the Art Club on our web site at www.kadac.co.uk or ring Glenys on 07702 572664.

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Kinross in Bloom



We are pleased to see that our little area over at Dobbies has been fenced off and, with our farmyard gate, is looking rather neater now. Some hedging has been planted on the far side of the polytunnel which will give us some shelter from the westerly winds that blow along the Hillfoots.

Inside the polytunnel, this season's plants are already a mass of colour, and it won't be long until we are planting up the hanging baskets, and preparing the plants for the barrels and planters. Anyone with a couple of hours to spare and would like to give us a hand with this job, please get in touch with Aileen Sorbie on 01577 861477, Derek Lawrence on 01577 862833, or Iain Todd on 01577 208110. We will be very pleased to see you. Also, if you feel like sponsoring either a basket or barrel, we'd be happy to hear from you.

Our weekend fundraiser at Dobbies recently was fairly successful; quite a few children tried our tombola stall and took away some fluffy toys. Bird feeders, cakes, fudge and tablet all went, and our food hamper raffle was well supported. The winner of the hamper was Cath Ferrier. Other winners were: Susan Kerr – Plant Waterer, Gillian – Mystery Parcel, Edith Oswald – Seed Tubs, Pat Crawford – Scented Sachets, A Page – Chocolates.

Our thanks to all who participated.

Our 200 Club winners for May are:

No. 1 Judith Adamson	No. 49 Anne Milburn
No. 39 Elizabeth Montgomery	No. 67 Margaret Smith

Our next meeting will be our **AGM on Wednesday 11 June**, followed by our regular meeting.

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Kinross High School



Well, here we are again in the exam season and I am delighted to report that, contrary to some predictions, the new exams have followed the same pattern as the old ones. As always, some pupils have reported exam papers which were easier than anticipated, and some have reported finding the papers harder. Again, as always, I have a strong suspicion that the amount of studying done is the key factor in all of this. Of course we now await August results, but it has been reassuring to hear teachers, invigilators and pupils experiencing business as usual!

Within KHS we are planning for next session as the exams are ongoing. As regular readers know, we live in a constant cycle of examining our curricular offerings, our timetable and our service to the young people. Consequently, we are embarking on several new projects for session 2014-15.

A major innovation will be our asymmetric week designed to maximise pupil contact with subjects and to free up some time for the other CfE entitlements. We will be closely monitoring the impact of the new shape to our week and I will keep you all up to date with how things are panning out.

One of the CfE entitlements we want to 'beef up' is the way we enhance the employability of our young people. This means not just preparing them for the future in academic terms but ensuring they have the skills, abilities and experiences which will make them attractive to employers. In this connection our Parent Council has organised a **Jobs Fair** to be held in then school on **11 June** (1.30-5pm) and, for our part, we have increased our capacity for identifying and arranging work-related experiences. Local businesses and individuals will be invited to become involved in our various expanding programmes. Expect to be contacted in the coming months!

Another of the CfE entitlements we are always working in is the area of health and wellbeing. Our annual sponsored walk, which takes place on 30 May, is part of this. Not only are our pupils encouraged to get active but they have the satisfaction of being part of something which benefits others. The event kick starts the fundraising for our chosen charity, which this coming year will be the Teenage Cancer Trust. If we can raise even half the total we have collected for Mary's Meals this session it will be massively worthwhile. An added excitement is that for the very first time some of our runners and cyclists will be aiming to make it all the way round the loch. The recently completed circular path is a fantastic community asset and I am delighted that our pupils will be amongst the first people to enjoy all of it. Come out and encourage us!

There is an African saying that it takes a village to raise a child. I certainly believe it takes a whole community effort to raise well-rounded, polite and socially aware teenagers. We have recently had some reports of a tiny number of our pupils letting themselves down by behaving in ways that upset or inconvenience members of the public. Let me confirm that the school is committed to playing its part in helping these youngsters to see a better way of behaving. Be assured we will investigate when complaints are made and, with the help of the adults involved, will always try to ensure that youngsters take part in a restorative process of apology and 'bridge re-building'. I know that for the adults involved it can seem like all teenagers are members of an alien race. They're really not.

My final thought for this month is this: the vast majority of young people we work with in school are polite, happy, civilised and hard working. These are young people in whom the communities of Kinross-shire can justly take pride. Please work with us to ensure we can say the same of all our pupils.

R H Keatings

Kinross High School Commonwealth Games Experience

To celebrate the Commonwealth Games, Kinross High School is running a Commonwealth Games Experience on **Monday 9 and Tuesday 10 June**. The school's Sports Ambassadors, Isla Simpson, Duncan Lewis, Megan Ely and Gregor Malcolm, came up with the idea and are helping to organise this event with the help of Active Schools. The experience will start by replicating the Queen's Baton relay, where our baton designed and created by our CDT department will travel from class to class, finishing outside the front of the campus where the message in the baton will be read by Mr Keatings and the Commonwealth flag raised. Our traditional sports day run by PE department is the following day but with the added extras of an opening ceremony with flag parade and a performance by our Rock Challenge dancers. New sports on offer to pupils will be gymnastics, bowls, volleyball, cricket and golf and we are hoping to get one of our ex-pupils selected for the Commonwealth Games to come along to be part of our day. In addition, Tayside contracts will let pupils have a taste of food from St Lucia and Bangladesh. Perth & Kinross's Support a 2nd team countries and the library will theme their stories and art activities around the Commonwealth Games.

We would really like to decorate the campus in artwork to promote and celebrate the Glasgow 2014 and would **like Primary School children to design an A4 picture of their favourite sport or athlete**. Please ensure that every piece of work has the child's name, school and class on the back. Artwork is to be submitted to the reception at Loch Leven Community Campus for the attention of Active Schools **by Friday 6 June** so that their work can be displayed during this event. We are aware that timescales are short and therefore will take late submissions so that more artwork can be displayed in the run-up to the Commonwealth Games.

Parents, family and members of the community are welcome to come along and watch these events in action. Dates and times are as follows:

- KHS Baton Relay and Raising of Commonwealth Games flag, **Monday 9 June**, approximately 3pm outside at the main entrance to the campus;
- KHS Sports Day and Commonwealth Games experience, **Tuesday 10 June**, 1pm-3.40pm at the grass pitches at the back of the school.

KHS Sports Ambassadors & Active Schools

Kinross High School Parent Council

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

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 – pupil, parent or anyone else – can nominate a 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).

On the afternoon of **11 June**, the Parent Council will run a **Jobs Fair** for pupils at the school 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.

Do you have a child leaving Primary School to move to Kinross High School this year? Perhaps you might consider joining the KHS Parent Council. It is comprised of parents, 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 and proactive environment which supports pupils, staff and parents. The Parent Council is on hand to help support the process of communications with the school and we are always keen to hear from you, whether it be good, or not. Any parent or guardian of a KHS pupil is welcome to come along to Parent Council meetings. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested in finding out more.

Kinross High School has planned a **Parents' Information Evening** on **10 June** for P7 pupils moving up to S1, which is always a helpful and informative event. Parent Council volunteers will be present selling school blazers at £49. It is always fantastic to see our pupils looking smart in their uniforms, both in their day-to-day school activities and whenever they represent the school.

The **AGM** of the Parent Council will be held on **16 June** and dates for meetings of the 2014-15 school year will be agreed upon then. Even if you cannot commit the time to joining the Parent Council, if there is ever a general concern you would like raised about the school, please contact the Clerk with details and it can be discussed. Specific issues relating to individual pupils should always be raised directly with the school in the first instance.

Milnathort Primary School

MPS are hosting their annual **Summer Fair** on **Saturday 7 June** from 12 noon to 2.30pm. We are working together with Orwell Church and the Milnathort Town Hall Committee to be part of the Milnathort Festival.

There will be all the usual stalls of face painting, bottle tombola, barbecue, pocket money toys, refreshments and teddy tombola. There will also be games and activities for kids and adults too, including beat the goalie, bouncy castle, Gladiators game and our very favourite, Sponge the Teacher!

Everyone is welcome! Bring all the family as there will be something for everyone – and keep your fingers crossed for the weather!

Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation

website: www.kinrossmusicfestival.co.uk



Eddi Reader at Kinross-shire Winter

Festival! We are delighted to announce that Eddi Reader will headline the Kinross-shire Winter Festival on **Saturday 22 November** at the community campus. Tickets £24.

The Singing Butcher is back again! Come and see Iain Hunter and The Eliot Murray Big Band on **Saturday 15 November** at the campus. Tickets £12.50.



Eddi Reader

Tickets are for sale through our website (see heading), Milnathort Post Office, Macbeth & Currie Estate Agents in Kinross and Hunters of Kinross (tickets for Iain). Buy your tickets now!

For more information about the festival, see the website.

KLEO at Farm Open Day, Sunday 8 June. Come along to Hilton of Aldie Farm on 8 June from 11am-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!

(See page 3 for more information.)

Mary Queen of Scots Extravaganza: See page 21.

Leven Voices is for anyone who just wants to sing and have fun! You can join in anytime. The June sessions are led by Horsecross Arts tutor Debra Salem. The sessions take place on Tuesdays, 7.30pm at the Kinross Parish Church. 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.

Portmoak Primary School

The term is now in full swing with many additional events and activities alongside the learning that happens within classrooms and our school grounds. Classes have enjoyed visits to RSPB Loch Leven, Verdant Works in Dundee as well as sporting opportunities to enhance their skills in Rugby, Cross-Country, Cricket and Orienteering. P6 have just arrived back from an action packed long weekend at Ardroy Outdoor Education Centre and the P7s (at the time of writing) are looking forward eagerly to their residential experience at Dalguise.

Staff Changes

In the kitchen Mrs Karen Livitt our substantive cook is returning to her post on a part-time basis initially. Mrs Yvonne Finlayson has joined the catering staff as a replacement for Mrs Moira Drysdale. Some of you will know Yvonne as she has two children at Kinross Primary. Our school janitor, Mr Willie Ireland, retired at the Easter break after over 30 years with the Council. His post is currently filled on a temporary basis by several of the facilities staff. Mrs Isla Paterson has also hung up her apron from her cleaning job within the school. We have welcomed Mrs Lara Robertson back from her maternity leave as our Pupil Support Teacher. Lara had a little girl called Summer in the Summer time. This means we have had to say goodbye once more to Mrs Mairi Illsley who fulfilled this role in Lara's absence.

I am sure you will join me in thanking all those leaving us for their service to Portmoak and our children and welcoming new staff and returning staff to our school.



School leavers: Janitor Willie Ireland has retired after over 30 years with the Council.

Isla Paterson has hung up her apron from her cleaning job.

School Assembly and Portmoak Gala

The end of last term saw the Easter assembly which was led by P5/6. The children presented very well at this special assembly, which we now hold in the Portmoak Church as a bi-annual event (also Harvest). We welcomed back Rev Stenhouse as interim minister while Rev Morrison is away from his post.

As part of the assembly we had a draw for the Portmoak Gala royal party. This year the gala queen is Carla Spowart. Carla will be accompanied by Johnathan Venters as her consort with two flower girls Ella Forbes and Heidi Duncan. I was delighted to be asked to crown the queen this year, but was saddened to hear that the gala may not continue if a new steering group cannot be found. I offered to share the following message with our parents, but am also hopeful

that there will be others in the wider community who can offer their support:

The Portmoak Gala is a traditional family fun day, which has been running for many years in the local area. This year the Gala takes place on 21 June, and promises to be yet again full of fun, activities, music and competition. We would encourage everyone to come along and support the day and also the children from the school who take part as the Royal Party.

This Gala Day has become a tradition within not only the area but also the school calendar; with the opportunity of taking part in the Royal Party something all the children look forward to. This day is so successful due to the support of all involved in the organising committee and also parents and friends who assist. The Committee would like to appeal to everyone for volunteers to man stalls, set up Gazebos on Friday evening and also donations of baking, bottles, bric a brac or raffle prizes.

The current Gala Committee have been involved for many years, but the members, who now no longer have school children, feel that the time has come to hand over the reins to some current school parents. Whilst the current members would be happy to be involved in an advisory role, we are now at a stage where if new members cannot be found, the Gala Day is in danger of not continuing after this year. We appeal to everyone to consider taking on a role to continue this crucial and enjoyable day for your children.

We look forward to you getting in touch and would be happy to answer any queries you may have.

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Fundraising

Thank you to those in the wider community who supported our Bags 2 School rag bag collection just after the Easter holidays. We are also grateful to Buchan's Garage for supporting with bag storage. The October total is just in; we received a cheque for £235 for school funds – all just from collecting old clothes and textiles!

I am aware that many of you have supported our library fundraising over the last few years through various events such as Sainsbury's bag packing, Dragon's Den with the Round Table and the Rotary Club. I am delighted to share with you that we have finally raised enough money to get started on this renovation project and new books, chairs, tables and shelves are beginning to be delivered at the school. Watch this space for updates and photos in the coming months!

Thank you for reading our news.

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

Kind regards,

Louise Gordon, Headteacher

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Best Kept Village Competition 2014

The competition will be judged on 17 June. We look forward to receiving many entries - *Patty Fraser*.

The Mid-summer Walk, Saturday 21 June

This 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. Meet at Vane Farm at 2pm. Wear good walking shoes and bring protective gear just in case.

Kinross Show

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

Annual Dinner

Members and guests had a very enjoyable evening at the Trust Annual Dinner at the Grouse and Claret on 7 May. The dinner was followed by a talk by the Trust President, Professor David Munro MBE, entitled 'Eye to the Hills'. David gave his usual excellent talk, beautifully illustrated, on 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.

Persimmon Homes, Kinross High School site

The Trust sent a deputation to PKC's Development Management Committee meeting on 14 May and is pleased that the committee unanimously refused Persimmon's application to demolish the former High School buildings and to build 102 houses. The Trust is not against new housing on this site, but it needs to be of an appropriate design and density to enhance the Conservation Area, and more effort should be made to retain and reuse the Edwardian school building on the street front, which is a key building of interest.

That evening, some Trust members attended a planning workshop organised by PKC for the Kinross-shire CCs and the Trust.

Landscape Designation and Wind Farm Policy

The Trust is very pleased that at long last PKC are proceeding to develop 'Supplementary Guidance' on Landscape Designation for the adopted Local Development Plan. Now that the LDP has been adopted there is at present no definitive policy to cover landscape in Kinross-shire. The previous policy for an Area of Great Landscape Value was effectively removed once the Kinross Area Local Plan 2004 was replaced by the LDP. This has already created embarrassment in coming to decisions on new planning applications. The Trust has been actively pursuing the Council regarding a replacement policy for landscaping and for the subsequent Wind Farm policy ever since the intimation of a new proposed policy was mooted.

The Trust is very pleased that the Council has committed itself to producing Supplementary Guidance on both Landscape Designation and Wind Farms by this summer 2014.



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

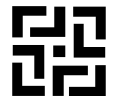
Applications are invited from owners or project managers who should send in a statement of management intention and a map.

Judging of entries will be undertaken in the late summer

For further information and entries to:

Patrick Milne Home
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(01577) 863758 patrick@milnehome.org
www.kinross-shirecivictrust.org

Potager Garden



During May, we have seen dramatic growth of all the plants, and the **school children** have been busy planting onions, potatoes and peas and beans in the vegetable beds, while learning about plants as living things, and how they can make their own food in their leaves. We will also be looking at pollination and insects, and how plants spread their seeds.

We also had a successful stand at the **Feel Good Fair**, with plants being sold to local residents, and also visitors to the town, who came for the pipe band competition. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped on the day.

Our AGM is also in May, and I am grateful to the volunteers who continue to support the garden as committee members, and to Katharine Douglas for examining our annual accounts. We are in a healthy position financially, from **plant sales at Hunters and Fossoway store**, and also more visitors have been coming to the garden on Monday mornings to buy plants. **Thank you to Dobbies** who have donated to us some spring bulbs and rockery plants, which we can grow on for next year.

Our next event at the garden will be a **Coffee Morning for Marie Curie Cancer Care** from 10.30am to 12 noon on **Saturday 7 June**. We hope you can join us, and any donations of home baking would be gratefully received. We will also have bedding plants and young vegetable plants for sale, and planted summer pots, and there will be a craft activity for children. Fingers crossed for a sunny morning like last year!

You can contact me by email or telephone (see below). I am also at the garden from 10.30am to 12.30pm on Mondays, and 3pm to 4pm on Wednesdays until 11 June.

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Sports News

Kinross-shire Cricket Club



The **2014 Wee Stramash** tournament was officially launched on Monday 12 May with a match between the under 12s teams, the Borland Buccaneers and the Kinross-shire Partnership Ospreys. John Silcock, Chief Executive of Borland Insurance and Alisdair Stewart, Chairman of the Partnership, were on hand to watch the game along with Andy Tennant, Cricket Scotland's Director of Cricket.

On losing the toss the KP Ospreys were put into bat and steadily brought their score up 81 for 5 in their allocated 12 overs. The top scorer was Gilleasbuig Peterson with 10 runs. The bowling honours went to Oliver Roe, who took 3 wickets for 10 runs. In reply, The Borland Buccaneers started slowly and played a steady innings losing only one wicket. With one over to go they needed 6 for the win. In a dramatic climax 3 runs were needed off the last ball of the over which, under Wee Stramash rules, is the Bonus Ball, doubling the result in either runs or wickets. Ben Normile hit the ball to mid-wicket and managed a scampered single which was doubled to bring the total to 81 for 1, securing a tied game. This was an excellent result as both teams had played hard and in the true spirit of the game. Oliver Roe was named player of the match for his 3 wickets and 15 runs.

The KP Ospreys and the Borland Buccaneers play their second match of the five-match series on Monday 19th, with the Under 15 age group teams of the Tyrefair Titans and the Loch Leven Lightnings making their Wee Stramash debuts on Monday 26th.

Junior Scottish Cup fixtures

The Junior Scottish Cup campaigns get under way with the U13s travelling up to Arbroath and the U15s facing local rivals Dunfermline. The results of these matches will be in next month's Newsletter. This year we have also entered the ECB National Championship and our first round games will be announced by the end of May.

1st XI League

The 1st XI have had a slow start to the league season, having only managed one game due to the wet weather. The team travelled to Dundee to the aptly named "Fortress Dawson" to play Norwood. The Dawson Park wicket is infamous amongst Scottish cricketers due to its unpredictable playing surface. Having won the toss, KCC put Norwood into bat and were delighted to have them all out for 105 long before tea. Fred Culley bowled very well and took the main bowling honours with an impressive 4 for 25 off 9 overs and Scott Weir secured 3 wickets for 26 off his 8 overs. The fielding was tight with Ant Drew taking two great catches and Chris Sale his usual high performing self behind the stumps.

head high bounce followed by rolling along the ground deliveries. Three wickets fell as the ball failed to lift at all and rolled straight along the ground under the bat. James was the only batsman to make double figures as KCC slumped to 58 all out.

Norwood won the game and KCC find themselves mid table due to the bonus points given for bowling Norwood out. The remaining fixtures for May see Rossie Priory and Kinloch coming to Loch Leven's Larder with KCC away to Perth Doo'cot.

The five-match series of midweek T20 games against Broomhall got under way in May as KCC travelled to Charlestown on a wet Wednesday night. A tight game saw a number of debuts from KCC Juniors making the transition into senior cricket. Sadly, the



Competitors in the Wee Stramash tournament.

Photo: Eileen Thomas

After a good tea, the wicket appeared to breakdown completely. KCC skipper, James Ross, was given out LBW after hitting a quick fire 30 and the batting line up failed to cope with the difficult conditions. Batsmen faced

team didn't manage a win but again Fred Culley stole the KCC with an excellent 50 not out.

The senior season has a long way to go and the remaining May fixtures should see the side start to climb the table.

June Home Fixtures

		<i>start time</i>
Mon 2	Tyrefair Titans v Loch Leven Lightnings	6.30pm
Mon 9	KP Ospreys v Borland Buccaneers	6.30pm
Sat 14	KCC 1st XI v Forthill	1.00pm
Mon 16	Tyrefair Titans v Loch Leven Lightnings	6.30pm
Sat 21	KCC 1st XI v Dundee HS FPs	1.00pm
Sun 22	KP Select XI v Chairman's XI T20	2.00pm
Wed 25	KCC v Broomhall	6.30pm

Full details of all match and training times can be found on the club website, www.kinrosscc.co.uk

Kinross Otters

Leagues Update

The second round of the **Premier League** took place at Olympia Pool in Dundee on Saturday 3 May 2014. Unfortunately, the Otters had a bad day and through disqualifications in the relays and no swims due to sickness they slumped to 4th on the day, but only 7 points behind Arbroath St. Thomas in 3rd. Perth led the way as usual, followed by DCA, with Forfar bringing up the rear. It wasn't all bad news as the senior boys relay team (**Jordan Curtis, Ryan Curtis, Cameron McCloskey and Conor McCormick**) smashed the club records in both the 4 x 50m Freestyle (1.49.01 taking some 1.4 secs off the old record) and the 4 x 50m Medley Relay (2.04.81 taking a huge 2.5 secs off the old record).

The Premier League after two rounds is now very finely balanced with Perth City on 10 points followed by Kinross Otters, Dundee City Aquatics and Arbroath St. Thomas all on 6 and poor Forfar on 2 points. It is all to play for if the Otters can avoid those disqualifications! Next up is Montrose Pool on 14 June.

The Kinross Otters second team competes in the **First Division** of the Midland District League and they competed at Olympia on 10 May and were third overall. They now sit third equal after three rounds. Next up is the home league match on 21 June.

Swimathon Update

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 2014 with almost 25000 swimmers participating.



As explained in last month's write up, several of the Otters used their skills to raise money for those less fortunate than themselves. Two notable omissions were sisters **Ruth** and **Sally McPherson** who swam together in the Individual 2.5 kms challenge. **Ruth** was delighted to come out on top against older sister Sally (47 mins 34 secs and 48 mins 29 secs respectively), but **Sally** was nursing a shoulder injury and would perhaps have gone much quicker had she been fit. Well done, girls.

With the full results now in and verified, the Otters are very proud to have **Cameron McCloskey** (15) as the **5th fastest swimmer in the UK** on the mega 5km individual challenge across all age groups. He was **fastest in the UK in his age group**. 3746 swimmers undertook this challenge. If he had been 43 seconds quicker, he would have been 2nd overall. Now there's a target for next year! Very well done, Cameron.

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. There is still time. Unfortunately, you cannot donate online for an under 16.

Scottish National Age Group Championships 2014

This top class event will take place at the end of June at the Tollcross International Swimming Arena in Glasgow, which will also host the Commonwealth Games swimming events. Only two Otters have so far qualified for this event (**Iona Crawford** and **Ola Stanton**) but the hope is that those who are tantalisingly close will qualify at a number of events ahead of the 4 June closing date. They include **Amy Hardie, Amy Broadhurst** and **Rebecca Mitchell**. It seems the Otters girls have the upper hand at the moment! Good luck to all at the event, and to those trying to qualify.

Kinross Bowling Club

The bowling green opened on Saturday 19 April. The weather was dry and reasonably warm. A very good turnout of members played and one or two new members attended. We have played a few friendly games with our fellow bowlers in the county. A game with Bridge of Earn was cancelled because the Bridge of Earn green was flooded. A game with Orwell had to be called off as our green was saturated the day before it was due to be played.

However, we played at home versus Menstrie on 6 May and won by **one shot**. We played at home on 15 May against Glenfarg and won by **twelve shots**. Both these evening games were very enjoyable and the weather held up for us.

The ladies county triples played the first round against Cambus and won and the ladies pairs played their first round against Alloa and won, so let's hope we can keep this going.

The men's county ties are about to start on 23 May, so good luck to them.

Anyone interested in having a go at bowling please get in touch with George Rennie, our Coach and Secretary, on 01577 864727 or online at

www.kinrossbowlingclub.weebly.com

Come along and have a go!

Orwell Bowling Club

Our season is now underway with both club competitions and external competitions started. Good luck to all players representing the Club in any Scottish, County or East of Scotland competitions.

The Ladies held their Open Pairs competition, sponsored by Binn Skips, on 30 April. The weather, unfortunately, did not hold after the few good days we had and the games were abandoned due to heavy rain. The players did however manage to enjoy a lovely buffet supplied by our lady members. The winners after two completed sessions were:

1st equal: Tracy Black & Liz Rodgers of Alloa East End and Mary White & Christine Davidson of Orwell

3rd equal: Sheila Rennie & Agnes Hutchinson of Kinross and Anne Rose & Audrey Martin of Perth West End

The Dave Scott tournament was held on 20 April.

Winners: Janette Tomney & Dougie Hague

2nd Nicol Tomney & Joan McFarlane

3rd Vic McKechnie & Rosemary Howie

We have played three friendlies against other clubs so far, with the Kinross fixture cancelled due to the forecast. So far we have won both our away games but lost our home fixture.

It's not too late to join; feel free to contact the secretary on 01577 865538 or turn up on a Monday or Thursday afternoon before 2pm and you'll be warmly welcomed.

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

Kinross Vaulting Group

After what seemed like a very quick winter training, we attended our first competition of the year at the Scottish national equestrian centre at Ecclesmachan.

It was to be the first competition for "Bravour", our newest horse with us, but on the morning and after several hours work the day before getting him ready he decided he'd rather not get on the lorry and come with us! A not so clean Robbie eagerly took his place.

Again, we had some great results.

Senior individual female: 5th Yazmin Williamson, 7th Lesley Campbell, both on ILPH Islay and lunged by Liz Mackay.

Junior individual female: (by far the biggest class of the day 23 vaulters) 5th Hannah Ballantyne, 8th Kirstin Henderson, 9th Molly Turner, 13th Heidi Ballantyne, all on ILPH Islay, lunged by Liz Mackay.

Walk individual: Age 14+: 1st Louise Scott, 2nd Laurie McFarlane, 3rd Alicia Boyle.

Walk individual: 5th Emily Hardie.

All on Robbie lunged by Lynn Ballantyne.

Walk pairs: open: 3rd Heidi Ballantyne and Louise Scott, 4th Yazmin Williamson and Laurie McFarlane, all on ILPH Islay, lunged by Janice Henderson.

Fun walk team: 2nd Louise Scott, Mark Porteous, Issy Jeffrey, Emma Leslie, Emily Hardie and Alicia Boyle, lunged by Marion walker on ILPH Islay.

We have six vaulters and ILPH Islay heading off to compete in Belgium at the end of May, so hopefully some more great results next month.



Kinross Rugby Club

Junior (Minis)

On Saturday 10 May, the minis held their end of season fun day and awards. This was attended by some 100 kids and parents. This was a well-attended event to celebrate a wonderful season for the boys and girls, where numbers have increased and the standard of rugby throughout at matches has been a credit to all players. This year, and to celebrate the life of one of the minis most avid supporters, we introduced the Dr Derek Anderson, Team of the Year trophy. This year's winners were the P4 squad.

They have played around 19 different opposition teams in matches and at tournaments, so around 50 matches in total, they remain unbeaten all season, and at the time of writing had won five tournament across the season. Well done to all boys within this squad.



*The P4 squad, mini team of the season
Photo courtesy of TGpix*

A list of this year's prize winners is as below.

P3: Player of the year: **Ben Smallwood**, Players' Player: **Thomas Munro**, Most Improved: **Kieran Todd**, Top Tackler: **Kerri Borthwick**, Top Try scorer: **Thomas Munro**.

P4: Player of the year: **Ramsay Scott**, Players' Player: **Angus Hunter**, Most Improved: **Dev Darley**, Top Tackler: **Thomas Charity**, Top Try scorer: **Angus Hunter**.

P5: Player of the year: **Angus Gray**, Players' Player: **Fergus Warder**, Most Improved: **Archie Reid**, Top Tackler: **Samuel Allen**, Top Try scorer: **Moray Sturgeon**.

P6: Player of the year: **Andrew Clark & Finbar Dumbreck**, Players' Player: **Kieran Borthwick**, Most Improved: **Kyle Reville**, Top Tackler: **Kai McLean**, Top Try scorer: **Elliot Wilkins**.

P7: Player of the year: **Douglas Geissler & Marshall Smith**, Players' Player: **Charlie Keegan**, Most Improved: **Alistair McBride**, Top Tackler: **Bruce Smith**, Top Try scorer: **Gregor MacPherson**.

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Kinross Cavaliers Basketball Club

Ella Doherty represents Scotland in Andorra

After months and months of hard work during the Future Starz programme and the Scotland training sessions, it was time for Ella and the Under 12 Scotland girl's team to make their way to Andorra.

The team had a fantastic journey ahead of them. The plan was to go to Girona to compete against their local team, then to the TIM Pirineus Tournament in Andorra for three days. The TIM Pirineus Tournament was held at the Joan Alay Pabellon, Andorra, which had three cross courts, and was packed full of players and spectators. The competition was tough as the Spanish game of basketball is faster and much more physical. Scottish supporters made their presence felt by waving their saltires and cheering loudly.

Both A and B teams performed well against tough opposition, and were placed 3rd and 5th overall in their groups. What a result - Scotland should be proud!

Finally, a day trip to Esplugues near Barcelona, visiting several Primary Schools where the girls joined the school kids for lunch and then played some basketball. This was a fantastic experience, learning about different cultures and also seeing how schools can differ in other countries. The team was shown the 'ball de bastons' a traditional Catalan dance, and in exchange, the girls demonstrated 'Strip the Willow' and the 'Gay Gordon' dances. It was brilliant!!! Then a mini town tour based around the history of Esplugues. Language barrier was no problem for the children.

The girls made new friends, and the trip also gave the kids aspirations for what hard work can do for one person. The future is looking bright, and the players developing will one day help Scotland achieve greater things. Huge thanks to C.R. Smith, Dunfermline, and Caledonia Washroom Services, Powmill for their generous donations.

Another Kinross Cavaliers player, Kirstin Fotheringham, joined the Under 11 girls' Scotland squad in Edinburgh to participate in some gruelling training. Kirstin was full of determination and enthusiasm throughout the training sessions, and has gained a wealth of new skills and confidence. Well done, Kirstin.

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

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

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

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Ella Doherty

Milnathort Golf Club

Ladies section

The new season is now well underway and we're pleased to see so many ladies out on the course and entering our competitions. A special warm welcome to all our new lady members.

Here's some of our results over the last few weeks:

Opening 9 Hole Greensome (31 March): Kirsty Flockhart and Fiona Sneddon.

Pinehurst (2 April): Gillian Pemberton and Helen Payne.

Greensome (7 April): Fiona Stewart and Gillian Pemberton.

18 Hole Strokeplay (9 April): Margaret Johnston.

18 Hole Stableford (14 April): Gaylor Hoskins.

9 Hole Stableford (14 April): Di Stevens.

Crossroads Charity Competition (16 April): Margaret Johnston.

SLGA Medal 1 (21 April): Margaret Fleming.

Montgomery Medal 1 (23 April): Fiona Sneddon.

We also had our Ladies Open Greensome on 4 May. The day went really well, although the rain came in early afternoon. Here are the results:

1st Handicap: L Kyle and C Lambie (Milnathort and Dunkeld) 69.6

2nd Handicap K McConnell and R Kinnell (Milnathort and Lochgelly) 70.6

3rd Handicap G Tate and J Milne (Milnathort and Craigiehill) 72

1st Scratch F Hastie and S Jackson (St. Regulus and Ladybank) 71

2nd Scratch H Anderson and G Wallace (Blairgowrie) 75

What to look out for in June: It's our **Club Championship qualifying rounds** on **Monday 2 June** and **Wednesday 4 June**, with the knockout rounds in the following week. Make sure you have your name down if you want to enter.

Junior section

The golf season is in full flow now and recent results include:

- April Medal won by Blair Addison with Jamie Fulton runner up.
- Committee Trophy won by Patrick Freeman with Blair Addison runner up.
- Gents & Junior Greensome won by Euan and Alastair Wallace.
- Junior & Friend Greensome won by Katie Bell and David McIntyre.
- May Medal won by Daniel Reilly on count back from Patrick Freeman.

At county golf events Patrick and Sam Freeman came fifth in the Pitlochry mini-foresomes competition and David McIntyre came third in U16 section of the Boys' Spring Medal. David, Patrick, Sam and Daniel, together with Cameron Wallace, have played for the club in the county Junior Bells trophy, the first round of which was played against Crieff Golf Club. The second leg of this will be played before the end of May.

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Kinross Road Runners

Loch Leven Half Marathon

Well done to everyone who ran, volunteered and helped organise this year's event on 10 May. It seemed to go very well and there were some great performances in what proved to be very favourable running conditions. Congratulations to **Graham Kemp** and **Sarah Hutt** who narrowly beat **Matt Newton** and **Vicky Parsons** respectively to claim first male and female KRRs this year. **John Beveridge** finished 3rd local male and **Amanda Rennie** picked up the female equivalency. A huge well done also to **Bill Nouillan** who finished 3rd in the MV70 category this year. **John Boyle**, **Scott Paterson**, **Morna Hunter** and **Stuart Dobson** also ran this year to complete the KRR contingent.



Jillian Gordon, Judith Dobson, Sally Kinsell and Pippa Coutts at the Highland Fling Ultra Marathon

Highland Fling 53 Mile Ultra Marathon

Huge congratulations to Andy Johns for completing the full Highland Fling Ultra Marathon on 26 April, which is a staggering 53 miles long, in an impressive time of 9 hours and 51 minutes. 12 KRR ladies took part in the event as part of the relay teams with Jillian Gordon, Judith Dobson, Sally Kinsell and Pippa Coutts teaming up and successfully defending the ladies title that they won last year. The team comprising Gilian Kemp, Val Findlay, Amanda Rennie and Wendy Grieve finished 7th ladies team while the team of Sarah Hutt, Anne Macintyre, Anne Wilson and Gill Lopez finished in 8th. A great day all round.

Norman's Law Hill Race

Congratulations to Andy Johns, Graham Kemp, Martin Hill, Andreas Rogowski, Anne Macintyre, Brian Kemp, Norman Smith, Sandy MacCalman and Bill Nouillan for running race number 2 of this year's Off Road Championship. Andy Johns currently leads the way in the Men's Championship and Anne Macintyre tops the ladies. For more information, please check out the Off Road Running Championship section on the website.

International Youth Cup

Well done to one of our young members, **Annabel Simpson**, who has recently been given the opportunity to represent Scotland in the International Youth Cup in Trento, Italy on 29 June due to a string of impressive early season competition results.

For anyone wishing to join the club or who would like to come along to a few training sessions to see what we are all about, please feel free to come along. In summer we meet at 7pm on Tuesday nights at Kirkgate Park for speedwork sessions and at 6:45pm on Wednesday at Lathro car park at the old health centre.

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Kinross Volleyball Club

Second Place Finish

For the first time in five years Kinross teams in both the Premier and Recreational Leagues have not finished in first place and have to be satisfied with the runners' up spot.

In the Premier League, Kinross Scotrange failed to make it six in a row with local rivals Team Fife, based in Glenrothes, taking the championship crown for the first time.

In the Recreational League, Kinross BB had the chance to retain the championship but blew it on the last Sunday of fixtures and ended up one point behind eventual winners, See Me.

Despite the disappointments, the club is now gearing up for next season with a busy summer ahead. Having moved outdoors since Easter we have had dry weather every Monday allowing club members the opportunity of playing park volleyball on the grass area of the community campus. Maybe we will have a good summer so that most Mondays can be spent playing volleyball outdoors at the campus. Anyone is welcome to come along for the free sessions with play starting at 7pm and continuing till 8.30pm.

The club has also entered teams in Perth's Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament which will take place on the North Inch over 7 and 8 June. Over 90 teams will again grace the 35 outdoor courts on the Inch with teams coming from

Belgium, Italy and the Faroe Islands. Indoors sees the very first Women's European Championship Qualification Tournament involving Scotland, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Malta and Cyprus. There will also be a separate indoor competition involving men's and women's teams from the USA and UK. The European Championship matches stretch over three days, starting on Friday 6th and concluding with the top two seeds, Cyprus and Scotland, playing on the Sunday afternoon. Entry to all the European matches is free, so come along and support the girls in their attempt to reach the next round of the European Championships.

The club is also gearing up to travel to De Haan in Belgium for their annual outdoor tournament in early August.

Kinross Colts Football Club new players wanted

Kinross Colts 2002 Boys team are looking for new players as they move from seven-a-side to eleven-a-side. Boys need to be born in 2002 or later to be eligible.

To arrange a trial, call Brian Kenny (07703569332) or Andy Ferguson (07794579174).

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Tetrathlon

DAISY FONICIELLO (13) of Easter Balgedie has been selected for the Scottish Junior Tetrathlon team.

A tetrathlon is a team competition similar to the Olympic sport of Modern Pentathlon but without fencing. The four disciplines are cross-country riding, swimming, running and shooting.

Daisy rides at Kilgraston and undertakes the other elements of tetrathlon outside school in her own time.

At the end of May she'll journey south to Milton Keynes with her horse, The Pike, where she'll compete for Scotland against other British and Irish regional teams.

Kilgraston's Equestrian Manager Kim Seaton said: "Being a multi-sport event, tetrathlon can lead to many other things. It's primarily designed to link into Modern Pentathlon and many international athletes have progressed from tetrathlon." Kim added: "Tetrathlon can also develop key skills that are useful in both sporting and non-sporting disciplines."

Recently Daisy competed for the school at Kilgraston's Scottish Schools Equestrian Championships at Gleneagles.



Daisy Foniciello on her horse, The Pike

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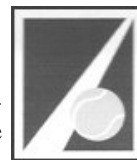
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Kinross Tennis Club

Website: www.kinrosstennisclub.org.uk



Tennis fever is in full swing at the club - coaching, matches and taster sessions are on the go and 12 lucky members were successful in our Wimbledon ticket ballot! Congratulations to Callum Buchanan and Jacob Wong for successfully achieving their Tennis Leaders certification.

Our **8U mini reds** have been stoically competing in the **Aegon Team Tennis** competition and our **13U team** have just started their Perth & District League campaign with a narrow defeat versus Strathallan.

Tennis Tayside adult leagues are also underway. The ladies dropped down into Division 2 this year and have so far beaten Duffus, lost against St Andrews and have the game v Games Club to complete. The gents are struggling for players with the six-player team (yet to win a match in Division 3) and the four-player team doing well and winning two out of three matches so far.

The current block of **Junior Coaching** completes on 24 June and is followed by our **Summer Camps**. The camps are open to all and will run from **30 June to 4 July** and then **21 to 25 July**. The camps will be a mix of coaching, skills, fun games and competitions for all ages. Enquiries for junior coaching can be made to Siobhan MacLeod at kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com

We are hosting two tournaments in June. A **Mini Red Tournament** on **Sunday 1 June**, 1pm till 3pm: any players **born 1 September 2005 or earlier** are eligible to enter. Then on **Sunday 22 June** an **18U Boys** and an **18U Girls Tournament** from 1pm till 6pm. Entries for both can be made online at the LTA - further details available at the club. These tournaments are part of the Central Scotland Tournament Circuit and should be great fun for those participating and the results also count towards your player rating!

Adult Coaching a new four-week block of coaching commences on **3 June** with beginners plus at 7pm and improvers at 8pm. Members and non-members are welcome. Enquiries to Vivien at kinrosstennis@gmail.com

We are having an **Open Day** on **Saturday 28 June** from 12pm till 3pm as part of the **LTA Great British Tennis Weekend**. Free tennis activities and fun for all the family - just book your place online at:

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Kinross Cycling Club

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On Saturday 26 April over 700 cyclists participated in the annual Kinross Sportive.

The three routes include the 44-mile blue, 68-mile red and 87-mile black and take in some spectacular local scenery and fine climbs. After days of rain and a bad forecast, the skies cleared and a fine cycling day dawned. There was a short delay at the start while a technical issue was resolved with the timing system but following this the day went without a hitch thanks to the amazing efforts of the organising team led by Paul Zarb and a small army of volunteers. A cheque for £5000 was presented to our partner charity CHAS following the event.

On the blue route, Carolanne Cappie was first KCC cyclist in 3hrs 03min 50sec, with Paul Murray next home in 3hrs 10min 33sec.

On the red route, Douglas Barrett was second overall in a time of 3hrs 38min, with Douglas Sharp close behind at 3hrs 38min 43sec. Jane Timperley was first KCC lady in a more leisurely time of 5hrs 24min.

On the tough and highly competitive black course, Chris Wallard was tenth overall in a time of 4hrs 59min 38sec, Roly Kitson in 19th place at 5hrs 03min 25sec and Robbie Sangha in 26th place in 5hrs 8min 18sec.

Red and black routes have a timed "King of the Mountains" section on the 3-mile climb up Dunning Common and Paul Maddocks was the fastest KCC rider in a time of 17min 36sec.

Kinross Cycling Club is a friendly and inclusive club and welcomes new members of both sexes and all abilities. Mountain bikers are also welcome. Club rides take place every weekend throughout the year and on some Thursday evenings in summer. Other events through the year include the club Grand Prix Time Trial series. For full details visit our website.

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Kinross Swimmers



The club is continuing with the TI sessions from Fraser Black, which are being generally very well received. Most swimmers are beginning now to feel the benefit as the new style of front crawl stroke is coming together. Here's hoping this improvement is continued. On Tuesday most swimmers were reluctant to leave the pool at the conclusion of our allotted hour, myself included, which is quite a turn up. Swimmer numbers are beginning to swell a little as people are taking advantage of this change in emphasis. It's great to see all the new faces and it's hoped that some will continue to swim (far better) when we resume our more usual session.

John M has taken charge of the ordering of club merchandise so that we can all look very smart as of a Tuesday evening or even elsewhere perhaps. He has sent an email circulation to all members and has an update on the Facebook page, Kinross Swimmers (that's the (Scottish) Kinross Swimmers not the Sri Lankan one!) So please get in touch with him or alternatively myself if you're looking for some very smart casualwear.

Once again all swimmers that are fairly comfortable in swimming lengths and can do at least four continuously in the Kinross pool are welcome along. Whether you're just looking to improve your all round fitness in the water or your triathlon time, we can help. We meet at Loch Leven Leisure Pool at 8pm on a Tuesday. Contact Ian Shepherd on 07944 503074 or shepherd_ian@hotmail.com or try the Facebook page.

Canoeing

EILIDH GIBSON of Kinnesswood came sixth in the finals of the Under 23 World Championships of Canoe Slalom on 27 April. She was first in the UK team and then went on to help the team gain the Silver Medal in the team event. She competes in C1, which is where the canoeist kneels in the canoe and uses a one bladed paddle, paddling from side to side as necessary to change direction.

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Refurbishment of the ice hall at Kinross Curling began on 14 April. So far the roof, walls, floor and old pipework have been removed, making for some very dramatic images (see photos).

New insulated walls started to go up on 14 May. You can follow the refurbishment progress on our Facebook page.

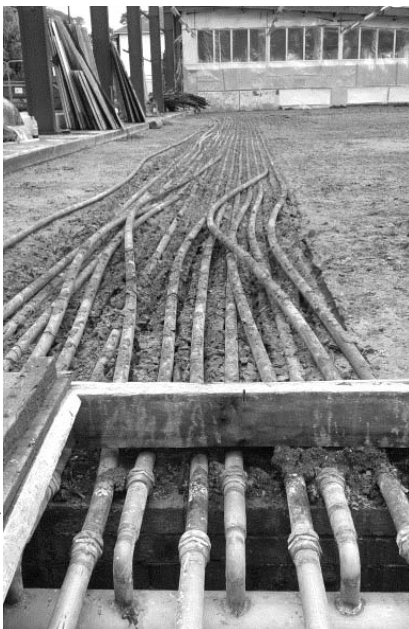
Since thanks to **Pat Pilgrim** and **Anne Moore**, who completed a **sponsored walk** of the West Highland Way to raise funds for Kinross Curling Trust. If you would like to reward their magnificent effort, you can still donate at:

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The total raised at the time of going to press was £401.25.

Anne and Pat are members of Kinross Ladies Curling Club.



*Above: Roofless: the ice hall stripped bare, leaving only supporting structures.
Photo: Steven Kerr.*

*Left: In their sandy soil base, the old pipes that created the frozen playing surface since 1977.
Photo: Steven Kerr.*

Kinross Ladies Hockey Club

The end of season is now here but its last few weeks were still busy for the club.

In a bid to add even more silverware to the cabinet, the first XI competed in the last leg of the Midland League Cup and the second XI for the Midland League Plate. The Firsts defeated Dundee Uni 4-0, Perthshire 1's 4-1, and in the closing match finished 0-0 against Madras FP. Penalty flicks decided the overall winner; unfortunately Madras were the winners 4-3 and denied us the retention of the cup.

The Seconds had a fun day of matches in the plate final, aided by copious amounts of sugar in the form of a large bag of American sweets provided by captain Kirsty Dunn. Unfortunately they were not overly performance enhancing and we lost all our matches against Brechin Thistles, St Andrews Uni II and Wanderers II 3-0, 4-0 and 2-0 respectively. Bearing in mind, though, that the opposition were all teams from the Division above the Seconds in the league, it was not really too bad a showing.

We are now eagerly awaiting our forthcoming tour to York and the Club's 40th birthday celebrations this summer.

6.30pm until 8pm Wednesday night training has now finished, however we are now enjoying mixed hockey on the astro pitch at the King George V playing fields in Kinross on Tuesdays at 7.30pm.

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



Kinross Kobras Junior Hockey

Congratulations go to Kobras players Alex Wilson and Tom Morris who scored for the Midland District U14 Boys team, which came third in the Inter-district U14 Tournament.

The Midland District U14 Girls team also includes several Kobras players and players soon hoping to do better than the boys.

There are a number of tournaments coming up for U10 and U12 age groups so all will get good opportunities to put their training to the test.

Our Thursday night coaching now includes a Youth Section for those aged 14 and over running from 7.30 to 8.30. This will allow older children to learn the game with others in their age group and provides full pitch game opportunities to prepare the youngsters for senior match conditions. It also provides more space in the 8 - 14 age group session from 6.30 - 7.30, which allows for higher quality coaching to be delivered. Tuesday evening sessions continue as usual from 6.30 to 7.30.

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News from the Rurals

BISHOPSHIRE – At the annual meeting, the Treasurer gave a healthy financial report, followed by reports on the past year by the Secretary and Chairman.

Points cups were presented to: Most points – Joanne Cowan, Runner-up – Norma Smith, Best trier with most entries – Margaret Paton, Curtis Quaich – Norma Smith, winner of the evening's competition for a pair of fingerless gloves. All the gloves are to be donated to the charity Loving Hands.

Tellers Jessica Munro and Grace Drysdale from Milnathort WRI drew up the names for the new Committee: President – Norma Smith, Vice-President – Sylvia Herrington, Secretary – Joanne Cowan, Treasurer – Janette Gardiner, Assistant treasurers – Marion Sutherland and Margaret Paton.

A fun Beetle Drive rounded off the evening.

GLENFARG – Glenfarg held its AGM and Edith Oswald now joins the committee in place of Helen Quartermaine, who has retired. President Margaret Scott thanked all the committee members for their hard work throughout the year. The tellers were from Milnathort.

The members were then treated to a gentle workout courtesy of Caroline Waring, a yoga teacher. It was an extremely pleasant and invigorating way to finish the session.

Competitions:

Favourite mug - Sylvia Wall
Lemonade - Lynda Stuart
Flower of the Month - Sheila Harley
Jubilee Cup: Allison Messenger. Endeavour Cup: Lynda Stuart, runner up: Sylvia Wall. Jenny Adam Rosebowl: Allison Messenger, runner up: Sheila Harley.

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MILNATHORT – President Fiona Hynd welcomed everyone to the AGM. After business, Margaret Whiteford demonstrated cookery including Cranachan and Skirlie Potato Cakes. Yummy.

Competitions:

Knitted Premature Baby Garment - Lorna Douglas
Punch - Fiona Hynd
Flower of the Month - Nan Paterson

New President Ann Reid named the new committee.

CLEISH – President Mrs Alison Morris welcomed members and our tellers from Crook of Devon to our AGM. After business the new committee was announced and we then enjoyed a lovely supper.

Points Prize Trophy Winners: Lizzie Glennie

Flower of The Month Trophy 1st equal winners: Lizzie Glennie, Fiona Barnfather, Marian Bissett.

CROOK OF DEVON – President Isobel Mill welcomed members and two tellers from Cleish to our AGM. Alan Tennant from Drum kindly stepped in at the last minute to give a talk on how he started making rocking horses for his grandchildren. He brought one of the horses along to show us; really beautiful and lovely workmanship.

Most Points Cup Winner: Alice Johnston

Rose Bowl Winner: Alice Johnston

CARNBO – President Elizabeth Campbell welcomed members to the AGM. There was a short Beetle Drive followed by an Identification of items. The Daniel Vase Trophy for most Competition Points was divided between Frances Drysdale and Josephine Paterson. The Paterson Rosebowl for Flowers was won by Elma Forrester.

Competitions:

Small Knitted Article

(The Anne Bernard Trophy) - Josephine Paterson

Flower of the Month - Grace Paterson Snr

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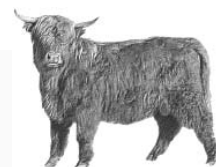
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Hello again, folks. Weel wur intae May and the breeding season is in full swing. Lapwings hiv been workin awa and at time o writin we ur up tae ower 30 plus nests. Still time tae fund mair nests yet though, it jist taks a bit o time and patience tae sit and watch whaur they hiv made the nest. Some hiv already hatched oot and the wee fluffy balls are learnin whit life is like in the big bad world. The Little Ringed Plovers hiv definitely nested again oan the flood so the new shingle areas we installed ur daen the joab: anither entry tae pit intae the local Perth and Kinross records.

Swallows hiv finally stertit tae nest in the roof o the passageway at the toilet area, tho we dinnae seem tae hiv as mony this year as we previously did. Population decline hiz been a major issue in recent years. Blue tits and Great tits are in and oot o nestboxes like yoyos, so it's a bird bonanza round the centre.

The new "Nature Tots" playgroup event is provin tae be really popular wi loads o teeny weeny bairns and mum or dad comin alang tae learn awe aboot nature in an outdoors environment instead o a classroom. It's a turn up oan the day event and is runnin until late June **every Wednesday** fae 9.30am till 11am. Costs £4 members and £5 non-members, which includes the bairn, the parent and ye get a drink at the end o it.

Oan **Saturday 21 June** we will be runnin anither "Big Wild Sleepout" fundraising event. Camp oot overnight oan the reserve, dae loads o exciting stuff like walks lookin fur bats and ither nicht time creatures. Or if ye like yer bed ower much, jist come alang tae the daytime activities – the choice is yours. Full details available from the reserve, or text "WILD" to 88008 for a free fundraisin pack. Or (so many 'ors' and a dinnae think ony boats ur involved) check oot the RSPB website www.rspb.org.uk/sleepout tae fund oot mair aboot it. The families that did it last year said they really enjoyed it. Check it oot, hiv a wheeng o fun and help save oor wildlife in the process..

The shop will be hoddin an **Optics Weekend** oan **Saturday 31 May** and **Sunday 1 June** fae 10am till 4.30pm each day, so ye kin try oot the RSPB optics range under field conditions – much better than in a shop, tho ye kin start aff there. Expert advice oan the best binoculars or telescope fur your needs will be available ower the weekend.

Finally, congratulations tae the Loch Leven NNR which hiz been a nature reserve fur 50 years. No that it will ken how auld it is cos it's hunners o years since it wiz formed but in nature conservation terms it is its 50th birthday, a wildlife jewel oan the doorstep, so treasure it and make the most o it. Here's tae the next 50!

Think that's it again then. Till next time, ta ta

Colin

Loch Leven NNR



Another busy month around the reserve, with all hands to the pump!

The new section around the path is now open and is really popular with cyclists and walkers. The new shelter that looks across the RSPB wetlands is extremely popular with its great view. The path is bedding in nicely but I've had a few remarks about the flies. I've had a hard job selling this as a good thing and that the flies are a good sign of a healthy loch!

Events on the horizon include **Discovery Day on Sunday 8 June**. There will be lots of activities for all the family on site. This is held at Kirkgate Park from 12 until 4pm. (See front cover and page 4 for more details.)

We'll also be holding **Botany Walks** at Burleigh on **Tuesday 3 June** at Findatie on **Thursday 26 June** from 6pm until 8pm.

Also a very exciting one off event is taking place on the weekend of **5-6 July**. It's a **Bioblitz**. We will endeavour to record as many species as possible around the reserve. This will include moths, birds, spiders, mammals, beetles, butterflies, plants etc. Basically anything that lives here wild. We will have a number o f stations around the reserve and there will also be guided walks on the day. Keep an eye on the blog for more details but this promises to be a great event. This is another celebration of our 50th year as one of Scotland's National Nature Reserves. You never know, we might discover something new to the local area or even Scotland!

For any of our events, please phone the office on 01577 864439 or keep an eye on the blog at www.lochlevennnr.wordpress.com

There is lots of wildlife to see. There are plenty of Greylag Goslings to be seen alongside the odd Mallard brood. Common Tern, Whimbrel and Cuckoo are amongst the more interesting bird sightings around the reserve recently. Our first Damselflies have been seen along with lots of White butterflies.

A first for the reserve included a coot which was marked in Linlithgow Loch turning up outside the hide in Factory Bay. We can often only guess where most of our wildfowl come from so this was a fantastic find on the loch.

We've been busy, both the volunteers and ourselves, collecting vital data on the ducks and gulls breeding around the loch. We are finding healthy numbers of duck nests and plenty of birds holding territory and looking like nesting. Let's hope the weather is kind and we have bumper breeding season.

Enjoy the path and keep an eye out for Swifts screaming above the villages.

Jeremy



Come on a Botany Walk and you might find a Field Pansy, like the one above

Deadline for all Submissions
5.00 pm, FRIDAY 13 June
for publication on Saturday 28 June

Fact of the month

A Pochard Duck that was wintering in the west of England was found in China. It's amazing the movements these wildfowl can make!

Farming



I wrote in my last article that we had branched out into slug farming, but unfortunately we haven't had any prospective customers looking to buy any as yet. However, our slugs must have been feeling lonely as they decided to throw a dinner party and invite some friends over. The friends who turned up were a bunch of hungry horaces known widely as the leatherjackets. Now, these aren't trendy, cowhide-clad dudes but small, approximately 2cm long, greyish brown grubs (a bit like caterpillars without legs) who live just below the surface of the ground and, by jings, they've got healthy appetites. They munch away at the roots and stems of grass and cereals in particular, although they would eat just about anything. Their presence results in bare patches in grassland, and cereal crops can practically disappear in the space of just a few days.

The leatherjacket is the larvae of the daddy long legs and last summer's heat and sunshine provided perfect conditions for an explosion in their population while the milder winter led to a high survival rate of their larvae. This has resulted in a perfect storm and the highest level of leatherjacket infestation for 40 years. They can be controlled by spraying insecticide, but the damage they leave behind will be noticed for the rest of the season. It proves that you just can't win with the weather, although we have seen the most favourable spring conditions for a number of years, which has been spoilt by some serious deluges of rain in the past couple of weeks which has brought a halt to fieldwork out here in the bad lands of Backward Farm. We managed to get our solitary field of spring barley sown into the field of winter barley which was destroyed by the slug and leatherjacket all-day buffet party, and it has germinated well. The other field of winter barley was also sprayed for leatherjackets as soon as it was dry enough, which saved most of it, but it certainly isn't going to be a record yielding crop. I sowed some grass seed on the worst affected area which was about a quarter of the field. Out of 27 acres sown in the autumn, we will have a very patchy 10 acres to combine.

Lambing is all but finished and has gone very well. The mild conditions made a pleasant change to the snow covered fields of last year's lambing time. We ended up lambing the ewes outside in the fields, which wasn't the plan, but it has worked okay. I will aim to have them inside in future, as it is easier to sort out any problems and carry out routine medical treatments, although it is more work at the time.

The cows have almost all calved too, although they have required a bit more tlc than normal and we have had to assist a few to calve due to either incorrectly presented or large calves. They are mostly doing okay and they should get them turned out into the fields by the time you are reading this, if the sheep and leatherjackets would be kind enough to leave some grass for them.

Finally, I should note the passing of an old friend, but before you get your hankies out I should tell you that the "old friend" is my trusty calculator I have had since I started high school and had been a faithful servant for the past 30 years until recently when it started to malfunction. Mind you, judging by some of the budgeting decisions I have made in recent years, perhaps a new calculator is long overdue!

John

Weather



April Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall	69.1 mm (2.76 inches)
Heaviest fall	24.1 mm (25th)
Total sunshine for month	133.4 hours
Sunniest day	10.5 hours (18th)
Maximum temperature	average 12.58°C
Highest temperature	18.8°C (29th)
Minimum temperature	average 2.76°C
Lowest temperature	-4.4°C (17th)

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.

Balvaird Castle

A late 15th century tower on an L plan. Refined architectural details. View exterior only. Near Gateside and Glenfarg. Grid ref NO 169 115. Historic Scotland.

Elcho Castle, near Bridge of Earn

A 16th century fortified mansion, five miles NE of Bridge of Earn, in a tranquil setting. It has an orchard and dovecot. Opening times: 1 April to 30 September, daily, 9.30am to 5.30pm. Admission prices: Adult £4.50, Child £2.70, Concessions £3.60. Historic Scotland.

Abernethy Round Tower

One of the two round towers of Irish style surviving in Scotland dating from the late 11th century. Good views of the Firth of Tay. Key available from nearby Berryfields Tearoom (not Tuesdays). Historic Scotland.

Contributors

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Gardens Open

Special Days Open in June under SGS

Several gardens within a 20-minute drive of Kinross are open under SGS in June.

Arndean by **Dollar** is open on **Sunday 1 June**, 2pm-5.30pm. See under 'Gardens open by arrangement' for a description of the garden, location etc.

Greenhead Farm and **Blair Adam House** have a joint opening on **Sunday 22 June**, 2pm-5.30pm. The garden at Greenhead Farm has a symmetrical layout yet also an informal look of mixed herbaceous borders planted "cottage" style. The walled garden at Blair Adam House was established by the Adam architects as part of a designed landscape in 1750. There's an arboretum and a productive area for flowers, fruit and vegetables. The 1834 layout is still in evidence and part of a regeneration project which includes allotments for local use.

Teas available at Greenhead Farm. Allow 15 mins drive between the two gardens. Admission: £5 for both gardens, children under 12 free. Charity: Epilepsy Research. Dogs on leads welcome. Plant sales. No disabled access.

Greenhead Farm is on the A911 between Auchmuir Bridge and Scotlandwell. For Blair Adam: from M90 jct 5, take B996 for Cowdenbeath. Right for Maryburgh, through village, right through pillars onto long drive, under bridge, then ½ mile on up to house.

Hollytree Lodge at **Muckhart** has a mature one-acre garden divided into different areas full of treats for garden lovers, including a collection of rhododendrons, azaleas, a Japanese garden and unusual garden sculpture. It is open on **Sunday 22 June**, 2pm-5pm. Admission: £4 (benefiting RAF Benevolent Fund and The Coronation Hall). Dogs 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.

Slightly further afield, but within reasonable driving distance, are the following Fife gardens:

Blebo Craigs Village Gardens, 14 and 15 June.

Culross Place Garden on **Sunday 22 June**.

Earlshall Castle near **Leuchars** on **Sunday 29 June** (also open by arrangement at other times).

The **Freuchie Plant Sale** takes place on **Sunday 15 June** in the centre of Freuchie, 12-4pm, and the garden at Karbet is open that day.

A £20 ticket allows entry to ten gardens in Fife as part of the **Fife Garden Festival** on **Saturday 7 June**, some with tea and plant sales.

Some gardens in Perthshire open in June are:

Pitcurran House at **Abernethy**, which has many unusual plants and a major plant stall. It is open on **Sunday 1 June**.

Tullichettle at **Comrie**, with a walled garden dating from 1829 and surrounded by magnificent hills. It is open **every Wednesday** in June, 11am-4pm.

The Old Manse at **Caputh** is open on **Sunday 15 June**.

Bonhard Garden, a traditional 19th century five-acre garden near **Scone**, is open on **Sunday 22 June**.

The Bield at **Blackruthven**, **Tibbermore** is open on **Saturday 28 June**: extensive grounds with lawns, hedges, flower meadow, specimen trees and walled garden.

In Stirlingshire, the following SGS gardens are open:

Dunblane Community Gardens on **Sunday 8 June**. The new hosta "Andy Murray" will be on display!

The Linns at **Sheriffmuir**, Dunblane, a plantsman's garden of 3½ acres of mature woodland created from scratch since 1984, is open on **Sunday 8 June**.

A selection of town house gardens will be open in **Stirling** on **Sunday 15 June**.

Settie is a 1½ acre country garden to the south west of Kippen with wonderful views of the Trossachs. It is open in conjunction with Thorntree on **Sunday 22 June**. **Thorntree** is a charming country garden at **Arnprior** and open in conjunction with Settie. Teas available at Settie and plant sales at Thorntree.

A delightful selection of gardens in **Bridge of Allan** will be open on **Sunday 29 June**.

Further details of all the above can be found in the SGS book or website.

Gardens open by arrangement

Arndean, by **Dollar** is a beautiful mature garden extending to 15 acres, including a woodland walk. It can be visited until **15 June** by arrangement with the owners (and also has a set open day on **Sunday 1 June**, 2pm-5.30pm.) 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** can be visited by arrangement 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

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

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

Some gardens open regularly under SGS are: **Braco Castle gardens** in Perthshire and the famous **Cambo Estate** at Kingsbarns, near St Andrews.

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



Congratulations

CONNER STUART of Hunters of Kinross, Butchers, has successfully completed his apprenticeship.

Congratulations to **PATRICK MacHUGH** for achieving his lifelong ambition of competing in the Commonwealth Games this summer. He and his partner Martin Campbell (Edinburgh) will compete in the Men's Doubles badminton team and individual events.

Local band **SIENNA** played at Liverpool Sound City on 3 May. Sienna members are Danny McAtear, Ross Mathieson, Andy Clarke, Ben Watt, Calum Anderson and Ian Dunnet. Liverpool Sound City is the largest metropolitan music and arts festival in the UK.

LOCH LEVEN'S LARDER has won a national retail award. The Kinross-shire business has won Best Non-Specialist Retailer of Gifts at 'The Greats Awards', which are now in their 12th year. The café and shop, which opened in 2005 with a small selection of gifts, beat off stiff competition from national chains such as Waterstones, Joy and Oliver Bonas. The family-run business now stocks a wide range of goods, from jewellery and accessories to home furnishings and kitchenware, and opened an additional store within McEwens of Perth in May last year. Emma Niven, owner of Loch Leven's Larder, said: "We are delighted to have won this award, recognising the talent and dedication of our team who work so hard to provide a unique range of gifts, showcasing some of the best that Scotland has to offer, as well as items from further afield."



l to r: Sean Collins (compère), Emma Niven (owner, Loch Leven's Larder), Katie Gilmore (business, gift and lifestyle manager, Loch Leven's Larder) and Chris Leonard-Morgan (MD of the London Stationery Show and National Stationery Week)

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Local businesses **THCL** and **SCOTT STRACHAN ARCHITECTS** have been shortlisted for the prestigious Scottish Home Awards for their work at No 1 Cuthill Towers, near Milnathort.

The team worked on the detached two-storey new build dwelling set within a development based around 18th century sandstone steadings. One of the key features of the build is that the former boundary wall is fully integrated with the gable end of the dwelling, achieved by carefully taking down a section of the original wall and reinstating with lime mortar and the original sandstone once the timber frame had been erected. The result is an uninterrupted wall feature extending seamlessly beyond the building line of the dwelling to the front and rear of the site.

THCL are well known in Kinross-shire for achieving Guild of Master Craftsmen membership in 2013 and Scott Strachan for being the architect on the Milnathort Town Hall renovation project.

Thanks



DOT MACKAY wishes to thank her family and friends for the lovely cards and gifts that she received on her 80th Birthday.

THANK YOU ! Christian Aid Week 2014



I write to thank everyone involved during this year's nationwide Christian Aid Week effort. Please accept most sincere thanks on behalf of the local participating churches, their volunteers and the wider Christian Aid organisation.

I am delighted to advise that the combined total from door to door collections, from the in-store presence at Sainsbury's and from other fundraising efforts over the week in Kinross amounted to **£5032**.

Christian Aid is working with some 800 partner organisations in over 50 countries. We are striving to bring an end to poverty in the poorest nations of the world. This year our focus is on alleviating the suffering and deprivation caused by conflict in countries such as South Sudan. I am confident that the substantial sum raised in Kinross will prove to be a real help for that worthy cause.

Alisdair Stewart
for **Kinross Parish Church**
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Church/Church Centre Lets: lets@kinrossparishchurch.org

Church website: www.kinrossparishchurch.org

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

Events listed below are in the church unless indicated otherwise.

Regular Services and events

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

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

Tuesdays: 10am: Pram Service, in 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).

Saturdays: NEW 'Coffee Stop' at Church Centre café, 10am-12noon with second-hand book sale, most Saturdays.

Other Events and Services

May

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

June

Sun 1 10.30am Quarterly Communion Service, with children and young people in attendance at later part of service for Communion.

6.30pm Evening Communion: a more traditional Communion, with choice of Common Cup or individual glass.

Retiring collection at both services for Perth-based CATH (Churches Action for the Homeless) SC021740.

Mon 2 8am: Silent Meditation (30 mins.)

7.30pm Family Week training.

Tue 3 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.

Sun 8 10.30am Elder-led Morning Service.

3pm: Second Sunday concert: piano recital by Joseph Fleetwood, with afternoon tea, £10.

Fri 13 – Sun 15: Lendrick Muir weekend away for young people from JamPact and Crossfire.

Sat 14 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (names in advance to church office).

Thu 19 9pm, late evening service of Compline.

Sun 22 10.30am: All-age Morning Service, including Junior Church Prize Giving.

Tue 24 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.

8pm: Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.

Sat 28 7.30pm Alastair Savage Trio: Traditional and contemporary fiddle, £10, concessions £8, under 16 free.

Sun 29 3pm Faith and Light Concert by Ian White, £5.

Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

Church of Scotland (Charity number SC015523)

Locum Minister - Rev Duncan Stenhouse

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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 29 June is in the Portmoak Festival marquee at 11am. No service in either church 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 Levenglen: first Tuesday of the month at 4pm

Morning Prayers at 9am

Each Thursday at Portmoak Church New Room.

Each Friday at Orwell Church.

Dates and events for your diary

1 Jun Communion services in both churches

6 Jun 'Songs for the Troops' Flower Festival and Exhibition in Orwell Church and Hall 6 – 8pm

7 Jun 'Songs for the Troops' Flower Festival and Exhibition in Orwell Church and Hall 10 am – 12 noon, 3 – 5pm

7 Jun Milnathort Summer Fair in Milnathort Primary School 12noon – 2.30pm

22 - 27 Jun Portmoak Festival Exhibition in Portmoak Church

28 Jun Messy Church in Portmoak Festival marquee, **note 2 - 4pm**

29 Jun Joint service – see above

6 Jul Michael Bruce Memorial Service in Portmoak Church at 6.30pm

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.

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.

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

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Sunday Services at 9.45am**June****Sun 1** 9.45am Morning Worship followed by refreshments in the Elizabeth Wilkie Hall.**Sun 8** 9.45am Pentecost Morning Worship.**Sun 15** 9.45am Morning Worship.**Sun 22** 9.45am Morning Worship.**Sun 29** 9.45am Morning Worship.**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.**Cleish Parish Church****Church of Scotland**

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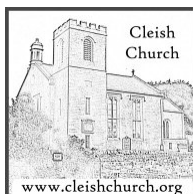
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Sunday Services 11.15am**Crèche and Junior Church** 11.15am**June****Sun 1** 11.15am Morning Worship followed by refreshments in the village hall.**Sun 8** 11.15am Pentecost Morning Worship, Sacrament of Baptism.**Sun 15** 11.15pm Morning Worship.**Sun 22** 11.15am Morning Worship.**Sun 29** 11.15am Morning Worship.

All welcome

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

We are excited about the ways in which God is calling us to grow as a community, for the community. Our aim is to express our deep appreciation of both the spoken and sacramental Word with a lightness of touch and a smile. If you would like to give us a try, we look forward to meeting and greeting you and hope that you might enjoy becoming part of this faithful family of Christ.

Mondays and Wednesdays: 8am Morning Prayer in the Church

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

4th Wednesday: 7.30pm Holy Communion and Compline

Thursdays: 10.30am - 12 noon Study Group in the Meeting Room

Thursdays: 3.30pm - 4.30pm: Rector's Hour

June Services and Events

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

Sun 1 Ascension Sunday 8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Whole Church Sung Eucharist.

Sun 8 Pentecost Sunday 8.30am Holy Communion (1928).

11am Sung Eucharist.

6.30pm Kinross Churches Together service for Pentecost.

Sun 15 Trinity Sunday 8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 22 Picnic Sunday 8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist followed by the Kinross Churches Together picnic (Kirkgate).

Sun 29 Proper 7. 8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

Everyone welcome at all services

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

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

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

Thursdays: 3.30pm - 4.30pm

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

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.

Obituaries

MALCOLM SMITH of Cambo died peacefully at home on 26 April 2014, aged 79 years.

Malcolm was born on 13 December 1934 in Yorkshire, the only child of Peg and Harold Smith. Peg (née Anderson) was originally from Cambo and had very strong connections there, so the family moved back around 1940 and Malcolm's father began working in the peat factory.

Malcolm attended Cambo Primary and then Kinross Secondary schools, leaving to take up training in forestry work. He moved away from the area when his parents began working in various youth hostels, the last of which was near Spean Bridge.

The family returned to Cambo in the early 1960s and Malcolm took up employment with the Forestry Commission until he retired in 1995. He was also a volunteer with the Royal Observer Corps, a civil defence organisation, when he first returned to Kinross-shire.

Peg ran the post office at Cambo for many years and Malcolm took this over for a few years until he finally retired and devoted himself to the things he really enjoyed doing, such as looking after his garden and animals: he had two geese, seven ducks, 18 hens and a dog to keep him busy. He always had a dog of many different breeds over the years.

He loved the outdoors and was a very good gardener, growing things like marrows, cucumbers and tomatoes. He had two greenhouses and he would give plants and eggs away as gifts to all his friends in Cambo. When he was still working in the post office it wasn't unusual for him to send a plant along with the postman to be delivered with the mail.

His garden was always beautiful, with box hedges, goldfish, many colourful flowers and bushes, and, of course, a wonderful collection of trees. He bought some extra ground to plant the trees. His friend Betty would bring her class from the school to see the garden. Malcolm would tell them all about it and how to grow things and he'd even get them linking hands round the oak tree to see how big it was.

Another source of great enjoyment for Malcolm was travelling to other countries, such as Germany and Canada. He was well travelled in Scotland as well. He had many trips to Norway; he never flew but always took the ferry. Malcolm was very knowledgeable about all these countries and when he returned would give slide shows to his friends. He really enjoyed talking to people about the things he was interested in and he was fascinating to listen to.

He also had a great interest in geological and ecological matters and the climate. Glaciers, mountains, ice, snow, climate change, wildlife and the weather were topics of particular interest for him; indeed, he was an official Met Office weather observer. Malcolm started writing a weather report for the Kinross Newsletter in February 1985 and is thought to be the longest serving continuous contributor to the Newsletter. He provided annual and seasonal weather overviews as well. His monthly reports were not mere statistics: he would give a written description of the way the weather had been, and an explanation of why. This was an example of his extensive knowledge of several subjects – such as geography, geology and weather patterns – coming together. For a while he also wrote a Nature Notes feature, usually a brief description of a particular species of tree or animal.

Malcolm had a good sense of humour and was a very generous man. If there was anything he could do to help you he would. His family and friends always looked forward to visiting him, and he looked forward to their visits too.

Malcolm had many good friends, including John, Betty, Graham and Bob, and was always grateful to his friend and neighbour Liz Lavery for the many ways in which she helped him.

Malcolm was fondly remembered by friends and family at a service at Fossoway Church, Crook of Devon, on 7 May 2014.



Malcolm Smith

In loving memory of **BETH HALL (GILARDONI) née COLLIAR**, formerly from Milnathort, who passed away peacefully on 17 April 2014 at her home in Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, aged 71 years, after a long and brave battle with cancer.

She will be greatly missed by her husband Graham, daughters Carla and Lorna, sons-in-law Stephen and Alistair, her grandchildren Daniel, Robin, Molly, Katie and Natalie, and by her sister and brother-in-law Christine and John.

Acknowledgement

ANDERSON – Rose and all the family wish to thank most sincerely all friends, relatives and neighbours for all their kindness, comforting letters, cards and flowers following the sad loss of Derek; also the Rev Alan Reid for his unfailing care and the uplifting service and to all those who paid their respects at the church and who donated so generously the sum of £1640 to Help for Heroes, our heart felt thanks.

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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,
sylvia.stewart@hotmail.co.uk

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

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 - Karen McConnell 07545 274 440
karen@kaequestrian.co.uk

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

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

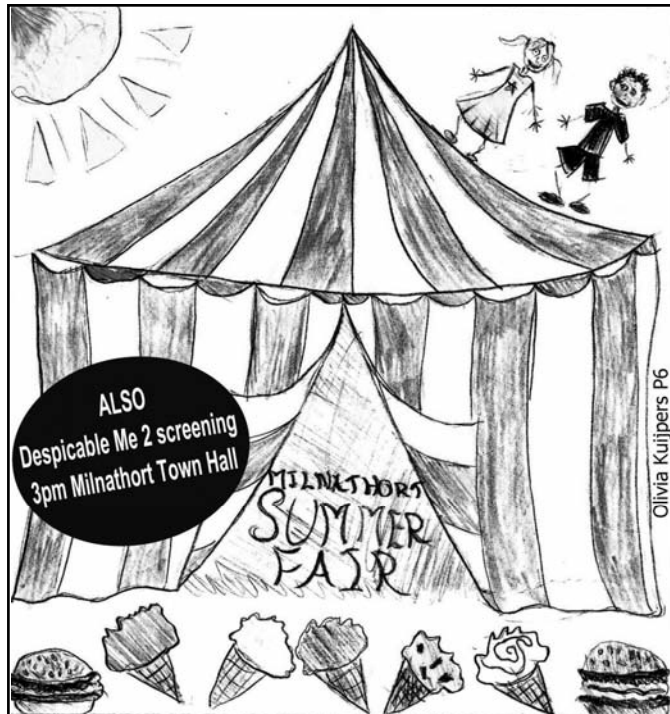
Night at the Movies Film: Dirty Dancing

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



Milnathort Primary School together with Orwell Church
& The Milnathort Town Hall present

Milnathort Summer Fair

Saturday 7th June 12 - 2.30pm

Milnathort Primary School

**Bouncy Castle, Gladiators fun, Stalls, BBQ, Face Painting,
Tattoos, Teddy Tombola, Bottle Stalls, Beat the Goalie,
Minion Hunt, Sponge the Teacher and much more!**

Milnathort filmhouse Despicable Me 2



Sat June 7th 3pm

Milnathort Town Hall. As part of the
Milnathort Summer Festival - straight after
the Summer Fair!

Despicable Me 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



Yes Kinross-shire Local Meetings

Come along and put your questions about the
Referendum to the panel at your local village hall.
Meetings start at 7.30pm

Crook of Devon

Wednesday 4 June

Milnathort

Wednesday 18 June

Glenfarg

Friday 4 July

Cambo

Friday 11 July



Panel members will be announced on Facebook Yes
Kinross-shire

Fossoway Primary School Fête

Saturday 7 June

1pm – 4pm

Lots of Events, Activities, Stall, BBQ,
Pipe Band, Tombola etc

All welcome

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

Proposal of Application Notice – Notice of Public Exhibition

Applicant: **Persimmon Homes East Scotland**

The planning proposal is for a residential development at Lathro Farm, Kinross.

Date of Event: **Wednesday 18 June 2014**

Time: 2.00pm – 7.00pm

Location: Loch Leven Community Campus,
Muir, Kinross, KY13 8FQ

Comments cards will be made available for members of the public to make representations with regards to the proposed development. These comments cards are for the developer only and not a representation to the planning authority.

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

Kinross CC Newsletter Ltd Charitable Grants

Local good causes may apply to Kinross Community Council Newsletter Limited (KCCNL), a charitable company, for grants. Decisions on disbursement are made by Kinross CC at its monthly meetings.

Applications are welcome from individuals or local organisations but grants are not intended for use where central or local government funding could be used. Applications must comply with the purposes of KCCNL.

More details and application forms are available from the community website www.kinross.cc

KCCNL's fund has been built up from surpluses made by the Kinross Newsletter Ltd.

Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com

www.scottishcf.org

Bat Walk, 21 June at Tillywhally



**Meet at Tillywhally Community Woodland
at 10pm**

For an exploratory walk

lead by Margaret Herriot, Bat Surveyor

Kinross-Shire PARTNERSHIP

Kinross-shire Partnership Family Barbecue and Exhibition Cricket Match

Sunday 22 June

An opportunity for local businesses to meet at a relaxed afternoon family barbecue watching the cricket in beautiful surroundings. This will hopefully appeal to all the businesses who attend the Business Breakfasts. This is a social event to follow on from the Tullibole Castle wine tasting and the Kinross House reception.

The event will take place on **Sunday 22 June** from 2pm to 5pm at the Loch Leven Larder Cricket Ground.

The cost of attending will be £10 per family and will include refreshments and barbecue. Please pay by cash on the day. Receipts will be issued.

To register to attend, please email Karen Grunwell, Kinross-shire Partnership Administrator at

mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk

or call her on 07865193844.

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

www.kinrosspartnership.org.uk

www.visitlochleven.org

www.facebook.com/visitlochleven

www.twitter.com/VisitLochLeven

The 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

Kinross	High Street	10am – noon
Milnathort	New Road	2pm – 4pm

The Courier is also staging **debates** in Dundee, Arbroath, Perth and Dunfermline in June. Places can be reserved via The Courier website.



Welcome to the Kinross-shire Volunteer Information Point

**Located in the Loch Leven Community Campus Library
Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8FQ**

Here you can find information about **Volunteering Opportunities** available in Kinross-shire.
Take your time and see what is available. You will also find leaflets in the folders explaining where you can go for further help such as Voluntary Action Perthshire www.vaperthshire.org

If you would like to promote your **Organisations Volunteering Opportunities** please hand your information into reception for attention of: Tracey Ramsay (Community Capacity Building Worker)

Blank profiles are also available for your use if required. These are in the organisation folder at the VIP alternatively follow this link:
www.pkc.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=22228&p=0


The Volunteer Information Point has been organised and supported by Partners of the Kinross-shire Community Learning and Development Group.







For further information please contact Tracey Ramsay 01577 867177 or email Tramsay@pkc.gov.uk

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.





NOW OPEN MORNING & AFTERNOON

**St. PAULS CHURCH HALL
KINROSS**

**1st MONDAY of EVERY MONTH
10am—12noon & 1pm-3pm**

Contact Gail Boath
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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.

JAM 2014 Just About Movies – the Filmgoers Festival

Tullibole Castle, near Crook of Devon

29 – 31 August

A film festival is similar to a music festival except instead of music stages there are pop-up cinemas throughout the site showing back-to-back films.

- Exclusive Premieres
- Horror Cinema (set in the woods and only open after dark!)
- Old Favourites and Bloggers Choice
- New Talent and Old Classics

Other attractions at the event include:


- Q&A Sessions with Industry Professionals
 - Memorabilia
 - Film Buff Quiz
- Set in the grounds of a privately owned 16thC castle
 - Full weekend camping
 - Witches Maze
 - Street Food Café and the JAM Bar

Tickets (all prices include free parking):

Full Weekend (with camping)	£55
Full Weekend (no camping)	£45
Saturday Day Ticket	£30

More information from:


www.justaboutmovies.co.uk
www.facebook.com/JustAboutMovies



Badminton Sessions

Crook of Devon Village Hall

Every Thursday
6pm - 7.30pm



All ages welcome but children must be accompanied by an adult.
Please wear appropriate footwear.
Equipment can be supplied if necessary.

Any questions contact Jean Shearer at the village shop.

Adults £2 Children £1

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Kinross-shire Fund

Grants available for local community projects

e.g. Events, Information, Transport, Welfare, Physical Amenities, Recreational Facilities, Support for Care of the Elderly, Voluntary Organisations



For more information and to download an application form, see www.kinross-shirefund.org or contact Annabel Bath on 0131 524 0300 or email Annabel@scottishhcf.org

Newsletter Deadlines 2014

Please note, deadlines are on a **FRIDAY**. More deadlines for the months ahead can be found on our website.

In very rare circumstances it may be necessary to change a deadline at short notice. Check Newsletter website for latest information: www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
July	Fri 13 June	Saturday 28 June
August	Fri 18 July	Saturday 2 August

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

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Are you looking for information about your child's rights to support in School?

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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

Blythswood Care

Sainsbury's Car Park

(if car park is full, van will park nearby, e.g. Park & Ride or Ochil View)

Tuesday 17 June

between 10.30 am and 11 am

Further details from 862258



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The Muirs, Kinross
KY13 8FQ
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BOOKING ESSENTIAL

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Tracey Ramsay

Loch Leven Community Campus

Email: T.Ramsay@pkc.gov.uk

Tel: 01577 867124

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

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THE
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DONKEY

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The Cafe where everything is

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 Soups 

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 Cold Drinks 

 Home-cooked lunches 

All brought to your table by our friendly staff

The Talking Donkey is a Christian venture so there will always be people on hand to offer

Prayer For Any Need



MINDSPACE COUNSELLING SERVICE

Mindspace Counselling Services are now able to offer counselling to adults and young people aged 11+ at The Loch Leven Health Centre on Mondays and Tuesdays. We offer counselling to people who are facing a wide range of difficulties or challenges such as: bereavement or loss; isolation, anxiety or depression; stress of work or in the home; difficulties in friend, family or intimate relationships; confused feelings. If you are interested in this service you can self-refer via email to info@mindspacepk.com, by telephone on 01738 631639 or by visiting our website at www.mindspacepk.com. You can also be referred by your GP.

Mindspace also offer counselling to adults (18+) at their offices in Perth. For more information visit our website at www.mindspacepk.com



Need to consult an old Newsletter?

The Kinross (Marshall) Museum at the Loch Leven Community Campus houses a collection of every Kinross Community Council Newsletter ever published (July 1977 to the present day). Newsletters can be consulted when the Museum Study Room is open: Thursdays, 10am - 8pm and Saturdays, 10am - 1pm. Electronic versions of Newsletters from September 2006 to the present day can be downloaded from the Newsletter website: www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Perth Citizens Advice Bureau Outreach Advice Surgery



The Kinross Outreach Advice Surgery is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at St Paul's Church Hall, The Muirs, Kinross. The next visits are:

10 and 24 June

No appointment is necessary as the surgery is a drop-in service. For complex issues a further appointment may be necessary. Perth CAB can help you - our advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent. Contact us: Advice line 01738 450580; Appointment line 01738 450581.

Perth Citizens Advice Bureau Benefits Advice in Libraries (BAIL)



Benefits specialist Sarah MacLean will be available at Loch Leven Community Campus Library on the **second and fourth Wednesday of each month** between 2pm and 4pm. Alongside the provision of general benefits advice Sarah can help with the following:

- Completing both paper and online benefit application forms;
- Conducting checks to see if clients are receiving everything they are entitled to, i.e. discounts for fuel, etc;
- Providing advice and support in instances where an application is refused or awarded at a lower level than expected.

Please note: Sarah is available **by appointment only**. To make an appointment, please call 01738 450599.

MOUBRAY HALL, POWMILL

Do you need to hire a venue for your club or society meetings, family get-togethers, birthday parties or functions?

Then look no further than Moubray Hall, Powmill.

Available to hire all year round with new kitchen and disabled toilet.

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



Greyhound Rescue Fife

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contact us to arrange a time to come along to our Kennels and see them.

Mob: 07826244765 Phone: 01577 850393 (evenings)
email us on ferniejimmyf@aol.com



See our Website for full details
www.greyhoundrescuefife.com

Find your forever friend

Many thanks to everyone who made our 7th Annual dog show such a success



Community Councils

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KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

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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,

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www.portmoak.org

Perth and Kinross Councillors

Kinross-shire Ward

Councillor Mike Barnacle (Independent)

Tel/Fax (home): 01577 840516.

Email: michaelabarnacle@gmail.com

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Moorend, Waulkmill Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross, KY13 0UZ

Councillor Dave Cuthbert (Independent)

Tel (home): 01577 861681. Email: dcuthbert@pkc.gov.uk

8 Highfield Circle, Kinross, KY13 8RZ

Councillor Joe Giacopazzi (Scottish National Party)

Tel (home): 01577 864025.

Email: jgiacopazzi@pkc.gov.uk

38A New Road, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XT

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Registrar Tel: 01577 867133
The Registrar is normally in Kinross only on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Loch Leven Community Campus

Mobile Library

Mobile 2, Week 1, every second Wednesday:

Visiting Powmill, Rumbling Bridge, Crook of Devon, Fossoway, Cleish and Milnathort. Next visit: **11 June**.

Mobile 2, Week 2, every second Tuesday:

Visiting Mawcarse, Glenlond, Kinnesswood, Scotlandwell, Levenmouth Farm, Hatchbank and Cambo. Next visit: **3 June**.

Mobile 1, Week 2, every second Wednesday:

Visiting Glenfarg and Duncricvie. Next visit: **4 June**.

For times of stops, see PKC website: www.pkc.gov.uk

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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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**Film shows • Cards • Dominoes • Art Class
Daily Papers • Chiropody • Trips • Exercises**

Weekly Programme

Monday	Exercise Class	11am	Bingo	1.30pm
			"Stride for Life" Walking Group	2pm
Tuesday	Relaxation Class	1.15pm	Singing group with Alex Cant	1.45pm
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 June

Barge Trip
Afternoon Trip to see the Kelpies
Chiropody

Food from around the world, and
Entertainment (Chinese)

Monday 9th 10.15am
Wednesday 11th 1.15pm
Thursday 5th, 26th 9.30am - 12.30pm
(phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)
Tuesday 17th 12noon - 3pm



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**



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phone on 01738 626666 or 08457 909090

Email us jo@samaritans.org

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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.

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.

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

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!

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

Pine Dresser £2500
Height 1950mm, width 1360mm, depth 400mm. Send email for photograph.
Seller details: Mike Thomson 07880 792763
mike.thomson3@yahoo.co.uk

Trout flies £2000
5 fly boxes (inc. two 'The Loch Leven Eyed Fly Box') containing 112 trout flies.
Seller details: Helen Nurick 01577 850368

DMT450 Wood Lathe 240v £150.00 ono
Compact lathe with quiet and powerful induction motor for giving professional results. Supplied with faceplate, drive centre and tool rest. Ideal for small workshops. 0.5hp induction motor, 445mm capacity between centres, 250mm bowl turning capacity, 5 speeds (650 – 3000rpm), solid cast iron construction, 1" 8tpi spindle threads.
H 375 x L 770 x W 285 mm. Weight 34 kg.
Seller details: Dany Loughney
danyloughney@googlemail.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**

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.

Kinross Colts Football Club new players wanted

Kinross Colts 2002 Boys team are looking for new players as they move from seven-a-side to eleven-a-side. Boys need to be born in 2002 or later to be eligible.
To arrange a trial, call Brian Kenny (07703569332) or Andy Ferguson (07794579174).

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').

Property Negotiator (full time), Andersons LLP, Kinross

Exciting opportunity to join busy property team. Involves dealing with property sales and letting. Experience not essential but advantageous. The successful candidate will demonstrate an ability to communicate effectively with the public and an understanding of the client care required in estate agency. Computer skills and experience of windows desirable but not essential. Salary commensurate with experience.
Send CV to the Property Manager, Andersons LLP, 40 High Street, Kinross KY13 8AN

Electrician (full time), Hatrick Bruce Ltd, Milnathort

We currently have a vacancy for experienced Electricians for a variety of industrial and commercial projects. Must be 17th edition and able to drive.
Apply to 01577 863967 or email mandy@hatrickbruce.co.uk

Kitchen staff (part time), Heaven Scent, Milnathort

We are very busy and need more kitchen troops to join our team. Experience essential. Weekend and weekday work available. Come and join our team. Must have a proven track record and references will be checked.
Please do not contact the shop about vacancy but instead submit CV to andrew@scotthospitalityservices.co.uk or call the office on 01577 862738.

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



Visit the CHAS Gift Shop for all your end of term teacher cards and gifts. Graduation cards also in stock and don't forget Father's Day on 15 June.

Bring this advert with you and receive 10% discount.

CHAS Gift Shop

23 Avenue Road

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