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Letters

Editorial

August is a busy month in Kinross-shire! There's something for everyone, with these exciting events taking place: the Kinross Show, Vintage Day, the Mary Queen of Scots Extravaganza and the Just About Movies film festival. Full details are in the Newsletter, of course.

We recently said goodbye to Julia Fulton, who carried out word processing work for the Newsletter for the last nine years. Julia was an enthusiastic member of the Newsletter team and we thank her for her contribution and wish her good luck in her new job.

We welcome on board the Newsletter Jo Fisher, from Kinnesswood.

Good luck at the Commonwealth Games to Eilidh Child, Laura Muir and Patrick MacHugh who all have Kinross-shire connections.

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Parking near Kinross Town Hall

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This will cause problems for customers wishing to buy large, heavy items such as bags of birdseed, cat litter, dog food etc. There is parking at the Causeway car park and limited parking outside the Dog House, but I am also offering a free delivery service of *any* items required for the local community. Please call and leave a message so I can contact you. (See below.)

I appreciate my loyal customers and I hope you will continue to use my services.

Barbara Willey
The Dog House
118 High Street, Kinross
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Mary Stuart has castle key once more

We all know the story of Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots, being rescued from Loch Leven Castle when a boy named Douglas stole the key and helped Mary to escape.

Well, the key was at an 'Unlocking the Loch' ceremony held in Kinross recently.

The following day I was at an event where the key was on show and, having been 'Mary Stuart' until I married my late husband 'Douglas', I couldn't resist asking to be photographed with the key.

Here is the result (right).



Mary Smith (née Stuart), 86,
with the Lochleven Castle key

Mrs Mary Smith
Silver End Cottage, Maryburgh

Re Speech on "Better Together"

Dear Madam, In his praise of the "union", Mr Barnacle has disregarded some pertinent facts about the current political relationship between Scotland and Westminster.

The UK government is elected by the least democratic system, "first past the post", which ensures that nearly half of votes cast are wasted. This alone guarantees a democratic deficit. In the House of Commons, 59 MPs from Scotland will always be outvoted 11 to 1, so the UK has *all* the power. For example: in 1999 Westminster removed 6,000 square miles of Scottish seas, with six oil wells and fishing, to English (not UK) jurisdiction. The unreformed, undemocratic House of Lords - the biggest legislative body in the world apart from the Chinese politburo - recently took away Scotland's powers over Green Energy without even going through Parliament.

All the revenue raised from Scotland goes to the Treasury and Westminster decides how much - just over half - is returned to Scotland as a "Direct Grant", and the "strings attached" include paying the entire cost of Trident, Faslane, Coulport and Aldermaston. As Tony Blair boasted, "The Scottish Parliament will have fewer powers than the average English Parish Council."

The present situation resembles an imperial/colonial relationship where one party holds all the powers and makes all the decisions, and the other party none. That it has existed for 300 years, and the powers become even more centralised, makes it worse. Scotland today has less control of the original essentially Scottish powers of the Law, education, burghs etc because of UK legislation breaching the Treaty of Union provisions.

No one in their right mind would enter into such a one-sided and unfair political "union". To suggest that Scotland should remain in this one - for the benefit of London alone - is neither liberal nor democratic.

Yours faithfully

Susan FG Forde
Causewayend, Main Street, Scotlandwell

Dear Editor,

I have noted the concerns of Alan Thomson and Jane Turnbull in the July edition of your excellent publication.

I would like to respond to their letters.

The former Kinross High School site

Firstly, with regard to Alan Thomson's letter, I wanted to outline why I opposed the application for this site and update residents on what is happening next.

Before starting, I should say that the four local Councillors have, I think, all expressed their desire to get this site developed as soon as possible as it is already an eyesore and attracting vandals.

However, the application which came forward for this site was, in my view, going to create problems for both existing residents and also potential new residents on the site which could not be ignored.

As Mr Thomson has noted, this application was refused at a planning meeting unanimously by the 13 Councillors on the committee.

Following this meeting, I organised a meeting between the four local Councillors, Persimmon Homes and the planning department, to discuss the way forward and to give the developers guidance on the problems the local Councillors had identified with the last application.

At this meeting, Persimmon explained that they were considering a new application and would welcome our feedback on the ways that the previous application could be improved.

The issues which arose, were numerous, so I will summarise them briefly.

First of all we explained that demolishing the Edwardian block of the former High School might be acceptable to us if it is done in such a way that Historic Scotland, the Council's Conservation team, and residents agree that it was an enhancement to the Conservation Area.

We pointed out that there were 100 objections to the application from residents, and that both Historic Scotland and the Conservation team had stated that the previous plan was NOT an enhancement. This could have led to the application being "called in" by Historic Scotland and a lengthy delay whilst they considered their response (as happened with Perth City Hall).

We pointed out that the green space created at the front of the site was not seen as an enhancement and a suggestion was made that this area might be better utilised as an attractive parking space for St James' Church and the town centre.

We informed the meeting that the high density of housing being proposed (35 houses per hectare) had led to a number of potentially serious issues in our view, and that we considered that it was overdevelopment of the site.

We had concerns that the off-street parking provision was inadequate, as it provided only two spaces per household and an effective ten on-street parking spaces. This would have meant that should a couple of residents have held a party or had more than a couple of visitors with cars, this would have led to problems with parking outwith the site, where there was already, in our view, a problem with long-term parking.

The proposed development site would also exacerbate the town's long-term parking problems, as it would remove existing long-term parking from the town.

We were concerned about the lack of adequate landscape framework as we felt this would lead to a loss of amenity

for existing residents, including concerns of overlooking and potentially loss of light, specifically for 47a Alexander Drive and 6 High Street. We asked that these be addressed in the next application and that the developers do not rely on minimum standards when they were designing the location of the new houses.

We felt that the design of the streets within the estate was not according to "Designing Street Guidance" and would lead to potentially hazardous conditions for pedestrians, especially at the start of the school day.

We expressed our concerns about the stone walls which surrounded the estate, which appear to be the responsibility of residents adjacent to the site, and suggested that planning for this should be incorporated in any new application.

We all agreed that placing houses immediately adjacent to the listed Parish Church detracted from its setting and suggested that a buffer zone be established, and suggested that this might be used to provide a turning space for the lane adjacent to the Church and parking for visitors.

The meeting lasted over two hours, so this is merely a summary of the key points raised by us.

Persimmon Homes have indicated that they will be redrafting their plans and will meet with the local members prior to submitting a further application.

We also discussed the proposal to develop the land at Lathro Farm, as Persimmon are in the process of applying for consent for this site.

The local development plan has this site listed for 260 houses.

Should you be interested in hearing their proposals, they should be presenting them at the Kinross CC meeting in the near future. The next of these is at the Masonic Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 6 August.

B9097

I note what Jane Turnbull has said in her letter and would reassure her that I and my fellow Councillors regularly travel on the B9097, South Loch road and have noted the condition of the road.

The four local members met with the roads department in May 2013 and we highlighted the problems with this road as it is a fast road and the surface is not good.

It was as a result of this meeting that the work was carried out last year.

I have written to the officers concerned and have raised this with them again.

Councillor Dave Cuthbert
8 Highfield Circle, Kinross

Note from Editor: As well as presenting their Lathro Farm proposals to Kinross CC on 6 August, Persimmon Homes are holding a public exhibition earlier that day. See article on page 6 and notice on page 84.

Thank you from Clydesdale Bank

Karen, Morag, Irene, Fiona, Yvonne and Shirley from Clydesdale Bank, Kinross would like to thank all our customers for their kind wishes and gifts on our closure. We will miss you all.

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News & Articles

Locals in Queen's baton relay

Although the Queen's baton relay route did not come through Kinross-shire in the run up to the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, several of the county's residents took part in the relay as it moved through Perthshire.

Calum Morris MacIntyre carried the baton in memory of his sister Esme, who died in July last year. Together they had raised tens of thousands of pounds for the charity Teenage Cancer Trust.

Calum handed the baton over in Auchterarder to **Roger Stark** of Kinross Road Runners.

Also taking a turn at carrying the baton was **Paul Zarb**, who has made a tremendous contribution to the development of Kinross Cycling Club and was instrumental in creating the Sportive Kinross, a cycling event that raises large sums for charity.

Isla Simpson of Milnathort also took part in the Auchterarder stage of the relay. She told the Newsletter: "I was given the incredible privilege of carrying the Queen's baton through Auchterarder High Street. I was nominated by my school, Kinross High, where I'm one of the Sports

Ambassadors and have been involved in organising a Commonwealth Games themed sports day and a baton relay of our own in the school! Carrying the baton has been an unforgettable experience and I feel very honoured to have been a part of this fantastic event."

Also from Milnathort, **Kerry Ferguson**, who works as a gymnastic and trampoline coach, said: "I also had the amazing opportunity to carry the baton in Muthill after being nominated by one of the Sports Development Officers in Perth. I volunteer at a

variety of different things from trampoline coaching, Scottish Gymnastic events and as a Saltire Award Ambassador. I have also had some incredible experiences when I volunteered in Sochi, Russia at the winter Paralympics and also as a gymnastic volunteer at the Commonwealth Games. To be able to be part of the baton relay was an honour. I really enjoyed the experience and it's one I'll likely never forget."

For more about the Saltire Awards mentioned by Kerry, see page 75.



Kerry Ferguson



Isla Simpson

Housing proposal exhibition

Persimmon Homes will be holding another public exhibition about their proposed housing development at Lathro Farm. The exhibition takes place in the ICT suite at the community campus on **Wednesday 6 August**, 2.30pm-7pm. This follows on from a previous exhibition held on 18 June. Comments made on 18 June have been considered and the proposals on display at the August event have been altered since the June consultation. There will be a masterplan on display.

Persimmon representatives will also present their proposals to Kinross CC on the same evening. Kinross CC meets at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross. CC meetings are open to the public.

The Lathro Farm site is zoned for housing (260 units) in the current Local Development Plan.

Following the public consultations on 6 August, Persimmon will submit a planning application to PKC.

See also notice on p. 84.

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1940s Vintage Day!

Loch Leven Community Campus

Saturday 23 August, 12 noon – 5pm, Free admission

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Outside

Scottish Military Vintage Vehicles
Community Stalls
Craft & Vintage Fair Marquee
Beer Tent
Barbecue
Bouncy Castle
40s Displays and Activities
40s style Children's and Family Activities

Inside

40s style Dancing
Refreshments including Afternoon Tea
Craft & Vintage Stalls
40s Displays
Pathé Newreels
Children's Activities in the Library
Local 40s Display and Children's Games in the Museum

Outside will be a 40s Village Fête with some charities and community groups putting on fundraising activities with a 40s feel: Coconut Shy, Welly Wanging, Trash & Treasure etc. There will be two marquees: one for the Beer Tent which will be run by The Green Golf & Leisure Resort, the other will have a selection of Craft and Vintage Stalls. Together with a fantastic selection of Vintage Vehicles and WW2 displays, there will be something for everyone. We are also hoping to have a Brass Band performance on the day.

There will be two sessions of 40s style dancing during the day in one of the games halls, with the opportunity in between to have afternoon tea (a cake and a hot drink), or beer or enjoy the barbecue. Dance company 'Flyright' are coming along again to lead us all in the 40s style dancing. They were extremely popular last year.



Step back in time at the 1940s Vintage Day!



1940s military vehicles will be on display

Why not drop in to the dancing as well as enjoying the rest of the day's other attractions? There will be two lots of dancing: 1pm until 2pm and then 3pm until 4pm for which there will be a small charge of £2 per session or £3 if you want to go to both. To pre-book tickets, please contact campus reception on 01577 867200.

As well as the Craft & Vintage Marquee out on the field, there will be more Craft & Vintage Stalls inside in the other Games Hall for people to browse the wares.

Running throughout the day will be non-stop Pathé Newsreels in the Lecture Theatre, together with Displays and Children's Activities 40s style in the Museum.

Come along, take a step back in time and join in the fun! We would love to see you!

Councillor Cuthbert

Trees at the County Building– An Apology

I received a complaint that four trees including two mature cherry trees had been cut down next to the County Buildings in Kinross.

When investigated, I discovered that Council Officers had done this as the Police had requested that the trees be pruned so as to allow safe access for emergency services during T in the Park.

The Council officers decided that pruning was not a good solution as it would need to be done on a regular basis (money is tight) and cherry trees apparently suffer from dieback when they are pruned. They also decided that the trees were very close to the wall and that therefore they would remove them.

On further investigation, I established that the procedures to be followed in preparing a tree work order do not include consultation with anyone but the owner of the land, and in this case officers did not realise that ownership was no longer with the Council.

These procedures also had no provision for trees in Conservation Areas, where trees are protected as if they have a Tree Preservation Order. I have asked that the procedures be changed in order to reflect the special nature of trees in Conservation Areas and that consultation with Councillors be carried out before trees are removed.

I have agreed with officers that the land adjacent to the County Building will be made good so that the grass can be cut by the owner and the trees will be replaced with ones of his selection.

I asked that an apology be given by officers for this mistake, however they have said that they “view this as a private matter between the Council and the land owner and therefore it would not be the norm to make a public apology.”

So, I apologise to you on behalf of the Council as an elected member of it.

Sorry, it was a mistake, the Council will try to do better in the future.

Kinross Town Centre Regeneration

Unfortunately the start to this project has been postponed to early March 2015. It was decided that trying to do the work over the winter would lead to delays and problems caused by cold temperatures. It is anticipated that the work will be finished by the end of August 2015.

Kinross Town Hall Works

The High Street will have a temporary suspension of loading and parking between property numbers 104 and 118 (83.14 metres) to allow work to be done on the Town Hall for 32 weeks from 23 July. ***Please keep shopping at the premises affected or we could lose them.***

Kilmagadwood Urns

When planning consent was given for two houses at Kilmagadwood, near Scotlandwell, a condition was set that an archaeological dig be first carried out on the site to investigate whether historic remains were present. This dig discovered 23 Bronze Age urns, which may be of national importance.

Unfortunately the condition was discharged before the urns were made museum-ready and the developer indicated that they were not in a position to fund the post-excavation



requirements, by then estimated to be in the region of £25,000. Residents were concerned that the urns would remain locked away for the foreseeable future.

It now transpires that following intervention by the Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust (on which I sit) and the Council, Treasure Trove have agreed to accept the urns in their current state.

My understanding is that the urns will be offered to museums in their current state and that, hopefully, they will appear soon in one or more museums in Scotland.

The Lomond Hotel, Glenfarg and the Lomond Country Inn, Kinnesswood

I am delighted to see that the former Lomond Hotel on Glenfarg Main Street has now been demolished and the site cleared. This is excellent news, as the building was an eyesore and was getting more and more dilapidated, with a danger that bits might fall off onto neighbouring properties.

There is now a threat over another hotel, this time in Kinnesswood. This has been closed for some time and was recently bought by a property developer. The developer submitted a planning application in April of this year, but problems with the design statement mean that the application has now been withdrawn.

I am keen to prevent a situation arising where there is another boarded-up, dilapidating building in one of Kinross-shire's Conservation Areas and so have written to the developer to see whether I can facilitate a meeting between planning officers, local Councillors and the developer to decide on a way forward.

T in the Park

T in the Park have announced that they are to move to Strathallan next year. This is, I think, sad for Kinross-shire when looking at the big picture. I appreciate that the event brought difficulties for some of the local community, however I think there were benefits as well. We had got used to it to some extent and I think many will miss the buzz the event brought.

This move was forced on the organisers by the perceived dangers of the BP pipeline which goes near the site.

The move to Strathallan is dependent on the event being given a licence and there is a group locally challenging whether planning consent will be required for the new site.

Whatever comes of this, I would like to wish the organisers well and good luck for the future of this event, which put Kinross-shire on the map.

Kinross Pavements

I have heard that there is disquiet about the resurfacing of the pavements in Kinross.

Personally I am delighted to see some work getting done in Kinross. I see it as a bit of focus on the town after decades of nothing happening.

If you let me know what you don't like about the new surface, I will follow it up.

My email address is dcuthbert@pkc.gov.uk

Cllr Dave Cuthbert

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Kinross Show – a great day out!

Saturday 9 August

The 184th Kinross Agricultural Show takes place on Saturday 9 August and promises to be a great day out for all the family. The show will be held again at the RSPB Loch Leven reserve at Vane Farm.

Chicks hatching live!

Mordor Gun Dog Display

Highlights will include an exhibition of poultry and ducks, with chicks hatching on show day! Show President Claire Paton explained: "After TV shows such as Lambing Live, there has been an increased interest in farming, with members of the public seeking more interaction at agricultural shows, and we very much hope the public will enjoy our latest 'hands on' attraction with the chickens."

Following on his success at the Highland Show, the star of the main ring entertainment will be Charlie Thorburn and his Mordor Gun Dogs.

Grand Parade of Winners

Vintage Tractors

By popular demand, show organisers are bringing back the Grand Parade of prizewinning livestock, horses and ponies. A Vintage Tractor Display, Children's Fancy Dress Parade (with or without a pony) and Children's Races complete the afternoon's programme, along with entertainment by the Kinross & District Pipe Band.



There'll be something for everyone at the 184th Kinross Show

Children's Fancy Dress

Flower Show

The Flower Show offers an exciting range of children's classes with the popular 'Decorated Welly Boot' and 'A Model Farm in a Seed Tray' included.

Classes for Cut Flowers, Fruit, Vegetables, Floral Art and Eggs make up the diversity of interest in the Flower Show marquee.

Dog Show

Trade Stands • Arts & Crafts

Dog lovers can enter the Companion Dog Show and Dog Scurry with entries taken on Show Day between 10.30am and 12.30pm.

Visitors can enjoy viewing the Trade Stands, The SWRI and the Art & Craft marquees in addition to seeing the very best of Scottish homebred livestock on parade.

(For more about the SWRI offerings, see the SWRI Show Preview at right.)



Show Ground Entry: Adult tickets £10, concessions £5 and children under 16 free.

Parking: £2 per car. Entry through Gate 3.

Buses: There is a free bus service during the day from Milnathort and Kinross, running approximately every 30 minutes. Buses start at South Street in Milnathort at 10.15am and pick up at the normal bus stops throughout Milnathort and Kinross. The last bus leaves RSPB Loch Leven at 7.15pm sharp. There is also a bus service from Loch Leven's Larder via Kinnesswood, starting at 11am (approx) and running until 6.30pm. Drop off and pick up point for the free buses is at RSPB Loch Leven.

For further information and the latest show news, log on to www.kinross-show.co.uk or email Show Secretary Mary Morgan on kinrossshow@aol.com or telephone **01592 840030**.

Kinross Group SWRI Show Preview

The ladies of Kinross Group SWRI are once again busy preparing for the annual Kinross Show. Our Community theme this year is 'Rural Colours', which should make for a very colourful display once again.

Prizes in several classes are again being sponsored by local firms this year. In the Handcrafts Section, McTaggart's of Aberdour is sponsoring a "Knitted Cushion Cover in any ply" and Robert Craig Joinery of Cleish is sponsoring "3 crafts on a 12 inch circular board". In the Baking Section, Roddy Baird is sponsoring the "Seeded Loaf". Jimmy Smith of the Kilted Christmas Tree Company is once again sponsoring the "Cloutie Dumpling" and he is also sponsoring the "Scotch Egg" in the Produce Section with Loch Leven's Larder sponsoring the "Jar of Strawberry Jam". Williamson Design Florists Ltd is again awarding its prize in the Floral Arrangement Section for "An Exhibit in Rural Colours". In the Gents' Section, The Famous Grouse Experience is donating a voucher for free entry for two. This is proving a popular section so far (still plenty of room, gents!)

In the SWRI marquee there will be a wonderful display of entries from our members of Crafts, Needlework, Baking, Produce and Floral Arrangements. There will also be entries from husbands and partners in the Gents' Section, and entries from children and grandchildren of members in the Children's Section. Judges this year are from West Lothian SWRI.

There will a fundraising event in the tent during the day with the opportunity to win one of four quilted advent calendars. Buy a pocket for £1.

There will, as usual, be a Sales Table selling Baking and Produce, craft goods and SWRI goods.

To round off the day, the raffle will be drawn. First Prize is £50 with many other fabulous prizes. Make sure you get your tickets! They will be on sale in the tent during the day.

There is no entry charge, but silver coin donations will be welcome at the door. So please come along and view the wonderful work of the SWRI. Open from 10am until 4pm on the day of the Show.



An SWRI crocheted teapot cover

Councillor Barnacle

Copy of a letter dated 18 July 2014, sent to Jim Valentine, Executive Director (Environment), Perth & Kinross Council
Need for 'major' mitigation measures and lack of PKC funding for A977 (the forgotten road)



I am moved to write to you on the above subject, which you will be familiar with over a long period, following a recent meeting of Kinross-shire ward councillors and the failure of two recent budget proposals that would have addressed the issue; I enclose a recent letter from a constituent in Crook of Devon that mirrors concerns over the years from residents in the villages of West Kinross-shire that straddle this busy strategic road.

As you are aware, the A977 was de-trunked against Council advice in 1996 and it would appear there is absolutely no chance that the transport authorities will reconsider this status. In any event, re-trunking may send the wrong message that it is a suitable road for HGV traffic (notwithstanding their increasing useage of Sat Nav). You will also be aware that PKC have argued, in support of the community, for major mitigation measures to be put in place; this was done at the Public Inquiry in November 2004 into the new Kincardine (now Clackmannanshire) Bridge, in 2009 at a petition to the Scottish Government signed by over 1100 residents and is now reinforced by Para 7.1.18 of our adopted Local Development Plan (LDP) of 3rd February 2014 (Introduced by the Reporters Unit following local member representation). The Transport Authorities originally suggested the paltry sum of £87,000, later increased to £150,000, for minor mitigation measures for the A977 in relation to a bridge costing £120 million.

When the Reporter to the Public Inquiry ruled that this level of funding was woefully inadequate and should be increased, I took the case to the former Transport Minister, Tavish Scott MSP with the assistance of the community and our former MSP George Reid, securing an offer of £250,000 to cover 'minor' measures. In October 2006, PKC's Enterprise & Infrastructure Committee accepted the Minister's offer (not implemented until after 2009 following disagreements within the community on how best to use this inadequate sum) and instructed PKC officers to pursue the funding shortfall for the major measures evaluated at £750,000 for three large roundabouts at Blairingone, Drum and Turfhill.

Since the failed petition, I have seen no evidence of this funding shortfall being pursued with the Scottish Executive; it is well down TACTRAN's list of priorities and doesn't feature in the Council's capital budget. **As far as I'm concerned this is a totally unacceptable situation.**

There have been a number of serious accidents involving HGVs on this road, one a lorry crashing into a house in Crook of Devon, another lorry ending up in a field opposite the village hall where local children walk to school and two accidents involving fuel tankers in Drum that had major repercussions for residents, let alone the drivers (fuel tankers from Grangemouth refinery regularly use this road to access the M90).

It is clear that the Government will not fund the major measures required and I cannot even get Transport Scotland to review their signage (the M90 at Clackmannan Bridge is signed to be accessed via the A977 when the authorities have stated that the preferred route for traffic from the west central belt to the M90 should be the A9 or A985).

Local perception, which I share, is that there is an increasing speed and volume of HGVs using the road and I would like a survey done on this. It is also perceived that there is a saving of time and hence fuel costs from so doing, hence the need for major measures to slow such traffic.

As you know, the roundabout at Turfhill can now be provided by developer contribution through planning gain. During discussions prior to adoption of our LDP (both the Main Issues Report & Proposed Plan had ignored the A977) a proposal to improve the junction of the A977 with the A823 in Powmill by introducing a large roundabout carried community support but the Reporter rejected a Masterplan for the village, which local members had supported.

I therefore state the continuing case for three large roundabouts on the A977 at Blairingone, Drum and Powmill to slow and potentially reduce traffic. **It is incumbent upon the Council to make the necessary budgetary provision which was estimated in 2009 at £1.5 million.**

There have been several attempts over the years to get PKC to make some budget provision for the road and all have failed. I was particularly dismayed when Charles Haggart was instructed to cease work on an outline business case in November 2013, which local members had requested be prepared. In the last two budget discussions, proposals to find additional resources from uncommitted reserves or the use of recurring loan charges (during an unprecedented era of low minimal interest rates that continues) have been rejected.

I note, however, that PKC did increase local road repairs in 2014 by use of the loan charges budget and reducing recurring headroom, also borrowing recently £10million for favoured investment projects from the Public Works Loan Body and a London Borough Authority at very favourable interest rates.

I suggest that all that is lacking here is the political will to address, as a priority, the funding shortfall that has been evident since 2004 and which, whilst excluded from the capital project matrix of submissions for 2017/18 to 2019/20 because it has been forgotten, is very much seen as a priority by the people of the villages in West Kinross-shire that I represent.

I request that a meeting of all those circulated be convened after the summer recess to try and agree how to address satisfactorily these forgotten issues outlined above.

Cllr Mike Barnacle
 (Independent Member for Kinross-shire)

Circulated to: John Symon, Head of Finance, PKC; Charles Haggart, Roads Service Manager, PKC; Alexander Deans, Senior Transportation Officer, PKC; Cllr Ian Miller, Leader of the Administration, PKC; Cllr John Kellas, Convenor of Enterprise & Infrastructure Committee, PKC; PKC Ward Councillors (Kinross-shire) D Cuthbert, J Giacopazzi & W Robertson; K Bothwick, Secretary of Fossoway CC and D Colliar, Chair of Kinross CC.

This letter has been endorsed by Councillors Cuthbert and Robertson. Councillor Giacopazzi is on holiday.

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- **Re-enactment show** with horses and combat by Les Amis d'Onno, 1pm and 3pm.
- **Historic village** with various stalls (spinning, candles, historical kits and plant species, historic jewellery, pig roast etc)
- **Mary Queen of Scots Exhibition**
- **Kids' activities** organised by Swansacre Playgroup, including arts and crafts with historical theme and face painting
- **Music** by Queich Consort
- **Bar and Food**
- Other activities still to be confirmed.



Put this event in your diary!



*There will be a rich historic spectacle at the Kirkgate event
Photo: Eileen Thomas*



*Join the excitement and enter the rowing race
(Photo of 1970s re-enactment courtesy of Kinross Museum)*

Rowing Races

Enter your teams for the 'Great Escape' rowing boat races!

Rowing boat races will take place at the end of Kirkgate Park as part of the Mary Queen of Scots Extravaganza.

Boats will be provided but **enter your team as soon as possible** to avoid disappointment as there is only space for a limited number of teams. Anyone can put together a team. The entrance fee is £20 per team with proceeds of the event going to charity and with great prizes to be won! 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 / 'Mary Queen of Scots'
- wear buoyancy aids (will be provided)
- will receive instructions on use of oars and boat steering
- will agree a standard of conduct.

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For more information about the event, visit www.kleo.org.uk.



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Councillor Robertson

T in the Park

The last T in the Park to take place in Kinross-shire is now over and it will move next year to Strathallan near Auchterarder.

T in the Park certainly put Kinross-shire on the map and many local companies, hotels and bed & breakfast businesses benefited from the event, as did local charities like the Kinross-shire Fund who were given a donation every year to disburse to local organisations.

There was disruption, noise and some inconvenience for local people over the T in the Park weekend but most people accepted this for the common good of the area. I am not sure, given the limited road network around Strathallan, how it can be accommodated there but DF Concerts seem confident it is the next best site to Balado. Let's hope they do well there and that many of the Kinross-shire people and companies who were involved at Balado will be involved in the new site.

Milnathort Town Hall clock

Many residents of Milnathort will have noticed that the clock in the town hall tower has stopped. The Council have decided that it is no longer safe for people to try and access the clock chamber to wind the mechanism. The plan is to install an electric motor to wind the clock. Before this can be done, however, the access to the clock tower must be made safe. It is hoped this will be done as soon as possible.

Kinross High School site

Although the application from Persimmon Homes for 102 houses on the former site of Kinross High school was refused unanimously by the Council's Development Management Committee, it is likely that Persimmon will reapply with an amended application. It is important that any new application addresses the concerns expressed by local people when the previous application was lodged.

Planning applications

As a ward councillor, I get notified each week by email of all the planning applications lodged in Perth & Kinross during that week. I currently forward this list to anyone who would like to be kept informed of developments in our area. This avoids the possibility of residents missing applications which may be of interest to them. If anyone would like me to send them the weekly planning application list, please let me have your email address and I will happily do so. Please contact me at wbrobertson@pkc.gov.uk

Loch Leven Heritage Trail

Many people who use the trail are wondering why the verges of the path were not cut back before the vegetation almost overwhelmed the path. The answer is the Council "missed" it off their cutting schedules by mistake. By the time you read this, the long grass and vegetation should (hopefully) have been cut back. It is, however, disappointing that Kinross-shire's main tourist attraction should have been forgotten by the Council given that the Council were strong financial supporters of TRACKS who built the trail. I will try and make sure we don't have a repeat of this situation next year.

Cllr Willie Robertson



Volunteer Walk Leader training

Live Active Leisure are continuing to develop their Health walk programmes and are looking to recruit new walk leader volunteers to lead the local health walks.

Becoming a volunteer walk leader is a great way to be active in your community, meet new people and enjoy the outdoors as well as helping others to become more active.

The course, which is **free**, will run in Perth at Dewar's Ice Rink on **Friday 15 August**

The aim of the one-day course is to help you gain the skills and confidence to lead safe, short, local health walks and is designed to establish a group of local people (over the age of 18) trained to promote and lead health walks on an on-going basis. A health walk is a short, local walk usually lasting between 30 and 60 minutes and ½ to 2½ miles long. Once trained, you will join a network of over 6000 volunteers throughout the UK and be able to:

- lead safe and enjoyable walking sessions for people of all ages and abilities, particularly those who are, or have been, inactive;
- promote the health benefits of walking and motivate people to take up walking as a form of physical recreation;
- help people tailor health walking to meet their individual needs.

Interested? For further information and application forms, please contact Colin Melville at Live Active Leisure on 01738 454628 or Dave Angus on 01738 454651, email camelville@liveactive.co.uk and dangus@liveactive.co.uk
See also 'Kinross Stride for Life Walks', page 39.

T in the Park 2014

There was quite a bit of rain on the Saturday, but otherwise the weather was mainly sunny and warm for the last ever 'T' at Balado. The Arctic Monkeys closed the festival and spectacular fireworks lit the sky at around 11pm on the Sunday.

The crowd capacity was 85,000 each day, with 70,000 of those camping at Balado.

Police liaison officer Sgt Sandra Williams said, "There were very few issues raised by members of the community to either the dedicated residents' hotline or to Police Scotland this year. We carried out our usual high visibility patrols in the areas which have caused problems in the past and the general feedback was that it was an enjoyable event all round. We will miss this annual festival in Kinross but have a great template on which to base our community engagement when it moves to the proposed location at Strathallan Castle. As this is still part of the same police section, local officers have plenty of experience in dealing with this type of event."

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End of an era as 'T' says "bye bye, Balado"



As the BBC presenters interviewed Tinie Tempah in the TV studio perched high over Balado, the backdrop was the thing that drew the eye: the hills around Kinross-shire against a bright blue sky looked magnificent. And the rapper thought so too, enthusing over the beautiful scenery and weather, and wishing he hadn't worn a warm jumper for his set on the Sunday of the 21st T in the Park.

Eighteen years of Scotland's biggest musical festival at Balado has certainly put Kinross-shire on the map.

There will be no more T in the Park at Balado, though. The government's Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is worried about the pressurised pipeline that runs under the site, taking crude oil from the North Sea's Forties field to a processing plant near Grangemouth. The HSE only accepted the festival taking place at Balado in recent years on condition that the layout of the site was changed to reduce risk and that an alternative venue was actively sought. A recent HSE statement said: "The likelihood of any major accident at the pipeline is low but if one were to occur, the consequences would be catastrophic."

DF Concerts, organisers of the festival, didn't want to move, and Perth & Kinross Council didn't want the festival

to leave Balado either, but HSE's stance appeared to leave no choice. Ian Miller, Leader of PKC, said that HSE had made it clear that if the council was to go against HSE's objections in future, HSE would, if necessary, take the matter to judicial review.

On 25 June it was announced that the 2015 T in the Park would take place at Strathallan Castle, near Auchterarder, so the event will still take place in the Perth & Kinross local authority area.

It may not be plain sailing at Strathallan, though. PKC is taking the view that planning permission is not required because of the temporary nature of the event and that it does not require to have an Environmental Impact Assessment carried out. However, a legal firm representing neighbours to the site has written to Scottish Ministers requesting a 'screening direction' that the event *is* EIA development. If this happens, DF Concerts would have to formally apply for planning permission.

T in the Park was founded by Stuart Clumpas in 1994 and held for the first three years in Strathclyde Park before moving to Balado in 1997.

Interview with Geoff Ellis

After the last ever T in the Park festival at Balado, Geoff Ellis, Chief Executive of organisers DF Concerts, gave this interview to the Kinross Newsletter.

So, how was the last festival at Balado?

"One of the best. It was really enjoyable – a great event with great performances. It was a lovely crowd in terms of behaviour and atmosphere, which was fantastic. It was tinged with sadness, though. We've had such warmth from the local residents. We had a breakfast for some of the local landowners and there were grown men in tears. It has been part of people's lives for 18 years. It's like a child leaving home, except it is not to go to university, it's because of HSE!"



Geoff Ellis, Chief Executive of DF Concerts & Events

On moving from Balado to the new T in the Park site at Strathallan Castle:

"We are sad to be going but we relish the new challenge. It's a great site [at Strathallan Castle]. There will be less restrictions. We have not had the site the way we wanted it the last few years [because of the pipeline restrictions]. The traffic worked well. It is with a heavy heart that we go because we've made a lot of friends. Some people have gone

to the same accommodation year after year – workers and people going to the festival."

Some neighbours to the Strathallan site are putting forward a legal challenge. Do you think that this will cause delays in getting the festival put on at Strathallan next year?

"No, I don't think so. People have the right to make a legal challenge but I will leave that to the legal experts at the Council. We invited some residents from the Strathallan area to Balado to see the organisation but people probably won't have their fears allayed until after the first festival has taken place there."

What are your standout memories over the last 18 years?

"There are lots. I remember the first time we saw the site. Colin Rodger and I had been up at Inverness when Stuart Clumpas said, 'take a look at this site at Kinross'. At that point we were thinking of Lanark Racecourse and were quite far on with that, but when I saw all the hardstanding at Balado, I thought it was perfect for a festival. And George Lawrie, who was Chair of the Community Council at the time, was very welcoming, as was Douglas Alexander. We have rented land from neighbouring landowners over the years: Robert Alexander, the Russells, Jim and May Paterson, and they have all been so welcoming. Then we've had help from Stuart Skinner, and from Melvin Ryznar who organised accommodation. There are many more people I could mention but I know I will forget to say some names and then I'll feel terrible! I just want to say that we are *very* privileged to have had such lovely people helping with the event."

Reflecting again on the last festival:

"It was very emotional when the fireworks were going off. We had Douglas Alexander and family up on the stage looking over their land."

T in the Park has really helped put Kinross-shire on the map, though, hasn't it?

"Yes, I think so!"

The Newsletter wishes DF Concerts good luck.



A sincere and heartfelt thanks to all of the local residents and businesses in Kinross and Milnathort and surrounding communities for their fantastic support over 18 wonderful and memorable years at Balado. But let's not be strangers now – we're only a few miles to the west!

From all your friends at DF Concerts & Events and the T in the Park family.





29 – 31 August

There are still tickets left for the Just About Movies film festival taking place in the grounds of Tullibole Castle in August, but if you're interested, you'll need to be quick, as numbers are limited!

JAM is a bit like T in the Park, but for film lovers (and on a smaller scale!) There will be five pop-up cinemas, a giant screen in the camping area, bars, restaurant, acoustic music, movie related workshops, special guests and of course your chance to see lots of brilliant movies.

For more details of JAM, go to their website (see below) where you can buy tickets. Tickets range from £30 for the Saturday only, to £55 for the full weekend with camping.

Competition winner: The winner of last month's competition to win a pair of tickets to JAM is **Laura Stewart**. Congratulations!

JAM website: www.justaboutmovies.co.uk

Colin ready for bike challenge

Former Kinnesswood resident **Colin Hogg** (42) has been in training ready for his 300-mile bike ride from Stockport to Kinross this month. As reported in the last Newsletter, Colin is raising funds to buy a new wheelchair for best friend Graeme Paterson, who has Motor Neurone Disease. Colin and Graeme grew up together in Kinross-shire. Colin leaves Stockport on 23 August and is due to arrive in Kinross on 26 August.

At the time of writing, sponsorship is at £1,555. If you would like to add to this, you can do so at:

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Tullibole Castle in Scottish Field

Tullibole Castle near Crook of Devon is the subject of an extensive feature in the August issue of the Scottish Field magazine. There are stunning photographs of the castle and grounds in the eight-page spread, as well as an interview with the castle's owner, Lord Moncreiff.

Portmoak gliders in mid-air collision

Two gliders from the Scottish Gliding Centre at Portmoak collided above Bishop Hill at around 3pm on Tuesday 15 July.

It appears that the two aircraft were flying at approximately 200 feet when their wings touched. Fortunately both pilots escaped serious injury, one making an emergency landing near Grahamstone whilst the other flew his glider upside down in order to bail out and land safely by parachute. The pilotless glider then crashed into a field near Easter Balgedie. The incident was attended by police, ambulance and several fire appliances, the pilot who landed by parachute being taken to hospital in Kirkcaldy for the treatment of minor injuries. The other pilot was unharmed.

The accident will now be the subject of an enquiry by the British Gliding Association, who will try to ascertain what caused the collision.

Spending priority event for tenants

PKC is holding a series of drop-in events for Council tenants to identify their priorities for Council spending.

This is part of a new approach that aims to involve tenants as much as possible in the rent-setting process and talk to them about how rent revenue is used in their local communities.

The Kinross drop-in event will be held at the Loch Leven Community Campus on **Monday 11 August**, 2pm-5pm.

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World War One

Who helped the families?

This year's commemorations to mark the outbreak of World War One gives us all a chance to look back and see what happened locally to our present day set ups. Throughout the war, SSAFA was the only national military charity providing care for families on the home front, and the work was vital to the war effort. The commemorations offer us, as a charity of nearly 130 years standing, not only a reflective look back, but also a chance to reinforce our position as established experts, in providing welfare support for Forces personnel and their families.



Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, who went on to become HM Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, at a fundraising event for SSAFA held in 1915.

(The charity was SSAFA as there was no Air Force until 1918.)

SSAFA nursing division

SSAFA provided nurses in garrison towns and at ports across the nation and overseas. These nurses would provide healthcare to families while the men were away. When WWI broke out, many of the nurses joined Voluntary Aid Detachments. Many brave young women went abroad with their detachments and served on or near the front lines. Others worked in hospitals and convalescent homes in the UK.

With the onset of the Gallipoli campaign, and the unexpectedly large numbers of wounded British and Commonwealth troops arriving in Egypt, straight from the battlefield, SSAFA nurses cared for the casualties, releasing Royal Army Medical Corps staff to work on the hospital ships. The use of SSAFA nurses in the area became vital after the HMT Royal Edward was torpedoed on her way to Gallipoli and nearly 1000 lives, mainly medical staff, were lost.

SSAFA clothing branches

Local clothing branches collected or made clothes for the poorest families. Some of these clothes were used for military families, who were returning to the UK from the outposts of the British Empire. Many of these families

Number of wives, children and dependants helped: Great Britain and overseas and total costs: 1914 – 1920

Year	Number of recipients: wives, children and dependants	Total cost: £s.d.
1914	1,281,814	£995,375 4s 0d.
1915	1,115,894	£1,243,770 2s 10d.
1916	492,658	£406,048 10s 3d.
1917	4,184	£6,327 8s 10d.
1918	5,622	£15,338 8s 10d.
1919	10,088	£32,553 16s 5d.
1920	39,146	£93,535 2s 2d.

returning from hot climates did not have appropriate clothing for the much colder British climate.

Move towards the Welfare State

SSAFA was one of the first organisations to call for benefits that would be distributed universally regardless of circumstance. The statistics above show how the Government gradually started to step in and help in 1917. The introduction of the Separation Allowance, distributed by SSAFA, was the first government payment made to families as a matter of course.

Homelessness

The men going off to war left a problem for many women and their children. Those families known as “on the strength”, (meaning that their marriages were approved by the regiments and were able to live within the garrison) were suddenly forced to move out, as the need for accommodation for the men took precedence. Other families were the victims of unscrupulous landlords, who attempted to make those living in tied accommodation homeless.

Mrs X from Perthshire was typical of the sort of cases which SSAFA assisted with. Since her husband had enlisted, she had no lodgings and no food, and she was “so dirty that three lodging houses in Perth refused to take her.”

Accommodation was provided for Mrs X by SSAFA, and she was given 1s 6d (15p today!) for her food, to ensure that she did not have to walk the streets, with her children.

Christmas 1914

For those on the home front in 1914, the austerity continued, but SSAFA was there to provide some relief. A ship had been sent from America, itself not involved in the conflict at the time until 1917, packed with toys and goodies for the children of the British troops, and SSAFA distributed thousands of these gifts to children across the UK.

Then, as now, a key feature of SSAFA was the strength of the volunteer network. Local committees were full of volunteers, led by the Countess of Mansfield, giving of their time and energies to make a difference. How little has changed in that respect. We are confident that the vital work we do to provide lifelong support for our Forces and their families today, in SSAFA, is as relevant to today's military community as it was in 1914.

Thank you very much indeed for your interest and support.

Andy Middlemiss
Chairman, Perth and Kinross Branch

If you need us, or wish to help us in our vital work, you can reach SSAFA locally today on:

Telephone: 01738 625346 or email: perth @ssafa.org.uk

If anyone wishes to learn more about the 1915 Gallipoli campaign, I have a presentation made up, and lots of information I'd be happy to share.

The Editor knows my contact details.



Toe tapping fundraiser

The pupils at **Dance Connect**, a local Royal Academy of Dance registered school with classes at Kinross and the surrounding area, raised funds of £1020 for CHAS at a dance show in June at Loch Leven Community Campus.

The pupils, aged from 3 to adult, performed favourite numbers from their show in March as well as some choreographed for the night and raised money by selling tickets, holding a raffle and selling dancewear.

Rachel Webb, the principal ballet teacher said: "Following on from the successful show in March, the school realised it was possible to perform the dances the children loved again and also raise money for a good local cause. CHAS is a charity close to our hearts as it has Rachel House Hospice in Kinross and is the only charity in Scotland providing hospice care to children with life shortening illnesses."



With the cheque for CHAS

l to r: Ballet teacher Rachel Webb, Alexander and Holly Tough, Elizabeth Savage and Eilidh and Struan and Becky Webb, Street and jazz teacher

A representative from CHAS attended the event on the night and spoke movingly of the valuable work undertaken by CHAS for children and families throughout Scotland. The night was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended.

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Dibble Dabble Draw fun

A local art teacher, Nicola Stewart, is setting up sessions for youngsters to allow them to play, learn and explore through art.

Nicola has been running 'Dibble Dabble Draw' summer sessions in Portmoak Village Hall and Auchtermuchty and plans to set up term time classes too.

Classes will include Messy Play and Create and Play, which is more art based for ages 3 up.

Dibble Dabble Draw can be booked for art parties, one-off mother and toddler or nursery sessions and can also provide face painting!

For more information, look for Dibble, Dabble, Draw on Facebook or email dibbledabbledraw@gmail.com

Ian Dunnett at the Fringe

Former Kinross High School pupil Ian Dunnett (18) is appearing at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe for the second time.

At his first Fringe outing last year, Ian staged a play (a comedy about the Royal Family) that he wrote, directed and acted in, along with several of his ex-Kinross high classmates. Much to the amazement of those 'in the know', the play was a sell-out at the Royal Scots Club, in large part due to the simply superb support Ian enjoyed from the local Kinross and Kinnesswood community who made their way to Edinburgh!

This year Ian takes a purely musical approach to the festival and gives a recital on piano and on saxophone where he plays a range of styles from Bach and Mozart to Billy Joel (and in the midst of that takes time to have a bit of banter with the audience!)

Ian, a resident of Kinnesswood (at weekends!), is a piano student at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and member of local band making good – Sienna!

You can catch Ian at the Fringe on 5 and 6 August at 3.30pm at St Mark's Church, 7 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh. Tickets are £8.50 from the Fringe Box Office.

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

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

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

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



Lance Corporal David Richardson

David Richardson's family lived at Cockairney Feus in Kinross-shire at the time of the outbreak of World War I. He himself was a ploughman at Leuchars prior to the outbreak of war.

He was a machine gunner with the Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) and received a Distinguished Conduct Medal for his actions at Loos on 25 September 1915. Six times wounded, he continued to work his machine gun until it was blown to pieces by a shell. He was seriously wounded and returned to the UK to have his injuries treated when he came home briefly to Kinross.

His respite was temporary, however. He was back in action early in 1916, being despatched to Mesopotamia on 8 January 1916. He was wounded in an action against the Turks on 22 April and died on 25 April 1916.

The Kinross-shire Advertiser ran a report on 23 June 1917 reporting on the presentation of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to David Richardson's father, the presentation being by Brigadier General Atkins who noted that David Richardson's father had a great fighting record behind him, and had another son and three brothers still fighting in France.

The Brigadier also paid immense tribute to the Black Watch and observed that the men of that Regiment had acted, as it is said in "Marmion".

Groom fought like yeoman
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As fearlessly and well
Each stepping where his neighbour stood
The instant that he fell"

Marmion would have resonated with Scots and Scottish Regiments, given that it was an epic poem written by Sir Walter Scott about the Battle of Flodden.

Lance Corporal David Richardson is buried in the British War Cemetery at Amara, near the River Tigris in Iraq. It had been a lost graveyard, found by The Royal Irish Regiment at Easter 2003. The site had apparently been protected by its Iraqi keeper in the face of death threats from Baath Officials. The keeper continued to maintain the cemetery without pay since the first Gulf War, retained all the documents relating to the graveyard and was delighted when the British eventually returned to resume control of it. The cemetery contained the remains of two winners of the Victoria Cross.

Feedback on WWI profiles

Thomas Gould Walker

Milnathort resident Pat Ramsay contacted the Newsletter after reading last month's WWI column about Corporal Thomas Gould Walker.

Mrs Ramsay had a photograph of Corporal Walker, which was found some years ago amongst the possessions of her mother, Annie Miller. Wondering if he might be a relative, Mrs Ramsay had some family history research carried out, but this showed that Corporal Walker was not related to her family. It is thought that Corporal Walker may have been a friend of Mrs Ramsay's grandfather.

The photograph, which is actually a post card, has, written in pencil, on the back:

"Corporal T.G.W. Walker
1/9 Highland Light Infantry
Killed in action
1st Novr 1916"

The family history research on Corporal Walker, which was carried out by genealogist Sheila Hay, goes back three generations before Thomas Walker's birth. Mrs Ramsay has donated the family history documentation and photograph to the Kinross (Marshall) Museum.

Photo at right: Corporal Thomas Gould Wardrop Walker, whose story was told in last month's Newsletter





Police Box

Enjoy the Outdoors

With the summer nights and holidays now in full swing, many people will head for the countryside. Some points to think about are as follows:

Consideration for other people

Respect the needs of local people, for example, don't block gateways, driveways or other paths with your vehicle.

Co-operate with people at work in the countryside. For example, keep out of the way when farm animals are being gathered or moved and follow directions from the farmer.

Busy traffic on small country roads can be unpleasant and dangerous to local people, visitors and wildlife – so slow down and where possible, leave your vehicle at home, or consider sharing lifts and use alternatives such as public transport or cycling. The police do receive a number of calls about inconsiderate parking near to or at beauty spots.

When riding a bike or driving a vehicle, slow down for horses, walkers and livestock and give them plenty of room.

Keep your dog under proper control so that it doesn't disturb or scare farm animals or wildlife.

Protect plants and animals and take your litter home

Litter and leftover food spoils the beauty of the countryside as well as being potentially dangerous to wildlife – dispose of it with care or take it home.

Don't damage, destroy or remove features such as rocks, plants and trees.

Be careful not to drop matches or smouldering cigarettes.

Leave machinery and farm animals alone – don't interfere

with animals even if you think they're in distress. Try to alert the farmer instead.

Use gates, stiles or gaps in field boundaries if you can – climbing over walls, hedges and fences can damage them and increase the risk of farm animals escaping.

The majority of visitors will enjoy their break; however there's always a minority who spoil it through antisocial behaviour, excessive alcohol consumption or not adhering to the advice as aforesaid. Police Scotland do have campaigns running in an attempt to stop such behaviour, however please contact them on non emergency number 101 or 999 (emergencies) should you wish to report such incidents.

Police Scotland, local community

Telephone: 101 for non emergencies.

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

Email: sadie.allan@scotland.pnn.police.uk

The Community Sergeant for Kinross,

Auchterarder and Crieff is **Sandra Williams**.

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



Crime Stoppers – Telephone 0800 555 111

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

Green infrastructure consultation

PKC has produced Supplementary Guidance to its Local Development Plan. The Supplementary Guidance is on Green Infrastructure, and is available for public comment from 21 July until **1st September**.

Comments received as a result of the consultation will be reported to the Council for consideration prior to the Guidance being formally approved.

For more information, see:

www.pkc.gov.uk/greeninfrastructure

or telephone the LDP team at 01738 475300.

Community Campus Survey

The Council is inviting residents to give feedback about the community campuses in the local authority area.

The survey can be completed online or by filling in a paper copy available at the campus reception. For the first time the surveys will run for a longer period in order to capture a wide range of users and experiences. The survey will not close until at least after the summer holiday period.

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Community Council News



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

Kinross Community Council

News from the July Meeting

Present at the meeting held on Wednesday 2 July were: CCllrs D Colliar, C Watson, D Mackay, I Jack, M Wood, M Blyth, G Thomas, W Freeman, B Davies, D West and M Scott; P&K Cllrs D Cuthbert and J Giacomazzi and nine members of the public. There were no apologies and no declarations of interest.

DRT1: Leaflets about the Demand Responsive Transport Service discussed at the previous meeting were circulated.

Day Centre: A meeting will be held in August with Council and Day Centre officials.

Newsletter grants: No applications received. CCllr Davies mentioned that Kinross in Bloom are now using their new vehicle.

Lathro Farm: Mention was made of the Persimmon Homes presentation and to the proposed woodland area to be developed on the site.

Former High School site: The refused Persimmon application is to be discussed in Perth on 4 July. The CC would like to see the frontage of the building retained and incorporated in the design or alternatively demolished and the stonework used to construct new properties to the front of the site. These properties should be a short distance from the street to allow communal parking in front and the houses should tone in with the streetscape in this area. The Primary School could also be accommodated on this site. Another suggestion was that the Primary could be rebuilt on its present site.

Planning Applications Submitted to PKC

No comments were raised on the following applications:

14/01096/FLL 26 Station Road: alterations and extension to dwelling house.

14/01031/IPL Land 60m northwest of West Courtyard, Balado: erection of dwelling house (in principle).

14/01029/FLL Land 60m west of Balado House, erection of replacement dwelling house.

14/01091/LBC Kinross War Memorial: public realm landscape.

14/01088/FLL 8 School Wynd: alterations and extension.

14/01056/FLL 17 Devonvale: modification of permission 10/00967/FLL (residential development): change of house type on Plot 14b (formerly Plot 15).

14/01053/IPL Gairney Bank: change of use of landscaped open space area to garden ground at 4, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11 Hatchbank Lane.

14/00985/FLL 95 Lathro Park: extension to house.

14/00891/FLL 22 Torridon Place: alterations and extension to dwelling house.

14/00961/FL 6 Springfield Road: alterations to house.

Comments were raised on the following applications:

14/01030/IPL Land to the west of Balado House: erection of dwelling house (in principle). The CC agreed to write to the Council for clarification on the conditions imposed in relation to building on or near to roads.

14/00941/FLL Monega House, Hatchbank: partial change of

use from agricultural storage to storage of vehicles. After discussion, the CC agreed to write to PKC to object to this application on the grounds that the volume of traffic on this narrow road will be increased; that speeding currently exists on this road and asking for clarification on what is proposed.

Planning Applications Approved by PKC

14/00961/FLL 6 Springfield Road: alterations to house.

13/00606/IPL Gairney Bridge Farm Cottage: erection of dwelling house (in principle).

14/00041/IPL Land 10m northwest of Lynwood, Gairney Bank: erection of dwelling house (in principle).

14/00786/FLL 136 Argyll Rd: alterations and extension.

14/00221/LBC The Stables, Kinross: alterations (in retrospect).

14/00528/LBC 21-25 High Street: alterations, installation of biomass boiler and flues and alterations to boundary wall.

14/00795/FLL Fairfield, Lethangie: alterations and extension to dwelling house.

Planning Applications Refused by PKC

13/02314/CON Former Kinross High School: demolition of buildings and 13/02328/FLM Former Kinross High School: erection of 102 dwelling houses, associated access road, open space and associated works.

Reports by Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllr Giacomazzi said that funds were available from Scottish Futures Trust for the purpose of building a school.

Cllr Cuthbert advised that additional advertising material was available in relation to cold calling.

Cllr Cuthbert said that a meeting is planned for August to discuss how the matter of the former High School planning application was handled and to look at the structure and processing of an application.

Queries were raised in relation to: Balado housing development, the completion of the roundabout and the A977. (There is a survey currently being carried out in this area.) The CC will write to PKC to suggest installation of pedestrian crossings in Station Road and at Sainsbury's and to request a copy of the survey in relation to the A977.

Correspondence

Website for CCs: A website is being developed for CCs with links to the 32 local authority websites, training materials and other useful resources for Community Councillors.



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Community Empowerment (Scotland) bill has been published and can be found on the Parliament's website along with accompanying documents.

The Scottish Community Development Centre has launched a new website for communities, funded by the Scottish Government. The website aims to put communities in the spotlight by connecting people and sharing ideas. www.communityscot.org.uk

War memorial: Final proposal received for works on new civic space around memorial at County Buildings. Works should be complete by the end of September.

Other Business

T in the Park: Moving from Kinross next year. They have been forced into this situation. The Secretary is to write to DF Concerts to convey thanks for their 18 years in Kinross and for all the financial support gifted to the community.

Burns Begg Street and Mill Street: Rubbish is collecting in the area of the partially developed building (former antiques business and former church), particularly to the rear of the premises. Cllr Cuthbert will look into this. The CC will write to PKC requesting that the Council board this area up.

Bushes (Muirs, at phone box) need to be cut back. Cllr Giacopazzi to check this out.

Station Road: Trees are blocking the signage in places.

Motorway slipway: The grass in this area is the responsibility of BEAR Scotland.

Hatchbank Road as Green Route: CCllr Wood enquiries if any progress had been made here. Cllr Cuthbert answered this.

CC grant: The Treasurer reported on the current position in relation to the CC finances, in particular with regard to the new measures which are in place.

Motorway fences: The CC will write again to BEAR about the condition of the fences at the motorway and ask if one of their representatives could attend a CC meeting.

Road signs: Any repairs required should be notified to Cllr Giacopazzi.

Grass cutting: CCllr Davies mentioned that the grass was cut at the campus. Some discussion was held on the subject of grass cutting and the condition left following the works.

Pavements: CCllr Davies commented on the recent works carried out.

Further discussion was held in relation to the pavements, roundabout and the local **skip**. Cllr Giacopazzi offered to investigate the arrangements for disabled people at the skip. It was also confirmed that the old railway line is a public right of way.

Police report: Received after meeting.

Thefts: metal from a farm; sat nav from vehicle at Green Hotel, ladders from vehicle at former High School, tools from a garage.

Fly tipping: reports of rubbish being dumped on roads mainly in the country, which not only is dangerous to passing traffic, it is a health hazard. One of the items found was a radiator! If you see any persons doing this, please contact the police with details of car registration numbers.

Some incidents of heavy plant machinery being stolen from farms across Perthshire such as tractors, forklift trucks and trailers. It is highly likely that large transporters are being used to move the vehicles, so if you see such vehicles parked in suspicious circumstances, please contact the police immediately.

Fraud letters being received in respect of winning large sums of money in various lotteries and asking for bank details to allow the "winnings" to be put in your account. Do not divulge details unless you are sure any such requests are genuine.

Charity collectors: the majority of the time, they will be genuine, however please make sure you know all the facts before committing to giving out bank details or handing over money.

The next meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 6 August at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

Apologies were received in advance from CCllrs Blyth and Jack and Cllr Giacopazzi.

Agenda for the meeting on 6 August

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of interest
3. Police report
4. Minutes of meeting held on 2 July
5. Matters arising from minutes of 2 July
6. Persimmon presentation: Lathro Farm development
7. Newsletter charity report and accounts
8. Newsletter grant applications
9. Kinross buildings
10. Planning matters
11. Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors
12. Miscellaneous correspondence
13. Other competent business
14. Date of next meeting (3 September 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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Portmoak Community Council

News from the July Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 8 July 2014 were: CCllrs M Strang Steel (Chairman), R Cairncross (Secretary), Susan Forde and Tom Smith; Ward Councillors D Cuthbert and M Barnacle and two members of the public. Apologies were received from: CCllrs R Williamson and B Calderwood; Ward Cllrs J Giacomazzi and W Robertson and PC D Stapleton.

Stephen's Field: As work on the Whitecraigs site, Kinnesswood, was nearing completion, the CC would pursue its interest in assuming ownership of the field with the owner, A & J Stephen Ltd.

Post Box: Royal Mail had confirmed that a new post box would be installed at Kinnesswood within the next month.

Reports

Police: In the absence of a police representative the CC received the Police Report. It noted that there had been no crimes or incidents in the past month as well as advice in respect of fly tipping, theft of heavy plant machinery and securing valuables left in cars. The CC thought that these reports could be more helpful if they could include from time to time a Kinross-wide report on crimes resolved and of reported accidents. Cllr Barnacle would explore the matter.

Treasurer: The Council's accounts at the end of May 2014 recorded no change from April: a balance of £43.15 in the General Account and £771.05 in the Michael Bruce Way Account giving a total of £814.20. A grant from PKC of £656.85 is expected shortly.

Planning: The CC considered the following new applications and agreed not to object to, nor to make comment on:

14/00955/LBC (conservation area) Shalom, Main Street, Kinnesswood, replacement of existing sash windows and front door;

14/01020/FLL (conservation area) Strathview, Leslie Road, Scotlandwell, extension to rear of dwelling.

These were the unanimous decisions of the CC.

Progress with applications:

14/00707/FLL The Lomond Inn, erection of 5 houses. The CC noted that there remained outstanding issues in respect of this application: failure to provide a Design Statement or to place the independent report of the conservation officer on the website and deficiencies in PKC's handling of the CC's

letter of objection. The latter had been remedied and an apology made. Cllr Cuthbert reported that, in light of a missing design statement, PKC would shortly review the application. He expressed the general view that what mattered was an outcome acceptable to all parties. The CC welcomed his offer to facilitate a dialogue between the developer and the planning officers.

14/000153/FLL Footpath Easter to Wester Balgedie. The CC with the residents of Easter and Wester Balgedie hosted an opening ceremony on 14 June. The CC will write to thank Alistair Smith and Bridget Lindsay for organising refreshments provided by the residents of Easter and Wester Balgedie.

Developments at Causeway Cottage, Scotlandwell. The CC noted that applications: 09/00936/FLL Erection of a dwelling house; 12/01935/FLL Alterations to stable block and 13/01312/FLL Extension to cattery and office, would be considered shortly by PKC Development Management Committee. The CC had objected to the application for erection of a house on the grounds that the proposal conflicted with the policy for Housing in the Countryside, the case for business need having already been met by the erection of the applicant's house at Wellburn. The CC considered whether it should attend the Committee meeting to make representations in support of its objection and decided that it should not do so.

Developer contributions: The CC will comment in due course on the information supplied.

Roads: The CC noted:

- that its letter of 24 April in respect of the series of accidents on the Scotlandwell to Bowhouse section of the A911 had not been acknowledged. This will be pursued.
- arrangements to install a mini roundabout at the junction with the Wellside development in Scotlandwell were now in hand.
- no progress as yet with an approach from Portmoak Primary School Parent Council seeking support in resolving several traffic matters in the immediate environs of the School. The CC is pursuing this with the Parent Council.
- An encouraging reply had been received from the Transport Minister to the effect that his officials would discuss with the CC the possibility of signage on the M90 to discourage through HGV traffic from using the A911.



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Paths: Cllr Tom Smith reported that:

- in respect of necessary work on the upper reaches of the Michael Bruce Way to be carried out by contractors, grant applications had been submitted. Pending confirmation of funding certain voluntary work was being pursued supported by a donation of materials.
- the intra-village path between Gamekeepers and the top of The Cobbles, much used as a route to and from school, had become overgrown with the path itself damaged by flood water. Recent strimming had improved matters and, in light of that, an assessment of what might be needed to repair the path will be undertaken. Tom Smith will report.
- A resident drew attention to damage to the wall on the path above the Woodland Trust Field at Kilmagadwood. Before pursuing repairs, Tom Smith would review the matter with George Lawrie of TRACKS.
- The CC will write to Cllr Robertson with its views on improved paths and access links in and around Scotlandwell.

Ward Councillor Reports

Cllr Dave Cuthbert: explained that while the contribution by the developer to provide funding to pursue off-site archaeological work on the 23 urns found at Kilmagadwood had failed, there was now a possibility of alternative funding to allow this work to proceed. It is possible that this may in part be supported by the Living Lomonds Partnership Project. Cllr Mike Barnacle reported progress with the development of new arrangements for landscape designation. This will form new Supplementary Guidance to the 2014 Local Development Plan. There will in due course be full consultation on the proposals. He also reported that PKC will "refresh" the Member Officer Working Group (MOWG) concerned with planning policy and practice. This would convene shortly and may provide a means of resolving difficulties with the planning service.

The next meeting of Portmoak CC will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 9 September 2014 at Portmoak Primary School.

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Milnathort Community Council

There was no meeting of Milnathort CC in July. **The next meeting** takes place on **Thursday 14 August** at 7.30pm in Orwell Church Hall.

Fossoway & District CC

There was no meeting of Fossoway & District CC in July. **The next meeting** takes place on **Tuesday 5 August** at 7.30pm in Carnbo Village Hall.

Cleish & Blairadam CC

There was no meeting of Cleish & Blairadam CC in July. **The next meeting** takes place on **Monday 4 August** at 7.30pm in the Tabernacle Hall.



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Club & Community Group News

Cleish celebrates sport in Scotland

14 June was the day the Queen's Baton arrived in Scotland on its closing tour around the country. It was also the day that the residents of Cleish, and beyond, celebrated the Commonwealth Games and the Ryder Cup being in Scotland. Young and old gathered on the Cleish Field to partake in obstacle races, a golfing competition and a new competitive sport – The 'Slidey' Game. How much fun can children have sliding along a washing up lathered black plastic sheeting in the pouring rain? The answer is lots! The inclement weather did nothing to dampen the spirits of the children. In fact the more it rained the more soap suds were generated and the more fun was had. Two teams, Scotland and 'The Rest of the Commonwealth' competed for the coveted Cleish Cup and of course Scotland triumphed at the end of a very soggy afternoon.

We were also delighted when Mark Beaumont made a surprise appearance at the event. Hotfoot from Coldstream where he had been welcoming the Baton across the Border, he arrived in time to start the Cleish Games. In a short address he reminded us of the huge journey the Baton has made across the world, visiting over 60

countries and bringing people of so many different cultures and creed, together in a celebration of Sport. And so it was in this rural backwater of Kinross-shire. Old friends and new neighbours enjoyed a community event that will be remembered as part of Scotland's hosting of these two global sporting events. The day was made possible by grants from CELEBRATE, Perth and Kinross Council and was organised by the committee of The

Cleish Field Association.

The dreich evening was enlightened by the smells of a sumptuous barbecue, the sounds of Charlie's Ceilidh band, the chatter of relaxed parents and the laughter of tiring children. And as the last bedraggled revellers squelched their way home through the mud, there was the wonderful sense of companionship that sport and community can so readily bring.



The celebrations at Cleish Field - a great success in spite of inclement weather!

Compassion Corner

Over the past year, our Compassion Group has met monthly to explore the possibility of making Kinross-shire a "County of Compassion". This is a global challenge to communities, cities and countries with the aim of making our world a more peaceful place for all to live. The formula is pretty straightforward; sign up to the international "Charter of Compassion" which is based on the Golden Rule:

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" AND (just as importantly) "Don't do to others as you would not want them to do unto you!"

This challenges us, as individuals and collectively, to create opportunities to support one another, especially the most vulnerable and marginalised in our communities and our world. As the many organisations in Kinross-shire are already doing just that, we are attempting, with the help of Jennifer Kerr from PKAVS, to create a power point presentation that explains the Charter of Compassion and reflects the great work that has already put Kinross-shire on the global map of Compassionate Communities.

It's a very impressive story that we'll be keen to share in the months ahead. To book a presentation for your group, please contact Marg Meade 01577 863557.

Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme



Using a team of volunteer drivers, who are paid out of pocket expenses only, we provide transport and befriending to people in need in Kinross and the outlying areas. Our services include driving people to the Health Centre, hospitals, to visit relatives in nursing homes, etc. Please contact our co-ordinator Ann Munro: 01577 840196 for details on the service we offer.

The following charges are currently in place:

Health Centre from Kinross or Milnathort	£3
Health Centre from outreach area	£5
Perth, Kirkcaldy, Dunfermline	£10
Stirling	£12
Dundee, Edinburgh	£18
Stracathro	£25

KVG are grateful that we have been the preferred charity for Dobbies Garden Centre this year. Our fundraiser is a can collection on 13 September and look out for our Halloween Fun Day in October.

Kinross Stride for Life Walks

Walking is good for your health, can be done anywhere in your local community and helps to meet new friends and is free! Walking has a great many benefits for your physical and mental wellbeing and doing it with other people makes it easier and much more enjoyable. Live Active Leisure has been working with local communities to organise short health walks. Why not join us?

The Kinross Stride for Life walking group meets on **Mondays** at 2pm in the Church Centre on the High Street. Each week they will go on a **'Health Walk'**, which is designed to cater for people of all ages and abilities with local walks around the village and the Heritage Trail providing the opportunity to enjoy a walk and chat in the company of others. All walks are led by trained health walk leaders for your peace of mind, and generally last between 45 and 60 minutes on flat ground.

There is also a **Kinross Buggy Walk** which meets on **Tuesday afternoons** at 1.45pm. These walks, which generally last about one hour, meet at a different venue each week with details posted on the Kinross Buggy Walkers Facebook page. This is a great way for new mums to meet other mums, share advice and experiences and take the chance to enjoy a walk and chat whilst baby sleeps!

You are welcome to just turn up (wear comfortable clothing and footwear suitable for the weather), but if you would like to chat to someone beforehand, call Colin Melville on 01738 454628 during office hours.

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Kinross Camera Club

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Our summer practical evenings continue and have seen members visit Dundee, Birnie Loch, Charlestown, Loch Ore Meadows, and Stirling in recent weeks. Fortunately the weather has stayed dry, and even sunny, enabling the beginners to hone their photographic skills in different situations. Thanks to the established club members for giving their time to help the less experienced ones.

The club will restart its Thursday evening meetings at the Church Centre, Kinross on **25 September** at 7.30pm. As this is the first night of the season, we would encourage anyone who may be interested in joining the club to attend and find out a little more about what we do. It is usually an informal evening and an excellent way to see if the club might be for you. Please feel free to email for more information if you think you may be interested.

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

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Kinross-shire Day Centre

What a busy month we've had! We have received the **Care Service inspection report** following an unannounced visit from the Care Inspectorate in December. We were awarded a grade 6 (the highest - excellent) for quality of care and support and grade 5 (very good) for each of quality of environment, quality of staffing and quality of management and leadership. Although we are very pleased with those grades, we are working to bring those fives up to sixes next time.

At the end of June, we were delighted to take delivery of our long-awaited **new minibus**, donated by the Arthur and Margaret Thompson Charitable Trust. We cannot thank the trust enough for providing the minibus. Our two buses are absolutely vital to our service. The photo shows some of our service-users and manager Nan Cook receiving the keys from the trustees.



The Day Centre's new minibus

We are always grateful for the many volunteers who give their time to help the Day Centre. This month we'd especially like to thank the team who assisted Nan and Isobel to open the coffee bar during the weekend of **T in the Park**, providing a valuable service to the young visitors and raising £1150 for Day Centre funds as well.

It has been another busy month of **activities**. We have been to see the magnificent Kelpies near Falkirk and taken another group for a barge trip at Ratho. Our theme lunch this month was Chinese and the entertainment that day was provided by Betty and Cathie who were very funny and had us all involved in a sing-along. On another occasion, we welcomed back Ian Grinley on the piano.

We have also introduced a new regular activity of **T'ai Chi** on alternate Wednesdays. This gentle martial art is proving very popular and is led by one of our volunteers, Pauline.

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.

See page 96 for the regular Day Centre programme.

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Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation

Mary Queen of Scots Extravaganza in Kirkgate Park

See page 15 for details.

Messiah in a Day at Kinross-shire Winter Festival!

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Other events at the Festival:

- **Eddi Reader** (supported by Alice Marra and Andrew Mitchell from the Hazey Janes), Sat 22 November, 8pm at Loch Leven Community Campus.
- **Kinross-shire's Got Talent**, Friday 14 November, 7pm at the campus.
- **Iain Hunter and The Eliot Murray Big Band**, Saturday 15 November, 8pm at the campus.
- **Choirs Together**, Sunday 16 November, 7pm at the campus.
- **Festive Street Market and Light Up Kinross**, Saturday 29 November, The Muirs/Green Hotel.

Tickets are for sale through the website, Milnathort Post Office, Macbeth Currie Estate Agent in Kinross and Hunters of Kinross (tickets Iain). For more information about the festival, visit www.kinrosswinterfestival.co.uk

Leven Voices: Leven Voices will have a summer stop but will start again on Tuesday 16 September, 7.30pm at the Kinross Parish Church.

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



Common Grounds



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July certainly surpassed expectations and wasn't it lovely to see tanned faces and smiles everywhere! With the arrival of summer, holidays have impacted on our rota but, as always, everyone has stepped forward to fill any potential gaps.

Due to forward planning, a stockpile of wood is ready for our wood burner's cheery welcome when colder days return (hopefully well into the future). Thanks to all volunteers for their efforts at this busy time.

Project: Our project for June was Village Aid, which works with rural communities and partner organisations in four countries in West Africa, Gambia, Ghana, Sierra Leone and Cameroon. They carry out projects in the areas of literacy and learning, securing livelihoods and advocacy and justice. We last supported Village Aid in 2012. Our project for July is Ripple Africa, a charity that operates at grassroots level in Malawi involving the community in all aspects of its activity. They are working to improve local education, healthcare and the environment. They believe in "Provide a hand up, not a hand out". Our project for August is Fighting Blindness in Ethiopia. FBIE is a small Scottish (Greenock) based charity. Scottish doctors and nurses travel out to Ethiopia to carry out some of their work including eye surgery. We anticipate having a project lunch in September with a local eye surgeon coming along to talk about her involvement with and the work of the charity.

Forthcoming event: Our local Indian restaurant, the Raj Mahal, has very kindly offered us part of their restaurant for a **fundraising evening on Wednesday 27 August**. Tickets for the meal are £12.50 per head available through our Volunteers or in Common Grounds. Please come and join us for a fun evening with good food and good company.

Project Lunch: We are delighted that a speaker from Fighting Blindness in Ethiopia, Fiona Freeland, is able to come along to our next project lunch on **Tuesday 16 September**, a date for your diary; more details next month.

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

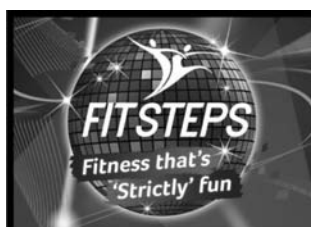
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Kinross & District Art Club

Outdoor Painting Days

Our three painting days *en plein air* were a great success this year, thanks to the meticulous organisation of club member John Tydeman and the generosity of our hosts.

The first, at Lochornie House, threatened to be rained off, but every cloud and all that... The seven intrepid painters simply decamped from the lawn to a covered area at the rear of the house where they found the most interesting architectural features to sketch and paint. Hosts Tricia and John Getley then produced a delightful surprise, inviting the artists into their house for lunch of homemade soup, coffee and beer! In the afternoon, the sun came out and the painting continued outdoors, featuring the lovely old house, the gardens and their inhabitants of chickens, geese and sheep!

Cleish Castle was the venue for the next painting day, with 16 club members attending in glorious sunshine. Hosts Judith and Simon Miller provided cold drinks under a sunshade and later took drinks around to all the artists as they sat painting around the grounds. The venue presented a huge range of subjects with the castle and attached buildings in a large and varied garden, including a wonderful avenue of huge, ancient yew trees.

The final visit was to Falkland Palace and grounds, for which John had negotiated an excellent group rate of entry with Wendy Purvis, the very helpful and accommodating Property Manager at the Palace. The Palace staff made everyone most welcome and the fine weather throughout made the whole experience most enjoyable. Around 20 members found different locations from which to select stunning views of the building and the colourful gardens. Most also took a picnic lunch with them, adding to the pleasure of the outing. In the photo here you see club member Alice Mee and her two granddaughters, Ella and Katie, hopefully future artists as well!



Club member Alice Mee with granddaughters Ella and Katie at the Falkland Palace outdoor painting day

All of this activity has provided the inspiration for new paintings for our Exhibition in the Parish Church in September. Opening Evening this year is Wednesday 10th and the Exhibition will be open on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th from 1pm-8pm, Saturday 13th, 10am-4pm. For more information on the club's activities and for our winter programme of meetings, see: www.kadac.co.uk or ring Glenys on 07702 572664.



Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



The August meeting will be held on **Thursday 7 August** at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall. The speaker at this meeting will be Avril Duncan who will talk about the homeless children of Indian prostitutes.

The speaker at the July meeting, Jean Black, gave a moving account of her efforts in support of the Enkuthazweni Centre School for Children, (South African Food Garden Project).

Away Days August 2014

14 August Summerlea

28 August Arbroath Angus Centre

The coaches leave from opposite the Green Hotel at 9.15am unless otherwise stated. Regrettably no advance bookings for trips can be accepted prior to the monthly meeting.

Contact: Mary Muirhead on 01577 863564.

Friday Walkers

1 August: Letham Glen, Blacketyside and Silverburn Park.

15 August: A new circular walk from Springfield starting at the golf course, passing Crawford Priory and over several railway crossings.

29 August: A repeat of last year's walk from Falkland, going through the woods of the estate.

Contact: Ian Simpson 01577 863691.

Friday Hill Walkers

8 August Gargunnoch Richard 8.30

22 August Tinto Hill Stewart 8.30

5 September Glen Tarken Jock 8.30

Activities

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

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.

Carnbo Community Hall

The sun shone for our treasure hunt and barbecue in July. Five highly competitive teams unscrambled the cryptic clues and challenges. A few heated debates, completely crazy answers and a team who went off the wrong way, all added to a humorous afternoon and stories swapped over the barbecue. We all now see Carnbo in a whole new light! A massive thanks to George, Maureen and John.

Next events

Sunday 3 August 3pm. Earthship visit and barbecue.

Sunday 10 August Carnbo Commonwealth Games, Gelvan Farm.

Sunday 7 September 3pm. Cycle. All welcome. Charity barbecue.

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Kinnesswood in Bloom

Portmoak Church was full of colour during the recent Portmoak Festival with flowers, pictures by the pupils of Portmoak Primary School and photographs from local photographers. The theme was 'Active Portmoak'. Thanks should go to the ladies who produced the lovely displays, sponsored by local organisations including the Scotlandwell and Kinnesswood in Bloom groups. The art work was greatly admired and the Primary 7 golf pictures will go on display elsewhere in the run up to the Ryder Cup. Look out for the new mural in the bus shelter. We also hope you are enjoying the Willow Sculpture of a golfer in the Heather Garden.

The sewing ladies of Kinnesswood in Bloom have been busy in June and July, finishing the mini golfers. John has been installing the last ones around the village. A trail has been devised for families to walk round the village, spotting the golfers and answering clues. There is also a competition to count the number of golf balls in the guise of birds, beasts and frogs which have been placed around Kinnesswood. You will find the golf trail in the shop and winners will be drawn from the correct answers in September.

The hanging baskets are now up and smart new sponsor labels have been attached to the baskets and tubs.

Once again the celebration of the Best Village competition was hosted in Portmoak Hall on Thursday 24 July. This was hosted by the Civic Trust with a buffet provided by the groups taking part.



Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

Spiced Mackerel

Enjoy mackerel either hot or cold in season. This recipe is cold and can be prepared ahead for a summer picnic.

Ingredients

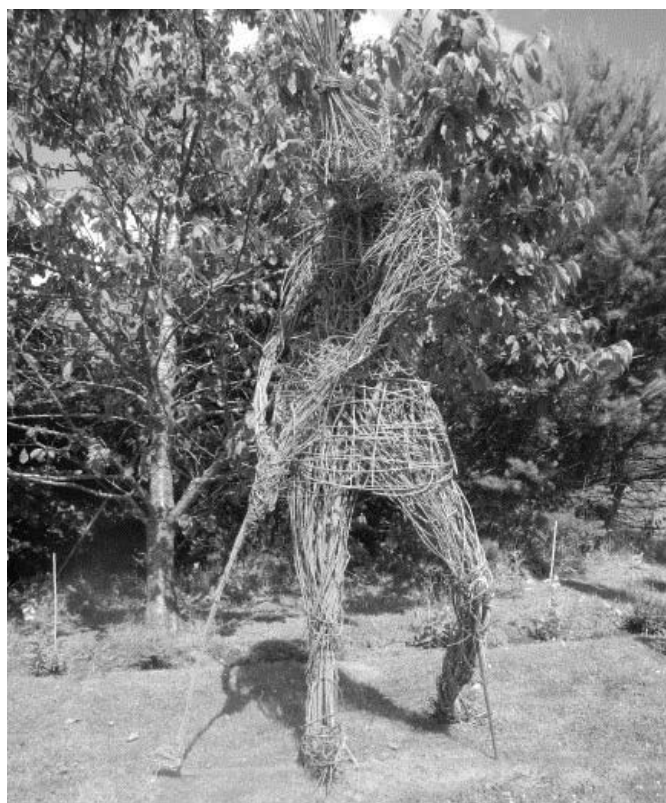
6 mackerel	3 tablespoons cider
1 teaspn black peppercorns	425 ml vinegar
3 bay leaves	3 tbsps sultanas (optional)
2 teaspoons salt	2 teaspoons sugar
3 medium onions	Pinch of cayenne
25g butter	

Method

Clean the mackerel and lay in a pan with the peppercorns and bay leaves. Pour over enough salted water just to cover. Simmer gently for about 10 minutes. Drain well, reserving the liquid and lay in a shallow dish.

Cut the onions into thin slices, cook till soft in the butter, drain then spread over the mackerel. Boil up the cider with the vinegar and 300 ml of the liquid in which the fish were poached. Add the peppercorns, bay leaves, sultanas, sugar and pinch of cayenne.

Pour over the mackerel, cover and keep for at least a day before serving. Serve with salad and hot or cold new potatoes.



Ryder cup themed willow sculpture

Kinross Museum



Our exhibition "When we were at the Schule" continues to attract lots of attention as people recognise friends and relatives in old class photographs. Look out for the first in a series of displays commemorating the Great War soon to be mounted.

The Museum's survey of the memorial stones in the Kirkgate Churchyard continues and will feature in a future exhibition once the work has been completed. If you would like to take part in the survey, please get in touch with the Museum, which is manned by volunteers on Thursdays and Saturdays.

As part of the Museum's involvement with the Living Lomonds Landscape Partnership, Museum Chairman Professor David Munro will be holding a **workshop** entitled "**Meiths & Marches**" in the ICT2 Room next to the Museum Study 10.00-12.00 on **Saturday 16 August**. Exploring boundaries and changing landscapes in the Lomond Hills, this event will be followed by a walk in the Lomonds in search of boundary stones from 1.30pm to 4.00pm. If you would like to book a place on the workshop and/or the walk, find out more on www.livinglomonds.org.uk or come and see us in the Museum.

You are also welcome to visit our stand at **Kinross Show** on **9 August** and drop by during the Loch Leven Community Campus '**Vintage Day**' on **23 August**.

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

June Draw

1st	No	61	Sylvia Wilson, Scotlandwell
2nd	No	100	Simon Nicol, Kinnesswood
3rd	No	73	Ross Irving, Kinnesswood

Kinross-shire Visitor Information Points

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

Dobbies Community Champion

The Little Seedlings Club had fun at the July meeting, learning about scented plants, and going on a scented trail around the store, finding lilies, roses, lavender etc, and also herbs with scented leaves. One parent told me that as soon as her son got home, he “stuck his nose into our lavender bush!”

The next meeting at the allotments will be on **Sunday 3 August** at 11am, with more about herbs and spices, and healing plants. We will also be sowing chive seeds to take home. **New members are welcome**, aged between 4 and 10 years, and an adult needs to stay with them for the meeting, which lasts about an hour. If you would like to come along, please phone the store on 01577 863327 to book a place.

The Little Seedlings' growing bed at the allotments is also growing well, as can be seen in the photo. **Our poppies, to remember the start of the First World War 100 years ago**, have just started flowering, as have the marigolds, which will attract bees, and help to repel whitefly. We also have some **sunflowers** in the bed, and many more planted along the side of the garden centre, which are already about a metre high! Look out for them on your next visit, and see if you can guess which one will grow the tallest.



Aidan Paterson beside the Little Seedlings' growing bed at the allotments

Why not come and see our growing bed for yourselves, at the official opening of the allotments on 16 August? We will be running free activities for children, and a scarecrow competition, as well as serving tasty teas. (See also page 84.)

I have also recently donated some plants and equipment from Dobbies for the community garden area at the allotments, which is developing well. Anyone is welcome to help in the community area, and have a go at growing flowers or veg for themselves. If you are interested, contact mkaachair@gmail.com.

After the holiday break, I will again be **offering visits for school children to the store**, to learn about growing their own food, healthy eating, and for the older ones, issues such as air miles and Fairtrade. This is part of our **“Helping Schools to Get Growing” initiative**. If any teachers would like to know more about arranging a visit for their class, please contact me on community.kinross@dobbies.com.

Also, if you would like to apply for a **donation for your school or community garden area**, do get in touch.

Amanda James, Community Champion

Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

It's the height of summer – wonderful for walking. Come out, improve your fitness, enjoy yourself and meet new people. Whether you're new or returning to walking or a regular walker, try out a walk or two to see if you'd like to join us. You will be made very welcome.

Sunday 3 August: Soldiers and Saints on the Pentlands – 7 miles. Bracing steady walk on the northern side of the Pentlands past Edinburgh's reservoirs. Good paths and fine country views.

Saturday 16 August: Maan Road Walk – 6½ miles. Follow lane to Twenty Shilling Wood, thence to Maan Road. Extensive views of Upper Strathearn. Return via west side of the dramatic gorge of Glen Lednock.

Sunday 31 August: Glendevon – The Reservoir Route – 8 miles. Following the Reservoir Trail, visit dams en route to Geordie's Wood, thence to Seamab. Along top to Commonedge Hill, Castleton Hill, Hillfoots Wood, then down Glen to Burnside. Spectacular views from the tops.

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

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

Kinross & Ochil Short Walks Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

Our fortnightly short walks on a **Tuesday morning** are continuing. These walks (maximum 4 miles, 1½-2 hours, followed by an optional visit to a coffee shop) 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 Kinross 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. Some more males would be particularly welcome!

Tuesday 12 August – Harran Hill Wood, Lochore Meadows. Meet 10am at old Health Centre or 10.30am at Visitor Centre Car Park, Lochore Meadows.

Tuesday 26 August – Gilderland Walk & Pillars of Hercules, Falkland. Meet 10am at old Health Centre or 10.30am at Falkland estate car park.

For more short walk group information, please contact Edna Burnett by telephoning 01577 862977 or by emailing ednaburnett@fmail.net, or by mobile 07946 725074 (on morning of walks only).

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Rotary Club of Kinross & District



June's first speaker was Steve Scott, a civil engineer by profession who is now employed by Scottish Water, the publically owned utility responsible for the provision of clean water and for wastewater disposal for over five million customers. With a turnover of over £1billion, and numerous treatment and waste disposal plants around the country, the company's expertise is now internationally recognised, with its experts being called on for advice around the world.

The implications for the families of those people convicted in the courts who end up in prison was the subject of an illuminating talk by Jeanette Deacon, who spoke about her work at Perth Prison Visitors Centre. Maintaining contact with prisoners' families, along with the provision of support when required, is an important part of the role played by her and her colleagues through the Crossreach organisation. Steve Ireland, General Manager of the Montgomery Hotels Group, provided an update on the group's future plans, which include refurbishment and external works at the Windlestrae Hotel. A lively question and answer session on the business in general completed an interesting evening.

June's meetings concluded with a series of anecdotes from Eldon Zuill, a retired Biology teacher from Upper Largo (via Bermuda and Canada), on the use, or misuse, of words from the 850000 now appearing in an English Dictionary. This number is currently increasing at the rate of around 800 per year! An entertaining and amusing talk lived up to its title, 'Words are Fun'.

The Interact Club at Kinross High School has been particularly active over the last year, and their activities in the community, and their work with the Kinross-shire Primary Schools, has now been recognised by a Rotary Presidential Citation Award. The presentation was made in the High School on the last day of term by Rotary President, Carolyne Poller, to sixth year pupil, Calum Purvis.

The Club's involvement at T in the Park was reduced this year when the organisers decided to do away with the left luggage facility at Balado which had been run by the Rotary Club for many years. However, our efforts in providing food and hot drinks at the Lethangie campsite were once again much appreciated by the campers and brought well-earned funds to our charity account.

Rotary's "year" runs from 1 July to 30 June, but due to holiday arrangements, this year's handover to next year's office bearers was delayed by a week to 14 July. A good turnout of Rotarians, partners and guests was entertained with speeches and songs to witness President Carolyne Poller hand over the reins to Rotarian Eric Williamson who will preside over the club for the next 12 months.

Carolyne's last duty was to present Rotarian Barry Davies with a Paul Harris Fellowship award for outstanding service. The club meets in the Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross on Monday evenings at 6pm for a meal at 6.30pm. For more information, contact Secretary Neil Maclure at neil.maclure19@gmail.com



Interactor Calum Purvis received Presidential Citation from President Carolyne Poller

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Portmoak Community Woodlands

We had excellent attendance at two special events during the Portmoak Festival. A 'damsels and dragons' walk in Portmoak Moss, on 25 June, led by George Guthrie of Butterfly Conservation, attracted 15 adults and two children. The group walked either side of the main drainage ditch across the peat dome and, equipped with nets and jars, hunted damselflies and dragonflies. Thanks to George's expertise we saw all three damselflies present in midsummer. Seen close-up, they are beautiful insects, very brightly coloured. We caught the large red as well as blue-tailed and azure damselflies.

A few days later, on Saturday 28 June, Duncan Davidson, the butterfly recorder for the East of Scotland and moth recorder for Fife and Kinross, gave a hugely entertaining and informative talk in the festival marquee, attended by 18 adults and eight children. He pointed out that learning how to identify butterflies was easier than learning the alphabet as there are only 22 species of butterfly in Fife and Kinross.

After the talk we headed up onto the hill above the Bishopshire golf course to put our new-found knowledge to the test. Of course, it wasn't quite as easy as it sounded, to identify butterflies flitting through the undergrowth, but we saw plenty, including a number of pretty 'ringlets', meadow brown and the lovely common blue.

Duncan had also set up a moth trap in Kilmagadwood, on the previous evening, and caught some weird and wonderful specimens, including the Poplar Hawk-moth and the brightly coloured Garden Tiger Moth.

We are now involved in the next big project in Portmoak Moss, with the surface of the peat dome being mulched and flattened to provide better, boggy conditions for sphagnum moss and all the creatures that thrive in this rare habitat.



*Large red damselflies at Portmoak Moss
(sadly, in black and white!)*

Photo: Stewart Nven



Portmoak Gala, Saturday 21 June

This year Carla Spowart was crowned Gala queen by Portmoak Head Teacher Mrs Louise Gordon. The Queen's escort was Jonathan Venters, and the flower girls were Ella Forbes and Heidi Duncan.

*The Queen crowned:
Gala queen Carla Spowart, Escort
Jonathan Venters, flower girls Ella
Forbes and Heidi Duncan.*

*Portmoak Head Teacher Mrs
Louise Gordon Seated at left*

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1st Orwell Brownies

This has been a very special year for all Brownies everywhere as it is 'The Big Brownie 100th Birthday'.

We celebrated by attending the Big Brownie fun weekend at Dalguise, run by PGL. 2nd Orwell and 1st Portmoak Brownies also joined us and many friendships were made by both Brownies and Leaders.

On the last evening of this term we had a fantastic 100th Birthday Party, joined again by our friends, 1st Portmoak Brownies. The party turned out to be quite a feast with yummy burgers (thanks Eric and Alec, our master chefs), toasted marshmallows squashing in-between chocolate weeten biscuits and deliciously cooked bananas with giant melted chocolate and milk buttons. The bananas were courtesy of 1st Portmoak Brownies, who were competing in their 100th birthday challenge badge. Well done, Portmoak! As if all that wasn't enough, it was topped by a magnificent birthday cake, made with the Brownie colours and logos. The cake was gifted to us from our very kind 1st Portmoak Brownie friends and a credit to "Sensation Cakes", Milnathort.

It is nearly a year since the Brownies have had the 'New Promise', which came into force on 1st September 2013. The Promise that our girls now say when they join the organisation was updated to create common ground where those of all faiths and those of none can come together. Last September, three of our newest Brownies **Zoe Findlay**, **Mya Shiels** and **Amy Smith** were the first local Brownies to say the new promise during their 'promise ceremony', making history for our wee village as well as local GirlGuiding.



The three newest 1st Orwell Brownies saying their promise

The picture above is of our three newest brownies, **Elizabeth Cameron**, **Naomi Cameron** and **Joanyoung May Perkins**, saying their promise at our Big 100th Birthday Party. Our Summer Guiding magazine stated 'Always be a first-rate version of yourself, instead of a second-rate version of somebody else' (Judy Garland), a significant part of our New promise 'To be true to myself'. After our summer break, 1st Orwell Brownies will meet on a Monday evening 6.45pm-8pm, Guide Hall Milnathort. We still have a few spaces left for girls 7 - 10 years of age. Brownies is a great way for girls to make friends, learn new skills and experiences as well as learning to believe in themselves as individuals and make a difference to others. Wishing everyone a very happy summer break,

Margaret Caldwell & Dawn Ramage, Brownie Leaders

Matthew Dance Academy

What a busy few terms it's been for all pupils and parents of the school. Firstly a **huge** thanks to all pupils for their hard work and effort throughout the BATD examinations which resulted in many pupils attaining top scores, keeping our 100% pass rate safe for another year. These results led to 27 pupils being invited to compete at the Annual BATD Scottish Championships in Helensburgh for the first time; a fantastic experience for all involved, not to mention many medals being won and firsts in all sections entered, so all in all a very good day!

Congratulations to both **Rachel Carscadden** and **Stefanie Kidd** from our Diploma class who both successfully auditioned for their chosen stage schools. Rachel starts Dance for All in Edinburgh whilst Stefanie heads west to Fame Academy where both will train full time for the next three years before starting their professional careers. Best of luck, girls, we are all very proud of you.

After 13 years of performing on the Perth Theatre stage, which closed for refurbishment in January, we transferred to Carnegie Hall in Dunfermline for our annual shows. The pupils rose to the challenge of a new venue, bigger stage and gave 100% as always as they performed to a crowded auditorium! Well done, and thank you to everyone involved in helping us put on a fantastic show!

Probably the biggest change comes this August as, after 17 years of dancing at the Milnathort Town Hall, I am pleased and very excited to announce we are moving into our **very own studios**! MDA Studios will be open for the new term at Kingfisher House, Milnathort, and all pupils past, present, new and old are invited to our **open day on Saturday 16 August** to see just what we have to offer for the new term. With classes from age 2½ upwards offering Tap, Ballet, Jazz Modern, Freestyle, Street, Cheer, Fitsteps and more to come, there's something for everyone.

For more information, contact Nikki on 07869120989.

Kinross Garden Group

On 17 July, forty-four members of Kinross Garden Group enjoyed an outing to Dunkeld for lunch and then visited the gardens of Easter Meikle Fardle at Meikleour. A good time was had by all.

Our next outing is on **Thursday 14 August** to Coldstream for lunch and then to Antons Hill and Walled Garden at Leitholm.



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Bavarian adventure for Kinross youngsters

A party of 41 members of 1st Kinross Boys' Brigade, Girls' Association and Scouts enjoyed a nine-day summer camp adventure in Perth's twin town of Aschaffenburg at the beginning of the school summer break.

The group travelled by overnight ferry from Newcastle to Ijmuiden (Amsterdam) then many hours by coach to reach their destination on the south east edge of Aschaffenburg. Set on a hill amid a forest setting, the Buntberg facility was a welcome sight for the travel weary group. A welcome party from the 'Friends of Perth' and one of the local scout groups provided a barbecue meal of a local spiral sausage delicacy and a variety of bread rolls. Later on in the evening the group had supper followed by evening prayers with the theme for the week being 'miracles.'

On the Monday the group explored Aschaffenburg town centre. This was the final day of Aschaffenburg's 'Volkfest' and the Kinross youngsters were treated to a meal and drinks by their German hosts in a massive tent on the banks of the River Main, overlooking the 'Perth Inch.' One of the Aschaffenburg pipe band members welcomed the group in full highland dress playing a number of popular pipe tunes. Also in attendance were Jack and Penny Coburn from Perth, who had flown over for a long weekend. (Jack is a local councillor and Penny is the chairperson of the Friends of Aschaffenburg.) The group then savoured the delights of the funfair with many big rides, and all at half price as this was the final day of the ten-day festival.

Tuesday saw the group make the short journey to Frankfurt, exploring the town centre, Cathedral tower and Children's Museum.

On Wednesday the group divided into two, with the older members having a guided tour of the Eder Brewery and younger members baking pretzels at a local bakery. The afternoon was spent at Aschaffenburg's outdoor heated swimming pool complex boasting three pools, a range of high diving boards, a water flume, beach volleyball court, table tennis table and a variety of sun loungers.

Thursday's visit to the medieval town of Rothenburg even saw some members of the group join in singing along with a local busker.

Friday's visit to the spectacular Auto and Technic Museum at Sinnsheim was amazing, with Concorde and the Russian

variant Tupelov on display along with a massive number of cars through the ages: racing cars, motor cycles, steam and diesel trains as well as war time vehicles. Older members of the group then went to the Aschaffenburg sports arena to watch the German football team defeat France on a large screen.



Gailbach Scout Leader Jorg Witzorkiwitz presenting a souvenir pennant to Kinross BB Captain David Munro (left) and Kinross Scout leader Dale Coldwell (right)

Saturday saw the local scouts accompany the Kinross youngsters to the Freizeiland Theme Park at Geiselwind, where they spent a memorable day together on a wide range of fast rides on water and on land along with a variety of shows. Both groups returned to Buntberg for their evening meal, which was followed by the traditional Kinross Camp Concert. This was followed by the group's awards, with the best tent being tent five: Joshua Roe, Andrew Beveridge, Chris Cassells, Kirsty Galloway and Erin Leslie. The best member award was very closely contested with Bethany Sparling and George Milne sharing third place, last year's winner Christina Webster being pipped into second place by this year's winner Andrew Beveridge.

It was a truly memorable time spent in and around Aschaffenburg with the group appreciating everything that their twin town hosts had prepared for them in terms of a wide range of experiences, which will hopefully pave the way for future links between the youngsters of Kinross and their counterparts in Aschaffenburg.

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Kinross High School

As you read this, KHS is about to embark on Session 2014-15. I promised a fresh start to our contributions and this month I have invited our new Head Girl (Heather Sturgeon) and Head Boy (Fred Culley) to outline their plans for the coming year.



RH Keatings

Fred: As a younger pupil of KHS, I always looked up to the senior prefects, especially the Head Boy. To find myself in this position now is a huge honour. In the coming year I hope to be able to continue, along with Heather, the excellent work of my predecessors, but also bring new, fresh ideas to the school. I feel the unity across the years is something to be proud of, and the open relationship we have with the staff makes the school an exciting and encouraging place to learn. There are also strong links with the community and as Head Boy, I will try to improve these further. I believe that the community in Kinross-shire is rightly proud of the school and I think this can be enhanced by greater collaboration.

Through playing sport within and out with the school I have learnt the importance of teamwork, which I hope to establish within the senior prefect team. Sport has been important to me in my development and I hope to inspire others regarding the benefits it can bring. The change to the timetable next year will allow great scope for involvement in clubs, especially on the Fridays. We will work hard to make sure that these are enjoyable and encourage the pupils to stay in school and partake in them.

Over the last year the school has raised a remarkable amount of money for Mary's Meals, our chosen charity. This year we are focusing our efforts towards the Teenage Cancer Trust, and our senior team will be working very hard to reach last year's total sum. Throughout the year I intend to be available to all pupils who might want to discuss certain issues, or have concerns. I see one of the major roles of being Head Boy is to act as a 'go between' for pupils and

staff. By the end of the year, with a lot of hard work, I hope to have made a lasting impact on the school.

Heather: Becoming Head Girl is by far one of the most incredible accolades I have been given and it is a great honour to have been chosen for this position. It enables me to have a platform that will allow me to give something positive back to the school after the incredible support and opportunities that I have been fortunate to experience over the last five years, whether it be my academic grades; the chance to participate in the Rock Challenge competition; going on various trips abroad such as the German exchange, watersports and ski trips. The list goes on! I am very excited for the year ahead and I feel that I am also very lucky to have such a strong team, along with Fred, of senior prefects. After a great day of fundraising on our last day of term (for our newly chosen school charity, the Teenage Cancer Trust) I think our whole sixth year has already proved to the whole school that everyone is very willing to get involved and try to make this year as successful and as enjoyable as possible. One of my aims as Head Girl is to try to increase communication about everything that is happening within the school – especially the different events going on. I also want to try to get the support of both pupils and the community and ensure that everyone can be involved in the exciting upcoming events such as charity fundraisers, team sporting games, music concerts and such like. I will do this both online (school website, twitter etc) and by word of mouth.

I'd also like to thank everyone who made this dream come true, as ever since I was a young girl I've admired those who have attained this position, so it took a while for it to sink in after such a competitive selection process. I am determined to prove that everyone who believed in me was right. I can't wait to take on the challenges and responsibilities that the year ahead holds with my head held high, alongside Fred and the rest of the team, and do everything we can to make this year as fantastic as possible!

Kinross High School Parent Council

Clerk: Jennifer Sneddon 0794 667 9815
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Do you have a child moving to Kinross High School this year? Perhaps you might consider joining the High School Parent Council. It comprises parents and guardians of young people at the school together with teachers, (including our Headteacher Mr Keatings) and community members. The Parent Council represents the views of parents and guardians of pupils at the school to help ensure that our young people can learn and develop to their maximum potential. We work in partnership with the school to create a positive 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 Kinross High School pupil is welcome to come along to Parent Council meetings. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested in finding out more.

Dates for meetings during the 2014-15 School year will be: 15 September, 10 November, 12 January, 9 March, 20 April (to be confirmed) and 25 May, with the AGM on 15 June.

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.

Office bearers of the Parent Council for the 2014-15 school year were elected at our AGM on 16 June. William Nicholls is the new Chair, Carol Potter is the new Vice Chair and Allan Miller continues as Treasurer.

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2014 Programme of Events

Antiques, Vintage, Retro and Collectors Fair, Saturday 9 August: There will be buying, selling and valuations given. Admission will be from 9.30am – 4pm with entry fee of £1 per person. For exhibitor bookings please contact Angus on 07944 416565.

Kinross Cycling Club 3 Man Time Trial, Sunday 17 August: Please go to www.kinrosscyclingclub.co.uk for further details.

1940s Vintage Day, Saturday 23 August: See page 9 for full details. If your local group 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). Alternatively, there will be other stall/table options available. If you would like further information regarding the booking of any type of stall, please contact Gerry McGregor at the Loch Leven Community Campus (see above).

Some upcoming events in 2014

Sun 7 September	Kinross Cycling Club Road Race
Sat 13 September	Antiques & Collectors Fair
Fri 19 September	Health, Wellbeing & Pamper Evening
Fri 26 September	RSPB: "Loch Leven: The Big Picture"
Sat 27 September	RSPB: "Loch Leven: The Big Picture"
Sat 11 October	Antiques & Collectors Fair
Sat 1 November	Indoor Table Top Sale
Sat 8 November	Antiques & Collectors Fair

For more details on any of the above events, please see Loch Leven Community Campus Events Facebook page or the website <http://kinross.myallocator.com/> It is a great way to get the latest updates on all that is going on at the Loch Leven Community Campus.

Health, Wellbeing & Pamper Evening, Friday 19 September: If you or your group or business would like to take part in this event, please contact Gerry McGregor (details as above).

Ideas for Events

We welcome any ideas or suggestions for any events you would like to see at the Loch Leven Community Campus. Please get in touch with your comment on previous events or if can think of ways to improve on the ones we are already doing. 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.

Campus Survey

So that we can see what we are doing well and how we can improve on stuff that is not so good, the new 2014 Campus User Survey is now available for all to complete at <http://pkc.Loch-Leven-Campus-Users-2014.sgizmo.com/s3/> Copies are also available at Loch Leven Community campus reception so make your views known and tell us what you think!

Club Correspondents

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

Fossoway Summer Fête

Much fun and excitement was enjoyed by all at the recent Summer Fête held at Fossoway Primary School in Drum on 7 June.

Cambo Pipe Band kicked off the festivities with some rousing tunes followed by an enthusiastic parade of the school children showing off their House Colours banners. Numerous tempting treats were available for sale including delicious home baking, barbecue foods, local crafts and plants with a welcome warm drink and tasty cake kindly provided by the members of Fossoway Church.



Mrs Margaret Forster, Fossoway head teacher, and the parade of house colours

A popular new attraction was the dog show with keen competition for such prizes as 'waggiest tale' and 'dog most like its owner', never mind the chaos of the dog agility course! Kinross Cougars gave an energetic mini-rugby display with the children from Dance Connect performing several polished routines for an appreciative audience.

Delighted little faces displayed fabulous face painting with the livelier fête attendees trying their hand at wellie-wangling and golf. A definite highlight was the 'Droukit Farewell' to the P7 children who endured a soaking with wet sponges being flung at them!

An impressive martial arts demonstration from Kuk Sool Won (Dunfermline) closed the afternoon's activities followed by Mrs Margaret Forster (Head Teacher) thanking everyone in the wider Fossoway community for coming and supporting the event, which raised £1700. This money will help buy resources to support the Fossoway Primary School children's learning experiences in the next year.

Elaine Melville (on behalf of Fossoway PS PTA)

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Sports News



Busy summer of volleyball

Kinross Volleyball Club is having a busy summer with most Monday evenings seeing club members as well as a few new faces turn up at the grass area behind the Community Campus for recreational volleyball fun.

It is also busy for two of Kinross BB members, **Mark Cathro** and **Mitchell Brown**, who have been selected for the Scotland East & North volleyball squad to take part in the Sainsbury's UK School Games in Manchester. Mark has been selected as a middle blocker with Mitchell's selection as a wing spiker. Well done, boys, and good luck in Manchester from 4 to 7 September.

Fourteen teams (boys and girls) representing England North, England Central, England South, Northern Ireland, Scotland East and North, Scotland West and South and Wales compete for the title of School Games Champions.



Mark Cathro and Mitchell Brown, who have been selected for the Sainsbury's UK School Games

Senior members of the Kinross Club are gearing up to the 41st **De Haan** annual volleyball tournament in Belgium. Two teams have been entered this year: one in the Men's Regional League and one in the Mixed League. Fourteen members will leave Kinross on 7 August, returning on the 12th. Some members stay in hotels and others camp on-site at the tournament. The Kinross Club has a good record at the De Haan tournament, twice finishing in bronze medal position over the years.

Fun outdoor volleyball continues over the summer months from 7pm until 8.30pm on Monday evenings at the grass area behind the campus – all welcome. New members are particularly welcome as the club prepares for the Perth & District Leagues and the East of Scotland Regional League. There are currently four volleyball teams from Kinross competing in the local leagues, so there are vacancies at both Recreational and Premier League levels.

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Ice rink refurbishment

The refurbishment work continues on schedule; the completion date remains 18 August.

A great deal of work has been carried out on the floor since the last report. A heater mat was laid to prevent the ground below from freezing and then expanding and causing the old 'frost heave' problem that used to distort the playing surface sometimes. Concrete was poured on the heater mat. Next, insulation boards of 75mm depth were put down. On top of that went steel reinforced mesh for attaching the refrigeration pipes. It was a lot of work laying the refrigeration pipes as they arrived in big rolls and then had to be rolled out and fitted by hand to ensure that the space between each pipe is the same from end to end. After that, concrete was poured over the refrigeration pipes. The concrete pouring took a whole day, from 8am until midnight on 9 July.

The new refrigeration plant has been delivered. Electricity supply works in Green Road will take place in the first week of August.

The asbestos ceiling tiles in the corridor at the changing room end of the ice are to be removed. When this is done, all asbestos will have been cleared from the building. The new ceiling in the corridor will be moisture resistant plasterboard and there will be new lights.

The installation of a gas supply to the kitchen (also providing hot water for the radiators in the lounge) will end the ice rink's dependence on the Green Hotel's fuel supply. There will be new external doors and a ramp with railings to improve access.



Insulation boards, one of the many layers making up the new ice rink floor

photo: Steven Kerr

Refurbishment progress can be followed on the Kinross Curling website and Facebook page.

The Curling Trust will have a stand at the **Kinross Show** and there will be an **Open Day** at the rink on **Saturday 13 September**. (See notice on p. 88.)

Kinross Otters

Scottish National Age Group
Championships 2014 (SNAGS)

Aberdeen Sports Village, 25 – 29 June

Five Otters managed to qualify for this top class event held in Aberdeen in the last week of June. Unfortunately **Jordan Curtis** and **Conor McCormick** were unable to attend due to long standing important holiday commitments (lucky them!). This left the girls to carry the Otters mantle and they did not disappoint.

Highest position went to **Iona Crawford** (13) in the 100m Breaststroke for 13 year old girls where she came 20th out of 39 qualifying swimmers in 1.27.41, just outside her personal best time. In the 200m event she came 23rd out of 28 swimmers in 3.09.94 again outside her pb. However, she has just been picked for the Scottish Triathlon Team and been crowned Scottish Schools 800m **running** champion, so her talents run deep and she is somewhat busy to say the least!

Ola Stanton (11) came 29th out of 40 swimmers in the 10-12 year old girls 200m Breaststroke, breaking her personal best in 3.17.64 with only two other 11 year olds ahead of her. All is looking good for next year!

Amy Hardie (12) came 35th out of 49 swimmers in the 10-12 year old girls 100m Freestyle in another personal best time of 1.10.60. Amy did remarkably well as she qualified for these finals in 49th spot.

A very well done to all the above swimmers who made it to SNAGS. Even to qualify for an event such as this is a considerable achievement.

Midland District Leagues Update

The Premier League continued at Montrose on 14 June where the Otters produced their performance of the year so far by coming second overall, just two points behind League leaders Perth City. They now lie second in the League table with two galas to go. Assisting them greatly with this performance was the Girls 15 and over relay team who smashed the club record by 6 seconds in the 4 x 50m Medley Relay in 2.19.56 (**Fiona Thomson** – Backstroke, **Rachel Brisbane** – Breaststroke, **Niamh Mullen** – Butterfly and **Rebecca Hardie** – Freestyle).

The First Division team hosted the gala on 21 June and came third overall and this is where they lie in the table. Many thanks to several late call ups and some of the ageing coaches (sorry!), all of whom contributed greatly to having a full and competitive team.



Kinross Gymnastics



Live Active Loch Leven

Well done to all our Live Active Loch Leven gymnasts who took part in the Perth and Kinross Development Gymnastic group floor and vault competition at Bells Sport Centre on 15 June. There were 22 gymnasts who took part from Kinross, many competing for the first time. All the coaches were very pleased with how everyone performed and congratulations to the following gymnasts who were placed in the top five:

Sophie Normile	2nd	Benji Alexander	3rd
Hamish Petrie	1st	Rueben Glover	1st
Holly McLachlan 5th (merit to move up to beginners)			

Tay Valley Gymnastic Club

Tay Valley Gymnastics Club started in Perth two years ago and last October the Kinross branch of the club was set up with 18 gymnasts. We coach on a Wednesday night in the gymnasium at the campus from 6pm until 7.30pm. The club is a development club run by Sports Development where gymnasts from Live Active recreational classes are invited to join the club. The club gives gymnasts the chance to develop further and have more opportunities to take part in competitions and GymFest, where they perform a mix of dance and gymnastics in a display.

We also had 11 of our gymnasts competing at the same competition and congratulations to the following:

Rebecca Smith	2nd	Eve Cunningham	2nd
Niamh Chumley	4th	Lynsey Pitcaithly	2nd
Amy Salmon 1st (merit to move up to beginners)			

We would like to thank all our gymnasts for their hard work over the past six months where many achieved their Scottish Gymnastics Proficiency Awards and everyone who took part in the competition. The coaches hope that everyone enjoys their summer and we'll see you all back in August.

Lindsay, Emily, Kerry, Yvonne, Jenny, Laura, Emma.

Kinross Rugby Football Club



Preseason is well underway for the senior team at Kinross Rugby Club, with new coach Tom Bennett putting the players through their paces for the start of the season.

All new players of any ability and age are more than welcome to come down. Contact the club phone on 07534761572 for further information. Preseason training is on Tuesday and Thursday from 7pm until 8.30pm and Saturdays 1pm-2.30pm at the KGV, The Muirs, Kinross.

Preseason fixtures are as follows:

August

16th & 17th	Training camp in Aviemore
23rd	Match v Inverleith (Home, 3pm KO)
30th	Match v Carnoustie (Away, 3pm KO)

League Fixture

September

6th	Match v Harris (Home, 1.30pm KO)
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The kick off time for the first home league match on 6 September has been brought forward to 1.30pm. This is to coincide with an Open / Family Day that the club are looking to hold. It is hoped that all junior, senior, and past members of the club will be able to join the activities and support the team during the match. There will be various activities, barbecue and sports games.

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Kinross Cavaliers Basketball Club

Congratulations!

FRASER NOTMAN awarded 'Young Person's Coach Of The Year.'



John Anton, Regional Development Manager, Basketball Scotland Tayside & Fife presenting Fraser Notman with his Award

As part of Basketball Scotland Tayside & Fife's Regional Coaching Awards 2013-14, Fraser Notman, Coach at Kinross Cavaliers Basketball Club, was recently awarded 'Young Person's Coach of the Year'.

Fraser currently coaches around 25 boys and girls aged 14 years and under who train every Tuesday at Loch Leven Community Campus. Fraser is a Level 2 coach who coaches on a voluntary basis. He turns up every week, through wind, rain and snow. Laden with bags of basketballs, various pieces of training equipment, paperwork and the first aid kit, he is always smiling.

Fraser also recently volunteered to coach basketball at the local High School where the S3 team was in danger of disbanding.

Thanks to his sheer hard work and determination, the club has a healthy number of members attending each week. Fraser is also supportive of younger coaches, mainly S3 pupils, allowing them to take charge of small groups and to referee end of session matches.

Fraser has enjoyed taking part in coaching with the Future Starz programme this season and is now Assistant Coach to the under 11 boys' national development squad.

Fraser is an active participant in basketball and is always professional and consistent in his coaching. He is very well respected by all kids and parents in the club.

Everyone at Kinross Cavaliers would like to say **'Well done, Fraser, and many congratulations.'** What an achievement.

Training ended on for the summer break on 24 June, and **will resume on Tuesday 19 August at 6pm.**

The coaches at Kinross Cavaliers 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, come along and join us.

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

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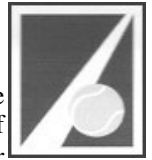
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Kinross Tennis Club

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Wimbledon may be a distant memory, but the tennis season still has a long way to go, so if you feel like a game of tennis, pick up your racket and join us at KTC. We have adult and junior + adult and child coaching sessions, social tennis on weekdays and weekends plus league matches for adults and juniors; something for everyone at all levels of ability.

League Matches - Tennis Tayside

Our Men's team, playing in Division 3 of the league, had a tough start to the season, winning only one out of the first seven matches. However, in a season of two halves, they came storming back to win their last three matches to finish fourth and secure their status within Division 3 for next year.

Our Ladies' team, playing in Division 2, had a very successful season, winning seven, drawing one and losing only two matches. They finished second in their Division with 15 points and can potentially look forward to promotion to Division 1 next season.

In the men's 4-Player League, the division suffered from a number of cancellations due to lack of players. Kinross, however, was always able to field a team. Season record: Played ten, won six, lost four.

Henderson Vase

During the months of July and August, KTC enters teams in the mixed doubles competitions. Our first team are in Division 1 and opened the season with a tight victory over Broughty Ferry 1st team at home.

We also have a team entered in Division 4 of the Henderson Vase leagues. They started this part of the season with an away win at Lundin Links.

Coaching

Considerable emphasis has been placed upon junior coaching this year, a consistent improvement in standards of play being noted at all levels. Summer tennis camps were run from 30 June to 4 July and 21 to 25 July.

Junior coaching at all levels (8 and under through to 18 and under) will also be available from 19 August to 10 October. Places are still available for all sessions.

Booking for junior coaching and camps please contact Siobahn Macleod, at kinrosstennisclubcoaching@gmail.com.

Adult and Child Coaching sessions have proven to be extremely popular; they are a great way to introduce very young players to tennis and at the same time ignite or reignite the interest of parents in tennis.

Club Championships

The senior and junior club championships are currently underway, matches to be played during July and August, with finals day for Seniors 6 September and Juniors 30 August. In addition, the Mini Red, Orange and Green club championships will take place on 16 August.

Tennis Club Open Day

Kinross Tennis Club held an Open Day on 28 June as part of the Great British Tennis Weekend, which included free on-court sessions. Sadly, take-up for these sessions was lower than hoped for.

Non-Members/Visitors

Sands the Ironmongers are able to provide access to the tennis courts for a small fee.

Further Information on Kinross Tennis Club can be found on our website.

Kinross Badminton Club



With the 2013-14 season coming to an end, the committee would just like to thank all the members for making our fourth season at Loch Leven Community Campus a successful one. This was achieved by the consistent attendance of members, which kept the club going strong throughout the season. Although we have had a good season, we are always looking for new members, so feel free to come along at the start of the new season!

With the annual tournament coming to an end, we would just like to thank everyone who took part and also congratulate all of the winners and runners up:

	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Runner Up</i>
Singles		
<i>Gents</i>	Steve Thomson	Ian Coulter
<i>Ladies</i>	Alison Scott	Laura Dalgleish
Doubles		
<i>Gents</i>	Denis Sweeny & Rory Cooper	Liam Morris & John Mahoney
<i>Ladies</i>	Alison Walker & Gwen Tate	Maureen Macpherson & Laura Dalgleish
<i>Mixed</i>	Gwen Tate & Liam Morris	Alison Scott & Stephen Ross

As always, the end of season tournament produced a lot of high quality matches. Everyone played well and we hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

The first senior session of the next season will be **14 August** at 8pm at the community campus. Throughout the remainder of August, the club will only play on Thursdays (14th, 21st and 28th) before starting up properly in September where the club will meet on both Tuesday and Thursday nights.

The committee will be holding a meeting on 12 August to discuss matters about the upcoming season. We hope to see a healthy mixture of familiar and fresh faces next season, with all abilities welcome!

For more information contact our President Bill Macdonald on 01577 862592 or our Secretary Rory Cooper on: rtc00001@students.stir.ac.uk or find us on Facebook.

Kinross Bowling Club

Congratulations to Annie Bell and Sheila Rennie on winning Clackmannanshire Ladies Bowling Association Ladies Pairs at the finals on 25 June.

Internal competitions are now well underway. We have been fortunate in having some sunshine in which to play them. The J Wallace Men's Trophy was played on 21 June and was won by Jim Cousar and runner-up was our president, Bob Moffat. The George Waddell Ford Trophy was played on 4 July and was won by George Rennie with runner-up Paul Grant.

Several more one-day competitions are yet to be played and we also have friendly games against Falkland and Glenfarg still to play. A few places remain for our **Ladies Open Pairs** on **17 August**. Contact Sheila Rennie on 01577 864727 for entry details.

We would be pleased to see anyone who would like to try bowling. Come along, find out more and have a go – don't be shy. Again, contact 01577 864727 or come into the club when you see anyone on the bowling green.

Kinross Junior Badminton Club HELP WANTED

The club is looking for a dedicated person who would be interested in the running of Kinross Junior Badminton Club. The club runs every Thursday evening from 6pm till 8pm, from September to the end of March. There is a Primary section and a High School age group. Please contact Alison 07787821884.

I have decided, after over twenty years, it might be a good idea to let someone else enjoy the opportunity to be involved in the running of this club. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the **special young people** I have met over the years, and wish them well in their sporting and work careers. Then there are the coaches I have worked with: Karen Stalker, the late Russel Hogg, Andy Hartley from Yonex, Bruce and Kirsty Flockhart, Javier all the way from Spain and many more. Also to Brian and Cath Gannon from Rapid Repairs in Gullane who supported the club and organised many great Yonex evenings for us with some of the top young Scots players attending these evenings.

A special thanks also to Rory Cooper, Stephen Ross, Bill McDonald, Mark Moran, Maureen Macpherson and the committee for all their help and support.

There will be more news in the next Newsletter about times etc for the club starting, hopefully in September.

Alison

Orwell Bowling Club

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I can't believe that we are so far into the season already with some of our internal competitions nearing the final stages and most of our external competitions complete.

As usual we are having mixed results with our Friendly inter-club games but I can say we are playing them in the spirit of friendship - perhaps losing more than we are winning!

We played our Reekie Trophy pairs competition on a good day with a fair turnout of members playing. Winners were G Morton & D Foster with D Winton & A Winton runners up. We have had some success with external competitions.

Sandra Fullerton and Maz Thorn won the district ESWSA pairs and were narrowly defeated in the Area final; very well done to them for doing so well.

Ladies' Senior Rink and rink teams were both successful at reaching District final stages but unlucky in the finals.

The Gents' Balfour competition saw Orwell progress through the first game with a win in the first year in a long time only to be defeated at the next hurdle

Orwell Golden Oldies put up a good fight but will try again next year.

Open Pairs will go ahead on **Sunday 17 August**. Entries are still welcome, especially from our members. Go on, you never know, you might just win!

Fun Night on **Saturday 9 August**: This is open to all, with a barbecue, fun bowls and entertainment with only a nominal cost to cover the barbecue. All ages welcome. Come along and try bowling in a relaxed atmosphere.

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

Kinross-shire Cricket Club

International Cricket at The Larder

On Wednesday 18 June, Kinross-shire Cricket Club hosted a friendly match between a Perth & Kinross Select U16 and St Laurence's College side from South Brisbane, Australia. The fixture was part of a UK wide tour for the Australian touring side.

For the first time in three weeks the sun broke through and the game started with the best weather of the year so far. P&K Skipper, Fred Culley won the toss and decided to have a bat on a solid looking wicket. That decision looked slightly doubtful as P&K struggled against very accurate bowling from the tourists. P&K finally finished their innings on 120 with Fred Culley top scoring with 51.

After a barbecue tea served by the staff at Loch Leven's Larder, St Laurence's college took to the field and quickly established why they had already beaten Glenalmond. After 20 overs they had reached 98 for only 2 wickets and looked certain of an easy win over the young P&K side. However, Fred Culley had entirely different ideas and took an inspired decision to completely mix the bowling order so that there was a different bowler for almost every over. This caused complete confusion for the tourists and they started to lose wickets with rapid frequency. Perth Doo'cot's, Grant Anderson took an unbelievable full length one-handed diving catch, Kinross-shire's Lewis McLaren completed an amazing diving caught and bowled as St Laurence's found themselves on 104 for 5. P&K Select then moved up to find another gear with some of the best junior cricket seen for several years as St Laurence's lost three more wickets until they were 110 for 8. Both sides were now totally focused as the match would be decided by finding another 11 runs off 10 more wickets. Lewis McLaren bowled a no ball which was hit for four bringing St Laurence's within 6 runs of the win. Fred Culley pulled his players together and drove them on again as Lewis McLaren started his last over and took the 9th St Laurence wicket. The spectators were almost silent as the new batsman came to the wicket. Two balls later McLaren had taken his third wicket and St Laurence's College were all out for 115 in the most exciting game ever played at the Loch Leven's Larder Cricket ground.

After the game St Laurence's College tour manager, Dr Graeme Mellor, presented the Kinross-shire club with a presentation plaque to commemorate the match.

Kinross-shire U15's at ECB National

Club Championship finals day

Edinburgh's Merchiston Castle School was the venue for the 2014 ECB U15 National Club Championship finals between Kinross-shire, Grange, Carlton and Glasgow Clydesdale on Sunday 22 June.

Kinross-shire were drawn in their semi-final against 2012 winners and 2014 Championship favourites Carlton. Darwin Douglas, Kinross-shire captain, won the toss and elected to field on a flat looking wicket. 13-year-old Jack McCreanor opened the bowling, and his 4 over spell brought the first Carlton wicket. The Kinross-shire players let a number of catches go down and allowed runs to leak through the field. By the 9th over Carlton were 48 for 1 and looking set for a very solid batting innings. Lewis McLaren was brought on and took a wicket with his first delivery. Toby Douglas came into the bowling attack and also took a wicket in his first over. Carlton found themselves on 109 for 9 with Toby adding a fast thinking run-out off his own bowling. Stuart McCreanor came in for his last over and took the final wicket



leaving Carlton all out for 111. Toby finished with 4 for 22 and Lewis 3 for 24.

This was an excellent opportunity for Kinross-shire youngsters to book a place in the final as they had accumulated 180 runs in their quarter final game against Aberdeen's Stoneywood Dyce. However after 5 overs the score was only 7 when Darwin Douglas was caught at mid-wicket. This triggered a procession of Kinross-hire batsman as they collapsed to 63 all out. Only Lachlan Peterson (17) and Lewis McLaren (11) reached double figures. This meant Kinross-shire were to face five times winners Clydesdale in the 3rd/4th playoff.

On winning the toss for the second time, Darwin put Clydesdale into bat. This time the Kinross-shire fielding was much tighter with six catches being held with an excellent stumping from Lachlan Peterson standing in as wicketkeeper after Darwin Douglas swapped gloves to take on a bowling role. Clydesdale also reached 111 at the end of their innings but this time the Kinross-shire top order had no reservations about chasing the total down. Lachlan Peterson was the star batsman, hitting 42 not out off 35 deliveries with able support from Darwin Douglas (16) and Jack McCreanor (13 not out). Kinross-shire reached 112 in the 18th over.

In the final, Carlton bowled Grange out for 58 and had reached the winning total before the Clydesdale innings was completed. The Kinross-shire players learnt a lot about the pressure of finals day and rued the lost chance of beating Carlton. Eight of the Kinross-shire players are eligible to play in the championship again next year and the experience gained will no doubt put them in a strong position.

Kinross-shire 1st XI v Dundee High School FPs

Loch Leven's Larder, Saturday 21 June

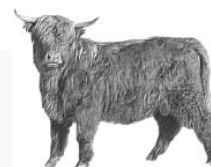
On Saturday 21 June, Kinross-shire welcomed Dundee High School FPs for their SPCU division 1 game. Kinross-shire captain James Ross won the toss and decided to bat. James was clearly in no mood for running as his first four scoring shots all found the boundary. This continued through the innings as James hit twelve 4's on his way to 93 by the 34th over. With a first 100 of the season looking to be in the bag for James, he was totally dumbstruck to receive a totally unplayable delivery from 13-year-old spinner, Henry Hardie. The ball pitched just inside the return crease line and cut back to take the top of off stump. Henry then followed this up with a repeat delivery to Simon Lopez, who again left the ball only to see leg stump leave the wicket.

Kinross-shire carried on and reached the 200 mark in the 43rd over before the last wicket fell on 202. James top scored with his 93 and Fred Culley ably supported with a solid 37.

Dundee High School managed 105 when the last wicket fell, with Anthony Drew claiming top bowling honours of 4 for 14 and James Ross picking up 3 for 23. Kinross-shire won by 97 runs and headed off to Bannockburn on Saturday for their fixture with St Modans.

The rain again hit the remaining senior matches in June and early July. The trip to Bannockburn to play St Modans ended in the 23rd over after three rain delays but not before James Ross hit his first 100 of the season, scoring 101 out of the 132 partnership with Calum Watson. With only five of the scheduled 11 games played, Kinross-shire still find themselves sitting 4th in the 1st Division due to the percentage points won in the games we have played.

The Wee Stramash tournament is taking a break over the early school holidays but will return in August with the finals day planned for 17 August – weather permitting!



Out & About

RSPB Loch Leven

www.rspb.org.uk/scotland Telephone: (01577) 862355



Hello again, another month gone! We are past the longest day – half the summer's gone!

This coming month, with birds finished breeding, is the time we start to consider vegetation control on the reserve. We will be cutting soft rush and altering water levels to allow us to get as much cut as we can without sinking machinery in the really wet, soggy bits. This will help to create the right conditions for visiting autumn and winter birds when they start to migrate to the reserve and loch from summer breeding grounds abroad. It will also make the reserve look a lot tidier, although wildlife prefers the rough and ready look most of the time for cover from predators etc. It should also make a lot of stuff easier to see on the land areas. At the time of writing, the Glossy Ibis is still being seen regularly, sometimes almost daily, mostly from our last hide at the flood. Most birds are now in moult, or 'eclipse plumage' as it's called when they cast old worn out feathers for new ones after the exertions of the breeding season.

In the shop, Christmas has arrived again; well not as such, thank God, but the cards, calendars and some other assorted festive things are back on the shelves. It's not that long since we removed them and here we go again! Other things will no doubt gradually appear as we get nearer the time. I believe we have a new Cracker Racing game with robins (very festive) instead of penguins this year.

The café team have been experimenting again; well, Dougie has, and he has come up with a recipe for the popular Raspberry and Coconut slice we used to sell but stopped because of its palm oil content. It's a long story, but in a relatively brief form: rainforests are cut down to grow palm plants, to produce palm oil. That then goes into hundreds of products we the consumer buys, foodstuffs included. The problem is (as you may well and probably do know?) that chopping down rainforests accelerates climate change, which is having major effects on weather and wildlife worldwide, including humans. The RSPB policy is that our catering and retail outlets do not use palm oil products for the above reasons and that is why we had to stop using that particular variety of cake. The new recipe contains no palm oil, is totally organic and, according to one impressed customer who has sampled it, rivals the café's own recipe scones! Praise indeed, since they are very popular.

You have probably noticed by now that this month's column is not in my usual Scottish style. That's because one or two lady visitors who have been in lately have commented they have difficulty understanding it. Being the kind of guy I am I have listened to these concerns and decided to give them a wee treat by writing it all in a hopefully readable form on this occasion. It may continue or it "nicht no". Let me know your views when you visit?

Till next time, ta ta,

Colin

RSPB Events

Wild Sounds– Kirkgate Park, Kinross

Thursday 7 August 10am to 12.30pm

Join the RSPB on a guided sensory exploration of the Loch Leven Landscape. On this walk we will investigate and discover the sounds around us, and what makes them, through a series of mini activities. Bring your mobile phone or other recording equipment to make our own sound tracks.

Meet at the far end of car park next to the cemetery. No charge, donations are welcome. Suitable for all ages and abilities.

Wild Sounds– Loch Leven's Larder and Carsehall

Friday 8 August 10am to 12.30pm

Join the RSPB on a guided sensory exploration of the Loch Leven Landscape. On this walk we will investigate and discover the sounds around us, and what makes them, through a series of mini activities. Bring your mobile phone or other recording equipment to make our own sound tracks.

Meet at Loch Leven's Larder's marmalade car park. No charge, donations are welcome. Suitable for all ages and abilities.

Art in the Park – Kirkgate Park

Tuesday 12 August 11am – 3pm

and **Saturday 23 August** 11am – 3pm

Come and join the RSPB to explore the wildlife of Kirkgate Park and make some nature inspired art using recycled and natural materials.

No charge, no booking required. Suitable for all ages.

For other events with the RSPB, such as regular events throughout the school summer holidays, go to: www.rspb.org.uk and look for the Loch Leven reserve.

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Loch Leven NNR

Well, July was another busy month on the reserve for both us and the wildlife. Our 50th anniversary Bioblitz on 5 & 6 July was a great success. We had experts in many different fields of ecology out on the reserve recording species but even better than that was the input from the public who kept their sightings piling in to the hubs at Kinross Pier and RSPB Loch Leven. In the end we recorded over 450 different species in just 24 hours! With almost 800 different records received from experts and amateurs alike, it was a busy time for Alexa from the Fife Wildlife records centre inputting all our data. The highlight for me was the bat walk on Saturday night, at which, with the aid of special bat detectors, we were able to hear four different species of bat, including the rare *Nathusius Pipistrelle*, a species which even our leader Ann Youngman from the Bat Conservation Trust had only heard once before – a real treat for all the visitors who came along.

We also had a team from the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology who were out sampling aquatic plants and insects. They found a sample of a species which until recently had not been recorded at Loch Leven for over a hundred years. For the boffins amongst you it's called *Potamogeton praelongus*. As well as not having been recorded for so long, it is also of note as it specialises in growing at great depth. To do so it requires clear water to allow it to photosynthesise. It may well be that its return to the loch is due to recent improvements in water quality and clarity.

The Forth District Fishery Board also carried out some electrofishing in the South Queich and found a healthy population of young trout. There was a ringing demonstration at which we were fortunate enough to catch not one but two young kingfishers – another sign of how many small fish there are in the loch's feeder burns. We also had walks and drop in sessions from the Fife Amphibian & Reptile Group, local botanical and invertebrate experts and Tayside Biodiversity Partnership. So a big thank you to all those experts and public alike who came along to lend a hand.

We have our annual **Osprey Walk** on **Thursday 14 August**, 6pm-8pm, meeting at Burleigh Sands. Ospreys are a regular visitor to Loch Leven; this walk is a great opportunity to see them and also discover more about this and the many other migrant species which visit the Loch during the summer months. Booking is essential, so please phone the reserve office on 01577 864439 for more details and to book your place.

We will also be at the **Kinross Show** on **Saturday 9 August** so please pop by the Scottish Natural Heritage stand.

Neil Mitchell,
Reserve Manager

Fact of the Month

To avoid particularly hot or arid weather, many organisms enter a state of **Aestivation**, which allows them to conserve both energy and, importantly, water. Snails retreat into their shells and a mucous membrane dries over the shell opening.



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Farming



Silage and hay making are two of the most important jobs in the summer calendar for livestock farmers, since the quantity and quality of these vital winter feeds affect the health and performance of livestock for a large portion of the year and also the costs involved in keeping the livestock. However, it isn't a case of 'one size fits all' as far as silage goes, as grass is cut at varying stages in its growth cycle depending on what type of stock it is to be fed to. Dairy farmers cut the grass when it is shorter and lusher for feeding to their milking cows since they need the feed to be high in energy and protein. In contrast, beef farmers need the grass to be more mature and lower in feed value for feeding to cows in the months before calving to help stop the cows getting too fat and the unborn calves growing too big, leading to calving difficulties. Most other animals are fine with something in between.

In reality, it is finding a balance between quantity and quality because, as quantity increases, the quality decreases, and there is little point in having very high quality 'super silage' if you don't have enough to last all winter. Diet mixer wagons are becoming more popular in Scottish farms and they are excellent at helping to balance out the basic on-farm forage into a feed that is just right for a particular group of animals. They work a bit like a giant Kenwood (other mixers are available) and you fill it up with your silage then you can add cereal such as barley to increase the energy, or soyabean meal to increase the protein, or straw to reduce the potency of the diet. You then let it mix for a while until all the ingredients are evenly mixed and feed it out. The downside is that they are expensive to buy and run.

Our own silage making has gone fairly well so far. We have plenty quantity but the quality won't be quite as good as I would like since an unsettled spell of weather delayed getting started, so the grass got a bit more mature, although we got it all baled in really good condition, which is my top priority.

I liken our silage making to an episode of 'scrapheap challenge', as I try to coax our ever-ageing baler/wrapper and tractors to get the job done without too many mechanical disasters. I even gave the baler a major refurbishment to eliminate the main problems we had last year and reduce the risk of a repeat of the fire which it suffered near the end of last season. I am glad to report that the work we carried out has been successful but I have needed a couple of visits to a well know local machinery workshop to fix some other problems. On my last visit just the other day, I suggested they should bring out a loyalty card and I would be first to have one, as I seemed to be a regular visitor.

Meanwhile, the stock are all grazing plenty of grass and have been enjoying a decent amount of sun on their backs, so they are looking well.

The sheep had their winter jackets removed a couple of weeks ago and are quite happy to be in their summer attire. The lambs are growing very well and we already have a trailerful ready to be sold, which is our earliest ever. Even our field of winter barley has staged a remarkable recovery and, while it won't exactly break any records, should yield a decent crop.

More of the same weather, please.

John

Weather



June Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall	79.7mm = 3.18inches
Heaviest rainfall	17.6mm (7th)
Total sunshine for the month	139.9 hours
Sunniest day	11.2 hours (19th)
Maximum temperature	average 19.25°C
Highest temperature	25.7°C (18th)
Minimum temperature	average 7.75°C
Lowest temperature	2.6°C (29th)

On 10 June, at approximately 5pm, we experienced Thunder, Lightning and Hail lasting five minutes with 11.2mms of rain.

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)
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Gardens Open

Special Days Open in August under SGS

There's a special open day at **Drummond Castle Gardens, Crieff** for SGS on **Sunday 3 August**, 1pm-5pm. The gardens were originally laid out in 1630 and the formal garden is said to be one of the finest in Europe. Admission: £4, OAPs £3, children £2. Partial disabled access, dogs on leads welcome. Refreshments available. Charity: British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association.

The Walled Garden in Perth is open on **Sunday 3 August**, 11am-5pm. This therapeutic enterprise has been supporting adults recovering from mental health issues since 1994. There is a fine collection of fruit trees, a productive vegetable garden, herb garden and new herbaceous borders. There is also a gift shop stocking art and craftwork and garden furniture produced by clients. Full disabled access, dogs on leads welcome, refreshments and plant sales. Admission: £3, children free. Charity: PKAVS Mental Wellbeing Services.

There is a special open day for SGS at **Falkland Palace gardens** on **Sunday 10 August**, 1pm-5pm. It is dedicated to families and children and you are invited to bring a picnic and spend an afternoon in the garden having fun. There will be a quiz and other activities to enjoy. See NTS website for full details. Admission: £6, conc £5, NTS members free.

The charming country garden at **Thorntree, Arnprior**, is open on **Wednesday 20 August**, 2pm-5pm. There is an apple walk and lovely views. Admission: £4, children free. (Charity: Riding for the Disabled.) Full disabled access, dogs on leads welcome, plant sales.

The colourful garden at **Rowberrow in Dollar** overlooks Dollar Glen and is open on **Sunday 24 August**, 2pm-5pm. It has mixed shrub and herbaceous borders, a wildlife pond, rockeries, alpine troughs, fruit and vegetable gardens and a mini-orchard. Entertainment by the Hillfoot Barbershop singers. Admission: £4, children free. Partial disabled access, dogs on leads welcome, refreshments.

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

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Wednesday Evenings – Pregnancy Yoga – Kinross
@7pm

Thursday Evenings – Community Campus
@5.30pm & 6.45pm



Gardens open by arrangement

The following gardens can be visited by arrangement with the owners: **Earlshall Castle, Leuchars** (on request), **Parkhead House, Perth** (until 31 August), **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

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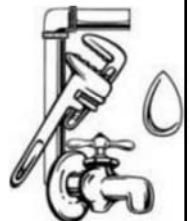
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News from the Rurals

CLEISH – On Saturday 14 June eleven members enjoyed their supper at The Hideaway, Dunfermline. Thanks to Sheila and Ian Wotherspoon and their staff for excellent food in a relaxing and hospitable atmosphere.



On Tuesday 17 June four members took part in a Quiz at Glencarse Village Hall. Twenty one teams (four ladies in each team) took part in this enjoyable and entertaining evening.

MILNATHORT – President, Ann Reid, welcomed us all to the June meeting. After business was read, we were introduced to Adam and Jacqueline Winski of Winski Jewellers, Kinross. They gave us a very interesting talk about their business, including the different types of Pearls and how to look after them. We then had a quiz to guess the different gemstones given for various wedding anniversaries. They also showed us some of the beautiful jewellery available in their shop.

Competition winners:

Flower of the Month	-	Helen Galletley
Favourite Necklace	-	May Paterson
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EMMA RAE (granddaughter of Mary MacGillivray, Marshall Place, Milnathort) graduated with a Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Sociology & Social Policy from Stirling University on 26 June 2014.

EMILY THOMAS of 50 Muirs, Kinross, graduated BSc with Honours (Second Class, division II) in Chemistry from the University of St Andrews on 25 June 2014.

Congratulations to pupils of piano teacher Margaret Houston who passed their exams recently.

GEORGIA CHICK passed Grade 2, **RUTH MARIE RITCHIE** passed Grade 3 and **GEORGIA SMITH** passed Grade 4. Well done, girls.

Saltire Awards

The Saltire Award is a way to reward and recognise the work of young people who volunteer and are aged between 12 and 25 years old. The awards are administered in Perth and Kinross by Voluntary Action Perthshire. The awards are supported by the Scottish Government and can be a great thing to have on your CV. My name is Kerry Ferguson and I am the Saltire Ambassador for the Kinross-shire area. Volunteers can receive certificates after volunteering for either 10, 25, 50, 100, 200 and 500 hours. These hours can be attained either through volunteering with one or more organisations and hours can be backdated if confirmed by a supervisor.

Congratulations to the following people who all recently received Saltire Awards:

200 hours: Hollie Lamond, Rebecca Thomson

100 hours: Stefanie Kidd, Chloe Sneddon, Jamie Bode

50 hours: Jackson Brown, Lucy Jones

25 hours: Jamie Alexander, Hannah Drew, Demi Morran, Ross White, Elspeth Young

10 hours: Cameron Barr, Emily Bell, Alex Bird, Callum Cheshire, Ben Cooper, Ellen Corsie, Alexander Cox, Danni Dawson, Charlotte Dowie, Rachael Firth, Adam Henderson, Ian Hill, Daniel Innes, Claire Jackson, Katy Johnson, Logan McGregor, Russell Malcom, Lewis McArthur, Jodie Millican, Sarah Myerscough, Jonni Ratcliffe, Greg Reeki e, Campbell Roberts, Ogilvie Robertson, Hannah Sime, George Brian.

If any organisations have young volunteers they would like to introduce the awards to, or anyone between 12 and 25 years volunteers and wants to find out more information, then please contact me at kerryferguson@live.co.uk

Kerry Ferguson, Saltire Ambassador

Kinross High School Awards

Dux of Kinross High School: **Mhairi Boyle**
 RNLI Awards for Head Boy and Head Girl:
Jack Howley and Gemma Matthews

JUNIOR AWARDS

S1 Merit: **Rhona Brown, Freddie Bull, Renee Chan, Kayla Douglas, Isobel Findlay, Sarah Newman, Molly Richley, Eleanor Senior, Eilidh Smith, Lucy Telfer, Samud Wong.** S1 Effort and Commitment: **Esme Allan, Katie Kilby, Katie Deas, Charlotte Glover, Roisin Loughney, Sylvie McKenzie.** S1 Merit and Effort and Commitment: **Struan Fotheringham, Josie Hawdon.** S2 Merit: **Nicholas Baughan, Amy Broadhurst, Flora Caldwell, Emma Davel, Jessie Davie, Katie Douglas, Ella Mayne, Claire McCormick, Hannah Miller, Sally Montford, Struan Smith.** S2 Effort and Commitment: **Aulay Davidson, Claire McIntyre, Laura Nicoll, Liam Moncur, Eliza Stevenson, Gracie Lee.** S2 Merit and Effort and Commitment: **Rebecca Bisset, Beth Farmer, Fraser Kitson, Sarah Walker.**

Junior Special Subject Awards

Scots Verse Speaking (The Gordon George Memorial Prize): **Freddie Bull.** S2 Debating: **Ella Mayne and Hannah Miller.** S2 Overall Excellence (The Bertie Anderson Award): **Nicholas Baughan.**

S3 MERIT AWARDS

Graphic Communication: **Euan Boyle.** Biology: **Ben Cormack.** Physical Education: **Euan Duthie.** Hospitality: **Cameron Banks.** Mathematics: **Ryan McKercher.** Drama: **Lucy Duffy.** History: **Isla Reid, Kristen Clarke.** Physics and Geography: **Lauren Miller.** Chemistry and Computing: **Lewis Bissett.** Art and Design and Design and Manufacture: **Dana Higgins.** French, Spanish, History and RMPS: **Rosie Cormack.** Business Education, Chemistry, History, German and English: **Evelyn Morgan.** S3 Effort and Commitment: **Euan Boyle, Emma Hodgkinson, Niamh Ironside, Evelyn Morgan, Allen Saunders, Kyle Third, Jacob Wong.**

SPECIAL AWARDS

Art and Design S4 (Rosamund Beveridge Trophy): **Lucy Bowman.** Art and Design (Kevin Kenny Award): **Katie Fowler.** Business Education (Jean Lamont Award for Overall Excellence): **Ben Smedley.** Music (Hilary Hawksford Memorial Trophy for outstanding contribution to the musical life of the school): **Lillian Swanson, Ross White.** The Chalmers Brackenridge Quaich for commitment and endeavour in Mathematics: **Jake Dobbie.** The Mark Ross Award for Wider Achievement: **Elspeth Young.** Special Award for Fundraising (representing the Mary's Meals team): **Kathryn Spain, Rachael Firth, Natalie Firth, Jennifer Creigh, Adam Williams.** The Christina Ryznar Award For Service to the School: **Callum Purves.** Sir Alan Smith Trophy for Leadership: **Callum Purves.**

S4 MERIT AWARDS

Art and Design: **Rachel Walker.** Business Education: **Cameron Nelson.** Design and Manufacture: **Daniel Black.** Drama: **Angus Hutchison.** French: **Rowan Harvey.** Graphic Communication: **James Morrison.** History: **Keiran Potter.** Hospitality: **Hannah Aird.** Music: **Murray Raeburn.** Mathematics: **Sarah Thislie.** Physical Education: **Jake Dobbie.** Physics: **Craig MacDonald.** Spanish: **Laura Wells-Fowler.** German and Religious, Moral, Philosophical Studies: **Ameilia Mah.** English and Chemistry: **Francesca Fiorentini.** Computing, Biology and Geography: **Cameron McCloskey.**

S5 MERIT AWARDS

Business Education: **Clare McInnes.** Graphic Communication: **Ross Cormack.** Hospitality: **Billie McGregor.** Physical Education: **Fraser Gosse.** RMPS (Trefoil Guild): **Mikey Lawrence.** Music (The Marjory Fyfe Award): **Mia Watt.** Drama

(Excellence in Drama, Theatre Arts and Performance): **Mhairi Goodwin.** Biology (The Cloan Trophy) and Geography (The Burns Begg Trophy): **Claire Marr.** Art and Design (The John and Marjory Moffat Quaich) and History (The Arthur Donaldson Trophy): **Douglas Erskine.** Computing (The Sam Mitchell-Henry Trophy) and Product Design (The Bella Anderson Trophy): **Ellis Johnston.** Spanish and English (The PTA Trophy): **Ana Mayne.** German (The Bosch-Rexroth Award) and Physics (The Probus Club Trophy): **Pamela Shah.** French (The Lady Alice Smith Award), Chemistry (The John S Lowe Trophy), Mathematics (The Coldon Trophy) and Human Biology (The DL Chapman Senior Trophy): **Mhairi Boyle.**

S6 MERIT AWARDS

Art and Design: **Hollie Lamond.** French: **Rachel Miller.** Geography: **Anna Masson.** Business Education: **Ryan Broadbent and Rachael Firth.** Graphic Communication: **Hannah Sime.** Drama: **Elspeth Young.** Physical Education: **Mhairi Ogilvie.** Psychology: **Gemma Matthews.** RMPS: **Lucy Jones.** History: **Callum Purves.** Computing: **Rachael Pirie.** Biology: **Bethany Grant.** Chemistry and Physics: **Jack Howley.** Mathematics and Product Design: **Georgie Beavan.** German, Spanish and Geography: **Katie Wylie.**

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

Bronze: Andrew Beveridge, Daniel Black, Mitchell Brown, Mark Cathro, David Chalmers, Abigail Coghill, Josh Cooney, Adam Dalgliesh, Megan Ely, Rosie Forrest, Maryam Gough, Holly Greenshields, Chris Hall, Rowan Harvey, Gareth Hutchison, Kirsty Kerr, Daniel Lockhart, Hamish Malvenan, Cameron McCloskey, Sophie McKay, Molly McKenzie, Heather McKenzie, James Morrison, Megan Morton, Mairi Mulhern, Sophie Nicholson, Kieran Potter, Lauren Robb, Ryan Shah, Linzi Sim, Liam Souter, Charlotte Sparling, Iona Stevenson, Adam Sweeney, Cameron Taylor, Gemma Vear, Peter Welsh, Christy Zaremski.

Silver: Andrew Bell, Adam Blaikie, Mhairi Boyle, Ian Buchanan, Stuart Butler, Cameron Chittleborough, Ross Cormack, Alexander Cox, Fred Culley, Caitlin Duffy, Iona Fraser-Collins, Hamish Gillanders, Sam Godson, Callum Gosse, Fraser Gosse, Matthew Gow, Sophia Griffin, Nick Heidemann, Ellis Johnston, Rowan Jones, Duncan Lewis, Erika Machan, Charlotte Mahoney, Alana Malkani, Vhairi McAtear, Helen McDiarmid, Ella McNeill, Eleanor Muncey, Duncan Peter, Samantha Philp, Joshua Roe, Pamela Shah, Isla Simpson, Phoebe Somervail, Colum Stevenson, Kirsty Stoton, Heather Sturgeon, Fiona Thomson, Davina Timmins, Emma Watson, Mia Watt, Jennifer Weir, Edward Wood, Charlotte Louise Yeaman.

Gold: Jackson Brown, Jennifer Creigh, Natalie Firth, Bradley Herd, Rachel Miller, Rachael Firth, Andrew Pool, Callum Purves, Alexander Rennie, Kathryn Spain, Kay Turnbull, Elspeth Young.

JOHN MUIR AWARD: Jamie Watts.

SALTIRE and ALISON WILSON YOUNG SCHOOL SPORT VOLUNTEER AWARDS: Emma McMurdo.

SPORTS DAY CHAMPIONS

Group C boy: **Nicholas Baughan.** Group C girl: **Iona Crawford.** Group B boy: **Jack Smith.** Group B girl: **Emily Ford.** Group A boy: **Daniel Munro.** Group A girl: **Claire Moloney.**

Overall Sports Champions: **Calum Hutchison and Elspeth Young.** Outstanding Performance Award from sports day: **Euan Boyle.**

House Championship Winners: **Benarty.** Receiving shield representing Benarty: **Douglas Erskine and Isla Simpson.**

Kinross-shire Churches Together



Kinross Parish Church of Scotland

Following Christ IS spreading the Word I Serving the Community
 10 Station Road, Kinross KY13 8TG (Charity number SC012555)
 Minister: Rev Alan D. Reid MA, BD Tel: (01577) 862952
 Ordained Local Minister:
 Rev Margaret Michie Tel: (01592) 840602
 Church Office, Mon-Fri 10am-12 noon: Tel. (01577) 862570
 The Church Office sells Fair Trade goods by Traidcraft.
 Church E-mail: office@kinrossparishchurch.org
 Church/Church Centre Lets: lets@kinrossparishchurch.org
 Church website: www.kinrossparishchurch.org

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

Events listed below are in the church unless indicated otherwise.

Regular Services and events

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

7.30pm, 'Crossfire' (S1 upwards) in church centre (from 24 August).

Wednesdays: 10.45am Service, church centre. 1.30pm Craft Group (from 13 August).

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

Other Events and Services

August

Silent Meditation and Prayer Breakfast: none in August.

Sun 3 10.30am Morning Service. Jam Pact restarts.

Mon 4 – Fri 8 Family Week (see below).

Tue 5 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.

Fri 8 7pm: Closing Celebration for Family Week, followed by a barbecue in the church grounds.

Sun 10 10.30am: Visiting preacher from Hungary.

Wed 13 1.30pm Craft Group restarts.

Sat 16 10am-1pm Choir Gathering to prepare for the new session. Bring picnic lunch.

Thu 21 9pm: late evening service of Compline.

Sun 24 7.30pm: 'Crossfire' restarts.

Tue 26 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.
 8pm: Bible Study and Prayers, Church Centre Meeting Room

Family Week, Monday 4 – Friday 8 August

Fit For A King

For children age 3 to 15. Main sessions every morning
 9.45am – 12 noon in Kinross Parish Church.

Either pre-register with the church office or register on the day. Free, but donations welcome.

Other events some afternoons and closing celebration at the church on Friday 8th, 7pm followed by barbecue.

More information: Ruth Robertson 01577 865985.

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 01592 840825/07788 142909**

Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

Church of Scotland (Charity number SC015523)

Locum Minister - Rev Duncan Stenhouse

Telephone: 01577 866992

Email: duncan.stenhouse@btinternet.com

Website: www.orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk

Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:

10am Portmoak Church,

11.30am Orwell Church.

All children welcome. Crèche available during Sunday Services.

Prayer Meeting held 30mins before each service.

Evening Service at 6.30pm in Orwell Hall (1st and 3rd Sundays of month).

Service at Ashley House: first Thursday of the month at 2.30pm.

Services at Leven Glen: 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

24 Aug Junior Church resumes at both churches.

30 Aug Messy Church meets in Orwell Hall from 4pm to 6pm.

Everyone welcome

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

29 South Street, Milnathort KY13 9XA.

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

Contact the Office 01577 861200
orwellportmoakchurch@gmail.com

Kinross Christian Fellowship

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

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

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

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

Contact Peter on 01577 863509, for further information.

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

Healing Rooms Kinross and Loch Leven

Every Thursday from 10.30am to 12 noon

at 29 South Street, Milnathort, KY13 9XA.

No appointment needed. No charge. Totally confidential.

Trained volunteers from different churches will pray for your healing. Call 07531 435715 for further information.

www.healingrooms-scotland.com

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

Minister: Rev Lis Stenhouse Telephone: (01577) 862937

Email: lissten@sky.com

Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie Telephone: (01592) 840823

Email: brianj.ogilvie1@btopenworld.com

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

Email: aclassicsoul@aol.com

Sunday Services at 9.45am**August****Sun 3** 9.45am Morning Worship followed by Refreshments and Fellowship. Rev L Stenhouse.**Sun 10** 9.45am Morning Worship. Mrs M Michie OLM.**Sun 17** 9.45am Morning Worship. Rev L Stenhouse.**Sun 24** 9.45am Morning Worship. Rev L Stenhouse.**Sun 31** 9.45am Celebration of Holy Communion. Rev L Stenhouse.

Our Junior Church begins again on **3 August**. In the meantime there will be a crèche and DVD club available for all babies and children after the early part of the service.

Café Refresh: Every Thursday, church hall, 2-4pm.
A social time enhanced with tea, coffee and cakes.

House group: Please contact Fred for details, 01577 840833.

Film Afternoon: In the Elizabeth Wilkie Hall, Friday 1 Aug, 2.30 - 4.30pm and 7.30 - 9.30pm. *Join us for a film, a cuppa and a blether, and even some popcorn.*

Cleish Parish Church
Church of Scotland

(Charity number SC 003168)

Minister: Rev Lis Stenhouse

Telephone: (01577) 862937

Email: lissten@sky.com

Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie

Telephone: (01592) 840823

Email: brianj.ogilvie1@btopenworld.com

Session Clerk: Gordon McMillan

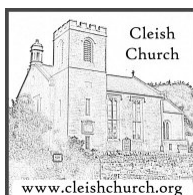
Telephone: (01506) 825641

Email: gordon.b.mcmillan@tak21.com

Website: www.cleishchurch.org

Sunday Services 11.15am**Crèche and Junior Church** 11.15am**August****Sun 3** 11.15am Morning Worship followed by refreshments in the village hall.**Sun 10** 11.15am Morning Worship.**Sun 17** 11.15pm Morning Worship.**Sun 24** 11.15am Morning Worship.**Sun 31** 11.15am Morning Worship. Sacrament of Holy Communion.

All welcome

**St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church**

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion)

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AY

Fr David Mackenzie Mills, Rector Telephone: 01577 863795

Email: frdavidkinross@gmail.com

Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk

You can also find us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalchurchkinross

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

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

Mondays and Wednesdays: 8am Morning Prayer in the Church
Thursdays: 10.30am - 12 noon Study Group in the Meeting Room
Thursdays: 3.30pm - 4.30pm Rector's Hour

August Services and Events

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

Sun 3 Proper 18. 8.30am Holy Communion.
11am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 10 The Transfiguration of the Lord (transferred from the 6th). 8.30am The Scottish Liturgy (1928).
11am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 17 Proper 20. 8.30am Holy Communion.
11am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 24 Bartholemew, Apostle. 8.30am Holy Communion.
11am Sung Eucharist.

Wed 27 8.30pm Compline.

Sun 31 Proper 22. 8.30am Holy Communion.
11am Sung Eucharist and Holy Baptism.
4.30pm Taizé Service in which we worship God using words, music and silence.

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
Monday	6.30pm	Gospel Meeting
	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.

The Kinross Newsletter

by the community, for the community

all profits are given away to local good causes

Playgroups and Toddlers⁴⁷

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



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

Role play, jigsaws, physical toys and arts and crafts

Friendly support for all carers

First session free, £2 thereafter (£1 for additional children)

Contact Donna Smith on 07535 595430 or just come along!

LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Session times (term time only)

Tuesdays 9.30- 11.15, Fridays 9.30- 11.15

Contact Sylvia Flynn 07793 005732,
sylvia.stewart@hotmail.co.uk

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

LOCHLEVEN TWOS CLUB

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Thursdays 9.45 to 11.15am (term time only)

A relaxed, friendly group for children from about 18 months to pre-school with their parent/carers. Play and pre-school activities, with a variety of toys. A snack is provided, plus coffee and tea for parents/carers. Younger siblings also welcome.

Contact Esther Blackburn on estherjkent@hotmail.com or
07812 757077 for further details,
or find us on Facebook: Two's Club Kinross

MONTGOMERY TODDLERS

Every Thursday 9.30am to 11am (term-time only)

The Gospel Hall, Montgomery Street, Kinross.

Contact Christina Smith 01577 840733 or 07792 260509

SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

21-23 Swansacre, Kinross
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: Children from age 2 years welcome.

Tue to Fri 9.15am - 12 noon. Fri 12.30pm - 3.15pm
(Lunch Club available before for children 3 years+).

Inbetweeners: Mon 9.15am - 11.45am with Lunch Club afterwards. Children from the age of 3 years welcome.

Rising Fives: Tues & Wed 1pm - 3.15pm with Lunch Club beforehand. Complementary to preschool Nursery.

For availability or more information, please contact:

Jen 07852 208220, enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com
or Playgroup on telephone numbers above.

Baby and Toddler Group – Thurs 12.45-2.45pm

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

The premises are available to hire for **Private Functions**. For more information, please contact **Tracey 07557 051894** or the Playgroup.

PORTMOAK UNDER 5s

Portmoak Hall – between Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell
(only 10 mins from Milnathort and Kinross)

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

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

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

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

FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

Glenbank Cottage, Powmill



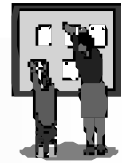
Partner-provider for P&K Education

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

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

Private Nurseries and Childcare

For private nurseries and childcare services, please see advertisements throughout the Newsletter.



Notices

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. This is a follow up public consultation exhibition to the recently held event at Loch Leven Community Campus.

Date of Event: **Wednesday 6 August 2014**

Time: 2.30pm – 7.00pm

Location: ICT Suite, Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, 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.

Children's Hospice Association Scotland



Children's Hospice Association Scotland

Children, young people and their families at the heart of all we do.

Start your Christmas shopping early and bag a few bargains with up to 50% off selected items at our **Summer Sale** starts **11 August** at 10am.

CHAS Gift Shop

23 Avenue Road, Kinross, KY13 8EP

Tel: 01577 865557

Open Monday to Saturday 10am to 5pm

Visit Bazaar at 88 High Street, Kinross for more bargains starting at 99p on their sale rail.



Bishopshire Horticultural Society



Ninety-fourth competition

in Portmoak Hall, Scotlandwell
on **Saturday 16 August**

Admission: Adults £1, Children free

Schedules available from: Sylvia Herrington 840519;

Janette Gardiner 840352; David Martin 840216;

Eleanor White 840681; Shelagh Goudie 840200;

Lorna Ainsworth 840571

Doors open 1.30pm

Opening Ceremony and Presentation of Prizes at 2.15pm

KCLD Group Meetings

(Kinross-shire Community Learning & Development Group)

Loch Leven Community Campus at 10am

Wednesday 20 August

Monday 29 September

Wednesday 19 November

Community representatives most welcome!

KCLDG is made up of people who live and work in the Kinross-shire area. We share information with groups and individuals to improve services, identify and respond to local needs and to help improve the quality of life in our local communities.

Milnathort and Kinross Allotment Association



GRAND OPENING

Saturday 16 August 12 noon - 4pm

The members of the Allotment Association cordially invite local residents to celebrate the official opening of the allotments and community garden!

Lesley Riddoch, journalist, author and broadcaster will officially open the site and will be available to sign copies of her latest book 'Blossom'.

Come and see how the allotments have progressed from an abandoned field to a productive enterprise with lots of community spirit.

There will be free children's activities, face painting, a treasure hunt, stone painting and a Scarecrow competition - bring yours along to compete for a prize!

Also afternoon teas with lots of lovely home baking, craft stalls and vegetable cookery demonstration, 'Gardeners Question time' with local horticultural experts.



Multiple Sclerosis Society

Perth & Kinross Branch



Coffee Morning

For anyone who is affected by MS including family, friends and carers

at

LOCH LEVEN'S LARDER

10.30am - 12 noon

Every 3rd Tuesday of the month

Starting 19 August

Website: www.perth-kinross.org.uk

Email: perthkinross@mssociety.org.uk

perthkinross.support@mssociety.org.uk

Phone: 07552 368216

Blythswood Care

Sainsbury's Car Park

(if car park is full, van will park nearby, e.g. Park & Ride or Ochil View)

Tuesday 19 August

between 10.30 am and 11 am

Further details from 862258

YES Kinross-shire Independence Referendum Question and Answer Evening

Lochleven Community Campus

Thursday 28 August - Evening

(Start time to be announced in local leaflets and posters)

Do you have questions about the Scottish Independence Referendum that you would like answered? For more information, come to this YES Scotland event at Loch Leven Community Campus.

A panel of speakers including the well-known journalist, **Lesley Riddoch**, and **Ian Blackford**, a businessman and an ex-Managing Director of Deutsche Bank, will address the most commonly raised questions from the audience.

Admission free, all welcome.

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, the meetings scheduled for Glenfarg and Cambo in July had to be cancelled.

There is a Facebook page for YES Kinross-shire.

Summer Fête

Guide Hall, Church Street, Milnathort

in aid of the kitchen refurbishment

Sunday 31 August

at 1.30pm

Come along and have a cup of tea with the Guides

Mary Queen of Scots Extravaganza

Sunday 31 August

12 noon – 5pm, Kirkgate Park, Kinross

FREE EVENT

Historical Themed Activities

including

re-enactment with horses and rowing boat races

See page 15 for more information

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.



Hedges/Bushes/Trees Causing Obstruction

Property owners are reminded that it is their responsibility to cut back hedges, branches, bushes etc to ensure that pavements and public footpaths are not obstructed. Property owners may be liable if injury is caused to others and may be charged costs if Perth & Kinross Council is forced to take action.

Scottish COT DEATH Trust

FIREWALK

Saturday 13 September

Market Park, Windlestrae Hotel,

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AT

Take part in the hottest, shortest sponsored walk around - barefoot, across glowing embers at 600-800 Fahrenheit! A great opportunity to take on a challenge, have great fun and raise vital funds – a truly life changing experience!

Wilma Carragher, from Kinross, is organising this event with the support of the Scottish Cot Death Trust.

The Trust supports families as they go on to have another child, through their 'Next Infant Support Programme' and Wilma is raising money towards this programme, which includes a new sibling resource called 'Andrews Rainbow', which will be a book that parents can use to help them explain to subsequent children about what has happened to their sibling.

It is only £10 to register to be part of the Firewalk (with a target of £100 minimum sponsorship). If you would like to find out more, please contact the Trust offices on 0141 3573946 or email contact@scottishcotdeathtrust.org

Follow Andrews Rainbow Facebook page

www.facebook.com/AndrewsRainbow

Donate

www.justgiving.com/AndrewsRainbow



"There is nothing to fear but fear itself"

Loch Leven Community Library

Loch Leven Community Campus, Muir, 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

Mythical Maze summer reading challenge continues

Fri 1 Aug	11 – 12	Minotaur's Maze
Fri 15 Aug	11 – 12	We're Going on a Yeti Hunt

Crook of Devon Village Hall Auction of Items and Promises

Saturday 13 September

at 7pm

Doors open 6.30pm

Please support your local Village Hall by coming along to our auction with family and friends or donate something for auction. It could be anything from a home baked chocolate cake to a few hours' grass cutting, a restaurant voucher or an activity day out. The Committee is working hard to get auction items from local businesses and already have a Family Day Voucher for Landmark, golf at St Andrews, babysitting, a children's disco, clay pigeon shooting and two different overseas holiday homes for a week's stay plus much more!

Our target is to raise £3,000 so we really need everyone's support. Please contact Michelle Wight to offer donation items at: crookofdevonhall@gmail.com or speak to any Committee member. A list of current Hall Committee members can be found on the Hall notice board.

We will be updating the auction list as we go along so keep an eye out on the hall website:

www.crookofdevonhall.com

Entry to the auction is £5 per person on the door with complimentary wine and free entry into a prize draw to win a Kindle Fire HD (kindly donated by Amazon).

Charity No: SC026692



Milnathort Rainbow Guides

We are looking for an adult helper to help with Rainbow Guides in Milnathort.

It's only for one hour a week.

If you would like to, or know someone who would like to help, please contact Alison on 01577 864262 or 07764 750212



Kinross Curling Open Day

The Kinross Curling Rink is here to stay!

Kinross Curling Trust invites you to come and see the refurbished rink on

Saturday 13 September

12 noon until 4pm

Come and talk to the curlers

See how the funds raised have been spent

Enjoy a drink at the bar Meet some of the staff

Find out about curling in Kinross

Crook of Devon Village Hall

Charity SC026692

Dates for your diary:

Fri 19 December Christmas Family Disco,
6.30pm-8pm

Wed 31 December Hogmanay Disco and Ceilidh,
8.30pm-12.30am.

Regular activities:

A variety of activities take place at the hall throughout the week: fitness class, yoga, children's ballet, Scottish country dancing, carpet bowls and youth club.

www.crookofdevonhall.com

100th Birthday and Diamond Wedding Anniversaries

Do you know a Perth & Kinross resident who is celebrating their 100th or 105th+ birthday?

Do you know a Perth & Kinross couple celebrating their 60th, 65th or 70th wedding anniversary?

PKC would like to help celebrate the special occasion. PKC can arrange delivery of a basket of flowers or for a local Councillor to present a basket of flowers to the person or couple on their special day.

Tel: 01738 475051 Email: CivicServices@pkc.gov.uk

Kinross 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.



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



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




**St. PAULS CHURCH HALL
KINROSS**
1st MONDAY of EVERY MONTH
10am–12noon & 1pm-3pm

Contact Gail Booth
or Elaine Kincaid
Tel. 01577 867306 or 867310

NHS Tayside

PERTH & KINROSS COUNCIL
Housing & Community Care

The hub cafe is an informal meeting place to chat over a cuppa with other carers, cared for and family members.



Kinross Recycling Centre

Bridgend Industrial Estate

Opening Times: **Mondays to Fridays 9am to 7pm**
Saturdays and Sundays 9am to 5pm

Bicycles, cans (inc aerosols, biscuit tins, aluminium foil), car and household batteries, cardboard, cooking oil, electricals (WEEE), engine oil, fluorescent tubes, long life light bulbs, food and drinks cartons (Tetra packs), fridges, freezers, garden waste, glass, large domestic appliances, paper, plastic (rigid plastic packaging), rubble stone and soil, scrap metal, telephone directories, textiles (clothes and shoes), timber, tyres (maximum two per visit, strictly householders only) and non recyclable (general) waste. Compost can be collected from the Recycling Centre, subject to availability. Maximum of 2 x 25kg bags per visitor.

The Bike Station

Donate unwanted bikes, parts and cycling accessories for reuse. Bikes are refurbished and sold on to the public at affordable prices. Poorer bikes are salvaged for parts. Bikes can be donated at the Kinross Recycling Centre (Bridgend Industrial Estate) or at The Bike Station at Mid Friarton, just off the Edinburgh Road in Perth. Bike Station opening hours: Monday to Saturday, 10.30am to 4.30pm and late opening to 8pm on Wednesdays. Weekly bike sales: Fridays, 10.30am-4.30pm (children's bikes) and Saturdays, 10.30am to 12.30pm (adults' bikes). Tel: 01738 444430. Email: peth@thebikestation.org.uk Website: www.thebikestation.org.uk

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.



Loch Leven Community Campus
The Muirs, Kinross
KY13 8FQ
www.pkc.gov.uk

Community Learning & Development Adult Learning Free local and friendly support with:

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"I feel more confident"

"Filling in forms is less scary"

"I passed my driving test"

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

**If you would like further information
regarding any of the tuition please contact:**

Roseanne Gray

Loch Leven Community Campus

Email: rgray@pkc.gov.uk

Tel: 01577 867177

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre

based in the centre of Perth

Offers free, confidential, non-judgemental advice and support to anyone facing a pregnancy related crisis.

In a safe, secure environment we aim to assist women (or couples) in making their own informed decisions about their future and support them through the process if they require it. We offer confidential advice, free pregnancy testing, pregnancy crisis and miscarriage support, adoption advice and counselling for post abortion stress.

The office is open 10am to 2pm Monday to Friday and outwith those hours can be contacted on the office number 01738 621174.

On-line support and information can be obtained from our website www.careconfidential.com

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre, 40 St John Street, Perth, PH1 5SP

www.hopepregnancy.co.uk

email: hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com

Helpline 01738 621174

We are a Scottish Charity SC037103



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For further information, or if you
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07766 515 950 or 07771 696 830

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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:

12 and 26 August

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.

P&K school summer holiday dates

The 2013-14 school year ended on Thu 26 June 2014.

The 2014-15 school year begins on Tue 19 August 2014 for pupils (day before for staff).

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KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

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85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XA

Perth & Kinross Council www.pkc.gov.uk

Customer Service Centre Tel: 01738 475000
(Mon to Fri, 8am-6pm)

Out of Hours Emergencies Tel: 01738 625411
(Roads, flooding, environmental health and dangerous buildings)

Clarence (for non-emergency road and lighting defects) Tel: 0800 232323

Registrar Tel: 01577 867133
The Registrar is normally in Kinross only on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Loch Leven Community Campus

Mobile Library

Mobile 2, Week 1, every second Wednesday:

Visiting Powmill, Rumbling Bridge, Crook of Devon, Fossoway, Cleish and Milnathort. Next visit: **6 August**.

Mobile 2, Week 2, every second Tuesday:

Visiting Mawcarse, Glenlond, Kinnesswood, Scotlandwell, Levenmouth Farm, Hatchbank and Cambo. Next visit: **12 August**.

Mobile 1, Week 2, every second Wednesday:

Visiting Glenfarg and Duncricvie. Next visit: **13 August**.

For times of stops, see PKC website: www.pkc.gov.uk

Any queries, telephone AK Bell Library 01738 444949.

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New constituency office details, as from April 2014:

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Email: banksgr@parliament.uk

For dates and locations of regular advice surgeries, or to raise any concerns you may have, please contact the constituency office: telephone 01259 721536, fax 01259 216761 or write to 49-51 High Street, Alloa, FK10 1JF.

Fossoway and Cleish Community Office

A service for the Community, open:

Thursdays 2 pm - 4 pm

Saturdays 10am -12 noon

Out of hours there is an answering machine

Tel: 01577 840185 Email: fcoffice@btinternet.com

Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers

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Kinross-shire *Day Centre*

64 High Street
Kinross
KY13 8AJ



**Film shows • Cards • Dominoes • Art Class
Daily Papers • Chiropody • Trips • Exercises**

Weekly Programme

Monday	Exercise Class	11am	Bingo	1.30pm
			"Stride for Life" Walking Group	2pm
Tuesday	Relaxation Class	1.15pm	Singing group with Alex Cant	1.45pm
	Fun and Games	1.15pm		
Wednesday	Scrabble	1.30pm	Quiz Afternoon	1.30pm
	Dominoes & Games	1.30pm		
Thursday	Film Afternoon	1.30pm	Dominoes	1.30pm
	Art Class	1.30pm	Scrabble etc	1.30pm
Friday	Bingo	1.30pm	Dominoes	1.30pm

Additional Events for August

**Barge Trip
Chiropody**

Tuesday 12th 10am
Thursday 7th, 28th 9.30am - 12.30pm
(phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)
Tuesday 26th 12noon - 3pm

**Food from around the world, and
Entertainment (Indian)**

There will also be other day trips that are yet to be organised!



Coffee Bar open to the public 8.30 am - 4 pm, Older Adults Lunches Daily.

Our activities are open to everyone - please feel free to come in and have a great afternoon.

Phone: 01577 863869

Fax: 01577 863869

Email: kindaycent@tiscali.co.uk

LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

Mon - Fri: 9.00 am - 6.00 pm
Saturday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm
Tel: 862422

Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

Mon to Fri: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm &
2.00 pm - 6.00 pm
Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm
Tel: 862219

**Sundays: The nearest open pharmacy
is Asda, Dunfermline**



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,
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Parents with babies 0 - 18 months FREE!

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Mondays 1630 - 2130 **Thursdays** 1630 - 1900

Wednesdays 0830 - 1100 **Fridays** 1000 - 1630

and 1930 - 2130 **Sundays** 0800 - 2130

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77 Canal Street, Perth



PLUS is a member-led local charity improving the lives of people who have suffered mental distress and promoting more positive attitudes towards mental health.

The PLUS office is open Mon-Fri 9.30am - 4pm
for mental health signposting and enquiries.

Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com

www.scottishcf.org

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

Conservatory Fan £2500 inc
Hardly used conservatory fan, 3 speed, 3 built in lights. Complete with remote control. 2 wall light lights.
Seller details: Frank Koronka 01577 863449

HP Colour LaserJet Duplex Printer 3600dn £10
One paper tray needs repair but the other still works. If you collect this printer from my home, you can have it free.
*Seller Details: Walt Hopkins 07515884771
waltonline@mac.com*

Stable manure Wanted! Pref £0.00 to collect
Ideally straw but wood chip also acceptable, for use on new allotment.
*Seller Details: Ann Barlow 01577 861931
bandb@burnbank-kinross.co.uk*

3-Seater Sofa £5000
M&S Sofa in good condition, with two extra matching cushions in Burgundy red. Buyer collects. (Cleish).
*Seller Details: Andrew Whitehead 447940 383802
cleish.376@btinternet.com*

Siemens Dishwasher £50
Model SE26T252UK White. 6 programmes, half load, plus ECO. Excellent condition. Cost new £369.00 Purchaser Collects.
Seller Details: Janet Duguid 01577 862997

New Patio Door & Frame £470
Excess to requirement. Less than Half Original Purchase Price. Nordan Outward Opening Patio Door. Factory Finished, White, Double Glazed Security Glass, Double Cylinder, Security Frame, Casement Stay. 3 Point Locking System. Left Hinged. Handles & Keys, W888 x H2088.
*Seller Details: Ken Campbell 01577 864014
kenchriscampbell@yahoo.co.uk*

Excess Building Materials £240
New Slates: Cupa Heavy Approx. 250 - 16x10 & 50 - 12x8. Various Bricks - Block Spacers. Approx 200. Threshold Door Cill. - Buff Stone. Length = 1m. Corner Quoins. Chamfered Buff Stone. 8 Rubble Sandstone, Various Sizes Approx - 1 1/2 tons. Round Iron Drain Manhole Covers 2.
*Seller Details: Ken Campbell 01577 864014
kenchriscampbell@yahoo.co.uk*

ATCO Commodore B 12 Cylinder Lawn Mower £40
114cc Petrol Engine, 12" cut, Electronic Ignition. Good Condition.
*Seller Details: Graham Haworth 01577 864666
lynhaworth@btinternet.com*

Mobility Scooters

Available to hire, free of charge, seven days a week
from the Kinross pier
1st July – end October, 10am – 4pm
Telephone Simon Lennox on (01577) 862670
to make a booking.

*This facility is available due to the generous co-operation of
Historic Scotland and Montgomery Hotels Group/Kinross Estate*

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.

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').

Chef De Partie & Commis Chef, Kirklands Hotel, Kinross
Full Time Chef de Partie and Commis Chef required to join a team of 5 in our busy kitchen. All food freshly prepared in house, great opportunity to learn from head chef with five star experience. Split shifts 5 days from 7, salary negotiable depending on experience. Immediate start available for the right candidate.
Anyone interested in either position should contact Anthony or Shona on 01577 863313 or email info@thekirklandshotel.com.

Housekeeper, Kirklands Hotel
Hours: Monday - Friday starting 9.00am for 4/5 hours each day.
Duties: Cleaning all public areas of the hotel and from 1 - 9 bedrooms depending on occupancy. Pay is negotiable. Previous cleaning experience preferable.
Anyone interested in this position should contact Shona at The Kirklands Hotel - 01577 863313 or info@thekirklandshotel.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:

As from 8 August 2014

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**

Springwell – Wellbeing Support Team Inclusion * Wellbeing * Recovery

*Supporting positive mental health in Kinross-shire
and Strathearn for adults from 16 onwards*

We support people to improve the quality of their life and wellbeing, be more involved in their community, help them achieve their ambitions and manage their mental health. We support people how to improve their social contacts, be more active, access education or voluntary opportunities or work. The support and activities we offer are flexible and can change and develop over time, depending on what people need and benefit from.

For more information or an informal chat please phone
Charlie Wilson 01577 867320, or
Email charleswilson@pkc.gov.uk

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