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## Editorial

Around the time this Newsletter goes on sale, **The Big Street Party** takes place in Kinross (Saturday 3 October). This is to celebrate the new look High Street, which, fingers crossed, will be complete after six months of full or partial closure while environmental changes were carried out. The party is to encourage people back into the High Street and to herald a new, positive beginning, with more people, it is hoped, using the local shops from now on. A great deal of work has gone into organising the party in a remarkably short space of time by some dedicated community members.

A new business – a delicatessen shop called ‘The Shire’ – is due to begin trading at 167 High Street on 30 September. Best wishes from the Newsletter.

This month is deadline time for **comments to the Boundaries Commission**. As explained by Cllr Cuthbert last month and in this issue (pages 12-13), the Commission is proposing to redesignate a large section of the PKC Kinross-shire ward as Almond & Earn.

**Colour!** In a new development for the Newsletter, we have introduced some internal colour pages. We hope you enjoy this issue.

## Note to Contributors

A great deal of the Newsletter comprises reports supplied by local clubs and other organisations. These reports are accepted in good faith. Clubs etc should ensure that reports are factually accurate and do not contain material which could cause legal proceedings to be taken against the Newsletter.

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## About the Kinross Newsletter

The Newsletter has been informing and supporting the community for 38 years.

It began as a way of letting residents know what Kinross Community Council was saying and doing, but soon expanded to be so much more.

Readers use the Newsletter to find local trades and services, and our loyal advertisers support the community by enabling us to publish local clubs’ reports and essential community information free of charge. Readers, when answering an advertisement, please say you saw it in the Newsletter. Thank you.

Any profits made by the Newsletter are given away to local good causes.

## A Tale of Two Post Offices

Two friends, Dot and Mabel, were talking on the telephone.

Dot: “I was in the Post Office today and received such a shock. You’ll never believe it!”

Mabel: “What is it, dear?”

Dot: “Haven’t you heard?”

Mabel: “Heard what?”

Dot: “The Post Office is to close.”

There was a moment’s pause, while Mabel took in the significance of what she had heard. “Closed? Are you sure?”

Dot: “Well, not exactly closed. It’s being moved, a few yards along the road, to Giacobazzi’s.”

Mabel: “You must be joking. Whatever for?”

Dot: “Exactly. It had me fooled as well. All to do with modernisation.”

Mabel: “I thought the Post Office had been modernised not long ago without the need to move.”

Dot: “So one would have thought.”

Mabel: “What are we to do?”

Dot: “Don’t be stupid. We are assured everything – all the existing services – will still be available.”

Mabel: “I still don’t understand. Why move at all? The existing Post Office is so good.”

Dot: “Yes, I wondered as well. There is more. The new service will be available seven days a week and as late as ten o’clock at night.”

Mabel: “What about the staff?”

Dot: “They have decided to retire.”

Mabel: “Well, I never! What will become of the shop?”

Dot: “Well may you ask. Obviously, it has to close.”

Mabel: “Yet another loss to the village. Think of all the things we will miss – the dry cleaning, E-bay sales, road fund payments, the lottery, toys and cards from the shop and stationery – all gone.”

Dot: “There is to be a public consultation where you can lodge an objection, if you so wish.”

Mabel: “There has to be more behind this closure, and no advance warning.”

Dot: “You may well be correct. It does make me think. Modernisation indeed. Let me imagine the scenario – Letter arrives in the post, modernisation has already been decided, the move will happen whether you like it or not, your best plan is to retire.”

Mabel: “Do I detect something amiss here? Surely, it is usual to plan one’s retirement first. Possible changes coming later.”

Dot: “We will never know, will we? All very sad. Very public as well.”

Mabel: “Public as well? How is that?”

Dot: “Don’t you see? Privacy will be lost dealing with money matters.”

Mabel: “I hadn’t thought of that. Grim indeed.”

Dot: “I doubt the modernisers had thought of that either. Not that they would care.”

I do apologise if there is a real Dot or Mabel residing nearby. Seriously, I have found that over many years all at the Milnathort Post Office have gone the ‘extra mile’, always helpful, the little building having a relaxed intimacy of friendliness. Hopefully, all will turn out for the best; one soon adjusts to being retired. To Janet and all, I wish you well.

Gareth Clemson  
Tillywhally Cottage

*See also pages 21 and 27.*



## THE BIG STREET PARTY!

### To celebrate the new look of Kinross High Street

To celebrate the new look Kinross High Street, local businesses, in conjunction with KLEO (Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation) are holding The Big Street Party! It's happening just around the time this Newsletter is published, so we hope you've bought your copy promptly!

A fantastic array of entertainment is planned and it's a great opportunity for local people to reacquaint themselves with the High Street shops and services. There will be something for everyone, and all ages.

The Day Centre will be open. Although they can't offer transport, they will offer a base for anyone to rest their weary legs. Some entertainers will drop in to the Day Centre to perform, notably the Kennedy Cupcakes, a 1940s/50s inspired dance troupe. Volunteers will be on hand to offer support to anyone with mobility issues to get down the High Street to see what's on the main stage or up the street to hear the ceilidh band.

Most local residents will have received a leaflet detailing the special offers available on the day. In addition, many local businesses have donated very generous prizes to a free-to-enter raffle. Hopefully you will all have filled in the slip at the bottom of your leaflet and handed it in to a participating shop to enter the raffle. This needs to be done by early afternoon on 3 October to be in with a chance of winning one of the fantastic prizes! (Reminisce coffee shop is the final collecting point for raffle entries at 2pm on the day.)

Have fun, and support your local High Street!



### The Big Street Party Programme, Saturday 3 October 1pm – 5pm

**12.50 Parade down High Street with Kinross Pipe Band, Lochleven Diamonds, characters from Frozen and Star Wars (starts at the Court House).**

#### Main Stage Entertainment

- 12.45 Craigclowan Pipe Band with R Scott & I Duncan
- 1.10 Lochleven Diamonds baton twirlers
- 1.30 KHS Ukulele Orchestra
- 1.45 Nikki Matthew Dance Academy
- 2.05 Garry Simpson on guitar
- 2.20 Fitsteps dance routines and Zumba
- 2.40 Iain Hunter sings
- 3.05 Kennedy Cupcakes
- 4.00 The Red Hot Chilli Pipers
- 5.00 Opening of High Street by Provost Liz Grant and Mrs McBain

#### Ceilidh Stage at Co-op

- 1.10 Ceilidh band
- 2.10 Band: James Ross
- 3.00 Craigclowan Pipe Band with R Scott & I Duncan
- 3.15 Dance Connect
- 3.40 Daniel Paris
- 4.15 Ceilidh band

#### Kinross Church Centre

- 1.30 Kennedy Cupcakes

#### At the Court House

The Black Cat Jook Band

#### At the Boathouse Loch Leven

- 3.00 KHS High School Ukulele Orchestra
- 7.30 Singer Sally McGreevy and Malcolm Macfarlane on guitar

#### Other Entertainment

Fun fair rides  
African drumming  
Vintage hairstyle stall  
Characters from Frozen  
Characters from Star Wars  
Face Painting  
Buskers  
Dancers  
Street artists  
Highland Dancing by Lawson's School of Dance

#### Please note

*All timings are approximate and the programme may be subject to change. All timings are pm.*



## Councillor Giacopazzi Policing Kinross-shire



The Community Safety Committee of Perth and Kinross Council, on which I sit, met most recently on 19 August to discuss, among other matters, a report by the Chief Superintendent.

With the creation of Police Scotland, the role of Chief Constable for Tayside ceased, with the local function being taken over by the Chief Superintendent, who is now the most senior officer in Perth and Kinross. The committee exists to bring senior representatives of Police Scotland to account for their performance in Perth and Kinross.

Police Scotland, now 30 months old, has been the recipient of a degree of criticism, not all of which was unjustified. While some initially complained of the 'Strathclydisation' of police services in Scotland, others objected to the rationalisation of police stations and control centres. It seems to me that the police are aware of shortcomings and are working hard to make the new model for delivering police services workable. The creation of Police Scotland, a single force with one Chief Constable covering five million people in Scotland, was driven by the desire to effect savings through efficiency. The principle for larger police authorities already exists, with the Metropolitan force in London, for example, covering eight million people. With constrained budgets, it makes perfect sense to strip out layers of bureaucracy and make specialist resources available to each part of the country, as required. Any officer will tell you that police helicopters, police divers and teams of officers specialising in serious crime are now available when and where needed and in the numbers required. Furthermore, 'boundary disputes' are a thing of the past. I remember years ago reporting to the local police that debris was lying on the M90 and posing a danger. All the officer was interested in learning from me was whether the debris was on the Fife side of the boundary or in Kinross-shire! Today, this

would not be a consideration. I am hearing of the free flow of information between police who were previously under different authorities, leading to positive results.

Others criticise the new system as it is seen as having finally put paid to what might be described as 'Dixon of Dock Green' or 'Heartbeat' policing. While I agree that a local police presence, whether a bobby on the beat or on a bicycle, was reassuring, the fact remains that this style of policing has been in decline everywhere for a long time on account of its cost.

But I digress. What drew my attention in the Chief Superintendent's report was the section on Road Safety, which indicates a decline in deaths and injuries on the roads of Perth and Kinross. This may be down to the new A9 speed cameras or possibly the new drink drive limit (doubtful). One thing is for sure; the Road Policing Unit has been prioritising careless and dangerous driving offences. Detection is up by 68% on last year.

The report makes particular mention of youth disturbance in the Kinross area, describing this as 'very much a reducing trend' according to a decrease in the number of reported incidents. This surprised me, in view of the complaints which I and my colleagues have received in relation to some local youths. I took the opportunity to quiz the Chief Superintendent on the subject. I have since been in contact with one of our local sergeants, in respect of recent issues.

Mention was also made of the work that Kinross-shire officers were undertaking with their colleagues in Fife to carry out co-ordinated road block checks in the rural areas crossing the local authority boundaries in an effort to detect criminals who travel into our area to commit crime.

The committee sat for three hours, during which there was a frank exchange of views between Councillors, Council Officials and the Police. I, for one, am convinced that with the creation of Police Scotland, efficiencies have been created without loss of local accountability.

*Councillor Joe Giacopazzi*

## Councillor Robertson Keeping Kinross-shire Together



I hope everyone will get behind the campaign to keep Kinross-shire and Arngask parish a complete Perth & Kinross Council ward. Please make your opposition to the proposals of the Boundary Commission known to them by the means shown in this edition of the Newsletter. You have until 22 October to do so. (See pages 12 - 13.)

### Loch Leven Heritage Trail

The latest figures for the LLHT shows that it is attracting over 220,000 visitors per year and these visitors are spending over £2.1 million in Kinross-shire. This is great news for jobs in Kinross-shire and income for all our local businesses. The trail has received two cuts of the verges this year, which has helped to keep the path open.

### Kinross Park & Ride

This is a great facility for Kinross-shire residents, however it still annoys me that people waiting for buses have no idea when the bus they are waiting for is likely to arrive. I wrote to the Council last year asking them to see if we could have 'real time' information at Kinross so waiting passengers would know where the bus they were waiting for was. I was told they were unable to help with this.

I have now written to Scottish Citylink making the same request. The technology exists elsewhere in undergrounds, bus services and tramlines. If installed at Kinross I am sure it would prove of great benefit for local bus users.

### Kinross Town Centre Improvements

Thankfully the works are drawing to a close as I write this piece, and the centre of Kinross looks better as each day passes. TRACKS, the local charity which built the Heritage Trail amongst many other things, are actively looking at getting funding to tidy up the Victorian fountain which sits in front of the clock tower in the town centre. Its rather run down appearance is out of place surrounded by the restored town hall buildings and revamped High Street. Hopefully our bids for funding to do up the fountain will be successful.

*Councillor Willie Robertson*

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## Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland in conversation with Mike Barnacle

*Karol Swanson, A Trustee of the Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland (APRS) chats to Mike Barnacle, Kinross-shire Councillor and Member of APRS Advisory Council*



### **Q When did you join APRS and why?**

“I joined APRS over 18 years ago. Landscape protection is important to me. One of the early things I did when I moved to Scotland was to find out if there was a sister organisation to CPRE up north. I am originally from England, and know about the pressures on the countryside there. I know that Scotland is not under the same pressure, but nevertheless, it has a beautiful landscape. It’s easy to spoil it if you are not vigilant. Plus, I think there is a role for organisations who are membership based and not just subject to electoral whim. I think it is important when organisations are lobbying the powers-that-be, that they make them aware of the strength and size of their membership. They often get criticised for having only one agenda. Membership is important in that regard.”

### **Q When did you first become aware of landscape and its need for protection?**

“One of the reasons I am so driven about landscape protection probably originates in my family upbringing. My family have a farm on the edge of the Peak District but my father moved to the industrial Midlands when he got married, the only member of the family who moved to the town. But I had in my genes, as it were, the love of the land and the landscape. We had some waste ground that was a former mining area opposite where I lived and it had gradually been retaken by nature. It became a playground for children and a place you could go where you couldn’t see any other industry. All you could see and hear was the sound of the countryside. I used to cycle seven miles from where I lived to a common on the edge of town just to see the countryside.

“When I was a teenager, I was a member of a youth club and we went for a weekend in Snowdonia where I got hooked on mountaineering and thus landscape became very important to me. In fact, one of my favourite poems is ‘Landscape and I’ by Norman McCaig. I often recite this at mountaineering club dinners.”

### **Q What do you feel are the biggest areas of concern in landscape protection?**

“A few things spring to mind. One is of recent concern and the others are more historical. Houses in the countryside are an issue, for example, in Kinross-shire, which is the area I am proud to represent. We’ve had some very fine steading conversions but we’ve also had some very bad examples of development on ‘so-called’ steading sites. A few years ago there was a freeing up of the houses in the countryside policy which led to development almost on an ad hoc basis. We tightened that up again because there was widespread concern that it was too flexible. There is a balance to be struck between the type of housing that you want in the countryside and the protection of the landscape. Perth and Kinross Council are reviewing our Local Plan at the moment and houses in the countryside policies will be looked at again. It centres on what constitutes the definition of brownfield land and building groups as well. The other area of concern is windfarms, both large and small, my main concern being the

large ones. I would say that the Scottish Government (SG) has been remiss in the advice that they’ve given local authorities on this question, tending to leave it to them to establish the best locations. It’s not really an issue for the odd small turbine but it is the cumulative effect of numbers suddenly appearing on the landscape. The SG has a 20m neighbour notification law but I think this is totally insufficient. This is something that APRS should be lobbying the government on. Fracking may be another future problem. There are some licensed sites in West Kinross which will impact on the landscape but I am yet to be convinced that there are no downsides to fracking”.

### **Q How do you see local protection issues fitting into the bigger picture of looking after the whole country?**

“We’ve already discussed a number of rural issues. What a local authority does can be mirrored nationally and there needs to be some synergy between local authorities as to their policy approach because otherwise you can get a completely different picture developing. The SG is very keen to speed up the planning process – it’s all about jobs and development, but I’m on record as saying that it is the quality of the decision that matters, not the speed of it. One thing that planners can do is to make sure that applications are filled in properly before they are validated. There also needs to be some cross-border working. For example, we recently lost a landscape designation in the Cleish area which borders Fife. For some reason, Perth & Kinross planners seem to think that the landscape suddenly changes as you walk across the boundary.

### **Q How do councillors balance the need for sustainable development with the demand for homes and jobs?**

“This is difficult because whenever an application comes forward that involves employment creation, it is usually met with a level of support. Claims for job creation can be spurious sometimes but councillors do not like to be seen as anti-development, growth or employment. They need to be sure that development is appropriate to the area and that if you want to support something because of the jobs and homes, then you need to see that it fits into the environment and landscape – more important in the countryside than in the towns. You absolutely need a certain level of employment land in every area, otherwise, the only growth you have is in commuter housing. You do have a duty to attract jobs into your area. I’m not against that. I’d like to see small economic development sites in villages too.”

*We are indebted to APRS for this article, which was first published in its Summer 2015 ‘Rural Scotland’ newsletter.*

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## News from the Health Centre



### Annual Flu Campaign

The dates for this year's flu clinics have now been finalised. All clinics will run from 9am until 1pm and appointments may now be booked with Reception.

The dates of the clinics are as follows:

**Monday 5 October** (open for flu immunisations only)  
**Saturday 24 October**  
**Saturday 31 October**  
**Saturday 14 November**

*Please do not wait for a letter to be sent to you inviting you to make an appointment. If you are eligible you may make your appointment now.*

We would encourage all those in the following groups to come for a flu injection:

Over 65s	Those aged 65 and over on 31 March 2016 (Born on or before 31 March 1951)
Those aged 6 months or over in clinical 'At Risk' Groups	Chronic respiratory disease and asthma that requires continuous or repeated use of inhaled or systemic steroids or with previous hospital admissions. COPD including chronic bronchitis and emphysema Chronic heart disease Chronic kidney disease: kidney failure or transplant, nephritic syndrome Chronic liver disease: cirrhosis, chronic hepatitis Chronic neurological disease Diabetes Immunosuppression Asplenia or dysfunction of the spleen
Pregnant women	Pregnant women at any stage of pregnancy
Long stay residential	Those living in long stay residential care homes or other long stay care facilities
Unpaid carers and young carers	Those who, without payment, provide help and support to a partner, child, relative, friend or neighbour who could not manage without this help. This could be due to age, physical or mental illness, addiction or disability. Young carers are those under 18 who carry out significant caring tasks and assume a level of responsibility for another person which would normally be taken by an adult.

Please note that patients who do not fall into these categories or who have no other clinical reason for receiving the flu vaccination will not be given the vaccination. Clinicians will visit the residential and nursing homes as usual to administer the vaccination.

### Children's Nasal Flu

We will again be offering the nasal flu vaccination to all pre-school children aged 2-5. Dates for these clinics are as follows:

**Friday 16 October** 2pm to 4.30pm  
**Monday 26 October** 9am to 12noon  
**Monday 2 November** 9am to 11.30am  
**Tuesday 10 November** 2pm to 5pm

Please make your appointment at Reception. Children attending school will have the vaccination there.

### Shingles

The shingles vaccine is available to those patients in the following age groups:

- 70 year olds (born between 2 September 1944 and 1 September 1945 inclusive)
- 78 year olds (born between 2 September 1936 and 1 September 1937 inclusive)
- Those who were eligible in previous years but did not receive the vaccine, excluding those who are now 80.

This vaccine can be administered at the same time as the flu vaccination. There are special clinics for this on:

**Monday 5 October**  
**Saturday 24 October**

Please telephone Reception now to make your appointment.

### Meningococcal ACWY

The Government has introduced a Meningococcal ACWY vaccination programme. This is aimed at the following groups:

- All 18 year olds i.e. born between 02/08/1996 and 28/02/1997
- All S6 pupils i.e. born between 01/03/1997 and 28/02/1998 leaving school this summer and those in this age group who left school in previous years
- All S5 pupils i.e. born between 01/03/1998 and 28/02/1999 leaving school this summer and those in this age group who left school in previous years
- All S4 pupils i.e. born between 01/03/1999 and 29/02/2000 leaving school this summer
- All first year University entrants aged under 25

Please telephone Reception to make an appointment.

#### Visiting Kinross-shire?

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## Business Breakfasts

Local networking at its best!

Open to all Kinross-shire Businesses



Kinross-shire Partnership will be hosting another season of highly successful Business Breakfasts at Loch Leven's Larder, starting this autumn and running through to spring 2016. If your organisation is based in Kinross-shire, you'll be made most welcome at these relaxed, enjoyable networking events – whatever the size of your business. It's a great opportunity for local businesses to meet each other and talk about issues that affect us all.



*Enjoy midwinter sunrises like this at the KP Business Breakfasts*

Now in their fifth year, the Kinross-shire Partnership's Business Breakfasts are a well-established feature of local business life and take place on the **first Wednesday of the month** from **7.30am to 9am**. This season's events will be held on:

**7 October**  
**4 November**  
**2 December**  
**3 February**  
**3 March**  
**7 April**

The aim is to allow local businesses from all areas of commerce to network and to share business goals. Our proven format gives everyone the opportunity to introduce their business briefly to other attendees. It's an unmissable chance to promote your products and services in a friendly, supportive environment.



Feel free to bring along your business cards and any brochures you wish to display on the day. Our popular networking forum, used by over a hundred local businesses, is an effective way of letting other local entrepreneurs know who you are and what you do.

Our first breakfast aims to provide you with a little extra time to update your fellow breakfasters on your company's achievements over the six months since our March event – in other words, it's an open invitation to blow your own trumpet! Each subsequent breakfast event will include a speaker who will give a brief talk about a topic of interest to local businesses.

The cost of attending a breakfast will be £10 per person for members (contact Karen Grunwell for information on how to join), with non-members paying £15. The cost of attendance includes a full Scottish breakfast, porridge, cereal, fresh juice, fresh fruit, toast, coffee and tea. It's a great way to set yourself up for a productive working day ahead.

To book your place at one or more of the Business Breakfasts, please email Karen Grunwell, Kinross-shire Partnership Administrator, at [mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk](mailto:mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk) or call 07865 193844. Cash payments will be taken on the day and receipts will be issued.



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## Deadline for Boundary Commission Comments

### by Councillor Cuthbert

The Local Government Boundary Commission Scotland (LGBCS) are carrying out a review of local ward boundaries throughout Scotland.

These ward boundaries define administrative areas and the number of Councillors who will be elected in them.

The current proposal is to take a large chunk out of Kinross-shire, placing it in Ward 9 (Almond and Earn) - see maps on facing page - and to reduce the number of Councillors representing Kinross-shire from four down to three.

I would ask all readers to contact the LGBCS to object to this proposal.

Below is a suggested letter to the Local Government Boundary



Commission Scotland; please feel free to extract the bits you agree with and let the LGBCS know how you feel about this proposal.

You can comment on the Boundary Commission Proposals in the following ways:

Online: [www.consultation.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk/node/31](http://www.consultation.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk/node/31)

Email: [lgbcs@scottishboundaries.gov.uk](mailto:lgbcs@scottishboundaries.gov.uk)

Phone: 0131 538 7510

Fax: 0131 538 7511

Letter: Thistle House, 91 Haymarket Terrace,  
Edinburgh, EH12 5HD

**Comments have to be in by 22 October 2015.**

Please do this. If you don't, Kinross-shire will be split apart.

**Councillor Dave Cuthbert**  
**Independent Councillor for Kinross-shire**

### Sample Letter to Boundary Commission

Dear Sir,

I am writing to object to your proposal to reduce the size of the Kinross-shire ward in Perth and Kinross and to reduce it from four councillors to three.

Kinross-shire is an ancient County, originally formed in the thirteenth century when the two parishes of Kinross and Orwell were removed from the Fotheringhay area of Fife. Cleish, Portmoak and Tullibole were added by Act of Parliament in 1685.

There are strong local ties, with all the Primary Schools in the Kinross-shire Ward feeding into Kinross High School, including Arngask Primary School in Glenfarg.

The local authority administration in the existing Kinross-shire Ward is run from the hub at the Loch Leven Community Campus. This delivers all the Council services for Kinross-shire and is a discrete administrative unit.

Communities on the south side of the Ochils take services from Kinross and Milnathort, including administrative, financial and community based. The proposals will confuse this working system.

The proposal splits the Milnathort Community Council ward in half, which will break the local ties this represents.

For these reasons, it is my view that local ties will be broken by the proposals contained in the LGBCS fifth review of the electoral boundaries for the Kinross-shire Ward and that these breaks will breach Schedule 6, subsection 3(b) of the 1973 Local Government (Scotland) Act which states that "...regard shall be had to any local ties which would be broken by the fixing of any particular boundary."

In addition, the Boundary that is being proposed is extremely hard to identify, as it follows field boundaries which zig zag across the countryside and small unnamed roads. These field boundaries are not fixed and could be moved at any time.

It cuts through communities such as Meikle Seggie and Craigow, meaning that residents on one side of the road will be in one ward, whilst residents on the other side of the road will be in another.

For these reasons, it is my view that the current proposal fails to fix a boundary which is easily identifiable and therefore breaches Schedule 6, Subsection 3(a) of the 1973 Local

Government (Scotland) Act which states that "...regard shall be had to the desirability of fixing boundaries which are and will remain easily identifiable."

Kinross-shire sits in a bowl of hills delimited by the Ochils, the Lomond Hills, Benarty and the Cleish Hills. I believe that the geography is sufficiently distinct for it to warrant different treatment.

Finally, I would like to address the question of voter parity.

I note that schedule 6, subsection 2 of the 1973 Local Government (Scotland) Act requires that the number of voters per councillor for each ward shall be as nearly as may be, the same for all the wards in a local authority area.

Kinross-shire is forecast in your numbers to have 3,194 voters per Councillor, whereas the Highland Ward is forecast to have 2,490 voters per councillor. Which by my calculation means that voters in Highland will have 28% more voter power than those in Kinross-shire.

Likewise, the Carse of Gowrie ward is forecast to have 2,609 voters to each councillor giving them 22% more voter power. I think this is too big a difference.

I also note that your forecasts fail to take into account windfall sites and presume that there are the same number of voters per dwelling in each ward of Perth and Kinross.

Kinross-shire historically sees one windfall house built to each planned development house; this means your forecast for new builds is half what it should be, therefore seriously underestimating the number of voters in Kinross-shire in five years' time.

Kinross-shire has 1.83 voters per household, whereas the Perth City Centre ward has 1.37.

Your calculation has taken an average of 1.61 voters per household in new builds and therefore again seriously underestimates the likely number of voters in Kinross-shire.

For these reasons, I believe that your proposal breaches schedule 6, subsection 2 of the 1973 Local Government (Scotland) Act.

I would urge you to reconsider your proposals for the Kinross-shire Ward, by returning the borders to where they were and keeping the Councillor numbers at four.

Yours faithfully

Etc...



## Proposed ward boundary changes for Kinross-shire



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**We are helping prevent sewer flooding in Milnathort. Phase 3 is planned to take place from Thursday 1 October for 3 weeks.**

### How this may affect you

We are progressing with our work in Milnathort village centre and Phase 2 involving the South Street road closure is estimated to last until 30 September.

We will shortly be starting on the next stage of work (Phase 3), which will involve part of New Road being closed to road traffic from 1 October for approximately 3 weeks.

There will also be two-way traffic lights to help control local access.

Pedestrian access to New Road will not be affected and all local businesses will remain open as usual while we are working. Diversions will be in place during this work so drivers are advised to allow extra time for journeys.

Sorry for any inconvenience this essential work may cause. Thank you for your patience.

[www.scottishwater.co.uk/milnathort](http://www.scottishwater.co.uk/milnathort)



### Queen of Scots event hit by rain

The Mary Queen of Scots Festival held over the weekend 12-13 September was the victim of terrible wet and windy weather on the Saturday, but good numbers turned out on the Sunday to enjoy a variety of entertainment, shopping and educational opportunities.

Clanranald Trust members looked splendid in their costumes, demonstrating 16th century cooking methods, leisure pastimes and weaponry. Riders on horseback showed off their jousting skills by severing cabbages and apples suspended by string!

Thomas Moffat, organiser, said, "A massive thank you to everyone who came along and supported the inaugural Mary Queen of Scots Festival. It's not all black and white, Clanranald and Belhaven look forward to inviting you all to our 2016 event."

*16th century cooking methods were demonstrated in period costume*



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## Court email scam warning

PKC's Trading Standards Service have issued a warning about court citation scams. A local resident received an email which said he was being cited to appear at the local County Court and that he should click on a link in the email to obtain the details of the citation.

The first tell-tale sign that it is a scam is that we have Sheriff Courts in Scotland, not County Courts, and the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service, COPFS, would not email a citation; citations are either sent through the post or hand delivered.

Trading Standards advise residents never to click on a link in an email. Links in emails can contain viruses and malware which can compromise the security of your computer.

Any resident who receives an email which they are not sure about can get advice from the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06.

PKC Trading Standards aim to inform local residents about scams and bogus callers operating in the area.

If **you** have any information about scams and bogus callers please email Trading Standards at [tsintel@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:tsintel@pkc.gov.uk) with any details: scams, emails, lottery, doorstep callers, suspicious traders, vehicles used etc. Information provided, no matter how insignificant you may think it is, may assist current investigations and can provide essential intelligence.

Unfortunately, this service no longer deals directly with consumer complaints or gives consumer advice.

If you wish to make a complaint about a trader or wish consumer advice, this service is now provided by the Citizens Advice consumer helpline 08454 04 05 06.

[www.adviceguide.org.uk/scotland](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk/scotland)

## Roadworks on Muirs

There will be a suspension of parking and a loading ban on the Muirs between its junction with Broom Road and the junction leading to Loch Leven Health Centre. This will be effective for two days, on 19 and 20 October. It is to allow Scottish Water to carry out manhole repairs.

## Junction 6 improvements

BEAR Scotland, in conjunction with PKC, will be carrying out refurbishment works to the north and south bridge decks at the M90 Junction 6 roundabout (Kinross) soon. Existing waterproofing, road surface and bridge parapets will be replaced.

Lane closures will be in place during these works. The scheme is likely to last around eight weeks and is expected to commence in October.

## Balado Theatre Makers

Two women from the Balado area are currently involved in a touring production by 'Visible Fictions' of the successful play *Friends Electric*.

Laura Penny is the producer for Visible Fictions and Ishbel McFarlane is one of the two actors in the play. Both were brought up in Kinross-shire. *Friends Electric* is "a magical story about a spark of connection between a human and a robot", suitable for everyone aged 7 and over.

The show previously toured Scotland in 2013 and this time can be seen close to Kinross at Carnegie Hall, Dunfermline, on Saturday 10 October at 11.00 and 14.00; at Adam Smith, Kirkcaldy, on Sunday 11 October at 11.00 and 14.00; and at Perth Concert Hall on Tuesday 20 October at 11.00.

## Lest We Forget Reflections on the Great War



Until 2018 there is a rolling exhibition at the Kinross (Marshall) Museum on the Great War. The museum display is located at the library at the community campus.

### Kinross-shire Roll of Honour October 1915

6 October

George Beaton

21 October

James B McFarlane

### 2nd Lieutenant Peter Tyrie Duff

The Newsletter is appealing for any surviving relatives of 2nd Lieutenant Peter Tyrie Duff to get in touch.

Peter Tyrie Duff was killed in action on 20 September 1918 at the age of twenty. He was unmarried.

The elder son of Mr & Mrs Alexander Duff, Peter was born in John o' Groats, Wick. His parents moved to The Schoolhouse, Milnathort, and Peter attended Orwell Parish School and Perth Academy.

He enlisted at the aged of 18 with the 3rd Battalion, King's Own Scottish Borderers (No 26757) while an apprentice law clerk with J & G Wilson Solicitors in Kinross. He was commissioned on 20 February 1918. Peter Duff was a platoon commander with the South Lancashire regiment when he died during an operation to capture a line of pill boxes and dugouts.

Peter Duff is buried in Houchin British Cemetery in France and is also commemorated on the Orwell Parish War Memorial in Milnathort and at Perth Academy.

A group of Perth Academy pupils is producing a Roll of Honour for the 165 former pupils and staff who died in WWI. They would be very interested to obtain a photograph of Peter Tyrie Duff. A memorial service for the Perth Academy fallen will be held in 2018, and relatives would be welcome at this event.

If any readers have a connection with Peter Tyrie Duff, or can provide further information, please contact the Newsletter Editor. (See page 1.)

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Parents, grandparents or guardians and toddlers will be made most welcome at these free, open sessions.

### Film Book Night – Testament of Youth

#### Tuesday 6 October at 7pm

Testament of Youth is a searing story of love, war and remembrance, based on the First World War memoir by Vera Brittain, which became the classic testimony of that war from a woman's point of view. A powerful and passionate journey from youthful hopes and dreams to the edge of despair and back again; a film about young love, the futility of war and how to make sense of the darkest times.

Enjoy this film on the BIG screen and participate in the informal, short discussion afterwards, comparing the film to the autobiographical book by Vera Brittain. Shown in conjunction with Milnathort Filmhouse. Tickets, £3.50, must be booked in advance from the library.

### Mindfulness Taster Session

#### Wednesday 7 October, 2pm - 3pm

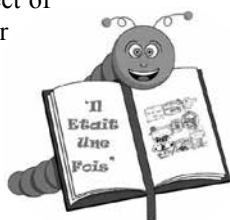
Mindfulness is a life skill which can deepen our sense of well-being and fulfilment. It is about 'coming back to our senses', being in touch with ourselves, with others, and our surroundings in the present moment. **FREE** taster session. To book your place, contact the library. This event is being run in partnership with the Wellbeing Support Team.

### French Storytelling, 31 October, 11.30am - 12pm

Join us at the library for this new project of French themed story-time for 4 to 8 year olds.

This project is being run by volunteers, and aims to support the 1+2 approach to modern languages, where every child has the opportunity to learn a modern language from P1 onwards.

To book your **FREE** place, please contact the library.



### The Anatomist's Dream

#### Thursday 26 November, 7.15pm

Join one of Scotland's award-winning crime writers, Clio Gray, as she discusses her career and reads from her latest novel. *The Anatomist's Dream* is a gripping and immersive read, with a dark and perilous journey that has far-reaching consequences.

Clio Gray is the author of nine novels and a collection of short stories. Dark and a little gruesome, her work is deeply rooted in historical research.

To book your ticket (£3), contact the library.

### Lily Leaf and Autumnal Fun

#### Saturday 28 November, 11.30am - 12.30pm

Celebrate Book Week Scotland with a reading of this children's book by local author Barbara Park. This will be followed by some autumnal fun activities.

Story reading suitable for children aged 2-5yrs, autumnal fun activities suitable for children aged 3-9yrs. (Children aged 8yrs and under need to be accompanied by an adult.)

### Kinross Books on Wheels Service

Would you like books/multimedia delivered to your home?

Do you have difficulty getting to the Community Library in Kinross? If so, why not register with our Books on Wheels service? Books and/or multimedia are delivered by two RVS volunteers once a month. You may request specific titles, or you can let us know the type of book or multimedia you like, perhaps your favourite author or artist, and we will choose some appropriate titles for you. You can also choose CDs, DVDs and talking books. This service is completely free – there is no loan charge and no delivery charge.

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## Kinross Learning Centre Autumn IT Classes

Kinross Learning Centre's new term of classes is now underway, but there is still time to enrol on one of our short IT courses later in the autumn. To find out more, or to book your class, call in to the centre in Swansacre, call 01577 863863 or email [pc.kinross.perth@uhi.ac.uk](mailto:pc.kinross.perth@uhi.ac.uk).



### Get to Grips with:

• Your iPad	Fri 6 Nov	10 - 12noon	4 weeks	£40
• Internet and Email	Tue 3 November	2 - 4pm	2 weeks	£20
• Social Media: Facebook, Twitter and Instant Messaging	Tue 10 Nov	2 - 4pm	3 weeks	£30
• Downloading and Storing Photographs	Tue 17 Nov	12 - 2pm	2 weeks	£20

As well as these tutor-led classes, the centre offers a wide range of “open access” IT courses. These allow learners to decide where and when to learn and can be started at any time. Many students combine learning in the centre with time on their own computer at home or work, which provides the flexibility they need to balance study with work and family commitments.

Choose from a wide range of programmes for a range of abilities:

**Information and Communication Technology (Level 4)** provides an introduction to the main elements of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Access, Powerpoint) whilst the **Level 5** course offers a more in-depth study of the regularly used features.

Anyone looking for a formal qualification to improve employment prospects should consider the **European Computer Driving Licence** course which covers:

Email and Internet • IT User Fundamentals • Security for IT Users • Word Processing  
Spreadsheet Software • Presentation Software • Database

**Advanced ECDL:** Word Processing, Spreadsheets, Database, Presentation

As these open access courses carry formal accreditation, they benefit from Individual Learning Account (ILA) funding, which means anyone earning less than £22,000 may be able to study for free!

## Mental health and wellbeing

Mental Health & Wellbeing Campaigning began in Perth and Kinross in October 2005 when people who had experience of mental illness recognised a need for awareness raising. They wanted others to know about serious issues and facts, such as the effect of stigma and that recovery from mental illness was possible. They also wanted to spread the word about the essential role of knowledge and self-help in maintaining mental wellbeing for all of us. From that time local campaigns were organised yearly on the back of Scottish Mental Health Week and World Mental Health Day on 10 October.

This year's campaign 'Perth & Kinross Wellbeing Fair' is being organised via the Perth & Kinross Mental Health & Wellbeing Strategy – it is marvellous to see such solid and interesting partnerships getting the importance of mental health and wellbeing out there.

For the first time, we are including a local film festival in the campaign. The festival will raise awareness of mental health issues through popular media, encouraging people to talk about taboo subjects such as suicide, stigma and mental illness. There are many other activities, taster sessions and events taking place throughout Perthshire this October.

The Wellbeing Fair provides an opportunity for all of us to feel better by taking part in any of the events and activities whilst celebrating the people, knowledge and wealth of assets clearly abundant in our communities. We would be delighted to see you there.

Please visit [www.mentalwealthperthshire.co.uk](http://www.mentalwealthperthshire.co.uk) or [www.pkc.gov.uk/wellbeingfair](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/wellbeingfair) to find out more information and to view the full list of events taking place throughout Perth & Kinross. (See also the Wellbeing notice on page 86.)

Claire Thomson, PLUS Perth



## Milnathort PO move likely

The Post Office is proposing to move the Milnathort Post Office service to Giacomazzi's Nisa Store, a few doors along in Milnathort's New Road. Post Office services “will be offered from a till on the retail counter”.

The proposed change “is part of a major programme of modernisation taking place across the Post Office network”. A public consultation is coming to its closing stage. Full details are available from the Post Office at 13 New Road, Milnathort. Members of the public can make comment until 7 October. The Post Office particularly want to hear of any concerns regarding access or community issues which members of the public think could be affected by the proposed move. Further information is available online at [postofficeviews.co.uk](http://postofficeviews.co.uk).

Comments can be made in the following ways:

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(allow at least two working days by this method.)

This matter was discussed at the September meeting of Milnathort Community Council. (See page 27.)

## Dye's sawmill at Sandport

Do any Newsletter readers have photographs of Dye's sawmill at Sandport?

The Newsletter has been contacted by **Tam Anderson** who had his first job at the sawmill on leaving school in the 1960s. If anyone has any photographs of Dye & Sons sawmill, Tam would be very interested to see them. He can be contacted by email at: [kelytam@icloud.com](mailto:kelytam@icloud.com)

# Police Box



## Warning – Counterfeit Currency

A few £20 Bank of England counterfeit notes have been tendered in Crieff and Perth recently.

Members of the public should familiarise themselves with the security features of genuine notes.

Some security features that can be checked easily:

- Run your finger across the front of the note. You should feel raised print across the words “Bank of England”.
- Hold the note up to the light to check the watermark. You should see an image of the Queen in the clear oval area in the middle of the note. A bright £20 should show up in the watermark on a £20 note and a bright £50 on a new £50 note.
- Look for the metallic thread running through every genuine note. It appears as silver dashes on the back of £5, £10, £20 and old £50 notes. If you hold a note up to the light, this thread should show up as a continuous dark line. The thread is fully embedded in new £50 notes so there are no silver dashes, but held up to the light it should still show up as a dark line.

### What happens if I come into possession of a counterfeit banknote?

Counterfeit notes are valueless. If you have a note that you believe to be counterfeit, and you are sure who gave you the note, you should take it to the police at once for investigation purposes.

If you have no knowledge of who gave you the note you are required to take it to any local branch of the bank of issue, at which time a ‘Retention of Counterfeit Currency Form’ will be completed, a copy of which will be given to you for your records. The bank will retain the counterfeit note for recording and destruction purposes.

You will only be reimbursed for the value of the note if it is subsequently found to be genuine.

**Please remember, it is a criminal offence to hold or to pass a note that you know to be a counterfeit.**

### Recent crime locally

In July/August there was an unsuccessful attempt to break in to a property at **Mavisbank** in Kinross via French doors.

Two quad bikes were stolen from a shed in **Blairingone** on 22 August after a padlock to the shed was cut.

Power tools were stolen from a construction site at **Glenfarg** overnight, Sunday 23 to Monday 24 August.

Gardening tools were stolen from a lorry parked on the

A977 in **Drum** on Tuesday 1 September in the afternoon. Please contact the police if you saw any suspicious persons or vehicles in the area between 1330 and 1500.

In September a number of thefts took place in rural parts of **Fife**, near Kingskettle and Cupar. An Ifor Williams HB511 **horsebox** was taken from a farm near Cupar between 1800 hours on 4 September and 1200 hours on 8 September. If you are not going to be using trailers and horseboxes for long periods of time, consider removing a wheel to make them less easy to steal, or store them in secure areas out of sight.

Be alert to **bogus workmen**. A member of the public in Perth was recently induced into handing over a quantity of money to a workman who failed to complete the work he had offered to do.

### Detection

An 18-year-old male appeared, from custody, at Perth Sheriff Court on Monday 21 September after property was stolen from an address in **Milnathort**. He has been released on bail and will be brought to trial in due course.

### Crime Stoppers – Telephone 0800 555 111

This 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.

### Police Scotland – local community Telephone 101 for non-emergencies

After four years in Kinross-shire, **PC Sadie Allan** has moved to the major enquiry office in Dundee.

Community officers for Kinross-shire:

**PC Rhiannon Lorimer**, and **PC James Wilson**.

Email: [taysidekinrossshireCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:taysidekinrossshireCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk)

Community Sergeant, Kinross-shire: **Sgt Geoff Goodison**.



### Community Watch

Receive email alerts about criminal incidents in your area, crime prevention advice, flood alerts and much more by signing up to Perth and Kinross Community Watch. The range of information received can be tailored individually; each person signing up can choose which partner agencies they would like to receive messages from. Visit this website for more details: [www.pkcommunitywatch.co.uk](http://www.pkcommunitywatch.co.uk)

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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 September Meeting

**Present** at the meeting held on Wednesday 2 September 2015 were: CCllrs W Freeman (Chair), M Blyth, M Scott, G Thomas, B Davies, D MacKenzie, T Stewart and I Jack; P&K Cllrs Cuthbert, Barnacle and Robertson and a large number of members of the public.

**Apologies:** CCllr Colliar and P&K Cllr Giacomazzi.

**LDP Presentation:** A presentation on the review of the Perth & Kinross Local Development Plan was given by Cllrs Barnacle and Cuthbert.

An invitation was given in January this year to various bodies, including landowners, to bring forward potential issues and sites for consideration. The Main Issues Report will be published in October 2015. At that stage consultation will follow for a ten-week period.

Cllr Barnacle advised that the policies were reduced to 56 in number and he addressed certain of these policies which he believed would be open to debate. He further advised that there were strong representations that the market park and H46 be retained as open spaces/woodland amenity area and that the number of houses at H47 increase from 260 to 400, there was a proposal for residential zoning of the paddock area to the south of this and a 5.5 hectare (OP15 of LDP) to be re-designated as residential at Lethangie. He commented on proposal for development of the Turfhill Depot. Mention was also made to the Lochleven Catchment Area and Gypsy/ Travellers Sites. He added that employment sites in Kinross should be reviewed, and mentioned in particular the 18 acre site west of the M90. The mitigation measures on the A977 were also commented on.

The proposals for Balado include an area measuring 2.7 hectares west of Balado Crossroads, 1.8 west of H51 in the LDP and 3.4 hectares on B35 (MOD site) in the LDP. Cllr Barnacle added that in his opinion no further development should be undertaken in this area until the infrastructure situation, including the A977, was resolved.

Various questions were raised and answered.

**Declarations of Interest:** None.

**Previous Minutes:** It was agreed that the following amendments be made to the minutes. Removal of the relevant paragraphs and replacement as below.

“CCllr Thomas was surprised that the CC had given support to development undertaken without appropriate planning consent in a conservation area, and on a grade B listed building. He was concerned this would affect the CC’s credibility in areas of planning dispute in the future.”

“Old Arngask Preservation Group (in association with Kinross Marshall Museum and Glenfarg CC) are asking for £642 to engage professional stone conservators to assess the condition of, and recommend preservation options for, two items in the Old Arngask Cemetery by Glenfarg. A discussion was held on whether this application met the criteria in relation to location. Following *information that Glenfarg CC have access to funds from wind farm developments and that this was likely to be increased in the near future* it was proposed

by CCllr Colliar that this application be rejected, seconded by CCllr MacKenzie. This was agreed by majority.”

Under correction of the above, the minutes were proposed by CCllr Thomas and seconded by CCllr Davies.

**Police Report:** In the absence of a representative from the Police, the Secretary advised as follows (taken from Community Watch): Attempted break in to a property at Mavisbank, the arrest of two English males for the housebreaking and theft at Balado.

**Planning:** 15/01367/FLL **10 Springfield Road:** change of use of landscaped open space to garden ground. Residents from Whinfield Drive asked if this application could be discussed at this stage of the meeting. It was explained that the open space area at the entrance to Whinfield Drive had been assumed by Crown Estates and sold to the owner of 10 Springfield Road and that an application had been submitted for the erection of a 6ft high timber fence. The residents wished to bring this to the attention of the CC. When the estate was built, the owners of the properties in Whinfield Drive maintained this open space until the road was adopted by the Council, at which time the Council took over responsibility for the maintenance of the green space. The first they were aware of the situation was when they received Neighbour Notification. The CC agreed to write to the Council objecting to the 6ft high timber fence in this location and the fact that this sets a precedent for sale of open spaces in Kinross - a practice to which the CC are opposed. It was further noted that the Councillors were not aware of this sale - Cllr Robertson is to approach this matter with the Council and address how we can safeguard this from occurring in the future.

**Matters arising from previous minutes:** The building work to the property in the town centre cannot be enforced as the property is privately owned.

**Newsletter Fund Disbursement:** Kinross-shire Partnership requesting £1,500 towards upkeep of the kinross.cc website. The details of the application were read out by CCllr Davies. This application includes additional work. This request for funding was presented at an earlier CC meeting. In previous years funding from the Newsletter of £500.00 was paid over on an annual basis for the website upkeep. A new precedent was in place that all requests should be made by completing an application form. In this case accounts are still awaited. Following further discussion and on a proposal by CCllr Thomas and seconded by CCllr West it was agreed that the relevant accounts should be presented by email within the next few days and that a decision be taken by the CC prior to the next meeting. Mention was also made to the fact that the CC are one of the bodies responsible for the website and that the £500.00 payment should be made automatically on an annual basis. CCllr MacKenzie suggested that the operation and management of the website be added to a future agenda.

### Future of Kinross Buildings

**Primary School:** CCllr MacKenzie confirmed his nomination as the CC member on the Consultation Group. A Design Proposal is awaited. CCllr MacKenzie has concerns regarding capacity issues and added that staff and local residents should also be asked for an input.

## Community Council News

**Town Hall:** No further development.

**Former High School:** Application still awaited.

**Former Health Centre, Lathro:** No further development.

**Building to the rear of the entrance of Burns Begg Street:** agreement reached that this will be tidied up.

**CC Vacancy:** A further application was received for a co-opted member. As we are nearing the deadline for applications for the election in November (24 September) the Council advised the applicant that nominations would now require to be made on an alternative form.

### Planning Applications Submitted to PKC

15/01301/FLL 73 High Street: erection of outbuilding.

15/01260/FLL Site east of 128 High Street: erection of a bus shelter.

15/01281/IPL Land 70 metres north east of Monega House, Hatchbank, residential development (in principle).

### Planning Applications Determined by PKC

08/00831/IPL Land west of Heatheryford: erection of a horse shed (in principle). Application refused.

08/00832/FLL Land west of Heatheryford: erection of a dwelling house. Application refused.

13/00720/FLL Land 80 metres north west of Baltree Farm, Hatchbank: erection of 3 dwelling houses and garages. Application refused.

15/00811/FLL and 15/01096/LBC 49 Muirs: alterations and extension to hotel. Application refused.

15/01015/FLL Land 60 metres south west of Torriebank, Kinross: erection of dwelling house. Application approved.

15/00699/IPL Land 250 metres south of Gellybank Farm: erection of holiday lodges. Application approved.

15/00795/FLL Land north west of Hatchbank Farm: erection of dwelling house. Application approved.

15/01031/FLL Nelson Car Transport Yard: renewal of permission (12/01062/FLL), formation of lorry compound with associated fencing. Application approved.

### Reports from Ward Councillors

**Town Centre Regeneration:** A member of the public raised the question of heavy goods vehicles on the High Street and asked if it would not be possible to minimise/restrict those vehicles who use the route as a shortcut. Signage at the north and south entrances to the town highlighting the link road to avoid the Town Centre were suggested, or a restriction on loading/unloading of HGVs. It was commented that the Roads Department will monitor the situation closely once the High Street is opened. Trees in certain areas also require to be cut back.

**Street Party:** Cllr Cuthbert informed those present of the party on 3 October to celebrate the road improvements. £15,000 has been contributed by the Council towards the costs involved in running such a venture.

**Park and Ride:** Cllr Robertson has asked Citylink if they would consider erecting real time travel information at the Park and Ride.

**Drains:** Cllr Robertson has asked if PKC could change the style of the drains to a newer design. He added that many are broken and a danger to passing vehicles. Cllr Barnacle added that this has been agreed for drains along the A977.

**Boundary Commission meeting:** To be held on 3 Sept at the campus.

**Community Empowerment Scotland Act 2015:** An explanation of what this involves was put forward.

## Correspondence

**Funding:** The 1.7m Town Centre Communities Capital Fund is open to community organisations and will support capital projects which will make real and lasting improvements to town centres across Scotland. It is available to support enterprising, community-led projects which help to deliver town centre regeneration priorities in a local area. Community organisations are invited to bid for pots of between £20k and £150k capital funding to support projects which are in line with the key themes set out in Scotland's Town Centre Action Plan. The Scottish Government is keen to see communities step forward with their ideas. Deadline for applications is midnight on 29 September. The refurbishment of the Fountain at the Town Hall was mentioned (including the possibility of a water feature) and Cllr Robertson asked if the email could be forwarded on to him.

**Road Order:** PKC (Kinross Traffic Management) (Variation) (No 9) Order 201X. Copy received. The effect shall be to install waiting restrictions at Loch Leven Community Campus to alleviate indiscriminate parking and to improve sight lines at the road junction for the safety of pedestrians and school children.

**Green Park:** The Council confirm that works were carried out on the footway a few years ago. They have no current plans for Green Park footways but can include this in their global list for consideration for next year.

**Noticeboard:** Confirmation received that a community noticeboard has been included in the specification for the bus shelter to be located opposite Swansacre. Investigation also to be carried out into the possibility of providing a similar noticeboard at the structure at Montgomery Street. Failing that to look at installing a noticeboard once the shelter is installed.

**The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 7 October at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.**

### Agenda for the Meeting on 7 October 2015

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of interest
3. Minutes of meeting of 2 September 2015
4. Police report
5. Matters arising from minutes of 2 September
6. Newsletter Fund disbursements
7. Future of Kinross buildings
8. Planning
9. Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors
10. Miscellaneous correspondence
11. Other competent business
12. Date of next meeting (4 November 2015)

**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](mailto:mbs21@btinternet.com)) as early as possible. You are also requested to supply a copy of any relevant documentation in advance, and a paragraph on what it is you want to raise, so the topic can be publicised.

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## Milnathort Community Council

### News from the September Meeting

**Present:** CCllr Hamilton, Chair, welcomed CCllrs Cottingham, Halford, Milne-Home, Pettinger, Smith and Thomson to the meeting held on Thursday 10 September 2015. Also in attendance were P&K Cllr Cuthbert and eleven members of the public.

**Apologies** were received from CCllr Bennet; P&K Cllrs Barnacle, Robertson and Giacomazzi and from the Police.

**Police matters:** The Chair read out brief extracts from the Police report. There have been several instances of youths causing general annoyance in the village. Recent crimes include theft of a BMX bicycle in Bridgefauld Road, break-ins to sheds and garages, and other thefts. The Police also reminded people about using mobile phones whilst driving.

**Planning applications:** The MCC discussed the following planning application, but made no comment:

**15/01375/FLL:** Erection of an agricultural building at land 300m south east of Ledlanet Garden Cottage.

**Post Office relocation:** The Chair asked David Hall, Sub Postmaster, Milnathort, to provide the background to changes in arrangements for the Milnathort Post Office:

In 1980 there were over 20,000 post offices, but this had reduced over the period to a figure of about 11,500 today. The Post Office (PO) was losing money; the Government's subsidy, to keep the service running, was currently £200 million per annum. The subsidy would reduce year on year to be about £70 million in 2018. The PO has asked postmasters to modernise their business: to run an open plan office with one counter, to extend opening hours, and to remain open on weekends. He indicated that about half of post offices had agreed to modernise, with the remainder not wishing to change their way of business.

David Hall advised that his current salary consisted of a fixed sum (about 1/3 of total) plus an element based on PO business conducted in the period. The PO would not offer a fixed salary/similar terms to new businesses. He saw three options for his business:

- Convert to new ways of working;
- Try to continue as now - maintaining his shop as well; or
- Pass on the PO business.

He advised that his preferred option, influenced by the age of his employees and himself, was to pass on the business, whilst attempting to sell/let the 'shop' element to a third party. He stressed that it was the PO, not himself, who had approached Giacomazzi's store; negotiations had been ongoing since

January 2015. The outcome was that Giacomazzi's was open currently for the hours the PO required and had capacity; therefore transfer of the PO business to Giacomazzi's presented a good opportunity for the PO to maintain a branch in Milnathort. Over 95% of current services would be transferred. There would be a six-week consultation with members of the public running from 26 August to 7 October 2015.

Joanna, MD of Giacomazzi's, then explained how the proposed transfer of the Milnathort sub branch to her store came about. The PO had conducted several studies over the period since January 2015. The PO's preference would be to locate the PO till between two existing tills on the main counter – i.e. to incorporate a fourth till. The PO intended to train all of the current shop's staff, but no extra staff would be engaged to meet the additional business. She advised that it would be impractical to run two separate queues for the different businesses, but the longer post office opening hours should go some way towards alleviating peak demand, however it would be prudent to adjust the conduct of business to match actual demand. She also advised that provision of other services, such as dry cleaning, was still to be resolved.

Explanatory leaflets/consultation forms are available in the post office. The PO may be contacted:

- On line via the website: [postofficeviews.co.uk](http://postofficeviews.co.uk)
- By email: [comments@postoffice.co.uk](mailto:comments@postoffice.co.uk)
- By telephone: 03457 22 33 44 or text phone 03457 22 33 55
- By post to: 'FREEPOST Your Comments' – note this is the full address; no further details are required.

**Boundary Commission Public Consultation:** The Chair introduced this item by explaining the Boundary Commission's (BC) proposal to relocate part of the current Kinross-shire Ward 8 to Ward 9 (Almond and Earn), and thereby to reduce the number of Councillors representing Ward 8 from four to three. CCllr Milne-Home advised that he had attended a joint Kinross-shire CCs meeting at which all CCs had expressed dismay at the proposed changes, which would split Kinross-shire; a leaflet had been produced explaining the background, and showing how residents may contact the BC to express their views.

Cllr Cuthbert explained that the Scottish Government had changed the emphasis on deciding local authority boundaries in order to provide greater representation per person in areas of high deprivation; in effect city areas - e.g. Glasgow would have higher representation at the expense of rural areas such

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as Kinross-shire. The size of the area had no influence, with the exception of Highland, which had special circumstances. The MCC area of responsibility would not change, but if the BC's proposals were to be adopted, P&K Councillors from two separate wards would be required to attend MCC meetings in order to fully understand MCC's issues.

The Chair asked residents to consider the proposed changes in light of the following:

- Proposed changes would reduce our representation within PKC;
- The BC's guidelines indicate a respect for community identity, but the changes would remove several hamlets, as well as Glenfarg, from our community;
- PKC supports the view held by many, who do not wish to lose the Kinross-shire identity;
- Changes would leave Ward 8 with the highest ratio of voters to Councillors, thus reducing our 'voice' within PKC and elsewhere;
- The new boundary would be based on projections from 2012 rather than actual data.

Residents opposed to changes could:

- Seek further information from the BC or Councillors;
- Lobby the BC;
- Spread the word to others not aware of the consequences of these proposals;
- Sign a petition – local copy in Milnathort PO

The BC may be contacted at: [See page 12.]

**The Consultation ends on 22 October 2015**

**The Refugee Crisis:** The Chair advised that he had received a letter from a member of the public proposing that Kinross be a hub for resettling refugees, using premises such as the old High School and former Medical Centre. Cllr Cuthbert advised that PKC already had plans for the Local Authority's action on resettlement and would implement it when the UK Government begins the process, but the proposal to use former premises listed above was not practicable.

**CC Elections:** The Chair advised that five of the seven Community Councillors would be standing down in October 2015; new blood would be helpful and he strongly urged residents to consider offering their services to the community by serving on the CC. Cllr Cuthbert stressed the importance of MCC's input to Councillors' business, and the high respect which Councillors accorded CCs' views. Nomination forms are available at Milnathort PO or from Community Councillors.

**New Matters and Correspondence:** The Chair drew attention to a letter from a member of the public seeking reassurance that PKC would be implementing the promised one-way eastbound traffic flow in Victoria Avenue, before Scottish Water commenced work in New Road. After a short discussion supporting the urgent implementation of one-way flow, Cllr Cuthbert agreed to raise the issue within PKC. A member of the public also raised an ongoing concern about inappropriate and illegal parking in Victoria Avenue; the Chair agreed to raise the issue with the Police at the next meeting.

**P&K Councillors' Comments:** Cllr Cuthbert advised that roadworks in the centre of Kinross should be complete by 21 September, and that a street party would be held between 1pm and 5pm on Saturday 3 October 2015, supported by PKC. The event would include a performance by the Red Hot Chilli Pipers and others; it would show that once again local traders were fully open for business.

**The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will take place on Thursday 8 October 2015 in Orwell Church Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.**

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## Portmoak Community Council News from the September Meeting

**In attendance** at the meeting held on Tuesday 8 September 2015 were: CCLrs M Strang Steel (Chairman), B Calderwood, R Cairncross (Secretary), R Williamson (Treasurer), S Forde, D Morris and T Smith; Ward CCLrs M Barnacle, D Cuthbert and W Robertson; Sgt Geoffrey Goodison and 11 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Ward Cllr J Giacomazzi.

**Approval of previous Minutes:** The draft Minute of the Meeting held in August 2015 was approved subject to Item 3.9 Footpath from Scotlandwell to the Church and Hall, being amended as follows: "In reply to the Chairman's letter, PKC said that they had discussed the path. They would need to look at the matter in more depth to consider options but could not guarantee a full solution."

### Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

- **Roads:** Further information would be welcomed if PKC were to designate Dryside Road as a "green route".
- **Portmoak cemetery:** The Chairman had been in contact with relevant PKC officials to stress the need for consultation on any proposals. The CC's position was to retain the long established burial provision within the parish. Cllr Roberson undertook to pursue the matter further with PKC.
- **Easter Balgedie Speed Limit:** The Chairman had forwarded the petition from Easter Balgedie residents for a reduction in the speed limit to the Roads Department and a reply is awaited.

**New Local Development Plan (Proposed Main Issues Report) - Implications for Portmoak:** CCLrs Barnacle and Cuthbert provided a summary of progress so far in the process towards the next Local Development Plan. A Main Issues Report (MIR) would be published for consultation in November. A key factor in future planning was the 22% anticipated growth of Perth and Kinross by 2031 - but how much Kinross-shire would grow in the same period was not known. The contents of the actual Report could not be anticipated but matters which may be included in it were briefly canvassed as follows: four possible new housing sites in Scotlandwell; proposals for the status of Stephen's Field, Kinnesswood; provisions to build on prime agricultural land; reinstatement of settlements lost in the current Local Plan; clarifying Housing in the Countryside policy; traffic management along the A911 to include speed limits and the

transit of HGVs; building adjacent to settlement boundaries; lack of parking in Scotlandwell and Kinnesswood; landscape provisions (including Portmoak links with the Lomond Hills Regional Park); the impact of significant "windfall build" in Kinross-shire (including Portmoak) on the need for developing adequate community infrastructure; and the allocation of land to provide a possible by-pass for Wester Balgedie in the future. CCLrs Barnacle and Cuthbert were thanked for their presentation.

**Police Report:** Sgt Goodison presented the monthly police report. Although there had been few incidents to report, the police were not complacent. Thefts from rural buildings remained a constant problem and the public were encouraged to take preventive measures against those who were believed to be "travelling criminals". The particular problems of a resident living close to the Heritage Trail were being addressed. The CC noted that the report made no reference to the road accident at the New Gullet Bridge which had occurred in August. The Commander's Bulletins of 7th, 13th, 21st and 28th August were noted.

**Treasurer's Report:** There was no income or expenditure in the month within the General Account and the bank balance at the end of August was the same as at the end of July, namely £547.60. Within the MBW Account we received a further £250 in donations and with no expenditure the balance in the account at the end of August was £902.85. Total funds at end August were therefore £1450.25.

### Planning – new applications

15/01310/FLL Arnot Lint, Auchmuirbridge, Erection of a house and alterations to existing cottage. No comment.

15/01460/FLL Land 30m NW of 18 Bishop Tce, Kinnesswood, Change to access location. No comment on the proposal other than to advise PKC that the proposal involved a core path and safeguards for uninterrupted access would be required.

15/01439/FLL Land 800m SW of Glenlmond Farm, Modification of 3 wind turbines. No comment.

### Planning Decisions determined by PKC

15/01068/FLL/LBC Millhouse, The Cobbles, Kinnesswood. Consent granted.

15/00975/FLL Gamekeepers Road, Kinnesswood. Consent granted.

15/01070/FLL Findatie. Erection of a wind turbine. Consent refused.

14/00607/FLL Levenmouth, erection of 2 dwellinghouses. Consent granted.

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14/00607/FLL Moucum's View, Scotlandwell: initial decision to refuse erection of a dwelling house overturned by Local Review Body.

### Progress with developments

Lomond Inn 15/00505/FLL & 15/00506/CON. Progress awaited.

Glenlomond. No further progress to note.

Levenmouth 14/00607/FLL. Erection of 2 dwelling houses. The CC note that, as planning consent had been anticipated and building commenced, PKC had issued a "Stop Order". Planning consent had subsequently been granted. The consent included conditions requiring a path providing direct access across the property from the B920 to the Heritage Trail. It also included conditions to safeguard a significant population of bats roosting on the site. The CC will contact SNH to confirm that the necessary licence had been obtained to allow demolition of the building in which the roosts were situated.

**Roads Report:** CCllr Calderwood presented the Roads Report which, subject to amendment and updating, would be placed on the CC website and reviewed at the next meeting of the Council. There was concern that damage to the Old Gullet Bridge, for whatever reason, had been left for many months in a state of disrepair. Cllr Robertson would seek an explanation.

**Paths Report:** CCllr Smith would clarify with the owner when cattle were likely to be at lower levels on the hill adjacent to the Michael Bruce Way.

**Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland:** The CC was aware of the proposals of the Boundary Commission to reduce significantly the size of the current Ward 8 (Kinross-shire) with a consequent loss of one ward councillor. They were also aware of the unanimous view of PKC to reject these proposals and of the subsequent response from the Boundary Commission to modify their original proposal. These matters had been well-advertised and the public encouraged to comment. The CC would write supporting the retention of the existing ward boundary together with four ward councillors. It took the view that the Commission did not appear to have recognised the anticipated population growth for the Ward, that the boundaries proposed were not easily identifiable and that significant local and not least functional ties would be broken by the proposals. It believed that four ward councillors were necessary to represent the Ward on PKC. It was agreed that the Secretary and Chairman would draft a letter opposing the proposal with help from Cllr Cuthbert. Portmoak residents were encouraged to comment. *[See page 12 for ways to comment.]*

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**Junction 7 M90 - request for additional signage:** Correspondence with the Cabinet Secretary and the Minister for Transport and the Islands on providing signage on the M90 to encourage HGVs to use the south loch road has resulted in a request to the Transport Manager for the M90 to liaise with the Chairman on the matter.

**Election of a New Council:** A new CC for Portmoak will be appointed by PKC from November. Interest from residents of Portmoak who might wish to become a community councillor is welcomed. Information on how residents (whether an existing CC member or not) can submit a Nomination Form to PKC is advertised on all CC notice boards.

**Ward Councillor Reports:** Cllr Barnacle advised that PKC intended to carry out a review of planning enforcement procedures.

**Matter previously notified:** The family of a former resident wished to establish a seat or bench in his memory. Details of the proposed location were awaited. The CC was favourably disposed to the proposal subject to being happy with the location.

**Other business:** At the "Take A Pride in Perthshire" awards Kinnesswood in Bloom won a Gold Award plus Best Small Village in Perth and Kinross. They also won the award for best involvement with local schools. Scotlandwell in Bloom were apparently barred from entering as they have already won Best Small Village three times but they received a special award for their international links. Kinnesswood also won this year's award of the Kinross-shire Civic Trust for the Best Kept Village. These are significant achievements by both villages and the CC recorded its congratulations and thanks to all those involved.

**The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 13 October 2015 at Portmoak Village Hall.**

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## Fossoway & District CC News from the September Meeting

**Present** at the meeting held on Tuesday 1 September 2015 were: CCllrs Sandy Morrison, K Borthwick, T Duffy, A Lavery and G Pye; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, D Cuthbert and W Robertson; PC Rhiannon Lorimer and 21 Members of the Public (MoP).

**Apologies:** CCllr A Cheape and P&K Cllr J Giacopazzi.

**Presentation on LDP:** The normal CC meeting was preceded by a presentation on proposed input to the local development plan by Cllrs Barnacle and Cuthbert. The proposals were based on previous consultations which had taken place within the communities, together with some additional ideas. If anyone would like a copy of the slides used during the presentation, which include maps of the proposed development areas, they should mail Cllr Cuthbert (dcuthbert@pkc.gov.uk) and he will send them on.

**Declarations of Interest:** Sandy has an interest in the proposed multi-use track.

**Police Report:** PC Rhiannon Lorimer attended the meeting, and gave a report. There was a break-in at Blairingone resulting in theft of two quad bikes, and another at an Equestrian centre in Blairingone where a saddle was stolen. The public are reminded to take suitable precautions to protect their property. The Fossoway Church, Blairingone and Crook of Devon break-ins are under enquiry.

**Crook Moss Travellers' Site:** There are still problems with noise, although some residents are doing their best to alleviate this. There appears to be some development in the paddock area contrary to planning consent, and a stop notice has been issued. SEPA have been invited to attend the next meeting of this CC to explain the drainage situation. Scottish Water has told Sandy that there is no plan to expand the Drum treatment plant in the foreseeable future.

**Lambhill Chipping Plant:** The appeal to the LRB of the planning application has been deferred pending a site visit and further information being provided by the developer.

**A977 Defects and Mitigation Measures:** Cllr Barnacle reported that drains will be replaced by a type that are quieter when HGVs cross them later this year.

**CC Membership:** The CC once again appealed to members of the local community to put themselves forward as Community Councillors.

**Station Road Adoption:** Cllr Barnacle reported that of the fifteen householders, twelve are on board, two have not replied (one due to change of ownership), and one has refused. Hopefully the adoption will be able to go ahead shortly.

**Burst Water Main, Aldie Road:** Cllr Robertson reported that Scottish Water have no plans to replace the main in the short term, and will fix bursts as they occur, although they realise that the main does need replacing.

**Boundary Commission:** Councillors encourage everyone to object to this proposal. There are more details in Cllr Cuthbert's article in the Newsletter. *[Pages 14-15 of September issue and 12-13 of this issue.]* There will be a meeting to discuss this proposal at a meeting on 3 September.

**Powmill Bloom Group:** The group now has about twenty members, and continues to tidy the village as much as possible, with some caution to ensure the safety of members. The group thanks Councillors and others who have helped.

**Blairingone War Memorial:** Cllr Barnacle reports that the monumental masons have now decided that it was safer to leave the memorial where it is, even though it was previously agreed by all parties that moving it was both acceptable and possible. Cllr Cuthbert suggested that approaches could be made to the P&K Heritage Trust to raise the necessary funds. A MoP suggested that an alternative plan would be to create a new memorial at the proposed location.

**Footpath Signage in Fossoway Area:** Cllr Barnacle reported that the footpath in Crook of Devon, between the Village Hall and the Playing Field, is going to be permanently diverted from its current route, and signage adjusted accordingly.

**Broomhill Cottage to Aldie Road Multi-Use Path (TRACKS):** Cllr Robertson explained that the work includes culvert work etc and the result of the work will make it possible to travel the entire length off-road. Sandy expressed concern that an upgrade of the existing path will be used by cyclists travelling at speed, which will reduce the amenity for existing users. However there seems to be some confusion about the proposed route, and this has subsequently been clarified and does not involve the existing track.

**Crook Moss Community Involvement:** A sub-committee meeting is to be arranged in due course.

**Landscape Areas, Kinross-shire:** Opportunity to ask for change in the upcoming MIR.

**Bollards Opposite Crook Village Hall:** Awaiting a report from PKC Roads Department on how the safety of this section of road could be improved.

**Rumbling Bridge Hydro Scheme:** No update.

**Lambhill Forestry Site:** Kevin has discussed access to the forestry area with the Forestry Commission; however they are currently holding discussions with some of the neighbours to progress access issues. The Forestry Commission will be invited to the next meeting to update the community on the situation.



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### Councillors' Reports

**Willie Robertson:** There are problems with knowing when buses are due at the Park and Ride at Kinross, so Cllr Robertson is campaigning to get an interactive sign provided. We've already heard from Cllr Barnacle roadside drains can be changed to a type that do not make a noise when HGVs pass over them, but Cllr Robertson is now requesting this change to be made whenever the current type of drain is found to be broken everywhere.

**Dave Cuthbert:** The Kinross roadworks are finally due to finish at the end of September, and the road will be closed on 3 October, this time for a street party to celebrate the completion! Children's rides and a performance by the Red Hot Chilli Pipers will be included.

**Mike Barnacle:** The speed sign by garage at Crook of Devon has been reported, but not yet fixed. Cllr Barnacle is pursuing a proposal to create a car park at Drummond Park, although local funding would have to be found.

### Planning Matters

15/01257/FLL Erection of a trellis fence. Land 50m north-east of Briglands Stables, Crook of Devon. No CC comment.  
15/01258/FLL Erection of dwelling house, workshop and office (Class 4). Land 180m south west of Powmill Cottage, Rumbling Bridge. This application does not contain enough information on the proposed business to enable the CC to comment at the moment. When this situation is rectified the CC will consider it further.

15/01348/FLL Renewal of permission (12/01157/FLL) Erection of a rural business class development, office and house plot 1, land south of Craigton Farm Road, Rumbling Bridge. No CC comment.

15/01349/FLL Renewal of permission (12/01181/FLL) Erection of a dwelling house and associated office studio. Powmill Cottage, Rumbling Bridge. No CC comment as comments were due by 29 August.

15/01401/AML Modification of permission 13/00289/AML (erection of a dwelling house) Change of house type. Land opposite Devonbank, Crook of Devon. No CC comment.

15/01412/FLL Erection of agricultural building, North Claysyke Farm, Carnbo. No CC comment.

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### Correspondence

All the correspondence was available for viewing.

### Other Business

**A977 roadside drains** are being blocked by weeds. Cllr Robertson explains that drains are no longer routinely cleared, but can be reported to "Clarence" if blocked; he will submit a report.

**Vicar's Bridge Road** is only signed from one end - Cllr Barnacle will look into this.

### Draft Agenda for Next CC Meeting

Welcome and Apologies, Declarations of Interest, Community Policing, Minutes of last meeting.

Matters arising: Crook Moss Travellers' Site, Lambhill Chipping Plant, A977 Mitigation, Station Road Adoption, Boundary Commission, Powmill Bloom Group, Blairingone War Memorial, Footpath Signage, Multi-use Path, Lambhill Forestry Site.

Community Councillors: Meetings Attended, PKC Councillors' Reports, Planning, Correspondence, AOCB

**The Next Meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place on Tuesday 6 October 2015 at 7.30pm at Blairingone Primary School. All Welcome.**

Fossoway & District CC minutes are posted on the website

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

and on their Facebook page, along with other community related information. Search for Fossoway & District Community Council on Facebook.

### Cleish and Blairadam CC

Cleish and Blairadam CC meets every second month.

**The Next Meeting takes place on Monday 5 October 2015 at Cleish Village Hall.**

Cleish & Blairadam CC minutes are posted on the website

**[www.cleishandblairadam.org.uk](http://www.cleishandblairadam.org.uk)**

### About the Kinross Newsletter

The Newsletter has been informing and supporting the community for 38 years.

It began as a way of letting residents know what Kinross Community Council was saying and doing, but soon expanded to be so much more.

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# Club & Community Group News



## Kinross and District Art Club

It was a fine summer's evening for the launch of the KADAC Annual Exhibition in the Parish Church when 80 people came along to hear the fascinating story of Blair Adam House, near Kelty. The present owner, Keith Adam (directly descended from the architect Robert Adam) outlined its history to a fascinated audience, who were equally interested in Elizabeth Adam's description of its grand gardens. A painting of the distinctive front door of the house, done by club member John Tydeman, was presented to the couple at the end of their talk.

Club members would like to warmly thank all the folks from Kinross and District who came to see their work, with 33 paintings being sold and more than 230 visitors attending the exhibition. Numbers were down a little on last year due to the horrendous weather on the final Saturday, but the members were upbeat and enjoyed meeting so many visitors over the three days.



*Elizabeth and Keith Adam, Glenys Andrews and John Tydeman at the KADAC 2015 Exhibition*

The Pop up Gallery for Perthshire Open Studios in the Property Shop, 94 High Street (including KADAC representation) struggled against constant roadworks but had many positive comments about the quality of work on display. Shop owner Suzanne Proudfoot has ensured a second opportunity to view the paintings and crafts by allowing the artists to keep the show intact for the forthcoming Street Party.

Back at the club, the members have returned to their brushes and paints and will have some inspirational tuition from renowned Artist Peter Nelson on **Tuesday 6 October** at 2.00pm at The Millbridge Hall. If you would like to come along for this, please contact us on our website at: [www.kadac.co.uk](http://www.kadac.co.uk).

## Kinross Junior Agricultural Club

Kinross have had a very quiet month. With everyone at harvest there has not been much going on. There will be a games night coming up in a few weeks for any new members who wish to come along and see what we are all about. For any further information please look for us on Facebook at Kinross and District JAC.

## Compassion Corner

One of our Compassion Group members, Jo Middlemiss, has just returned from a one-week trek on the Camino Way in Spain. In her pocket was a long list of names of people for whom Jo had been asked to light a candle of remembrance on her stops along the way.

We have also been witnessing on the television every night the thousands of people fleeing on foot from their war torn countries, hoping to find safety and a peaceful place to live.

All this begs the question: what, in addition to the generous donations of money and emergency supplies, can we as individuals, families and communities do to respond to this humanitarian crisis?

Our Compassion Group is suggesting a **Solidarity Walk in Silence** around Loch Leven's Heritage Trail on **Saturday 17 October**, gathering at the Boathouse car park at 9.45am for a 10am start to the walk. We'll walk together, in silence, reflecting on their plight and sharing in their hopes of finding a safe and peaceful place for these families to live.

We'll leave from the fishing pier and make stops along the way for coffee breaks, a picnic lunch and time to share our thoughts. Please bring a flask of tea or coffee and a packed lunch. We will aim to return to the car park by 2pm. Hope you'll join us. But if you can't, we're all being asked to take time out each midday to remember and pray for the safety of the refugees and a lasting, peaceful end to their plight.

## Kinross Camera Club

Our opening night of the new season was held on Thursday 17 September, and we had a very good turnout, including four prospective new members. Refreshments were served, then we settled down to an audio-visual compilation of photos taken by members during the summer, put together by John St Clair. Thanks should go to Robert Walker and Ian Thorogood who put on a varied and interesting series of Thursday night visits and passed on their expertise to those who attended.

The evening was rounded off with a quiz involving all present.

### October's meetings are:

- 1st** Everyone a Judge.
- 8th** A talk by Jeremy Sutton-Hibbert: Life in the Third.
- 15th** The Story Behind the Picture.
- 22nd** A talk by George Neilson on Sports Photography.
- 29th** A talk by Julie Close: Montage, Illusions & Myths.

Our meetings are held in the Church Centre, Kinross, **every Thursday at 7.30pm** and all are welcome. For further information contact Dallas Key at [dallaskey30@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dallaskey30@yahoo.co.uk).

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## Michael Bruce Trust

This year's Annual Michael Bruce Illustrated Talk will take place in Portmoak Parish Hall at 7.30pm on **Thursday 29 October**.

The talk, entitled 'Views from the Heritage Trail', will be given by Trust Chairman Professor David Munro, author of a recently published guide to the Loch Leven Heritage Trail. Entry is £4 for adults and £1 for those under 16. The proceeds will go towards the upkeep of the Michael Bruce Cottage Museum in Kinnesswood. In addition to a raffle, tea and coffee will be served after the talk. All are welcome.

The Trustees of the Michael Bruce Trust much appreciated the fundraising efforts of pupils, parents and staff at Portmoak Primary School who made a generous donation of over £1,600 (the proceeds of a sponsored walk held this summer). This gift will be used for the upkeep and repair of the cottage museum, which was the birthplace of Michael Bruce (1746-67), the 'Gentle Poet of Lochleven'.



## Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club

The October club meeting took place on 1 October. The speaker was Mrs J McCreadie speaking on Seamab School.

### Away Days in October

**Thursday 8th** Galashiels

**Thursday 22nd** Crianlarich

The coach leaves from opposite the Green Hotel at 9.15am. Regrettably no advance bookings for trips can be accepted prior to the monthly meeting. Contact: Pat Crawford, telephone 01577 862962.

### Notices

It is with regret that we have to report the passing of our Chairman, Mrs Mary Muirhead, on Monday 7 September. Mary was Chairman for a number of years and also organised our fortnightly "Away Days".

### Friday Walkers in October

**9th** Pitlochry Autumn Walk from Garry Bridge. Walk leaves at 9am.

**23rd** Falkirk Wheel, the Antonine Wall, Bonnybridge and back by Forth & Clyde Canal. Walk leaves at 9.30am.

All our walks will continue to leave from the Green Hotel. Contact: Ian Simpson on 01577 863691.

### Friday Hill Walkers in October

**16th** Benarty Liz 0830

**30th** Loch Carron reservoir Richard 0900

### Activities

The following are open to all members of the Club:

**Craft Group** restarted in September. Contact Elizabeth Smith, 01577 861387.

**Keep Fit** restarted on 15 September. Contact Val Oswald, 01577 864020.

**Carpet Bowls** restarting in October. Contact Helen Duncan, 01577 863638.

**Line Dancing** 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.

**Fly Tyers** finished for season. Ian Campbell, 01577 830582.

## Kinross-shire Day Centre

You may wonder why we seem to have a barge trip most months during the summer! Our mini-bus has capacity for 14 and this outing is very popular so, by going several times, we make sure that everyone has the chance to enjoy a relaxing day cruising on the canal.

We also couldn't miss Scotland's Tapestry being on show nearby in Kirkcaldy. What a wonderful piece of art and history that is.

Small groups have also enjoyed outings to the home of Sheila Ferguson-Smith in Auchterarder for art classes. Sheila very kindly invited us to come along and use her art materials in a very informal and homely atmosphere.

Live-Active.co.uk have recently started a class to help us maintain stability and balance. This is a new venture for us; an addition to our range of physical activities on offer, and our service-users are enjoying it very much. Any activity which can help to reduce the risk of falls among the elderly has got to be good.

Our staff had a wonderful time rowing in the Great Escape Boat Race on Loch Leven, coming a very creditable third. However, we take our hats off to the Awesome Andersons, who made up for their lack of rowing skills by raising £721 in sponsorship for the Day Centre. Thank you very much!

Katie Deas and Charlotte Glover recently won an award of £3000 from Youth and Philanthropy Initiative for the Day Centre. What an amazing achievement!

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 on 01577 863869. For the regular Day Centre Programme, see page 102.



Some service users with Katie Deas and Charlotte Glover

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## Kinross & Ochil Short Walks Group

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Autumn and early winter can be wonderful seasons for walking. Come and join us on our Tuesday short walks. They are usually a maximum of 4 miles (1½-2 hours) followed by a sociable visit to a coffee shop/farm shop/pub for refreshments. The walks are aimed at people who are new to walking, would like to extend their walk from a health walk, or who would simply like an opportunity to keep fit. We would be delighted to welcome anyone who would like to try walking with us. Come and sample a couple of walks and, if you enjoy them and would like to continue walking, we would ask you to join Kinross & Ochil Ramblers.

We meet in Kinross or you can go straight to the walk start points given below (if you intend doing the latter, please let the contact person know beforehand). We operate car-sharing but it is not essential to have a car.

For general enquiries regarding our walking group, please contact Edna Burnett on 01577 862977.

**Give it a go!** Enjoy good company and some great walks. Just turn up on the day or ring beforehand – you will be very welcome.

### Tuesday 6 October: Secret places around Cupar.

Meet 10am at old Health Centre, Kinross or 10.30am at Elmwood golf course car park, Cupar.

Contact: Liz Douglas on 01337 827582.

### Tuesday 20 October: Letham Glen, Leven beach and Silverburn Estate.

Meet 10am at old Health Centre, Kinross or 10.40am at Blacketyside Farm Shop, Leven.

Contact: Rosemary Smith on 01577 862520.

## Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

Here's hoping that October is a fine month for walking with lots of Autumn colour to enjoy. Come out, improve your fitness, enjoy yourself and meet new people. Whether you're new, 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 4 October: The moor road, Ceres and Hill of Tarvit, 8 miles.

Walk starts in Cupar and progresses via an old pre-turnpike road to Ceres, up Hill of Tarvit, then return to Cupar.

(Unfortunately our second October walk has had to be cancelled due to seriously overgrown paths but here's one for your diary right at the start of November.)

### Sunday 1 November: Torwood Castle & Tappoch Broch.

A circular walk through woodland and on minor roads with a visit to two interesting relics from the past.

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 Walks Co-ordinator, Edna Burnett, on 01577 862977 or Secretary Jacqui Ritchie on 01577 866813.

## Portmoak Hall 100 Club

### August Draw

1st	No 42	Jenny Sword, Kinnesswood
2nd	No 72	David Gardiner, Kinnesswood
3rd	No 3	Stephen Basey, Kinnesswood

## Kinross Museum

Loch Leven Community Campus



On 13 September Museum volunteers celebrated the completion of a two-year field survey of memorial stones in the Kirkgate Churchyard in Kinross. A total of 530 stones have been recorded, described and photographed and now work can begin on creating a database and printed guide that will help people explore their family history.



*A group effort to decipher the last stone to be surveyed in a two-year project at the Kirkgate cemetery*

Two display cases in the Museum now tell the story of Kinross textile firms William Cunningham & Co. Ltd, which operated a linen works from 1898 to 1963, and Todd & Duncan, which produces cashmere yarn and has been in business in Kinross since 1895. In the next two months the story of spinning and cottage weaving will be told as new displays are completed.

An important new accession to the Museum Archive is a collection of Registers and Log Books gifted by Kinross High School. These volumes will complement the collection of school photographs held by Kinross Museum.

We have at last been able to update our website, which can now be found at the following address: [www.kinrossmuseum.org.uk](http://www.kinrossmuseum.org.uk) and don't forget to check us out on the Museum Facebook at [www.facebook.com/Kinross.Museum](http://www.facebook.com/Kinross.Museum).

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## Boys Brigade... 75 years on



Members of the 94th Glasgow (Shettleston) BB have invited the Kinross Company to attend their District Parade on Sunday 4 October. It will be held at Shettleston Old Parish Church which is sadly closing later this year. The Shettleston BB Company can be thought of as being our 'parent Company' with boys from there being instrumental in starting the Kinross Company in 1940 with the help of Kinross school master Roddy Beaton. The evacuees were members of the Shettleston Company before coming to Kinross and Roddy Beaton harnessed their enthusiasm and experience as a foundation for the Kinross Company. The Perth Battalion Badminton competition was held in mid-September with the Kinross team of **Jack Watson, Claire Wilson and Jack Bland** winning the first Battalion competition of the new season. The Kinross Company has entered the National BB Competitions and are awaiting the draws being made for the first round ties.



*The company marching to a church parade in Kinross*



*Physical exercise at annual display in the Town Hall*

The Company volleyball team will be competing in the Perth District Volleyball Cup competition at the end of September. Kinross won the competition this time last year but it is always more difficult to retain a trophy with everyone else out to beat the reigning champions.

Congratulations to **Mitchell Brown and Mark Cathro** who won bronze medals with the East Scotland under 17 boys volleyball team at the recent Sainsbury's UK School Games held in Manchester.

It has been another busy season for marquee hires. Thanks to all who have supported the Company by taking a number of regular annual bookings.

A Duke of Edinburgh Bronze expedition is planned for early October and a number of members are working towards their Queen's Badge.

Any former members who have photos or other items of memorabilia are asked to contact any member of the Company's staff.



*Marching to a church parade, c. late 1940s or early 1950s*



*Bugle band, possibly at a Perth Battalion camp in Elie*



## Kinross & District Probus Club



The club's first meeting of the new season was held on 2 September and was well attended. Our new President, Robin Webster, welcomed the members and one guest. He informed the members about the action taken in regard to the bench which the club had placed beside the North Cemetery in memory of Bill Cooper, the founder of our club. Unfortunately, the bench had been vandalised beyond repair and it was felt that simply replacing the bench would only end the same way. It had been, therefore, decided to purchase and have engraved a crystal rose bowl to be placed on view at each meeting as a lasting memory of Bill Cooper. The bowl was on display. The club was then addressed by two representatives of a little known organisation called Al-Anon which as can be deduced from the name as having to do with Alcoholism. However, although the organisation's name derives from Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), it is not concerned with alcoholics but with the victims of alcoholics; the wives, the families, husbands and so on. The organisation holds meetings at which anyone who is affected by alcoholism (but not alcoholics themselves) can attend.

Betty told the meeting of her experience with an alcoholic husband. He was not an alcoholic when they were first married. Indeed, apart from a sherry at Christmas there was almost no alcohol in the home but, when they moved house to one which was across the road from a pub, the trouble began. Her husband gradually became more and more dependent on drink as occasional visits to the pub became the norm. He became aggressive and nasty and his behaviour affected not only his wife, Betty, but also her daughter. Betty felt that in some way she was to blame, so much so that her health was affected.

It was then that she started attending Al-Anon meetings and discovered the fellowship and optimistic outlook which is the cornerstone of the organisation. This led to her regaining confidence and the discovery that she was not to blame for the situation.

Frances then related her similar experiences and stressed that Al-Anon is open to all creeds but is not in itself a religious organisation. There is a strong spiritual element in its work. They refer to the God of Understanding.

The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Ruary MacLeod.

On 16 September we were addressed by Graeme Addison, a fundraiser from Castlebrae, Auchterarder, Perthshire. Graeme enlightened us about Police Treatment Centres at Castlebrae and St. Andrews in Harrogate, North Yorkshire. The Police Treatment Centre (PTC) is a registered charity funded almost entirely by donations from serving officers and members of the public to provide treatment, support and recuperation, including intensive, police-specific physiotherapy and rehabilitation for injured and ill police officers and retired officers.

Police officers are very often the first responders to serious accidents and dangerous incidents, dealing with death, distress and aggression. They have to see things that other members of the public would simply not be able to cope with. The PTC staff of nurses, fitness and leisure staff, physio teams, patient advisors and psychiatrists provide police specific treatment for any on or off duty injury. Whether it is physical injury or stress, depression or anxiety related, treatment and recuperation are provided to help officers recover and return to work. With over 6000 assaults listed by Police Scotland last year, almost 4000 serving and retired officers attended Castlebrae and St. Andrews last year. So perhaps we can truly say, a policeman's lot is not a happy one. A spontaneous vote of thanks was given by Stuart Forbes.

## Portmoak Film Society

Almost thirty filmgoers turned out to see our first film of the new season, 'The Hundred Foot Journey', and gave it a 72% 'good' rating on the marble count. It turned out to be rather current, being the bittersweet story of an Indian family with a supremely talented chef for a son, who move around Europe trying to start a new life and end up in France opposite a Michelin-starred restaurant.

It's followed by a funny and thought-provoking film on **Saturday 10 October**. A piece of industrial relations history, 'Pride' tells the true story of a group of lesbian and gay activists from London who decide to go and support the miners' strike in Wales in 1984. Boasting a stellar cast of British actors including Bill Nighy, Dominic West, Imelda Staunton and Paddy Considine, it won several film awards last year and stands in the tradition of 'The Full Monty', 'Brassed Off' and 'Billy Elliot'. If you liked them, you'll enjoy this!

Entry is £5 on the door, or you can buy a membership ticket for the whole season (discounts apply as the season progresses). These can be purchased from Stuart Mackenzie on 01592 840638 at the Pottery in Kinnesswood, or on film nights. Refreshments are provided after the film, or BYOB.

For 2015-16 listings and further info go to:

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

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**October**

**Tues 6th**

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**Tues 13th**

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**Tues 20th**

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## **Dobbies Community Champion**

Our Wildlife Day on 19 September will mark the end of our **summer partnership with the Wildlife Trusts**, as part of Dobbies' 150th anniversary celebrations.

We are pleased to let you know that our **National Charity for the rest of the year will be the Teenage Cancer Trust**.

Our first fundraising event for them is our **Charity Night in store on Thursday 8 October, from 5pm to 8 pm**. We will be helped by reps from the charity, and activities will include a welcome drink, food tasting, a tombola, bulb planting and floral art demonstrations, and a preview of our exciting new range of Christmas products. Tickets are only £1, available in the store, and include entry to a prize draw on the night. We hope to see you there. You can also make a donation to the charity at the tills.

Looking ahead, **Santa will be arriving at the store at 11am on Sunday 22 November**, with free entry for family activities, and donations welcomed for the Teenage Cancer Trust. More details in the next Newsletter.

Thank you to the staff of Le Jardin restaurant at Dobbies, who will be running a **raffle in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support** around the end of September; please show your support when you are in the store.

The youngsters from the High School who planted vegetables at the allotments, working for a **Dynamic Youth Award**, will be returning soon to harvest and taste some of their produce.

The next **Little Seedlings Club meetings** will be on **Sunday 4 October**, and **Sunday 1 November, at 11am**; further information in store. In September, we learned all about flower bulbs, as this is now the time to plant them for colour in the spring, and also harvested the rest of our potato crop.

At the beginning of October, I will be working again with the staff and pupils of the **Department of Additional Support at Balwearie High School in Kirkcaldy**, helping them to build a wildlife area. I am also in the process of donations to the new **Bloom group in Powmill**, and also **Kinross in Bloom**, to **improve the appearance of the front area at the Day Centre, when all the road works are completed**.

For any enquiries about community activities and donations, or school visits to the store, contact Amanda James at Dobbies on 863327, or [community.kinross@dobbies.com](mailto:community.kinross@dobbies.com).



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## **Athronhall Clay Club**

Athronhall Clay Club held a charity shoot, raffle and barbecue on Sunday 2 August to raise funds for Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance.

Despite a weather forecast for heavy rain for the day, the weather was actually kind to us, and the sun shone for most of the time.

Thanks to the generosity of members, friends and all local businesses who donated wonderful raffle prizes.

Also the friends, who cooked and donated food for the barbecue, and finally the club members who organised the shoot on the day.

Those attending, both club members and visitors, had a great day enjoying the sport they love and also raising funds for a vital service to the community at large.

The club raised an amazing £5,000 for Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance.

At the club 'Fun Day' shoot held on Sunday 23 August, the cheque was presented by Sandy Cook (club treasurer) to Bob Ballard, a volunteer, and James Geldart, a paramedic with SCAA.



*l - r Sandy Cook, James Geldart and Bob Ballard*

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## Common Grounds

September was a strange month in Common Grounds. We had a few quiet days and teddy was rather down. Then our doors opened to lots of new faces, many from far flung countries. There was a real buzz and lots of stimulating chat and stories. Moreover, our customers were very generous, which was greatly appreciated. If you were one of the new faces, we look forward to a return visit.

A note for the diaries is that we are having a stall at the **Winter Market** event on **Saturday 28 November** and already many volunteers are busy working on producing a variety of crafts.....ideal for (sorry!) Christmas!

Our wood beavers have also been busy stocking up the wood pile in preparation for the colder days and making sure a warm welcome is waiting for all.

**Project:** Our project for October, the first of our new financial year and historically an emergency relief project, is War Child. War Child is a small non-governmental organisation founded in the UK in 1993 which provides assistance to children in areas experiencing conflict and the aftermath of conflict. More than 50% of all those affected by conflict are children, yet under 3% of humanitarian funding is spent on them. This organisation is currently working in Afghanistan, Jordan, Syria, Central African Republic, Republic of Congo and Uganda. We chose this project at our meeting on 25 August out of a list of emergency relief projects put forward by our Project Co-ordinator (little knowing how sadly topical our choice would be a few weeks later). War Child's website advises that there are 2 million Syrian child refugees which they are currently trying to assist.

Our website address is now again

[www.spanglefish.com/commongroundscharitycafe](http://www.spanglefish.com/commongroundscharitycafe)

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

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

## Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme

We now have the plaque installed next to the tree which was planted at the Health Centre in November 2014. The original tree, which can still be seen, was planted by Mrs Chris Renton across the road at the former Health Centre.

Mrs Renton was the founder member of the group and the convenor for many years. The original Silver Birch tree was planted to commemorate her retirement as town co-ordinator. The reason a tree was selected was because Mrs Renton, during the Second World War, was a Lumber Jill.

Dobbies kindly donated the new tree and stake and Jane MacNaughton from the Health Centre arranged for the preparation of the site, in the visitors car park.

The new tree was planted by Lesley Nelson, Mrs Renton's daughter.



## Scotlandwell in Bloom

Four members of Scotlandwell in Bloom attended the Take a Pride in Perthshire (TAPiP) Awards Ceremony on Thursday 3 September in the Salutation Hotel, Perth. As Scotlandwell has been the winner of the TAPiP Best Kept Wee Village for the past three years in succession, the village was not judged this year. This is because the rules state that, if any group has won three times in a row, they must bow out of the competition for a year. However, the TAPiP association decided that Scotlandwell in Bloom was worthy of a discretionary award and we were delighted to receive the 'International Liaison Award' for all our work (past and present) with fundraising and support of various overseas charities. Our efforts include raising money for a well in Cambodia, a water project in Dafur, our African Baby Knitting Project, our support for Tree Aid and the Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal, our ongoing support of Hospices of Hope, and our most recent project in caring for seafarers around the world by asking people to knit balaclavas, gloves and scarves for 'The Mission to Seafarers'. If you would like to find out more about the 'Mission' go to the website [www.missiontoseafarers.org](http://www.missiontoseafarers.org). Or if you would like to knit any of the items mentioned, Scotlandwell in Bloom would be happy to collect any knitting from you and send to the Seafarers Mission. If you would like any further information, please contact Elaine Carruthers on 01592 840652.

Thank you to everyone involved in supporting Scotlandwell in Bloom in any shape or form over the past year - your on-going hard work and support is very much appreciated.



## Milnathort & Kinross Allotments Association

**Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday 6 October 2015, 7.30pm**

**Loch Leven Community Campus, Kinross**



There are currently 30 allotments and a Community Garden at the allotments site (at the north end of Dobbies car park at Turfhill). Although the site has only been open for two summers, we already have a substantial waiting list. So, the association is currently in the process of seeking the appropriate permissions to increase the number of allotments to 34 as well further developing the Community Garden. Alongside the creation of the orchard, this will mean the site at Turfhill will have reached capacity. Given the success of the Turfhill allotments and the demand for more plots, the association is now looking into the possibility of a second allotments site, with Milnathort being the preferred location, if suitable land can be secured. If you have, or know of any, suitable land, we'd love to hear from you.

If you are interested in growing your own fruit and veg, volunteering in the Community Garden or joining one of our work-days, then why not come and have a look around; the allotments site is open daily to visitors. Alternatively, we will be at the Wellbeing event at the Community Campus on **Wednesday 14 October** between 10am – 2.30pm, if you want to pop by for a chat. Or, for more information on the association or any of our activities, please go to our website: [www.milnathortandkinrossallotments.org/](http://www.milnathortandkinrossallotments.org/) or you can contact us by email at [mkaasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:mkaasecretary@gmail.com).

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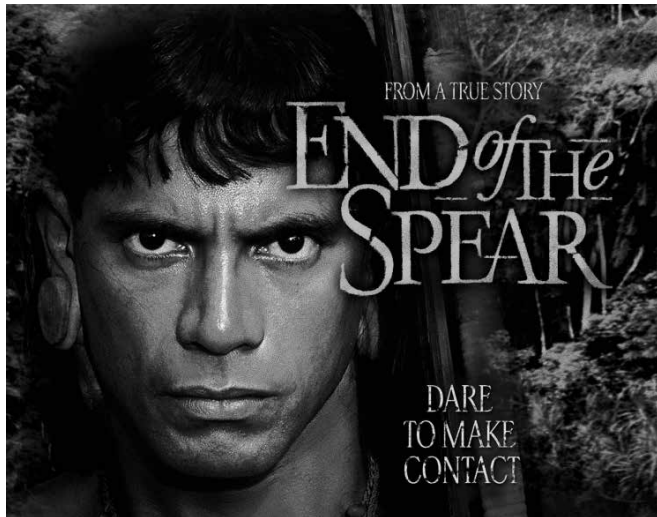
For contact details of community groups, hall bookings, job vacancies, leisure and visitor information and much more, visit **[www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)**



## Must-See movie at Kinross Parish Church

As part of its year long partnership with MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship), KPC is screening **End of the Spear**, a movie that will challenge even the most hardened heart about God's grace, mercy and forgiveness.

This true story has been told in Christian circles for nearly 60 years. In 1956, five missionaries were brutally murdered in the Ecuadorian jungle by members of the Waodani tribe they went to serve. And then something amazing happened; the killers became Christians.



The martyrs' names - Nate Saint (MAF pilot), Jim Elliot, Pete Fleming, Ed McCully, and Roger Youderian - and their sacrifice galvanized a whole generation of missionaries who

headed to foreign fields with the slain Elliot's words on their lips, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

End of the Spear features the events of 1956 from the perspective of the Waodani tribe leader, Mincayani, who was one of the men who killed the missionaries. Shot in Panama using members of the Embera tribe for all but a few key roles, the movie is a stirring, rich production that elevates this Christian film.

The story reaches back into Mincayani's childhood to show the violence that shaped his culture and mindset. He was probably around 20 years old when he first saw the yellow "woodbee" that was Nate Saint's small airplane buzzing above the trees. After a series of tentative contacts involving a bucket lowered from the plane by a long rope, Saint and his fellow missionaries decided to land and meet the natives face to face.

The interaction between the Waodani and the missionaries on the beach offers a few laugh-out-loud moments born out of awkward communication, but it inevitably grows grim. End of the Spear includes a recent revelation about what motivated the Waodani people to spear the missionaries - a lie told to cover an illicit romance - and doesn't turn its eyes from the resulting violence.

Then the movie takes us on a journey that demonstrates further courage and the love of God in one of the greatest stories of forgiveness ever told, that is apart from the cross of Jesus. Everyone who views this cinematic masterpiece will be moved.

**End of the Spear** will be shown at Kinross Parish Church on **Sunday 1 November** at 6.30pm. It is a free event with an offering for MAF.



## Inner Wheel of Kinross and District

During a summer of indifferent weather, Kinross Inner Wheel Club braved the elements in mid July to enjoy a day out together. After coffee at the Walled Garden near Culross, we had a tour of the Bishop's Palace before lunch at the Red Lion.

At the end of August we invited members of Rotary to join us for a most interesting and informative visit to the new Queensferry Crossing.

A varied and interesting programme is planned for the year ahead and for the first of these we had an enjoyable talk from the new President of Kinross Rotary Club, Cliff Megginson. Our own past President, Fiona Mapp, took the chair in the absence of Alison Reid, who will lead the Club in 2015-16.



## Kinross Ladies Circle

Hello ladies, now that the kids are back at school and the nights are beginning to draw in, maybe it's time for you to find something new and interesting to do. Ladies Circle is open to anyone aged 18 to 45 who likes to mix fundraising and socialising. We have lots of outings including comedy nights, dances, craft making, theatre trips and we regularly sample the wares of the local hostelrys!

You may have seen us at Kinross Show with our Candy Floss making machine which will be making another appearance at our stall at the Kinross Winter Festival. Why not pop by and say hello?

We continue to help out local organisations and welcome requests for funds. We have recently donated £750 to the Kinross Hockey Club to help with their quest for a new pitch. We'll be helping Santa to fly through Glenfarg & Duncrevie on **Tuesday 8 December**. Keep an eye on Facebook for up-to-date information.

Our diary of events keeps growing; look out for our Christmas drinks night on **Thursday 10 December**.

Should anyone want to come along and join us to see what we get up to please contact [kinrossladiescircle@gmail.com](mailto:kinrossladiescircle@gmail.com). We are also on facebook at

[www.facebook.com/kinrossladiescircle](http://www.facebook.com/kinrossladiescircle)

Our website is [www.ladiescircle.co.uk/kinross](http://www.ladiescircle.co.uk/kinross)

We're always welcoming new members so please get in touch.



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### What's Happening at the Campus

**Saturday 3 October: Outdoor Car Boot / Indoor Table Top Sale.** Free admission for buyers, 9am to 1pm. Sellers can set up from 8am with the choice of an indoor table or a car pitch outside for £10, which includes a voucher for a hot roll & hot drink. All indoor tables *must* be booked and paid for in advance. Outdoor car pitches, please call to register. For more information, or to book, please contact Gerry McGregor at contact details above.

**Tuesday 6 October: Testament of Youth** film. See page 18.

**Wednesday 7 October: Mindfulness Taster.** See page 18.

**Saturday 17 October: FitSteps Masterclass with Ian Waite.** An upbeat dance class where you mix Ballroom and Latin dances with one of the creators, Ian Waite from Strictly Come Dancing fame. Starting at 12 noon, tickets cost £12. Contact Pam Spowart on pampowart@hotmail.co.uk to book.

**Saturday 17 October: Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair.** There will be buying, selling and valuations given. Admission will be from 9.30am to 4pm with entry fee of £1 per person.

**Saturday 31 October: Storytelling in French.** See page 18.

**Saturday 7 November: Campus Winter Craft & Gift Fair.** Free admission, 10am-3pm. Over 45 craft & community stalls selling local handmade gifts, including Glassware, Woodcrafts, Cards, Candles, Jewellery, Ceramics, Handbags, Artwork, Prints, Felt-work, Soaps, Clothing & Textiles, Chocolates, Natural Skincare Products, Christmas Decorations and Knitted Goods. There will be Children's Craft Activities, Cartoons, Christmas Collection in the Museum, Live Active Leisure Kids' Activities, Refreshments and Raffle. There will be Cyanotype Printing from Perth Museum and the library

will be holding a Book Sale (Adult & Junior Fiction). We may even have a visit from you-know-who! So come along and browse the many stalls, pick up a unique gift or treat yourself, all whilst supporting your local community. For more information or to book a stall, contact Gerry McGregor.

**Wednesday 11 November: Swansacre Playgroup Festive Stocking Filler,** 7pm-9.30pm. Ticket Price is £3, which includes a mince pie, mulled wine, wine or juice. Tickets can be bought directly from Swansacre Playgroup, by contacting 01577 862071 or fundraisingswansacre15@gmail.com

**November (various dates): Music Festival.** See page 57.

**Saturday 28 November: Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair.** Details as before.

**Sunday 13 December: Inter-Church & Community Christmas Service.** This will be a community celebration of Christmas with songs, carols, readings and drama from 3pm. Free Admission and suitable for all ages.

**Wednesday 16 December: Kinross High School Concert.** A School Winter Celebration with Christmas music from 7pm. Tickets are £5 Adult and £3 Concession and will be available from the school office soon.

**Saturday 19 December: Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair.** Details as before.

### Classes at the Campus

There will be a brand new Course of **Beeswax Candle Workshops** starting on Tuesday evenings from 7pm to 8.30pm. Sessions will be **Tuesday 27 October to Tuesday 15 December** inclusive. Price is £11 per person per session. Please call Alison Hawley on 01592 758405 or 07923 958916 or beesycandles@yahoo.com to book your place.

There will be a new series of **Basic Sewing Classes** with Mo Prior with the theme 'Make something for Christmas'. Start date and details will be in the November issue. The current course of Happy Hookers! Crochet Classes has now finished and the next course will commence after the Christmas break – start date to be advised.

## Kinross-shire Historical Society

The Kinross-shire Historical Society's winter season of talks starts on **Monday 19 October**.

Meetings are held in the Parish Church, Station Road, Kinross and the talks begin at 7.30pm. The problem with numbers has been resolved and we are happy to welcome visitors once again.

Members should all have received a copy of the programme by now, but it is reprinted on the membership cards and publicised each month in the Newsletter and the local press. During the winter, there is a varied programme of talks over quite a wide and interesting range of subjects.

The first talk of the season is by Kevin Thomson on the History of Scotland. Members will recall his last visit when he gave a most enjoyable evening on the History of Robert Burns in words and song. Get there early for a good seat.

The committee would be grateful if members could pay their membership fees in advance of the first meeting to avoid long queues on the evening. Parking in the Co-op car park is now restricted to one hour, so it is recommended that you park elsewhere, perhaps at the old High School, a short walk away. Looking forward to a full house on 19 October!

*For the full season's programme, see page 89.*



## Kinross & District

### Town Twinning Association

Following the successful visit to Gacé in the summer we now look forward to the Gacé Schools' visit to Kinross High School from 29 September until 6 October.

Our next meeting will be on Armistice Day, **Wednesday 11 November** at 7.30pm in St Paul's Church Hall, Kinross, where we will be looking at the effects of World Wars 1 and 2 on the communities in Kinross and Gacé. Refreshments will be available and the meeting is free to attend. Everyone is invited to wear a poppy at the meeting in memory of the many losses suffered during the war years.

Next summer the Gacéans will be visiting Kinross, following up the 40th anniversary celebrations held in Gacé this July.



## Milnathort Town Hall Association

### August 50/50 Draw

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2nd	No 1	D Brown
3rd	No 72	I Smith



## Kinross & District Rotary Club

For many, the past month has flown by, and for the Rotary Club this has been no exception. This month we have two new features in our contribution to the Newsletter. More about our 'Meet & Greet' and 'Did You Know?' features below.

We had a very successful Mary, Queen of Scots – The Great Escape Boat Race last month. To those that came along, we hope you enjoyed the day's races and the photographs the Newsletter kindly printed. We have tallied all the income and costs and are delighted to announce that the event raised £1560! This amount included the race entries, all donations from those attending, and businesses and organisations that helped out. An especially big thank-you goes to 'Team Juran' for their generous donation in addition to entering a team in the races.



Team Juran at the Great Escape Boat Race

The funds raised by this and other events that the Rotary Club are involved in will go to a number of different charities. Last year the Rotary Club of Kinross raised and distributed £10.5K to a number of local, national and international charities. Some of them were Rotary related, like the WaterAid programme or the eradication of Polio programme. Others were determined by current events such as the Nepal earthquake, to which we donated emergency shelters through Shelterbox. Other recipients of funds are local youth clubs like the Scouts and Guides and we have funded training for a guide dog for the deaf. So there are a number of things the money goes to. Any local club or organisation can come to Rotary and ask for financial assistance like this. Just contact the Club Secretary Brian Timms at: [brian.timms230@btinternet.com](mailto:brian.timms230@btinternet.com)

We have had a few good social outings within the club lately. One of note was a visit to the Queensferry Crossing construction project. On the last Friday of every month the project's education centre provides a talk and, for larger groups, a bus trip around the site can be organised. This was a fascinating look into the construction of the new Forth crossing, the challenges involved, and innovative solutions implemented to overcome them. Our group attended the Boathouse Restaurant in Kinross for an excellent group lunch after the trip. Social outings coming up include a visit to the Eden Mill Distillery and Brewery and a concert by the Royal Marines Band. As you can see, Rotary is not just about work in our communities, we also have regular social outings which suit a number of tastes, to a variety of events, concerts and attractions.



Our speakers over the past month have included talks about the excellent work of the Street Pastors in Perth and other Scottish cities ([www.streetpastors.org](http://www.streetpastors.org)) and ways to trace your family history from Hugh Hoffman of the Fife Family History Society, just to mention a couple.

We also had the pleasure of welcoming Andrew McIntosh and Jenny Preen, staff from Kinross High School. Andrew and Jenny spoke with the club about continuing the existing links and programmes the Rotary Club has with Kinross High School and ways these links can be expanded. The club assists with mock job interviews for fifth and sixth year pupils and there is an 'Interact' club within the school. There are also youth development programmes such as RYLA and Euroscola. For more information see: [www.rotary.org/en/get-involved/join-leaders/rotaract-interact-and-ryla](http://www.rotary.org/en/get-involved/join-leaders/rotaract-interact-and-ryla).

Some members of the Rotary Club of Kinross feel that there are many misconceptions about Rotary within the community and that many people are unaware of what Rotary is and what it does. The next two features we are introducing, which will appear monthly, aim to address these misconceptions and give readers a different perspective on Rotary, both nationally and internationally.

Firstly – 'Meet & Greet'. This feature aims to introduce the members of the Kinross Rotary Club to readers, their reasons behind joining Rotary and what they enjoy about being involved. This month – Carolyn Poller (see below).

Our second feature is simply entitled - 'Did you know?' It will appear at the end of each monthly contribution and aims to tell you short, interesting snippets of information about your local Rotary Club or Rotary International.

Look out for next month when we get to know our club president a little better!

The Rotary Club of Kinross and District **meets every Monday** in the Windlestrae Hotel at 6.30pm. Come along and find out what's happening in the club and meet some of our members. Contact the Club Secretary Brian Timms at: [brian.timms230@btinternet.com](mailto:brian.timms230@btinternet.com) to find out more.

**Did you know....** the first female members were admitted to Rotary International in 1976 and now account for 15% of the membership?

## Kinross & District Rotary Club

### Meet & Greet

**Name:** Carolyn Poller.

**Age:** (Ed: It's rude to ask a lady her age.)

**Occupation:** Teacher.

**How long have you been with the Rotary Club of Kinross?**

Nearly ten years – can't believe it's that long!

**Why did you become involved in Rotary?**

A friend who is a member of the club suggested that I might like to visit the club – I'd never considered it before that.

**What was your first impression?**

Everyone was so friendly and welcoming – a cross section of our community, so many interesting people – guaranteed lively conversation.

**What surprised you?**

I hadn't realised that there are speakers most weeks. The range of subjects is immense and it's a great way to gain an



Carolyn Poller



insight into so many topics and organisations. I had also been unaware of the work of Rotary on an international level; the Shelterbox scheme and the Stop Polio campaign are examples of 'making a difference'. It's awesome to be a very small part of schemes which make a real and purposeful impact on the lives of desperate people elsewhere.

**What is the best thing you have done with Rotary since joining?**

I've made a lot of new friends, enjoyed all kinds of activities in the community. I loved working on our T in the Park activities – a 'Left Luggage' stall in the arena and morning and evening barbecues for campers at Lethangie. Festival-goers were so interested in our work and its impact – it was a lot of hard work and long hours but so much fun. And a lot of funds raised for distribution to various charities, at home and abroad.

**If you could change one thing about Rotary, what would it be?**

I would like to see more women join our club – come on, ladies!

**When friends or family find out you are a member of Rotary, what do they say?**

A lot of them admit they know nothing but are often surprised to hear that I am a member. There remains a terribly outdated notion that Rotary is a lunch club for old men. I'm always glad to change their perceptions!

**What would you say to someone who is thinking of joining?**

Come along and see and hear for yourself what we do and how you could be a valued and valuable contributor.

**What do you wish other people knew about Rotary?**

Don't worry that you might not be able to make every meeting. Many of us work, many commute, and we contribute as much as we are able.

**Sum up your Rotary Club in three words.**

Friendship, fun, fundraising.



**Lomond Antiques  
and  
Collectors Club**



At our first meeting on 9 September, members were pleased to welcome Amy Waugh from Perth Museum and Art Gallery. The title of her presentation was Ysart and his followers. The story started with Salvador Ysart being hired by the already established Moncrieff glass manufacturers of Perth in 1922. The shapes of both Monart and Vasart were traditional and often based on pottery forms such as classical baluster and Oriental ginger jars. The Monart sales catalogue listed 300 variations and shapes.

In 1946 Ysart and two of his sons left Moncreiff's to set up their own company known as Ysart Brothers, which eventually led to a change of name to Vasart Glass.

We were informed of the complex process involved in the production of their swirl pattern designs, much loved by collectors.

Members were also advised how to identify Monart and Vasart glass by the different labels attached at the pontil mark at the base of completed items.

The company produced many wares for Teacher's Whisky merchants and eventually relocated to Crieff to become Strathearn Glass.

Amy Waugh was formally thanked for a most enjoyable and informative evening.

**Potager Garden**

[www.potagergardenkinross.com](http://www.potagergardenkinross.com)

The summer with its unpredictable weather is drawing to a close, and the **school children have visited the garden** and dug up some giant potatoes, and tasted lots of different vegetables and fruit, and even some edible flowers! They also loved our 3 metre plus sunflower, pictured below.

We are looking forward to our coffee morning at the end of September, and there is still some autumn colour in the garden. The garden will **remain open for visitors during October**, as long as the weather stays amenable. Thank you to Margaret and Ruth, who have opened and closed the gates every day over the summer, and the volunteers who have tended and watered the garden.

**Volunteer sessions will also continue on Monday mornings**, until the weather goes wintry, and there is still plenty of tidying to do for the end of the season.

**Plant sales are also possible on Mondays** from about 10.30am to 1pm.

**We are pleased to have met Julie and Jason from the Boathouse Restaurant**, who are giving us their spent coffee grounds to compost and use as a slug repellent, and they have kindly also been selling some of our produce and flowers in the restaurant and sweet shop. We are also planning to work together in the spring, growing some flowers, vegetables and herbs, to plant on their decking area, **and thank them for their support for the garden.**

We are becoming more widely known, and I will be speaking to the Inner Link group in Perth in September.

For any information, contact Amanda James on 01577 840809, or [amanda@tyafon.plus.com](mailto:amanda@tyafon.plus.com).



**Kinross Garden Group**

Our first meeting of the new season is on **Thursday 8 October** in the **Millbridge Hall, Kinross** at 2pm with Mr Peter Timoney from Bonhard Garden, Scone. His talk will be "Orchids of the World". Membership fees are £10 for the year and £2 for visitors. If you are new to Kinross-shire and interested in meeting fellow garden enthusiasts you will be made very welcome. Doors will be open from 1.30pm. For more details, contact Caroline Anderson on 01577 864589.



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## Kinnesswood in Bloom

At last we have had a bit of summer weather, though belatedly in September. Our gardens have probably lasted longer this year thanks to the poor start, so let's enjoy it while we can.

Representatives recently attended an award ceremony in Cleish Village Hall where we received the Best Kept Village Award from the Kinross-shire Civic Trust.

Kinnesswood in Bloom were also celebrating recently at the Take a Pride in Perthshire Awards. We hoped for Gold and were pleased to get a Gold Award again. There seemed to be many Gold Awards received that night. Villages and towns, both large and small, in Perth and Kinross have done well to achieve top marks in horticultural achievement, environmental responsibility and community participation. We were so pleased to become the small village winner and receive another award for best involvement with schools. Our trophies will be displayed in the garage window, thanks to David Buchan. Many thanks to all our community sponsors, sewing ladies, all villagers who help us achieve these awards and the school, who encourage us to work with the children. Without you all it would not be possible.

Our work parties continue and we will be busy clearing gardens and tidying up at the end of the season.

Funding requests for the Benarty View project are going in to funders so here's hoping we can progress over the winter.

Mrs Mossom's class are doing a Scottish food project so learned how to make strawberry jam in the breadmaker using the strawberries from the school garden. The whole school enjoyed bread and jam sandwiches. They were also learning how to prepare oats from the recent harvest, hopefully giving us enough to make oatcakes or oat bread. We'll let you know how it goes.



## Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom



### Roasted Tomato Risotto

#### Ingredients

**Roasted tomatoes** 700g tomatoes  
1 desertspoon olive oil  
1 clove of garlic (optional)  
Small pack of basil leaves  
Salt and pepper  
**Risotto** 1 finely chopped red onion  
25g butter  
225g risotto rice  
275g white wine  
2 teaspoon sundried tomato paste  
75g parmesan  
1 tablespoon cream

#### Method

Skin the tomatoes by pouring boiling water over, leave for a minute then skin. Slice in half then arrange face up on baking tray, season with salt and pepper, a few drops of oil on each, chopped garlic if required and a basil leaf dipped in oil. Roast at 200°C for 50-60 minutes until edges are slightly blackened. Reduce temperature to 180°C.

Blend tomatoes and juices in a processor. Melt butter in a saucepan and fry onion for about 7 minutes. Add rice and coat all the grains. Add the wine and bring to boiling point then add tomato paste and 330ml of boiling water. Stir well and season then add the tomato mixture.

Put in a dish in the oven for 35 minutes, stir in parmesan and give it another 5-10 minutes. Just before serving add cream, a few basil leaves and more parmesan.



*A sticky situation?! Jam making with strawberries from Portmoak Primary School's garden*

## Kinross in Bloom

October already – where did the summer go? How fast the months fly by. It will soon be time to commence the winter planting. Speaking of this, our polytunnel is presently home to nearly 500 baby Polyanthus plants being tended prior to planting out, probably at the end of the month.

The High Street regeneration should now have come to an end, and we are hoping to start planting out our new containers very soon, also making a start on the upgrading of the flowerbeds at the Church Centre.

The Church Centre features in the grand reopening Street Party on Saturday 3 October, where we have a stall displaying some photographs of the work we carry out to bring some colour to the town, and also have some small plants for sale in aid of our funds. Please pay us a visit.

Our 200 Club is once again up and running, and our first draw will take place during our October meeting. Anyone wishing to help our funds by joining the club, please contact our treasurer, Aileen Sorbie, on 01577 861477.

Lastly, we are sorry to intimate the death of one of our older members, Mary Muirhead, who died at the beginning of September. Mary joined Kinross in Bloom shortly after its formation in 2003, and was a hands-on supporter in all we did, until lately when she couldn't quite manage. We shall miss her, and our thoughts are with her family.



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# Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation



## Come and sing with Irene Railley!

**Saturday 24 October**, 10.30am-4pm, Kinross Parish Church.  
Cost: £10.

Local community choir Leven Voices are hosting an all day singing workshop in Kinross with the wonderful Irene Railley! A day of singing for all who just like to sing and have fun. No requirement to read music or have previous singing experience, Irene will make sure it will all come together in fabulous harmonies, singing a great variety of styles and songs. Registration from 10am. Coffee, tea, biscuits and home bakes will be provided but please bring your own packed lunch.

For more information and booking, please e-mail [info@kleo.org](mailto:info@kleo.org) or phone 01577 863107.



*Come and sing with Irene Railley!*

## Kinross-shire Winter Festival

KLEO would like to celebrate all local events that are happening in November/December in Kinross-shire. The Festive Street Market, concerts and numerous other events and festive celebrations will be organised by local community groups and businesses over this period. With a Festive Winter Festival brochure distributed door to door in Kinross and Milnathort, KLEO is hoping that these events get all the support they need from the local community.

### Festive Street Market, 28 November

This year the Festive Street Market will take place on the newly renovated High Street of Kinross. Like last year there will be a great variety of stalls and entertainment! If you are

a local trader, crafts person or community group you might consider a stall. All marquee stalls and market stalls are all booked now but there is still space for bringing your own stall. For a booking form for this event, please e-mail [info@kleo.org](mailto:info@kleo.org)

## Kinross-shire's Got talent

Get your act ready for a show with great variety and talent: singing, dancing, baton twirling, comedy. A fun-packed and entertaining evening on **Friday 20 November**, 7pm at the Community Campus. If interested in taking part (open for adults as well), send an e-mail to [info@kleo.org](mailto:info@kleo.org)

## Come and sing The Pirates of Penzance!

Join experienced choir leader Peter Rutterford as he guides you through an afternoon of choral discovery with Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera 'The Pirates of Penzance'. We welcome all singers, whether experienced or beginners, to sing in the choir. The event takes place on **Sunday 15 November**, with the rehearsal from 2pm to 6pm and the performance at 7.30pm at the Kinross Parish Church. Costs are £15 for singers and £10 for the audience at the concert in evening. There is also a **special rehearsal** organised for choir members who would like some more preparation than only the one-day workshop. Alex Cant will go through some parts with you on Thursday 22 October in the Kinross Parish Church from 7.30pm until 9pm.

If interested in taking part in any of these, please e-mail your details to [info@kleo.org](mailto:info@kleo.org) or call 01577 863107.

## Other Events at the Festival

- **Another Night On Broadway**, Friday 13 and Saturday 14 November, 7pm at the community campus.
- **Big Country and The Coaltown Daisies**, Saturday 21 November, 8pm at the community campus. Tickets for Big Country are for sale at Milnathort Post Office, Macbeth & Currie Estate Agents and [www.kleo.org](http://www.kleo.org)
- **Choirs Together**, Mon 16 November, 7pm at campus.

For more information about the festival, visit [www.kleo.org](http://www.kleo.org)

## KLEO job vacancy

There is a part-time weekend job vacancy for an Equipment Operator (someone who can deliver/erect market stalls and other KLEO equipment). See page 93 for further information.



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## Kinross High School

I am delighted to have joined Kinross High School as Headteacher and Campus Leader. As a local resident, I am looking forward to leading the school for the benefit of all pupils and to continue to develop the campus for our community. During my teaching career I have gained experience in a number of schools and local authorities, and since 2010, as a Headteacher in Edinburgh. I hope to utilise this wide experience to continue to develop Kinross High School, with a particular focus on the pupils' learning experience.



Sarah Brown

My priorities over this term are to understand how the school and campus works; to get to know pupils, staff, parents and community partners; and to seek feedback on strengths and next steps for the school and our campus. I am committed to ensuring parents are involved in the work and life of the school and I was pleased to

meet over 100 parents at 'Open Door' sessions, where parents shared their ideas about the school and the campus.

Pupils at Kinross High School have been very successful in SQA exams. At all stages exam results have demonstrated improvement, for example pupils in S4 have produced the best set of results on record at National 5 and have performed significantly higher than pupils in similar schools. This individual and collective achievement is the result of hard work by our pupils and staff, supported by parents. The school is now analysing results across all subjects and qualifications, to ensure that improvements are sustained.

In the short time that I have been at the school, I have been impressed by the range of opportunities for pupils to learn beyond the classroom. In addition to a number of field trips and educational visits, our pupils have participated in experiences which develop their team working and leadership skills. This includes a World Challenge to Vietnam and Cambodia, our popular S6 weekend and assessment expeditions leading to the Duke of Edinburgh Awards (Bronze, Silver and Gold). A recent addition to our international excursion programme was the Battlefields tour organised by our History department. This saw senior pupils visiting battlefields, war graves and memorials of World War One. We have enjoyed receiving German Students on the return leg of our exchange programme and are looking forward to welcoming our French partners in October.

Our pupils continue to support national charities and have chosen Alzheimer Scotland as this year's designated charity. (See item from Fundraising Team on this page.) Some of our pupils will have fundraising stalls at upcoming campus events such as the **Car Boot and Table Top Sale on Saturday 3 October** and the **Winter Festival Craft and Gift Fair on Saturday 7 November**. A full range of campus events are listed on page 51.

*Sarah Brown, Headteacher*

### Need Equipment for a Community Event?

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

Items are listed on [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) at:

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

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



## Fundraising

Hello from the Kinross High school sixth year fundraising team! This year, our year group have decided to raise funds for Alzheimer Scotland. This excellent charity provides support for those living with Alzheimer's disease and also their families. We feel that this is an exceptional charity that deals with issues faced by many across the country. Our aim is to raise as much money as we can to help Alzheimer Scotland to continue with the amazing work that they do.

In order to achieve our challenging goal of raising £15K, we will need the support of our fellow pupils at Kinross High and also support from the surrounding community. Throughout the year we will be organising numerous school and community events.

At this point we would like to take this opportunity to thank Tayside Contracts for kindly donating £100 towards our cause and getting the ball rolling towards our fundraising year! We are up to £804 already.

Have any questions or want to find out more? Please visit our website at [www.khscharity.com](http://www.khscharity.com) where you can view upcoming events, our gallery page, or even make a donation and see our running total. Alternatively, email us at [info@khscharity.com](mailto:info@khscharity.com). We look forward to a successful year raising funds for such a worthy cause.

## Seamab School

It's been a very busy summer here at Seamab. All the children had a great holiday, with lots of fun activities and trips away. A few of the children had a special trip away to London, which was very exciting for them. Another group of children had a very different trip out to one of the Scottish islands. Activities over the summer included camping, fishing and day trips.

This term in school the children have been working on the topic of 'the people who help us'. Each group of children have been learning about this – thinking about the people in Seamab as well as people in the wider community who help them. The children have made lots of different fact files and posters about different groups including police cars and fire engines from around the world.

This summer we also worked on improving the grounds around the school. We have a new corporate partner at Seamab – SGN, a national provider of gas mains and services. SGN have given us great support over the summer by donating the funds to purchase a yurt and by bringing in a team of volunteers to improve the grounds. The team involved did an amazing job, building new raised vegetable beds, improving fences and digging a new area for the camp fires we have as part of our forest school. Most importantly, they helped us to set up our boat as part of the school grounds. We had purchased a boat and we needed to find a way to safely install it in the grounds so the children could use it. SGN brought in their expertise and equipment, excavated an area so the boat could be lowered into the ground, and then filled in around the boat so that it is stable. The children are now working on the boat as part of their design and technology learning.

Seamab has developed significantly over the last few years, and we are working continuously to improve how we support the children and help them to recover from their past experiences. We are currently recruiting for Trustees and would welcome applications from members of our community. If you are interested in this, more information is available on our website [www.seamab.org.uk](http://www.seamab.org.uk)

*Joanna McCreadie*

## Portmoak Primary School

### A New Year

A warm welcome to our new P1 pupils and their families and welcome back to our pupils and families from P2-7. Feedback from teachers so far has been very positive about their new classes – long may this continue into the new session!

### Staffing Update

Miss Seaton left at the summer at the end of her probation year and we wish her well as she takes up a permanent teaching post in Kirkcaldy. We are delighted to welcome Miss Lesley Rennie as our new probationer teacher, teaching P5/6. Mrs Fraser will continue to deliver the Friday in Miss Rennie's class, also teaching Religious and Moral Education once a week to each class. Mrs Clemie has had her contract extended to provide Mrs Kellie's management day out of class, so will teach P4/5 on a Wednesday.

Mr Young is staying on for another year and will teach music every Tuesday. Mr Ainsworth will still be teaching PE to all pupils every Friday. All our musical instructors are staying on, but not all have space for new pupils. Classes being offered a chance to be tested for learning a new instrument will be contacted directly. Pupils entitled to free school meals (P4-7) can also apply to be exempt from musical charges.

Mrs Davies has returned to her classroom assistant post for a reduced three days and we are pleased that Mrs Welsh has agreed to cover the other two days for us. Our other classroom support staff, Mrs Williams and Ms Gibbon, will both be covering the same hours as last year.

Our further staffing news is that Mrs Robertson's secondment at All Stars has been extended for a year and we are delighted that Mrs Dunnett has agreed to stay on next year for one day a week as our pupil support teacher.

I am expecting my second child and am due to be going off on maternity leave shortly before the Christmas break. Arrangements for the post of Acting Headteacher will be made by the Council and it is my intention to be off for two terms again and to be back for August 2016.

### Coffee and a Catch Up

At the events and fundraising meeting, we discussed trialling a 'Coffee and a Catch Up' session for parents to come and meet each other and myself in an informal way. The first session was on 10 September just after 9am in the school library. This was very well attended and we are going to continue with this approximately once per term.

### Summary of Improvement Priorities 2015-16

- To further develop consistent approaches in **learning and teaching**, including in the use of **digital technologies**.
- To work with cluster colleagues to moderate expectations and achieve **consistent assessment** approaches.
- To develop more **progressive planning pathways** including planning for **French** from the early years.

We have three main priorities this year again. We will be introducing an additional language, French, over the course of the session. This is in line with the Government's 1+2 Languages initiative. In Perth & Kinross, where we consider language 1 is English, all schools have been asked to make French the second language. A decision will be made at cluster level as to whether we stick with German in P5-7 as language 3, or whether a consistent alternative will be offered.

### Parking

A reminder about safety for our pupils and consideration for our neighbours: I appreciate our car park can be a busy place at pick up and drop off times but please make sure

you park thoughtfully around the school and do not use the disabled bays or bus stops. Parents should never park on the pavement. Remember, too, that our buses need enough room to get around the corner, so parking right at corners can make this difficult for the bus drivers and makes the walk to school less safe for our children. Please be aware that the red painted lines represent walkways that must be left clear.

### George Thompson

I thought I would share with you the details of a lovely letter I received in the summer holidays. It was from a Mr Taylor of Dundee, an old school friend of George Thompson's, who had read about our new library and dedication to our former pupil and VC awardee. He sent us an original Courier article from 1945 detailing George's heroics and it has some insights into his daily life before he joined the RAF working at Sand's in Kinross. Next time you are in the library, take a moment to read the article on the wall. Members of the public are welcome to get in touch with us if you would like a copy of this article.



### Uniform Sale

From time to time we have a sale of second hand uniform items. If your child used to go to Portmoak and you have branded items or school ties still, please do hand them in so they can be reused. Not only does this save money for parents, but it is better for the environment too!

### Shopping and Pamper Night at Portmoak Hall

Please save the date for this year's Ladies' Night on **Friday 6 November**. (See p. 93.) This really is a super evening which raises a substantial amount of money for our school.

### Harvest Time at Portmoak

The school grounds committee have been reaping the rewards of all of their planting and growing over last session, with a medley of vegetables having been ready for harvesting after the summer break. The school would like to thank Kinnesswood in Bloom for their tireless work with this committee, but also for the efforts that have gone into the school grounds both before and during the summer. What a lovely welcome back to our staff and our pupils to see the pots and wellies all in full bloom and the school looking fabulous for the new term – thanks to all involved! Our congratulations, too, to Kinnesswood in Bloom for their award for best work with a school – very well deserved in our opinion.



*The school harvest bagged up ready to take home*

Thank you for reading our school news. If you have time on your hands and feel you would be able to help in the school then we would like to hear from you. Please get in touch to discuss this if so.

*Louise Gordon, Headteacher*





## The Kinross-shire Civic Trust

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### Best Kept Village Awards 2015

The Best Kept Village awards ceremony was held in Cleish Village Hall on 9 September. Judging had taken place on 28 July. Grant Lindsay, one of the three judges, commented on how neat and tidy the villages and hamlets were.

The competition, now in its 49th year, was started by Sir Bobby Stewart of Arndean with the aim of encouraging community spirit within the settlements and to keep the public areas and school playgrounds of the villages weed free with some flowering plants and shrubs.

This year's winners were:

<b>Best Kept Village</b>	<b>Kinnesswood</b>
<b>Best Kept Hamlet</b>	<b>Cleish</b>
<b>Most Improved</b>	<b>Blairingone</b>

Alistair Smith, Chairman of the Kinross-shire Civic Trust, presented each winner with a bulb planter and a large bag of bulbs kindly donated by Dobbies of Kinross. We look forward to seeing some lovely displays of narcissi next spring.

Next year will be the 50th year of the competition and it would be wonderful to have a large amount of entries from all the villages and hamlets of Kinross-shire.

Our thanks must go to Grant Lindsay, Fi Skinner and Alexander Moncrieff for their judging and to Roderick Moncrieff from Tullibole for transporting the judges around the shire. Special thanks go to **Dobbies of Kinross** for their generous donation of bulbs and bulb planters.

### Invitation to Meeting of Perth Civic Trust

Members of Kinross-shire Civic Trust are invited to attend a meeting of Perth Civic Trust in October. John Pelan, Chief Executive of the Scottish Civic Trust, will address the meeting

on the subject of Heritage. John will be accompanied by a member of his staff, Gaby Laing, who specialises in heritage matters. In addition, Isobel Butt, a member of Perth Civic Trust, will speak about her work with PKC, attempting to encourage landlords to bring empty or neglected properties back into use.

The meeting takes place at the George Hotel, Perth, on Tuesday 27 October at 7pm. Refreshments will be available and to assist the hotel with numbers, we are asked to give an indication of how many of our members might attend. Please contact Kinross-shire Civic Trust Secretary Eileen Thomas if you would like to attend by emailing [eileen@macthomas.org.uk](mailto:eileen@macthomas.org.uk) or telephoning (01577) 863714.



*Representatives of the winning communities at the Best Kept Village awards ceremony*

## Orwell District Guides

The photograph shows Orwell District Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and leaders in fancy dress along with parents about to start their sponsored walk across the Forth Road Bridge on Sunday 30 August to raise funds for phase 2 of their Milnathort Guide Hall refurbishment.

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## Kinross Hockey Club

### Ladies

Saturday 12 September saw the start of the League season for both ladies' teams. The firsts are in the Scottish Championship League group A this year, having come a fantastic fourth last year in our first year of National competition. Our seconds play in Midland League Division 2, having narrowly missed promotion to Division 1.

Despite the horrendous weather, it was a good start for both teams. The firsts ran home a 5-1 win against Grove Menzieshill 2, with last year's top goal scorer Vicky Carver scoring all five goals – an excellent start to the defence of her title! The seconds had a tough game at home against a strong Perthshire 2. They kept a clean sheet with a 0-0 result, albeit were somewhat disappointed not to have put at least one in the Perthshire goals.

This weekend (19/20 Sept) both teams are away from home to formidable oppositions. The firsts go head to head with last season's Championship winners, Edinburgh University 2s, and the seconds travel to Stirling to face newly relegated Stirling Uni 2s. Good luck ladies!

### Congratulations

Congratulations go to a number of people this month:

- to the Total Warriors who braved all last Sunday (13 September) to help raise funds for our new pitch. As you can tell from the picture, they all had a tremendous time, so much so, they are signing up for next year! You can still support them (and congratulate them on their amazing efforts). Please see [www.gofundme.com/c9335xm4](http://www.gofundme.com/c9335xm4)
- to our President, Gail Nelson who once again donned her Scotland kit for another International Cap playing in the European Masters in London. Unfortunately the Scottish ladies did not fare as well as the men, however Gail did hit the backboard in their 4 – 0 victory over Wales with a classic Nelson goal!
- and to our Social Secretary Vicki Miller, who did an amazing job in organising our inaugural pre-season club day on 22 August. A huge thank you to everyone who helped both in the preparation in advance and also on the day.



*The Total Warriors who raised funds for the new pitch*



### Exciting News

Finally, we have some exciting news... as all proud parents are, we are delighted to announce the birth of a new section in the club – the Kinross Corinthians. We recognise there are lots of people who don't want to play league hockey (and don't want to train with people who do), but who would love to have some fun playing a truly social game with likeminded people. So let us introduce you to...



Training takes place at the KGV on Monday evenings from 7.30pm – 8.30pm. Dust off your old kit, or even just your trainers, come along, give us a go and have some fun.

Further information on Kinross Hockey Club can be found at [www.kinrosshockey.org](http://www.kinrosshockey.org)

### Have a go at hockey. Aye, right!

How many times have we heard or read the phrase "players of all abilities welcome" when we know the truth is we would rather have a player of international standard join to make the lives (on the playing pitch) of the rest of us easier. But is this the truth? Well, meet David Dumbreck.

David had never played the game before and in his own words.....

I'm an occupational therapist working in Stirling with people over 65 years old who suffer from various medical problems that limit their ability to cope at home.

I came to hockey later than most, from a starting point of having played virtually no competitive team sports up to this point. I first considered hockey when a very sweaty and dishevelled Chris Bennington started arriving at the Kinross Round Table meetings after hockey training. It was another five years before I had the time to consider hockey again. My reasons for trying hockey are quite diverse, ranging from a wish to improve fitness to it being local. I don't see myself as being very fit or competitive. Being in my early fifties with the usual physical niggles, I find that playing as a rolling reserve in the seconds allows me the chance to periodically recover throughout the game. I've been given various nuggets of wisdom so far by teammates; these are my favourites:

"Don't worry about the rules – that's what the referees are for. They'll tell you when you're wrong."

"If you are in attack and back slowly up against a defender, that's OK as long as the referees normally play as forwards."

Advice on my game position in my first game: "Run in and out the D no matter where the ball is and make the defenders think you know what you are doing."

So if you wish to undertake a little exercise which does not involve getting pummelled into the ground or trying to head the ball (all non-footballer players know how difficult that is, and yes it does hurt your head – well, mine anyway), hockey is the game for you. You don't have to play competitively in the league on a Saturday – we are increasing the number of persons who wish to partake on a purely social level. So come along and give us a try.



*Dave Dumbreck had a go at hockey and liked it!*

## Kinross Kobras Junior Hockey

The new season is well under way and we have been enjoying some late summer evenings to get back into the hockey training. Some of the older Kobras will be playing in Midland District U16 and U18 teams at the end of September and early October and we wish them all the best. Well done also to Kobras who have stepped up this season to play for the Men's and Ladies' teams whose seasons kicked off recently.

We are working to organise some inter-club matches and tournaments so that all the training can be put into practice. The Kobras training sessions take place on a Tuesday and Thursday evening (6.30 – 7.30) at the KGV astroturf pitch at The Muirs and new players are always welcome.



## Kinross Badminton Club Senior Club

The Club AGM was held on 16 September at the Honorary President's house. The Office bearers for the new season were elected:

President: Bill Macdonald

Secretary: Mark Moran

Treasurer: Bill Macdonald

Junior Club Secretary: Alison Walker

Office Bearers: John Mahony, Scott Bissett, Liam Morris, Stephen Ross.

Competition dates have been set as follows: Kate Francis, **Thursday 29 October**; Macdonald Quaich, **Tuesday 15 December**.

The last night before the Christmas break will be **Monday 7 December**. The club will restart after Christmas on **Thursday 7 January**. Committee Members, please put in your diaries the next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 27 January**. Please feel free to come along and try your hand at badminton, your first nights free and coaching is available.

### Junior Club

Parents, please note that the Junior Club has also restarted! The Club is looking for new junior members to join. The Club is split into two sections, with the primary group playing on Thursdays from 6pm to 7pm and the High School Club from 7pm to 8pm. The last night before the Christmas break is **Thursday 10 December**. Get those rackets ready!!



## Kinross Volleyball Club

Indoor volleyball is back in town with training taking place every Monday evening from 8.15 till 9.45 pm in the Loch Leven Community Campus. Sessions are open to all ages and abilities. The Kinross Club is preparing for the new season and will again have teams in both Premier and Recreational leagues at Bell's Sports Centre with games again being played on Sunday evenings.

The season kicks off with the League Cup competitions and Kinross will be looking to retain at least one of the two cups won last season.

Kinross players **Mitchell Brown** and **Mark Cathro** came back from the UK School Games in Manchester with bronze medals and a 'what might have been' story. The boys played with the Scotland East under 17 boys' team and reached the semi-finals playing Scotland West. The East boys won the first set and had two match points in the second set before losing 25-27. West won the third set decider to reach the final with East, then defeating England for bronze medal position.



Mark and Mitchell with their Sainsbury's UK School Games Bronze Medals

A number of Kinross High School boys will be playing for Perth & Kinross Juniors in Scottish Volleyball's Junior National League. Teams will be coming from Ayrshire, Glasgow and Edinburgh so it will take the lads a bit of getting used to in this top level of junior competition. It is hoped to run a girls team as well but the girls need to appoint a coach before they can enter the Girls Junior National League. Volunteers urgently needed!

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## Kinross-shire Cricket Club

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With the season complete, September started with the 2015 Junior Awards held at the campus. Over 100 people came to hear about the winter plans for the pavilion extension and the various training schedules, which start on 26 October. The award winners were also announced.



### Kwik Cricket Bronze Awards

Hamish Milne, Jack Harvey, Rory Clark, Lucy Milne, Sophie Pearson, Fergus Bain, Rory Palin

### Top Score Bronze Awards

Runner up                      Rory Clark  
Joint winners                Jack Harvey & Rory Palin

### Kwik Cricket Silver Awards

Luke Stormont, Seamus Nesbit, Samuel Wallace, Angus Bain, Charlie Pearson

### Top Score Silver Awards

Runners up                      Seamus Nesbit & Charlie Pearson  
Winner                          Angus Bain

### Kwik Cricket Gold Awards

Henry Silcock, Finlay Clark, Naomi Clarke, Ellis Tooley, Finlay McColl, Calum Porter, Cary Jennings, Cecily Douglas, Sophie Palin, Millie Roe, Andrew Crittenden

### Top Score Gold Awards

Runners up                      Millie Roe, Cecily Douglas & Henry Silcock  
Winner                          Angus Bain

### Inter-cricket Awards

William Silcock, Matthew Bentall, Ramsay Scott, Oliver Berggren, Lewis Dall, Angus Forbes, Lulu Forbes, Fred Teasdale, Lewis Bentall, Ross Telfer, Daniel Shah, Bart Kuijpers, Freddie McCreanor

### Inter-cricket Top Score Winners

Bronze Medal                      Freddie McCreanor  
Silver Medal                      William Silcock  
Gold Medal                        Fred Teasdale

### Under 11 Hardball Awards

“Spirit of Cricket”                Finlay Clark & Ellis Tooley  
Most Improved Players        Fred Teasdale & Ramsay Scott  
Bowler of the Year                Daniel Shah  
Batsman of the Year               William Silcock  
Fielder of the Year                Freddie McCreanor

### Under 13 Hardball Awards

“Spirit of Cricket”                Andrew Hynd & Alex Turlik  
Merit Award                        Joe Jennings  
Most Improved Players        Ben Normile & Oliver Roe  
Bowler of the Year                Andrew Hynd  
Batsman of the Year               Gilleasbuig Peterson  
Fielder of the Year                Max Baird

### Under 15 Hardball Awards

“Spirit of Cricket”                Sally Weir & Lewis McLaren  
Most Improved Player        Finn Hall & Charlie Bell  
Bowler of the Year                Toby Douglas  
Batsman of the Year               Stuart McCreanor  
Fielder of the Year                Lewis McLaren

### 2015 Junior Player of the Year

Lewis McLaren

### Anniversary Dinner

The 160th Anniversary Dinner was held at Loch Leven's Larder on 18 September with keynote speakers, GB Olympic Volley Captain Lynne Beattie and Cricket Scotland Chief Executive Malcolm Cannon.

After a fantastic dinner, Lynne gave an excellent talk about her ten-year journey from school team player to the 2012 London Olympics, complete with a home video she made of her time in the Olympic village, the opening ceremony, match days and the highly emotional closing ceremony. For all present it was an amazing chance to see the Olympics from such a personal vantage point.

Malcolm Cannon presented the senior awards, which were dominated by 1st XI captain James Ross, who picked up every award with the exception of Fielder of the Year, which went to Christopher Sale, and the Best Bowling performance, which was won by Anthony Drew.

Club Chairman, John Ross, was very surprised to find that he had been named by Cricketworld magazine as one of their 2015 Club Heroes due to his “outstanding contribution to cricket” and he was presented with a special certificate to mark the occasion.

Over the autumn, building work will commence on the extension of the club pavilion, ready for next season.

**Junior indoor coaching** starts on **Monday 26 October** and full details can be found on the club website.

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## Milnathort Golf Club

### Ladies Section

Sadly, our season has come to an end. The summer weather has not been kind to us but, nevertheless, we have had an enjoyable season with some good scores recorded and a number of ladies experiencing cuts in their handicap. Congratulations to all. To the rest of us, we just have to keep striving and hoping next season is more favourable.

The competition winners since my last report are:

13 August Junior Club Championship Rnd 2: Kattie Bell gross 110 nett 86.

17 August SLGA Rnd 5: Deirdre Calderwood gross 95 nett 72, Karen Allan gross 89 nett 73, Gillian Pemberton gross 88 nett 73.

24 August Golf Foundation Brooch: Audrey Thomson gross 93 nett 73, Deirdre Calderwood gross 97 nett 74.

29 August 9 hole Qual. Stableford: Beryl Harley 17 points Edna Nelson 12 pts.

29 August 18 hole Stableford: Jackie Sneddon 33 points, Rhona Wilson and Karen Allan 31 points.

29 August Ladies Open: Winner Gilliam Pemberton gross 87 nett 72.

31 August Montgomery Medal Rnd 6: Maria Duncan gross 99 nett 70, Hazel Brown gross 101 nett 72.

7 September Breakthrough Brooch: Lindsay Kidd gross 98 nett 71, Audrey Thomson gross 93 nett 73.

9 September 18 hole Stableford: Audrey Thomson 34 points, Gilliam Pemberton 33 points.

6 September Montgomery Final: Winner Maria Duncan.

14 September Closing 9 Holes: Mhairi Gibson, runner-up Sandra Ritchie.

The Final of our season's monthly Mixed Jubilee was held on Saturday 5 September with Nancy S Brown and Jim Johnston our jubilant winners. Runners up were Christine Dick and Donald Stirling. The photo attachment is our jubilant four.

Our Autumn/Winter Sweep competition started on 16 September. Tee-off times are Wednesday at 10am. and Saturday at 1pm.



The four jubilant finalists of our monthly mixed Jubilee competition

## Kinross Bowling Club

Only two more weeks of our outdoor bowling to go, and most competitions have been completed. September has allowed us to play ties with much better weather. A late summer!

Only one competition has to be played, which is usually played at the **closing of the green**, which is on **Sunday 4 October**, and that's the 'Gibson Triples'.

We have all enjoyed the season and achieved a lot of bowling, with Anne Bell and Sheila Rennie playing the Pairs in Clackmannan and Kinross Ladies County Top Ten – The Scottish Torrance Purvis Competition – and winning the final on 13 September at Colville Park Country Club. This was a great achievement for Clacks & Kinross Ladies team. Well done to all concerned.

### Prize winners for Kinross Bowling Club in 2015:

	<i>Winners</i>	<i>Runners Up</i>
Montgomery	R Moffat	S Rennie
Handicap	S Rennie	J Forbes
Barnes	G Rennie	S Rennie
Renton	S Rennie	P Grant
Bess Hunter	S Rennie	J Stewart
Ladies Pairs	A Bell & S Rennie	J Nelson & C Matthews
Gents Pairs	R Moffat & I Christophers	D Stewart & J Cousar
S/S Hand	G Rennie	C Matthews
Ladies Champion	S Rennie	J Cousar
Gents Champion	G Rennie	Jim Cousar
Mixed Pairs	Jean Cousar & P Grant	S Rennie & G Rennie
Presidents	I Christophers	J Cousar
J Wallace Trophy	G Rennie	J Christophers
G Waddell Ford	R Moffat	J Nelson
G Smith Pairs	J Nelson & I Christophers	Jean Cousar & R Moffat
Cowie Shield	S Rennie	C Matthews
E Ford Ladies	S Rennie	Jean Cousar
Gibson Triples	<i>to be played</i>	

A big thanks to the green team, Paul and George, for keeping the green in good condition, cutting hedges and everything else they do around the club. Thanks also to all the ladies for home baking provided throughout the season; it is very much appreciated.

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### Opening bonspiel: 12 September 2015

Nearly 60 curlers were ready to take part in the opening bonspiel. The anticipation of stepping on the ice for the first time in the new season was quite evident. The curling ice looked perfect. This year we were very pleased to have prizes and a splendid trophy presented by Graham Hadley, on behalf of his company - Mary Queen of Scots Promotions, Kinross. After a day of keen curling and close matches the results were:

- Third place: rink skipped by Craig Lindsay
- Second place: rink skipped by Bob Smith
- First place: rink skipped by Phil Barton with local curlers Angela Wilcox, Elaine Paterson, Sarah Bruce-Jones

### National stick bonspiel

Kinross Curling is very pleased to welcome curlers to enter the second 'Stick' bonspiel of the year on **Saturday 28 November**. The first event in April was very successful and so we aim build on that platform. If you have not used a curling stick before there will be some tuition before the event at 10am. Curling starts at 10.30am with prizegiving at 3.30pm. Cost is £25 including lunch and two sessions of curling. Individuals or teams are invited to enter by contacting the Ice Manager.

### Congratulations

We have a new international sportsman in our midst. Donald McGregor, one of our ice team, qualified for the Scottish Angling team in the final qualifying event on 11 September. He will represent Scotland next April in Ireland.

### Sponsorship

Many thanks to our sponsors - they contribute to the fund for prizes and trophies, as well as supporting the development of curling at all levels.

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### Junior Classic

This annual event takes place between 2 and 4 October. It remains the most popular U21 Slam event in the country. Come along and watch some of the best junior curlers in the country compete for this prestigious championship.

### Media support

Kinross Curling is developing our newsletter and use of social media. Please contact Phil Barton ([phil.barton@starleyhall.co.uk](mailto:phil.barton@starleyhall.co.uk)) if you have any interest and time to spare to help us develop our publicity.

### Try Curling and Beginner Courses

After a great turnout to the pre-season Tactics & Etiquette evening, Kinross Curling are all set for a great season ahead. All of the community are welcome to come and have a go at your local rink with Try Curling and Beginner sessions (see notices below). Or if you want to bring work colleagues along we can do team building session or take part in our Business Challenge where no previous knowledge is required.

If you, your family, business or friends would like to give curling a Throw, please give Development Officer Claire Milne a shout at [kinrossdev@royalcaledoniancurlingclub.org](mailto:kinrossdev@royalcaledoniancurlingclub.org) or go to [www.trycurling.com](http://www.trycurling.com)

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<b>Course 1</b>	Sat 31 October 2015	9.30am – 12.15pm
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	Sat 7 November 2015	2.45pm – 5.30pm
<b>Course 2</b>	Sat 23 January 2016	3.30pm – 6.15pm
	Sat 6 February 2016	11.45am – 2.45pm
	Sun 14 February 2016	9.30am – 12.15pm

A course costs £50 for the block of three classes. For further information, or to register, please contact Claire Milne:

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## TRYCURLING TRY CURLING SESSION

### Kinross Curling

Green Road, Kinross

Enjoy a taster of the sport with an introduction to the basics and how the game is played. Sessions are delivered by RCCC qualified coaches.

#### Session Times

<b>Sat 17 October</b>	9.45 - 10.55am	10.25 - 11.35am
	11.05am - 12.15pm	
<b>Sat 5 December</b>	2.45 - 3.55pm	3.25 - 4.35pm
	4.05 - 5.15pm	

All sessions cost £2. For further information, or to register, please contact Claire Milne:

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## Kinross Tennis Club

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

### Club Championship Results



	<i>Winners</i>	<i>Runners-up</i>
8U Champion	Ciaran MacLeod	Louie Parsons
10U Champion	Logan Carlisle	Ciaran MacLeod
12U Singles	Logan Carlisle	Jack Muncey
14U Singles	Samuel Wong	Jordan Doig
14U Doubles	Lewis Carlisle & Jordan Doig	Samuel Wong & Jack Muncey
18U Singles	Jordan Doig	Samuel Wong
Gents Singles	Mauro Salmi	Finlay Young
Ladies Doubles	Sue Cameron & Gail Nelson	Edna Nelson & Ann Hill
Gents Doubles	Oliver Hill & Finlay Young	Tony Greener & Mauro Salmi
Mixed Doubles	Gail Nelson & Tony Greener	Sue Cameron & Mauro Salmi

### Junior Coaching

The autumn term block comes to an end on **Tuesday 6 October** and we will be moving indoors for our mini coaching. This will again take place on Tuesdays with 5-8 year olds at 5pm and 8-10 year olds at 5.40pm. The first block is 6 weeks long, running from **Tuesday 3 November to Tuesday 8 December**. Details will be emailed shortly to our members but non-members are also welcome. New for this winter: fun indoor play with red foam balls for those aged 10-12 years. This is great fun and will keep your hand eye coordination intact until playing outdoors again: Tuesdays 6.20pm till 7pm. Numbers are limited so first come first served!

Further information from [kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com](mailto:kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com)

### League Results

The Tennis Tayside mixed leagues are now completed. Our first team finished fourth in Div 2 with

an unfortunate finishing run of 3 defeats to St Andrews 1, Montrose 2 and Falkland 1. Our second mixed team unfortunately finished bottom of the Div 3 table.

It's been a tough season with a lot of players moving on and thus the need for others to play up a division (or even 2). So well done everybody for giving it your best! Hopefully next season will see us playing in divisions more akin to our abilities and enjoying tennis as we know it!

The ladies still have a couple of Perth & District league fixtures remaining. A recent win v Scone, a defeat to Blairgowrie and Aberfeldy conceding, leaves Bankfoot, Dunning and Scone matches with everything to play for – go girls!

Club nights continue on Wednesdays at 6.30pm and Sundays at 10.30am and the Thursday afternoon social session at 1.30pm. Floodlights permit evening play until 10pm and, weather permitting, there is still great tennis to be had over the winter months so why not pop down and join us...

As ever, new members are always welcome and enquiries can be made to our secretary Margaret Hamblin on 01577 850252 or at [kinrosstennis@gmail.com](mailto:kinrosstennis@gmail.com). Visitors are also welcome: keys are available from Sands the Ironmongers for a small fee.



*Club Championship winners and runners up*

## Lochleven Diamonds

Six members of Lochleven Diamonds took part in a recent competition in Loch Leven Campus against clubs from Fife, Edinburgh, Perth and Crieff.

Their results were:

Rachael Mears 7 beginner 2nd Basic, 2nd Fancy 1st Solo.  
Emma Fletcher 9 beginner 1st Basic, 2nd Fancy, 3rd Solo.  
Sophie Baxter 12/13 beginner 1st Basic, 2nd Fancy, 2nd Solo.  
Sophie McMenamin 9 Novice 2nd Basic, 2nd Fancy 1st Solo.  
Emma Grehan 1st Basic, 4th Fancy, 3rd Solo.  
Charlotte Grehan 2nd Basic, 5th Fancy, 2nd Solo.  
Sophie Baxter, Sophie McMenamin and Rachael Mears won the overall trophies in their sections.

Lochleven Diamonds meet in Loch Leven Community Campus on **Wednesday nights at 6pm**, beginners and returners always welcome, from 5 years (or P1) up to late teens. For further information text 07730255869 or look us up on Facebook.

## Fossoway Tennis Club

### Crook of Devon

#### Tournament Results

	<i>Winners</i>	<i>Runners Up</i>
Minis singles	Isla Campbell	
Minis Doubles	Isla Campbell & Jessica Evans	Archie Hepburn & Percy Evans
Intermediate Boys	Sean Keegan	Shaw Grant
Ladies	Elizabeth Palmieri	Susan Grant
Gents	Brian Black	Ben Thornber
MacDonald Cup	Susan Grant & Elizabeth Palmieri	Alison Conlon & Brian Black
Mixed Doubles	Elizabeth Palmieri & Martin Grant	Susan Grant & Brian Black

The AGM and Prizegiving will be held on **Saturday 21 November** in The Stables, Crook of Devon, at 7pm. There will be the usual games and quiz plus grand raffle and, of course, Anne's meringues!! Hope to see you there.



## Kinross Otters

Midland District Sprint Championships 2015

6 September

Olympia, Dundee

This meet seeks to identify the fastest of the fast in Tayside. The Otters found themselves right up against it with the competition being really tough. Even four club records did not warrant a medal!!

The star of our show was **Jack Muncey** (12) who just got better and better all day. He began with a bronze medal in the 50m Freestyle in 31.80, followed by a silver medal in the



*Some of the Otters who attended the Midland District Sprint Championships*

100m Individual Medley (1.19.72). He rounded off a rather satisfying day with a superb gold medal in the 50m Backstroke in a very quick 34.60, which ranks him ninth fastest 12 year old boy in Scotland. This was to be the only Otters win.

**Conor McCormick** (16) had only completed two training sessions prior to the Championships after the summer break, but this did not stop him from grabbing some metalwork. He won three bronze medals in the 100m Individual Medley (1.07.65), 50m Butterfly (30.57) and 50m Freestyle (26.90). He also shaved 0.09 seconds off his own 50m Breaststroke club record to set a new time of 33.93, but only came fourth in the final.

**Iona Crawford** (15) set new club marks in the 100m Individual Medley (1.13.31), where she came fifth, and 50m Breaststroke (36.50 – 4th) but could not win that elusive medal.

Likewise, **Cameron McCloskey** (17) broke the club record in the 100m Individual Medley (1.07.54) but this was only good enough for fifth place.

There were many good performances from the Otters; too many to mention. Worthy of note was **Ben Griffin** (13), who was the most improved Otter, taking huge chunks off his personal best times and making several finals.

### Leagues Update

The **Premier League** team on home soil managed a second place on 29 August and, with one meet left, are safe in third place overall.

The **First Division** team have had a really tough year but managed a fourth place (out of five) in Dundee on 5 September. However, with only one league match left, barring a miracle, they will come bottom of the table and be relegated. There are a great

deal of very young and inexperienced swimmers who are out of sync with the age categories and we expect a rapid bounce back.

### PACES

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the Community level (middle level of three) of PACES (Perth and Kinross Accredited Club Excellence Scheme). This is a straightforward quality assurance system that has been designed to help voluntary sports clubs operate efficiently and effectively. This shows that the Otters are working as a club and many thanks to **Amanda Reid** for all the legwork (or was that finger work?) in the background to help us achieve this award.

## Orwell Bowling Club

We cannot believe that our season is over so quickly with most internal competitions played to a conclusion. Overall the weather has been on our side and bowling has been of a high standard.

Since the last entry, the Club held their Open Pairs competition, which was won by an Aberdour pair with Orwell players Gordon Morton and Tony Venn runners up, Well done and a thank-you to everyone who made this a success.

Dates for the diary are as follows. The Closing of the Green will take place on **Saturday 3 October** at 1.30pm for 2pm. All welcome.

On **Saturday 17 October** we are having a **Quiz Night**. Teams of 4 are welcome to turn up on the night or pre book via club contact no 01577 863739 or M White on 01577 862948. Notices are up throughout Kinross and Milnathort.

The **Presentation Dance** and buffet this year is on **Saturday 21 November** so keep the date clear. Members are welcome to invite family and friends

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# News from the Rurals



**BISHOPSHIRE** – Norma Smith, President welcomed everyone back after the summer break. The meeting took the form of a members' night. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the entertainment with amusing anecdotes and to Norma for her slide show and talk on her visit to an environmental conference in Africa.

Competition winners:

Fruit Loaf	Margaret Paton
Old Photograph	Anna Garner

**BLAIRINGONE** – After business, President Mary Ramsay welcomed Allison Messenger, who brought her fabric boxes and explained how they were put together. All had a story behind them. Fiona Clark gave the vote of thanks.

Competition winner:

Flower of the Month	Fiona Clark
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**CARNBO** – President Molly White welcomed us all back after the summer holiday. After business, Mr Charlie Tulloch, a volunteer with the RNLI, gave an informative talk and film showing the great work that is done by their crews and volunteers. Josephine Paterson gave the vote of thanks.

Competition winners:

Flower of the Month	Betty Stirling
Floral Cup and Saucer	Ann Munro

**CLEISH** – President Mrs Helen Buchanan welcomed twenty-six members to our first meeting after the Summer. She thanked and congratulated all the participants and prizewinners in the Perth Show and the Kinross Show.

Mrs Beth Pringle was presented with the Jamieson Trophy for the member gaining most points in the Kinross Show.

After business, she welcomed our speaker for the evening Ursula (Mac) Stewart and we enjoyed an interesting and informative insight into the craft of felting.

A vote of thanks was given by Vice President Mrs Dorothy Morris.

Competition winners:

Flower of the Month	Janette Craig
Individual Fruit Crumble	Margaret Nelson
Favourite Necklace	Beth Pringle

**CROOK OF DEVON** – President Alice Johnson welcomed members and visitors to the first meeting of the season. After business she introduced Mrs Jean Paterson, who recited some very entertaining poems and short stories.

Competition winners:

Article in Cross Stitch	J Jackson
Flower of the Month	V Sheehan

**OBITUARY: Jeanette Allan** has passed away. She was a member of the Rural since the early 1960s. She was an office bearer many times and was always a joy to be around. She will be sadly missed.



*Examples of work produced by women of the SWRI*

**GLENFARG** – President Margot Moran welcomed members to the first meeting of the new session. The speaker for the evening was Mrs Sheila Fisher who gave a lively and very well informed talk on a year in a beehive - from the bees' point of view. She also stressed the importance of bees to the national economy and how to look after them. Mrs Lynda Stuart gave the vote of thanks.

Competition winners:

Flower of the Month	Liz Yull
Baby Photograph	Lillias Johnson
Rock Cakes	Janette Kirkland

**MILNATHORT** – President Ann Reid welcomed everyone to the meeting held in the Guide Hall on 17 September. After reports on Kinross Show winners and the national conference, she welcomed Frances Drysdale, who entertained us with a selection of easy recipes with tasters provided and some very useful tips on caring for plants and cut flowers and on taking cuttings.

Competition winners:

Butternut Squash Soup	Grace Drysdale
Floral Arrangement	Jean Paterson
Flower of the Month	Grace Drysdale

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# Out & About



## RSPB Loch Leven

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Hello again, folks. October already. Autumn is now with us and we have had loads of Ospreys passing through the reserve with up to five being seen daily sitting on fence posts or plunge diving for trouties in the loch. Other migrant wading birds like Greenshank, Black tailed godwit and Ruff scurrying around the bay were also easily seen fae the café windaes. Two different Little Egrets, one leg ringed the other not, have also been seen on the wetland areas.

We have also been busy sprucing up the wetland post breeding season. The long vegetation has been cut back in preparation for the main arrival of the Pinkfeet geese, some of which will probably have arrived by the time you read this – the sign that winter is truly on the way. Fifteen were seen over on our Kirkhills fields on Saturday 19 September, with numbers up to 80+ on the 20th. The hides have also been given a coat of preservative so the wetland trail is lookin pretty guid at the moment.

A few customers in the shop have been mentioning that the birds in the garden hivnae been comin tae the feeders as much. At this time of year natural foods are more plentiful so they will make use of them first, using garden feeders as a back up. Nae worries – they will return (wi' a vengeance probably) when the cauld weather bites.

The shop now has the full Christmas range in if yer feelin a bit festive or mibeas no yet? It's only a few weeks awa, ye ken! Be here afore ye know it; the nichts are fair drawn in!

The shop is now holding an **Optics Weekend** every **first weekend of the month** should you be considering new or replacement binoculars or telescopes; 10am-4pm both days.

Another wheeng o events happenin this month as well.

**Monday 12 Oct to Friday 16 Oct** it's **Woodland Warriors Holiday Club**, 10am-3.30pm; building dens, making fires, tracking skills etc. Children 8+ only please. Booking required.

**Saturday 17 Oct** is **Stargazing** from 7pm to 9pm. Experts from the Royal Observatory in Edinburgh will host this special event, bringing with them top kit and tips.

**Wednesday 21 Oct** it's watch the goosey time with a **Dawn Goose Watch** from 6.15am to 8.30am, led by Vicky oor warden wi' a little help from her friends. Find out all about the thousands of geese that visit the area as they erupt from night-time roosts on the loch. Breakfast is included after your early start in our award winning café.

**Family Bushcraft** takes place on **Saturday 24 October** from 10am until 12.30pm. It is similar to the Woodland Warriors event but big kids can join in as well. Have a few hours of family fun with the kids.

On **Sunday 25 October** we are "**Delving Deeper into Waterbirds**". From 10am until 4pm join Scott Paterson, our local county recorder, for a wetland adventure to discover the magnificent variety of waders and wildfowl that visit Loch Leven.

To find out more about any of the above events, prices, or to book places, please contact us on the usual reserve number 01577 862355. As always RSPB members will receive discounted prices, or become members when you are in and still get your discount on the day if you have paid in advance. See staff for details. Ta ta till next time,

Colin

## Loch Leven NNR



As ever, it's been a busy month around the reserve. The mostly dry weather has helped with the reserve work.

We've managed to pull, spray or slash many Himalayan Balsam plants. Unfortunately the stuff keeps coming but we are on top of it and there is far less than there used to be. We have also been cutting the herb rich meadows around the reserve.

Anyone walking along the railway section of the path will have noticed the willow Dragonfly. This was crafted by Georgia Crook, a Perthshire artist who specialises in willow work. After joining us at Discovery Day for a willow weaving demonstration, Georgia was commissioned to create a piece to put out on the reserve. The dragonfly is nearly 2 metres wide and is right in the middle of the insect surveyors' transect.

Our recent events have been well subscribed. The Osprey watchers were rewarded with great views of fishing Ospreys and our intrepid fungi searchers had the rare experience of seeing a stumped expert! Our mycologist Richard Smith found something he could not identify and it took a couple of days for him to realise what it was! It's amazing what we find on our events. We are having a **Dawn Goose Watch on Sunday 18 October**, 6.45am until 8.30am at Kirkgate, led by me. If you wish to join, please phone the office.

We were delighted that a group of international delegates visited Loch Leven as part of the International Aquatic Plants Conference 2015. Nearly 100 folk from five continents got an introduction from SNH staff and a look at some of the loch's speciality plants which makes the site so unique.

Though we have had the odd small flock of Pink-footed Geese, we are still waiting for the first big arrival. This is quite late compared to recent years. However, there are large concentrations of other wildfowl using the reserve along the shallow north and east shores. A spectacular six thousand Tufted Duck have already been recorded. Our peak week for wildfowl numbers is generally the first couple of weeks in October. The vast majority of birds at Loch Leven benefit from the seasonal low water so they can easily access the aquatic plants which they feed on that grow in abundance around the loch shallows.

A small reminder for folk who like to paddle at Loch Leven: the open water season is now over to protect the wintering wildfowl on the site. If you wish to paddle, we ask you to do so just off the Kirkgate shoreline. Please contact us for more details or look up our website for waterborne access guidance. If anyone spots any motorbikes on the trail, they should not be there. The trail is a peaceful place and not suitable for motorbikes. The police have been made aware of the problem, so if you see anyone on a motorbike, don't hesitate to phone 101.

Craig returns from Noss next month so he will be resuming the writing of the article, so thanks for reading this summer. I have harvested my potatoes and unfortunately the yield was low but I have avoided the blight, so here's hoping for a better season next year.

Jeremy Squire, Reserve Officer



## Farming



The Claas combines, usually referred to in this column as 'The Green dinosaurs' due to seeming rather prehistoric compared to the newer and shinier machines owned by our neighbours, started harvesting in glorious conditions this year. The crop moves up through the machine easily when it's dry and the whole operation is so much more enjoyable for my husband and his dad, who drive a combine each. This year they are joined by our eldest son who passed his tractor driving test in July – he transports the grain from the field up to the shed, four miles away, and has to tip the load as fast as he can to get back in time for the next one. My role in all of this frenzy is simply to provide an occasional harvest tea.

Andrew grows Belgravia barley on contract specifically for the high Nitrogen brewing market; it is sold through a marketing group but goes straight from the farm to the maltsters in Alloa so it's rather a short supply chain. Meeting the exacting specifications laid down by the brewer is critical to ensure the barley is accepted and we receive the premium price.

Firstly, the moisture content must be less than 19% - thankfully the sunshine helped achieve this, so it doesn't require to go through the drier in 12 tonne batches.

The harvested crop is then tested for germination. Barley has to grow evenly during the malting process to ensure high quality malt so UK maltsters have set a minimum standard of 98% for barley to attain before it goes to steep. They also measure the 'screenings' in the sample. This is a test that shows up how many small or undersized grains are present. Again, we passed these tests with good germination and low screenings.

Finally the barley must be over 1.65% Nitrogen (N). This is an indication of its crude protein content and if it is below this figure the finished malt will not match the needs of the brewer who is producing for the UK market. We had mixed success achieving this target; a few fields came in at 1.81% N and this will be picked up next week and paid for within 45 days. Unfortunately two fields only reached 1.58% N so failed to meet the grade. The only other market for this heap is cattle feed and the price for this is £1200 less per lorry than if it had made the brewing contract. Funnily enough the barley from the fields with the good Nitrogen grew the turnips last year for my ewes to eat in February and March, so it turns out being married to a sheep farmer isn't always such a bad thing.

Fiona

## Weather



### August Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall	66.4mm = 2.65 inches
Heaviest rainfall	13.9mm (22nd)
Total sunshine for the month	171.3 hours
Sunniest day	11.1 hours (7th)
Maximum temperature average	18.5 °C
Highest temperature	21.9°C (13th)
Minimum temperature average	6.19°C
Lowest temperature	0.1°C (31st)

### 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. 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 cafe.

The boat is not equipped to carry passengers in wheelchairs. Dogs are not allowed.

There are lawns, picnic benches and toilets on the island.

Contact site for sailing times. Boats run on a timetable but it is possible to book for specific times. Access times for 2015:

1 April to 30 September: Daily, 10am to last outward sailing at 4.15pm

1-31 October: Daily, 10am to last outward sailing at 3.15pm

Admission prices: Adult £5.50, Child £3.30, Conc £4.40. HS members free.

Contact telephone no. 01577 862670

#### Burleigh Castle, Milnathort

The castle is a fascinating semi-ruin dating from around 1500. It was the principal residence of the Balfours of Burleigh for over 250 years. The corner tower is remarkable, with its square cap-house corbelled out. Access inside the tower can be pre-arranged by calling 01786 450 000. Burleigh Castle is ½ mile from Milnathort on the A911.

In the care of Historic Scotland.

### October Plant Sale and Autumn Fair

NTS property Hill of Tarvit hosts a Plant Sale and Autumn Fair on **Sunday 4 October**, 10.30am-4pm. Admission to the Plant Sale is £2.50, children free. All proceeds to SG beneficiaries.

There is a reduced entry fee to the house that day (1pm-5pm) and the Garden Tearoom is open 11am-5pm. Hill of Tarvit is one of Scotland's finest Edwardian mansion houses. It is two miles south of Cupar off the A916.



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## Congratulations



Congratulations to Daniel and Emma **BRENNAN** (née Christison) of Newcastle on the birth of their daughter, **ISLA GRACE SOFIA**, on Wednesday 22 July 2015. A little sister for Alfie, second grandchild for Joyce Christison and fourth great grandchild for John and Mary Scott, Kinross.

Linda and Sandy Band are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their new granddaughter, **HALLIE ALEXANDRA**, on Wednesday 2 September 2015 to Katrina and James **MOIR**. Hallie is a little sister to Lacey and Quinn. Another beautiful niece to the late Stuart Alexander Band.

**HUNTERS OF KINROSS** have won two awards at the 2015 Scottish Craft Butchers Steak Pie Evaluation. The Kinross High Street butchers won Gold in the Traditional Steak Pie category and Silver in the Speciality Pie category for their Chicken & Ham pie.



*Hunters staff show off their awards and one of their delicious pies  
l to r: Samantha Claypole, Pamela Hunter, Douglas Reid, David Winton, Nancy Green and Iain Hunter*

Kinross business **THCL** was recently named 'Scotland's Favourite Building Contractor' at the inaugural Scottish Home Improvement Awards. Companies were nominated by members of the public, then a panel of judges spoke to clients of shortlisted finalists to get an idea of the quality of service and work carried out.



*Malcolm and Morag Thomson of THCL with their award*

## Thanks



**DANIEL WEBSTER** of the Webster Group has offered to repaint the back of the Scotbet building at cost only, to improve the look of the town centre. The building is owned by Waugh Taverns.

**SAINSBURY'S KINROSS** would like to say thank you to their colleagues and customers for their support in raising £9,895.27 through various activities and through food donations for **GREYHOUND RESCUE FIFE** over the last year.



*Sainsbury's colleagues presenting a cheque to representatives from Greyhound Rescue Fife*

### Nature Abounds

On Friday 18 September I delightedly took a group of children from Milnathort Primary School Nursery to the Milnathort Community Orchard to pick some apples from the trees which had started to bear fruit. We had lots of fun together singing an autumn song, reading a story about trees and talking about the change in the seasons, leaves changing colour and a chill in the air. The children took back a basket full of red apples not yet sweet enough to eat but perfect for a scrumptious apple crumble. Early Years Practitioner Susan was nominated as the best cook!

Milnathort Community Orchard was planted by Milnathort in Bloom back in 2011. The school children were involved then, too, planting the trees and spreading the wildflower meadow seeds. All the apple trees are old Scottish varieties with one crab tree to help pollination and one plum tree as one of the members really liked plums! Next year Milnathort in Bloom plan to trim the wild-flower meadow to 0.5m and keep paths clear through it. They are going to add a bench, too, in the top right hand corner as you look up the orchard from the gates. I am sure this will be really appreciated by the villagers.

We would like to thank **Milnathort in Bloom** and particular **Graeme Stewart** for clearing a path through the wild-flowers to allow us to visit.

We look forward to visiting again next year!

Orla Beaton



*Milnathort Primary School Nursery children enjoying the community orchard*



# Kinross-shire Churches Together



## Kinross Parish Church of Scotland

*Following Christ | Spreading the Word  
Serving the Community*



10 Station Road, Kinross KY13 8TG (Charity no SC012555)  
Church website: [www.kinrossparishchurch.org](http://www.kinrossparishchurch.org)  
Church E-mail: [office@kinrossparishchurch.org](mailto:office@kinrossparishchurch.org)  
Church office and church open: Mon-Fri 10am-12 noon.  
Church Office: Tel. (01577) 862570  
Minister: Rev Alan D. Reid MA, BD Tel: (01577) 862952  
Ordained Local Minister:  
Rev Margaret Michie Tel: (01592) 840602  
Session Clerk: Jaffrey Weir Tel: (01577) 865780

**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, finishing at the church.

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

**Tuesdays:** 10am: Pram Service.

**Wednesdays:** 10.45am Service, church centre. 1.30pm Craft Group.

**Fridays:** The Brigade, church centre. Anchor Section 6 - 7.15pm, Junior Section 7 - 9pm, Company Section 8 - 10pm (contact David Munro 01577 862126).

**Saturdays:** 10am -12noon 'Coffee Stop': coffees, cakes and book sale at church centre most Saturdays.

### Other Events and Services

#### October

**Sun 4** 10.30am Harvest Thanksgiving Service followed by informal communion. The collection for Harvest Thanksgiving this year is to support the partnership between Kinross Parish Church and MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship. SC 0139107).

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

**Tue 6** 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.

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

**Sun 11** 6.30pm Joint Service 'Digging Deeper - Jeremiah', Orwell Church.

**Tue 13** 7.15pm: Guild, 'China' Jenny Currie, Church Centre.

**Thu 15** 9pm: late evening service of Compline.

**Sun 25** 6.30pm: Evening Service.

**Tue 27** 2.30pm Service at Causeway Court.  
7.15pm: Guild, 'Life as an Army Chaplain', Church Centre.

## Kinross Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross  
Website: [www.kinrossgospelhall.info](http://www.kinrossgospelhall.info)

Sunday	10.30am	Breaking of Bread
	12.15pm	Sunday School
	6.00pm	Prayer Meeting
	6.30pm	Gospel Meeting
Monday	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
	8.15pm	Bible Study

### Newsletter Deadlines

A list of future deadlines can be found on our website  
**[www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org)**

## Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church Church of Scotland (Charity number SC015523)

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Website: [www.orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk](http://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.

**Please note that joint services will be held on the first Sunday of each month in alternate churches at 10.30am.**

**Prayer Meeting** held 30mins before each service.

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

### Morning Prayers at 9am

Each Thursday at Portmoak Church New Room.

Each Friday at Orwell Church.

**Messy Church** meets on **Saturday 31 October** in Orwell Hall from 4 - 6pm.

### Dates and events for your diary

**4 Oct** Joint service in Orwell Church 10.30am. No service at Portmoak Church.

After the service there will an opportunity to find out about - **and give your own views on** - the things we are doing to try to keep our church moving forward. There will also be time for further fellowship over a free lunch!

**6 Oct** The Guild meets in Orwell Hall at 7pm. Sandra Thomson will talk about her Jute Journey

**14 Oct** Guild Autumn Tea in Orwell Hall from 2-4pm

**20 Oct** The Guild meets in Orwell Hall at 7pm to hear about this year's Guild project, Street Pastors.

**30 Oct** Oasis Ladies Group meets in Portmoak New Room at 10:15am. Anna Garner will demonstrate Craft with Paper.

Everyone welcome

**Church office & shop** open Mon - Fri. 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

[orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com](mailto:orwellandportmoakchurch@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.



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

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 Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie Telephone: (01592) 840823  
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 Session Clerk: Mrs Janet Harper Telephone: (01577) 840225  
 Email: aclassicsoul@aol.com

**Sunday Services** at 9.45am. All are welcome.**October**

**Sun 4** 9.15 - 9.30am A Time of Prayer.  
 9.45am Harvest Thanksgiving Family Service  
 followed by refreshments and Traidcraft stall.

**Sun 11** 9.45am Morning Worship.**Sun 18** 9.45am Morning Worship.**Sun 25** 9.45am Morning Worship.**Men's Breakfast**

Sat October 10 at 8.30am in the Elizabeth Wilkie Hall.

Topic: "What about these Muslims?", led by Rev Colin McIntosh. A discussion about Christianity's different attitudes to other faiths.

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

**House group**

Thurs 7.30pm Studies on the Lord's Prayer.

Please contact Fred Aitken for details, 01577 840833.

**Parents/Carers and Toddlers Group:**

Friday 2 October at 9am in the Church Hall.

**Film Evening**

Friday 2 October 7.30pm – 9.30pm in the Church Hall. This month's film will be 'Woman in Gold'.

*Please join us for the film, a cuppa and a blether and even some popcorn*

**Cleish Parish Church****Church of Scotland**

(Charity No: SC003168)

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Please visit our website: [www.cleishchurch.org](http://www.cleishchurch.org)**Sunday Services** 11.15am**October**

**Sun 4** 11.15am Season of Giving Harvest  
 Thanksgiving followed by Guild Harvest Lunch  
 in the village hall.

**Mon 5** 3.15pm Cleish 'Messy Church' in village hall.  
 Open to all children and their carers.

**Sun 11** 11.15am Morning Worship.**Sun 18** 11.15am Morning Worship.**Sun 25** 11.15am Morning Worship.

7.30pm Annual Concert of Cleish & Fossoway  
 Joint Choir.

**Mon 26** 2.30pm Cinema Organ Music Recital by Bruce  
 Inglis in the Church, followed by Afternoon  
 Tea in the village hall.

All welcome

**St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church***(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion)*

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We aim to be friendly and welcoming **to all age groups** and hope our worship speaks to everyone who is interested in making a journey of faith.

Children are equally welcome to stay in church during the service or go to the Meeting Room for Sunday School and everyone is particularly invited to stay together during our monthly 'Whole Church' services.

We usually use the 1982 Liturgy on Sunday mornings but also enjoy trying out experimental worship for special events throughout the year. We will also be introducing a monthly service of Evensong from the Book of Common Prayer.

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.

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The Church is open and available for anyone to sit quietly on days and times when you see our wooden cross displayed at the front of church with other information attached.

**Mondays and Wednesdays**

8am Morning Prayer, said quietly in the side chapel.

**Tuesdays** *(please note day change)*

(Except 3rd week) 2.30pm Midweek Holy Communion.

3rd Wednesday 12.30pm Lunch, Meditative Reflection and  
 Holy Communion.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion.

**Thursdays**

3.30pm – 4.30pm The Rector is in the Church Office (in the  
 old black tin hall), if you would like to see a member of the  
 clergy for any reason.

*Other special services and events will be advertised on our  
 website.*

**October Services and Events**

**Sun 4** 8.30am Holy Communion.  
 11am Harvest Festival Sung Eucharist.  
 4pm Pet Service *(see notice on page 86)*.

**Sun 11** **Proper 28**  
 8.30am Holy Communion. 11am Sung Eucharist.

**Sun 18** **St Luke**  
 8.30am Holy Communion. 11am Sung Eucharist.

**Sun 25** **Proper 30**  
 8.30am Holy Communion. 11am Sung Eucharist.

**Everyone welcome at all services****St James' R C Church**

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Father Martin Pletts 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.

### MARY MUIRHEAD (1929-2015)

The passing of Mary Bruce Robertson Muirhead in September at the age of 86 has taken from us a Kinross personality whose life touched so many people in so many ways. A lifetime spent in the county and an engagement with so many local organisations made her a fount of knowledge on times past in Kinross-shire but also gave her many happy memories.



Mary Muirhead

Born at the 'fit o' the toon' on 3 June 1929 at the end of a decade known as the "Roaring Twenties", just four months before the great Wall Street crash, Mary came into this world in a year that saw Ramsay MacDonald elected Labour Prime Minister for the second time, the first transmission of John Logie Baird's experimental television by the BBC and the presentation of the very first Academy Awards in Hollywood. Her father, Lawrence ('Lowrie') Scott, had enlisted at the age of 19 with the Royal Horse Artillery, serving along with his two brothers Adam and Dave in the Great War, his health damaged by a gas attack.

In her childhood, when her father was a boatman on the loch, Mary remembered cycling down to the pier to check the slate in the office window to see if his boat No. 33 was to be out on an evening shift leaving at 6pm with anglers fishing for trout. Childhood playmates at that time included Hilda Crichton and sisters Ella and Netta Stark who lived opposite and with whom she staged impromptu concerts in a big wash house, each sitting on the boiler awaiting their turn to perform.

Her wartime memories included many stories of Polish servicemen who "set many female hearts aflutter." One local spinster of mature age, she recalled, invited a Polish officer to tea and was taken aback when he turned up with his entire company of 60 men. Such were the stories that tripped off the tongue when in Mary's company.

After schooling at Kinross Primary and Perth Academy, Mary started work at the end of World War II, finding employment in 1945 in the Council Chambers and later with Baxter's Garage, Robert Sandilands, General Accident in Perth and James Black, CA. In 1952 she married Dave Muirhead and nine years later in 1961 her daughter Fiona was born. Many were the family camping holidays that followed.

After gaining a qualification in teacher training, Mary taught at Kinross Primary School for more than two decades from 1971 to 1994. There are many who will recall classes with Mary which could, on occasions, take an interesting turn, as on a Friday afternoon with a recorder group of 30 pupils when she brought her Alsatian dog Tanya into the classroom. The dog was in its element and before long, with head back and ears erect, began to 'sing' to the accompaniment of recorders and gales of laughter.

Over the years, Mary engaged with many local community organisations from Hugh Penman's Kinderspiel and the Girl Guides in her younger days, to Cleish WRI, the 50 Plus Club, Kinross in Bloom, the Kinross-shire Historical Society and Kinross Museum in later years. She was also involved with the Thursday Group and, along with Irene McFarlane and Olive Marchant, was one of the first women elders in Kinross Parish Church. Her pleasure in reading was enhanced by being part of a book group and her enjoyment of travel never waned, whether it be weekends away or longer journeys and cruises to foreign parts. Right up to the end she remained a

volunteer with the Samaritans and a hard working member of the Perth branch of Soroptimist International, a group that has changed many people's lives.

Just weeks before her death, Mary completed a diary of reminiscences which is soon to be published by Kinross Museum. The last words she wrote were, "Altogether, I have had a full and rewarding life, crowned by the last 23 years of my working life, until 1994, when I taught in Kinross Primary School, giving me many happy memories." At the end of a life lived to the full, Mary Muirhead will be missed by many who knew her, but her legacy will be found in the lives she touched and in the countless happy memories she left us to remember her by.

David Munro



Mary with her husband Dave

### EDWINA DUNBAR (1922 – 2015)

Edwina, or 'Eddie' as she was known locally, was brought up in Edinburgh but moved to Kinnesswood in 2000 to be near her daughter, Anne, husband Ken and grandchildren Kathryn, Louise, Rachel and Mike Robertson. She was a wonderful Granny - full of fun and nonsense, which is how a Granny should be. She was well



Edwina Dunbar

known in the village of Kinnesswood where she would go for her daily constitutional walks up and down the farm road leading to Loch Leven. She was very friendly and loved talking to everyone she met on her little strolls.

Unfortunately five years ago, at the age of 88, dementia started to take its toll and for her own safety and wellbeing she spent the last three years in Balhousie Care Home in Luncarty. She was such a lovely lady and I know she will be remembered by many people around the Kinnesswood area, from David at the garage to Alison in the shop and all her kind and friendly neighbours in Whitecraigs, who latterly would rescue her from her walks in horizontal rain or snow when she was convinced she was indestructible - a big thank you to you all. On Sunday 13 September, at the grand old age of 93, Edwina passed away peacefully in her sleep at Perth Royal Infirmary shortly after admission. All her family will miss her dearly - she was a very special and precious lady.

Anne Robertson

## Acknowledgement

**GARDEN** – We would like to thank everyone for their support and offers of help throughout Sandy Garden's illness, then with cards, flowers and kind thoughts after his death. The collection for Macmillan Cancer at his funeral was over £600 and we thank you all once again.

Frances Garden and family, Crook of Devon

# Playgroups and Toddlers

## 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  
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## 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 9.05am - 11.50am. Fri 12.30pm - 3.15pm

**Inbetweeners:** Mon 9.05 - 11.50am, optional Lunch Club afterwards. Children from the age of 3 years welcome.

**Rising Fives:** Tues & Wed 12.55am - 3.10pm, optional Lunch Club beforehand. Complementary to preschool Nursery.

**For availability or more information, please contact:**

Lisa 07736 642070, [enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com](mailto:enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com)  
or Playgroup on telephone numbers above.

### Baby and Toddler Group – Thurs 1.15 - 3.15pm

Ante-natal to pre-school. Fun for children; coffee and chat for the parent/carer. For more information, please contact Laura 07932 877213 or Playgroup on 07592 392235.

The premises are available to hire for Private Functions. For more information, please contact Tracey 07557 051894 or the Playgroup on 07592 392235.

## 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,  
[sylviaastewart@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sylviaastewart@hotmail.co.uk)

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

## LOCHLEVEN TWOS CLUB

**Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross**

**Thursdays 9.45 to 11.15am (term time only)**

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

Contact Lynne Penny on [babygaj@yahoo.com](mailto:babygaj@yahoo.com)  
or 07736 930923 for further details,  
or find us on Facebook: Two's Club Kinross

## 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 9.45am - 11.15am.  
Sessions are £1.50 for first child and 50p for each additional child.

Playgroup (2yrs onwards), Mon & Fri 10am – 12noon.  
£5 per session.

Contact Jan Leach (Play leader/Manager)  
07753 421448

Email: [portmoakunderfives@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:portmoakunderfives@hotmail.co.uk)  
or find us on Facebook

## 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

## FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

**Glenbank Cottage, Powmill**

Partner-provider for P&K Education



Places available for 3-5-year-olds and Rising Fives  
Sessions 9.30am - 12.45pm Monday - Thursday,  
9.30am - 12.30pm Fridays

Contact Pat Irvine 07703 177766 or  
[www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross](http://www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross)

## Private Nurseries and Childcare

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

To inform the Newsletter of any changes to Playgroup information, please send an email to: [editor@kinrossnewsletter.org](mailto:editor@kinrossnewsletter.org)



# Notices



*St Paul's Church  
Muirs, Kinross  
(directly at the end  
of Springfield Road)*

Your furry friends and you are warmly invited to a

## Pet Service

**Sunday 4 October at 4pm**

Refreshments outside for all after the service  
Welcome one, welcome all!

RSVP if possible to:  
office@stpaulskinross51.plus.com  
01577 864299  
www.facebook.com/  
stpaulsepiscopalchurchkinross



Please bring things with you to keep them safe,  
clean and happy!

## Kinross Bridge Club

Kinross Bridge Club started the new season on Wednesday 9 September in the Church Centre. We meet every Wednesday during Winter and Spring. The evening starts at 6.45pm prompt and finishes by 10pm.

New members are always welcome. For further information, please contact Catriona Marshall 864482.

## Kinross Garden Group

2015/16 Season  
**Thursday 8 October**  
at 2pm in Millbridge Hall, Kinross  
with Mr Peter Timoney  
"Orchids of the World"  
All welcome to join us

## Music in Dollar Season 2015 – 2016

All concerts are at the Gibson Hall, Dollar Academy, except the Atea Wind Quintet concert, which is at St James the Great Church, Dollar. Ticket prices are £10 for non-members, with discounts for members and season ticket holders with free entry to anyone in full-time education.

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| <b>Sat 10 Oct</b> | 7.30pm | <b>Tommy Smith and Brian Kellock</b> – Classic and Contemporary Jazz.                                       |
| <b>Sat 14 Nov</b> | 7.30pm | <b>High Heels and Horsehair</b> – Violin and Cello Duo. Chamber music.                                      |
| <b>Sun 17 Jan</b> | 3.00pm | <b>Royal Conservatoire of Scotland</b> – Vocal ensemble. Popular arias and songs from opera and music hall. |
| <b>Thu 25 Feb</b> | 7.30pm | <b>Atea</b> – Wind quintet. Classical music performed by flute, oboe, horn, bassoon and clarinet.           |
| <b>Sat 12 Mar</b> | 7.30pm | <b>Alexander Ullman</b> – Piano. Varied programme of pieces by Haydn, Ravel, Liszt, Chopin and others.      |

Music in Dollar is a not-for-profit organisation run by volunteers. For more information about Music in Dollar, or any of the artists performing in the new season, visit [www.musicindollar.org.uk](http://www.musicindollar.org.uk)

## Wellbeing

YOU ARE **INVITED** TO  
**LOCH LEVEN COMMUNITY CAMPUS**  
The Muirs, KY13 8FQ, KINROSS  
**WEDNESDAY 14th OCTOBER 2015**  
10am - 2.30pm  
Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a great day  
All free of Charge

- ♦ 'Seeing Auntie' - a drama by Breeze Productions
- ♦ Nail Painting, Face Painting & Henna Tattoos
- ♦ Gentle exercise activities
- ♦ Kinross Museums - back in time!
- ♦ Interesting stalls and freebies
- ♦ Children's Activities in the library
- ♦ RNIB helping people with sensory loss to get online. Please phone 0131 657 8204 to book
- ♦ What's On at Kinross-shire Day Centre
- ♦ Hearing Loss workshop
- ♦ Welfare Rights & Social Care info
- ♦ NHS Cancer Detection Awareness
- ♦ Local Community Groups info including Kinross-shire Time Exchange

Enjoy a 1960s café with music from 'The Sabres'  
Tea/coffee/Juice & cakes



Organised by: Partners of the Kinross-shire Community Learning Group  
Shona Fowler shonafowler@nhs.net 07896 280843 or  
KinrossComLearn@pkc.gov.uk **01577 867177**

## Orwell and Portmoak Church Guild Autumn Tea

2pm – 4pm  
**Wednesday 14 October**  
Orwell Church Hall, Milnathort  
Bring and Buy Tickets £3.00 All welcome

## Orwell Bowling Club Westerloan, Milnathort

### QUIZ NIGHT

7.30pm  
**Saturday 17 October**  
Bar

Teams of 4 (max) £2.50 per person  
For tickets, phone 01577 862948 or 01577 842271  
Also available at the door

## Children's Hospice Association Scotland Halloween Donations Required!



With the end of October rapidly approaching we are looking for donations of Halloween related item to sell. This could be costumes for adults and children, decorations, spooky items or even anything black or orange.

If you are looking for Halloween related items yourself, look out for in store promotions at our Bazaars at 76 and 88 High Street, Kinross. For more information please call Laura or Liz on 01577 861380.

**Thank you for supporting CHAS - Scotland's only hospice care for children**

## Kinross-shire Historical Society

Meetings are held at Kinross Parish Church, Station Road, Kinross at 7.30pm. Membership entitles free entry to all six talks of the season. Membership: Adults £6, Seniors £5, U18 free. Visitors: £2 per talk.



### Programme for Season 2015-2016

- 19 Oct Scotland – Its History in Song.** Kevin Thompson BSc, MEd, FHEA, FSA (Scot). Scotland's past immortalised in song, the story behind the words and music.
- 16 Nov Gallipoli 1915 – Muddle and Myths.** George O Sutherland CA, FCMI, FRSA. The campaign, the outcome and the reason for failure.
- 14 Dec The Naturalist on Loch Leven.** Prof David Munro MBE. From 17th century to the present day.
- 18 Jan Safe Places for Dooking.** Eric Simpson. The Lido craze, with special reference to Scotland.
- 15 Feb Scotland and the Abolition of Black Slavery.** Rev Iain Whyte BA, BD, STM. The slave trade in 18th and 19th centuries, and the Abolition Movement, including the work done by Scottish churches.
- 21 Mar Queen's Body Guard for Scotland (Royal Company of Archers).** Lt Col Richard Callander OBE, TD, FRICS. The history of the Royal Company from formation in 1676 to the present day.

## Orwell Old Folks Association

are holding a

### Bingo Tea

at Orwell Bowling Club

**Wednesday 21 October**

7.30pm

All welcome to come and help raise funds for our Christmas Party. Also, **Quiz Sheets** have been compiled at £1 per sheet. They are available from Committee members or at Milnathort Post Office. First correct entry opened on 31 October will win £10.

### Important notice

We should add that there is one error on the sheet: Question 7 'CLEAN ANY SCULL' should read 'CLEAN ANY SKULL'. Apologies to all who have already received sheets and are pulling their hair out trying to get this one. Look forward to seeing you on 21st for a fun evening.

## The Gaelic Society of Perth

The Society will hold their October Ceilidh at St Matthew's Church Hall, Tay Street, Perth on **Friday 23 October** at 7.30pm. Come and hear some great Gaelic singers and instrumentalists. Raymond Bremner MGM, Alex MacDonald and the MacSween family will all sing. Admission is £5 for Members and £6 for Non-Members – for an evening's entertainment plus refreshments!

Further information can be obtained from the Secretary on 01577 864589.

## Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers

**Linda Freeman**

Tel 01577 865045. Email: linda.freeman\_64@btinternet.com

## Carnbo WRI

### Coffee Morning

in Carnbo Village Hall

**Saturday 24 October**

10am – 12 midday

Teas, Home Baking, Jams and Bottle Stall

Adult £3.00 Child £1.00

All welcome

## Remember to put your clocks back

British Summer Time ends at 2am on

**Sunday 25 October**

Clocks go back one hour

## The Combined Choir of Cleish and Fossoway Churches and Friends

### ANNUAL CONCERT

An evening of choral favourites including sacred music by

Schubert and Elgar

and pieces for oboe and piano

**Sunday 25 October**

at 7.30pm in Cleish Church



**Tickets £5.00**

(Available from choir members or at the door)

## Cleish Guild

invite you to a

### Recital of Cinema Organ Music

with **Bruce Inglis**

in Cleish Church

followed by

### Afternoon Tea

in Cleish Village Hall

**Monday 26 October**

2.30pm – 4.00pm



**Bring & Buy Stall**

**£4.00**

All proceeds to Guild Projects  
(Cleish Church Charity No: 003168)

## Floral Art Club

**Thursday 29 October**

The October meeting will be held in **KINROSS PARISH CHURCH** at 7.15pm. The Demonstrator is Mrs Audrey Buchan from Montrose and the title of her demonstration is 'A Floral Roundabout'. Audrey has been to the Club before and we have always enjoyed her beautiful arrangements. We invite all members and visitors to join us watch Audrey demonstrate and create some lovely arrangements.

## Skerryvore

**Award winning Scottish Folk/Celtic/Rock band**

playing at

Roths Hall, Glenrothes

**Friday 30 October**

Doors open 1930

Tickets: £18.00

Booking office: 01592 611101

skerryvore.com

## Primary Knitting Class Dates

at Skeins & Bobbins

120 High St, Kinross 01577 208107

Autumn/Winter 2015

3.30pm – 4.15pm £4 a class

**£26 for a 7-week block if paid at the start**

Run by Lizzie Meg, these classes are aimed at the 8+ age group. Suitable for complete beginners and improvers. All children work within their capabilities and we aim to provide a fun learning environment. All children will knit and complete a project. Knitting improves concentration, dexterity and motor skills - and gives a sense of achievement.

Tuesdays: 27 October.  
3, 10, 17 and 24 November.  
1 and 8 December.

Thursdays: 29 October.  
5, 12, 19 and 26 November.  
3 and 10 December.

Email: skeinsandbobbins@outlook.com PVG Scheme Membership



## Big Country comes to Kinross!

8pm at the Community Campus

**Saturday 21 November**

Support Act: **The Coaltown Daisies!**

Tickets £27 available at Milnathort Post Office,  
Macbeth Currie Estate Agents & Solicitors in Kinross  
or [www.kleo.org.uk](http://www.kleo.org.uk) / TicketWeb

## Milnathort filmhouse **SUPER SATURDAY** November 7th

Milnathort Town Hall

### HOME 3pm

U, Family Film, Tuck Shop, Tickets from £3.50, online or at door.

### What We Did on Our Holidays 8pm

(Over 18's only BYOB) Tickets £6 (Conc £4), online or at door.

### Dinner & Movie with Heavens Above

Join us for a 3 course menu (BYOB) at 6.30 then onto the film. Ticket & meal just £21. Pre-booking is essential as numbers are limited. Menu & booking at

**[www.milnathortfilmhouse.com](http://www.milnathortfilmhouse.com)**

Sat Dec 12th - 8 PM 'Love Actually'

Thurs 24th Dec - 4 PM 'Paddington'

check facebook & website for booking



## Girlguiding Volunteers



Girlguiding is the leading charity for girls and young women in the UK. By volunteering with us, you can help us create amazing opportunities for girls all around the UK.

Our volunteers give girls a space where they can build their confidence, raise their aspirations and have fantastic fun. They run projects, events and activities that give girls the opportunity to discover their potential and learn new skills. They passionately believe that girls can be a powerful force for good. There are lots of ways you can volunteer with Girlguiding - it's flexible, and can be arranged to fit around a busy lifestyle. No matter how much or how little time you have, every hour counts.



Be part of it at [www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested) or call us on 0800 1 69 59 01.

### Interested in volunteering in Guiding?

We are looking for Brownie helpers for our unit in Kinnesswood. If you have an hour and a half to spare each week and like working with children, please call me on 07764 750212 or 01577 864262.

Leave a message and I will get back to you. Many thanks,  
Alison

Registered charity number 306016

Cleish Village Hall Management Committee Scottish Charity  
Number SC007793

**MARK BEAUMONT**  
BROADCASTER, ADVENTURER, AUTHOR, SPEAKER

## Cleish Village Hall

Friday 20 November at 7.30pm

Doors will open at 6.30pm

Adults £7 - School pupils £3

Refreshments included. Raffle

Please book a place in advance by phoning

Freda Whalley 01577 850354

In aid of Hall Funds and Orkidstudio





# LADIES NIGHT

Friday 6th November  
7pm-11pm  
Portmoak Hall

**An evening of socialising and pre Christmas shopping!**

- ❖ Lots of stalls offering Christmas essentials, great gifts and indulgent treats
- ❖ Mulled wine and bar
- ❖ Perfect for a girls' night out

Tickets £5 in advance (includes a glass of mulled wine / soft drink and nibbles) from Kinnesswood shop and Portmoak School, or call 01592 841193 over 18s only

All proceeds in aid of Portmoak Primary School charity no: SC043035

## The Thursday Group

This is a women's group meeting on the first Thursday of the month in the lower hall of the church Centre at 7.30pm. New members welcome. Contact 01577 863421.

5 Nov Beetle Drive

## MILNATHORT GOLF CLUB CRAFT FAYRE



Sunday 8 November

12noon - 4pm

Milnathort Golf Club is holding a Craft Fayre on the above date with stalls selling goods produced locally. Please come along and take advantage of the opportunity to buy that special, individual gift for Christmas and any other occasion.

Tombola  
Tea, Coffee and Refreshments

## 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

## THE KINROSS HUB A CAFE FOR CARERS

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

St. PAULS CHURCH HALL  
KINROSS  
1st MONDAY of EVERY MONTH  
10am-12noon

Contact Gail Boath  
or Annette Bond  
Tel. 01577 867306 / 01738 567076

NHS Tayside

PKAVS Making the Difference

PERTH & KINROSS COUNCIL  
Housing & Community Care

## Dollar Museum

Dollar Museum is open annually from Easter to Christmas:

Saturdays 11am-1pm and 2pm-4.30pm

Sundays 2pm-4.30pm

The main exhibition is changed every year: 2015 is 'Old Dollar Revisited' showing numerous photographs of Dollar in the past as well as features on famous historic Dollar residents.

Permanent displays cover the Devon Valley Railway - Alloa to Kinross; Castle Campbell - home to the Dukes of Argyll; the Japanese Gardens at Cowden (in the process of being restored at present) and many others.

There is a Reading Room where family research can be accessed as well as local books, maps and many old photographs of old Dollar residents, the village of Dollar and surrounding area. We also have a Children's Corner and Granny's Kitchen, the latter showing many old implements without which a kitchen in the past would not function!

## KLEO Equipment Operator(s) Wanted



KLEO (Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation) began as a community group in 2008, and is now a registered charity (SC044056) run by a small volunteer committee, headed by four volunteer trustees. KLEO organises a variety of events through the year for everyone in our local community.

KLEO is looking for an independent contractor (responsible for their own tax and national insurance) who can deliver market equipment with KLEO trailer to our market site and set up the farmers market stalls. The job is, at times, physically demanding. Setting up is from 6am-8am and the breakdown of the equipment 1pm - 2.30pm. In the first year of operation, the markets will take place on four weekends. Should this prove successful, then the frequency will be increased. For other events and marquee hires, help will be required with setting up KLEO marquee(s) and market stalls with volunteers and driving/delivering KLEO equipment. This is approx ten times a year. A clean driving licence is required and applicants should be experienced at driving with a trailer attached. Should have a tow bar on their motor vehicle and have insurance in place to cover towing a trailer. Pay: £10 per hour. Full Training will be provided. Closing date for applications: 11th September 2015.

Please send CV and a covering letter explaining why you would be suitable for the job FAO Bouwien Bennet by email to bouwien@kleo.org.uk, or to Kirkgate Cottage, Burns Begg Street, Kinross, KY13 8DS.

## Grants for Good Causes in Kinross-shire

The Kinross Community  
Council Newsletter Limited  
(KCCNL)

Charity Number SC040913



All profits from the Kinross Newsletter are transferred to a charitable company and given away to local good causes.

Local groups and individuals may apply to KCCNL for grant funding. Decisions regarding grants are made by Kinross CC at its monthly meetings. Applications must comply with the objectives of KCCNL, which are:

The advancement of citizenship and community development within the County of Kinross including without prejudice to the generality, the support of community events, provision of and financial support for community information, community transport and community welfare (including healthcare support), financial support for physical amenities, recreational facilities, voluntary organisations and financial support for the care of the elderly. The prevention and relief of poverty within the County of Kinross. The advancement of education within the County of Kinross.

Further information and application forms are available from the website [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)

Applications can be made online or by downloading a form to fill in. If you do not have internet access and would like a form, or if you have any queries, please telephone Cllr Barry Davies on (01577) 865004.

### The Bike Station

Donate unwanted bikes, parts and cycling accessories for reuse. Bikes are refurbished and sold on to the public at affordable prices. Poorer bikes are salvaged for parts.

Bikes can be donated at the Kinross Recycling Centre (Bridgend Industrial Estate) or at The Bike Station at Mid Friarton, just off the Edinburgh Road in Perth.

Bike Station opening hours: Monday to Saturday, 10.30am to 4.30pm and late opening to 8pm on Wednesdays.

Weekly bike sales: Fridays, 10.30am-4.30pm (children's bikes) and Saturdays, 10.30am to 12.30pm (adults' bikes).

Tel: 01738 444430. Email: [perth@thebikestation.org.uk](mailto:perth@thebikestation.org.uk)

Website: [www.thebikestation.org.uk](http://www.thebikestation.org.uk)

### Homes for Cats Wanted

Fife Cat Shelter, a Scottish Registered Charity, is always looking for homes for rescued cats.



Cats can be visited, by appointment, at Causeway Cattery, Scotlandwell.

Contact Rhona on 01383 830286.

[www.greyhoundrescuefife.com](http://www.greyhoundrescuefife.com)



**Homes required urgently for  
our homeless hounds**

Mobile: 07826 244765  
Evenings: 01577 850393  
Email: [ferniefimmyf@aol.com](mailto:ferniefimmyf@aol.com)



**Greyhounds are very gentle creatures  
that require very little walking!**



Loch Leven Community Campus  
The Muirs, Kinross  
KY13 8FQ  
[www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk)

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

#### English as a Second Language

Would you like to improve your ability to:

- Talk to friends and neighbours
- Understand what people say to you
- Give information
- Talk on the phone
- Fill in a form
- Apply for a job

#### Adult Literacy & Numeracy

**Reading Writing Spelling Numbers**

"I can enjoy books now"

"I feel more confident"

"Filling in forms is less scary"

"I passed my driving test"

#### BOOKING ESSENTIAL

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

**Roseanne Gray**

Loch Leven Community Campus

Email: [rgray@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:rgray@pkc.gov.uk)

Tel: 01577 867177



**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](http://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](http://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](mailto:Tramsay@pkc.gov.uk)

## 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](mailto:charleswilson@pkc.gov.uk)



**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.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/  
kinross-shire-fund](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/kinross-shire-fund) or telephone 0131 5240300

### Newbies

**Every Monday, 2 - 3pm**

Loch Leven Community Campus

A new group for new parents and new babies!

Come along and meet other parents for a blether,  
whilst the babies play.

Parents with babies 0 - 18 months FREE!

### PLUS Perth

[www.plusperth.co.uk](http://www.plusperth.co.uk)

Tel: 01738 626242

77 Canal Street, Perth



PLUS is a member-led local charity and social movement which gives hope and opportunity to those affected by disadvantage; in the main to those with experience of mental ill health and substance misuse.

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

### Thrifty Crafters

We are a **new** Art and Craft Club based in Kinross and would like to welcome you to share your skills or learn new ones in a friendly encouraging atmosphere. We do a range of projects and also have visiting specialists from time to time who do demonstrations and show their work.

You will find us in the "Garden Room" at the Kinross Day Centre on a **Wednesday** at 1.30pm until 3.30pm. Come and join us for some fun and socialising. We look forward to seeing you there soon.

Please contact Ruth on 07741 452856 for more information.

### Mindspace Recovery College

Mindspace Recovery College runs free courses covering all aspects of mental health, co-delivered by people with lived experience, and are open to all.



## 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.hopepregnancy.co.uk](http://www.hopepregnancy.co.uk)

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

[www.hopepregnancy.co.uk](http://www.hopepregnancy.co.uk)

email: [hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com](mailto:hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com)

Helpline 01738 621174

We are a Scottish Charity SC037103

## 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.

## Healing Rooms Kinross and Loch Leven

Every Thursday from 10.30am -12 noon  
at the Orwell and Portmoak Church Office,  
29 South Street, Milnathort, KY13 9XA.

Trained volunteers from different churches will pray for your healing, physical, spiritual or emotional. Totally confidential.

No charge.

No appointment needed, but if preferred appointments can be arranged through the contact details on the website  
[www.healingrooms-scotland.org](http://www.healingrooms-scotland.org)

## Mobile Post Office, Kinnesswood

Mondays and Wednesdays 1215 – 1315  
Tuesdays and Fridays 1030 – 1200

## Newsletter Deadlines 2015

Please note, deadlines are on a **FRIDAY**. More deadlines for the months ahead can be found on our website.

In very rare circumstances it may be necessary to change a deadline at short notice. Check Newsletter website for latest information:  
[www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org)

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
November	Fri 16 October	Saturday 31 October
December	Fri 13 November	Saturday 28 November





THE  
TALKING  
DONKEY

Every Friday 11am - 2pm  
@ The Millbridge Hall

For further information, or if you want to be involved please ring 07766 515 950 or 07771 696 830

The Cafe where everything is

# FREE!

 Soups 

 Snacks 

 Hot Drinks 

 Cold Drinks 

 Home-cooked lunches 

All brought to your table by our friendly staff

The Talking Donkey is a Christian venture so there will always be people on hand to offer

## Prayer For Any Need



## Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

### Outreach Advice Surgery

Kinross Outreach Advice Surgery is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at St Paul's Church Hall, The Muirs, Kinross. The next visits are:

**13 & 27 October**

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.



## Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

### Debt and Money Advice Service

Perth CAB has a team of specialist debt advisers who can help you deal with your debts.

- Do you feel trapped in Debt?
- Don't want to open letters or answer your own phone?
- Are you losing sleep at night?
- Is debt affecting your life?

#### We can help you to:

- Find realistic and practical solutions for your own situation
- We can help deal with your creditors and negotiate on your behalf
- Help you manage your money better

"After seeing the CAB debt adviser, I could sleep at night again" - a quote from a relieved client.

**Our advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent.**

Talk to a specialist debt adviser today on 01738 450 590, TEXT us on 07535 836 817 with your name and number and we will call you back, or alternatively email [zworkman@PerthCAB.casonline.org.uk](mailto:zworkman@PerthCAB.casonline.org.uk)



## 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](mailto:info@mindspacepk.com), by telephone on 01738 631639 or by visiting our website at [www.mindspacepk.com](http://www.mindspacepk.com). You can also be referred by your GP.

Mindspace also offer counselling to adults (18+) at their offices in Perth. For more information visit our website at [www.mindspacepk.com](http://www.mindspacepk.com)



## Perth & Kinross School Term Dates 2015-16

Term	Start	End
Autumn	Tue 18 Aug 2015	Fri 9 Oct 2015
Winter	Mon 26 Oct 2015	Fri 18 Dec 2015
Spring	Tue 5 Jan 2016	Fri 1 Apr 2016
Summer	Tue 19 Apr 2016	Fri 1 July 2016

*In Service Days and Occasional Holidays:*  
 2015: Thu & Fri 19 & 20 November (in-service).  
 2016: 17, 18 & 19 February (one in-service and two occasional holidays); Fri 25 March (Good Friday); Mon 28 March (Easter Monday); 18 April (in-service).

## 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.

## Community Councils

**Kinross:** Secy: Mrs M Scott (01577) 862945  
KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk  
**Cleish & Blairadam:** Secy: Patty Fraser (01577) 850253,  
CleishCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk  
**Milnathort:** Chair: Bruce Hamilton (01577) 830616  
MilnathortCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk  
**Fossoway & District:** Secy: Kevin Borthwick (01577) 840845,  
fossoway.cc@gmail.com  
**Portmoak:** Chair: Malcolm Strang Steel (01592) 840459,  
PortmoakCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

## Portmoak Community Councillors

Robin G Cairncross	01592 840672
Bruce Calderwood	01592 840423
Susan Forde	01592 840128
Thomas Smith	01592 841160
Malcolm Strang Steel	01592 840459
Richard Williamson	01592 840538

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

## Perth and Kinross Councillors Kinross-shire Ward

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Email: michaelabarnacle@gmail.com

Website: mikebarnacle.co.uk

Moorend, Waulkmill Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross, KY13 0UZ

**Councillor Dave Cuthbert** (Independent)

Tel (home): 01577 861681. Email: dcuthbert@pkc.gov.uk

8 Highfield Circle, Kinross, KY13 8RZ

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Tel (home): 01577 864025.

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38A New Road, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XT

**Councillor Willie Robertson** (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

Tel (home): 01577 865178. Email: wbrobertson@pkc.gov.uk

85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13XA

## Mobile Library Service

**Visiting on Wednesdays 7 & 21 October:**

Mawcarse		0930 – 0940
Kinnesswood	Shop	0950 – 1055
Portmoak	Community Hall	1100 – 1115
Scotlandwell	Leslie Road	1120 – 1140
Levenmouth Farm		1150 – 1210
Hatchbank Road		1225 – 1255
Cleish	Phone box	1405 – 1425
Powmill		1440 – 1500
Crook of Devon	Main Street, Inn	1505 – 1550
Carnbo	on main road	1600 – 1655

**Visiting on Thursdays 1 & 15 October:**

Milnathort	South Street	0930 – 1130
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For more information about mobile library services, visit:  
[www.pkc.gov.uk/mobilelibrary](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/mobilelibrary) or phone 01577 867205.

## Ceilidh Dancing

Come and join us from 2 till 3 every Monday in the Guide Hall, Milnathort, and learn to ceilidh dance. You don't need a partner and it is all very informal and great fun. All proceeds go to the Scouts and Guides. Just come along – the more the merrier. No age limit.

## Kinross Community Councillors

Margaret Blyth	6 Muir Grove	
David Colliar (Chair)	10 Rannoch Place	864037
Barry M Davies	60 Lathro Park	865004
Bill Freeman	64 Muirs	865045
Ian Jack (Treasurer)	Burnbrae Grange	863980
Margaret Scott (Secy)	21 Ross Street	862945
Gareth Thomas	50 Muirs	863714
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David West	9 Leven Place	07824 313974
Thomas Stewart		

## Member of Parliament for Ochil & South Perthshire Constituency

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**Perth & Kinross Council** [www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk)

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

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

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

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

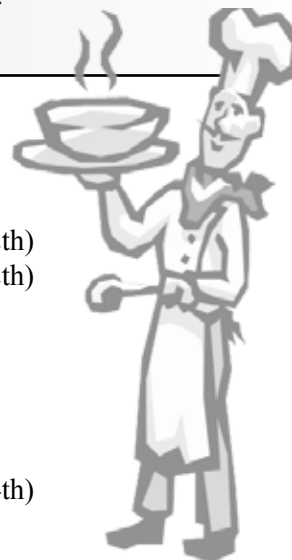
# Kinross-shire *Day Centre*

64 High Street  
Kinross  
KY13 8AJ

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

## Weekly Programme

<b>Monday</b>	Exercise Class	11am	Bingo	1.30pm (except 12th)
	Dominoes, cards & other Games			1.15pm (except 12th)
	"Stride for Life" Walking Group			2pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Relaxation Class	1.15pm	Games	1.15pm
	Singing group with Alex Cant		1.45pm	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Morning Worship	10.45am		
	Dominoes, Scrabble & other Games			1.30pm (except 14th)
	Fantastic Fun Quiz	1.30pm (except 14th)		
<b>Thursday</b>	Art Class	1.30pm	Film Afternoon	1.30pm (except 8th)
	Dominoes, Scrabble, cards etc		1.30pm (except 8th)	
	Balance & Strength Class		1.30pm (except 8th)	
<b>Friday</b>	Dominoes, Games and Filmshow		1.30pm (except 30th)	
	Bingo		1.30pm (except 30th)	



## Additional Events for October

Kinross Community Care Advice & Information	Thursday	1st	11am - noon
Library Trip	Thursday	1st	1.30pm
Health & Wellbeing information point	Tuesday	6th	11am - noon
Afternoon of music & dance with the "Sabres"	Thursday	8th	1.30pm
Doreen and friends an afternoon of music	Monday	12th	1.30pm
Afternoon of entertainment at Loch Leven	Wednesday	14th	1.30pm
Campus, part of "Celebrating Age"			
Chiropody	Thursday	1st, 22nd	9.45am - 1pm (phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)
Kinross Community Care Advice & Information	Wednesday	21st	11am - noon
Tai Chi	Wednesday	28th	1.30 - 2pm
Halloween Party (fancy dress optional)	Friday	30th	1.30pm

There are some activities, day trips and food from around the world that are yet to be organised.

**Public Holiday:** Please note the Day Centre will be closed on **Monday 5 October**



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

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

**Phone: 01577 863869 Fax: 01577 863869 Email: [kindaycent@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:kindaycent@tiscali.co.uk)**

## LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



### Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

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

### Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

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



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

## Perth Samaritans

Need to talk? We'll listen.

Contact us by

**phone** on 01738 626666 or 08457 909090

**Email** us [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

or **visit** us at 3 King's Place, Perth, PH2 8AA

Mondays	1630 - 2130	Thursdays	1630 - 1900
Wednesdays	0830 - 1100	Fridays	1000 - 1630
and	1930 - 2130	Sundays	0800 - 2130

**No pressure, no names, no judgment.  
We're here for you, anytime.**

## Grants and Funding Websites

[www.pkgrantsdirect.com](http://www.pkgrantsdirect.com)

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



## Items for Sale

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.

**Siemens Gas Hob £25**  
Hob with five burners (including one wok burner). Model FD8309 for butane (Calor Gas, MacGas, etc). Stainless steel finish. Easy to use controls with electronic ignition. 700mm long x 510mm wide x 45 mm deep.

Seller Details: Alison Houston 01577 866898  
alisonhouston@fsmail.net 07714 245173

**Bosch Classic XX Fridge Freezer 50/50 £70**  
Freestanding, excellent condition, 2 years old, surplus to needs after kitchen makeover.

Seller Details: Fiona Watt 07960 633850  
fiona.watt5@btinternet.com

**Dining Table £150**  
70" x 39" extendable table with six chairs in good condition  
Seller Details: Frank Rocks 07815 180336  
frank@rwsfinancial.co.uk

**Filing Cabinet Free**  
Three-drawer brown/beige metal filing cabinet, office quality. Quite old but still functional. Key missing. Includes some suspension files.

Seller Details: Eileen Thomas 01577 863714  
eileen@macthomas.org.uk

**Set of Dining Chairs £15 for the set**  
Four IKEA pine dining chairs with padded seat covers in grey/cream striped fabric.

Seller Details: Eileen Thomas 01577 863714  
eileen@macthomas.org.uk

**Computer Monitor & Epson DX7400 Printer £15 each**  
Monitor is flat screen 'Chimei' CMV A902, 48cm. Printer, copier, scanner.

Seller Details: Carolyn Jenkins 07925 972650  
carolynjenkins@btinternet.com

**Garden River Stones, grey Free**  
Seller Details: Carolyn Jenkins 07925 972650  
carolynjenkins@btinternet.com

**2 Soft Leather Reclining Armchairs £300**  
2 large modern style chairs. Excellent condition. Buyer collects.  
Seller Details: Christine Campbell 01577 864014  
kenchriscampbell@yahoo.co.uk

**Hugo Boss Watch and Cufflinks Set £100**  
New boxed set. Watch has black numeral dial and leather strap. Comes with cufflinks to make an ideal gift. Protective covering on watch face.

Seller Details: Michelle Hardaker 07972 341045  
hardakermichelle@yahoo.co.uk

**Goldfish tank £15**  
28cm high, 26cm wide, 40cm long plus internal aquarium filter and Art-Kit mini, good condition.  
Seller Details: Linda Freeman 01577 865045  
linda.freeman\_64@btinternet.com

## Blythswood Care

Sainsbury's Car Park

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

**Monday 12 October**

**between 10.30 am and 10.55 am**

Further details from 862258

## 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 see fuller details and to **check whether a position is still available**. (Go to www.kinross.cc then click on 'Local Adverts' and choose 'Situations Vacant').

### Taxi Driver, A2B Taxis

Part Time Taxi Driver required for Kinross Taxi company. Must be smart, polite and reliable with clean driving licence. Hours to be arranged on application but may involve some evening or weekend work. Full UK driving licence essential and Perth & Kinross taxi licence preferred. Anyone interested in this position should call Bruce on 07743 332237.

### Part time Personal Assistant

Private employer is looking to recruit a part-time personal assistant to provide support (afterschool and during holidays) to a 16 year old boy with global learning disabilities living in the Kinross area. Own transport and comfortable around dogs essential.

Must be part of PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups) Scheme or willing to join the scheme. Apply with CV quoting job ref MA0109AN by email to SelfDirectedSupport@pkc.gov.uk or in writing to: Self Directed Support Team, Perth & Kinross Council, Housing & Community Care, Pullar House, 35 Kinnoull Street, Perth, PH1 5GD.

### Part time Female Personal Assistant

Individual required to provide assistance with personal care and meal preparation to an elderly lady living in the Milnathort area.

Hours of work: Approximately 9.5 hours per week – times and hours variable. Must be part of the PVG (Protection of Vulnerable Groups) Scheme or be willing to join the scheme. Experience preferred but not essential. Apply with CV quoting job ref MI2708P by email to SelfDirectedSupport@pkc.gov.uk or in writing to: Self Directed Support Team, Perth & Kinross Council, Housing & Community Care, Pullar House, 35 Kinnoull Street, Perth, PH1 5GD

### Full and part time Cleaners, C.I.A.

The Cleaning Intelligence Agency in Kinross is looking for full and part time cleaners. You must be able to drive and have a car.

We are looking for hard working and reliable people. Hours and days can be discussed.

Please phone Richard on 0799951500 for more information.

### Trainee Parts Person

A full time position has arisen within our multi-franchise parts department, for a trainee parts person. Various duties. Full training will be provided on and off site if and when required.

Send C.V. and covering letter to Tim Ibister (Parts Manager), Henderson Grass Machinery, 1 Clashburn Close, Bridgend Industrial Estate, Kinross, KY13 8GD.

### Kitchen Porter, Kirklands Hotel

Full Time Kitchen Porter required to join our busy kitchen team. Duties would include dish washing, basic food preparation and kitchen cleaning. Immediate start available. Contact Andy on 01577 863313 or email info@thekirklandshotel.com

### Catering Assistants, Powmill Milk Bar

We are looking for full and part time staff, catering assistant & general duties. Weekdays. Experience preferred but not essential. Call Ann Whitelaw on 01577 840376.

### Part time Bar/Catering Staff, Kinross Curling

Kinross Curling require staff for the bar/catering. Must be able to work weekends and be flexible regarding working hours.

For further information, please contact Katrina Leslie on KCTcatering@outlook.com

**See also KLEO vacancy notice, page 93.**

# Diary

*A more extensive and regularly updated  
Diary of Events can be found on [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)*

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