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Editorial

We at the Newsletter are saddened at the passing of our friend and former colleague, Isabel Gillon. Isabel worked on the Newsletter in a voluntary capacity for 13 years, eight of them as a Joint Editor with Ian Thomson. An obituary is published on page 90.

An election will take place for **Kinross Community Council** on Thursday 5 November. Residents eligible to vote should have received Poll Letters by post. See page 4 for more information.

There have been many positive comments about **The Big Street Party** in social media and community council reports. Congratulations to those involved in organising this outstanding community event. We hope readers enjoy the photographs of this on pages 12-13.

The Kinross-shire Winter Festival is underway. Just a selection of the events are mentioned in this Newsletter; for full coverage, look out for the brochure delivered to households, or go to www.kleo.org.uk. Again, congratulations to the organisers, particularly the amazing, hard-working Bouwien Bennet.

Look out for Loch Leven being featured on **BBC1's Countryfile** on Sunday 1 November! See page 9.

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CC: Community Council	CCllr: Community Councillor

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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.

Post Office move

My article 'A Tale of Two Post Offices' was written on impulse, before the Community Council meeting of Thursday 10 September where the true picture was explained. Dot and Mabel did say they were told all the usual Post Office services would continue as before. They were wrong to list any exclusions. All the usual forms, such as the road fund, would continue to be available as before. My apologies for getting this wrong. Put it down to the dotage of my two fictional characters.

Meanwhile, I look forward to seeing how things work out.

Gareth Clemson
Tillywhally Cottage

Milnathort links

Dear Editor, I read your Newsletter recently and was impressed by the range of articles covered, particularly the feature on old Milnathort. I have recently discovered that my Roy ancestors came from the area – Orwell, Portmoak, Fortingal and Fortreviot. I have traced one, my great-grandmother, named Isabella Roy who, in the 1891 census, aged 65, lived at 94 Hill Street. She was a weaver. Her father, William Roy, was a tenant at Tillyry.

I would welcome any information from anyone who knows more about them and/or the following family ancestors:

- John Roy, born 1729 in Forteviot. Married Elizabeth Dron, born 1723 in Forgandenny.
- Robert Gilmour, born 1732 in Portmoak. Married Janet Reddie (Raddie), born 1731 in Portmoak.
- Margaret Gilmour, born 1766 in Portmoak. Married John Roy, born 1762 in Forteviot.
- William Roy, born 1803 in Orwell. Married Helen Henderson, born 1791 in Orwell.
- Isabella Roy, born 1825 in Orwell.
- Robert Roy, born March 1850 in Markinch.

My late father's ancestors were from Perthshire. He was Pipe Major Robert Roy, MBE, DCM, 'The Piper of Tobruk', born in Glasgow in 1909.

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The Big Street Party

I'm sure I speak on behalf of the majority of the shops, retail units and businesses in Kinross High Street when I say **Thank You KLEO** (Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation).

I feel we must all take the time to say a special thanks to Bouwien Bennet & Melvin Ryzner and Councillor Dave Cuthbert for their time and efforts in ensuring that the shop traders' and local businesses' Street Party was the success that it was.

This small group of people worked around the clock: hundreds of emails, meetings, communications day and night, family lives disrupted and all this because they wanted to help the local shop retailers and businesses. No fees were paid to them – this was all done voluntarily.

Bouwien, Melvin and Dave's drive, passion and enthusiasm drove the planning forward at a very fast pace, overcoming obstacles and huge challenges along the way.

Volunteers were thin on the ground and we all had to pull 'favours' and resources from all areas to help.

Hunters' initial dream of a small party outside the butcher shop to celebrate the opening of the High Street soon turned into the much larger 'Big Street Party' we now know.

Social media was swamped with information of who was performing when and where. STV reported the event, Radio Tay and Forth One discussed the opening of the High Street and of the community spirit in the town.

There was a buzz in the shops and it was reported Kinross was back in business.

On the day of the event, a tear was in the eye of many as we watched Kinross & District Pipe Band march down the High Street followed by a sea of thousands of visitors, locals and community groups.

It was an incredible sight.

Everyone was ready to party ... and party they did!

Old and young dancing in the street, free funfair rides, Star Wars characters, dancers, Zumba, ukulele band, the smell of barbecue wafting in the air, the elderly and disabled clapping hands and happy faces everywhere.

The whole object of the day was to get people back to their High Street and into the shops and, as they did, all participating outlets' sales targets were being smashed! Shoppers were taking up the advantages of the special offers the shops had made available. Beauticians and hairdressers reported diary appointments being filled as people took up the offer of reduced prices. CHAS shops were queued out and Hunters' two-week 10% off discount card was a huge success. A massive raffle took place with more than 30 prizes from shops and businesses.

For the many thousands of pounds each shop has lost over the period of the regeneration works, the overall benefit of the event was by far the best thing we could have done to maximise visitors and locals back to our high street. We had to let the wider community know Kinross was open and the Party did this.

Thank you to everyone who helped make it happen: Eileen Thomas, Kinross Newsletter; Joanne McArthur (flyer design); The Big Crayon; all the volunteers who delivered the flyers and assisted in a variety of ways on the day; the stewards; Perth & Kinross Council; Kinross in Bloom; Dobbies; the shopkeepers and businesses who took part and offered donations; Rainton contractors; all the entertainers who took part and made it a fantastic day; Mrs McBain and Lord Provost for the official opening but ... the biggest thanks has to go to ... **BOUWIEN BENNET & MELVIN RYZNER** and our local Councillor **DAVE CUTHBERT**.

Without them, the event would never have taken place.

Please make sure we all support the Kinross-shire Winter Festival programme and all future events.

Don't forget to support your local High Street!

KLEO, thank you!

Iain & Pamela Hunter
Hunters of Kinross
104 High Street, Kinross

For more on The Big Street Party, see photos on pages 12-13 and Councillor Cuthbert's column on page 7.

Is it Effective or just Efficient?

I read with interest Councillor Giacomazzi's article on Police Scotland in the last Newsletter.

His closing sentence contained the following: "efficiencies have been created". I am sure they have, but at what human cost? It is one thing to save financial resources, it is quite another to be effective. Effectiveness is what we all want and it exists at a higher level of organisational theory than efficiency.

I support and have every sympathy for police officers; my father served for 30 years in the Highlands so I know what it is like but we have all witnessed mistake after mistake (I do not have to list them) from Police Scotland. At times it has looked shambolic. Why? Because under stress officers and support staff are striving to make these "efficiencies". The Scottish Government pledged to keep officers on the beat but have funded that by slashing senior positions above the rank of Inspector, closed stations, put so much pressure on call staff that absenteeism is at a record high and now a third of officers want to leave. It might be efficient but it certainly is not effective. You do not get the best out of staff by making their working lives intolerable.

I know Councillor Giacomazzi speaks to his constituents so maybe he should engage them on this topic and see how many agree with his satisfaction on the "efficiencies" or my take on the need for an "effective", highly motivated, police force.

David A MacKenzie
Torridon Place, Kinross



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Dramatic attempt on cash machine with stolen JCB

There was an audacious attempt to steal the automated cash machine at Sainsbury's in Kinross in the early hours of Saturday 17 October.

Thieves apparently stole a JCB from a nearby building site at Junction Road and, using the JCB's telescopic arm, tried to remove the cash dispenser. Considerable damage was caused to the surrounding wall, but the perpetrators left empty-handed, abandoning the JCB at the scene.

Following discovery of the incident, the supermarket car park and grounds were cordoned off by Police as they searched for evidence and the store remained closed for the whole day.

Police Scotland say that a vehicle similar to a black pick-up truck was seen with the JCB and they are appealing for information. For more details, see Police Box, page 28.



The JCB is gently reversed back from the store entrance



Forensic examination of the crime scene

Nominations for Community Councils

Nominations for Community Councils in the Perth & Kinross local authority area closed on 5 October following an extension to the nomination period.

The following Community Councils in the Kinross-shire area gained sufficient nominations to be formed:

- **Glenfarg** (11 nominations for 12 seats)
- **Cleish & Blairadam** (6 nominations for 8 seats)
- **Fossoway & District** (6 nominations for 8 seats)
- **Portmoak** (8 nominations for 8 seats)

The nominated candidates for the above CCs are regarded as being elected unopposed on 5 November 2015 and there will be no vote. The CCs which do not have a full complement of members (Glenfarg, Cleish & Blairadam and Fossoway & District) may co-opt eligible residents to fill the vacancies, but must wait six months after the election date before doing so.

There were 12 nominations for the 11 seats on **Kinross CC**, **therefore an election will take place**. A trial of internet voting is taking place in Kinross. Residents eligible to vote should have received a Poll Letter by post from PKC in October. Residents may vote by internet at any time after receipt of the letter, up to 7pm on polling day. Follow the instructions on the Poll Letter and then on-screen. Alternatively, voting can be in person at the Polling Station, which is the community campus, on **Thursday 5 November** (11am-7pm). Voting at the Polling Station will also be electronic. Staff will be on hand to help if required.

There were only two nominations for **Milnathort CC**. As this is fewer than 50% of the seats, a Community Council cannot be formed in Milnathort.

See also Cllr Giacomazzi's column, p. 17.

Kinross Book Trail 2015

Shops and businesses in Kinross are helping Loch Leven Community Library celebrate **Book Week Scotland (23-29 November)** by displaying a book in their windows during the Book Week.

Families are encouraged to pick up an entry form and see how many titles they can find. Forms are available from Loch Leven Community Library, Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8FQ. Completed forms should be handed in to Loch Leven Library by the end of Wednesday 2 December. All correct entries will go into a prize draw on Thursday 3 December and the winner will receive a free family swimming session at Loch Leven Swimming Pool, donated by Live Active Leisure, and four free DVD *issues* from Loch Leven Community Library. Happy reading!



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Councillor Cuthbert Kinross Street Party

I am the Chair of the Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation (KLEO).

We were approached by a couple of traders in August with a request to help put on a Street Party to celebrate the fact that the roadworks were over and that people could return to the area which now looked nice - the hope being to kick start trade in the town centre as quickly as possible.

We agreed to do this, on the basis that we have the team needed to make it happen in a professional way.

From the outset, the task was not simple. There was a lot of negative feelings towards the roadworks as they were causing many businesses real financial hardship and we were given a lot of grief by some of these traders throughout the process. We appeared to be getting the blame for the difficulties the roadworks were causing.

However, our enquiries with all the traders on the High Street indicated that the vast majority were keen on the idea.

We put together a draft proposal for the party which included a headline act to draw in the crowds from outwith the area and came up with a total budget of £15,000, which we put to Perth and Kinross Council as a proposal.

This proposal was somewhat tongue in cheek, however we were delighted when the Council agreed to the full amount.

I should say that the money for this came from a ring-fenced events budget; it could only be used for this purpose and could not be used to reimburse traders' losses due to the roadworks.

This proposal included budgeted amounts for a number of items such as £600 for distribution of leaflets through the Royal Mail and £750 for Qualified Security Personnel and many other estimated costs.



The planning of the event has taken a huge amount of time and effort on the part of KLEO and a number of traders. I want to publicly thank some of the team for their hard work. There are too many to name everyone, so I want to pick out three individuals whose contribution was enormous.

Firstly, Pamela Hunter of Hunters the Butchers. She was a driving force throughout the process, organising things like the Star Wars and Frozen characters, the Kennedy Cupcakes, the DJ Ewen Cameron, and many other things.

Next I want to mention the Deputy Event Manager, Bouwien Bennet. She is the Event Co-ordinator of KLEO and is the magic element which made the event happen. She had the job of organising all the other events on the day, the finances, the administrative paperwork, the delivery of the leaflets, the team of volunteers, the press releases and most other things!

Finally, I want to mention Melvin Ryznar. Melvin is the Health and Safety expert on KLEO and his task was to complete all the complex paperwork required for an event of this sort (including a complicated 12-page Management Plan). This requires liaising with the council, the police, the fire brigade and all the other Health and Safety teams. Without Melvin, the event would not have happened.

On the day, these team members were on site with me from 6am in the morning until we had completed a final litter pick at 8pm that night. Needless to say, they were all exhausted by the end of it.

I hope that everyone who attended (we estimate there were 6,000 people there) enjoyed themselves and will agree with me that it was a fantastic event.

We are now working out the finances in order to submit a return to the Council. Happily many of the budgeted costs were over estimates or not used (e.g. volunteers delivered the leaflets). This means that we have been able to make donations or increased payments to a lot of local groups, including: Kinross & District Pipe Band, Millbridge Hall, the Church Centre, the Craigclowan Pipe Band, Lochleven Diamonds, Kinross High School Ukulele Orchestra, Nikki Matthew Dance Academy, Garry Simpson, Fitsteps dance routines, Kennedy Cupcakes, Dance Connect, The G-Street Band, Daniel Paris, Characters from Frozen and Lawson's School of Dancing.

I should perhaps finish this piece by saying that we continue to get grief from some of the traders, but hope that now the roadworks are completed they will give us some peace. I would also point out that the Street Party meant that the roadworks had to be substantively completed by Saturday 3 October and this resulted in an accelerated rate of work!

[See also Letter, p. 3 and photo feature on pages 12-13.]

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M90 Roadworks

I thought you might be interested in hearing what work is being done on the M90 at the moment. There are two areas of work, one being the resurfacing of the northbound carriageway and the other the repair of the bridges over the motorway.

The resurfacing of the motorway is actually a trial which, once completed, will help inform the treatment of other concrete motorway sections in Scotland.

This trial will consist of three experimental sections (1km long in total) on the northbound carriageway between Junction 5 and 6 and will involve overlaying the concrete with a bituminous surface; 10mm of existing concrete surface will be

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Councillor Cuthbert continued...

removed and a specialist sub-contractor will undertake concrete repairs to areas of spalled concrete, cracking and failed joints. This will be done at three different sections to varying degrees of existing repair. 30mm of bituminous surfacing will be applied to one section, 50mm of bituminous surfacing to another and finally 50mm bituminous surfacing with an asphalt reinforcement grid to the final section.

The results will be monitored and the optimum solution will be rolled out to other concrete motorways, subject to approval from Transport Scotland.

The bridge repair is a collaborative piece of work between Bear Scotland (responsible for the bridge) and PKC (responsible for the road surface).

In essence, PKC have been repairing the road surface with monotonous regularity – the problem being that the bridge had structural defects which were causing the surface to break up.

I have been pushing for both these pieces of work to be done, mainly because the poor surface of the motorway creates a lot of unnecessary noise for Kinross and the road surface over the bridge has been breaking up on a regular basis.

I am delighted that the two bodies have got together on this and prepared a plan to fix the fundamental problem, the only fly in the ointment being that Bear Scotland only have the funds in this year's budget to repair half the bridge, so they will need to come back next year to do the other half.

Re-trunking of the A977

There has been some discussion about asking for the A977 to be made back into a trunk road. Cllr Robertson came up with the idea recently and the matter was raised at Fossoway CC by Cllr Barnacle and at Kinross CC by myself. Both Community Councils supported the idea.

In essence, a trunk road is one which is maintained and improved by central government, rather than the local Council. The A977 carries more Buses, Goods Vehicles and Heavy Goods vehicles than many of the other "A" class roads in

Perth and Kinross, so there is justification for this request.

Cllr Barnacle raises the question of improvements on the A977 at every opportunity and is supported in this by other local members, however the Council is under severe financial constraints and there is a lack of political will within it to make the real improvements which it probably deserves.

Personally, I think the only long-term solution is by-passes for Blairingone, Powmill and Crook of Devon. I think this is unlikely to happen in the short term if the road remains the Council's responsibility, however I would welcome your views on this.

Parking at Loch Leven Community Campus

Hopefully the work to change the parking regulations at the campus will have been completed by the time this Newsletter comes out. Your local Councillors have been pushing for changes to the regulations for three years now. The process has been something of a start, stop, start, stop affair.

The new regulations should help clarify who can park where and when and make it easier to use the facilities.

Roadworks everywhere!

It feels like everywhere I go, I get caught by roadworks: complex diversions, traffic control, bollards - you name it. Some, like the repair of the bridge at junction 6 on the M90, the cats' eyes that are due to be put back on the A911 and the relining of the roads were requested by your Councillors. Some are essential repairs.

I apologise for any inconvenience caused by the works that I have requested; I just hope the delays will be worth it in the long run.

Milnathort plea

One final thing: Milnathort is going through new sewerage works to ensure it doesn't flood again. Could I ask you please to keep using the shops - they are suffering!

Councillor Dave Cuthbert

Independent Councillor for Kinross-shire

Give your glass for CHAS

Perth & Kinross Council and Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS) are working in partnership to divert glass bottles and jars for recycling in Perth and Kinross, so as to raise money for Rachel House in Kinross.

During the campaigning period from 1 October 2015 until 30 September 2016, the amount of glass bottles and jars recycled at all Recycling Centres and Points will be measured and compared with the amount recycled during the previous year. Any increase measured during this time will be calculated and the income generated will be awarded to Rachel House. So for every additional glass bottle or jar that is recycled in Perth and Kinross, CHAS's Rachel House will get a penny!

This is a great way to help the environment *and* raise money for a local charitable organisation at the same time.

Rachel House was Scotland's first children's hospice when it opened in 1997 in Avenue Road, Kinross.

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Loch Leven on BBC's Countryfile

The beauty of Loch Leven will be showcased on BBC1's flagship countryside programme, Countryfile.

A small film crew came to the Loch Leven Heritage Trail on 10 October, a rather misty day, to film a sponsored ramble raising funds for the BBC charity Children in Need. A new venture for Countryfile, the ramble was one of six held around Britain, each led by one of the programme's presenters, and joined by viewers and inspirational youngsters who have been helped by Children in Need. The Loch Leven ramble was led by John Craven, who had never been to the loch before, but said it was "a beautiful spot". Leading the way with John was 13-year-old Cameron, who has brittle bone disease.

1000 viewers applied to take part in the ramble, and 100 were selected by ballot. The route began at The Boathouse Restaurant and followed the trail to Loch Leven's Larder. Although this is only a distance of around four miles, it took around three hours, as there were stops for filming. Some of the participants also did the return route.

Neil Mitchell, the Loch Leven National Nature Reserve manager was on hand to point out interesting features and wildlife.

The Loch Leven ramble will be broadcast as part of a special extended edition of Countryfile, due to be broadcast on Sunday 1 November.



Above: John Craven and the Children in Need ramblers arrive at Loch Leven's Larder
Photo by Eileen Thomas



Left: After the ramble, the TV presenter relaxes on the deck of the Boathouse Restaurant with Julie and staff
Photo courtesy of Julie McGrattan

Below: Raising a cheer for Children in Need
Photo by Eileen Thomas

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Aurora Borealis over Bishop Hill
Photo by Craig Nisbet

October saw us treated to a rare glimpse of the Aurora Borealis, as it was visible as far south as Northern England for a couple of evenings. Craig Nisbet, Reserve Officer at Loch Leven NNR, managed to catch this picture of a green hue in the skyline with Bishop Hill glowing by the lights of Kinnesswood. Hopes are high for another chance to see the Aurora soon, but keep up to date by following @aurorawatchuk or a similar link on social media.

Another photo from Craig at Loch Leven NNR, this time capturing a beautiful sunrise over the Loch.

You can read the full report from the National Nature Reserve on page 83.



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Autumn sunrise over Loch Leven
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THE BIG STREET PARTY!

Celebrating the new look of Kinross High Street

Kinross High Street was buzzing with music, dancing and fun on 3 October as an estimated 6,000 people took part in The Big Street Party.

The event was held to celebrate the new look High Street following months of road works, including weeks of complete closure, which had caused a considerable downturn in business for many High Street traders.

The idea of the party was to encourage residents and visitors back to the High Street and to mark the beginning of a positive era for the town centre.

The event was blessed with unseasonably good weather and began with the Kinross & District Pipe Band leading a parade from the former High School down to the Town Hall.

Two stages, a mini one outside the Co-op and the main stage opposite the Town Hall provided the principal venues for a vast array of entertainment, including ceilidh music, dance displays, singers and bands of all types.

Free fun fair rides kept youngsters amused and other entertainment included African drumming workshops and face painting.

The headline act, the Red Hot Chilli Pipers, provided a rousing end to the afternoon with a highly energetic and skilful performance, including a session with members from the Kinross & District Pipe Band and enthusiastic audience participation.

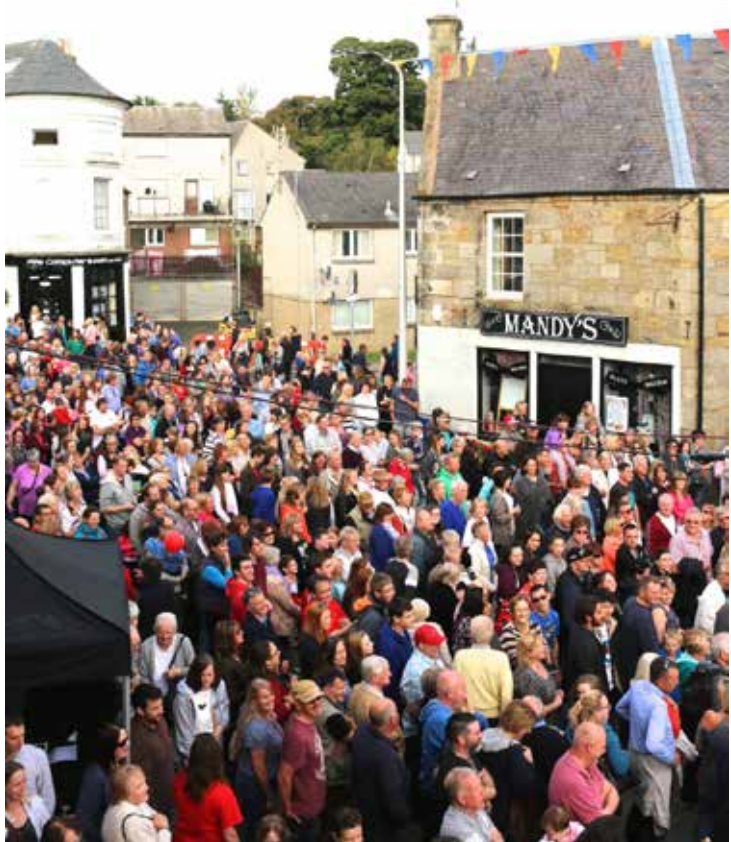
The afternoon ended with a symbolic ribbon-cutting performed by Provost Liz Grant and Mrs Betty McBain, widow of the late Tom McBain, the last Provost of Kinross.

To organise an event of this scale in just five weeks was a remarkable achievement by those involved. The party was the idea of Pamela Hunter and organised by local traders and KLEO, the Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation. The event was funded by Perth & Kinross Council.

See also Letters, p. 3, and Cllr Cuthbert, p. 7.

All photographs by Eileen Thomas.

More photographs, and video footage, can be found on the Newsletter Facebook page and the kinross.cc website.



Crowds packed the street to hear and watch headline act, The Red Hot Chilli Pipers



Vintage dance troupe, the Kennedy Cupcakes, entertained on the main stage and paid a special visit to the Church Centre



Iain Hunter, the singing butcher





The day began with a parade down the High Street led by Kinross & District Pipe Band



Darth Vader and stormtroopers were very happy to be photographed with adults and children alike



African drumming workshops with Amu were fun

The Red Hot Chilli Pipers really got into the spirit of the day, shown here with Mrs McBain and Provost Grant after the ribbon cutting ceremony





Design Assignments

Through the auspices of Interface, a Scottish Government backed conduit between industry and academia, the design of Aero Space Kinross is being advanced.

Fourteen final-year BSC (Hons) Architectural Technology students at the University of the Highlands and Islands have been assigned the task of designing a venue for Aero Space Kinross. Their work on this live project will span the entire academic year and will 100% determine their final qualification in Advanced Architectural Practice. The students (who are based at Inverness College) were given an initial briefing at the Scottish Gliding Centre in September and have enthusiastically embraced and researched the concept. Their first design ideas will be presented to the board of trustees by the end of the year. Following feedback, the students will subsequently refine the design into a formal planning submission.

Meanwhile, at Heriot Watt University, 18 students undertaking their 3rd year of study towards a BA (Hons) in Interior Design are working up ideas about how the inside of the venue might be "imagineered". This 8-week project requires the Heriot Watt students to initially conduct a large scale spatial planning exercise and then select a single "experience" element on which to focus their detailed design studies.

Both of these initiatives will produce eye catching visuals which will be of great assistance to our fundraising.

For more information and to be kept up to date on progress, please register your interest at:
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Charlotte and Bella look forward to Crufts

A budding young dog agility competitor from Kinross-shire has had considerable success in competitions over the last year.

Charlotte-Louise Yeaman (18) and her young rescue Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Bella, compete at Grade 7, Championship – the top level in the UK.

Last year Charlotte and Bella were chosen to represent Scotland at the Open Junior Agility Championships in February. They won the Overall Championship title in the Team event – an impressive result, as Bella had not even been competing a year.

After three months of competing, Charlotte and Bella qualified for Crufts, the world's biggest dog show, coming sixth in the YKC Agility Dog of the Year Small over 12 category. This is a wonderful achievement at such a high level of competition. Bella has qualified for the Scottish Dog of the Year Final to be held next August, the biggest competition final in Scotland.

Charlotte has qualified two dogs for Crufts previously: Jess, a schipperke that she runs on a regular basis and Star, a sheltie, who she trains weekly and competes with. She is hoping to qualify Bella later in the year.

Charlotte said: "I'm looking forward to Crufts next year and will be training hard over the winter."

As well as training, Charlotte will be doing a lot of fundraising to get her to the competitions. Anyone wishing to make a contributing towards her funding can contact Charlotte by email at cyeaman@live.co.uk



Charlotte and Bella with their prizes from OJAC and Crufts

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Councillor Giacopazzi Milnathort Community Council

Nominations for candidates standing in Community Councils elections in Perth and Kinross closed recently, with only two being received for Milnathort CC. As a minimum of four are needed for a quorum, there will be no election and Milnathort CC ceases to exist.

It is, of course, open to any community to request the Council that a CC be set up. Only 20 signatures are needed. However, I am told by our Democratic Services department that the earliest time a new CC could be set up in Milnathort would be next year. I am hopeful that some Milnathort residents with time on their hands might read this and decide to be part of a new CC in 2016.

Meanwhile, if any Milnathort residents have any issues that they wish to raise, relating to Council service, they are welcome to phone me on 01577 864025 to discuss the matter or arrange to see me.

Scottish Water works in Milnathort

Phases one and two of the project have been completed and we are now into phase three. New Road is expected to reopen by 23 October. Phase four will involve installing temporary four-way lights at the Cross. Having seen a preview of a Scottish Water postcard which is shortly to go to every house in the village, advising of 'Temporary traffic lights at the Cross from 26th October for 7 weeks', I asked for an emergency meeting with Amey, Black & Veatch and Scottish Water. This took place on 16 October, when I emphasised that last year the operation of four-way lights at the Cross had proved inconvenient and unpopular. Following a discussion, the contractors agreed to try to limit the time that the four-way lights would be in operation, to two weeks only. To a certain extent, the progress of the works will be dictated by what the contractors find as they excavate further. There is a considerable element of unpredictability.

I would, however, commend the excellent and industrious work force who are taking this project forward. The workmen regularly begin at 7.30am and I have seen them working late into the evening. Saturday work appears to be the norm, which, of course, shortens the length of time taken to complete the job.

I also note the care which Scottish Water have taken in keeping Milnathort residents informed as to the progress of the work.

Councillor Joe Giacopazzi



Local allotments group wins charity clean-up

Milnathort & Kinross Allotments Association (MKAA), which aims to promote the benefits and joys of nature and gardening to everyone in the community, has won the first ever Binn Group Charity Clean-Up Competition.

The Binn Group, an independent recycling and waste management company based in Glenfarg, had pledged a manpower and services package worth £2000 to clean up for a worthy cause. The competition attracted entries from across Tayside and Fife, with judges finally selecting MKAA as the worthy winner.

The prize will allow vegetation and rubble to be removed from MKAA's three-acre site near Dobbies Garden Centre at Turfhill, making way for an extended community garden featuring a new sensory garden, a forest garden, community orchard and bee hives.

MKAA formed in 2013. In a remarkably short time the group managed to create 30 allotments and a community garden at the Turfhill site. The prize will allow them to press ahead with the next phase of the community scheme.

Association treasurer Rory Stewart said: "The site is so contaminated by old concrete, building materials, rubble and weeds that we were taking one step forward and two back in our efforts to clear it. The Binn Group prize will re-energise everyone and leave us with a much more manageable site on which to dig, landscape and plant.

"Everyone involved is absolutely delighted to win this generous prize and we can't thank Binn Group enough for choosing our charity. We look forward to pressing ahead with them as soon as possible."

Binn Group Chief Executive Allan MacGregor said: "The project touches all parts of the Milnathort and Kinross community – people who have never gardened before through to the dedicated green-fingered experts. It's also a place where those with special needs can work alongside the young and the elderly and enjoy the beautiful space created by everyone. "We at Binn Group are delighted to help drive the project onto its next phase. Clearing sites and removing waste can be a daunting task for a charity or community group but this is all in a day's work for Binn Group and we're happy to supply men and resources to tackle this problem for such a worthwhile cause."

The prize package includes five operatives for a day as well as skips and removal of all waste from the site.

Writing competition open for entries

The William Soutar Writing Prize is open for entries. This is an annual writing competition for children and young people that alternates between poetry and short stories. For 2015 poems may be entered.

The aged groups are 9-11 years and 12-15 years. First prize is an iPad and the second prize £50 of book tokens.

The closing date is Thursday 3 December. For more information, enquire at any Perth & Kinross Library or search www.pkc.gov.uk

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Councillor Barnacle A977 Mitigation Measures

Copies of recent correspondence:

Copy of an email to Cllr J Kellas (Chair, Enterprise & Infrastructure Cttee) and Jim Valentine (PKC Environment Service), 26 June 2015:



I refer to my meeting of 15th inst with John and Cllr Giacopazzi, during which we discussed my letter of 18/7/14 and 16/3/15 to Jim and his reply of 8/4/15 re the above. I was tasked to investigate previous requests for measures, ascertain what might be considered and supported with local ward members, before responding with details for further discussion.

I have examined PKC's Statement of Case at the Public Local Inquiry (PLI) of November 2004 into the new Upper Forth Crossing at Kincardine and the Summary of Proposed Mitigation Measures for the A977 produced, if funding could be secured viz:

Of the measures proposed and still not implemented by PKC, I would highlight:

- a) Large Roundabout at junction of A977/B913 in Blairingone
- b) Large Roundabout at junction of A977/B9097 in Drum.

Both of these above locuses would break up a stretch of road with speeding vehicles, unless other measures can be suggested. Both could possibly be delivered through development proposals to our LDP review (MIR).

- c) Large roundabout at MOTO Service Station/Turfhills Roads Depot junctions with A977 – to be delivered through a planning permission of 22/6/11?

NB At the last LDP preparation, a large roundabout in Powmill at junction of A977/A823 was suggested as part of a Masterplan for the village, rejected by the Reporter (who did support mitigation, however).

- d) Improved access for cyclists and pedestrians across M90 interchange – I endorsed a proposal that this area should be subject of special study by Scottish Executive and PKC.

I personally proposed at the PLI the following, **still not provided** viz:

- a) Speed Cameras between Blairingone and Kinross (we await a timescale from Chic Haggart for variable message signing).
- b) Crossing Point (signs/studs) for millennium footpath at western end of Crook of Devon.
- c) Enhanced measures at bend opposite village hall in Crook of Devon (currently with Daryl McKeown).
- d) Improve anti-skid surfacing on A977.
- e) At Balado, improve signage for Balado/Crossroads, provide safe crossing facilities for cyclists/pedestrians, introduce a 50mph speed limit from west of crossroads to new 40mph limit at Turfhill (still not implemented despite PKC agreement).

I would be obliged for road officer comment/research into funding of the above, prior to a further meeting.

Kind regards, Councillor Mike Barnacle

Copy of a letter to Transport Scotland, 24 August 2015

Dear Sir, **A977 Signage and Mitigation Measures**

I feel I must respond to the letter of 24/4/15 you wrote to Jim Valentine at Perth and Kinross Council, copied to me by your colleague Gemma Montrose on 31/7/15.

As the local ward Councillor who attended the Public Inquiry in November 2004 into the new Clackmannanshire Bridge when the above issues were raised, I am dismayed that both PKC & Transport Scotland appear to have changed their position on these matters.

Local concerns about the speed and volume of HGV's on the A977 are well documented and relate to Blairingone, Powmill and Balado, as well as Crook of Devon; we are well aware of the attractiveness of this route to HGV's as being a shorter link between the central belt and M90 - hence the demand for alternative signage and mitigation measures.

The request for a review of signage at Gartarry roundabout failed to mention the need for earlier signage on the motorway network at junction 5 (where the M80 leaves the M876) where only Perth is signed for the M9 (when clearly it should also mention Aberdeen, Dundee and Inverness).

The A907 has never been suggested, only the A985 and A9 as per Transport Scotland's previous position. I realise that use of satellite navigation devices by HGV drivers complicates the effectiveness of signage, often negating it and causing significant problems on inappropriate routes; I have raised this matter at the regional transport partnership without success.

It is also clear that you regard the views of Clackmannan and Fife Council's as paramount over PKC in the protection afforded to their residential amenity. PKC regrettably have changed their position recently on major mitigation measures for the A977 (supported by the Reporter's Unit and included in our Local Development Plan) rejecting the need for large roundabouts they had argued for at the afore-mentioned public inquiry. Neither the Scottish Government nor PKC appear to have any sympathy or preparedness to address these matters despite numerous representations over the years from the community, including a petition to Parliament. I enclose background correspondence that shows in full light the change in their positions.

Yours sincerely, Cllr Michael Barnacle

These communications elicited a disappointing and negative response from both PKC and Transport Scotland. I had written in July 2014 giving a full history of the situation since 1996 and got nowhere with my request for an outline business case to fund mitigation measures, stated as required in our Local Development Plan. There is clearly no political will from the SNP administration at Perth to address this issue and I am reluctantly forced to conclude that local members should now lobby for the road to be re-trunked as part of a current review of the strategic road network; I had previously thought that such a course would send the 'wrong message' about the suitability of Heavy Goods Vehicles' increased usage of the road but I now conclude, after consultation with Fossoway and Kinross Community Councils, it is the more likely option to secure funding for the measures needed. I remain sceptical, however, that the Government will re-trunk the road, preferring to pass the buck to PKC who won't fund the measures needed either.

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Crook Moss

Copy of an email sent on my behalf to all members of the Development Management Committee, 10 Sept 2015:

I am away on annual vacation from 10th instant and cannot therefore attend the above Committee, although I did ask Nick Brian if he could have put back the Report for a month, which given the Report, would not have made a material difference but this was not agreed. It is probably just as well I am not attending because I am furious with the lack of progress.

I feel it is necessary to send to you the following background information viz:

1. My email to Committee colleagues of 14/13/15 and enclosures
2. My email of 11/8/15 to Nick Brian
3. Brian Stanford's reply of 12/8/15
4. Briefing note from Eddie Jordan re Conditions on 18/8/15 (Note that Cllr Robertson had a recent site meeting to discuss noise issues but I don't know the outcome).

IN SUMMARY, The intervening 6 months have achieved absolutely nothing. In fact site development into the 'paddock area' is a clear intention. No monitoring of the site occurs unless the community report activity.

Graeme Drummond, Asset Planner of Scottish Water advised me today that there is no current capacity at the Drum WWTP and no more connections will be allowed into the system in the foreseeable future. A number of properties in the settled community still await connection to what was an environmental improvement scheme both I and the community lobbied for; I do not wish to see gypsy/travellers given priority above others when they have so singularly failed to deliver on the conditions they promised to adhere to. In my view it is totally unreasonable to allow them another 12 months to connect to mains drainage that I and the CC have been assured is not likely to be available. A growth project is needed to stimulate further investment into the WWTP, a proposal from the settled community gaining credence with forward planning. The applicants have been on site, within the Lochleven catchment, since March 2012 without any drainage, sewerage and water arrangements, the protocol with SNH and SEPA is totally breached and I shall be writing on my return to the most senior officials at PKC, SNH and SEPA regarding their collective failure of the statutory duty to protect Lochleven (Policy EP7). Our 'open-door' policy RD5 requires immediate revision to protect the amenity of the settled community.

Yours, in disgust, Councillor Mike Barnacle

At the subsequent Committee, my colleague Cllr Cuthbert successfully moved an amendment that a report be brought back to the Committee on 13 January 2016 regarding enforcement of conditions. Unfortunately, the applicants were given another year to secure connection to the Drum WWTP and meet conditions relating to water supply. In my view, this continues to represent a complete failure by the planning authority in their statutory duty to protect Loch Leven under Policy EP7 and I shall be writing further on this. At the Member Officer Working Group on Planning Meeting of 28 September 2015 when Policy RD5(b) on new gypsy/traveller sites was stated as effective in current form, I requested it to be minuted that I did not agree that it was 'fit for purpose' in that it did not include reference to sites not having a detrimental effect on the residential amenity of the settled community and did not secure a reasonable distance of sites from settlement boundaries. I still feel this policy needs re-examining during the review of our Local Development Plan.

Councillor Mike Barnacle
Independent Member for Kinross-shire

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

News from the Health Centre



Influenza Vaccination

We would encourage all patients who are eligible for the flu vaccination to make an appointment if they have not already done so. Those eligible are those over 65 by 31st March 2016, those under 65 in one of the 'At Risk' groups, pregnant women, carers. There is a special flu clinic on Saturday 14 November. Please call Reception and make an appointment. You do not need to wait for a letter of invitation.

Childhood Flu Programme

GP practices are responsible for vaccinating children aged 2 to 5 years old. This is a nasal vaccine, not an injection. Please contact Reception now to make an appointment for your child. Children at primary school will receive the vaccine at school.

Pneumococcal Vaccination

Patients aged 65 by 31 March 2016, are eligible for the pneumovax vaccination. This vaccination can be given at the same time as the flu vaccination.

Shingles Vaccination

The Shingles vaccine will be offered to those in the following age groups: those aged 70 on 1 September 2015, i.e. those born between 2 September 1944 and 1 September 1945 and those aged 78 on 1 September 2015, i.e. those born between 2 September 1936 and 1 September 1937. This vaccine can be administered at the same time as the flu vaccination so a separate appointment is not required. When you book your appointment, please advise the Receptionist that you are eligible for the shingles vaccine as well as the flu vaccine.

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Library Book Sale, Saturday 7 November

10.15am-2.15pm. Replenish your home library and stock up with good fiction reading for the darker evenings. A varied selection of children's and adult fiction will be available.

French Storytelling

First Saturday of each month, starting 7 November

Join us at the library (11.30am-12pm) for this new project of French themed story-time for 4 – 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. Contact the library to book your **free** place.



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 2-5 years. Autumnal fun activities suitable for children aged 3-9 years. (Children aged 8 years and under need to be accompanied by an adult.)

Christmas Fun, 3 December, 6.45-7.30pm

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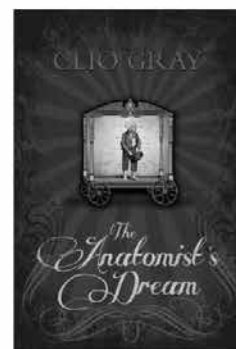
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Art gallery for Kinross-shire

A new art gallery and studio has opened on the outskirts of Kinross.

The Paint Box Kinross at Lethangie Farm showcases a variety of works by talented Scottish and Caribbean artists. It is also a creative space for hosting classes in art, ceramic painting and cake decorating and is ideal for children's parties and group workshops.

Located in a former farm steading, it's the enterprise of husband and wife team Douglas and Troy-Ann Bates. A geologist by profession, Douglas is also a talented artist whose work is on display at the studio. Troy is also creative; she designs and makes amazing special occasion cakes. Her talents don't end there, though: Troy is a trained therapist and has set up a 'relaxation room' at the studio, where she can offer Lava Shell Massage and other therapies and beauty services.

This is an imaginative business, which is an asset to Kinross-shire. The Paint Box is located on the road that runs from the Community Campus to Burleigh Sands.

To find out more, look for 'The Paint Box Kinross' on Facebook or telephone 01577 862512.



The Paint Box art gallery

Bogus caller warning

Scottish Water has issued a warning about bogus callers.

Scottish Water Chief Operating Officer, Peter Farrer, said: "All of our employees carry identity cards, which they are more than happy to show when requested to do so. Householders shouldn't let anyone into their home until they are sure of their identity."

Follow Scottish Water's Three Cs advice:

Card – ask callers to pass their ID card or letter through the letterbox in order to verify their identity.

Check – Check the identity card carefully: Is the photo on the card the same as the person at the door? Does the card contain the Scottish Water Customer Helpline number? Has the card been tampered with in any way?

If householders are not confident that they are a genuine caller, then send them away!

Call – anyone in doubt about a caller's identity should call the Customer Helpline on 0800 0778778. Customers should contact utility companies by using phone numbers found in telephone directories or the internet, but never from ID cards or letters presented, because these could be false. Anyone still suspicious should contact a neighbour or call the police.

Swansacre back to normal

Now that the High Street roadworks have finished, the Council's revocation of the flow of traffic on Swansacre has now ended. The route has returned to normal traffic flow, i.e. Swansacre is for access only.

Hockey Club gets Mars award

Kinross Hockey Club has received a £300 donation from the MARS Milk Play Fund.

Gail Nelson, Kinross Hockey Club President said: "Our pitch is rather worn out and is threatening the club with closure. We have long dreamed of having our own pitch and are currently fundraising to make this dream a reality.

"This donation from the MARS Milk Play Fund is a very welcome addition to our fundraising so far."



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Citylink cuts commuter bus service

Local politicians have expressed their concern at Citylink timetable changes affecting buses between Kinross and Edinburgh.

Speaking on 19 October, Roseanna Cunningham MSP said: "I have received a number of complaints from constituents expressing concern about the changes to bus timetables which will seriously impact on commuters travelling between Edinburgh and Kinross.

"At present there is a pretty good service with several different options for buses from Edinburgh that get to Kinross between 6.30 and 6.45. Under the new winter timetable, there will be no services for Kinross leaving Edinburgh between 4.30pm and 7.00pm. That is utterly useless for the vast majority of commuter passengers."

Liz Smith MSP has also spoken out against the change and the matter has been raised with Perth & Kinross Council and the Scottish Government.

The current Citylink timetable offers Kinross commuters buses leaving Edinburgh at 1630, 1715, 1725, 1800 and 1815 hours under the M90, M91, M92 and G92 services. However, as from 23 November, there will be Citylink buses at only 1630 and 1910.

A statement from Citylink says: "From Monday 23rd November 2015 Scottish Citylink is making some changes to some of our routes and journeys. This is being done to ensure we are delivering services that better reflect the travel habits of our customers and to allow us to continue operating a strong and stable coach network."

With regard to the G92 service, a Citylink statement says: "Our customer research shows that passengers using our Gold services prefer more direct journeys with less stops. As a result, all Gold journeys on this route will now call only at Edinburgh Bus Station, Dundee bus Station and Aberdeen Bus Station."

There may be some solace for commuters, however, as Stagecoach East Scotland is extending its X55 and X56 services, which currently operates between Edinburgh and Dunfermline, to operate into Perth and Kinross. *(See further article on this page.)*

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New Stagecoach Express route for Kinross

Stagecoach have announced plans to extend their X55 service which currently operates between Edinburgh and Dunfermline, to operate into Perth and Kinross from 23 November 2015.

The new Express City Connect X55 will offer links up to every hour between Perth (Broxden Park & Ride and city centre bus station), Bridge of Earn, Milnathort, Kinross, Kelty, Dunfermline, Rosyth, Ferrytoll Park & Ride and Edinburgh, operating on a limited stop basis throughout.

An additional daily return journey will also operate on service X56 offering an even faster link from Perth, Kinross, Milnathort into Edinburgh.

In total, 12 journeys per day and each way on Mondays to Saturdays will operate between Kinross/Milnathort and Edinburgh using services X55 and X56 from 23 November.

On Sundays the X55 will continue to offer a 30-minute frequency between Dunfermline and Edinburgh with a two-hourly service extending further north.

Andrew Jarvis, Managing Director, Stagecoach East Scotland said: "Our award winning Express City Connect coach network offers luxury and great value travel and we're pleased we can now offer these coach services to people in Kinross-shire and Perthshire too.

With our great value megarider tickets, commuters travelling from Milnathort/Kinross to Edinburgh can enjoy seven days' travel for just £28 with our Fife megarider+ ticket. In the opposite direction, those travelling up to Perth regularly can benefit using our Tayside megarider ticket for £27. There's no need to book on our journeys and you can pay the driver when you board. Our drivers will even issue you with a StagecoachSmart card, which will store your megarider, ready for you to top it up on the bus when your ticket runs out, or online to start again whenever you like."

Stagecoach have confirmed that all normal Stagecoach tickets can be used on the route, within the relevant ticket boundaries. The X55 journeys will be operated by high quality coaches, complete with free WiFi, air conditioning, phone charging power points and a toilet on board. All journeys are operated by wheelchair accessible vehicles.

Mr Jarvis continued: "Offering this new coach link opens up further travel opportunities for people in the Kinross area, providing even better value when customers use our megarider and dayrider tickets. Using our East Scotland zone tickets provide unlimited travel across our whole network as far as Aberdeen in the North, Glasgow in the West and Edinburgh, Livingston and the airport in the South for as little as £6 per day."

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Fine food at The Shire

New enterprise 'The Shire' has enjoyed steady business since opening at the end of September.

The delicatessen on Kinross High Street stocks olives, cheeses, specialist oils and dressings, high quality tea, coffee, chocolate and more.

The shop's fresh fish is "a good seller," says joint proprietor Steven McDade and locally sourced fresh vegetables are attractively displayed in the window. Business partner Adele Ellis makes some of the chocolate sold, as well as homemade soups.

Steven and Adele would be interested to hear if residents would like them to stock any particular products.



Some of the unusual products available at The Shire

Freecycle and items for sale scam

Beware of potential scammers who target people selling items, auctioning items or even offering items free via online platforms.

Be suspicious of emails containing the following:

- A vague way of addressing you, such as "Hello Seller"
- A question asking the price of the item, even though it is already stated in your online advert

If you respond to the email, you are likely to receive a reply informing you that the buyer will send you a cheque, and asking you for the address it should be sent to, and a phone number. The "buyer" may say that the pick up will be after the cheque has cleared.

Be very wary. This is likely to be a variant of the Overpayment Scam. The "buyer" sends a cheque for too much money then asks you to refund them the accidental overpayment by Money Transfer (such as Western Union) or e-money products. You do this, perhaps also sending on the item they have "bought". Only then your bank tells you that the original cheque from the "buyer" has bounced, leaving you out of pocket.

If you believe that you have been a victim of fraud, you can report it to Action Fraud (National Fraud Intelligence Bureau) by telephoning 0300 123 2040 or via their website: www.actionfraud.police.uk

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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 November 1915

6 November
18 November

Andrew McLaren
Archibald Macdonald

The Gallipoli Campaign

In order to secure the approaches to the Black Sea and the southern frontier of the Russian Empire, Russia's First World War allies Britain and France launched a naval attack followed by an amphibious landing on the Gallipoli Peninsula, the aim being to capture Constantinople (now Istanbul), capital of the Ottoman Empire. Launched on 25 April 1915, the Gallipoli Campaign lasted eight months, with heavy casualties on both sides.

The Gallipoli Peninsula forms the northern bank of the Dardanelles, a strait that provides a sea route to the Black Sea from the Aegean. The Allied landings took place at Cape Helles on the tip of the peninsula.

The Ottomans held the high ground, preventing the Allies from reaching Constantinople and in early January 1916 the invading force finally withdrew to Egypt.

*"Everything was red ... A bloody sunset,
closing a day of bloodiness"*

Quote from *Gallipoli*
by Robert Rhodes James (Batsford 1966)

Battle of Gully Ravine

By June 1915, after less than two months fighting on the Gallipoli Peninsula, the Allies had given up all thoughts of a swift and decisive victory. With the limited aim of advancing the flanks by capturing a small number of redoubts, Allied troops launched an attack along the Gully Ravine, Gully Spur and Fir Tree Spur on the north side of the peninsula. After two days of heavy bombardment, the assault began at 11am on 28 June 1915. Gully Ravine became the scene of vicious and bloody fighting as the Ottomans commenced a series of counter-attacks but the Allies achieved a modest success in forcing the Ottoman 2nd Division to pull back. The War Diary for that day reported the deaths of eight officers and 57 other ranks of the Royal Scots, one of whom was Kinross-shire man Private George P Westwater. A further six officers and 147 other ranks were reported as missing.

The Royal Scots were immediately congratulated by General De Lisle, commander of the 29th Division who sent a message - *"Well done Royal Scots"* at the end of the first day's action. Sadly, George Westwater was wounded in action and, although able to speak to the stretcher-bearer, a bandsman, he died before nightfall.

Police Box



Community Engagement Drop-in Day

There will be a drop-in day at **Kinross Police Station** on **Friday 4 December** between 2pm and 7pm. This is open to members of the public wishing to pop in to discuss any policing issues with their community policing team.

Recent crime locally

Registration plates were stolen from a vehicle in **Kinross** between Tuesday 6 and Wednesday 7 October.

Eggs were thrown at properties in **Kinross-shire** in the second week of October. Following attendance by officers at one incident, a 26-year-old male is to be reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Fuel lines and fuel tanks were stolen from **the boathouse**, Pier Road, **Kinross**, between 4pm on Sunday 11th and 8am on Monday 12th October. Some fuel tanks were recovered near to the boathouse. Crime ref: CR/027833/15.

A rural property in the **Powmill** area was broken into on Friday 16 October, sometime between 8.50am and 23.45pm. No items were stolen. The perpetrators gained access by smashing a window. Crime ref: CR/28235/15.

An attempt was made to steal the **cash machine** at Sainsbury's, Kinross, on Saturday 17 October between 3.30am and 3.40am. Shortly before, the perpetrators stole a JCB from a nearby building site at Junction Road in Kinross and, using its telescopic arm, damaged the wall surrounding the machine. A second vehicle described as being similar to a black pick-up truck was also seen with the JCB and may have been used for the perpetrators to escape in, leaving the JCB behind at the scene of the crime. The culprits were not successful in their attempt to steal anything on this occasion. Police Scotland are appealing for witnesses or information from the local community which could assist with the investigation to detect the offenders. Crime ref: CR/028258/15. (See also p. 4.)

If you have information regarding any of the above, contact the Community Police Team (see contact details on this page), quoting the crime reference if given.

Talk Talk Scam

This scam involves scammers posing as Talk Talk advisers cold calling people saying there is a technical issue with their computer and requesting remote access to the computer. They then run what appears to be a scan on your computer when in fact they are extracting confidential and personal data from the computer, which may include bank details and other digital assets which may be of financial value or used to commit identity theft, and may result in you being a victim of fraud.

The scammer can appear very plausible as though they are calling from a call centre. This is NOT the case.

If you are unsure of the authenticity of the call, terminate it and use a trusted number to contact the company you believe may have contacted you; this can be obtained from a paper bill etc.

Do not provide anyone cold calling any personal information, and do not use any telephone numbers they provide you in an attempt to authenticate their scam.

Do not provide anyone with bank, credit or debit card details. Do note the telephone number they have used to call you and hang up.

If you suspect that you have been called by a scammer you can report this to ACTION FRAUD online or by telephone 0300 123 2040.

If you require any further information on scams please either phone 101 or refer to your local Trading Standards web page at www.pkc.gov.uk/tradingstandards.

Car Crime

Across Tayside this year there has been a slight increase in thefts from vehicles and vehicles themselves being stolen. Here is some advice to help combat this type of crime:

- Don't give a thief access to your personal information: remove all personal correspondence from your vehicle.
- Fit a car alarm.
- Use an immobiliser.
- Never leave your car unattended to defrost windows with the keys in the ignition.
- If you have a sat-nav, remove the cradle and wipe suction marks from the window when leaving your vehicle.
- At the petrol station, always remove your key from the ignition.
- When parking your vehicle at home try to park off the street if possible – in a garage or driveway.
- Don't park your vehicle in isolated or remote areas. If possible park in well lit, busy, CCTV covered areas.
- In car parks try to park close to the entrance or exit, increasing the volume of traffic passing your vehicle.
- When leaving your vehicle, lock all items out of sight. Take valuables with you. Don't leave anything on display.

Police Scotland – local community

Telephone 101 for non-emergencies

Community officers for Kinross-shire:

PC Rhiannon Lorimer, PC James Wilson, PC Douglas Stapleton and PC Atholl Spalding.

Email: 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

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.

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 October Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 7 October 2015 were: CCllrs W Freeman (Chair), B Davies, D West, I Jack, I G Thomas, D MacKenzie, D Colliar, M Blyth and M Scott; P&K Cllrs Cuthbert and Giacomazzi; a police representative and seven members of the public.

Apologies were received from CCllr T Stewart and Cllrs Robertson and Barnacle.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Police Report: The Police representative reported on traffic problems in Swansacre.

CCllr MacKenzie asked if there was any evidence of increased anti social behaviour as a result of the school closing earlier on Fridays and asked for statistics.

Cllr Giacomazzi commented on the continuing issue of people parking on pavements in Milnathort, which was reported by him to the Police some months ago.

A member of the public reported that vehicles were being parked dangerously in the area outside the Town Hall and that people were driving with excessive speed through the town centre. Cllr Giacomazzi will follow up the parking signage in this area and the Police agreed to monitor speeds.

Operation Quest is D Division's (Tayside) response to violence and anti social behaviour. Attention is to be given to areas and times when this kind of behaviour has been taking place.

Annual Police Plan 2016/2017: Consultation Event on 1 September. One of the key messages from the day was the perceived benefit of a more traditional "community cop" who is visible and proactive in local communities and this was a strong recurring theme throughout the event.

Monthly Police Report: The Secretary will request reports from the local Police to cover for any absences.

Matters arising from September minutes

Springfield Road planning application: Cllr Cuthbert advised that the Council were not involved in the transfer of this land. This was a private sale; the company who owned the land went out of business and the home-owner purchased the ground. The application has been refused.

Website: CCllr Colliar queried the amount paid over, adding that it had been agreed some years ago to make an annual payment of £500 and, therefore, he questioned the figure of £1,500. It was explained that this was a one-off payment which has now been settled. CCllr Thomas added that a re-establishment of the Website Sub-Committee should now be put in place. The CC have not been invited to any meetings for some time, however the Chairman attended a recent meeting and it was understood that a second was to be arranged.

Newsletter Fund disbursement

CC Website/Kinross-shire Partnership: Thank you letter received from Pauline Watson as Administrator of the website for the donation of £1,500. Pauline would be happy to attend a CC meeting to report on the website at any time.

Powmill Bloom Group: Thank you letter received in acknowledgement of recent funding.

Kinross Hockey Club requests funding of up to £2,000 towards the estimated cost of £180,000 to replace the pitch. £6,000 has already been raised and applications are to be processed to other sources for funding. As this is a recent application, with further information only being provided today, it was agreed that it be held over to the next meeting.

Future of Kinross Buildings

Kinross Primary School: CCllr MacKenzie attended a recent meeting and advised that work is scheduled to commence in October 2016 and to be completed by December 2017. Stage 2 demolition would be undertaken around April/May 2018. The new school is to be constructed to the northwest end of the playground, will be an "H" shape with the gable end on to Station Road and the main building running parallel to its current location. Capacity is for 566 children compared to the current 530. The total cost is approximately 11 million. The architect has considered the style of housing on Station Road and how best the plans for the school can blend with the Victorian properties. The fencing will be similar to the green fences around the campus. There will be limited evening use by the community as it is envisaged that such bookings will remain with the campus. The next meeting will focus more on the progress of construction, movement of traffic, safety of children, the playground area etc and the logistical problems that arise with erecting a newbuild on the same site. A date for this meeting is still to be fixed. Staff have had access to the plans. The pupil figures provided for the school were of concern to both CCllrs MacKenzie and Colliar and it was stated that we should be pushing for as high a figure as possible so as to avoid the necessity of having to again accommodate children in portacabins. The current school roll is 430.

Town Hall: No plans currently for this building.

Former High School: Cllr Cuthbert has asked for an update report from the Property Sub-Committee.

Former Health Centre, Lathro: Planning approval has been granted.

CC Election

There are more valid nominations than required to fill the 11 vacancies, therefore an election will be held. Polling letters will be sent to each registered voter around 16 October 2015 explaining the process. The nominations were all current CC members plus Eileen Thomas and Jonathan Bryson. The election date is 5 November. Cllr Cuthbert advised that should any of the parties wish to withdraw this would require the agreement of the National Returning Officer. It was noted that this is a Scottish Government Policy not a Council Policy.

Planning applications submitted to PKC

15/01382/AML 3 Brewery Lane: erection of a dwelling house (approval of matters specified in conditions). Outline Planning was granted some years ago for this property.

15/01623/FLL Land 80m north of Wood of Coldrain Farm Cottage: erection of a dwelling house.

15/01641/FLL Land 90m west of 23 Montgomery Way: erection of office buildings, formation of storage area, siting of storage containers, landscaping and associated works. Possible relocation from High Street (Websters). This is zoned for industrial land.

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15/01682/CON 3 Brewery Lane: renewal of permission (12/01416/CON) demolition of outbuilding.

Planning applications determined by PKC

15/01281/IPL Land 70m northeast of Monega House, Hatchbank. Refused.

15/01367/FLL 10 Springfield Road: Change of use of landscaped open space to garden ground and erection of a fence. Refused.

15/01239/FLL 22 Muirpark Road: modification of permission 15/00534/FLL (alterations and extension to dwelling house). Approved.

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

15/01158/FLL Plots 1 - 84 Station Road: modification of permission 05/01475/FLL (erection of 66 dwelling houses and 18 affordable dwelling houses), change of house types and subdivision of plot. Approved.

15/01254/FLL Dunnottar House, 54 Muirs: extension to dwelling house. Refused.

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

15/01447/FLL Beeches Park Cottage: alt/extension to dwelling house. Approved.

13/01379/FLL Middle Balado: erection of 8 dwellings with associated road, parking bays, turning areas and drainage arrangements. Letter received from PKC advising the application is to be considered at the DMC meeting on 14 October. CC representation can attend on the day. The recommendation in the report is to approve the application.

Reports from Ward Councillors

Councillor Giacopazzi

Funding is available to community groups that meet certain criteria, such as for educational purposes etc.

Councillor Cuthbert

A977: Scottish Government is looking to re-trunk some roads. Cllr Cuthbert would be in favour of the A977 being included and the CC support such action (this would allow 24 hr maintenance).

Boundary Commission: Cllr Cuthbert referred to his recent Newsletter report and asked if anyone had written objecting to the proposals. CCllr MacKenzie confirmed that he had.

Street Party: This was a great success. A thank you was given to the organisers for such a successful event. A member of the public advised that the party created a major problem to her on the Saturday as plans for the siting of the stage were changed on that day. People placed chairs around the outside of her premises and this proved difficult for access/exit for her customers on the day and for safety reasons she had to close her shop.

Regeneration: A query was raised in relation to the trees and who would water them. It was understood that Kinross in Bloom were to carry this out. CCllr Colliar asked that everyone be patient in relation to the regeneration works until completion.

Correspondence

Junction 6 Roundabout: Bear is planning refurbishment works to the north and south bridge decks. In collaboration with PKC, the scheme will see the existing waterproofing, road surface and bridge parapets replaced. Lane closures will be in place on the carriageway of the roundabout. The scheme is likely to last nine weeks with an anticipated date of 12 October. Bear is also due to undertake trial repairs to the M90 concrete carriageway between 8 and 17 October.

A Community Council Facebook Group has been opened for CCs in Perth and Kinross.

Remembrance: Procession form applied for and discovered that a further application has to now be made to TES Roads Network Management of the Council. This form should have been submitted by 31 August!

Fountain: TRACKS have made a funding request to the Town Centre Capital Communities Fund for renovation of the town centre fountain.

Hedges/Fences: A resident provided photographic evidence of overgrown hedges and repair required to fences in Green Road/Junction Road, Sutherland Drive/Station Road, fence at Sainsbury's, pathway on to Junction Road. A photo related to dog excrement at Green Road/Springfield Road paths.

Restricted roads variation: Confirmation of Order covering Gairneybank/Hatchbank Road. Extend existing 30mph speed limit.

50 mph Speed Limit: Confirmation of Order covering Gairneybank, Kelty, Kinross, Glenfarg Road. Remove existing 50mph speed limit on B996 at Gairneybank and install a new extended length of 40mph speed limit. Lines are to be added during the half term.

Kinross Traffic Management Order Variation: To cover No Waiting at Any Time at campus and No Waiting 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday at campus.

Speeding in Junction Road: Letter received from local resident raising concerns regarding speeding and the lack of signage to remind people of the speed restriction. Also pointed out that despite a decision made that signage in this area would take a few years to erect, four signs advising of "No Overnight Parking" have been erected within 100 yards of each other. It was also stated that very few drivers adhere to the 30mph restriction. Cllr Cuthbert confirmed that further

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signage is to be erected. Cllr Giacopazzi is to take this up with the Roads Department. Signage is also to be placed on the High Street.

Other Business

Hedges: Springfield Road/Wilson Court hedges not cut back yet. Councillors asked to follow this up. The area at Davies Park/Gallowhill Road is also in need of attention.

Regeneration works: Mandy of Mandy's Hairdresser informed the meeting that following the town centre regeneration works her customers now had to climb two steps from street level to enter her shop. She also reported damage to her paintwork and a damaged window caused by the works. Cllr Cuthbert agreed to raise this with officers and Rainton Construction.

Broke Not Broken: Joan Cornwell gave an update on this group, which has now achieved charitable status. Information on the Foodbank has been sent to Councillors.

The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 4 November 2015 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

Apologies received in advance from Cllr MacKenzie.

Agenda for the Meeting on 4 November

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of interest
3. Minutes of meeting of 7 October
4. Police report
5. Persimmon Homes presentation re High School site
6. Matters arising from minutes of 7 October
7. Newsletter Fund disbursements
8. Future of Kinross buildings
9. New Primary School
10. CC election
11. Planning matters
12. Reports from P&K Councillors
13. Miscellaneous correspondence
14. Other competent business
15. Date of next meeting (to be confirmed)

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

Kinross CC minutes are posted online at:

www.kinross.cc/cc.htm

and [www.Facebook.com/KinrossCC](https://www.facebook.com/KinrossCC)

Cleish and Blairadam CC

News from the October Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 5 October 2015 were: CCllrs R Kitchin, P Fraser, M Traylor, R Jeffrey, H Somerville, N Robertson, J Moore and F MacGregor; Associate CCllr F Gillespie, P&K Cllr M Barnacle and three members of the community.

Apologies were received from P&K Cllrs W Robertson and D Cuthbert.

Matters Arising: There was a meeting on 7 September at the Village Hall regarding the Boundaries Commission. A full summary has been circulated including details and suggestions for objections to the proposal.

CC Applications: CCllr MacGregor reported that she had not yet submitted her form, and hopes that they will accept it despite the revised deadline having passed earlier in the day. CCllr Moore has not applied to remain on the CC, and is looking for someone from Blairadam to replace him. CCllr Jeffrey is also stepping down, therefore someone else will take over his financial duties.

Crime prevention: There was no Police Officer in attendance, and no new crimes reported in this area.

Correspondence

Boundaries Commission: ACllr Gillespie drafted a letter summarising the points discussed at the excellent meeting in September. It was agreed that this summary will be sent out with the C&B CC Newsletter.

Tayside Biodiversity Action Plan: The 1st edition was published in 2002, the 2nd edition is currently being prepared and there is a website that is being used for consultation purposes.

Cllr Cuthbert summarised his recent work, with respect to the Kinross High Street work, the Milnathort sewage work, the Boundaries Commission, as well as concluding that the Planning Enforcement still isn't functioning at all satisfactorily and will be contacting MSPs.

Full planning has been granted for the residential application at Cleish Mains.

The Street Party in Kinross was excellent, both in organisation and attendance, with a superb atmosphere. We would like to pass on our congratulations and thanks to the organisers.

Financial update

There is just under £900 in the account. Last year's accounts have been filed with the Council.


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Planning: There are four live applications:

1. Change of house type at Benview, Benarty Road. There have been three local objections lodged; no one has contacted the CC to ask for this to be discussed. It is a modification to an existing application rather than a new one.
2. Greenacres: another retrospective application for amenity block and formation of new access road. The CC have objected many times already (to no avail) to these repeated retrospective applications and lack of any clear boundaries or policy at this site.
3. Conversion of sawmill to form a dwelling house at Phoenix Mill: There has been local support for this application, and the CC will submit a letter of support.
4. Nivingstone Plot 1: A new application associated with a now expired 2009 approved consent for 3 dwelling houses. The CC had originally objected to the 2009 application. A local resident commented that a new road access that was previously granted for access to Woodlands has never been completed, is in the wrong place, and has been reported to PKC several times. Woodlands has since been sold without any rights of access on this access road. This should be raised by the CC at the same time as discussing this application. Cllr Barnacle suggested that we should be asking for a review of the site as a whole, due to several new applications as well as submissions in the new development plan. It was also discussed that both Nivingstone and Watergate Farm (with landowners' support) should have tree preservation orders to prevent any wholesale removal of large trees from both sites as well as the Nivingstone Hill Road.

CC website: There was an increase in traffic from 200 to 900 hits per day associated with the Facebook page (which has 42 followers).

Village Updates - Blairadam

There have been three plumbing repairs after the resurfacing works.

CClIr N Robertson asked again for information on the number of bus pick-ups and drop-offs, with a view of hopefully restricting the service and number of buses. Other local residents reportedly didn't want any change in the current service; it was suggested that the local community could discuss this further to reach a consensus. In the meantime, Cllr Barnacle agreed to try and obtain the figures.

CClIr N Robertson reported that there has been some complaints associated with both parking and noise outside the Village Hall, which is being used fairly extensively in the evenings at present. It was felt that this is a matter for the Hall Committee rather than the CC.

Village Updates – Cleish

The field opposite Nivingstone has been ploughed, causing loss of, and damage to, the verge. Tractors have also been driving over any parts of the verge to access and leave the field rather than use the old gateways - this resulted in a near miss with a resident's car. Both the verge and the removed fence line need to be replaced. Cllr Barnacle to follow this up. The Best Kept Village Award was presented to Cleish in the village hall.

The white lines have been (mostly) painted, but signs not yet repaired or refitted.

Local residents have been strimming some of the verges themselves due to poor attention by the Council's contractors. A resident asked if the contractors are still being paid for verge cutting if they haven't actually done the work.

Other Business

Cllr Barnacle reported that **Maryburgh** is being considered for the 20mph trial speed limit later this year. In the meantime the agreed 30mph limit and associated signs will still be going ahead. The signs (Blairforge settlement) and chevrons at the bad bend are due to be attended to at the same time as the road surface is retextured at the same bend. However, the roads officer is currently away and so Cllr Barnacle will follow this up again on his return.

The MIR is due to go in front of full Council on 18 November, followed by further consultation in December and February. Cllr Barnacle reported that PKC currently proposes that the Gypsy Traveller Site Policy "is fine and working well", which is contrary to MB's submission.

On 20 November in Cleish Village Hall '**An evening with World Record holder Mark Beaumont**' when he will share his Solo adventure experiences from around the World.

Thanks to both CCllrs R Jeffrey and J Moore for their hard work and service over the past years.

The Next Meeting of Cleish and Blairadam CC will take place on Monday 7 December 2015 at 7.30pm in the Tabernacle Hall.

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News from the October Meeting

Attendance: CClr Hamilton, Chair, welcomed CClrs Halford, Pettinger, Smith and Thomson to the meeting held on 8 October 2015. Also in attendance were P&K Councillors Barnacle, Cuthbert and Giacopazzi, and seven members of the public. PC James Wilson and PC Rhiannon Lorimer attended for Police matters.

Apologies were received from CClrs Milne-Home, Cottingham and Bennet and from P&K Cllr Robertson.

Police matters: PC Wilson presented the Police Report. He cautioned householders to make their homes secure as the darker evenings draw in, and perhaps to use devices such as timers to deter potential intruders. He advised that there had been several instances of people attempting to sell expensive portable items, such as chainsaws, particularly in rural areas; he asked members of the public to note vehicle registrations and to report them to the Police where there were suspicious circumstances. He also outlined recent crimes, which had included vandalism in Stirling Road, and also in South Street where, on 2 October, windows and a gate had been drawn upon with a permanent marker. A male had been arrested following a sneak-in theft in New Road.

CCllrs and members of the public raised issues about drivers ignoring the recently introduced permanent one-way traffic system – eastbound flow – in Victoria Avenue; and about drivers exiting Back Loan into Wester Loan at inappropriate speeds, whilst diversions were in place for the Sewage Works in New Road. PC Lorimer reported that there had been a Police presence in the vicinity of Victoria Avenue/ Back Loan/ Wester Loan, and several drivers had been cautioned. Further patrols would be carried out. The CC noted that the one-way road signs at the eastern end of Victoria Avenue were not sufficiently clear and that better signage would be needed. Cllr Giacopazzi agreed to raise the road signs issue within PKC.

A member of the public also raised concerns about vehicles speeding in Burleigh Road, and enquired about progress to install shared temporary speed warning devices, advising that none had been installed thus far. Cllr Giacopazzi agreed to check on the matter within PKC.

Cllr Barnacle raised concerns about a large, and currently blank, advertising board on the edge of a field along the A977 out of Kinross towards Balado, which was obstructing drivers' view of on-coming traffic. PC Lorimer advised that

the landowner had been approached by Police Scotland and had agreed to move the board, but no action had been taken yet; she agreed to discuss the issue further with the landowner.

Matters arising: The Chair advised that, following notification and discussion of impending changes to Post Office services in the village, a flippant letter from a member of the public, which dealt with redundancy issues insensitively, had been published in the October edition of the Newsletter. He asked that the minute record MCC's dismay that the Editor should agree to publish such inappropriate material.

Planning applications: The following planning applications in Milnathort were discussed, but no objections were raised:

15/01502/FLL: Erection of 14 dwelling houses and erection of garage at Mawcarse Farm.

15/01581/FLL: Extension to dwelling house at 4 The Fairways.

15/01457/FLL: Change of use of antique showroom to form extension to dwelling house at Tudor House Antiques, 11 South Street.

15/01609/FLL: Alterations and extension to dwelling house at Hattonburn House.

15/01634/LBC: Alterations at Thomanean House.

Planning applications determined: The CC advised that the following application had been approved, but expressed dismay that PKC had not acted on MCC objections to the planning application in Wester Loan:

15/00503/FLL: Erection of 5 flats and ancillary works at 2-12 Wester Loan for Waverco Ltd.

Cllr Giacopazzi advised that he had raised MCC's concerns, particularly about parking and potential flooding issues with the Development Management Committee, PKC, but his advice had been overruled by the DMC.

The MCC also noted the following approval:

15/00687/FLL: Extension to dwelling house at Bridge House, Dalqueich.

Sewage Works/Victoria Avenue: The Chair advised that, following a large number of recent emails to PKC, the one-way system (eastbound) in Victoria Avenue had been implemented several years later than initially advised by PKC. Cllr Giacopazzi advised that he had written to an official in PKC asking that a temporary 20 mph restriction be implemented for the duration of the sewage works, but had not received a reply. Following discussion it emerged that such a restriction may not be implementable in the timescale of the works.



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Cllr Giacopazzi updated the MCC on progress with the sewage works. Scottish Water had modified its planned activity because of the routing of several service pipelines in New Road; a chamber would now be built in his driveway, not under the road as originally planned, and a pipeline would run under existing services to connect with the chamber. He advised that such chambers were pre-cast and the changes to plan may cause some delay.

The MCC recorded its thanks to Scottish Water and to its contractor for carrying out the works in South Street in such a timely, accurate and courteous manner, and commended both on the work ethic shown.

Boundary Commission: The Chair drew attention to the article in the October Newsletter and urged members of the public to contact the Commission giving their grounds for objection, if they disagreed with proposals. Cllr Cuthbert reinforced this advice and advised that more support was needed from the public if the Commission's recommendation to split the Kinross-shire Ward was to be overturned. Advice is provided in the Newsletter and Petition forms are available in the Post Office. Cllr Barnacle advised that the issue had been debated again within PKC on 7 October and he had taken opportunity to express the views of the four P&K Councillors most strongly.

CC Elections: The Chair advised that insufficient applications had been received by PKC to serve on MCC from November 2015, and as most current members were withdrawing, the MCC would be wound up. Following discussion, during which P&K Councillors expressed their support for CCs, Cllr Cuthbert advised that a petition or request should be raised by at least 20 residents to PKC asking that a MCC should be formed; he strongly urged residents to sign up and would be canvassing support in the area. The MCC agreed to use existing funds to install a new noticeboard in a more visible place in New Road (instead of the board under a bus shelter in South Street), and thanked Cllr Giacopazzi for his agreement to place the noticeboard on the wall of his premises between Robertson's farm supply shop and his shop.

New Matters and Correspondence: CCllr Smith noted that the grass in Donaldson Park had been neatly strimmed recently, and commended PKC on the work carried out thus far. The Chair advised that a further cut of the wild flower section would be made later in the year and the cuttings would be removed. He also advised that work would be carried out on Junction 6 of the M90 from 8 October for repairs to the bridge and road surface.

CCllr Thomson advised that the Orwell and Portmoak Church Office had been informed that PKC was planning to receive five refugee families from Syria, and there had been a good number of people offering help, which the Minor Communities Hub was intending to co-ordinate. The UK Government would be providing some funding. Further information would follow.

CCllr Halford raised concerns about the state of the fence on the west side of the road over the bridge between Milnathort and Kinross and the potential danger to pedestrians. Cllr Giacopazzi agreed to raise the issue within PKC.

P&K Councillors' Comments: Cllr Cuthbert advised that the recent street party in Kinross to celebrate the completion of the roadway improvements on the High Street had been well attended and the event was a success, particularly as the promulgation of the event had encouraged the contractor to complete the work in a timely fashion. The MCC agreed that the High Street had been much enhanced by the work. Cllr Cuthbert also advised that 'Cats' Eyes' would be fitted on the A911 towards Portmoak.

Cllr Giacopazzi expressed his regret that insufficient volunteers had been forthcoming to continue MCC without a break.

Cllr Barnacle advised that during a recent meeting of a working group of PKC Councillors and officials several issues had been discussed, including the Council's policy for Travellers'/Gypsy sites. He understood that a report would be formulated for discussion by PKC in due course.

Comments/Questions from the floor: A member of the public raised concerns about the volume of weed in local burns, which restricted water flow. The Chair advised that, owing to SEPA controls of ditching causing phosphate flow into Loch Leven, little could be done to alleviate the problem. Another member of the public advised that he had been in discussion with TRACKS and PKC seeking to create a pathway to Burnside from Cuthill to link with existing paths at Burnside, but he had been informed that MCC's support was required before any funding/action would be forthcoming. After a short discussion the Chair asked that he forward details to both Cllr Giacopazzi and himself so that the matter could be progressed.

Date of Next Meeting: No date could be set at this stage, because of the imminent and hopefully temporary demise of the MCC.

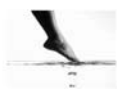
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Portmoak Community Council News from the October Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 13 October 2015 were: CCllrs M Strang Steel (Chairman), B Calderwood, R Cairncross (Secretary), S Forde and T Smith; Ward Cllrs M Barnacle and D Cuthbert; and 11 members of the public.

Apologies were received from: CCllrs D Morris and R Williamson; Ward Cllrs W Robertson and J Giacomazzi; and the Police.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Roads: "Green route" from Wester Balgedie along the Dryside Road. Further information is being sought from PKC on potential speed limits along this route.

Portmoak cemetery: PKC has yet to respond to the CC's request to retain long established burial provision within the parish and to liaise with the CC re positioning of a bench gifted to the community.

Scottish Gliding Centre (SGC) – Presentation on operations and use of aerotow: Colin Hamilton, tug pilot at SGC, explained the recent change to the operation of the aerotow had been introduced to allay public concerns. Safety was paramount in SGC operations. There were approximately 10,000 winch tows and 900 aerotows per year. The SGC had recently commissioned a new tug aircraft which, when following the established route for tows to the west, had meant that the point of release of the glider was in the vicinity of the golf course. The public noted a drop in engine noise and the aircraft tilting towards the ground. Although this was normal practice, it had caused alarm. A new route had been commissioned where the aircraft, after take-off, turned north and then circled to the left over Loch Leven while still gaining height. Glider release would now occur at a greater altitude than before and in the vicinity of Grahamstone Farm. There were no issues when taking off to the east. Separately the SGC explained policy for runway utilisation and how the point at which gliders aimed to land was governed by a "point of reference" that allowed for optimum runway space. Mr Hamilton was thanked for his presentation.

Police report: The CC noted the monthly police report and that the Police had raised a concern about traffic calming measures in Kinnesswood. Drivers were making poor judgements when to progress through the single carriageway in the face of oncoming traffic. This concern had been shared with PKC Roads Department and situation would now be monitored. The CC noted that there had been a further

accident on the A911 at West Bowhouse. The Commander's Bulletins of 11, 17, 25 September and of 2 and 8 October were noted.

Treasurer's report: There was no income to the general account in the month, but £20 of expenditure for hall hire. The bank balance at 30 September is therefore £527.40. Within the MBW account there was income of £0.07 in bank interest, and expenditure on drainage material of £28.80. The bank balance at 30 September is therefore £874.12.

Planning – new applications

15/01482/FLL Vane Farm Nature Centre: Formation of path, seating, borrow pit and associated drainage works. No comment.

15/01500/FLL 28 Gamekeepers Road: extension to dwellinghouse. No comment.

15/00978/FLL Land 50 metres south of the Old School House, Main Street, Scotlandwell: erection of a new dwelling house. No comment.

Planning – progress with developments

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

Glenlomond. No further progress to note.

Levenmouth 14/00607/FLL. SNH have confirmed that the necessary licences re bat preservation have been obtained.

Roads report: CCllr Bruce Calderwood presented the report which, subject to amendment and updating, would be placed on the CC website. Of note were:

Traffic on A911: The CC heard from a resident that HGV passage though Kinnesswood was causing difficulties with significant vibration felt in residences and vehicles having to mount pavements. These were long-standing problems. The Chairman would welcome supporting evidence if that were available. It was regrettable that there was no mechanism for informing all satnav providers that the A911 through Portmoak was "inadvisable" for HGVs. Representatives of the CC will meet shortly with PKC Roads Department to review a number of issues affecting the A911 including the introduction of 20mph speed restrictions. HGV transit through Portmoak would be explored.

The Old Gullet Bridge: PKC would shortly complete repairs which had been delayed for several months because of the presence of wildlife and the consequent need to acquire the relevant SNH licence.

Moss Road Car Park, Scotlandwell: Subject to acquiring the necessary funding, plans were in hand to refurbish the car



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park (expanding its capacity to around 6 cars) and for the CC to take ownership of it.

Cats' Eyes: These would be replaced along the A911 from Burleigh Road Milnathort to Auchmuirbridge over 5 days commencing 2/11/15. The CC thanked PKC and ward councillors for making this long overdue improvement possible.

Grit Bins: The CC remained concerned that PKC would not provide and service two grit bins needed in the hillier part of Portmoak.

South Loch Road: Ward Councillors would pursue a review of the signage and road markings for the second blind summit going west on this road.

Snow clearing winter 2014/15: The CC noted that the PKC scheme had failed to attract participation from local farmers.

Warning signage at West Bowhouse: In view of a recent accident there, the CC sought information on progress with PKC's commitment to install improved warning signs on this stretch of the A911.

Paths report: CCllr Tom Smith reported that, as part of its final work on the Whitecraigs site, A & J Stephen was undertaking landscaping; had installed new drainage along the existing path leading down from Stephen's field to the golf clubhouse on the A911; and was substantially rebuilding the path for part of that route. The CC would review planning requirements in respect of landscaping and related matters in advance of A & J Stephen's departure from the site.

The Living Lomonds Landscape Partnership (LLLP) had approached the CC advising of their potential support of £500 for a limited range of community activities. The CC would consider this. It noted that LLLP will shortly publish two leaflets for walkers. These were "self-guided place-name walks" which aimed to reconnect people with the hills, and covered the Michael Bruce Way and a section of the Heritage Trail from Carsehall to Findatie. While these were welcome, it was disappointing that the CC had had limited opportunity to comment on the leaflets during their preparation. The Chairman would raise the matter with LLLP.

Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland - Consultation: The CC would shortly submit its comments on the consultation to the Commission. The Commission proposed that the number of ward councillors for Perth and Kinross would fall from 41 to 40, new boundaries would reduce the size of the existing Kinross-shire Ward and that the number of ward councillors representing Kinross-shire Ward would fall from 4 to 3. The CC opposed these proposals and will make the case for retaining the number of ward councillors for PKC at 41, the number of ward councillors

for the Kinross-shire ward at 4 and for retaining, at least, the current boundaries of the Kinross-shire ward.

Election of a New Council: A new CC for Portmoak will be authorised by PKC from November 5th. Eight members had been appointed: six from the existing Council and two new members. As the member establishment of eight had not been exceeded there would be no election. PKC were currently contacting all CC members. It was anticipated that the new CC will be commissioned formally at the next planned CC meeting on Tuesday 10 November (7pm in Portmoak School). Further details of the new CC will be published thereafter.

Ward Councillor Reports:

Cllr Cuthbert reported that the celebrations for the opening of the new refurbished Kinross town centre had been a great success. More than 6,000 had attended. The work was now substantially completed. Plans were now being taken forward for the Kinross-shire Winter Festival. The Local Government Boundary Commissions plans for Kinross-shire were being considered by both ward councillors and PKC. He had approached PKC to include in their response to the Commission the option of alternative ward arrangements.

Cllr Barnacle advised that on 18 November PKC should approve the new Local Plan "Main Issues Report" for consultation. During consultation there would be opportunities for the public to comment at local "drop-in" centres.

Matters previously notified to the Secretary plus matters raised from the floor: *Spring Tree Packs.* These were now available from the Woodland Trust.

The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will take place on on Tuesday 10 November at 7pm at Portmoak School.

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Fossoway & District CC

News from the October Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 6 October 2015 were: CCllrs S Morrison, K Borthwick, T Duffy, and A Lavery; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, D Cuthbert and J Giacomazzi; 14 members of the public.

Apologies: CCllrs G Pye and A Cheape P&K Cllr W Robertson.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Police report: No officer was able to attend. There were no reports of any crime in our area.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Minutes were amended: Mike Barnacle is not creating a car park in Drummond Park but is looking at wider parking issues and the impact of parking on the Main Street. After this amendment the minutes were signed off.

Matters Arising

Crook Moss Travellers' Site: Sandy reported that there are still problems with noise from some of the generators although some are now screened and put down the embankment. The travellers have complied with PKC's request to put the generators down the bank. It is hoped that the site can sign up to mains electricity, which would address the noise issue. At the recent DMC meeting the following conditions were set: to complete the access road, address the noise and the landscaping/fencing within the next two months, and address the waste water within twelve months. One problem is that there seems to be conflicting information: the CC are told that the Drum waste water treatment has no spare capacity, while the travellers are being promised they can connect to it soon.

Lambhill chipping plant: Cllr Cuthbert explained that last month the review board had deferred a decision pending a site visit and further information being provided by the developer. A site visit is still not organised (despite requests dating back a year); the plant has stopped and the timber is being moved.

A977 Defects and mitigation measures: Cllr Barnacle reports that investigations are being made into whether the A977 should be re-trunked. Transport Scotland now says that the signage will not be amended, the A985/A9 are not the preferred routes north anymore. That, added to the fact that sat-navs send the traffic up the A977, makes the A977 the busiest route for HGVs in Perth and Kinross. Re-trunking the road may result in some money from the Scottish Government for the upkeep and mitigation measures, as PKC is not going to spend any money on this road.

CC Membership: A total of six nominations for the CC were received by the closing date for applications. Since there were fewer nominations than the maximum number of members allowed, the six nominees will become the members of the CC as per November. Sandy explained that in the absence of nominations being received by the closure date, it is possible to co-opt other people on to the CC from May onwards.

Station Road adoption: Cllr Barnacle reported that of the 15 residents, 13 are agreed to contribute and two will not contribute. The next step is to organise a residents' meeting with road officers to determine whether this can move forward with 13 people agreed.

Boundary Commission: Cllr Cuthbert, who has done a lot of work on this, explained the implications of the proposal, and the flaws in the Boundary Commission's analysis. The CC has submitted an objection.

Powmill Bloom Group is continuing to thrive and has recently received a grant of £1500 from the Kinross-shire Fund.

Crook Moss Community Involvement: Sandy reports that the Moss has now been acquired by a group who are sympathetic to the community's concerns and involvement. In the future we may look at ways of making the Moss more accessible; through walks, access for children etc.

Lambhill Forestry site: Lynn Daley from the Forestry Commission attended the meeting and updated the community on the access situation with an available map. There are four access points. The Forestry Commission hopes to link the paths to the Core Path network. There were some questions from the public regarding access for horses and access close to the chipping plant. There is a distinction between industrial use (when the owner can deny access on health and safety grounds) and agricultural use, when access falls under the access legislation. Lynn proposed to set a day for a walkabout. This will be announced on Facebook.

A977 Roadside Drains: At the last meeting Cllr Robertson took an action to request clearing of these drains, since they are no longer cleaned on a routine basis. Kevin passed on Cllr Robertson's report that they have now been cleaned.

Signage at Vicar's Bridge Road: Last month a MoP noted that this road was only signed from one end. PKC has now requested a replacement.

Rumbling Bridge Hydro Scheme: Hugh Wallace gave an update. The work is to start very soon; there is a meeting on Thursday 15 October in Crook of Devon Village Hall for people interested in taking out shares in the Hydro Scheme. See Facebook for latest news.



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Matters Arising With No Update Since Last Meeting

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.

New Business

Farm Snow Ploughs: Kevin passed on Cllr Robertson's report that this winter a farmer will not be able to use his snow plough, but PKC is going to deal with this problem.

Potholes in Craigend Road: Cllrs Giacopazzi / Cuthbert: from 26 October this road will be closed for two weeks to carry out maintenance.

Safer Route to School – Drum: A member of the public contacted the CC who would like a safer route for children to walk to school along the B9097. A request was made for a 40mph speed limit on the B9097 at the sewage works to slow the traffic and make it safer for children, for dog walkers, for walkers and cyclists to use the road and access Drum and the walk to the kennels. Cllr Barnacle reported that he would look into it; there may be a little budget for Safer Routes to School, and it could tie in with possible development proposals in Crook of Devon.

State of Road Through Drum and Missing Grit Bin: Kevin passed on Cllr Robertson's report that he had contacted Stuart D'All about the condition of the road, and that the grit bin there was missing. No update yet.

Noise Problem from Solsgirth House Hotel: A MoP has contacted the CC about noise from evening events at Solsgirth House Hotel. Although they live in Clacks, the hotel is in P&K. PKC's Environmental Health department are investigating. The residents and the owner/manager have met and the latter promised to take action, but has failed to do so. The managers do not seem to have a lot of control about the noise the wedding party makes. The marquee is not a licensed premise, but they get an occasional licence for functions. Cllr Giacopazzi is on the Licensing Board and will investigate. See also Planning below.

CC Business

Meetings attended: Trudy attended the meeting on the Boundary Commission's proposals for Kinross-shire.

Councillors' Reports

Dave Cuthbert: Street party in Kinross on 3 October was well attended. Feedback on the party of those at the meeting who attended was very positive.

Mike Barnacle: All the proposals for the Local Development Plan Report of Handling are submitted. We will need to see how well the comments after local consultations will be incorporated; many of the development sites put forward will not be needed at present. Also, at the next DMC the Shiehallion site near the Scout camp will come up. Possibly a proposal for a less densely developed site will find favour. However, there is the question of wastewater and drainage: the Drum plant is full and connecting in the Crook of Devon plant (over the river) is less likely. Anything attached to the Drum plant is also deemed to be in the Loch leven catchment area. The report fails to address these issues.

Planning Matters

15/01655/FLL Variation of condition 1 of permission 11/01354/FLL (temporary erection of a marquee for use as function venue.) Solsgirth House, Solsgirth, Dollar FK14 7NZ. Extend period for a further year. We recognise and

acknowledge the noise issue, but that can be dealt with through the Licensing Board. In itself there is no reason for the CC to comment on this application. No CC comment.

15/01594/IPL Erection of a dwelling house (in principle), land 50m North East of Cocklaw, Powmill.

15/01530/FLL. Erection of a dwelling house, land 90m South West of Craiglaw, Poultry Farm Cottage, Powmill. Object, as contrary to Housing in the Countryside policy.

15/01526/FLL. Alterations and extension to dwelling house. Fairview, Drum. No CC comment.

15/01461/IPL. Erection of dwelling house (in principle), land 30m West of Drumgarland, Crook of Devon. Due to the need for comments by 26 September, this proposal was discussed by email. An objection was lodged as contrary to Policy PM1B(c), due to the scale of the building in relation to the plot, and concerns about flooding.

15/01206/FLL Erection of a dwelling house, Newhall Farm, Solsgirth, Dollar. Date for comment (30 Sept) is past.

Correspondence

All the correspondence was available for viewing.

Other Business

A member of the public has noticed that in Blairingone, cars are often driving though the red light. Is there a possibility for a camera to be fitted on the traffic lights, to record such an offence? We will investigate.

Draft Agenda for Next CC Meeting

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

Matters arising: Crook Moss Travellers' Site, Lambhill Chipping Plant, A977 Mitigation, CC Membership, Station Road Adoption, Boundary Commission, Powmill Bloom Group, Blairingone War Memorial, Crook Moss Community Involvement, 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 3 November 2015 at 7.30pm at Moubray Hall, Powmill. All Welcome.

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History in the Making

The Boys' Brigade was founded by William Alexander Smith on 4 October 1883 in Glasgow and it was fitting that a representative group from Kinross journeyed through to Glasgow on Sunday 4 October for a Founder's Day parade, joining up with their parent BB Company, the 94th Glasgow (1st Shettleston) Company.

The Kinross Company's first meeting was on Friday 18 November 1940 and the Company was formally enrolled by the Brigade Executive on 10 January 1941, which was followed by an installation service on 2 March 1941. The Company Roll book lists 90 boys divided into six squads, staffed by Captain Roddy Beaton, Lieutenants John Russell, George Horne and Lawson Scott and Staff Sergeants Alex Philp and Alex Simpson.



The Kinross Company will hold their **annual enrolment service** at Kinross Parish Church on **Sunday 15 November** and former members are invited to attend this 75th anniversary celebration. It is fitting that a representative squad of boys from Shettleston will also be in attendance at this service.

Following the service there will be a 'Down Memory Lane' display of memorabilia in Kinross Church Centre from 12 noon until 2pm, to which all former members are also invited.

Current members will be involved in Perth Battalion events during November with the Company Section competing in the Dodgeball event at Letham Kirk Hall and the annual swimming gala at Perth Swimming Pool. First round national competition events of badminton, chess and masterteam will also take place during November with the table tennis team having a bye to the second round of the "Nationals."



The Kinross Company winning the Battalion Football League Shield in the 1960s



The Company in uniform outside the former High School following an armistice parade in the 1970s



the Junior Section Football team of the late 1970s



Kinross Company representatives who travelled to Glasgow for the Founder's Day parade

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Bishopshire Horticultural Society 1900-2015

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held in Portmoak Hall on 28 September 2015.

At this meeting the process to appoint Society Office bearers failed to appoint a Show Secretary. Without this role being filled, the Society was no longer sustainable, and with reluctance and great sadness, the decision was made that it would be disbanded.

The first Flower Show was held in September 1900. With the exceptions of the war years and the period following WW2 it has been an established feature of the Portmoak calendar. The ninety-fifth show has just been held in August 2015.

The committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all supporters, past and present, for making the Society the success it was during this period.

It was agreed at the AGM that the funds of the Society should be distributed within the local community. Portmoak Village Hall, which is key to the existence of many local organisations, would receive the largest amount whilst several other neighbourhood groups would benefit.



Common Grounds

Alongside the excellent weather in late September/October, friends and volunteers enjoyed a very successful project lunch, with Rosalind Kerry inspiring us all with her commitment and dedication to the charity, Lepra.

Once a life sentence, leprosy can be treated and have life changing results, as was shown with Lepra's intervention in Mozambique, India and Bangladesh. £291 was raised at this event and thanks to all who contributed in any way to its success.

We are now working on filling our stand at the Winter Market with attractive crafts.....just in time for that special Christmas gift! Do stop, say "hello" and see what's on offer! When the days start to get chilly again, please remember a warm fire, good coffee, home baking and friendly faces always await you at Common Grounds.

Our project for November is **Machair Social Enterprise**, a registered charity since 2012. Machair's objectives are "The prevention or relief of financial hardship anywhere in the world by providing or assisting in the provision of education, training microcredit projects and all the necessary support designed to enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient". To date their work has been in Ghana running the Yendaakye project which provides training and small loans to women to start income generating activities such as trading or small scale farming.

Our **Annual General Meeting** will take place on **Friday 6 November** at 7pm (prompt please) at the Guide Hall, Church Street, Milnathort. All welcome.

Our website address is now again:

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 & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

We're getting in to the winter now but don't let shorter days make you hibernate in front of the TV! Come out and enjoy yourself, improve your fitness and meet people. Whether you're new or returning to walking or a regular walker, try out a walk or two to see if you'd like to join us. You will be made very welcome.

Sunday 1 November: Torwood Castle & Tappoch Broch (6½ miles). Pleasant circular walk through woodland and minor roads with a visit to two relics from the past.

Saturday 14 November: Quarrymill, Scone and the Coronation Road (4 miles). Woodland, historic paths and a royal connection. (This walk is followed by our AGM with lunch at the Wheel Inn.)

Sunday 29 November: Crook of Devon to Muckhart (7 miles). A circular walk on paths and tracks, taking in Rumbling Bridge Gorge. Some road walking.

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

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

Kinross & Ochil Short Walks Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

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 or 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 with us, 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 – just turn up on the day or ring beforehand. You will be very welcome.

Tuesday 3 November: Burntisland to Aberdour. Linear walk. Meet 10am at old Health Centre, Kinross or 10.30am at Aberdour Station car park to catch 10.42 bus to Burntisland. Contact: Edna Burnett on 01577 862977.

Tuesday 17 November: Kinnoull Hill, Perth. Meet 10am at old Health Centre, Kinross or 10.30 at Corsiehill Car Park, Kinnoull Hill. Contact: Edna Burnett on 01577 862977.

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Kinross and District Art Club

The club has been privileged to have demonstrations recently by two leading artists who live in the area.

Peter Nelson, a graduate of Gray's School of Art in Aberdeen, whose home now is in Powmill, looking out on the Ochil Hills, demonstrated landscape painting in acrylics, using a limited palette and a limited number of brushes. Painting from a photograph he had taken, Pete referred to colour theory in explaining why he chose a red background to make his greens stand out more and how orange looks brighter on a green surface.

His self-effacing, casual style of presentation proved popular with the audience and kept their attention as he entertained them while teaching at the same time. Several members were overheard at the end of the session saying that they were inspired to 'have a go' themselves at a local landscape after watching the demonstration. You can learn more about Peter and see examples of his paintings at: www.peternelsonart.com

The following week, local artist Thora Clyne was the club's guest demonstrator. Thora lives near Milnathort and is a member of the Dunfermline Printmakers Workshop. A graduate of Edinburgh University and College of Art, where she also taught for over 30 years, Thora was a founder member of Perthshire Open Studios and opens her studio annually to visitors to this event. She has



Artist Thora Clyne was a guest at KADAC recently

Painted in a wide variety of mediums and subjects over the years and her current inspiration comes from her delightful flower garden. Using a photograph she had taken of it, she demonstrated ways of mixing colours in acrylics to achieve balance and harmony in a painting.

Thora will be exhibiting at the Edinburgh Art Fair at the Corn Exchange on 13, 14 and 15 November and you can see more of her work at www.catpawtraits.co.uk.

We meet on Tuesdays and Fridays at the Millbridge Hall from 2.00pm until 4.00pm. If you'd like to know more about the club, do pop in some afternoon, or visit www.kadac.co.uk.

Kinross & District Inner Wheel

This month we had an evening of hilarity when Elizabeth Kenny delivered joke after joke for her talk on "Laughter is the Best Medicine". A midwife, missionary, Church of Scotland minister and now prison Chaplain, Elizabeth kept her audience in stitches with stories about men, women and the church. The resulting laughter had the desired effect!

Our Overseas representative, Elsa Sinclair, collected haberdashery items from members to fill a large box to be sent via Blythswood as a "start up" box for ladies in developing countries.

Plans were made for a Safari lunch at the end of November and a beautiful patchwork quilt made by our Inner Wheel District Chairman was displayed. It will be used to raise money for the charity Chest Heart and Stroke in Scotland.



Light Up Kinross

The Christmas Light Switch on and Visit from Santa is to be held on the evening of **Saturday 28 November**.

The Switch On this year is to be carried out by **GORDON SMART**, who was brought up in Kinross, and is current Editor of the Scottish Sun Newspaper and former Bizarre Showbiz Column Editor. Gordon also appeared on the celebrity panel of the Xtra Factor. The Procession will be leaving from the top end of the High Street, heading down to the Town Hall area with the switch on at 7pm. Come along and join us in the festivities.

Light Up Kinross is solely funded by local donations and fundraising and the income received on an annual basis only covers the switch on ceremony. We have no funds to purchase new lights to allow us to extend the display in the town. Our numbers are also low on the committee (although we have just increased this by two). If you have an interest in joining our small band, we would be more than happy to welcome you. Also, any donations are very much appreciated and help in organising the annual event.

Compassion Corner

Compassion is a practically acquired knowledge, like dancing.

You must do it and practice diligently day by day.

- Karen Armstrong

The Dalai Lama, speaking at The World Hindu Congress in New Delhi, India, said that the knowledge of compassion is obscured by the ignorance of violence. He said that we have to dive into our own minds to see that deep down we are all Compassionate beings. People, he said, are the same everywhere – physically, mentally and emotionally, and we have to learn to recognise the sameness of humanity. Most of the brutality of the world, he continued, happens because of ignorance of this fact. We are more alike than we are different. Our destructive emotions that breed violence are born from the womb of ignorance. The answer to violence is knowledge. "Go deeper," he urged everyone at the Congress, "to the knowledge of the human mind and the knowledge of emotions and discover as you go deeper that Compassion lies at the heart of what it means to be human."

The Dalai Lama concluded, "I was speaking in a Church and the Priest introduced me with the words *Here is the Dalai Lama who is a good Christian*. After I finished the speech I thanked the Christian Priest by saying he was a good Bhuddist. Now, in this World Hindu Congress I wish that it will be said of me, that I was a good Hindu."

Karen Armstrong, who is a provocative and original thinker on the role of religion in the modern world, insists in her book '12 Steps to a Compassionate Life' that we can all learn to be more Compassionate.

To help us all in that learning process, Charter for Compassion International have announced on their website that a team of educators from around the world are about to launch the Compassion Education Institute. The team states, "We know that many people across the world share both our sadness about the way things are and our vision for a better world. So we have created tools and strategies for organizing compassionate communities... and much more." The first course on offer and open for registration is entitled Emotional Intelligence for a Compassionate World.

Good wishes for this new initiative from Compassionate Kinross.

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Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation



The Big Street Party!

It was great to see so many people enjoying themselves at the opening celebrations of the Kinross High Street on 3 October. Many thanks to all the High Street traders who organised and supported the event together with the KLEO team. Also a huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped out on the day of the event. Without your support we couldn't have organised an event this scale. Well done to you all!

For more on the Street Party, see pages 3, 7 and 12-13.)

Kinross-shire Winter Festival

KLEO would like to celebrate all local events that are happening in November and December in Kinross-shire. The Festive Street Market (28 Nov), 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 which will be distributed door to door in Kinross and Milnathort, KLEO is hoping that all these events get all the support they need from the local community.

Big Country on your doorstep!

Come and enjoy a great concert on your doorstep! Big Country will headline the Kinross-shire's Winter Festival with **THE BEST OF BIG COUNTRY TOUR** on **Saturday 21 November** at the Community Campus. The Coaltown Daisies are the support act that evening. Tickets for Big Country/The Coaltown Daisies (£27) are for sale through our website www.kleo.org.uk, Milnathort Post Office and Macbeth & Currie Solicitors and Estate Agents in Kinross.



Big Country are coming to the Community Campus in November

Kinross-shire's Got Talent

Get your act ready for Kinross-shire's Got Talent, a talent show with a great variety of talent and acts... 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.uk

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. **Sunday 15 November**, rehearsal from 2pm-6pm and the performance is at 7.30pm at the Kinross Parish Church. Costs are £15 for singers and £10 for audience at concert in evening.

Festive Street Market and Light Up Kinross

The Festive Street Market will be a joint event again with Light Up Kinross on **Saturday 28 November**. The market will take place from 4-7pm on Kinross High Street and the Light Up Kinross event will start at the market and will continue at 7pm. Like last year there will be a great variety of stalls and entertainment!

Other Events at the Festival:

Home-Bru Concert: Young local musicians display their talents. **Saturday 7 November**, 4pm-6pm at the Kinross Parish Church.

Another Night on Broadway: Friday 13 and Saturday 14 November, 7pm at the Community Campus.

Choirs Together, Sunday 22 November, 7pm at the Kinross Parish Church.

For more information about the festival, visit www.kleo.org.uk. Tickets are for sale through the same website and at Milnathort Post Office and Macbeth & Currie Solicitors and Estate Agents in Kinross.

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 107 for further information.

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What's Happening at the Campus

Christmas Sewing Classes, 2 Nov - 7 Dec. Following on from the success of the popular Basic Sewing Classes, there will be a new course of Christmas Sewing Classes on Monday Evenings, 7pm - 9pm. There will be a different sewn item weekly, each with a Christmas theme, eg: Stocking, Gift Bags, Tree Decorations, Table Napkins etc. Cost will be £30 per person for a six-week course. Sessions will start on Monday evenings from 2 November and run to 7 December inclusive. Spaces are limited and **must** be booked. Please contact Mo Prior on maureenprior218@btinternet.com or 07745 667611 or 01383 82965.

Saturday 7 November: Campus Winter Craft & Gift Fair.

Free admission, 10am-3pm. Over 45 craft and 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.

Saturday 7 November: Library Book Sale at the Campus Winter Festival Craft & Gift Fair. Stock up with good fiction reading for the darker evenings. See page 22.

Saturday 7 November: French Storytelling. See Library News, page 22.

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: Kinross-shire Music Festival at the Campus

Friday 13 & Saturday 14 November: Another Night on Broadway. Lucy Duffy makes her third appearance at the Festival after sell out shows in the last two years. After the rave reviews for 'One Night in Broadway', the cast of 16 return with a brand new show for two nights starting at 7pm each night. As before, the show will include fully staged and costumed numbers from top Broadway shows such as Matilda, Wicked, Oliver, Annie, Miss Saigon and The Sound of Music. As last year, this will showcase the incredible talent of the chosen performers from stage schools and youth theatres. So far, Lucy and her cast have raised over £4000 from previous productions in aid of various charities and the profits from the 2015 shows will also benefit chosen charities. Gerry McGregor, (Loch Leven Community Campus Events & Bookings Co-ordinator) said after last year's performance: "You could have been forgiven in thinking that you were in the West End." If you love musical theatre, or just enjoy top quality singing and dancing, 'Another Night on Broadway' not to be missed! A brilliant show for all the family.... Ticket

prices are Adults £7 and Children (under 18) £5. Tickets for the Broadway Shows are available from Campus Reception as well as the details below.

Friday 20 November: Kinross-shire's Got Talent. Why not take part? There are great prizes to be won: 1st Prize: £50, 2nd Prize: £25, 3rd Prize £10. Singing, Dancing, Comedy, Magician etc..... All talents welcome! Get your entry form from Gerry McGregor in the main campus office and hand back into the campus reception desk (Attn: Gerry McGregor).

Saturday 21 November: Big Country supported by The Coaltown Daisies. You will be able to hear classic hits like Harvest Home, Fields of Fire, In a Big Country, Chance, Wonderland, East of Eden, Just a Shadow, Where the Rose is Sown, Restless Natives, Look Away, The Teacher, Peace in our Time, River of Hope, Ships, Alone and We're not in Kansas. Show starts at 8pm with tickets costing £27. Tickets for all Music Festival Events are available from Milnathort Post Office and Macbeth Currie Solicitors, Kinross. Visit www.kinrosswinterfestival.co.uk for latest information and further details.

Saturday 28 November: Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair. There will be buying, selling and valuations given. Admission will be from 9.30am - 4.00pm with entry fee of £1 per person.

Saturday 28 November: Lily Leaf and Autumnal Fun. See Library News, page 22.

Christmas Fun in the Library, Thursday 3 December. See Library News, page 22.

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 for 28 November above.

Classes at the Campus

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.

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Seamab School

Meet the Sea Changers

Seamab is a national children's charity. We accept children from all over Scotland. Seamab provides children with care and education – we aim to give children back their childhood. Our children at Seamab haven't had the chances and opportunities that most children have. Their early childhood has been chaotic and unpredictable. Because they have been neglected and abused, the children struggle to manage their emotions, and their behaviour. Most of our children have previously been in schools and with families and carers that haven't been able to cope with their challenges. The children generally believe that what has happened to them is all their fault.

At Seamab, our work is to cope with the challenges the children bring. We see beyond the difficult behaviour to the child within. We work with every child as an individual to help them achieve their potential. We want to help each of them to make a 'sea change'.

The Sea Changers are seven characters, developed and designed for us, that articulate what we offer our children. The seven Sea Changers are: Free, Joy, Calm, Brave, Hope, Safe and Hug. Each has their own story and personality.

Free has lived at Seamab since forever.

He loves climbing trees, running around and he's the most confident lad you could ever hope to meet. Some of the kids are afraid of Free at first. They think Free could get them hurt again. They think they don't deserve to know him.

Every child deserves to know Free and with your help we can make them great friends.

Would you like to help make Free and the children at Seamab great friends? If you would like to find out more or make a donation, please go to our website www.seamab.org.uk or contact us on 01577 840307.



Portmoak Film Society

Portmoak's October film, 'Pride' received a round of applause and a 95% rating on our archaic audience satisfaction analysis tool, the marble count. The true story of a London lesbian and gay group's support of the 1984 miners' strike in a south Wales village took you right back to the 80s, with its vibrant gay scene, political tensions and punk music. All washed down afterwards with tea and yummy 'miners' biscuits' courtesy of Helen!

November's film, 'The Homesman' takes us to the dusty plains of Nebraska in the 19th century, for a survival-against-the-odds tale directed by Tommy Lee Jones and starring himself and Hilary Swank. Released in 2014, it's "not a Western" according to TLJ, so don't let that put you off!! Showing on **Saturday 14 November** at 7.30pm in Portmoak Village Hall, all are welcome, regulars and newcomers alike. You can either buy a season ticket for all the remaining films or pay £5 on the door on the night. We hope you'll stay for refreshments and chat after the movie.

For 2015-16 listings and further info go to:
www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk

Music in Dollar

New season first concert

An almost capacity audience enjoyed the first concert in the new Music in Dollar season on 10 October, when two of Scotland's greatest individual jazz artists performed.

Tommy Smith is well known to Scottish jazz fans as one of the world's leading saxophonists and the founding director of the Scottish National Jazz Orchestra (SNJO). He is also a frontline educator and current artistic director of jazz at The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland.

Brian Kellock is an internationally recognised jazz pianist who has worked with many familiar names in jazz.

The duo played a selection of well-known jazz classics by

Glenn Miller, Hoagy Carmichael, George Gershwin and Col Porter. They even showed the appreciative audience that it was possible to play a jazz interpretation of JS Bach's Toccata and Fugue – a piece usually played on the organ.

Tommy and Brian's easy-going style of engaging with the audience was a hit with everyone. Their performances of Moonlight Serenade and Moonlight in Vermont were highlights in a varied and packed concert.

Tommy talked about the value of music in the days before it could simply be downloaded from the Internet, and amused the audience with stories of how he used to play old gramophone records at the wrong speed so he could learn the chords.

Music in Dollar is a not-for-profit organisation run by volunteers on behalf of the community. For the remaining concerts of the season, see page 100.



Jazz great Tommy Smith played in Dollar recently
Photo by Colin Robertson, courtesy of www.tommy-smith.co.uk

Kinross Garden Group

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 12 November** in the **Millbridge Hall, Kinross**, at 2pm. Stan De Prato, who is the Editor of 'The Caledonian Gardener', will talk about 'The Flora and Fauna of Greenland and Svalbard'.

Please note that we will be taking numbers at this meeting for the Festive Lunch on 14 January 2016.

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.



Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



The club held their October meeting at the home of one of their members, Liz Pottie, on 7 October. It was a Jekyll and Hyde sort of meeting with some normal business of the club followed by a very interesting talk on Robert Louis Stevenson by Alison Reid which Kidnapped the audience. After the speaker, the 20 members and guests enjoyed their own Treasure Island with tea and cake.

Kinnesswood in Bloom

At the AGM on 1 October in the Well Inn, the Committee were unanimously re-elected. Finances were very healthy over the year but it was decided to discuss a fund raising event at the next meeting. There had been a great feeling of pride and achievement by those representing Kinnesswood in Bloom when receiving the awards at the Take A Pride in Perthshire award evening.

There are plans for art projects for next year and it's hoped to approach the Living Lomonds for support.

Work parties continue in this lovely autumn weather and most of the areas have been given an autumn clear up. The wild flower meadow has been cut back by John and Rory. There have been problems with the rowan trees at the golf course and various experts have been consulted about the best way to try to save them.

Our oat growing project at last reached a conclusion. Google had been consulted as to how to proceed. Stalks were stripped, the oats placed in a pillowcase and the grain beaten with a plastic baseball bat to help the grain separate. On a windy day, the oats were thrown in



the air and the chaff blew away, finally leaving the oats ready for the next stage. The children tried the old method of rubbing the grain between two flat stones but this was not very successful. At last an electric grinder was found and the class learned how oats turned into oat flour. Everyone had a go at pressing the button – a much easier process than rubbing two stones together. At last we had flour to make biscuits.

Much sieving of the flour followed and the baking attempt at school was very successful. How much flour did we produce? I would say about 200g, so the recipe was bolstered by oatmeal and flour. Did the children learn anything? I would say they definitely did and have a much better appreciation of producing food in the old days. Mrs Mossom is Australian and said our recipe was like Anzac Biscuits, so the recipe follows.



A work party at Raymond's garden

Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

Anzac Biscuits

Ingredients

- 150g plain flour (or mix of plain and oat flour)
- 90g rolled oats
- 1 cup desiccated coconut
- 100g brown sugar
- 125g butter
- 2 tablespoons golden syrup
- 2 tablespoons water
- ½ teaspoon bicarbonate of soda

Method

Preheat oven to 160°C.

Combine flour, oats, coconut and sugars in a large bowl. Stir the butter, golden syrup and water in a saucepan until the butter melts and the mixture is smooth. Stir in the bicarbonate of soda. Add to the oat mixture and stir till well combined. Roll into 24 balls and place 5cms apart on two baking trays lined with baking paper. Flatten till about 1cm thick. Bake for 15 minutes or until light brown in colour.

Newsletter note: Anzac biscuits are so called because of their association with the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) established in World War I. The biscuits were suitable for sending to soldiers abroad because the ingredients did not spoil easily and the biscuits kept well during transportation.



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Portmoak Community Woodland

Our apple identification afternoon in the Portmoak Community Orchard on Sunday 13 September went extremely well. The weather held and we had very good attendance with 70 people and four dogs.

The Bishopshire Institute of the Scottish Women's Institutes, 'the Rural', laid on a splendid tea with apple-themed cakes and tray bakes. We were also very grateful to Florence Thomson from Scotlandwell for donating a fantastic batch of toffee apples.

We had a queue of people clutching apple varieties, both ancient and modern, for identification by 'appletreeman', Andrew Lear from Bankfoot, in Perthshire. He also brought a large apple press so that, with lots of help from the children who came along, we were able

to convert many bagfuls of apples into delicious juice.

Alongside these activities, members of the Portmoak Community Woodlands Steering Group were scurrying up and down the orchard attaching labels to most of our trees so that, in future, we'll know what's what. There was a good crop of eaters and cookers and it's good to see that, since the event, people have been helping themselves, which is the whole point of a community orchard. Where possible, we have added information to the labels about which month is best for picking each variety and, as we have nearly 100 trees, there should always be apples ready from late summer till the end of the autumn. Everything was made easier on the day thanks to the newly cut grass, strimmed by Dave Carruthers.

The event was sponsored by the Living Lomonds Landscape Partnership with

matched funding from the community woodland group. We were also very grateful to Scotlandwell in Bloom for lending us their marquee.



'Appletreeman' Andrew Lear (centre) at the Portmoak Community Woodland event
Photo by Margaret Paton

Broke Not Broken: Kinross Food Bank

Image by Maisie Drummond, aged 8

We have been busy behind the scenes here, working hard at paperwork and networking. Our big news is that we have finally got our charitable status. This is a huge deal for us, and we couldn't have done it without the unwavering support of Tracey Ramsay.

This now means a massive surge forward looking at premises in order to have a safe and secure place for service users to come, and for us to store and distribute food from.

Another important aspect over the past few months has been making and strengthening bonds with our charities, community groups and foodbanks who are focused and experienced in helping their local communities.

If you feel you have skills or time to donate, we would love to hear from you!

We have lots of plans for other projects in the upcoming years: **Winter warmth:** distributing fuel to particularly elderly vulnerable people over the Winter.

Christmas hampers: food parcels with some seasonal items.

Starter packs: helping people furnish new homes in emergency cases.

Summer lunch scheme: packed lunches for children who usually rely on school dinners.

Collecting donations: We are once again starting to collect donations of food and will be in residence outside the Co-op in Kinross 10am-2pm **on the last Saturday of every month**. Our Facebook page will highlight items we are in particular need of before our collections.

We look forward to seeing you there. Every donation helps, no matter how small, and will go towards helping people struggling locally.



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Kinross Junior Agricultural Club

Well, that's Kinross JAC back in action for the winter and to kick it all off we had a new members night at Bowlplex. There were some new faces there, which is always good, with over 30 members attending.

Kinross took part in the east area hockey and football competitions held at the KGV and community campus, with both teams getting through to the nationals.

Our next meeting is stock judging at Dollarbank Farm by kind permission of the Cullens family and there is the east region quiz on 30 October.

For further information, look out for us on Facebook at Kinross and District JAC.



The JAC hockey team that made it through to the nationals

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Dobbies Community Champion

We are entering a busy and exciting time at Dobbies, with the run up to Christmas. In particular, we have several fundraising events at the store for our **National Charity, the Teenage Cancer Trust**.

We held a **charity night** on 8 October and we would like to thank Lesley Nelson and Christine MacAlpine from the Floral Art Club for their lovely flower arranging demonstrations. Thanks also to our teenage helpers from the High School who ran the tombola for us.

Santa will be arriving at the store at 11am on Sunday 22 November with entertainments and activities for children, including face painting and temporary tattoos. Entrance is free, and an event not to be missed for families with young children! **Santa will then be in his grotto** at weekends until Christmas from 11am until 4pm, and also in the week days before Christmas. Visits can be booked online at www.dobbies.com, or in the store, subject to availability.

Our Ladies Night will be on **Thursday 26 November**, from 5pm to 9pm, offering a raffle with entrance tickets which are only £1. There will be welcome drinks and food tasting, entertainments and local musicians, free beauty and pamper sessions, a mini craft fair with local crafters, and lots of ideas for decorating your home for Christmas! Tickets are available in store, again in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust. We look forward to welcoming you for a great festive evening!

I have also been busy with **community donations** under our **"Here we Grow"** programme, including plants for the refurbished areas in **Kinross High Street**, and bulbs and planters for the

new **Bloom group in Powmill. Gateside Primary School** are also learning about growing and the environment, with visits to the store, and I have donated some plants and tools to help with their wildlife garden project.

I have also worked with volunteers, pupils and parents at the **Department of Additional Support at Balwearie High School in Kirkcaldy with a large project creating a wildlife garden**, with a pond and bog garden, planting for pollinators and birds, and bird and insect feeders and homes.

The Little Seedlings Club enjoyed learning about the importance of water for plants in October, and at the November meeting on **1st November**, at 11am, will find out about how to help hedgehogs, and make a picture with autumn leaves. The December meeting on **6 December** at 11am, will

be a Christmas party, with a visit from a special festive guest! New members aged 4 to 10 are always welcome. Please contact the store on (01577) 863327 to leave a message for Amanda if you will be coming along.

School classes or other youth groups can also arrange a **visit and workshop** in the store under the **"Farm to Fork" initiative**, or I can visit them for a growing or wildlife workshop. I can also **visit or host adult community groups for a workshop e.g. about planting bulbs or making Christmas wreaths, and decorations with fresh greenery.**

For any enquiries about these programmes, please contact Amanda at the Kinross store, or via community. kinross@dobies.com.

With best wishes for a sparkling festive season from all at Dobbies,

Amanda James, Community Champion



Dobbies Community Champion Amanda James with some of the pupils, volunteers and Fife Flyers at the project in Kirkcaldy

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Kinross Camera Club

The new season is now in full swing and we have had two interesting talks. One was by Robin Gillanders of Edinburgh on The Constructed Portrait, which showed how portraits need not be close but can incorporate interesting and atmospheric elements. Our second speaker was Jeremy Sutton-Hibbert whose talk was titled 'Life in the Third'. He has travelled in many parts of the world and showed a series of pictures taken over several years, some from a Roma camp in Eastern Europe where he spent time as part of a five club competition.

As the holders of the trophy we had hoped to hold it for another year but were defeated into second place by Perth Civil Service Club.

We had an enjoyable in club evening where members who had previously entered prints talked about them and where and when they were taken.

The coming month includes:

- A talk on 'Sports Photography' from George Neilson;
- Club member Julie Close will describe her photography in 'Montage, Illusions and Myths';
- Ken Barclay, another member, will give a talk on 'Panoramas';
- David Hay, from Pitlochry, will judge our entries in League One, our first competition of the season.

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

Portmoak 100 Club

September Draw

1st	No 46	Simon Byford, Kilmagadwood
2nd	No 69	Joan Smith, Scotlandwell
3rd	No 52	Chris Cowe, Kinnesswood

Kinross-shire Day Centre

Our entertainments this month seem to be all of a musical nature, but all in different musical styles. On 1 October, we welcomed "The Disclaimers" from Auchtermuchty who gave us an afternoon of really good fun. They brought along their song-sheets and we all had a jolly good sing-along. On 8 October, we had a return visit from The Sabres with their mix of 60s and 70s music and this time there was a lot of dancing as well as singing. Doreen Arnott and friends from Fife then gave a concert on 12 October. They sang old and well-known songs from the shows and lots of Scottish songs. Thank you to all of these for sharing their love of entertainment with us. Each time, we went home humming a tune and with a smile on our faces.

Weren't we blessed with a beautiful day for the street party? Thank you to everyone who came in and had a cup of tea or a bowl of soup with us. We enjoyed meeting you all and raised an extra £362 for Day Centre funds. Remember that our coffee bar is open every day from 8.30am to 4pm for drinks, snacks or a main meal. Our service-users love to see other members of the community popping in for a coffee or lunch break and your custom provides valuable income for us. Other funders always like to hear that the community supports us, and coming in for a coffee does just that. Thank you to all our regulars who support us in this way, and we look forward to welcoming new faces.

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 106.

Kinross-shire Historical Society



On 19 October, the Society met for the first evening of the winter programme. Many members were welcomed back, along with some new members and visitors. At the start of the evening, Robin Eadie, President, paid tribute to the late Mary Muirhead, for many years a member of the Society's committee. He recalled some of the many groups to which she belonged and also her sense of humour and – once a teacher, always a teacher – her attention to grammatical correctness. A great reader, she hadn't quite moved into the electronic age. A book of her memories should be ready for printing soon. All in all, she was a Kinross 'institution'.

Kevin Thompson, the speaker, was making a return visit to the Society. This time, his subject was the History of Scotland in Song. He took the members through some of the gory events in the country's history from Flodden, through Mary Queen of Scots, Bonnie Dundee, the Battle of Killiecrankie, Glencoe and Culloden, all of which ended in defeat. He had a song for each one. He finished the evening on a high with the morale-boosting history surrounding Bannockburn and 'Scots wha hae' as its musical support. The members enjoyed joining in with the songs throughout the evening.

On behalf of the Society, Anne Milburn gave the vote of thanks. She thanked Kevin Thompson for an excellent evening during which everyone there must have learned something new about the history of Scotland and also that it had been quite moving to hear the singing during the talk. She finished with the title of another song: 'Will ye no come back again?'

For Society's programme, see page 99.

Kinross & District Rotary Club

Since the last Newsletter, the club has completed a little bit of inward reflection in the form of a Visioning Session. What is Visioning? Visioning is a facilitator-led exercise where we looked at the club, its members and its ambitions for the next few years. We talked about who we are, where we are and where we want to be. The aim of the process is to agree strategic goals and objectives for the upcoming years and agree on where we want to take the club and how we are going to get there. Key aspects that were discussed were things like membership, our fundraising projects and club administration. It was an enjoyable evening and there are some key steps we now need to take to put ideas and plans into action. Watch this space for more information as the club, with assistance from our Development Team, take things forward.

The club's Vocational and Youth committee have had a busy month setting up and assisting with several Rotary led school and youth initiatives. There will be Young Chef and Young Writer competitions coming up and applications for Euroscola have been called for. Rotary Youth Leadership Awards will be kicking off after the October break also and early November will see the S6 pupils partaking in 'mock' job interviews. All these programmes show the strong link between the Rotary Club and Kinross High School.

Socially, the club has had great outings this month too. A visit was made to the Eden Brewery, where their techniques were viewed and products sampled. (Quite a few of their products sampled, by the sounds of things.) The trip was such a success that we are planning another to investigate their gin and whisky making techniques too. Later the group adjourned to lunch at the St Andrews Links Club House. Recently a group attended an evening at the Boathouse Restaurant where they met 'Willie the Ghillie'. Willie gave an interesting talk on the history of Loch Leven, in particular the fish and animal life that thrives in and around the loch. This was followed by an excellent supper and a question and answer session.

A recent guest speaker at the club was fellow Rotarian from Perth, Alec McDougal. Alec is Manager of the Perth branch of Handelsbanken. This is a bank with a difference where the emphasis is on the customer and providing a local, personalised service. No advertising and no call centres - not something most of us would associate with the other major banks, I suspect. Alec came across as a man knowledgeable and passionate about his job and customer service. You can find out more about Handelsbanken and their 'the branch is the bank' attitude to banking at their website www.handelsbanken.co.uk/perth.

Speakers we are looking forward to at our club meetings in the next few weeks include Bill Nicols' talk on the life of a BBC News International Cameraman (9/11/15) and Gordon Smart talking about his role as Editor of the Scottish Sun. (23/11/15). If you are interested in either of these talks, or coming along to find out more about Rotary, drop an e-mail to our Secretary Brian at: brian.timms230@btinternet.com Next, our regular feature is taking shape. We would like to introduce to you our current club President, Cliff Megginson....



Kinross and District Rotary Club Meet & Greet

Name: Cliff Megginson.

Age: 56.

Occupation: Electrician.

How long have you been with the Rotary Club of Kinross? Six years.

Why did you become involved in Rotary? I thought it was a good way of meeting people of different backgrounds to myself in the Kinross area. When I learnt of the charitable work that Rotary does locally and internationally, I was keen to get involved.

What was your first impression? I was impressed that local people were helping to make a difference worldwide.

What surprised you? I was surprised I did not know about this already.

What is the best thing you have done with Rotary since joining? Helping raise money to benefit local charities.

If you could change one thing about Rotary, what would it be? I would like to change the perception Rotary has in the community.

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

They say they didn't realise that is what Rotary does.

What would to someone who is thinking of joining?

Come along to a meeting and you will be made welcome by one and all. You will also find out what we as a club do for the local community and also worldwide.

What do you wish other people knew about Rotary?

Rotary's involvement in helping rid the world of Polio. At the moment there are still cases left, but this is in the Pakistan area where the fighting is making it difficult to get everyone immunised.

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Kinross in Bloom

Autumn brought with it some warm and sunny days, in contrast to some of the miserable weather before it, and although nights were a bit chilly, it was nice to feel the warmth of the sun whilst working outdoors, and the hanging baskets and tubs kept their colour right to the end of the season.

October was quite a busy month for the "Bloom", starting with the Street Party to celebrate the reopening of the High Street. Arrangements were made with the Shaw Trust at Westbank Nurseries to supply floral planters to decorate the stage area, and thanks to Dobbies Community Champion, a donation of plants was made to decorate the fountain, which incidentally is hopefully going to be refurbished in the near future. We also had a stall at the Church Centre where we displayed some photographs of various planters about town, and had some small plants for sale.

At our polytunnel, the Polyanthus plants are ready to plant out, and miniature daffodils and tulips have been potted up ready to be inserted into the tubs, which should give us a bright show in Spring.

1000 daffodil bulbs have been planted along the grass verge on the Sainsbury side of the new roundabout at Station Road/Springfield Road, thanks to PKC Justice Department's Community Payback Team.

At the Church Centre, Raintons the contractor cleared out the old flower beds, relaid some paving slabs, and re-paved the walkway, ready for us to install new planters and to have them planted up for Spring.

Planters have also been delivered and planted out at the War Memorial. Our 200 Club season began again, and the September winners are:

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| 1. 45 Catriona McLeod | 2. 12 Molly Dobson |
| 3. 78 Moira Hookham | 4. 70 Mr & Mrs Wallace |

October winners:

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. 56 Edith Oswald | 2. 19 Linda Fowler |
| 3. 57 David & Pat Payne | 4. 62 Aileen Sorbie |

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 4 November.



Kinross and District Town Twinning Association

A special war-time reflection of the impact on both Kinross and Gacé will be held on **Wednesday 11 November** in St Paul's Church Hall, starting at 7.30pm, followed by the Association's Annual General Meeting to which all are welcome to attend.

Kinross and District Town Twinning Association Chairperson Jeannie Paterson looks back at school exchanges between Kinross and our twin town of Gacé in a special feature by Kinross High School in this issue of the Newsletter. (See page 72.)

With Gacéans due to visit Kinross in the summer of 2016, this is the ideal opportunity to make new links or renew the "auld acquaintances."



Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club

The next club meeting is on **Thursday 5 November** when the speaker will be Mr Michael Bryant talking on "Sainsbury's".



Away Days in November

Thursday 12th James Pringle, Leith

Thursday 26th Almondvale and McArthur Glen

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: £30 deposit due on each holiday booking.

Friday Walkers in November

6th Clackmannan to Kennet Pans and return

20th Blairingone to Tillicoultry (a new one-way walk)

Contact: Ian Simpson on 01577 863691.

Friday Hill Walkers in November

13th TBA Bill 0900

27th Frandy round trip Lindsay 0900

Activities

The following are open to all members of the Club:

Carpet Bowls: Meet Monday at 2pm in Millbridge Hall. Contact Helen Duncan, 01577 863638.

Craft Group meets Wednesday at 2pm in Millbridge Hall. Contact Elizabeth Smith, 01577 861387.

Fly Tyers meet each Monday in Millbridge Hall. Contact Ian Campbell, 01577 830582.

L.U.S.T. The slimmers meet each Thursday, 9.30am to 10.30am, in the Millbridge Hall. Contact Norma Anderson, 01577 863548.

Line Dancing every Tuesday and Friday at 10.30am in the Millbridge Hall. Contact Betty Fergus, 01577 866961.

Keep Fit class meets every Tuesday at 2pm in the Masonic Hall. Contact Val Oswald, 01577 864020.

Potager Garden

www.potagergardenkinross.com

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped at our Big Coffee morning for **Macmillan Cancer Support** on 26 September, which raised £150.

Many thanks, too, to **John Webster**, who has repointed the front wall of the garden for us, at no cost.

Next year, the garden will be 20 years old, and we will be planning a special celebration for this. **We would love to hear from any original or past volunteers at the garden who would like to celebrate with us.**

We are again planning two **workshops to make your own Christmas wreath**, which have proved very popular in recent years. The wreaths last for several weeks outside. **For £15, we provide an oasis ring, a demonstration and advice, and plenty of different greenery.** You just bring gloves, scissors and any sparkly or natural decorations which you would like to include. The sessions will be at **Crook of Devon Village Hall on Thursday 10 December**, 1pm-2.45pm, and 7 – 8.45 in the evening. **Booking is essential;** please contact Amanda James before 30 November.

We have also been asked to provide a wreath workshop in Gateside as part of a special village celebration there.

With best wishes from all at the Potager Garden for the approaching festive season.

Amanda James (01577) 840809
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Submit requests to the Kinross-shire Round Table: kinrossdragons@gmail.com. Applications must be received by Monday 28th December 2015 for consideration.



Santa's Sleigh 2015

Santa will be flying through the streets of Kinross-shire this year between 6 - 9pm (Kinross North 3 - 7pm). Check out our Facebook page for route details and times.

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So it was, then, that 7am on Wednesday 7 October saw me sallying forth through the autumnal mist towards Loch Leven's Larder for the first of these lively and enjoyable winter networking meetings. A mix of familiar and unfamiliar faces were already chatting over orange juice, tea or coffee when I arrived, and it was great to catch up with regulars and make the acquaintance of the newcomers, who were rapidly made to feel welcome.

Over the ensuing full Scottish breakfast, which Loch Leven's Larder do so well, attendees were able to exchange news of their businesses as well as their various summer exploits before facilitator Sid Grant invited each of the entrepreneurs present to introduce themselves and their business to the assembled breakfasters.

Listening to the personal introductions is often one of the most interesting parts of these networking events, and this time proved to be no exception. The businesses represented were, as usual, fascinatingly diverse – a logistics consultant, a tyre specialist, a landscape gardener, a web designer, the manager of the local Learning Centre, a chimney sweep, a photographer, a life coach, a cleaning company, an accountant, a caterer... and so the list goes on.

All these local businesspeople have one thing in common: the desire to share with potential clients – some of whom who might well tell other potential clients when they return to their own businesses – about the benefits of their products and services.

But it should be emphasised that the Partnership's Business Breakfasts are more than just a self-promotion platform: they also offer an excellent forum for information exchange and the opportunity to find out what is happening locally in the business community.

A speaker of local relevance is generally invited to make a brief presentation after the breakfast, and the speaker at the next networking event, at Loch Leven's Larder at 7.30am on **Wednesday 4 November**, has already been confirmed as **Mid-Scotland and Fife MSP Mr Willie Rennie**.

If you have any questions you'd like to ask Willie or if you'd welcome the opportunity to introduce your company to other local businesses and hear about local developments that might affect you, please email Kinross-shire Partnership's administrator Karen Grunwell at mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk to book your place now.

To allow you to plan your diary ahead, you may also wish to note that December's speaker will be the new head teacher of **Kinross High School, Mrs Sarah Brown**, who will share with us her vision for the school on **Wednesday 2 December** at 7.30am.

Organisations of all sizes and types are most welcome to attend the breakfasts, with the cost being £10 per head for members and £15 for non-members. This offers excellent value, as it covers not only a superb full Scottish breakfast but also 75 minutes of networking with like-minded local entrepreneurs.

Karen Elwis

Kinross-shire Time Exchange

The busy late summer months of August and September have seen all involved in setting up Kinross-shire's own Time Exchange eagerly awaiting news of people registering and exchanging time credits for help received.

'Hanging out' at the Day Centre in Kinross and at Common Grounds in Milnathort allowed us a trial run and enabled us to speak to people who might be interested in becoming members of Time Exchange. Meeting interested people one-to-one, wherever we found them, helped to get the word out too. And so, as we move into the clear and frosty days of Autumn, it is a delight to pass on good news: there are now 35 individuals and local groups signed up as members of Kinross-shire Time Exchange, with 110+ credited hours logged by people who have begun to seek and offer help.

Topping the list of requests for help has been assistance with gardening tasks, followed by car care, admin/filing, IT, TV tuning, pet care, helping with or hosting meetings and providing a listening ear prior to decision making. Skills offered are very varied and almost without limit. And those who have registered as members are keen to be asked to use their skills, all in the cause of supporting the community of Kinross-shire as a friendly and compassionate county.

During the coming months, you can meet us and learn more about Time Exchange by dropping into the Library at Loch Leven Campus on the first and third Saturday mornings of each month. We will be there between 10am and noon. We will also be at the Court House coffee shop each Monday from 9.30 to 11.30. Look out for our banner and come and chat.

For those who have registered as members, we will be hosting a 'get-together' on Saturday 14 November, 10am to 1pm. This will be a chance to meet fellow Time Exchangers, find out a bit more about what this project offers our local community, hear how people have experienced being part of the Time Exchange in its first months and swap ideas to help us grow.

And, one more piece of good news! We now have three part time brokers working to connect people to the Time Exchange and the Time Exchange to people. Barbara, Linda and Jane are the team of brokers, ably assisted by the members of the management committee whose commitment to the project is so vital to its existence.

So, let's meet up soon – either at the Library on Saturday mornings or for a coffee at the Court House on Monday mornings!

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Kinross High School French Exchange

Kinross High School has a long-standing tradition of language exchanges, which provide rich learning and cultural experiences. During these exchanges pupils, parents, visitors and our community partners work together to have fun, share experiences and develop friendships. For this edition of the Kinross Newsletter, I have chosen to focus on the recent French Exchange and provide readers with perspectives from pupils, teachers and our Town Twinning Association.



*Sarah Brown,
Headteacher and Campus Leader*

Stage 1: The trip to France

On 2 June 2015, a group of thirty-two Kinross HS pupils left for Gacé on the annual French Exchange trip. We were all hugely excited although a little nervous about meeting our exchange partners and their families for the first time but, without exception, our hosts were at all times extremely welcoming. During the week we were there we experienced the day-to-day activities of French family life. With our partners and their families, we ate together, spoke French and discovered that their daily routine was, in many ways, very different to ours. Getting up for school, which starts at 8.30 and does not finish until 4.45, took a bit of adjusting to, but we enjoyed going to lessons and not having to wear school uniform! We went on several excursions, one to a local “fromagerie” where we saw how some of the better-known Normandy cheeses such as Camembert are made, and also got the chance to visit a “chocolaterie” where we learned how to make chocolates, and even got to sample some!

With our French partners, we had a day out in Caen and a very interesting and moving visit to the gun battery at Merville-Franceville where British paratroopers carried out a heroic mission on the dawn before D-Day (June, 1944). We also got the chance to visit Paris, which, for most of us, was the highlight of the trip, as we got to climb the Eiffel Tower and visit other famous monuments with the sun shining on us all day.

At the weekend, a “soirée” was organised by the school where a seemingly endless supply of food was served and where we mingled and chatted and danced with our partners whose families also came along.

I would recommend that any pupil studying French at the school considers taking part in the French Exchange when they get the chance to do so. Our visit to France was an amazing experience and one which has provided us all with wonderful friends, with whom we will undoubtedly remain in touch in the years to come.

by Emma McNaughton, S4

Stage 2: French pupils in Kinross

When the French group from Gacé came to Kinross it was very exciting because we were finally going to be able to introduce the French students to our own families and way of life. We had already met our partners in France, and our stay had been brilliant. Once again, everyone was nervous because there was a lot of expectation but we wanted to see our partners again, so the excitement balanced our nerves!



The bus was delayed coming to Kinross so we had some time to wait and for the tension to build. When the bus eventually arrived and the French students stepped off, everything suddenly felt very real. The first moment meeting our partners once again was a little awkward but the ice was quickly broken.

The first night was weird because we hadn't seen our partners in so long; it was going to take some getting used to. The next morning was unusual in that most of us were actually looking forward to going to school! It was very interesting because our partners thought the school was amazing and really modern compared to their own.

On the Thursday night we hosted a ceilidh for the French students to experience. Local accordionist, Bill Smith, played Scottish music and everyone danced the traditional Scottish dances. Food was brought from each hosting family for a large buffet that everyone loved. Midway through the evening Nicholas Baughan played the violin accompanied by Mr Becher on the guitar. The night was enjoyed by everyone! On Monday the full group gathered together to go to Edinburgh. We went to Dynamic Earth. All the Scottish pupils thought it was really fun and interesting. The French pupils had difficulty understanding the audio commentaries but it was quite a visual experience so they enjoyed it too!

Afterwards we all walked up the Royal Mile to the Castle for a view of Edinburgh and to admire the Castle from the Esplanade. We then all walked together to Princes Street for an afternoon of exploring everything that the New Town has to offer. Thus it was that we spent most of the afternoon with our partners and their friends traipsing in and out of the many souvenir shops!

The next morning we had to get up early to bid goodbye to our partners. It was very emotional and many of us cried as this may be the last time we see them for some time.

Taking part in the French Exchange was an experience of a lifetime and, if it were possible, we would all really love to do it again NEXT year!

by Amy Broadhurst, S4

The perspective of the teacher of English in France

As an English teacher at Collège Jean Moulin in Gacé, I firmly believe that the exchange with Kinross High School is an initiative of immense value to our pupils. The links that have existed for many years between our schools are very strong and have enabled many pupils from our school to improve their language skills, to discover another country (for the first time in many cases) and another culture. The opportunity they have to communicate with Scottish students is unique as it makes them practise their English in a more “authentic” context.

Taking part in the exchange requires a great investment from the children, their host families, the teachers who organise it, and the Twinning Association who has been supporting it for a long time now. I hope that the exchange will continue for many years to come and that many other pupils from Gacé and Kinross will get the opportunity to live and benefit from this great experience.

*Stéphanie Lajoie,
Teacher of English, Collège Jean Mouline, Gacé*

The perspective of the Town Twinning Association

In 1990, over 100 pupils from the music department at Kinross High School, led by Graham Norris, visited Gacé, where they performed at a number of concerts. The next year

the accordion band from Gacé travelled to Kinross where they performed locally a few times.

Marie-France Brodin, the wife of the president of the Jumelage committee, Michel, is an accordion player and music teacher. They have accompanied the school exchange on a number of occasions. The exchanges with the language department followed, and regular exchanges have taken place since. The current Mayor of Gacé, Françoise Dreux, was a school exchange pupil.

The Town Twinning Association has always supported this exchange with regular help at ceilidhs and gifts such as the banners for the school music stands. During the 1990s there was work experience for some of the pupils in shops in Gacé and Kinross and senior pupils from both places took advantage of this. We in the Twinning Association see the benefits of this after years of exchanges, with participants returning singly rather than in family groups. Social media links are a modern dimension which keep youngsters in touch and they get to know a little about each other before they meet.

I joined the group in France last year and spent time with this year's exchange group. The happy chatter when they meet to share the events of the previous evening is lovely to hear. I find it difficult to decide who is French and who is Scottish!

In 2016 it will be 40 years since the first visit from Gacé to Kinross. If you have enjoyed having young people visiting for the school exchange, why not invite them and their families back for next year's celebrations? Perhaps you were involved in a school exchange in the past and would like to invite your partner to visit next year and renew old friendships. It is a wonderful and enriching way of making friends and sharing our cultures and ways of life and can thoroughly recommend it.

*Jeannie Paterson, Chairperson,
Kinross and District Town Twinning Association*



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Two of the objectives of Kinross High School

Parent Council are to promote partnership between the school, its pupils, its parents and the local community; and to develop and engage in activities which support the education and welfare of the pupils. At the end of the 2014 school year the Parent Council ran a successful Jobs Fair which we believe met both these objectives. We had fantastic support from parents and others in our school community and with around 400 pupils attending had some fantastic feedback. This was an informal event, with the emphasis on pupils being able to chat to real people doing a wide variety of real jobs. We aimed to open the eyes of pupils to as wide a range of jobs as possible, some of which they might not have realised even existed. We are currently organising a similar event, to take place in early 2016. Would you consider taking part to speak to pupils about what your job? If so, please contact the Clerk as above.

The Parent Council holds six evening meetings each school year at KHS Campus. 2015/16 session's meetings are still to take place on **10 November, 11 January, 8 March, 9 May and 14 June**. Any parent or guardian of a KHS pupil is welcome to come along. If you would like to join us, please contact the Clerk beforehand to confirm that the meeting is going ahead as planned.

Parents are important and make a real difference to children's learning. When everyone involved in school life works together our whole school community can do better and achieve more. KHS Parent Council is part of this. Information about meetings and the Parent Council generally is available on the KHS website. Even if you cannot commit the time to join us, if there is ever a general issue you would like raised about the school, please contact the Clerk with details and it can be discussed. Specific issues relating to individual pupils should always be raised directly with the School in the first instance.

Current office bearers of the Parent Council are William Nicholls (Chair), Kay Mitchell (Vice Chair) and Allan Miller (Treasurer).

Milnathort Primary School

Christmas Fair

The Primary School will be holding its annual Christmas Fair this year on **Saturday 5 December**, 10am-12noon.

This year the Fair will include craft and pocket money stalls, cake and candy, Pick & Mix, Tombolas, Raffle, shopping stalls and new for this year – Santa's Grotto! Children can come and meet the jolly man himself and receive an early Christmas Gift.

The Fair will cost £2 entry for adults (includes tea/coffee) and children are free.

Put 5 December, 10-12noon into your diary and we'll see you at Milnathort Primary School for some Christmas cheer!

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Kinross Rugby Club

Seniors

The 1st XV continue to do well in the Caledonia District League, currently sitting in the top half of the table. The team are doing well this season with younger players coming through the ranks. A number of recent fixtures have been held on a Friday night at the KGV, and with more fixtures (as listed below) prior to Christmas, why not come along and support your local rugby team?

The club are constantly on the lookout for new players of all ages and abilities; if you fancy a run around or some competitive rugby, we train on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7pm at the KGV playing fields in Kinross.

Forthcoming fixtures are:

Saturday 14 November	v Alloa	(away)
Saturday 21 November	v Grangemouth	(home)
Saturday 12 December	v Blairgowrie	(home)
Saturday 19 December	v Madras	(home)

All kick off at 2pm.

Kinross Rugby Club are also baring all this year in their 2016 'Kits Off for Kinross' calendar. Calendars will be available to purchase from mid-November at £6 each to raise funds for the club as it moves into its 35th year. We will be using the funds to build an on-site gym and provide players with year round training facilities. Keep your eyes peeled for current and past players/members in all their glory.

If you are looking for a venue for your Christmas party, why not book the rugby club? We offer competitive rates, and a smart venue. For more details, call into the club on a Saturday from 1pm.

Youth and Junior Section

The minis section (school year primary 1 to 7) are now well into their season, with a number of matches having been played.

P1 and P2 play fun rugby based games, and do not take part in matches. P3 to P7 age play regular matches and this season our P3 age have started brightly, with some excellent performances. P3 rugby is touch, with no contact. From P4 to P7 we play contact rugby and have already this season attended tournaments in Melrose and our own at Kinross.

At Melrose, all teams played well, but particular mention needs to go to the P6 squad who came home as tournament winners, having played four pool matches including Kelso

and Peebles and then Melrose in the final.

We hosted our own tournament on 4 October, where some 400 children took part from as far as field as the borders, Stonehaven and Glasgow. Particular thanks must go the group of organising parents, who ensured that the day went without and problems and in particular parking around Kinross which was trouble free. The club wish to thank the PKC parking department for their assistance in marshalling the car parking at the event.

We are keen to attract new members to the minis section and train on Saturday mornings from 10.30am till 11.30am (P1-3) and 10.30am till 12pm (P4-7).



Kinross minis P6 squad, with the Melrose RFC tournament trophy

The club has an S1/S2 school year team up and running with excellent numbers, and regular matches arranged. The club have played one match of late v Dunfermline and ran out convincing winners. A number of school matches were then arranged, and now we are moving back into club fixtures. All players are welcome regardless of ability. The midis train on a Tuesday night from 7-8pm.

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Exciting NEW opportunity to develop sport for all in the Kinross community

Meeting on Tuesday 24 November

My name is Kirsteen Ross and I am the newly appointed Community Sport Hub Officer for Perth and Kinross. I would like to invite all clubs and members of the community that are interested in making our town more active to attend a consultation meeting on **Tuesday 24 November** at Loch Leven Community Campus at 6.30pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to explain the community sport hub concept, understand how we can engage with our local clubs and the wider population to identify what sporting and physical activity opportunities the local community would like available to enable us to grow participation, and help to make Kinross and the surrounding area more active.

Community Sport Hubs is one of the initiatives of the Scottish Government's 2014 Legacy Plan; a national project, led by **sportscotland**, to increase the number of people of all ages participating in sport in communities in Scotland. The idea behind a hub is for all organisations and parties interested and involved in sport within a facility or locality to work together to share good practice, expertise, knowledge and resources, to provide the unified voice for improving sport and widening sporting opportunities in the local community.

This is an open meeting and everyone is welcome to attend. Should you wish further information on the Kinross sport consultation meeting, or how you can get involved in the Community Sport Hub initiative, please contact pkcsport@pkc.gov.uk or call 01738 472245.




Kirsteen Ross,
Community Sport
Hub Officer



Bishopshire Badminton Club

The new season has just started, playing on Mondays from 8pm at Portmoak Hall near Scotlandwell.

We are a small but vibrant club and new members are most welcome to join us.



Please contact our Secretary, Clare Abbott, on 07734 933161, or email clareabbott@clareabbott.co.uk, or simply come along to Portmoak Hall any Monday evening.



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Milnathort

It is hard to believe that our season is complete, our closing day being on 3 October. A glorious day saw approximately 20 members turn up to play in this fundraising game. Nearly £80 was raised, so a big thank to these members. (Numbers were down due to clashing with the Big Street Party and other commitments.) This money is combined with the efforts raised from our opening game then split between the RNLI and the Blind Bowlers, the charities we have supported for numerous years. Thanks to those members and helpers on these days with the post-game catering as well; always appreciated.

Our 125th year has been successful, seeing the Club win 18 of our 22 friendly inter-club games (not that winning matters of course!) Each game has been enjoyable and seen new friendships made and others strengthened.

Our own internal competitions were competitively fought. Congratulations to all the winners and for the rest, like me, there is always next year. A list of main competition winners will follow.

The club doesn't hibernate over the winter, our activities just change. A Thursday afternoon sees some of members change sport to darts and table tennis. We also have bingo on a monthly basis, which is open to non-members. It is usually on a Wednesday evening. Notices do go up, so keep your eyes peeled if interested.

The Club Presentation Dance is on **Saturday 21 November** for all members and their guests; tickets available through the committee.

The AGM is on Sunday 29 November at 2pm sharp. **All members are requested to attend.**

We, as a committee, would like to build on the success of this year but we need present members to continue to take an active role in this development and help secure the future of the club for at least another 25 years.

Kinross Otters

League News

As expected, the Otters **Premier Division** team came third overall for the year with another third place in Dundee on 19 September behind League winners Dundee City Aquatics and Menzieshill/Whitehall. A bonus was our 10- and 11-year-old girls, who won their category and are the fastest 10/11 Girls team in Tayside. Very well done to **Emily Cumming, Zoe Finlay, Anna Pakravan, Maeve Pakravan and Grace Ritchie.**

More disappointing was our **First Division** team who came another valiant fourth on 26 September, but this was not enough to save them from last place overall (fifth) and probable relegation (a few details to be sorted out at a District meeting in November).

Warm Weather Training Camp – Torremolinos 2015

At the time of writing, 16 of the Otters best swimmers, three coaches and a team manager are out in Torremolinos, Spain, for an intensive warm weather training camp. They will be completing two separate two-hour pool sessions and a one-hour land training session per day. That should equate to well over 40 miles in the pool alone! Don't think they will need rocked off to sleep!

Good luck to them all and we look forward to some startling personal bests in the near future.



Fencing

After winning gold at the Scottish Fencing Championship in June, **Rhys Barbour** from Scotlandwell has continued his successful season by winning the Leon Paul Junior Series under 13 boys foil fencing event held in Newcastle. Rhys competed with opponents from all over Britain and remained undefeated in all preliminary and knock out fights to win gold in a closely fought final.



Rhys Barbour (far right), winner of the Leon Paul Junior Series U13 boys foil event

Rhys trains at West Fife Fencing Club at Queen Anne High School in Dunfermline. The club meets three nights a week: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. WFFC welcomes fencers from the age of six upwards. We have a broad range of abilities within our membership, from absolute beginners to members of Great Britain and Scottish squads. You don't need any equipment, as all equipment is provided for those who need it. Your first night is free and club fees are £19 per month.

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Kinross Hockey Club

Ladies Teams

It has been a rather less successful month for the ladies' teams this month. A combination of the quality of topflight national hockey and an injury-laden pool of players has resulted in our first team losing both their games since the last report. Edinburgh University was our opponent on both occasions, firstly losing 7 - 0 to their seconds, and then 6 - 2 to their thirds three weeks later. Both were hard-fought games, so it was with a sense of justice that both Gail Nelson and Chelle Best netted goals in the latter game.

The ripple effect of supporting the firsts has given some second players the opportunity to play at national level. This has, however, impacted on the strength of team the seconds have been able to field. University teams have been challenging opposition for both teams so far this season, with the seconds losing 2 - 0 to Stirling University seconds and having a goalless draw against St Andrews University fourths. Our start in the League Cup was against one of the District's toughest teams, Perthshire firsts, sadly losing that game 9 - 0. The season is young and although we've got off to a sticky start, there's plenty of time left to get goals on the scoresheet! This weekend our firsts host Dundee University firsts, and our seconds host Blairgowrie – here's hoping the home advantage will bring us a victory all round!



Kinross Kobras Junior Hockey

There was success for many of the Kinross players who played for Midland District teams in the recent Interdistrict Tournaments held at the National Hockey Centre in Glasgow. Cameron Banks and David McIntyre were in the winning U18 Boys team and Lucy Smith, together with a few ex-Kobras, won the U16 Girls. Alex Wilson played for the U16 Boys and Hannah Marchant played for a combined Midlands/East/West team in the U16 Girls competition.



Cameron Banks and David McIntyre

Training for the other Kobras is ongoing, with the first junior tournaments scheduled for November.

For other juniors interested in hockey, the training sessions are on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6.30-7.30pm. Beginners are welcome.

Volleyball

Kinross Lift Both Cups

Both League Cup competitions in the Perth District League were won by Kinross teams as the local District Volleyball League got underway in September.

The newly formed Kinross High School boys' team played their first matches in the District Recreational League, winning all their games to win the League Cup for the first time.

Also competing in the Recreational League were Kinross BB Wildcats and Kinross Mongrels.

In the Premier League Cup competition, Kinross Scotrange won a close fought final against Team Fife to make it two out

of two for Kinross and a great start to the new season.

The newly formed boys' Junior National League team who are all under 16 have played two rounds of fixtures in the under 18 league and have done well, winning two sets so far in this very competitive national competition. This should stand them in good stead when the under 16 league starts in December. It is also hoped to enter a girls' under 16 team in the Junior National League.

Training has resumed after the school October break at the campus on Monday evenings from 8pm till 9.45pm. New members welcome, any age, any condition – just come along and have fun.



The winning Kinross High School boys' team



The Kinross BB Wildcats team

Kinross Swimmers

Hi, folks. Over the winter months we are having another session of TI swimming to be taken once again by Fraser. This is a different and easily learned technique aimed at improving your front crawl which is intended to make that stroke easier to do well and you more efficient as a swimmer. This style is equally suited to both less and more experienced crawlers and every swimmer can benefit from this training. Fraser intends to start his sessions, in a couple of lanes, from 15 November, starting at the beginning for those that haven't done this before. This would be a great chance if you're looking to come along to the pool and is actually something for nothing. Thanks to Ginny who has completed our second CSS (Critical Swim Speed) timings so that everyone with a time should have an idea of how they are progressing (or in my case not), and be aware how hard they could/should be working in any session. Anyone looking for their result can see either myself or Ginny and we can pass it on.

New swimmers continue to be most welcome to come along; we meet every Tuesday evening at the pool at Loch Leven Leisure Centre for a pool start at 8pm, swimming until 9pm where our intention is to improve the stroke, stamina and style of those attending so that any other swimming is more



worthwhile, effective and enjoyable. We welcome anyone looking to improve their swimming for whatever reason; all we ask is that you can complete four lengths. Experienced swimmers looking for a friendly but directed extra session are especially welcome.

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

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Business Challenge

We have a new competition at the curling rink, where we are encouraging local businesses to enter a team. The session is aimed at providing an opportunity for team building. It is ideal for inexperienced curlers; in fact, there can only be one regular curler in each team. The most successful rinks from each session will be invited to a finals evening. The next sessions available are on 13 November. Contact the ice rink by phone or email (see above).

Junior Classic and international curlers

At the beginning of October, 88 of the best junior curlers from across Scotland took part in the Asham U21 Junior Classic at Kinross. The feedback about the ice and the hospitality at the rink was first class. The quality of ice has attracted Olympic curlers to the rink to practise and prepare for the national championships.

Ladies Senior Pairs

Eight teams took part in this Schenkel format competition, held on 1 October and organised by the Kinross & District Ladies Branch (KDLB) with sponsorship by John Drysdale Agricultural Engineers. The runners up were Pat MacFarlane and Claire Paton and the winners were Sue Cameron and Angela Wilcox.



Angela Wilcox and Sue Cameron, Ladies Senior Pairs winners

Photo by Eileen Thomas

Kinross Ladies Open

Another Schenkel format competition organised by KDLB, the Ladies Open, sponsored by Brian Johnston Pharmacy, Cardenden, was held on 13 October. Fourteen teams played three games each and enjoyed a great day of curling. Runners up were Ann-Maree Davidson, Liz Paul, Margaret Cairns and Anne Hewitt. The winners were the only undefeated team, local curlers Liz Glennie, Maggie Scott, Jane Drysdale and Eileen Thomas.

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Fossoway Curling Club

The new season has now started with our opening bonspiel being played on Sunday 27 September. The winners were Tom McColgan's rink who scored a massive 18 shots to win The Shand Shield.

Fossoway are a friendly local curling club based in Crook of Devon although our members come from far and wide. We play mostly at Kinross with a few games in Perth. We are always looking for new members, both beginners and experienced, who will find a warm welcome waiting. Coaching is available free of charge. Contact Alan on 840695 or Willie on 840405 for details. Or email fossowaysecretary@yahoo.co.uk

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Lochleven Diamonds

Lochleven Diamonds recently held their annual display and awards day at Strathearn Community Campus along with Turleum Twirlstars and Fair City Baton Twirlers. Following an impressive display from all three teams, the awards were handed out. Twirler of the Year and Best Attendance went to Sophie Baxter and Most Improved to Rachael Mears. All the girls received an award for their hard work during the year.



Sophie Baxter (first left) and Rachael Mears (second left) won awards

The following week they attended a competition in Edinburgh and their results were:

Age 7 Beginner Rachael Mears 2nd Fancy, 1st Solo twirl

Age 12/13 Beginner Sophie Baxter 1st Basic, 1st Fancy, 1st Solo Twirl

Age 13/14 Novice Emma Grehan 6th Basic, 6th Fancy.

The girls are always looking for new members. Come along to Lochleven Campus on a Wednesday night from 6pm till 8pm and join in this sport. The first night is free, thereafter £4 per class. We fundraise for costumes and tracksuits. If you require more information, find us on Facebook or text Morag on 07730255869 and I will get back to you.

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Kinross Tennis Club

We are well into Autumn, and Winter is coming up soon, but this does not mean the end of the tennis season!



Many hardy souls are continuing to play, with Club Nights continuing on Wednesday evenings (1830hrs) and Competitive Tennis starting up again on Thursday evenings (1900hrs) now we have floodlights on all three courts. Tokens for the floodlights are available from most committee members. Sunday Morning social tennis will also take place from 10.30am plus there is also a special session on Thursdays at 1.30pm most weeks, which is also open to non-members to come and try for a nominal fee.

Junior Coaching will be offering winter indoor coaching again at Loch Leven Community Campus on Tuesdays from 5pm through to 7pm in the small sports hall. The first block is Tuesday 3 November through to 8 December (six weeks) and the second block from Tuesday 5 January through to 8 March (10 weeks).

Group 1: 5pm till 5.40pm for ages 5-8

Group 2: 5.40pm till 6.20pm for ages 8-10

Group 3: 6.20pm till 7pm for ages 10-12 (fun tennis with red foam balls) NEW!

For more information or to book, please contact Siobhan MacLeod, Junior Coordinator at kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com

The Tennis AGM will be held on **Thursday 26 November** at 7pm at King George V Rugby Clubhouse in Kinross. All members are encouraged to come along to give their views and to hear of our plans for the forthcoming season, plus it's a great opportunity for members to also have their say on how the club should progress in 2016!

All members are invited to our annual **Tennis Club Christmas Dinner**. It will be in Kirklands Hotel on Thursday 17 December at 7.30pm for 8pm. Maggie Byford is kindly organising this for us again so contact her if you want to come along, especially as places are limited!

New members are always welcome at the club, so if you are new to tennis or you would like to get playing again, please contact Margaret Hamblin on 01577 850252 or at kinrosstennis@gmail.com

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News from the Rurals



POWMILL – President Mrs Sharon Buchanan welcomed members and visitors to the first meeting of the new season. She then introduced Mrs Mary Ramsay, who was the demonstrator and tutor for the evening. She tried (very patiently) to teach us all how to crochet, some members being more successful than others!

After business the president congratulated Fiona Buchanan on her first prize lemon loaf and thanked everyone who entered the community work, as Powmill won the Benarty Trophy at Kinross Show. Special mention was made of Mrs Ella Shand and Mrs Mary Wilson, whose baked and decorated Christmas cake won the best exhibit in community B.

Competitions:

Prettiest Plate	Mary Wilson
Jar of Lemon Curd	Janie Buchanan
Garden Gem	Mary Wilson

Certificates of loyal service to Powmill WRI and Moubray Hall were presented to Mrs Catherine Stewart, Mrs Elsie Johnston and Mrs Janie Buchanan. Members then enjoyed a celebratory meal at The Stables, Crook of Devon.



Catherine Stewart, Elsie Johnston and Janie Buchanan with their long service certificates

BISHOPSHIRE – President Norma Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Our very inspiring speaker, Jo Middlemiss, told us all about the work she and her cousin Maureen are involved with in an Ethiopian Clinic.

Her catchphrase “Pants and Pounds” is encouraging our members to help with donations for her next trip in February.

Competitions:

Pot Plant	Jane Martin
Pot of Jam	Mary Bayne

CLEISH – President Mrs Helen Buchanan welcomed twenty-four members to our October meeting. She congratulated Vice President Mrs Dorothy Morris for attaining Honours for her craftwork earlier that day in Stirling.

After business she welcomed our speakers for the evening, Lyn and Chris Willsher, and we enjoyed an interesting and informative illustrated talk on their adventurous travel onboard Spirit of Envy to the Sub Antarctic Islands of New Zealand.

A vote of thanks was given by Mrs Marion Bissett.

Competitions:

Flower of the Month	Dorothy Morris
Scenic Photograph	Fiona Barnfather
Three Pieces of Traybake	Helen Buchanan

CROOK OF DEVON – President Alice Johnson welcomed members and visitors to the meeting. After business she introduced Mr Jim McKellan, who gave an interesting talk and slide show on the work of Seagull Trust Cruises.

Competitions:

Three Pieces of Tablet	K Massey
Flower of the Month	A Johnson

GLENFARG – Introduced by President Mrs Margot Moran, Mrs Gladys Laing from Burrelton introduced the members to an interesting take on paper folding. Hedgehogs from old books caught the attention and simple but effective gift bags kept everyone busy.

Lynda Stuart proposed the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

Button and Bead Picture	Margot Moran
Two Empire Biscuits	Alison Harrison
Flower of the Month	Lillias Johnson

MILNATHORT – President Ann Reid welcomed members to our October meeting and introduced us to Anthea Coulter of Checkin Giraffe, Perth, who gave a very interesting talk about the work they do trying to integrate those with mental ill-health and physical disabilities into employment.

Competitions:

Animal Photographs	Margaret Dewar
Traybake	Grace Drysdale
Flower of the Month	Heather Graham

CARNBO – President Molly White welcomed 25 members to the October meeting.

Our speaker Christine McAlpine thrilled us all with her Floral Art, making three very different displays, which were then raffled.

Betty Stirling gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

Three Pieces of Tablet	Jay Hutchison
Flower of the Month	Barbara Nicol

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Out & About



Loch Leven NNR



It's been nearly a month since I returned from my summer contract up on Noss NNR in Shetland, and although I do miss the seabirds and the peaceful tranquillity of island life, there's never a better time to return to Loch Leven than October. As well as the familiar autumnal sight of Pink-footed Geese returning to their evening roost on the loch, the place is positively teeming with wildfowl and other birdlife! My return at the end of September coincided with a large influx of Pinkfeet, and by 16 October numbers had reached a respectable 11530. At the time of writing, we are looking forward to hosting our annual Dawn Goose Walk, which has 17 people booked on it, and with plenty of geese about they're sure to have a cracking morning with Jeremy.



A pink-footed goose

But they're not the only migrants to have returned in numbers - Whooper Swans were first spotted on 20 September and are now back in good numbers, and thousands of Teal, Wigeon, Coot, Pochard and Tufted Duck are

now forming huge congregations, particularly on the eastern side of the loch. With patience, smaller numbers of Pintail, Shoveler, Gadwall and Great-crested Grebe may be seen, and if you're really lucky there may also be a glimpse of a Black-tailed Godwit, Greenshank or Ruff, all of which are passage migrants.

Look out amongst the flocks of resident Greylag Geese for the unusual hybrids that look similar to Greylags, but one has a

white head, and one is completely white. Geese, and wildfowl generally, are able to hybridise with closely related species, and the results can often lead to confusion with identification in the field. Snow Geese have been known to turn up at Loch Leven in the past, but these particular individuals mustn't be mistaken!

October has seen some settled weather with good periods of high pressure, bringing some fantastic autumnal sunshine and spectacular sunrises and sunsets. We were also treated to a rare glimpse around these parts of the Aurora Borealis, as it was visible as far south as Northern England for a couple of evenings. I managed to catch a picture of a green hue in the skyline with the Bishop glowing by the lights of Kinnesswood. Hopes are high for another chance to see them soon, but keep up to date by following @aurorawatchuk or a similar link on social media.

The last Osprey was seen locally on 16 September, but there have been several recent sightings of Hen Harrier in the area, including one that flew over Milnathort on 29 September and on several occasions at RSPB. SNH and RSPB staff are teaming up this month to dedicate several evenings over the course of the winter to try and establish the extent of this declining raptor's presence around Loch Leven. We hope that we'll have positive results to report back in the new year.

For updates on what's going on around Loch Leven, remember to check the blog from time to time: www.lochlevennnr.wordpress.com. For a look back at my season up in Shetland, you can also join the Birds of Noss Facebook group, which has loads of pictures and interesting information about the wildlife up north.

Craig

See Articles page 11 for stunning colour photos of sunrise over Loch Leven and the Aurora Borealis over Bishop Hill.

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Weather



September Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall	28.3mm = 1.13 inches
Heaviest rainfall	10.2mm (12th)
Total sunshine for the month	96.5 hours
Sunniest day	8.3 hours (6th & 7th)
Maximum temperature average	16.6 °C
Highest temperature	21.2°C (6th & 7th)
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Lowest temperature	-1.7°C (27th & 30th)

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Hello, readers. That's a new opening! So here we go again for another month. The last month has seen some reasonable weather for the time of year and it has allowed us to do a lot of outside jobs: sprucing up signage, painting stuff and generally tidying things up for the winter.

Pinkfeet geese have returned from northern breeding grounds and the loch is once more echoing with their calls. The first goose count took place in mid October, a joint effort between SNH and RSPB staff, to count favoured roosts around the whole loch area. The number was around 11,500 so probably a few more will arrive yet. The recent milder weather has maybe kept a few up in Northern Scotland that may still come down? We shall see on the next count.

Other winter species are arriving now as well with Fieldfare and Redwing, both Scandinavian migrants, being seen on the reserve. The wildfowl flocks continue to build up. Whooper Swans, another winter migrant from Iceland, are also in evidence although not in huge numbers as yet. A few late summer migrant waders have also been scootin about in Vane Bay due to the low water levels. They have been feeding on the nutritious mud and building up strength for the onward journey. Kingfishers have also been showing well lately from our first and third hides on the wetland trail.

Events

A few of our November events are already fully booked but if you are interested in our **Dawn Goose Watch** (which is fully booked), on Saturday 7 November at 6.15am followed by breakfast in our award winning café it might be worth phoning to see if we have had any cancellations nearer the time. Could be a long shot but you never know? One event that is not booked up yet as far as I know is a **Wildlife Writing Workshop** on **Sunday 22 November** from 10am until 2pm. Bring a pen or pencil and paper, come along and learn how to write down your thoughts on the wildlife and landscape of Loch Leven. Led by local author and poet Anita John, you will be taken through a series of exercises to get you writing. Sounds like a must do to me for all you budding authors! Costs £10 for RSPB members and £12 for non-members.

Further on into next month (well, early December, so no too far away) – **Thursday 3 December**, to be precise, at 7pm, Rhian Evans our East Scotland Sea Eagle Officer will entertain you with an **illustrated talk** on her work with **Scotland's Sea Eagles**, along with the fascinating cultural and spiritual history of the sea eagle in Scotland. Well worth a listen, and a view, I suppose, since it's illustrated. (Pictures and that like, ken? I have heard it masel and it is very good an am no jist sayin that tae mak ye come along.) Costs £3 for members and £5 for non-members. Both events are bookable so please contact us to make sure of a place.

If you have any further questions or queries about things reserve, events or wildlife or onything else ye kin think o', give us a phone on the usual number 01577 862355.

Ta ta till next time,

Colin

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Farming



... in which records are broken at Backward Farm

It has come as a great relief that a settled spell of weather came along to allow most of the harvest to be done in pretty good conditions. It's strange how things turn out sometimes in farming because although it has been a really dreich summer, cereal crops (wheat, barley, oats) seem to be yielding well. There is even talk of a record harvest, or very close to it, here in Scotland. Since the crops have taken longer than usual to ripen, they were longer in their growing stages, which has possibly given the grains more time to develop, resulting in good yields, against expectations.

I have just watched some of the three 'Harvest 2015' programmes on BBC and I thought it was a well presented, interesting show showcasing cutting edge technologies and husbandry methods. From apple tree shakers to paddock grazing, to protecting berry plants from frost with ice, it showed the innovation needed to get food to the shelves, all combined with the infectious enthusiasm of Gregg Wallace. I hadn't realised the harvest was so exciting! It must have been the sight of all the shiny "big boys' toys" that made him as excited as a child in a toy shop.

Things are slightly less exciting here at Backward Farm, but things are getting done all the same (eventually). I've even set a few records of my own along the way which fill me more with embarrassment than pride, but here they are anyway.

First, I have never baled hay as late as August before, although it wasn't an unusual event this year.

Second, I have never baled hay as late as September before.

Yes, that's right, two records with the one crop and just a small amount, but September all the same!

Third, I have never combined barley in October before. Oats, yes, but not barley. The general opinion is that cereals were a couple of weeks later than 'normal' but our field of barley, which was the same variety grown in the same field and sown a few days earlier than in 2014, was one month and two days later in being combined. It was the last job of the year for the 'dinosaur' and its yield was about average, so I was quite pleased. The grain has been treated with acid to stop it going mouldy which is just like pickling things in vinegar, and the animals love the tangy taste which I suppose will be a bit like salt and vinegar crisps.

Fourth, and finally, I have never gone a full season with our silage baler and wrapper without having to take it to the local baler magician to fix some problem or other. This means one of three things: 1 – that its pre-season service was very effective, 2 – that I am getting better at sorting it myself or 3 – that I have been very lucky this year and that I had better sell it now because next year will be a nightmare!

So, it has been an interesting summer season here at Backward Farm and I am now helping the local grain and tattie baron harvest his potatoes. So far, this has been an episode of 'scrapheap challenge' but I am enjoying the change from baler scrapheap challenge that I am more accustomed to. At least the weather has been good. Now, where did I put that welder?

John

Congratulations



Congratulation to Russell and Sharon **PAYNE** (née Cosgrove) on the birth of their daughter, **LUCIA ROSE**, on Sunday 28 June 2015. Lucia is the little sister of Bethany and Juliana, and she is the fifth granddaughter of Patricia and David Payne of Lathro Park, Kinross.

Congratulations to Gavin and Holly **NAUGHTON** (née Wardrope) on the birth of their daughter, **RUBY KIMMY**, on 13 August 2015. A little sister for Daisy, granddaughter for Kenneth and Kim Wardrope, and Peter and Katherine Naughton, and another great grandchild for Myrtle Urquhart and Katherine Mabbot, Kinross.

Mark and Lindsay are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their son, **OSCAR ANDERSON LISTER**, on Sunday 30 August 2015. He is the first grandchild for John and Trish Anderson, Kinross, and third grandson for Jim and Muriel Lister, Kirkcaldy.

A local aspiring star of the stage was recently given the opportunity to perform some of musical theatre's most popular songs in front of the New York composer who wrote them. **RACHEL WHITE** (19) from Kinross appeared in An Evening With Jonathan Reid Gealt at St Andrew's and St George's West Church in Edinburgh. During the show, Rachel was selected to perform a solo rendition of 'Home Away From Home' with Gealt on piano. Rachel is a former pupil of Kinross High School and is a student with The MGA Academy in Edinburgh.



Rachel White

Thanks



A big 'Thank you' to all who supported the ACTS (Assist A Child To School) charity Bridge Lunch held in early October. We raised over £900, which will go to paying a secondary school pupil's fees for two plus years in Mombasa, Kenya. These children come from the slum area of Mombasa and their families cannot afford to pay for their education, medical care and food.

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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

November

- Sun 1** 10.30am Morning Service celebrating the 10th anniversary of the refurbishment of the church.
6.30pm 'The End of the Spear': a film night for MAF.
- Mon 2** 8am: Silent Meditation.
- Tue 3** 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.
- Thu 5** 7.30pm: Thursday Group, Beetle Drive, church centre.
- Sat 7** 10.30am for 11: Time for Tea and Talk, Scottish Churches Disability Group.
- Sun 8 Remembrance Sunday**
10am: All Age Service, followed by parade to war memorial.
11.15am: Morning service, followed by informal Communion.
6.30pm: Joint Service, 'Digging Deeper - Ezekiel'.
- Tue 10** 7.15pm: Guild, 'A Musical Evening', Church Centre.
- Sat 14** 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (names in advance to church office).
10am - 12noon: Christmas Crafts and Coffee, church centre.
- Sun 15** 10.30am: Morning Service, including BB enrolment.
- Thu 19** 9pm: late evening service of Compline.
- Sun 22** 10.30pm: Morning Service, including Guild dedication.
- Tue 24** 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.
7.15pm: Guild, 'Overview of PKAVS and Caring for Carers', Helen MacKinnon, church centre.

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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 5 December** in Portmoak Hall from 4 - 6pm.

Dates and events for your diary

- 1 Nov** Joint service in Portmoak Church 10.30am. No service at Orwell Church.
- 3 Nov** The Guild meets in Orwell Hall at 7pm. Roger Stark will talk about 'The Happiness Business'.
- 8 Nov Remembrance Sunday** services in both churches, followed by wreath laying at both memorials.
- 14 Nov** Christmas Bazaar in Orwell Hall, 10am - 2pm.
- 17 Nov** The Guild meets in Orwell Hall at 7pm. Chris Short's talk is entitled 'Go Home and Sit Still'.
- 27 Nov** Oasis Ladies Group meets in Portmoak New Room at 10.15am. Margaret Paton will talk about 'Working with Fused Glass'.
- 1 Dec** The Guild meets in Orwell Hall at 7pm. Brian Ogilvie will talk about '100 Years of the Panama Canal'.

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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.

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Sunday Services at 9.45am. All are welcome.**November**

- Sun 1** 9.15 - 9.30am A Time of Prayer.
 9.45am Morning Worship followed by refreshments and Traidcraft stall.
- Thu 5** 10am **Remembrance Service** with Fossoway Primary School at the War Memorial.
- Sun 8** 9.30am **Remembrance Day Service** at the Crook of Devon village hall.
 6.30pm 'Digging Deeper' service studying Ezekiel in the Elizabeth Wilkie Hall.
- Sun 15** 9.45am Morning Worship.
- Sun 22** 9.45am Morning Worship.
- Fri 27** 7pm 'McThanksgiving' in the Elizabeth Wilkie Hall.
- Sun 29** 9.45am Morning Worship, Celebration of Holy Communion.

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

House group: Thurs 7.30pm.

Please contact Fred Aitken for details, 01577 840833.

Parents/Carers and Toddlers Group:

Friday 6 November at 9am in the Church Hall.

Film Evening

Friday 6 November 7.30pm – 9.30pm in the Church Hall.
Please join us for the film, a cuppa and a blether and even some popcorn

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Mass Times Saturday Vigil 7.00pm
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	12.15pm	Sunday School
	6.00pm	Prayer Meeting
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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.

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.

November Services and Events

- Sun 1** **All Saints Sunday** 8.30am Holy Communion.
 11am Sung Eucharist.
- Sun 8** **Remembrance Sunday**
 8.30am Holy Communion.
 (10am Service of Remembrance, Kinross Parish Church, followed by the Act of Remembrance at the Cenotaph).
 11am St Paul's-led Act of Remembrance with readings.
 11.30am Whole Church Eucharist.
 4pm Pastoral Thanksgiving Service to remember those who have died.
- Sun 15** **Pentecost 26 (Proper 33)**
 8.30am Holy Communion.
 11am Sung Eucharist.
- Sun 22** **Christ the King**
 8.30am Holy Communion.
 11am Sung Eucharist.
- Sun 29** **Advent Sunday**
 8.30am Holy Communion (1662 Book of Common Prayer).
 11am Sung Eucharist.
 6pm Advent Carol Service.

Everyone welcome at all services

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Sunday Services 11.15am

November

- Sun 1** 11.15am Morning Worship. Junior Church.
Tea and Coffee in Village Hall. Traidcraft Stall.
- Mon 2** 3.15pm Cleish 'Messy Church' in village hall.
Open to all children and their carers.
- Sun 8** 11.15am **Remembrance Sunday**.
Morning Worship.
- Sun 15** 11.15am Morning Worship.
- Sun 22** 11.15am Morning Worship.
- Wed 25** 7pm 'An Evening with Alistair McDonald' in
Cleish Church.
- Sun 29** 11.15am Morning Worship.
7pm 'St. Andrews Day' Evening Service.
- Mon 30** 7.15pm Cleish Guild meets in the Village Hall.
Speaker: Elizabeth Adam. Topic: 'Married to a
House'.

All welcome

Obituary

ISABEL GILLON of Milnathort died at Glenrothes Hospital on Thursday 8 October 2015, aged 85.

Isabel was born Isabel Hay in Inverkeithing on 7 June 1930. Her mother, also Isabel, was a nurse, and her father William was a master butcher. When war broke out, Isabel's mother was sent to Scapa Flow and Isabel went to live with her grandmother in William Street, Dunfermline. She could remember watching a German air raid over the Forth Rail Bridge.



Isabel Gillon

With a child's perspective she was enthralled rather than terrified.

Isabel attended Dunfermline High, and after a spell working for Shanks in East Kilbride she settled in Glenrothes, then a new town, working for Cessna. She was detailed to take an American visitor to the opening of the new Forth Road Bridge in 1964. Initially the bridge was completely swathed in fog, but during the ceremony the mist burned off and she was able to see the brand new bridge and the tiny figure of the Queen below.

In the mid 1960s Isabel spread her wings and went to work for the malaria eradication programme at the World Health Organisation in Geneva. Weekends were spent exploring the local area and travelling further afield. With her near fluent German, her next job took her to Dortmund from where she loved travelling to Italy and France.

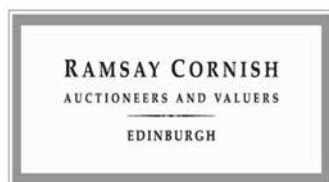
Isabel always felt her home was in Scotland, and she eventually came back as her own mother was growing older. Her last job was as office manager for the schools inspectorate in Dunfermline. From there she was able to drive to her new home in North Queensferry via her mother's house in Inverkeithing. When her mother passed away, she needed to move on from the memories that the Inverkeithing area held for her, and found her cottage in Milnathort. Here she found a lasting home.

Isabel had only lived in her new cottage for a few days before the lady next door, Mrs Gillon, invited her for tea. The table was beautifully set in the traditional style with tablecloth and matching china. As Isabel and her new neighbour chatted, Jessie's son Dougie passed through on his way out. The next day, Dougie arrived at Isabel's door and offered to show her the local area, starting with a drink at the Village Inn. Isabel always suspected that Dougie was operating under instruction from his mother, but the pair hit it off and were married in 1983.

In retirement, Isabel involved herself with various local organisations, such as the Historical Society. In 1992 she joined the Kinross Newsletter's band of volunteers as an editorial assistant. When founder editor Nan Walker retired in 1997, Isabel became Joint Editor with Ian Thomson, a role she carried out until 2005.

In recent years Isabel continued her love of travel, taking coach trips with friends to places such as Chester.

Isabel was predeceased by husband Dougie in 2008 and is survived by niece Anne and nephew Bill.



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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!

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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
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

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
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
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

Private Nurseries and Childcare

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

To inform the Newsletter of any changes to Playgroup information, please send an email to: editor@kinrossnewsletter.org

Notices



THE KINROSS HUB A CAFE FOR CARERS

Monday 2nd November 2015

Great Café News

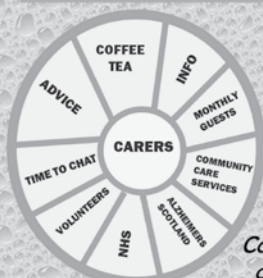
We having funding for
another year!!
Come along for a wee chat
and share your views

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



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

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

Sat Dec 12th - 8 PM 'Love Actually'

Thurs 24th Dec - 4 PM 'Paddington'

check facebook & website for booking



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: 3, 10, 17 and 24 November.

1 and 8 December.

Thursdays: 5, 12, 19 and 26 November.

3 and 10 December.

Email: skeinsandbobbins@outlook.com PVG Scheme Membership

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



Business Breakfast

Loch Leven's Larder

Wednesday 4 November at 7.30am

Speaker: Willie Rennie, MSP for Mid Scotland and Fife

Cost: £10 members, £15 non-members - includes full Scottish breakfast.

To book your place, email: mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk

See page 71 for more information

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

3 Dec Christmas Dinner

Crook of Devon Hall urgently needs committee members

The Village Hall AGM is on **Wednesday 4 November** at 7pm in the hall. The current committee members have all been on the committee for a number of years and for many this will be their last year.

We desperately need new people to come forward to join the committee to help ensure the hall continues to thrive as part of our community.

We don't meet for meeting's sake, we only met five times last year! If you would be willing to help, please come along to our AGM or to find out more information, please call Michelle on 840852.

Charity No: SC026692

Festival Home Bru

Saturday 7 November

Kinross Parish Church is hosting a concert by young musicians in our community at 4pm on 7 November.

Entry is, as usual, free, but we suggest a donation to this year's High School Charity, which is

Alzheimer Scotland – Action on Dementia.

Refreshments will be served afterwards.

The programme will be full and varied!

Remembrance Sunday

Kinross

Sunday 8 November

Youth service at Kinross Parish Church, Station Road, at 10am, followed by procession from Parish Church Lane at 10.50am to the War Memorial, Kinross High Street, finishing in former High School car park at 11.10am.

Please note: Kinross High Street from Station Road to Green Road will be closed to vehicles for a time.

Kinross Garden Group

2015/16 Season

Thursday 12 November at 2pm

in the Millbridge Hall, Kinross.

with Stan De Prato

'Flora and Fauna of Greenland and Svalbard'

All welcome to join us.

Skins & Bobbins

Felt Christmas Decorations Workshop

Saturday 21 November

2.30 pm – 4.30 pm

Suitable for adults and older children

Cost: £15. All materials will be provided.

The Gaelic Society of Perth

The Society will hold its November Ceilidh at St. Matthew's Church Hall, Tay Street, Perth on **Friday 13 November at 7.30pm**. Come and hear some great Gaelic singers and instrumentalists. Kerrie Finlay, Callum Angus MacDonald and Graham Neilson – all Mod Gold Medallists will be singing! 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.

Craft Group

Christmas, Crafts & Coffee

Start your Christmas shopping on

Saturday 14 November

in the Church Centre on Kinross High Street

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TRAIDCRAFT GARLANDS BABY JACKETS

SCARVES CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS CUSHIONS

COSMETIC BAGS KNITTED HEDGEHOGS

COSY BABY BLANKETS FELTED CORSAGES

DECORATIONS HANDMADE

Pop in between 10am and noon – you'll be surprised!

Lots of nice things to buy at reasonable prices.

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Tea/Coffee – Scones – Mince Pies – Biscuits – £2.50

(Children £1)

Kinross Parish Church of Scotland

SC012555



Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 14 November

10am-12 noon

Orwell Church Hall

A selection of Christmas goods, Cake and Candy,

Bottle stall, Bulbs, Cards etc.

Tea and Coffee with mince pies and shortbread: £3

Please come and support your Church

All Welcome!

Cleish Village Hall Management Committee Scottish Charity Number SC007793

MARKBEAUMONT

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



An Evening with Alistair McDonald


Cleish Church

Wednesday 25 November at 7pm

Alistair is well known in Scotland and further afield as 'the folk-singing jazz banjo-player from Scotland'.

Alistair has entertained us before at Cleish with a wonderful evening of folk, funny songs and gospel music.

Tickets, price £5 for adults (accompanied children free), are available from May Bayne, telephone (01577) 850226.




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 / TicketWeb

Kinross Floral Art Club

Coffee Evening and Demonstration

in Kinross Parish Church at 7.15pm

Thursday 26 November

Mrs Mary Law MBE presents 'All Kinds of Everything' Mary is a well known and respected National Demonstrator, Teacher and Speaker, and is a former member of NAFAS and SAFAS council. She has vast experience in demonstrating the art of flower arranging all over the country.

We would like to invite you to come along and watch her create some lovely arrangements - you may even be lucky enough to win one in the raffle!

Tea, coffee and home baking are included.

Tickets are payable on the evening and all are welcome.

Visitors £8.00 and members £6.00.

Please remember to visit our stall at the **Kinross Winter Festival Market on Saturday 28 November** where we will have lots of Christmas crafts for sale.

Details from Alison Morrison, 01577 863835

Eat, Drink and Give Thanks "McThanksgiving Supper"

The Elizabeth Wilkie Hall

Friday 27 November

at 7.30pm

Join us for Venison Casserole and Pumpkin Pie, blending the finest local produce with a touch of Americana, all accompanied by live music.

Tickets: £10 each. B.Y.O.B.

Contact: Rev Lis Stenhouse 01577 842128 or

Janet Harper 01577 840225

Fossoway Church. Charity No SC013157

Christmas Fayre in aid of Cancer Research

Guide Hall, Church Street, Milnathort

Sunday 29 November

12 – 4 pm

Maggies First Glass Designs, Crafty Wee Pies Workshop,
Shazanne Crafts, The Madhouse Bakery,
The Whole Shebang, Usborne Books, JJ Crafts,
Wonderful Wooden Wishes, Partylite, Wood Rogue,
Simply Glitter, Homefayre Wedding Flowers and Gifts,
Wendy's Rings, Tracy's Scarves, Fairytale Dreams, Tombola,
Raffle, Teas and Coffees

KGV Playing Fields Management Committee Annual General Meeting

Monday 7 December

The Annual General Meeting of the KGV Playing Fields Management Committee will be held in the KGV rugby clubhouse on Monday 7 December at 7pm. All are welcome to attend. The KGV committee is a voluntary group that looks after the facilities used by many of the sporting groups in Kinross-shire and welcomes anyone who may wish to contribute something to the local community.

Boys Brigade Annual Coffee Morning

Church Centre, Kinross

Saturday 5 December

Stalls will include:

Raffle

Bottle Stall

Lucky Dip

Entry: £1.50

Funds raised last year were used to support the activities and camps for all age groups within Kinross Girls and Boys Brigade. Your support is very much appreciated.

Fossoway Church

Christmas Bazaar and Community Carols

2pm – 4pm

Saturday 5 December

at the Elizabeth Wilkie Hall

Concert featuring

the Fossoway Primary School Choir, Dunkeld Handbell Ringers and Community Carols followed by Tea, Coffee & Festive Baking, Cake & Candy, Bottle Stall, Christmas Wreaths, Home Produce, Christmas Crafts, Gingerbread decorating and lots more for all the family to enjoy.

Charity No SC013157

Fossoway Festive Fun

An evening of Music, Madness & Mayhem!

Fossoway Church

Sunday 13 December

at 7.30pm

Featuring comic poems, songs, and our mini scratch panto:

"Snow White and the 7 Vertically Challenged Guys"

Charity No SC013157

Circle Dancing

Every Tuesday

at Millbridge Hall, Kinross

Old Causeway, Kinross, KY13 8DW

10.30am – 12.30pm

(Please note new start time for this term)

Circle Dancing is fun and it's easy.

No partner or experience needed.

No need to book – just come along.

FREE Taster class

£4 per session, free refreshments

Classes throughout the year.

Classes now running

Phone: Rose 01334 657896 or Lynne 01259 742173

Email: rose.cross@tesco.net or lynn244@btinternet.com

Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com

www.foundationscotland.org.uk

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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 or call us on 0800 1 69 59 01.

Interested in volunteering in Guiding?

We are looking for Brownie helpers for our unit in Milnathort. 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

La Leche League meetings in Kinross ...

**First Thursday of the month,
10am – 12 noon**



St Paul's Church Meeting Room, The Muirs, Kinross

- Friendly, relaxed mum-to-mum breastfeeding support and chat.
- Informal chat and an interesting group discussion.
- Plenty of time for answering your questions.

We welcome any mums (and mums to be) who are interested in breastfeeding. Children all very welcome.

For more details, contact:

Hannah Dalgety (LLL Leader, Kinross) 07886 859461

www.lll-fife-tayside.co.uk

Find us on Facebook: La Leche League Fife and Tayside

Children's Hospice Association Scotland Christmas Donations Required



Bazaar 1 and 2 need urgently donations of Christmas decorations and gifts. We are also looking for craft donations for an event in December. If you can help out, even in a small way, we would be most appreciative.

Recycle your glass for CHAS

Perth & Kinross Council and CHAS are working together to recycle more glass. Just now, 55% of all glass jars and bottles in Perth and Kinross are recycled, but 45% are disposed of in landfill. For every extra glass bottle or jar that you recycle, the Council will give CHAS Rachel House one penny. Find your nearest Recycling Centre or Recycling Point by visiting www.pkc.gov.uk/recycle

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.



Remaining Programme for Season 2015-2016

- 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.

Multiple Sclerosis Society Scotland



Perth & Kinross Branch of the MS Society are calling anyone affected by MS to come along to The Green Hotel, Kinross on the third Tuesday of every month from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Come along for a blether, a cuppa or just to get out of the house! Family, friends and carers are welcome too. For further information, please contact the Branch on 07552 368216, perthkinross@mssociety.org.uk or check out our website www.perth-kinross.org.uk or find us on Facebook: MS Society Perth&Kinross Branch.

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!

Grand Book Sale: A chance to stock up on winter reading. A sale of second hand books, paperbacks and hardbacks, will take place in the Museum on **Thursday 19 November - Friday 20 November** from 11am - 3.30pm both days.

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

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 CCIr 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

Website: www.thebikestation.org.uk

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.

Sat 14 Nov 7.30pm High Heels and Horsehair – Violin and Cello Duo. Chamber music.

Sun 17 Jan 3.00pm Royal Conservatoire of Scotland – Vocal ensemble. Popular arias and songs from opera and music hall.

Thu 25 Feb 7.30pm Atea – Wind quintet. Classical music performed by flute, oboe, horn, bassoon and clarinet.

Sat 12 Mar 7.30pm Alexander Ullman – 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



Loch Leven Community Campus
The Muirs, Kinross
KY13 8FQ
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BOOKING ESSENTIAL

If you would like further information
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Roseanne Gray

Loch Leven Community Campus

Email: rgray@pkc.gov.uk

Tel: 01577 867177

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.

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*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



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

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.

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.



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

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

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

www.hopepregnancy.co.uk

email: hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com

Helpline 01738 621174

We are a Scottish Charity SC037103

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

Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers

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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

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
December	Fri 13 November	Saturday 28 November
February	Fri 15 January	Saturday 30 January



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 ☕

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🍽️ Home-cooked lunches 🍽️

All brought to your table by our friendly staff

The Talking Donkey is a Christian venture so there
will always be people on hand to offer

Prayer For Any Need



Mindspace Counselling Service

Mindspace Counselling Services are now able to offer counselling to adults and young people aged 11+ at The Loch Leven Health Centre on Mondays and Tuesdays. We offer counselling to people who are facing a wide range of difficulties or challenges such as: bereavement or loss; isolation, anxiety or depression; stress of work or in the home; difficulties in friend, family or intimate relationships; confused feelings.

If you are interested in this service you can self-refer via email to info@mindspacepk.com, by telephone on 01738 631639 or by visiting our website at www.mindspacepk.com. You can also be referred by your GP.

Mindspace also offer counselling to adults (18+) at their offices in Perth. For more information visit our website at www.mindspacepk.com



Perth & Kinross School Term Dates 2015-16

Term	Start	End
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).

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:

10 & 14 November

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



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

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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
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Richard Williamson	01592 840538

www.portmoak.org

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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 4 & 18 November:

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 12 & 26 November:

Milnathort	South Street	0930 – 1130
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For more information about mobile library services, visit:
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	
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Barry M Davies	60 Lathro Park	865004
Bill Freeman	64 Muirs	865045
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All MSPs can be contacted at the following address:

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Perth & Kinross Council www.pkc.gov.uk

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

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

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

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

Kinross-shire *Day Centre*

64 High Street
Kinross
KY13 8AJ

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

Weekly Programme

Monday	Exercise Class	11am	Bingo	1.30pm
	Dominoes, cards & other Games			1.15pm
	"Stride for Life" Walking Group			2pm
Tuesday	Relaxation Class	1.15pm	Games	1.15pm
	Singing group with Alex Cant		1.45pm	
Wednesday	Morning Worship	10.45am		
	Dominoes, Scrabble & other Games			1.30pm (except 11th)
	Fantastic Fun Quiz	1.30pm (except 11th)		
Thursday	Art Class	1.30pm	Film Afternoon	1.30pm
	Dominoes, Scrabble, cards etc		1.30pm	
	Balance & Strength Class		1.30pm	
Friday	Dominoes, Games and Filmshow	1.30pm		
	Bingo	1.30pm		



Additional Events for November

Health & Wellbeing information point

Tai Chi

Library Trip

Chiropody

Beetle Drive

Body Shop Party

Hilary's Christmas sale. Come along and bag a bargain while supporting the Day centre

Tuesday	3rd	11am - noon
Wednesday	4th, 18th	1.30 - 2pm
Thursday	5th	1.30pm
Thursday	5th, 26th	9.45am - 1pm
(phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)		
Wednesday	11th	1.30pm
Thursday	12th	1.30pm
Thursday	26th	10am

There are some activities, day trips and food from around the world that are yet to be organised.



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

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**

Mobile Post Office, Kinnesswood

Mondays and Wednesdays 1215 - 1315

Tuesdays and Fridays 1030 - 1200

Perth Samaritans

Need to talk? We'll listen.

Contact us by

phone on 01738 626666 or 08457 909090

Email us jo@samaritans.org

or **visit** us at 3 King's Place, Perth, PH2 8AA

Mondays 1630 - 2130 Thursdays 1630 - 1900

Wednesdays 0830 - 1100 Fridays 1000 - 1630

and 1930 - 2130 Sundays 0800 - 2130

No pressure, no names, no judgment.

We're here for you, anytime.

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.

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.

Warning: Please read 'Freecycle and Items for Sale scam' article on page 27.

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

Blackboard £20.00
Wooden framed Melissa and Doug easel in good condition (has some scribbling on the frame). Black board to one side and white board on the other. Space for chalks and paints in the trays. Also including 4 spill proof Melissa and Doug paint pots.
Seller Details: Jane Morrison 07859 403911
jane6549@hotmail.co.uk

Bicycles - 2 Children's £10 each
Previously used but in excellent condition Raleigh 16" and Tempest 16".
Seller Details: Ken Paterson 01577 862816
ken.paterson34@gmail.com

Under Desk PC Mount £10
Under desk PC mount bracket - adjustable. Comes with full instructions.
Seller Details: Louise Blackwood
blackwoodlogo@hotmail.com

Golf Club Set £20
Excellent condition comprising Black Howson kit bag, Lady Sayers 3,5,7,S,3-15o - John Letters 4-18o - BiSquare putter, Wilson 3-15.5o - California Golf Wild Cat 5-19o - Powerbill Grand slam 1-12o.

Ercol Mirror £30
Description: Dimensions are: 93x61cm and is in good condition.

Orange Moorcroft Lamp £150
This lamp with shade is in excellent condition.

White Moorcroft Lamp £150
White Lamp set with shade in excellent condition.

Frister & Rossmann Cub 7 Sewing Machine £80
Sewing machine in excellent condition, comes complete in its own hard carrying case with manual.
Seller Details for above 5 items: Vincent Johnston 07949 377475
vincent.johnston@icloud.com

Log Splitter £150
Four ton/hydraulic Log Master Log Splitter, complete with instructions. Very good condition, used only once. Cost £400 new.
Seller Details: Bill Bennett 01577 840 468

Children's Books Excellent Condition £30.00
Beast Quest by Adam Blade. Books 1 - 24 All in excellent condition and all include collector cards. Books about enchantment, magical beasts and a hero named Tom. Books that have been enjoyed and cared for in a non-smoking home. 24 books comprise of 4 series. Happy to sell each series separately for £10.00 per series (6 books). £30 for entire collection.

Children's Books Excellent Condition £10.00
Alfie the Werewolf books 1 - 6 by Paul Van Loon A lovely set of books. My son loved the stories about Alfie and what happened to him on his 7th birthday and after! Our books have been well cared for and come from a non-smoking home.
Seller Details for above 2 items: Debbie Gachagan 07973 533468
stacyard4@aol.com

Situations Vacant

In conjunction with www.kinross.cc, the Newsletter is pleased to publish local situations vacant. Please go to the kinross.cc website before applying to 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').

Full time Estimator/Surveyor, Hatrick-Bruce
Hatrack-Bruce Ltd, Market House, Milnathort, require an Estimator/Surveyor for expanding construction company involved in commercial refurbishment. Knowledge of Mechanical & Electrical an advantage.
Send CV to user@hatrickbruce.co.uk

Part time Coffee Bar Assistant, Kinross-shire Day Centre
Church Centre, High Street, Kinross.
16 hours per week, 10am - 1.15pm Monday - Friday.
Email: Nan at kindaycent@tiscali.co.uk or phone 01577 863869

Full Time Bar Manager, The Courthouse
The Courthouse Restaurant, 21 - 25 High Street, Kinross.
To manage a small bar. Develop drinks offering. Train and mentor a small team. Stock and ordering. Take on duty management role for FoH in Restaurant Manager's absence. Training given. Opportunities for development.
Email with CV and cover letter to shona@courthousekinross.com

Full Time Commis Chef, The Courthouse
To assist with basic food prep, cooking and baking. Training will be given. An interest in cooking is essential. Opportunity for development. Full Time Permanent. Immediate start available. Flexible shift patterns.
Email with CV and cover letter to shona@courthousekinross.com

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.

Blythswood Care

Sainsbury's Car Park

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

Monday 9 November

between 10.30 am and 10.55 am

Further details from 862258

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