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Letters

Editorial

Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2015 and a Happy New Year to all our readers.

Thank you to those who contacted me with comments on whether they preferred the RSPB column to be in English or in Scots, which has been Colin's usual way of writing.

I received ten comments, mainly by email, and eight of these expressed a preference for Standard English. Not that it is about the numbers, but the points put forward by readers. Several say that they do not understand the column in Scots and do not read it when written that way, which somewhat defeats the purpose of the column and the Newsletter. I have asked Colin to write principally in Standard English with the occasional Scottish phrase or word.

We are using new software to produce the Newsletter this month, so you may see some differences.

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The business has been acquired by Bruce McLaren of A2B Taxis, mobile 07743332237. We wish him all the best.

Many thanks,

David & Willis

10 Rannoch Place, Kinross

The Land Reform Act and Rights of Way

In many housing estates there are recreational open spaces. Often in these spaces there are to be found signs indicating that there are to be no ball games or similar statements. Under the Land Reform Act (2003) these signs have no legal status and should be removed by the Council who erected them. Perth and Kinross Council have confirmed with me the non-legal status of such signs. The Act states that anyone using these recreational areas must act responsibly (e.g. by not kicking a ball against a householder's wall or fence) and that the owner of the land must also act responsibly (e.g. by removing restrictive signs as 'no ball games allowed').

Also in the Newsletter I read from time to time about lane/path closures undertaken by the owner of the lane/path. Nearly all of the thousands of rights of way in Scotland are on private land – over a hill, across farmland, between two streets in an urban area etc. A right of way is deemed to exist when it goes from a public place to a public place (e.g. from a road to a road) and has been used openly and continuously for a minimum of 20 years. There are three types of rights of way: (1) Vindicated, routes declared as rights of way by the court; (2) Asserted, routes where the land owner has accepted the route as a right of way or where the route has been accepted as a right of way by the Council and (3) Claimed, routes that meet the criteria to be rights of way but have not been vindicated or asserted. Only the Council, Emergency Services or the Scottish Government may close rights of way. Think of rights of way as being similar to public roads.

After 2003 no new rights of way may be established in some areas such as across school grounds, through farm yards, within the curtilage of a private dwelling etc, but rights of way which existed in such areas prior to 2003 continue to exist as legal rights of way. The full catalogue of rights of way (CROW) in Scotland are held by the Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society in Edinburgh (0131 558 1222) where I worked for the past nine years.

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As February approaches, I am making my plans to set off, once again, to spend a month in Buccama, Southern Ethiopia. There, I will help, as much as I can, the work of the little clinic in that remote part of the country.

As many people will know, since my return last year, I have been able to talk to many groups in and around Kinross. There are so many calls and demands on our resources in this time of austerity. However, when people hear at first hand an account of the deeply uncomfortable, yet fairly easily healed, condition of the Mothers of Buccama, and the little clinic, which helps them, they have wanted to contribute. I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the groups that I have spoken to. I want, once again, to thank all these groups for their contribution.

We guarantee that every penny donated goes directly to the clinic. We pay our own expenses, and there are very few other costs, except for the medical equipment we buy, and the postal cost of the thousands of pants that we send out as a result of our "Pants and Pounds" parties. (Thanks, too, to the patient ladies in Kinross Post Office!)

This year, Sister Haimanot has asked us if we could fund a Pharmacist's salary for a year. The amount of money required for this is £950. As it happens, two groups come in for special thanks to be able to fund this project alone: Common Grounds, in Milnathort, have donated £600 and Rotary Club of Kinross have donated £300. With this, added to other generous donations received locally, the Pharmacist's salary will be comfortably paid for. I shall take photographs, and report back.

The pharmacist's salary is only one of the projects of this year's appeal, and it is hard to convey how much our few thousands of pounds can do out there. It is a very satisfying endeavour.

With thanks to everyone who has contributed locally. I carry your good wishes and kindness with me.

In gratitude,

Jo Middlemiss
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A Bad Day for Democracy – are Perth & Kinross Council bothered?

I have supported the principle of town centre "improvements" from the outset. Investment of money in Kinross is welcome on the understanding it is wisely spent on well-planned projects that have community support and that money is not wasted, something some might say Perth & Kinross Council (PKC) could be guilty of.

However the actual production of these plans have been in the hands of PKC Officers based in Perth who seem to have no understanding of the needs of the community and traders. On talking with High St traders it became clear that most had not been directly consulted about the plans and of those who had offered an opinion they felt they were being ignored.

Anyone following the workings of PKC Planning Department will be aware of great concern that things are not as they should be. A regular issue is one of due process or indeed lack of it. Regarding this proposal was the fact that the Report submitted to PKC Councillors on 14 January had been completed and finalised on 10 December. This was despite the fact that the period for public objection did not close till 10 January i.e. **five weeks later** and just **two working days** before the Committee met to decide the proposal. (That date itself had been changed from 17th after it was pointed out to PKC that this date was after the Committee was due to meet!) This is an unheard of situation. No proper process could be completed in such a two-day period to take proper account of over seventy letters of objection from traders and others submitted to PKC on 9 January.

I attended the Committee meeting where I was given just **three minutes** to state my case and those of others I had spoken to.

Our view was that various aspects of the process and the detail of the plans were clearly flawed.

A major issue relates to the removal of kerbs while keeping all traffic access through the High Street as before. Common sense would suggest this raises a great danger to all, but in particular to children who are taught to stop at the kerb for safety and those with disability.

However, Councillors arrogantly and aggressively challenged this opinion while appearing too timid to ask Council staff to explain their procedures and logic in offering these proposals. Proceedings had the feeling of Kangaroo Court with Councillors adopting fortress mentality, hell-bent on approving their own development at any cost and not keen to listen.

Elected Councillors have a duty to ensure due process is upheld in the public interest. These circumstances confirm a lack of scrutiny of PKC employees. It seems to me Councillors are unwilling to exercise their powers and seem too scared to be critical of council employees.

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Curling rink upgrade celebrated

Guests from **sportscotland**, the World Curling Federation, the Royal Caledonian Curling Club and other organisations gathered in Kinross on 20 November 2014 to celebrate the successful refurbishment of the town's indoor curling rink, which is called 'Kinross Curling'.

Between April and September 2014, the facility's ice hall was stripped back to its steel frame and effectively rebuilt. In particular, the floor was excavated and rebuilt to modern standards and the ice hall is now properly insulated.

The upgrade cost £1M and was funded by grants from **sportscotland**, Perth & Kinross Council and other organisations, a 'green loan' from the World Curling Federation and donations and loans from curlers.

Two years ago, the curling rink, built in 1977, was at risk of closure: the gas used in its refrigeration system was due to be outlawed under EU regulations and the building needed other significant upgrades. A charity, the Kinross Curling Trust, set about raising the funds required to save the sporting facility and began leasing the rink in September 2013 from the Green Hotel.

Speaking at the official reopening event, Bob Tait, Chairman of the Kinross Curling Trust, said: "The comprehensive

upgrade, completed on a tight timescale and to a tight budget, has secured the future of indoor curling in Kinross. Enormous thanks are due to all of the parties nationally and locally who have contributed to this magnificent achievement.

"The key to securing external funding has been the contributions from curlers and local bodies – around £400,000 in total through donations and loans. We look forward to welcoming local, national and international curlers to enjoy the high quality curling ice and hospitality in pleasant surroundings".

Councillor Joe Giacomazzi, representing PKC, congratulated the Kinross Curling Trust on its "remarkable achievement" in raising the required level of funds in such a short time during "one of the worst recessions in probably 100 years".

Other guests at the event included significant donors, the contractors, Milnathort-based firm Hatrick Bruce, and local curlers who carried out voluntary work as part of the refurbishment.

An impressive series of 'before' and 'after' renovation photographs can be viewed on Kinross Curling's Facebook page and website, www.kinrosscurling.co.uk

Kinross Curling submits regular reports to the Kinross Newsletter. See page 71.



Pupils from Milnathort Primary School help to celebrate the successful refurbishment of Kinross Curling. In the centre, left to right: Billy Howat (Vice President, RCCC), Cllr Joe Giacomazzi (Perth & Kinross Council), Stewart Harris (Chief Executive, sportscotland), Colin Grahamslaw (Secretary General, WCF) and Bob Tait (Chair, Kinross Curling Trust)

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Town centre improvements to go ahead

Over one million pounds will be spent on changes to Kinross High Street this year in an effort to make the town centre more attractive, 'pedestrian friendly' and welcoming to visitors.

Plans for public realm improvements were displayed at the community campus in September 2012, December 2013 and November 2014. A related planning application for the installation of street furniture and resurfacing of the carriageway and footpaths was unanimously approved by PKC's Development Management Committee on 14 January, despite numerous letters of objection being received by the Council.

Parts of the High Street footpaths and carriageway will be surfaced with paving and trims made from Italian porphyry and Portuguese granite. These changes in surface will be used to indicate crossing points and to highlight historic areas. Other planned changes to the High Street include:

- Widening the pavement at the Salutation Hotel. This will result in a small section of carriageway being single-width. There will be a 'Give-Take' arrangement for vehicles, with priority for northbound traffic.
- Removal of traffic lights and pedestrian crossing at the Church Centre.
- The creation of a 'town square' outside the Town Hall. This part of the High Street will have a "shared surface" on one level for vehicles and pedestrians, i.e. there will be no kerbs separating the footpaths from the 'road' and no on-street parking.
- Relocated bus stops.
- Landscaping at the corner of Station Road and the High Street (adjacent to the Co-op car park), including a stone wall, trees and benches.
- New landscaping and street furniture outside Bayne's and Bower shops.
- Bicycle stands and benches at various locations.

Although Council staff said that the proposals had been well received by the public who attended the displays at the campus, around eighty people, including town traders, submitted objections to the planning application, with perhaps the main concerns being loss of on-street parking, poorly located bus stops and safety fears over the 'town square' shared surface for vehicles and

pedestrians.

Under the proposals, the temporary bus stop at the corner of Swansacre and High Street (located there due to building works at the Town Hall) will become permanent, with a bus shelter erected on the public ground just north of the Kilt Shop. Elderly residents who have found this location awkward due to the slope of the High Street sent a petition to the Council in November. This resulted in PKC altering the plans to provide an additional bus stop outside the Dog House pet supplies shop (without a shelter). PKC staff say that parking will be unaffected by the new bus stops, as the two northbound ones will have build-outs, so that buses will stop out on the carriageway rather than on parking spaces.

Kinross-shire Civic Trust objected to the planning application and sent a representative to address the Development Management Committee. The representative said: "Kinross-shire Civic Trust welcomes investment in Kinross town centre and wishes to see enhancement of the Conservation Area, but we do not believe this proposal in its current form will benefit residents and visitors."

With only three minutes allowed in which to address the committee, The Civic Trust's criticisms focused on the impracticality of the new bus stop locations, safety concerns over the 'town square' shared surface and the choice of mainly Italian and Portuguese stone for the special paving instead of Scottish stone.

Another resident who had addressed the committee criticised PKC procedures, particularly the fact that the case officer's Report for the meeting had

been completed on 10 December 2014, one month before the comments expiry date of 10 January 2015 (an extended deadline due to the late addition of extra bus stops to the plans). The Report therefore could not take into account any additional points raised by the seventy or more representations made during the extended comments period. There was no verbal report by the case officer at the Development Management Committee meeting.

Some of the Councillors were somewhat aggressive in their treatment of the residents who attended the Committee, one resident being asked several times what expertise he had which allowed him to state that the shared surface with no kerbs would be dangerous for pedestrians, particularly children.

Perhaps as a mild rebuke to his colleagues, Cllr Willie Robertson opened his remarks by saying: "Residents and people like the Civic Trust who make the effort to come to these meetings do so because they are passionate about the place they live and their wish to protect and enhance it and their comments should be taken seriously and appreciated."

After referring to the Kinross Strategy of 1995, the creation of the relief road and the Heritage Trail, Cllr Robertson went on to say: "I see this plan as the next step in our efforts to bring Kinross into the 21st Century and I believe it will make a big difference to our county town."

Cllr Robertson proposed the motion to approve the planning application, and this was seconded by Cllr Giacopazzi.

The public realm works are expected to begin in late March or early April and to last for six months.



A bus at the temporary stop at the junction of High Street and Swansacre. After the public realm works, there will be a build-out here.

Councillor Cuthbert

There is a lot going on at Perth and Kinross Council as usual, so I am rushing around trying to keep what feels like a hundred balls in the air at once.



Starting with the bigger picture, the Council will debate the **2015-16 budget** on 12 February, so each of the political groups are busy working on their submissions. As I am Leader of the Independent Liaison Group, this means a lot of meetings with officers and time spent reading copious reports, outlining the pressures and potential savings to make in the £315,000,000 budget.

Most of the political groups see the budget as a chance to differentiate their parties from the others for political reasons, so I anticipate a lot of political speeches. These usually relate to national politics. The Independent Liaison Group are planning to take a different approach to the budget process. We like to look at what we think is not going right on the spending front and focus on what services need a boost to their budgets. It is our intention to circulate these ideas to other groups in the hope that they will adopt some of them, and we are currently discussing publishing them in the press in advance of the budget debate, so that residents can see what we are proposing.

An example of this relates to the opening of libraries in Community Campuses. We take the view that school libraries should be open during school working hours at the very least. We think the closing of all council libraries on a Monday will have an effect on the standards of teaching in the High schools contained in Community Campuses. We are proposing that money should be set aside to open all school libraries throughout the school week.

Planning matters continue to take up a disproportionate amount of my time.

Kinross-shire appears to have almost 35% of the contentious planning applications, which end up at the Development Management Committee. Being on this committee is something of a poisoned chalice as it is inevitably a lose-lose situation, where you either upset the objectors or you upset the developer.

Case work continues to come in and the breadth of the services PKC deliver never ceases to amaze me, so today for example I find myself dealing with a housing problem, a roads issue (potholes), a neighbourhood dispute issue, two planning issues and an education issue.

New legislation continues to be written which affects unitary authorities. At the moment, I am heavily involved in:

- Planning for the Community Empowerment Bill (which is going through parliament);
- Two changes to the boundaries of the Kinross-shire in conjunction with the Boundaries Commission;
- The Integration of Health and Social Care.

This last issue will have far reaching effects. The integration of these services follows Scottish Government legislation and basically involves some services provided by PKC and some provided by NHS Tayside being integrated into a single new body. My main concern is that this new body will need to be accountable to the communities it serves.

There are lots of other things going on and they are keeping me pretty busy.

Looking more locally, there is also a lot going on in Kinross-shire.

Snow has been falling and the Council is doing its best to keep the roads and pavements clear. However, the Environment Service which does this work has been cut back quite severely as it is not a protected service, so there is a limit to what they can do.

If you want to clear the street outside your home of snow please do so. There is an urban myth that people who clear snow or ice from outside their property will become liable for any injuries to people that fall outside their properties. I am told that this is a myth that has no basis in fact. Individuals taking reasonable care to look after the safety and convenience of others bear no such liability.

Additional car parking is being created (as I write) in Mill Street, Kinross. I welcome this extra parking as finding a space can be a real challenge these days. It is imperative that there is enough parking in the town centre or we will see our High Street decline further.

Kinross town centre is due to get renovation work done to it over a six-month period starting either late March or early April. I welcome the fact that we are seeing some money spent here and really hope that the work improves the appearance of our town centre, which is looking so run down.

The officer in charge of the renovation work will be Ross Fletcher who can be contacted either by telephone on: 01738 477295, or by email at: arfletcher@pkc.gov.uk.

The clock in **Milnathort Town Hall** tower stopped working for a while, due to the access being deemed to be unsafe (for health and safety reasons). Happily I can report that the clock has now been automated, so it should start working again.

Cllr Dave Cuthbert



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Blythwood Care collection changes

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After many years of collecting on a Tuesday in Kinross, the collecting day will now be a Monday, and it will be earlier in the month. The Blythwood lorry will still stop at Sainsbury's, but the visit time has been shortened to 25 minutes instead of 30 minutes.

Unfortunately the change to schedules was only confirmed at the end of 2014, after the December Newsletter had gone to press, so the December issue contained the wrong date for the January Blythwood visit.

There have also been some changes to the items collected by Blythwood, e.g. for a while the organisation stopped accepting books, but these will be accepted again. Full details are listed in the revised Blythwood notice on page 96 of this issue of the Newsletter.

The change to schedules appears to be part of an effort to save on operating costs. There are now fewer stops on the 'Round South' collection and, sadly, the regular driver on the route serving Kinross was made redundant. It is fortunate, however, that Kinross remains on the route, as the Blythwood Care collection is an excellent way of recycling items that are no longer required and at the same time helping people in need.

For more information, go to: www.blythwood.org

MP presents cheque to Macmillan

Gordon Banks, MP for Ochil and South Perthshire, met with the Chair of Macmillan Cancer Support's Stirling Committee, retired Consultant General Surgeon, Mr Dudley Booth recently, to present a cheque for £350 following this year's coffee morning at his Alloa Constituency Office.

The coffee morning has become an annual fixture in the MP's calendar, giving him the opportunity to chat with constituents over coffee whilst supporting a worthy charity.



Gordon Banks presenting a cheque to Dudley Booth of Macmillan Cancer Support

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Organised by the Kinross-shire Community Learning and Development Group, DanceSing is open to all adults. It will be an afternoon of enjoyable entertainment and fun activities, bringing people together to celebrate music and dance.

A poster for the 'DanceSing' event. At the top, the word 'DanceSing' is written in a large, stylized font. To the right is a small illustration of three people dancing. Below the title, a large silhouette of a person in a dynamic dance pose is shown. Text on the poster includes: 'Do you like to enjoy yourself?', 'We would love to see you:', 'Wed 11 Feb 2015', '1.30 - 3.30PM', 'LOCH LEVEN COMMUNITY CAMPUS The Muirs, KY13 8FQ, KINROSS', 'Come along have a Dance or Sing along to some great music or just enjoy being there?', 'Fun entertainment, tea, coffee, home baked cake & a Free Raffle AWAIT YOU.', and 'Organised by Kinross-shire Community Learning and Development Group'.

Council moves

Perth & Kinross Councillors and some Council staff have moved to temporary accommodation while the Council building at 2 High Street in Perth is refurbished.

The Councillors, Directors and Chief Executive are now based at The Atrium, 137 Glover Street, Perth, PH2 0LQ and will remain there while the refurbishment takes place.

While the Councillors are based at the Atrium, Council and Committee meetings will be held at the Dewar's Centre, Glover Street, Perth, PH2 0TH.

Services which had been based at the Atrium (Parking, Roads and Transport) have moved to Pullar House.

The works to 2 High Street are expected to take 20 months and cost £9.6 million. When the 'Perth Office Project' is complete by the end of 2016, the Council will vacate Blackfriars and the Atrium. This will reduce the number of properties leased by PKC, making savings on rental and service costs.

Vacancies on Kinross CC

Kinross CC has vacancies for two members, and is seeking to fill these vacancies by co-option. If interested, contact the CC Secretary or Chairman. See page 24 for more details.

Councillor Giacopazzi Kinross Town Centre Regeneration



As will have been mentioned in other parts of this publication, an application to the Development Management Committee last Wednesday (14 January) was passed unanimously, clearing the last hurdle to the commencement of works aiming to transform the town centre. I was happy to second Councillor Robertson's motion to accept the proposals relating to the 'installation of street furniture and hard landscaping'. (That is what the application was for).

At the time of my election three years ago, I was keen to tackle the various eyesores which, over the years, had come into being in Kinross. By this I mean: the old High School site, the former County Buildings, the old social work offices in Mill Street and, of course, the Town Hall. The indications are that, by the end of my term of office, these little oases of dereliction will have been eliminated. Also needing attention is the High Street, from the junction with Station Road, to the junction with Montgomery Street. Proposals for a scheme of environmental improvements have been around for years, but the time that this idea has taken to come to fruition has been dictated by the availability of resources.

I was surprised, therefore, when Kinross residents appeared at the meeting to object to the proposal; one on behalf of the Kinross-shire Civic Trust, a group of well-intentioned individuals (motto, 'helping protect, conserve and develop a better built and natural environment'). The others who spoke first and last, were representing their personal views. I was more surprised when the first speaker spent much of his allocated time arguing against how the application had been handled in terms of process, rather than the actual substance of his concerns. The Committee, of course, asked the Head of Planning to justify his position, which he did. In agreeing the paper, the councillors affirmed their belief that due process had been followed.

One complaint against the substance of the scheme related to the lack of pavements. It was pointed out that the application before the Committee related specifically to 'Street furniture and hard landscaping', which does not include the road itself or any kerbs. A further concern related to the palette of proposed materials to be used. As Councillors, we are not experts in such matters. We rely on the advice of our officers. One genuinely controversial aspect of the scheme relates to the siting of bus stops. The eventual compromise was for two stops to be constructed. I still remain to be convinced that the best site for the bus stop was not the original one in front of the Town Hall. Ultimately, if the layout proves unsatisfactory, it will have to be reviewed.

In the end, what persuaded me to second the proposal, was the uncertainty over the £1,000,000 funding for the scheme. I specifically asked if the money would still be there if the scheme were rejected and was informed that, against a background of scarce resources, other areas would be keen to use the money. The possibility of losing this order of public investment into Kinross concentrated my mind. Neither was the point lost on other committee members, one of whom described Kinross town centre in less than flattering terms to emphasise the need to proceed with the proposals. Indeed, now that Kinross-shire has a high profile attraction in the form

of the Loch Leven path, there is a need to create a welcoming and attractive town centre to draw in visitors and get them to spend.

As a former retailer, I know that there will be disruption while the scheme is being constructed, with attendant problems of access. All I can say is that months of pain will have to be set against many decades of gain if the scheme succeeds in creating a vibrant destination for visitors. Meanwhile, I intend to find out just when the Mill Street car park work is to commence, so that I may report this to the Community Council.

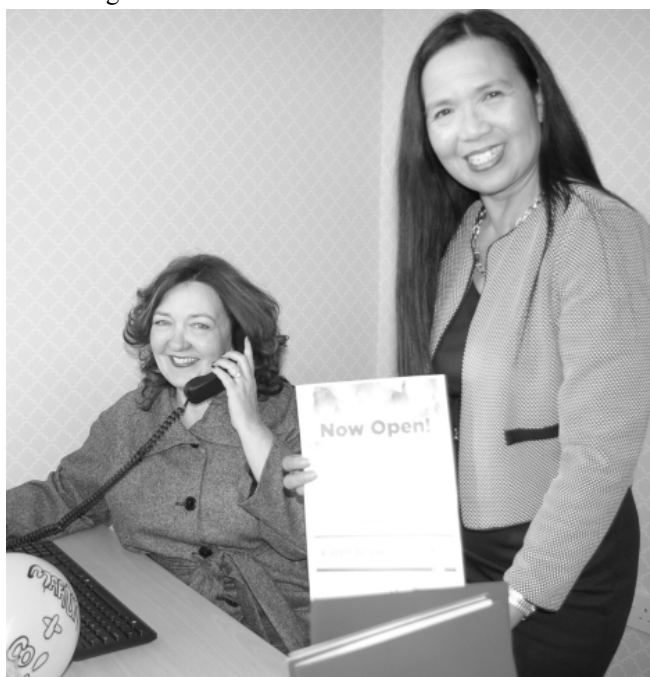
In passing, I would add that Councillors are elected to take decisions having regard to a wide range of factors. We do not exist merely to support one point of view or faction. We have to take a balanced view taking into account all the circumstances and, sometimes, as in the present case, we may not be able to please all of the people. No doubt there will be criticism from one or two quarters, but be assured, the decisions we take are dictated by our judgement of where the greatest advantage for the greatest numbers lies.

Cllr Joe Giacopazzi

Open day for new firm in Kinross

Martin & Co, one of the first firms to take up an office in Liberty Business Centre's redeveloped County Building, held an open day on Monday 24 November 2014.

Pictured are Jane Porteous, Administrator, and Nora Rojas Sinclair, Director. Martin & Co is a franchised property sales and letting business.



Jane Porteous and Nora Rojas Sinclair of Martin & Co

Images of Kinross-shire

Photographs can be downloaded free of charge from the www.kinross.cc

Photo Library

Subjects include Historic Kinross-shire, Loch Leven, Fauna and Flora, Countryside, Villages, Local Projects and Events.

Extra route for local charity walk

A new route has been announced for the annual Loch Leven Walkathon in aid of Scotland's Health Charity, Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland!

The Loch Leven Walkathon returns on **Sunday 22 March** with a new 13-mile route as well as its regular 6km and 11km walks. This walk along the stunning Loch Leven Heritage Trail is in its fifth successful year and has raised £30,000 so far for the charity. All routes start and finish at the Boathouse Bistro in Kinross, have fantastic views and follow well-maintained, signposted, traffic-free footpaths.

The 6km and 11km routes are suitable for all ages and fitness levels and the 13-mile walk is available for those aged 13 and above. Come along for some fun and healthy exercise on **Sunday 22 March** by signing up for the walk and paying the small entry fee (£10 for adults, £5 for young people 5 – 17, under 5s free) – and raise money for a great cause at the same time! Please note that spaces are limited for the 13-mile walk so please register in advance at www.scotlandwalkathon.com. With your support, CHSS can improve lives for the almost half a million Scots affected by chest, heart and stroke illness. Enter online at www.scotlandwalkathon.com, call 0300 1212 444 for an entry form, email fundraising@chss.org.uk or call into the CHSS charity shops in Leven, Kirkcaldy, Anstruther or Crieff.



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Jock's Bar revamp

Jock's Bar at the Green Hotel has been refurbished. It reopened on 14 January with a fresh look and an extensive new menu. Call 01577 863467 to book a table.



Great offers at the Green

During the month of February, Gravity Health & Beauty at the Windlestrae Hotel has a great offer: there will be no joining fee for those wanting to join the gym. This is a saving of up to £50 per person. In the spa, again during February, there is a buy one, get the second half price offer on treatments. Whether you want to pamper yourself or treat a friend, it's a great gift. Telephone 01577 866509 to find out more or make bookings.

The Green Hotel resort is offering a special Valentine package. On Saturday 14 February guests can enjoy a four-course menu, glass of fizz, one night in a spacious room for two (at either the Green or the Windlestrae), plus a full Scottish breakfast on the Sunday morning for £140 per room (£70 per person).

Stay Connected in 2015

Breathing Space Day takes place on the first of February every year, with the aim of encouraging everyone in Scotland to take some time out for themselves as well as paying more attention to their mental wellbeing.

It is common to find ourselves rushing about trying to fit in with busy work schedules and deadlines, whilst juggling various social habits, worrying about life decisions, relationships, money and the rest. It is not surprising that one in four of us experience mental health problems at some point in our lives. Despite what we may be going through, we often find ourselves turning to those we love most in a time of need, whether it is for a helping hand, a shoulder to cry on or simply just to talk to. By keeping connected to those around us, we have the opportunity to channel some of our emotions, re-evaluate our thoughts, beliefs and behaviours and most importantly, feel connected.

Breathing Space are taking the opportunity this year to 'promote the benefits of keeping in touch with friends, family and loved ones', with their 2015 campaign 'Stay Connected'. Whether it is contacting a friend or family member, arranging a catch up or popping over to see a neighbour, make sure you take the efforts to keep yourself connected this year. Research strongly suggests that maintaining and building good social connections with those close to you and the wider community can contribute to an increase in self-worth, happiness and self-confidence.

To find out more about the day, please visit breathingspace.scot.

If you would like more information on various mental health issues, please visit www.mentalwealthperthshire.org.uk.

by Claire Thomson, PLUS Perth



The Kinross Newsletter

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All about hearts on Valentine's Day

On **Saturday 14 February**, Kinross Parish Church will be hosting an evening of entertainment, entitled *Aspects of Love*. Because Valentine's Day is all about hearts and love, it would seem a perfect date to raise money on behalf of *the British Heart Foundation*.

A wide range of aspects of love will be explored in music and words: falling in love, first love, broken hearts, love of family, of home, of country, love of God.

Those performing will include Scottish actress and singer, Lesley Mackie. Amongst her many other stage and screen performances, Lesley appeared in the original film of *The Wicker Man*. She also won an Olivier Award in 1987 for her performance in the West End of the title role in *Judy*, written by her husband, Terry Wale, about the life of Judy Garland. She has also achieved acclaim for her role in *Piaf*, with the songs of Edith Piaf.



Stage and screen actress and singer Lesley Mackie will perform at Kinross Parish Church

Soprano, Anita Mackenzie Mills will visit the world of opera, a rich source of songs on the theme of love.

Some of you may remember Kinross girl, Ishbel McFarlane, in *University Challenge*. Ishbel will perform the balcony scene from *Romeo and Juliet*, along with Tommy Herbert, who was the captain of that Edinburgh University team that reached the quarter-finals in 2006. Ishbel and Tommy are engaged and will be getting married in Kinross Parish Church in May, so are a very appropriate couple to perform in this Valentine's Day concert.

The rest of the entertainment will be provided by Kinross Parish Church Choir and other soloists and ensembles. The concert starts at 7.30pm. Tickets can be obtained at Baillies in Kinross, from the Post Office in Milnathort and on the door. £8 for aged 16 and over. Under 16, free.

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Need Equipment for a Community Event?

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

Items are listed on www.kinross.cc at:

www.kinross.cc/equipment_hire/equipment.htm

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

Computing Classes @ Kinross Learning Centre

Whether you want to do your weekly shopping on-line, find cheap holidays on the Internet, or just keep up with the children and grandchildren, the beginners' computing classes at Kinross Learning Centre have been designed to give you both skills and confidence.

The 8-week **Getting Started on your Computer** course will provide an introduction to the PC, from mouse and keyboard skills to word-processing and making the most of the Internet and e-mail. **Get Connected**, on the other hand, focuses on the world of social networking. Hashtags have become a part of everyday life, but what are they for? And as the media reminds us again about security and safety, how do we control what information we share?

If Santa brought you an iPad, **Get to grips with your iPad** will help you to understand its key features. Aimed particularly at those with very little knowledge, you will learn how to set up an email account, how to use Siri and which apps might help you to follow your interests.

Finally, if you'd like to set up your own website, the 5-week **Introduction to Web Design** will provide you with the skills you need to create a basic online presence. The course will cover basic page design, using hyperlinks, working with images, page titles and backgrounds and uploading and hosting options.

All of these classes start in February, so there's still time to book a place.

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

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

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

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

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

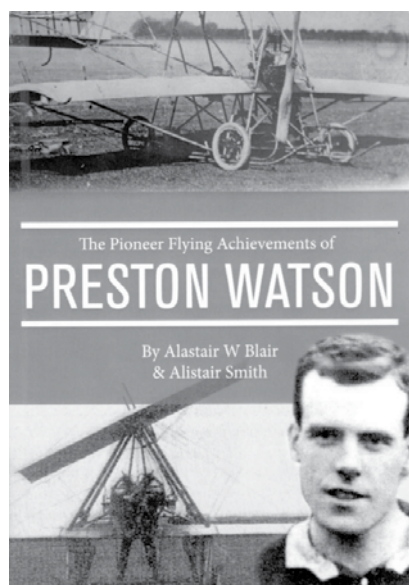
Advanced ECDL: Word Processing, Spreadsheets, Database, Presentation.

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

To find out more about any of these classes, or the funding options available, contact Maureen Ross on 01577 863863 or visit the Learning Centre at Swansacre. Full details are also available on Perth College's website, www.perth.uhi.ac.uk.

The Pioneer Flying Achievements of Preston Watson

Kinross-shire resident Alistair Smith has recently co-authored and published a book about a forgotten aviation pioneer: Preston Watson was born in Dundee in 1880, attended Dundee High School, but was tragically killed in a flying accident with the RNAS in 1915. However, after leaving school he set about designing, building and flying his own aircraft which he first flew in the summer of 1903 at Errol, close to the site of the old Errol airfield. The book is all about his life and his record of the three aircraft he built between 1903 and the Great War. Hopefully, it will help re-establish his place in World aviation history.



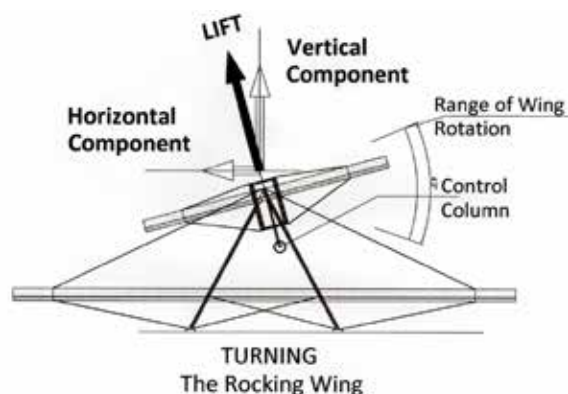
Watson had a very creative and inventive mind and he designed and built an aircraft that was simple in design and very simple to fly. His great invention was his 'Rocking Wing', by which he was able to bank and turn in a much more simple and controlled way than the Wright Brothers were able to achieve. Modern hang gliders, 100 years later, use a similar way to control their aircraft. Watson

and the Wright brothers were the only aircraft designers at that time who had seriously thought about how to turn an aircraft. He later flew his aircraft at Forgardenny and with the

acquisition of more powerful engines he built two further aircraft. His early death cut short a mind that may have gone on to contribute more ingenious developments to the advancement of aircraft design.

Alistair Smith

'The Pioneer Flying Achievements of Preston Watson' by Alastair W Blair and Alistair Smith is published by Librario. www.librario.com
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The principle of the Rocker Wing followed Watson's observations of sea gulls. If he wanted to make a turn to the right he tilted the Upper Rocker Wing to the right, ie right wing down.

With the wing tilted, the Lift generated by the wing would still be at right angles to the wing surface. This could then be split into a force to the right, or horizontally, as well as a force vertically. This side force then made the aircraft turn in the direction required

Lest We Forget Reflections on the Great War

Throughout 2014 we told some of the stories of individual Kinross-shire men who died serving in the armed forces during WWI. The Kinross (Marshall) Museum mounted an exhibition in autumn 2014 to reflect what was happening 100 years earlier. The museum will change its exhibition every few months to tell the story of the war from a Kinross-shire perspective right through to 2018. With kind permission of the museum we will publish parts of their exhibition text in the Newsletter.

Some of the information that we will publish has been drawn from 'The Kinross-shire Roll of Honour', researched and compiled by Sergeant Alastair Gallant Smith of the Royal Logistics Corps and kindly loaned to Kinross (Marshall) Museum for reference and safe keeping.



1914

The call to arms

As soon as war breaks out the columns of the *Kinross-shire Advertiser* are filled with adverts encouraging the "Young Men of Kinross-shire" between the ages of 19 and 35 years to enlist. Employers are asked to ensure that "every fit man" has been given every opportunity of enlisting with the offer "to keep their positions open".

In an article entitled "The call to young men of Kinross-shire" published on 19 September 1914, the *Kinross-shire Advertiser* printed for the first time a list of those men in the county who had "already responded to Call of King and Country." Thereafter, a regular, ever increasing 'Roll of Honour' was published of those Kinross-shire men who had enlisted. The long list of 325 names published in the 'Roll of Honour' at the end of the year shows how successful the 'call to arms' had been in the Kinross area, which also included Kelty. In later years the term 'Roll of Honour' came to be applied only to those men who had been killed in action.

The rapid recruitment of men into the armed forces before the outbreak of war, and in the first weeks of the war, enabled a British Expeditionary Force to be in France within three weeks of the declaration of war on 4 August 1914.



Loch Leven Community Library

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Tuesdays 10.15-10.45am Thursdays 2.15-2.45pm

Bookbug Rhymetimes

Saturdays 10.30-11.00am Wednesdays 2.00-2.30pm

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

Explore Your Digital Library

FREE sessions on how to access library online resources and e-resources (free e-books, e-magazines & e-audio books). Expert advice and tips on researching your Family History.

Online resources session Wed 4 Feb 1500-1600 hrs

e-Resources session Fri 6 Feb 1400-1500 hrs

Family History sessions Sat 7 Feb 1000-1200 hrs

Wed 11 Feb 1700-1900 hrs

To find out more or to book a place, contact the library.

Explore the Exciting World of Pirates and Other Deep Sea Shenanigans

Come along to be inspired by some swashbuckling characters during this fun storytelling and activity session.

Thursday 5 March 4pm-5pm

(Children aged 8yrs and under need to be accompanied by an adult.) Free event; suitable for 3-9yrs. Booking essential.



Down's Syndrome Scotland

helping people realise their potential

Photographic exhibition pierces through stigma of Down's Syndrome

Down's Syndrome Scotland is working alongside Perthshire photographer Graham Miller on a photographic exhibition in Dunkeld this February.

Six Percent. Down's Syndrome: My Photographs, Their Stories showcases the intimate moments, relationships and everyday lives of people with Down's Syndrome and their families in Scotland. A book of the same title will be available to buy at the exhibition and online at dsscotland.org.uk/book. All proceeds from the first 500 copies will go to Down's Syndrome Scotland.

The exhibition runs from **1st February until 1st March** at Birnam Arts & Conference Centre, Dunkeld. Opening hours are 10am to 5pm daily and entry is free.



Photo by Graham Miller

Jamie is off to help in Madagascar

In January Jamie Hookham, a member of Kinross Parish Church, started a nine-month spell of voluntary teaching and mission work in Madagascar with AIM (formerly 'Africa Inland Mission'). Jamie is having to raise £8000 to support himself in this voluntary work and on Sunday 14 December Rev. Alan Reid presented him with a cheque towards this from the Overseas Outreach Fund of Kinross Parish Church in recognition of what was described as 'a wonderful occasion'. Jamie said, "After four years of university, I felt eager to pass on my skills and experiences to those who need it most. I was also determined to use the French and Maths that I had learned throughout my degree which made this opportunity with AIM in Madagascar – where French is the second language – seem like a perfect fit. Madagascar is one of the most beautiful, yet poorest, countries in the world. It was my hope that by bringing new talents to the Malagasy people that I would help to contribute to the ongoing, evangelical work of current AIM missionaries to combat the various nationwide problems in the country, through better education in schools and outreach in churches."

Jamie will be sending reports of his time to the church and if anyone wants to be included in the e-mail distribution list then please email: office@kinrossparishchurch.org



Rev Alan Reid presents a cheque from Kinross Parish Church to Jamie Hookham to help support Jamie's voluntary work in Madagascar

Have your say on care scheme

People are being asked to air their views on a draft scheme to integrate health and social care in Perth and Kinross.

Demand for health and social care services is increasing. PKC wants to ensure that people with long-term conditions and disabilities, many of whom are older people, continue to get the joined-up support and care they need to live safely and independently at home for as long as possible.

To assist with this, a proposal has been drawn up which will see NHS Tayside staff and PKC's social care staff working closely together.

The draft Integration Scheme is open for public comment until 27 February. For more information, visit:

www.pkc.gov.uk/integration



Crime Prevention Advice

Police Scotland is urging residents in Perth and Kinross to review security measures within and around their homes and outbuildings following recent reports of break-ins to houses and sheds in the last few weeks.

Beware the opportunist thief as they will take every opportunity to exploit poor security at and around people's homes. Very often it is the simplest security measures that can make the difference and stop crime from happening in the first place. First and foremost, lock front and back doors, as well as windows, even when at home and especially overnight.

It is recommended that householders leave a light on if they are unlikely to be home before dark, or use a timer switch to ensure that the lights come on as dusk falls.

Nowadays, it is common for people to store expensive goods and equipment in their sheds, garages and outbuildings – which is precisely why householders should take steps to ensure their belongings are safe and make life as hard as possible for the opportunist thief. Tools and ladders and even garden furniture should also be put away and never left out for thieves to steal, or even use to commit crime.

Be a good neighbour and look out for any suspicious activity within your community. Look out for other people living around you, particularly older or vulnerable neighbours.

Tell the police immediately if you have any reason to be suspicious about any persons or vehicles. Along with community safety wardens, our officers regularly carry out high visibility patrols across the county. They will respond to ongoing incidents and react to information passed to them by the public. We would urge residents to report crime when they see it happening, or where they have suspicions that something is going on.

Some points to consider:

- Ensure that keys are not left within door locks.
- Consider getting a house alarm fitted or using an existing one.
- Mark all valuables with a UV pen with the relevant

postcode and house number. If stolen items are recovered by the police, it is much easier to return them to the owner if this has been done.

Police Reports to Community Councils

Some advice and information given to some or all of the local CCs in December and January is as follows:

Home security: Police reminded CCs about securing property. There had been a number of break-ins to property, particularly sheds and garages with power tools and gardening equipment targeted. See main feature on this page for advice.

Thefts from roofs: There have been thefts of roofing materials across Tayside.

Counterfeit notes: In December, the Police reported that counterfeit Clydesdale Bank £10 and £20 notes were in circulation. Members of the public should check their change and if uncertain should take notes to a bank to be scanned. Counterfeit notes are thicker than genuine notes and have a waxy feel.

Drink-driving: CCs were reminded of the new legislation. Two local drivers had been found to be over the new limit during the festive campaign.

Police Scotland, local community

Telephone: 101 for non emergencies.

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

Email: taysidekinross-shireCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

The Community Sergeant for Kinross, Auchterarder and Crieff is **Sandra Williams**.

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



Crime Stoppers – Telephone 0800 555 111

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

Fossoway CC on Facebook

Members of Fossoway & District CC have set up a Facebook page for community council matters. They will post minutes and agenda on this, as well as on their website, www.fossoway.org. Other community information will also be posted on the Facebook page, and residents can post comments if there is anything they would like to inform the CC about. To find the page, put 'Fossoway & District Community Council' into the search box on Facebook.

Funding for community projects

Perth & Kinross Council is keen to encourage new applications to the Community Environment Challenge Fund.

Projects must be led and delivered by community groups and must make a significant difference to the local environment and be widely supported within the community. The project must also have the written support of all local Councillors in the ward where the project is taking place.

For more information, go to:

www.kinross.cc/funding/Funding.htm

Youth Services seeking volunteers

Have you got some spare time? Like working with young people? Then why not see if volunteering for Youth Services could be for you?

We work across Kinross-shire with young people aged 12-25 offering all sorts of activities and further development opportunities, from youth clubs to issue based work, residential and trips, Youth Services could be the volunteering opportunity for you. If you are over 16 and have a few hours to spare and think this is for you, contact Ricky Evans on 01577 867106 or relevans@pkc.gov.uk or Clare McCance on 01577 867107 or Cmccance@pkc.gov.uk

Youth Jazz Orchestra perform

The Fife Youth Jazz Orchestra (FYJO) will be performing in the Fife Jazz Festival on **Sunday 8 February** at 3pm in the Dean Park Hotel, Kirkcaldy. Tickets (£8) can be purchased from Fife Box Office on 01592 611101.

Many young people from Kinross-shire are members of FYJO. There will be more on jazz in the next Newsletter.

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 December Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 3 December 2014 were: CCllrs Colliar (Chair), Freeman, Blyth, Davies, Watson, Jack, Thomas and Scott (Secy); P&K Cllrs Robertson and Giacopazzi [and Cllr Cuthbert] and ten members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllrs West and Mackay and P&K Cllr Robertson.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Under correction of Report from Councillors to include a question from a member of the public "Given the reports regarding the pressure on Councillor Robertson to withdraw his motion to the PKC Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee could Councillors comment on their own experience?" Both Councillors replied that they received "advice" from officers in response to comments made by them and the Minutes were proposed by CCllr Freeman and seconded by CCllr Jack.

Police Report: In the absence of a police presence the Secretary gave a report. *See also Police Box.* Mention was made of two recent attacks. A Commander's Bulletin is to be published on a weekly basis and circulated to the CC. This will cover the whole of Perth & Kinross and notify of recent crimes etc. Police are also to attend the CC meetings.

Street Lighting: CCllr Davies reported on communications with the Council regarding this. The change to the lighting is purely for energy conservation reasons and meets with current standards in relation to safety, security and energy efficiency. However, the lighting has been examined and it has been agreed to turn up the power from the campus down the Muirs, along the High Street to Station Road. This should make it brighter and safer. It was suggested that the trees could be cut back in certain areas. It was commented that lighting at junctions and pedestrian crossings are brighter.

Town Centre Regeneration: A further discussion was held on the works proposed. Some amendments have been made, i.e. the addition of two bus stops (without shelters) at the Doghouse and opposite. These are to be introduced as a result of objections received regarding the relocation of the bus shelters from the Town Hall area. The bus shelters at Swansacre will still be implemented. These bus stops are to be incorporated on a footway build out to ensure that no parking is lost on the High Street. Comment was made to the stonework and a member of the public mentioned that there was no demarcation of pavements. The business representatives present mentioned that there was a lack of information received - this was answered that there were a number of consultations and that the local businesses had received a recent invitation to an exhibition at the campus. An initial approach was made in relation to upgrade of shop frontages in line with the regeneration works, however the funding for this was not received by the Council. The planned works, and the one track at the Salutation, will encourage drivers to slow down.

A member of the public asked the reasoning behind creating a bus stop on an area currently marked with double yellow lines, in particular when trying to minimise the loss of car

parking space in the town centre. A PKC building in Mill Street is to be demolished and will allow for 16 car parking spaces. Consideration is also being given to a grass area at the Millbridge Car Park - to be tarmaced over to create car park spaces. A comment was made that trees were to be planted opposite the sheltered housing; the Councillors were not aware of this. Cllr Cuthbert would look into this.

Speed restriction: This is not being extended down to Clashburn Road. It was mentioned that the car wash is very busy and that cars park on the opposite side of this street. A member of the public asked if a sign could be placed at the bottom of the town. Traffic speeds off the motorway southbound and into town. A suggestion was made that this be monitored by the Police. The situation with the road at Balado was also raised.

The public were reminded that the Council were interested in feedback/comments regarding the proposed plans and comments could be addressed to them.

Scotbet premises: Cllr Robertson has written to the owners regarding the dilapidated condition of this building. A member of the public mentioned that the flats were occupied. We are uncertain if these are currently habitable. Cllr Giacopazzi will look into this.

Newsletter fund: No applications this month.

Planning Applications Submitted to PKC

14/01744/FLL Blinkhoolie, 10 Sandport: erection of a summer house and alterations to outbuilding.

14/01887/AML Plot A at land 60 metres southwest of Torriebank: modification of permission 13/00421/AML (Erection of 2 dwelling houses), change of house type on Plot A.

14/01894/FLL Costcutter: alterations and extension to form hot food takeaway and formation of 4 flats.

14/01995/FLL 9 Gallowhill Wynd: extension to dwelling house and formation of raised decking area.

14/01926/FLL Moto: siting of portable building, relocation of storage container and formation of canopy to walkway.

Applications Approved by PKC

14/01606/FLL 2 Police Houses: installation of solar panels.

14/01538/CON Kinross Social Work Office, Mill Street, demolition of building.

14/01654/FLL Gellybank Farmhouse: extension to house.

14/01780/FLL Gowanlea, Pier Road, installation of an air source heat pump.

14/01807/FLL 6 Argyll Court, alterations to dwellinghouse.

Correspondence

War Memorial: Only minor works remaining. Electrical not being carried out by SSE until January.

Insurance Renewal: certificate received.

Perth and Kinross LDP Supplementary Guidance Consultation between 10 November and 22 December.

Special Landscape Areas Supplementary Guidance: Information on Consultation period available online. Deadline 19 January.

National Community Councils website: now live on www.communitycouncils.org.uk

Community Economic Development Advisor: Introduction

from Mr David Howie. His role is to help communities get economic development projects off the ground. Would welcome the opportunity to discuss, with the CC, any areas where they think he could assist.

Defibrillator/Cabinet: Information provided on purchase of Defibrillator/Cabinet for use by village. We believe that there is one available at the campus.

Proposed variation to waiting restrictions: Additional Waiting Restrictions at Talla Park, Avenue Road, Burns Begg Street, Pier Road, Sandport and Sandport Gait; extend the existing restrictions on the new relief road at Clashburn Road; removal of a short section of restrictions on the High Street outside the Police Station - No Waiting at Any Time waiting restrictions at the junction of Avenue Road and Talla Park, Burns Begg Street, Pier Road, Sandport, Sandport Gait, Clashburn Road and High Street.

Other Business

Burger van: Their licence should run out next April at which time they will have to look for somewhere more convenient.

Roads: Cllr Giacomazzi answered a question from CCllr Jack with regard to overspend or underspend in relation to the winter cover for roads. This, of course, is dependent on the weather from now to April.

Green Road: Following a comment in relation to the condition of Green Road, Cllr Cuthbert is to look over the area from Alexander Drive.

Festive market: CCllr Davies commented on its success.

Rugby Club events: Mention was made to the chaos occurring during these events in relation to car parking and traffic flow. The Police have been informed regarding the next event and cones will be set out.

Laptop: The Secretary advised that malware was found on the laptop and the cost of repair by Fife Computers was £75.00.

CC Introduction: A member of the public suggested that the CC introduce themselves to new business.

Persimmon Homes: Should an application be lodged, a special meeting will be arranged to discuss same.

News from the January Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 7 January 2015 were: CCllrs Colliar, Blyth, Jack, Watson, Freeman, Thomas and Scott; P&K Cllr Cuthbert and four members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllrs Davies, West and Mackay and P&K Cllrs Barnacle and Robertson.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Minutes of last meeting (3 Dec 2014): Under correction of addition of Councillor Cuthbert to those attending December's meeting and a request from Mr Miles to amend the terms of the Minutes, the Minutes were proposed by CCllr Freeman and seconded by CCllr Blyth. Mr Miles asked that the Minutes should correctly reflect both his question and response in relation to Officers interpretation of the terms of the Code of Conduct. There was some discussion in relation to the latter. Cllr Cuthbert and CCllr Thomas both agreed that the content as detailed in the Minute was accurate. It was agreed by the CC that the context of the December meeting should stand. Mr Miles asked that his objection to this be noted as this was not his understanding of the matter as discussed and that the Councillors had been "threatened with censure". He referred to one of Cllr Cuthbert's articles from the Newsletter. Cllr Barnacle was not present this evening to comment.

An apology from the Secretary was noted regarding the

lateness of the Minutes; this was due to illness prior to the festive holiday. An objection was received from Mr Miles.

Police Report: No police presence or report provided for the meeting. We now receive a Commander's Bulletin on a weekly basis. This is also available online. *Post meeting note:* Report received: youths climbing on scaffolding at Mill Street; youths knocking on residential windows at Avenue Road; vandalism on High Street (detected).

Town centre regeneration project: Cllr Cuthbert provided an update on the trees opposite the Sheltered Housing in Old Causeway and in Swansacre. The latter would not be viable for car parking, however it was suggested that all three trees be removed and replaced - two of the existing trees are too close to the houses and the third, furthest away, is an Alder which drops a lot of debris and are better suited to waterside locations. The CC had no objections to this proposal. The three trees would be replaced by two Tibetan Cherries.

Cllr Cuthbert also mentioned road surfaces and advised that work would commence on the Mill Street car park shortly.

CC Vacancies: There are two casual vacancies, with the resignation of Malcolm Wood and Dot Mackay now residing in Bridge of Earn. A letter of thanks is to be sent to Dot for her sterling work on the CC over the last few years. An advert to be placed in the Newsletter this coming month.

Planning Applications Submitted to PKC

14/02000/FLL Land 40 metres west of 23 Montgomery Way: erection of dance studio. This was discussed. No objections were raised by the CC.

14/02131/FLL 103 Lathro Park: erection of replacement garage.

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14/02062/FLL Tillyochie Farm, Balado: renewal of permission (09/00848/FLL) erection of 3 dwelling houses.

14/02123/FLL Land 30 metres east of 177 High Street, Old Causeway: demolition of office/light industrial unit and erection of 9 flats.

14/02192/FLL Websters Development, 14 High Street: erection of wall.

Planning Applications Approved by PKC

14/00275/FLL Land 60 metres north of Green Hotel, erection of 33 retirement apartments, communal facilities, car parking, landscaping and associated works.

14/1735/FLL Kinross Social Work Office, Mill Street: formation of car park.

14/01836/FLL 108-114 High St: demolition of extension.

Reports from P&K Councillors

Cllr Cuthbert referred to potholes on the B918 and others, the walls at Swansacre, Green Hotel and Lathro Farm.

Town centre regeneration: A decision is to be taken on this application shortly. A question was raised regarding the closing date for comments and the consultation process was again mentioned. Mr Miles also commented on the planned proposals and the procedures involved. He added that improvements to the town were welcome but that the works planned should be absolutely right for the town centre. Mention was made of the impact to the street when the gas works were being carried out.

Correspondence

Kinross-shire CCs Forum on 20 January. Agenda: CC relationship with Council re. funding, planning, speed control and traffic mitigation on country roads. CCllrs Colliar and Davies to attend.

Proposed Local Landscape Areas: Copy of email from Cllr Barnacle to the Council.

Special Landscape Areas: The Ochils have been included as a Special Landscape Area. The Cleish Hills, Benarty and Devon Valley (bottom of the Lomonds) are not mentioned and, of course, the Heritage Trail should be included - the whole of the Kinross basin. We are to write to the Council accordingly.

Future of Land Reform in Scotland: Link received regarding Consultation.

Broadband: Enquiry regarding timescale for superfast broadband in Kinross. The process has started in the town.

Draft Flood Risk Management Strategies: Public Consultation - Phase I runs from 22 Dec to 2 March 2015.

Other Business

Roundabout, M90 Jct 6: Surface has been patched on a number of occasions. Requires attention. An approach will be made to Bear Scotland.

Drains: CCllr Blyth reported that there were a number of sunken drains in the area requiring attention. Springfield Road, Lathro Park and Alexander Drive were mentioned.

Street Lights: A query was raised regarding the LED lights and when these would be adjusted. It was also stated that some of the street lights are not operating. We are to invite Jim Valentine to a CC meeting to discuss.

Container: CCllr Freeman questioned whether the container at Crook of Devon had been put to use. Cllr Cuthbert will check. An organisation could utilise the storage if available.

Christmas Tree: The tree donated by the Kilted Tree Company received some good comments.

Raffle: Permission was received to draw the Light Up Kinross Raffle at the end of the CC Meeting in February.

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

Agenda for the meeting on 4 February

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of interest
3. Minutes of Meeting of 7 January 2015
4. Police report
5. Matters arising from Minutes of 7 January
6. Newsletter fund disbursements
7. Future of Kinross Buildings
8. CC vacancies
9. Planning matters
10. Reports from P&K Councillors
11. Miscellaneous correspondence
12. Other competent business
13. Date of next meeting (4 March 2015)

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

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News from the December Meeting

CCLr Hamilton, Chair, welcomed CCLrs Bennet, Halford, Pettinger and Thomson to the meeting held on 11 December 2014. Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs Barnacle, Giacopazzi and Robertson, PC Dougie Stapleton and seven members of the public. Apologies were received from CCLrs Milne-Home, Cottingham and Smith and from P&K Cllr Cuthbert.

Police matters: The Chair had received both a local report, and a second report covering the wider area. PC Stapleton advised that a member of the Police would endeavour to attend every other meeting, plus additional meetings if specifically requested. A forklift truck had been stolen from a building site between Scotlandwell and Kinrosswood. *See also Police Box, p. 19.* In response to a query from Cllr Robertson, PC Stapleton advised that speeding checks would be carried out in the vicinity of Burleigh Castle.

Planning application: The CC noted the following planning application in Milnathort; no objections were raised: **14/02014/FLL:** Erection of a dwelling house at a site at Tannerhall.

Planning applications determined: PKC Cllrs advised that:

- A retrospective application for a travellers/gypsy site at Mawcarse had been refused by PKC, but enforcement would be delayed to allow time for a possible appeal. Cllrs explained that there were several issues, including drainage and landscape/countryside considerations relating to this and other proposed travellers sites.
- The Reporter had rejected an appeal by the developer of the Athron Hall site against PKC's decision to enforce provision of 'mains water' to the site.

Proposed Milnathort Conservation Area: Although Alastair Smith of Kinross-shire Civic Trust could not attend this meeting, the Chair decided that in view of the number of responses received, and the members of the public attending specifically for this item, to press on with discussion. The following issues were raised during a lengthy and lively discussion:

- The Kinross-shire Civic Trust only wished to seek the views of Milnathort Community Council at this stage.
- There were concerns that the residents of Milnathort would not benefit from a change in status.
- If the status of Milnathort Village were to change, it should be generated by internal will, rather than by unelected pressure groups.

- Conservation status carried with it a burden on both PKC and local home/property owners.
- P&K Cllrs advised that PKC was not seeking to increase the number of Conservation Areas within its Local Authority area.
- The majority of the old buildings, such as the mills and market, had long since gone - historical buildings were merely remembered by road names; it was too late to designate a Conservation Area in the village.
- A recent application by Persimmon homes had been refused in the Conservation area containing the old Kinross High School and the church; it would be informative to see the result of any forthcoming re-application.

The Chair summarised the discussion:

- All but one of the email responses he had received were not in favour of Conservation status.
- There was no support for Conservation status within the hall.
- He recorded that MCC would not support the proposal by the Kinross-shire Civic Trust.

PKC Special Landscape Areas Supplementary Guidance:

The MCC was advised that PKC had issued a draft supplementary guidance document for consultation which was open during the period 28 Nov 2014 to 19 Jan 2015. During discussion the MCC noted that the previous designation 'Area of Great Landscape Value' had been withdrawn and that the current consultation document has included the local areas of Loch Leven, Portmoak and the Ochil Hills for Special Landscape area status. P&K Cllrs advised that the views of landowners would be represented, and asked MCC to consider PKC's draft and then offer comments.

P&K Cllrs advised that special designation would not necessarily protect areas from further development, such as wind turbines, as the document offered 'guidance' which may be overridden in certain circumstances.

New Matters and Correspondence: The Secretary reported that:

- Insurance cover for MCC had been arranged.
- He had received a letter from TAYplan - Strategic Development Planning Authority for Dundee, Perth, Angus and North Fife - advising that it expected to publish a proposed plan for the area for the period 2016 to 2036 in early May 2015 and proposing an eight-week period for comment/representations. TAYplan would write again in March/April 2015 to provide further details.

The Treasurer advised that she had attended a meeting called by the Perth and Kinross Action Group, but the discussion was mainly of concern to charities with much larger budgets than MCC; the Chair thanked her for attending.



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P&K Councillors' Comments

Cllr Robertson advised that he had received several complaints about the poor quality of **street lighting** locally; he understood that the area of the Muirs in Kinross would be upgraded to provide brighter lighting. He has asked PKC officials to consider upgrading street lighting locally, especially in areas where there are pedestrian crossings and busy thoroughfares. The Chair thanked Cllr Robertson for his support.

Cllr Robertson also advised that the internal **Town Hall** stairs leading to the clock had been repaired; an electronic motor would be fitted to the clock mechanism, hopefully before Christmas 2014 - thus removing the requirement to wind the clock.

Cllr Barnacle advised that Fossoway and District, and Kinross CCs wished to hold a **Kinross-shire CC forum**.

News from the January Meeting

In the absence of CCllr Hamilton, Chair, CCllr Milne-Home (vice Chair) chaired the meeting held on 8 January 2015. He welcomed CCllrs Cottingham, Halford, Pettinger, Smith and Thomson to the meeting. Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs Giacomazzi and Robertson, and six members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllrs Hamilton and Bennet, from P&K Cllrs Barnacle and Cuthbert and from the Police.

Police matters: CCllr Milne-Home read extracts of the report provided by the Police. *See also Police Box, p. 19.* He advised that:

- Recent crimes under investigation included the theft of lead from Orwell Church.
- In December 2014 there had been a suspicious fire to a pushchair in a common stairwell in Stirling Road.

Matters arising

CCllrs Hamilton and Cottingham would be attending a forum of CCs in Ward 8 during w/c 19 January 2015.

CCllr Milne-Home reminded the meeting that the consultation on Special Landscape Areas was due to close on 19 January 2015.

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

14/02077/FLL: Installation of photovoltaic solar panel farm and ancillary works at Shire-end Solar Farm, Path of Condie, for Archiception Limited. The MCC noted that there had been a scoping application issued previously in October 2014, however, it was not discussed in any depth. Archiception Ltd had held a consultation in the Town Hall on 21 November 2014; they had also consulted local residents near the farm by letter, but the Secretary raised concerns that he had not received any such letter on behalf of MCC. From further discussion of the application the following emerged:

- The Scottish Government encourages farmers to diversify their interests where possible.
- Shire-end Farm is a hill farm largely grazing sheep.
- The proposed solar panel installation would occupy about 35 hectares of a site of 81 hectares; the panels would be about 3 feet above the ground and would allow sheep to graze on the land.
- The MCC was concerned that some 70,000 panels would have to be transported to the site, presumably through Milnathort, thence to the north, thereby potentially clashing with the logging lorries bringing felled timber south through North Street/Wester Loan from Stronachie.
- It was suggested that perhaps there might be some financial

benefit to the community from the development.

The MCC agreed to support the application, but asked CCllr Thompson to approach David Sands, Milnathort Futures Trust, to ask him to investigate any potential benefit to the community with Archiception Limited.

14/02083/FLL: Demolition of workshop and garages and erection of five flats at 2-12 Wester Loan for Waverco Limited. The CC discussed the above application at length. Members of the public and CCllrs raised concerns about the revised proposal, which is for two single-bedroom flats and three two-bedroom flats, and has superseded a previous application to build two houses on the site. In particular:

- The immediate area near the Town Hall is already congested, at times large vehicles have difficulty negotiating the narrow strip of roadway, parking space is at a premium (especially when events are held in the adjacent Town Hall), and although the application seeks to provide one off-road parking space for each flat, this would be insufficient to cater for visitors and for occupiers possessing more than one vehicle.
- The proposed height of the buildings would reach above adjacent buildings to the north, block light from houses opposite, and be level with the Town Hall; this would be out of character with current houses in Wester Loan and Back Loan.
- Would the materials to be used for the buildings be in-keeping with other properties?

The CC agreed to object on the above grounds, and CCllr Cottingham agreed to investigate further the intended building materials proposed, before writing to PKC expressing MCC's objections.

The MCC also briefly discussed the following two applications, but had no comments:

14/02128/FLL: Erection of outbuildings at Queich Cottage, Dalqueich for Mr Steven Hutchison.

14/02140/FLL: Extension to dwelling house at 84 South Street for Ms Denise Griffiths.

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

14/01128/IPL: Erection of dwelling house (in principle) on land 70 metres west of Blairnathort Farm.

CCllr Cottingham also confirmed that he had received written confirmation from PKC that the application to form a permanent **gypsy/traveller site** and associated works (part retrospective) on land 50 metres south west of Laignland Stables, Mawcarse Crossroads, Mawcarse had been refused.

Flood Risk Management: CCllr Milne-Home advised that he had received a copy of a letter from PKC to CCllr



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Hamilton notifying the MCC of a forthcoming national public consultation on flood risk management; the letter stated that Scotland has been divided into 14 plan districts, which are based on river catchments. The MCC area of responsibility falls into the Forth Estuary catchment area.

Proposed Milnathort Conservation Area: CCllr Milne-Home explained that, although the MCC had decided at its meeting on 11 December 2014 not to support the proposal, the minute of the MCC meeting held on 13 November 2014 indicated that a decision would be made at the meeting on 8 January 2015; therefore the MCC should revisit the proposal by Kinross-shire Civic Trust for a designated Conservation Area with Milnathort. He advised that, as he had a conflict of interest, CCllr Thomson would chair this item.

A protracted and lively discussion ensued, during which members of the Kinross-shire Civic Trust and members of the public expressed their views on the proposal. In summary, whilst members of the Trust wished to conserve the village and protect it from unattractive and inappropriate developments, members of the public had strong concerns about the potential financial burden on existing householders. CCllr Thomson read out extracts from a letter to CCllr Hamilton sent by a resident of Church Street, expressing some support for the principle of conservation, but also raising a range of questions/concerns about the effect of conservation status on residents within the proposed boundary.

Following further discussion during which some Community Councillors expressed some unease with the process thus far, CCllr Thomson noted that the balance of opinion in the hall was firmly against the proposal, and then asked MCC members to confirm that the decision taken in December 2014, not to support the proposal, should stand. The MCC unanimously agreed that the decision taken in December 2014 should stand.

P&K Councillors' Comments: Cllr Robertson advised that:

- He has raised the issue of parking/road safety at the junction of Back Loan and Victoria Avenue with PKC.
- He will investigate with PKC the possibility of increasing library opening hours and re-opening leisure facilities to the public at the Loch Leven Community Campus during the forthcoming budget setting exercise.

The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will take place on Thursday 12 February 2015 in Orwell Church Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

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Portmoak Community Council

News from the December Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 9 December 2014 were: CCllrs M Strang Steel (Chairman), R Cairncross (Secretary), R Williamson (Treasurer) S Forde and T Smith; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and J Giacopazzi and 11 members of the public. Apologies were received from P&K Cllrs D Cuthbert and W Robertson; CCllr B Calderwood and PC Douglas Stapleton.

Police report: The Chairman reported on a useful meeting between the CCs of Kinross-shire and senior officers of Division D, Police Scotland (Tayside). The primary focus was on improving communications between police and communities and vice versa.

The *Monthly Report* was noted. Recently lead flashing had been removed from the roof of the Village Hall and there had been a theft of goods following a break-in at a farm shop premises near the Portmoak Gliding Club.

The CC received a letter from the Area Commander (Perth and Kinross) setting out how he plans to improve community links. A weekly Commander's Bulletin will be introduced.

The CC noted the Commander's Bulletin of 4 December, which drew attention to: safe winter travel and the change in drink-driven limit; and crime (high value telephone scams, purse thefts, housebreaking and how to deter it, and a rise in domestic violence).

Treasurer: The CC's accounts at the end of Nov 2014: £615.97 in the General Account and £1,646.19 in the Michael Bruce Way Account, giving a total of £2,262.16.

Planning: New applications

14/01979/FLL Land 40 metres NE of the Napix, the Cobbles, Kinnesswood: erection of a dwelling house. This is effectively a re-submission of a withdrawn application to which the CC had objected. The CC objected to this application as: the design of the proposed house did not preserve nor enhance the character or the appearance of the conservation area contrary to PKC policy; the removal of trees would change the enclosed rural character of that part of the core path/Michael Bruce Way; and as the integrity of the Michael Bruce Way and safe pedestrian access over the adjacent core path would be compromised contrary to PKC policy.

14/01890/FLL Land 30 metres north of Balneathill House, Easter Balgedie: Formation of horse riding area and erection of store (in part retrospect). The CC made no comment.

These were the unanimous decisions of the CC.

Snow clearance: Cllr Barnacle would liaise with Cllr Robertson on the matter of fit-for-purpose contracts for local farmers/contractors.



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Paths Report: CCllr Tom Smith reported that:

- continuing damage from heavy rain to some parts of the upper stretches of the Michael Bruce Way remained a concern. Contractors had made significant progress in repairing damaged sections although the end result of their work would require further appraisal. Voluntary work continued.
- the Paths Group were reviewing paths across Portmoak to identify priorities for further maintenance or development. Its preliminary findings were being considered by the CC and included: improved drainage at the Peat Loan entrance to the Moss; assessment of what might be necessary to make the Dryside Road core path to Easter Balgedie more readily accessible; and improved path signage across Portmoak.
- there was an opportunity to develop and consolidate a new path from the B920 giving access to the Heritage Trail at Levenmouth.
- plans to develop a path from the Moss Access Road to The Green would be taken forward next year.
- Separately, difficulty in gaining access to a direct route up the Bishop Hills behind Balneathill Farm was noted. CCllr Tom Smith would discuss the matter with the owner.

Closure of Levenglen Nursing Home, Glenlomond:

The CC had written to some 20 key parties to make them aware of developments at the Levenglen Nursing Home. The preliminary responses had been supportive. Lindsay Philp, representing the Glenlomond Residents Association presented an update. A public meeting would be held on the 15 December to review matters.

PKC Consultation on Supplementary Guidance – Landscape: This was an important document and would, once adopted, form part of the new Local Development Plan. As virtually the entirety of Portmoak lay within the proposed Special Landscape Area for Loch Leven and Lomond Hills, there could be implications for planning and development. The CC would look to provide a formal response by the closing date for consultation - 19 January.

Ward Councillor Reports Cllr Barnacle reported on plans:

- for a pilot 20mph speed limit involving roads around Portmoak Primary School including Main Street Kinnesswood;
- to hold a meeting of representatives of Kinross-shire CCs in January. The CC agreed to participate.

Other business: Leak at water tank: After continuing pressure, Scottish Water had at last relented and repaired the significant leak at their tank above Kinnesswood. Land around the tank had become waterlogged, making access to the Michael Bruce Way difficult.

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News from the January Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 13 January 2015 were: CCllrs Strang Steel, Cairncross, Calderwood, Ford and Smith; P&K Cllr Robertson and three members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllr Williamson, P&K Cllrs Barnacle and Cuthbert and PC Stapleton.

Stephen's Field: The Chairman, Secretary and CCllr Tom Smith met with John Stephen, Managing Director A & J Stephen Ltd on 13 January. In October 2008 Portmoak CC contracted with A & J Stephen Ltd to transfer the property "Stephen's Field" to the CC for no consideration conditional on A & J Stephen obtaining all necessary statutory consents (essentially planning permission) for their proposed development of ten houses. The transfer would take place when the consents were obtained. The size of the "Field" is 7.1 hectares of which it was agreed that 0.80 hectares would be retained by A & J Stephen for a single building plot. Subsequently A & J Stephen proposed to add to the transfer the path and surrounding land leading from the "Field" to the Golf Club on the A911 and an access path from Whitecraigs. As the CC recognised that the final phase of the Whitecraigs development was almost complete (nine houses), it met with A & J Stephen to move to conclude the transfer. It had not realised that the retained plot was intended to be the site for the tenth house.

A new Local Development Plan had been adopted in 2014. In this the Kinnesswood settlement boundary was redrawn to exclude the entirety of "Stephen's Field": the Government's Reporter, against the recommendations of PKC, having accepted the arguments of objectors to exclude the single building plot alongside Bishop Terrace that A & J Stephen had sought to retain.

"Stephen's Field" has now lost the protection it enjoyed under the 2004 Local Development Plan when it lay within the settlement boundary (*policy 90 "Village Setting" which promoted green uses and where there was a presumption against any form of built development*). Planning will now be governed by the PKC "Housing in the Countryside" policy and as such may, at some point, meet the requirements for potential development. Were the "Field" to be owned by the CC that would not be an issue as its amenity status would be safeguarded. A & J Stephen remain committed to transferring ownership to the CC in line with the contract but only if the condition is fully complied with by the grant of planning permission for the tenth house on the retained plot.

The CC wishes to consult on this matter with the community and will shortly meet with A & J Stephen Ltd and PKC to determine what options are open to resolve this matter.

Kinnesswood Post Box: Royal Mail's installation of a new capacious Post Box with an orifice capable of taking A4 envelopes was warmly welcomed. The CC supports the Kinnesswood Shop in its attempt to secure suitable arrangements for the removal of the old box.

Police Report: The CC noted the Commander's Bulletins of 11th, 18th and 26th Dec and received the Police report. It noted that: 15/16 Dec a break-in to the Lomond Inn and vandalism to a garden gate in Kinnesswood remained undetected; and that theft of a JCB from a building site in Scotlandwell on 10/11 Dec and the attempted theft of a caravan at Portmoak Airfield during December were both under enquiry. The report highlighted new drink driving legislation, thefts from roofs across Tayside and break-ins to sheds and garages.

Treasurer's Report: CC's accounts at end of December 2014 showed: £771.05 in the General account and £541.10 in the Michael Bruce Way account, giving a total of £1,312.15. All the movement in the month lay in the MBW account, with receipts of a grant for £2,565 and expenditure of £2899.20 both in relation to the MBW. The CC would consider further commitment of funds before the end of the financial year.

Planning: New Applications

14/02099/FLL Site West of Main Street Scotlandwell: Modification of permission 08/01059/FLL (erection of 16 dwelling houses): change of house type, plot 15. The CC made no comment.

14/02165/IPL Land 40 metres West of Caol Ila, Backdykes Road Kinnesswood: erection of a dwelling house and garage (in principle). This was a re-application and, although the CC did not object in principle to the proposed house and there was now a helpful detailed tree survey, it would maintain its objection until it can determine whether or not the requirements of the conservation area can be met. It would express concern as to whether Backdykes Road can sustain the development particularly in the light of use of this section by schoolchildren and that drainage for neighbouring properties should not be compromised. It should be a condition of any permission that occupancy should not be taken up until the planting in any approved landscape plan has been carried out. These were the unanimous decisions of the CC.

Planning: Progress with Applications

14/00707/FLL The Lomond Inn Kinnesswood: erection of 5 houses. A new application can be anticipated.

Roads Report: The CC received an updated version of the CC Road Report.

- a. West Bowhouse section of the A911 - accidents and speeding. Action: In light of the recent report of the Enforcement Officer that the required visibility splay conditioned in the original planning consent was unachievable, the matter would be taken forward with the PKC Roads Dept (Cllr Giacomazzi).
- b. Pavement outside of Kinnesswood shop. Action: added to the PKC list for "sealing" programme for 2015 (Cllr Robertson).
- c. Maintenance of build-outs. Three bollards damaged and one no longer lit. Action: Maintenance to be carried out shortly. Uncertainty remains on whether reflective kerb strips are to be installed to improve build-out visibility as the CC believes they should be (Cllr Robertson).
- d. Dryside Road from Wester Balgedie to Fife Boundary. Considerable increase in HGV traffic. Action: PKC will consider this for "Green Route" status. If agreed this should provide protection to cyclists and walkers (Cllr Robertson).
- e. A911 Wellside south exit. Maintenance of potholes and status of the soon to be installed and potentially redundant mini-roundabout. Action: potholes to be repaired and the proposed mini-roundabout should not now be installed in the light of the construction of a build-out since the mini roundabout was required in the planning permission (Cllr Robertson).
- f. Reinstall road markings B920 and B9097 junction (Ballingry). Action: this will happen shortly, weather permitting (Cllr Robertson).
- g. Signage for cyclists and pedestrians using new footpath from Easter to Wester Balgedie. Action: Request for signage made (Cllr Robertson).

- h. Grit bin for Bishop Terrace. Decision remains unclear.
- i. New Cats eyes along A911. Action: Agreed by PKC to be done but no date as yet for installation.
- j. Improved antiskid surface at Wester Balgedie junction. Action: under consideration.
- k. Improving footpath along A911 from Scotlandwell to the Church and Hall. Action: PKC considering options.
- l. Improving pedestrian crossing at A911 junction with Wester Balgedie: Action: new footpath under consideration which would include a safe crossing.
- m. Snow Clearing 2014-15. Action: Difficulties in finding a suitable contract for local volunteers have not been resolved.
- n. Speed limit Portmoak Primary School and parking around the school. Action: pilot project in preparation.

Paths Report: CCllr Tom Smith reported that weather was hampering further work on the Michael Bruce Way. Some contractual work remained to be completed. The Paths Group were reviewing paths across Portmoak and among their priorities were improvement to the Peat Loan entrance to the Moss and gradual development of the old Dryside Road path from Glenlomond down to Easter Balgedie. Access up the Bishop Hills behind Balneathill Farm is to be discussed with the owner.

Closure of Levensgleng Nursing Home, Glenlomond:

The Chairman reported that the CC's letter to key players had resulted in an excellent and constructive response. He welcomed Deirdre Calderwood (Chair, Glenlomond Residents Association) who reported that: the Home had now closed; 24/7 security staff had been provided by the current owners; there had been a successful and well-attended site meeting of interested parties; there was no interest in a community buy-out; and that the proposed auction of the property had been deferred pending the outcome of discussions with a local developer.

P&KC Consultation on Supplementary Guidance - Landscape.

In principle the CC welcomed this Guidance but was uncertain how it would impact on local planning. It would respond to the effect that it welcomed the proposed designation of Portmoak; believed that the Cleish Hills should also be designated; and believed that the guidance should be more explicit as to the effects of designation.

The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 10 February 2015 at Portmoak Primary School.

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Fossoway & District CC

News from the December Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 2 December 2014 were: CCLRs T Duffy (Chair), K Borthwick, A Lavery and G Pye; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, D Cuthbert and J Giacopazzi and six members of the public.

Apologies were received from CCLRs S Morrison, A Cheape and R Paterson and P&K Cllr W Robertson.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Police report: Sgt Sandra Williams attended the meeting and explained that resource constraints have resulted in Community Officers being called to urgent work and hence being unable to attend meetings of late.

PKC are looking for volunteers to join the Licensing Forum – contact NeilCampbell@pkc.gov.uk if interested.

Kevin received a message from Commander Mike Whitford announcing the creation of a weekly bulletin describing crimes in our area that will be sent to the CC.

Criminal Justice Unpaid Work Team: There are a number of proposals on the table which can be considered for performing by the team in the spring.

Rumbling Bridge Hydro Scheme: Update provided.

Blairingone War Memorial: Cllr Barnacle reports that nothing will now be done until the New Year.

Crook Moss travellers' site: Cllr Barnacle has sent a comprehensive letter to PKC discussing the location of Gypsy/Traveller sites and the protection of the Loch Leven catchment. Cllrs Cuthbert and Giacopazzi had a long meeting with the planners and stressed that the enforcement issues are still ongoing, particularly noise, with little sign of any of them being followed. Local Cllrs have agreed with Nick Brian that a list of planning applications that should be given most attention will be created, especially concentrating on enforcement. Cllr Cuthbert has analysed submissions to the DMC and it turns out that 34% are in Kinross-shire, which suggests that planning applications in this area are more contentious than in other areas.

Glenquey Quarry: The applications (10/02181/FLM and 10/02182/FLL) were unanimously refused at the 19 November DMC meeting, even though the intention was merely to discuss conditions of an extant application. Cllr Giacopazzi explained that the planning lawyers are not confident that this refusal will not be overturned on appeal.

Lambhill Chipping plant: Cllr Cuthbert reports that Nick Brian stated that the planning application would shortly be resolved, although we don't know in what manner.

Landscape areas in Kinross-shire: The consultant's report was received on the afternoon of this meeting.

A977: Cllr Barnacle is still seeking a meeting of all parties to decide on the best short and long term solutions to the problems of speeding and HGV usage of the road. There is strong community interest in addressing these problems; however there are, not surprisingly, different views about what will and won't work.

Waulkmill play area: Work is ongoing, with some delays due to weather. The Portakabin has now been emptied, and is likely to be taken away in return for a donation to the hall committee.

Greenknowes Windfarm Extension: The scoping report has been published, although it doesn't contain any details of exactly how many turbines are proposed or where they would be placed. Alastair has created a response requesting additional coverage of Visual Impact, Transport, Landscape, Biodiversity and Consultation. It's important that this application takes account of the current gap between the previous Areas of Great Landscape Value and pending Landscape Designation, and isn't allowed to fall between them.

Strathearn Forum of Community Councils: This group has sent a letter of complaint to Bernadette Malone. Since there are common areas with other CCs, then a meeting will be held in January to discuss a combined approach.

Overhanging trees at Moubray Hall: Cllr Cuthbert reports that this has been reported to Richard Brough and it will be looked into. There seems to be some confusion about who owns the land where the trees are.

A977 verge cutting: Although some of the results of this exercise have been cleared up, there is still a large amount to do. Cllr Barnacle will chase.

Fly Tipping (Old Golf Course Road): This has been removed now.

Management of temporary traveller encampments: This CC responded to the PKC consultation paper, and although the Council co-operated in slightly extending the time to respond, it was still very short notice, giving no opportunity for the wider public to be involved.

Community Empowering Plans: The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill may provide the CC with an opportunity to request participation in the Community Planning Partnership; a local body consisting of the Council, Emergency services, NHS and Scottish Enterprise or Highland and Island Enterprise. The bill also includes provisions for communities to purchase small areas of unused land.

Kinross Fund: There were no applications, so the next meeting has been held over until March.

Community Safety meeting: Sandy, Trudy and Kevin attended this meeting which discussed improving communications between the Police and Fire Service and the Community.



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Planning Users' Forum: Sandy attended this meeting – Sandy will report at the next meeting. The Minutes of the Training in Planning Issues workshop contain a suggestion that Kinross members were only interested in discussing specific local issues which was certainly not the case. A correction will be sent to the author.

Councillors' Reports

Cllr Giacopazzi: Cllr Robertson's motion at the E&I Committee on 12 November was passed, and so in future, full reports from the Conservation Officer will be posted on the Planning website. Additionally, the Report of Handling will include a summary of the Conservation Officer's position, together with the Planning Department's response. There is currently some confusion about the detail of this motion, which will hopefully be clarified once the E&I minutes are published.

Cllr Cuthbert: Adds to Cllr Giacopazzi's report above that reports from internal planning consultees (e.g. Roads) would only be submitted when they were "acceptable", which could result in the reports being published too late to be of use to the members of the DMC.

Planning Matters

14/01948/FLL Extension to dwelling house, Marwood, Naemoor Road, Crook of Devon. No CC comment.

An application has been posted for a single Wind Turbine at Giblesley Farm in Forest Mill, probably in Fife, which Alastair will review.

Correspondence: All the correspondence was available for viewing:

The TellMeScotland web site (www.tellmesotland.gov.uk) enables the public to learn about Planning Applications, Traffic and Licensing Notices from almost all Councils and many other public bodies in a single place. It's possible to search for new notices based on your location and also to be sent email or text reminders of all new items within a specified radius of your postcode. Cllr Barnacle notes that as it's Scottish law that only properties 20metres away are "Neighbour Notified" then it's even more important to use this sort of website to find out what's going on in your area. There will be further closures on the Dunning Road over the next few months.

Other business: We've received 55 "Likes" to our Facebook page.

This CC is intending to prepare a strategy over the next few months to attract more people to join.

News from the January Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 6 January 2015 were: CCllrs Morrison, Duffy, Borthwick, Cheape and Pye; P&K Cllr Robertson and eight members of the public.

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Apologies were received from CCllrs Lavery and Paterson; P&K Cllrs Barnacle, Cuthbert and Giacopazzi.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Police report: We are now in receipt of Commander Mike Whitford's weekly bulletin, which is proving to be useful and informative. No local report was received from the Community Police Officer. We've received some details about the Powmill accident with a lorry, which didn't shed its load even though it tipped over.

Rumbling Bridge Hydro Scheme: The amended pipe route is now agreed, and an updated planning application will be submitted shortly.

Crook Moss travellers' site: Sandy reports that there is no progress with the enforcement actions, pending the licence for the waste water disposal which has still not been granted. Complaints continue to be received from neighbours about noise from generators, which are still not enclosed in buildings or acoustic covers as required by planning condition.

Glenquey Quarry: We await a possible appeal against the refusal of the planning application.

Blairingone Community Workshop: We're still waiting for PKC's strategic plan.

Lambhill Chipping plant: The proposed site meeting is still not arranged; Cllr Robertson will look into why not.

There was extensive discussion regarding the perceived lack of co-operation and involvement with the public and the CC by PKC planning department. It was stressed that the CC does not wish to be in a permanent state of dispute with the planning department; it wanted to have a co-operative, respectful relationship. It was accepted that the parties would not always agree on outcomes, but at least the views of the community should be listened to, responded to, and discussed in a mature manner. It is essential that responses to matters raised by individuals and/or the CC are dealt with in the timescales laid down by the council.

Landscape areas in Kinross-shire: Kevin passed on Alastair's analysis of the consultant's report: Fossoway has lost none of its designated land in the Ochils area and the proposed area is now more coherent as it extends beyond the Kinross-shire boundary, whilst the old AGLV was a Kinross-shire only designation. The new area includes the sites of both current wind farm proposals. The loss is the Devon Gorge area, which could be argued for inclusion as Clackmannanshire have included a narrow riverside area up to the Kinross boundary. The CC will respond accordingly and notify the local councillors.

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A977 Defects and mitigation measures: Cllr Barnacle has arranged a meeting of all interested parties on 20 January.

A977 verge cutting: The clean-up after this activity is not very thorough, and a large amount of litter has been exposed and not collected. Cllr Robertson will chase progress of the clean-up, and request a litter pick.

Draft Flood Risk Management Strategy: PKC is to hold a public consultation on this, and has contacted this CC for comment. We need clarification of whether our area is actually included in this strategy.

CC Business: Fossoway Community Office: This organisation, which has been in operation for over ten years, has sadly now been made redundant by the onset of modern technology. Thanks to the many volunteers who have worked hard to keep it going over the years.

Councillors' Reports: Cllr Robertson: It's been agreed that Conservation Officers' (and other internal consultees') reports should be made public on the planning portal and made available to all members of the Development Committee. Cllr Robertson is very hopeful that this will improve the transparency of the planning process.

With planning for the next budget currently underway, Cllr Robertson is hoping to be able to extend the opening hours of the Loch Leven Campus, perhaps reversing the previous closure on Mondays.

Planning: There are no new applications to PKC in our area this month; however there is an application to Clackmannanshire for a 79m wind turbine at Meadowhill (14/00267/FULL) The top part of the turbine's blades will be visible from Blairingone.

Other business: A member of the public complains about the speed of traffic, especially lorries, through Blairingone. This has been raised with PKC and the Police on several occasions in the past with no result. Sadly our initiative to implement Community Speed Watch was closed down by the Police. The meeting on the 20th mentioned above will include this issue. The CC is also investigating the possibility of a community funded speed camera. Cllr Robertson will request the Police to conduct speed checks. Trudy reports that some of the speed sensitive signs are not working; Cllr Robertson will report these to get them fixed.

Draft Agenda for Next CC Meeting: Welcome and apologies; Declarations of interest; Community policing; Minutes of last meeting; Matters arising (Hydro scheme, Crook Moss travellers's site, Glenquey Quarry, Blairingone Community workshop, Lambhill chipping plant, A977 defects/mitigation, Waulkmill play area; A977 verge cutting); Community Councillors – meetings attended; P&K Councillors' reports; Planning; Correspondence; AOCB.

The Next Meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place on Tuesday 3 February 2015 at 7.30pm at Fossoway Primary School. All Welcome.

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Cleish and Blairadam CC

News from the December Meeting

The meeting on 1 December 2014 was attended by eight Community Councillors, one Assoc Community Councillor, P&K Cllrs Barnacle and Cuthbert; and one member of the community. No apologies were received.

Crime Prevention: No Police report had been received prior to the meeting.

There have been quad bikes being ridden from Kelty up into the Blairadam forest, many of the riders being underage and without helmets. There have been a couple of incidents of the bikes being ridden carelessly and out of control at times.

Sheep Rustling! There was a report of 12 sheep possibly missing from a field in Cleish the previous Friday evening.

Cllr Cuthbert is having a meeting with the Chief Inspector, asking for more community engagement and attendance at meetings.

Correspondence

- A local resident asked for two matters to be brought up at the meeting: firstly there has been an increase again in layby 'parking' up the **Hill Road**, and secondly regarding the formed **access road** on Nivingstone Hill which will be discussed later.
- Residents from Carsegour wrote to the CC to ask for support following their letter to the roads department regarding the **sharp bend** of the B9097. There have been five vehicles leaving the road here. Cllr Barnacle followed this up: PKC replied that this road and site was assessed in 2011; signs were upgraded at that time to provide more warning. There are currently good sight lines and a wide bend. In 2015-2016 there is due to be a B9097 route action plan following a study.
- Information from PKC regarding **Temporary Encampments**: The issues that most local CCs are having isn't with the temporary encampments, but rather the lack of enforcement and planning control / consistency with the permanent encampments. Cllr Barnacle reported that the local Councillors had a meeting with Nick Brian, and pointed out his ward's concerns regarding the poor enforcement and lack of any strategy for any of the local traveller sites, and this is a breach of statutory duty. He also spoke to SEPA, who do try and deal with all applicants the same, but will give a more detailed response this month. The licence is SEPA's responsibility whereas the enforcement of the licence is PKC responsibility. There is no licence for the Crook Moss site, yet travellers have been at the site since March 2012.
- **New CC website**: There is a new Scottish Government website to raise awareness of CCs in public, to support CCllrs by letting them access information and case studies to help with their work. We will place a link to this on our website.
- **Planning consultation responses**: Cllr Robertson asked that all these should be made public before the end of submission date. This motion was passed by PKC.

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Cleish and Blairadam website: The website was down briefly during a server upgrade. There had been 216 session in one day this last month, and we now had a grand total of 14 subscribers to the C&B newsletter.

Village Update – Blairadam: Christmas decorations and trees: Both villages will be offered a £75 donation again.

It was discussed if a request for bus pick-up/drop-off numbers would be useful. It may be possible to try and get the 'demand response initiative' extended to Keltybridge and Maryburgh if the number of bus users is very low. This could possibly solve the problem of buses contributing to verge and road damage through the villages.

MT is to write to PKC supporting their speed limit proposal. There has been an excellent response to any reports to litter dropping / fly tipping.

Village Update – Cleish: There have been some areas of the stone walls that have been damaged and require repair. The Village Hall Maintenance fund may be able to help with this.

Finance: £1801.54 as of October 2014. There is interest again in new noticeboards for Keltybridge and Maryburgh. The Hall Committee would also be willing to contribute 50% of the costs. The CC would be happy to fund the remaining half.

CC Grants: Cllr Barnacle reported that he is still pursuing the change in CC funding that was instigated by the Council without a Committee decision.

Planning

The separate access road for Woodlands, Nivingston: this road was formed, but not as per the submitted plans. It is 10m from the proposed location, has a poor bell mouth and no tar. This access road has never been used for Woodlands, and more importantly, that property has recently been sold *without* any access rights via this entrance. As well as being substandard, potentially dangerous access onto the road, it is not used for the proposed purpose. Cllr Barnacle is to follow this up with the enforcement officer.

Three new applications:

There are two modifications of conditions (drainage and window types) at Boreland Farm. The community had a very strong feeling about development at this site at the time of the initial application, and were assured of the quality and finish of the new houses. It is therefore strongly felt that this assurance of the quality should be maintained and therefore timber windows as opposed to UPVC should be maintained.

New dwelling house at Lochran Moss: This site has been previously discussed without any objections.

There is a pending application from 2012 at Greenacres. It was felt that this is unacceptable, that in effect there is no reason why any application should be pending for this

length of time, but especially as development at Greenacres continues without any planning control, inspection or enforcement. There was a local boundary submitted for the new Development Plan – this has already been breached.

Other business

Cllr Barnacle asked if the CC had received the review on Landscape Designation. The Consultants have reported back to the Council. He reported that the Cleish Hills area didn't look to be included. The final document should have been available for consultation in autumn. At present there is a Policy Gap (due to loss of AGLV). The Letter for Consultation should be sent out soon, and a swift reply will be required with strong representation regarding the Cleish Hills.

A letter from the Enforcement Officers is also expected, to ask what the CC expects them to enforce. It was suggested that there have been many, many requests over the years regarding Greenacres and this was a good starting point.


Another meeting of the CC forum has been suggested for January to discuss issues of speed limits, planning and the Council's relationship with CCs.

Two sites are under assessment for windfarm development: Greenknowes (Glendevon) and another to the east of it. This is a major application of 25 large turbines that will be assessed by the Scottish Government: this is another reason why the Landscape Review is very important.

The Next Meeting of Cleish & Blairadam CC will take place on 2 February 2015 in Cleish Village Hall.

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Club & Community Group News



Kinross-Shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme Burns Supper



KVG&ROS wish to thank everyone who helped to make the Burns Supper on Monday 12 January such a success. Approximately 120 people turned out on a horrible evening to support the event, the main fundraiser of the year for the group.

We were royally entertained by Jim Gibb, who came all the way from Blairgowrie to inform and entertain us about Robert Burns in his toast to The Immortal Memory of Robert Burns. Joe Giacapazzi's rendering of Tam O' Shanter had everyone enthralled while Bill Macpherson's Toast to the Lassies had us laughing and wondering what his wife's reaction was going to be when she got him in the car. We need not have worried; Jan Macpherson responded on behalf of the "lassies" and gave just as good as she/we got.

Nigel Kellett not only piped in the guests and then Poosie Nancy (Ella Ward) with the haggis but also put a great deal of feeling into his rendition of To A Haggis and attacked the "great chieftain o' the pudding race" with gusto. Later in the evening Nigel entertained the audience with popular piping tunes during some of which his daughter, Lori, gave displays of Highland Dancing.

Brian and Moira Ogilvie broke with tradition, slightly, and performed a

highly amusing sketch which ended the evening off on a very cheery note.

During the evening Anita Mackenzie Mills introduced several songs by Burns; some she sang alone and some were led by her and performed by "the

Before Auld Lang Syne, Eric Williamson, President of Rotary Club of Kinross & District, gave a very fitting Vote of Thanks.

The organising committee are very, very grateful to all the performers and



Burns Supper participants. Left to right:

Back: Jim Gibb, Martin Ritchie.

Middle: Jan Macpherson, Anita Mackenzie Mills, Bill Macpherson.

Front: Mike Thomson, Joe Giacopazzi, Brian Ogilvie, Moira Ogilvie, Ella Ward, Lori Kellett, Nigel Kellett

company". Anita was accompanied on keyboard by Martin Ritchie who also recited The Selkirk Grace.

The evening was ably chaired by Mike Thomson who kept the proceedings moving briskly.

entertainers who provided a varied, informative and amusing programme. Thanks, too, to the staff of The Windlestrae Hotel for being so helpful and everyone who donated raffle prizes.

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Sunday 1st February in Orwell Church Hall 'Leviticus: the Law of Moses and its significance today' and

Sunday 22 February in Kinross Parish Church 'Joshua and Judges: Gaining control of Canaan and the judges' leadership'. Speaking of this joint venture, Rev. Alan Reid says: "With the dawning of a new year, we're taking a new departure for our evening services with our two churches working together. As well as interesting and engaging presentations, using a variety of approaches, there is an opportunity for fellowship, both during the service and over a cuppa afterwards."

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With the new season now well under way, we have had the first round of our league competition, followed by one with a Contre Jour theme alongside a creative digital section. There was also a talk by Douglas May about Contemporary Photography. This was followed by an evening where the theme was Christmas Gift Competition. This allowed members to come up with ideas for using their own photographs to make cards, calendars etc.

The first part of the season was wrapped up at our Christmas party where good fun was had by all.

January saw all the members judging the Greer and Fortune Competition which had the theme of Urban Decay.

Unfortunately, our first speaker of the New Year took ill, but the evening was well filled by an entertaining quiz put together by one of our members.

If you would like more information about the club please visit our website or contact the secretary:

sallyroberts100@hotmail.com



Kinross-shire entrepreneurs hear about cashmere in Kinross

There are few events for which it is worth the effort of dragging yourself out of a warm bed early on a freezing December morning, but one of those events is most certainly the Kinross-shire Partnership's business breakfast at Loch Leven's Larder.

The sight of the rising sun peeking its shy head above the shimmering waters of the loch would have been reward enough – but there was also the prospect of a slap-up Scottish breakfast and the opportunity to network for 90 minutes in a relaxed and friendly environment.

While breakfast was in full flow, Kinross-shire Partnership Chairman Alisdair Stewart welcomed the 30 or so attendees, who included many regular faces and several new ones, inviting each of them to introduce themselves and their business briefly. As ever, the gamut of business activity was intriguingly diverse – ranging from microchips to oven cleaning. It was interesting to note that three of those present are tenants of the newly opened Liberty Business Centre in Kinross.

Introductions over, it was time for Alisdair to introduce the morning's speaker. Never one to miss an opportunity for wordplay, he peppered his introductory remarks with a succession of sheep and wool-related puns – all of which were taken in good part by Todd and Duncan M.D. Iain Cormack. Iain's talk proved to be as interesting as it was informative. He first detailed the origins and history of cashmere spinning in Kinross (dating back almost 150 years) up to the present-day ownership by Ningxia Zhongyin, a Chinese company from whom the mill had previously procured cashmere fibres.

Next he gave the audience a fascinating insight into how the fibres imported from China are dyed into various colours using the soft water borrowed from Loch Leven. These colours are then blended – in different proportions – to create a cornucopia of around 200 colours of cashmere. Finally the yarn is spun and sold to customers around the world.

To illustrate the extensive choice of yarn colours available to Todd and Duncan's customers, Iain had brought with him a myriad of yarn samples as well as several swatches of the knitted yarn. Seeing at first hand the high quality of his company's products, it was no surprise for onlookers to learn that this well-regarded local company today supplies cashmere to leading fashion brands (including Chanel) in Europe and further afield.

All too soon, Iain's fascinating presentation came to an end, and the numerous questions that followed were clear testament to the interest that he had generated amongst breakfast-goers. The first meeting of 2015 will take place at Loch Leven's Larder at 7.30am on **Wednesday 4 February**, and bookings should be emailed in advance to administrator Karen Grunwell at mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk Payment (£10 incl. full breakfast and networking) is collected on the day.

The Directors of Kinross-shire Partnership would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the area a happy and prosperous year in 2015.

Kinross-shire Day Centre

Winter is here, but have we been sitting in the house warm and cosy? No, we have been out and about over Christmas! We had a wonderful trip to the Royal Yacht Britannia on 3 December. The yacht was magnificently decorated for Christmas and to make things even more special a few ex members of the Royal Marine Band, including our very own driver George Morrison, were playing on board. It was a truly spectacular day. We also visited the Alhambra in Dunfermline to see "Sleeping Beauty" on 19 December, which as always was a brilliant performance; we laughed all the way home!

Our Carol Concert held on 23 December was one of the best we have ever held. Alex Cant, Nicholas Baughan, and Sharron, Lorna and Audrey Doyle were outstanding musicians; they brought the whole concert alive, along with the wonderful singing voices of our own choir, service users and members of the public who attended.

We must also say a great big "Thank You" to the ladies of the Inner Wheel in Kinross; they hosted an afternoon Tea dance on Thursday 15 January 2015. The array of cakes and sandwiches were just amazing, and the entertainment provided by our very own local singer John Ramage was wonderful; we danced the winter blues away!

If you would like to be involved with the Day Centre, as a service user, a volunteer or as a supporter, speak to Nan Cook 863869. You can see a copy of the regular Day Centre programme on page 104.

Boys Brigade

Over 50 members of the Company enjoyed the Glenrothes pantomime 'Babes in the Wood' in mid December to round off 2014. Company section members were busy during the festive period assisting Kinross-shire Round Table with their Santa round as well as bag-packing at the Perth Marks & Spencer to raise money for Perth Battalion funds.



The badminton side lost out to Kilmarnock which sees the end of the road for this season's national competitions.

The Company swimming team retained the three trophies at the Battalion swimming gala, with Claire Wilson winning the Norrie Miller Shield.

The Battalion Chess Competition for Junior and Company Section members takes place at the end of January along with the annual Scripture Search.

The Battalion Drill Competition will also take place over February/March. The Kinross Company is hosting the popular Battalion Midnight Hike at the end of March.

A number of Company Section members are working towards their President's and Queen's Badges.

Junior Section members are also preparing for their May weekend camp at Dounans Activity Centre with Company Section members looking forward to their Summer Camp at Kincaig over the first week of the school holidays.

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

November Draw

1st	No 80	Sheila Drysdale, Kinnesswood
2nd	No 30	David Steven, Kinnesswood
3rd	No 37	Margaret Elder, Kinnesswood

December Draw

1st	No 19	Pamela Yeaman, Glenlomond
2nd	No 58	Elsbeth Baird, Kirkness
3rd	No 71	Joe Smith, Scotlandwell

Kinross & District Town Twinning Association 40th Anniversary Twinning Visit



The year 2015 celebrates 40 years of twinning with Gacé in Normandy.

Kinross was one of the early towns twinned. 74 people including Kinross and District pipe band travelled from Kinross for the first short visit in 1975. Ex Provost Tom McBain and M Lelandais, Mayor of Gacé, signed the charter which proclaimed the towns were officially linked. Immediately after the service the sound of the bagpipes echoed down from the ancient walls of the chateau as pipe sergeant Alex Murphy from Milnathort played 'Amazing Grace' and the other members of the band joined in. The original twinning included members from a variety of local organisations as well as Kinross Pipe Band. Years later a link was formed with Kinross High School and two schools in Gacé. To celebrate all our achievements to date, we plan a special visit to Gacé in July.

Did you go on a school exchange visit? Would you like to visit the area again?

Why not join us for your first visit? The committee in Gacé are planning an interesting week of events. We need to have a note of numbers travelling so they can make appropriate booking arrangements for a variety of attractions. The cost of travel plus spending money is all you need as you will be hosted by a family in Gacé. All of us who have been regular visitors feel we have benefited greatly from making lasting friendships and finding out more about not just the places but also the people in Normandy. A meeting has been arranged for **Thursday 26 February** at 8pm in the Millbridge Hall, Kinross. Please come along and join us.

Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

Need to get out and blow the cobwebs away? Eaten too much Christmas cake? Suffering from SAD? Winter walks can be beautiful, as well as a sociable way to improve your general health and fitness. Whether you're new to walking, 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 February: Rabbie Ramble: 5 miles.

Burns 'Supper' with a difference. Circular walk from Dollar along easy tracks to Tillicoultry and return with appropriate food and a wee bit of Burns at stops on the way. (Cost approx £12; booking essential.)

Saturday 14 February: The Pineapple Circular: 8 miles.

Walk begins in Main Street, Airth, on a circular route, mostly through woodland and farmland with a visit to one of Scotland's eccentric architectural treasures.

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

Our fortnightly short walks on a **Tuesday morning** will continue throughout the winter, weather permitting. The walks are usually a maximum of 4 miles, 1½-2 hours, followed by a refreshment stop. These walks are aimed at people who are new to walking, would like to extend their walk from a health walk or who would simply like an opportunity to keep fit and enjoy some good company. We would be delighted to welcome anyone who would like to try walking with us. Come and try a couple of walks and, if you enjoy them and would like to continue walking, we would ask you to join Kinross & Ochil Walking Group (affiliated to Ramblers Scotland).

We meet in Kinross or you can go straight to the walk start points given below. We operate car-sharing but it is not essential to have a car.

Give it a go – enjoy good company and some great walks. Just turn up on the day – you will be very welcome.

Tuesday 10 February: Almondbank Circular.

Meet 10am at old Health Centre *or* 10.40am at playing field car park on right before entering Almondbank village.

Tuesday 24 February: Kinnoull Hill, Perth.

Meet 10am at old Health Centre *or* 10.30am at Corsiehill Car Park, Kinnoull Hill.

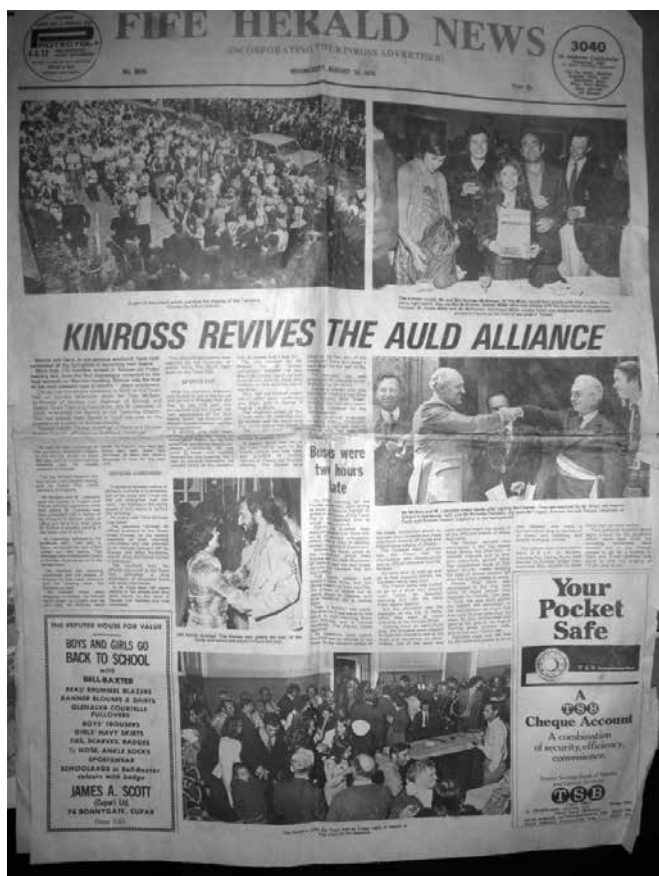
For more information please contact Edna Burnett on 01577 862977, via ednaburnett@fsmail.net or mobile 07946 725074 (on morning of walks only).

Chess Club at Newburgh

A small group of retired people meet to play chess on Mondays in the Tayside Institute, Newburgh. There are no Grand Masters in the group. Members are drawn from Cupar, Auchtermuchty and surrounding districts as well as Newburgh.

Anyone who would like to come along and play would be most welcome, novices too. You don't have to be retired. More information can be got by phoning:

George Gall, Gateside	01337 860438
John Davie, Auchtermuchty	01337 827254
Alex Dryburgh, Newburgh	01337 840168



The front page of the Fife Herald in August 1976, with full coverage of the Gacéans first visit to Kinross, a year after the towns were officially linked.

Dobbies Community Champion

In December, the **Little Seedlings Club** had fun learning all about snow, and they were rewarded by a little covering of snow before Christmas! We also went to visit **Santa and his elf in his grotto**, and they came to join in with our party, and making reindeer food (see photo).

In January, the children learned about how we get tea, coffee, and chocolate from tropical plants, and we were lucky to have a visit from Lyn Haworth, who rescues hedgehogs, with Leafy, a **cute baby hedgehog!** Many thanks to Lyn for this, and for telling us all about how to encourage and look after hedgehogs in our gardens.

Our **Santa also visited Rachel House** before Christmas, with gifts for the young people who were staying, and their brothers and sisters. Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising activities at Santa's arrival and Ladies Night, in aid of **Together for Short Lives**, who support children's hospices across the country.

The next **Little Seedlings meetings** are on **1 February, and 1 March at 11am**, about tropical fruits, and spring flowers, and making a gift for Mother's Day. The club is free for children aged 4 to 10, accompanied by an adult; if you would like to come along, please leave a message for Amanda at the store, or on 863327.

Our **Local Charity** for this year has been the Kinross-shire Volunteer and Outreach Group, who have raised nearly £1000 through fundraising activities. **We will be seeking a new local registered charity to support**

visit for school children to the store to learn about growing their own food, or if we could help with a **community growing project**. I have recently made a **donation of plants and equipment to the new Community Garden in**



The Little Seedlings Club at the December meeting

from the beginning of March; please ask for an application form in store, **to be returned by Friday 20 February**. We can facilitate fundraising activities at the store, but these do need to be organised and manned by volunteers from the local charity.

Please also contact Amanda at the store if you would like to arrange a

Strathmiglo. We also have some free dates at weekends for local charities to carry out a can collection.

Looking forward to another positive year for community growing,

Amanda James, Community Champion

Telephone: 01577 863327

Email:

community.kinross@dobbies.com

Portmoak Film Society

A hardened core of film goers braved the January weather to watch Jonathan Glazer's challenging sci-fi offer 'Under the Skin' (apologies for mis-titling it 'Under the Sun' in the previous article – anything but, as mainly set in Glasgow it rained all the time!) Perhaps not to everyone's taste, but it's good to see something different – and there was only one topic of conversation over tea!

The next film is **'The Book Thief'**, based on Marcus Zusak's 2005 historical novel about a young German girl living with her foster parents (Geoffrey Rush and Emily Watson) in 1930s Germany. Forced to join the Hitler Youth, she abhors the burning of books and is befriended by a Jew who has been given refuge in the cellar of their house. It is said to recall the Anne Frank story; will it measure up to other films about the same period like 'Schindler's List' or 'The Piano'? Come and see for yourselves on **Sunday 8 February** at Portmoak Hall, Scotlandwell. Old hands and newcomers alike are very welcome!

Entry is by membership card (still available from Stuart Mackenzie on 01592 840638) or on the door at £5. Films start promptly at 7.30pm and light refreshments are served afterwards.

For more info go to: www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk

Milnathort and Kinross Allotments Association

www.milnathortandkinrossallotments.org

So, here it is – 2015, already! This is our second year on site. Looking back at 2014, our first year of growing was exciting, challenging and hard work, all at the same time. It all started in April with a very muddy field and ended with a whopping 1532kg of produce from all 30 plots and the community garden combined. The majority of this was made up of good old tatties, which apparently is one of the best things to plant in a newly worked plot.

So what does 2015 hold for us? Well, lots more digging and planting and harvesting hopefully, along with a dollop of good humour. All 30 plots are currently taken and we have a waiting list too, which is fabulous. Our community garden is taking shape and we'd love if more people got involved in this. It's a perfect opportunity to try your hand at growing some veg in the company of friendly and knowledgeable folks. If growing isn't your thing then you're more than welcome to come along and have a wander around. We are also planning some (free) workshops for February, March and April so check out our website for more details (see header) or get in touch by email: mkaachair@gmail.com

Happy digging!



Miranda

Broke Not Broken – desperately seeking premises!

The aim of Broke Not Broken is to tackle the effects of poverty by providing support and practical assistance to individuals and families who are experiencing hardship.

We aim to work with other community organisations and services in the Kinross-shire area. Our priority is to set up a foodbank to cover the area of Kinross-shire.

Broke Not Broken is a newly founded, constituted committee who are in the process of applying for charitable status and is being supported by Tracey Ramsay, Senior Community Capacity Building Worker PKC.

We are currently, **urgently**, seeking premises. We are desperately seeking somewhere to store our food bank donations and would appreciate any offers.

Please contact Graham Holden at grahamhol@hotmail.co.uk if you think you have, or know of, a premises that would suit.



Broke Not Broken volunteers making hampers to hand out to local people suffering hardship over the festive period

Kinross Museum

January was a busy month in the Museum. We took part in the 'Library Family Fun Day', presented a lecture on "Kinross Schooldays of Yesteryear" and took part in a Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme training event. We also held a mid-winter update meeting for those volunteers taking part in the Kirkgate Churchyard's Survey which we hope to complete in the spring.

The Museum has also just launched the second in its rolling exhibition *Lest We Forget: Reflections on the Great War* which looks at what was happening 100 years ago during the period January to June 1915.

By Easter we hope to have a major new exhibition on weaving in Kinross-shire on display, so this is your last chance to see *When we at the Schule*.

If you would like to support the work of the Museum by becoming a volunteer or a Friend, do drop by and find out more. The Museum Study Room in the Campus Library is open on Thursdays and Saturdays.



Kinross Garden Group

Mr John Porter welcomed all the members on 11 December and introduced Mr Ken Cox from Glendoick Gardens who showed slides and told us all about the gardens he had visited for the publication of his book "Scotland for Gardeners". Mrs C Rodger proposed the vote of thanks.

Our January meeting took us to the Windlestrae for our Annual Lunch and was enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 12 February** in Millbridge Hall at 2pm when we will welcome Mr John MacLennan from Edinburgh. His title is "Bedding Plants for Summer Colour". The summer outings sheet will be handed out to members. For more details, contact Mrs C Rodger, 01577 863785.



Common Grounds

Already the "New Year" is rolling out, faster than most of us would like – however, the bright moments stay with us and one such was our Project Lunch with Dr Christa Hook from Médecins Sans Frontières. Her informative talk, including their involvement in the Ebola crisis, was both sobering and inspiring. £300 raised was indicative of her audience appreciation. Volunteers and Friends ended the year on a merry note with a gathering on Christmas Eve. The answer to "Guess the number of 5ps" was revealed (734) and won by Pat Ritchie. Our generous Christmas raffle was drawn, each raising £171 and £215 respectively. A hearty thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of all the above events. Finally, among your New Year Resolutions why not join us at Common Grounds for a coffee or in the pool of Volunteers? You would be helping to brighten the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves and confirm there are so many positive sides to human nature. When the year has begun worldwide on such a bleak start, perhaps it's good to remind ourselves of that. A warm welcome awaits you!

Project: Our project for November was Hands Up For Uganda, which was created with the overriding aim of empowering the people of Kisaabwa in Southern Uganda, by giving them hope of a self-supporting and sustainable future. The charity was set up by Martin and Bobby Britnell and Fred Ssetyaba who comes from the village of Kisaabwa and is the Project Manager there. The Kisaabwa Project's motto is "We shape our destiny by contributing to it". The areas the project covers are farming, education, vocational courses and apprenticeships, basic necessities such as water and lighting, healthcare and the development of local traditional crafts. Our first project for the New Year will be chosen at our Volunteers' meeting late in January.

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

commongroundscafe.wordpress.com

Our opening hours are still 10am-1pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at the Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort. Contacts outside of opening hours are: Elspeth Caldwell (Convener) 01577 863350 and Linda Freeman (Secretary) 01577 865045.



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Kinnesswood in Bloom

Kinnesswood in Bloom members finished the year by gathering at the Picture Garden to install the Christmas tree and decorate it. This was followed by mince pies and mulled wine. Net type lights were also placed over trees and bushes throughout the village, giving a festive touch to the main street.

It's a brief holiday for volunteers during December and January, though there has been the opportunity for a night out at the Grouse and Claret. It was a chance to join in for regular gardening volunteers, those who fulfil roles on the committee, the sewing ladies who dressed the golfers last year, our partners who maintain the local paths, and local supporters all helping to keep Kinnesswood looking good.

Due to the inclement weather, the School Grounds Group at Portmoak Primary School were able to catch up on their garden diaries and do some planning for 2015.

We heard recently that a case study of Kinnesswood in Bloom by Foundation Scotland has gone live. See: www.foundationscotland.org.uk/case-studies/kinnesswood-in-bloom



The work of Kinnesswood in Bloom: Daffodils beside the golf course in previous years. They now extend a lot further.

Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

Sweet Potato and Red Pepper Soup

Ingredients

500 g sweet potato	2 teaspoons cumin
1 red pepper, roughly chopped	500 g vegetable stock
2 red onions, roughly chopped	salt and pepper
olive oil	

Method

Peel and slice the sweet potatoes into discs about half a centimetre thick. Put the sweet potatoes, red pepper, red onions and cumin into an ovenproof dish and pour over several spoons of olive oil.

Roast in the oven at 200°C for about 45 minutes until all the ingredients are soft.

Put the cooked vegetables into a blender and add the hot vegetable stock. Blend to a liquid and serve. Add more vegetable stock if you want a thinner consistency.

This is a lovely winter warmer.

Compassion Corner

Kinross Time Bank is on the way!

A new and exciting way of sharing skills and favours

What a way to start 2015! Finally, after many meetings and discussion, KINROSS TIME BANK is on the way. It has emerged from the Compassion Group meetings as a practical way of seeing compassion as an active thing. We are following the example of several other successful Time Banks in other parts of the county

Keep looking out for information posters which will be appearing soon, telling you about an open information meeting at Kinross Parish Church on **23 February**.

What is a Time Bank?

A Time Bank is an exciting way for people to come together in their communities to share their talents in a mutually beneficial way.

Time Bank members help others, receive help themselves, meet new people, and make Kinross and Milnathort even better places to live.

Time banking is built on the principle that for every hour a person contributes they receive the equivalent in time credits.

A simple 1 hour = 1 time credit formula.

What are we talking about?

- Dog walking
- Lawn mowing
- Computer help
- Shopping help
- Collect a prescription
- A lift to town
- Ironing

The list is endless and only limited by imagination. No one need think they have nothing to offer, as the simplest things count. For example, just having a chat on the phone with a lonely person or sharing a cup of coffee in a café instead of by yourself in the house.

Who joins?

Everyone and anyone over the age of 18; there are no exclusions. Also, you do not have to be "needy" to get help. There are probably jobs you that are just not your thing, like cutting grass or ironing, and there are probably jobs that you think are no problem at all, like filling in forms, making a lasagne or driving up to Perth.

It is a total win-win system with extraordinary spin off benefits which you will hear about at the open meeting.

We are looking forward to getting it off the ground. We hope that you will be as excited about it as we are. It will take time to get it going but all will be revealed in the near future.

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Rotary Club of Kinross & District



Each year, an opportunity is provided for two young people to represent the Club at a Rotary Youth Leadership Award course (RYLA) held at the Abernethy Centre at Nethy Bridge in Inverness-shire. The course is designed to encourage participants to use their individual talents and initiative, and develop qualities of leadership while working in a team towards a common goal. This year's entrants, Kinross High School senior pupils Danni Dawson and Duncan Peter, made a very professional joint presentation to club members describing their experiences, which confirmed the youth development value which can be derived from the course.

Prior to one of November's weekly meetings, President Eric Williamson presented cheques to the value of £3300 to representatives of local charities and organisations supported by the club as part of the commitment of service to the community. This was followed by an illustrated talk from Neil Mitchell of Scottish National Heritage, outlining the changes and developments at the Loch Leven National Nature Reserve over the last 50 years.



Recipients of Rotary cheques to local charities and organisations distributed at a reception in the Windlestrae Hotel

This year's Kinross Christmas Street Market and Light up Kinross ceremony were held on the same day for the first time, on the last Saturday in November. The club's van and marquee were pitched in the Muirs, and large quantities of burgers and bacon rolls were cooked on the barbecue to satisfy the demands of the large numbers who turned out for the festivities. The evening culminated in the 'Switch On' ceremony which was performed by Kinross's own Olympian Silver and European Gold Medal Hurdler, Eilidh Child.

The festive season continued with the annual concert in the Kinross Church Centre organised by the club for the regular attenders of the Day Centre, along with the residents of Causeway Court and Whyte Court. Entertainment was provided by the Rotary Choir whose performances all had a Western theme, some lovely singing from sisters Blythe and Darcy Johnston who are both members of the Interact Club at Kinross High School, and there was even a visit from the late Duncan Macrae's 'Wee Cock Sparra'. Transport and an excellent supper were provided by Nan Cook and her Day Centre Staff.

The club Christmas Party in the Windlestrae and a visit to Dunfermline Abbey for the Royal Marine Band Concert concluded an eventful year.

THE BIG DINNER

On **Saturday 7 March 2015**, the Club will join other Rotary Clubs and organisations around the world in hosting **THE BIG DINNER**. The event is the initiative of the Charity '500 Miles', formed by Olivia Giles from Edinburgh, who has been a quadruple amputee since 2002 as a result of meningitis. The Charity supports amputees and others with mobility difficulties in African countries where no specialist support or equipment is currently available. The event consists of hundreds of separate dinners all over the world, some of which will be showcased in a special web-stream broadcast hosted by Fred MacAulay. The Kinross event will be held in the Windlestrae Hotel where, in addition to a big screen link up to this broadcast, there will be local entertainment organised by the Club to ensure a memorable evening for all involved, and tickets will be on sale to the public early in the year. Every dinner will bring new hope to someone who needs an artificial limb or limb support. Joining the dinner in the Windlestrae will ensure that someone in Africa will be able to stand up and walk!



Fred MacAulay will host two live broadcasts during the Big Dinner

There will be two online broadcasts hosted by Fred MacAulay. Fred will guide viewers through a lively, fast-moving mix of dinner parties, short films about the inspirational work of 500 miles and talking heads – case studies of patients in Africa, dinner party hosts with personal reasons for getting involved and 500 miles staff on the ground. The first broadcast will go out early evening, and the second will show in the late evening.

There will also be celebrity entertainment slots.

These will include a performance with a difference of the Proclaimers' "I'm Gonna Be (500 miles)" – with new lyrics specially written for the **BIG DINNER**.

For more information, visit www.bigdinner.co.uk and www.500miles.co.uk.

Please contact the Club for booking enquiries (details below). The Club meets at the Windlestrae Hotel each Monday at 6pm for a meal at 6.30pm. For more information, contact Secretary Neil Maclure. Email neil.maclure19@gmail.com

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Kinross and District Art Club

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The Spring Term sessions of the Art Club began in January and we have been pleased to welcome some additional new members. The 2015 programme, available on our website, includes weekly painting sessions, group activities, audio-visual demonstrations and presentations from some top quality Scottish artists. There will also be social events and outdoor painting sessions in the summer months.

Pictured here are Brian and Margaret Timms, who won the prize in our 2014 Exhibition Sponsorship Draw, of a commission of their choice by KADAC artist David Cochrane (also pictured.) They chose a painting of their home in Whinfield Gardens, which they moved into in 2013. Having previously lived in Kinross, they were delighted to move back here after 28 years away. They love their new home and are clearly very pleased with David's painting of it.



Brian and Margaret Timms with a picture of their home painted by David Cochrane

If you are interested in joining us, whether you have painted before or are a complete beginner, come along to any of our sessions at The Millbridge Hall from 2pm to 4pm on Tuesdays and Fridays or you can ring **Glenys on 07702 572664**.

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February Meetings

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| Tue 3rd | Regular Meeting at 7.15pm:
EA Degree. |
| Tue 10th | General Committee Meeting
at 7.30pm. Arrange work for next Regular Meeting. |
| Tue 17th | Regular Meeting at 7.15pm: FC Degree. |
| Tue 24th | General Committee Meeting at 7.30pm.
Arrange work for next Regular Meeting. |



Sportsman's Dinner

There will be a Sportsman's Dinner in aid of local good causes on **Friday 6 March** at 7pm for 7.30pm. Speakers are Frank Robb and Bill Copeland, both of whom are highly recommended. Tickets £30.00 per person. Irish Bingo and Raffle. Three course dinner to follow. **Menu:** Starters: Soup, Egg Mayonnaise or Prawn Cocktail. Main Courses: Steak Pie, Gammon Steak or Chicken Salad. Sweets: Apple Pie & Ice Cream, Cheesecake or Ice Cream & Fruit. Telephone 07772 200760 for tickets.

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

The Kinross-shire

Civic Trust

Helping protect, conserve and provide a better built and natural environment

website: www.kinross-shirecivictrust.org



Programme for 2015

Annual General Meeting: This will take place on **Thursday 9 April** at 7.30pm in Cleish Village Hall.

Visit: There will be a Trust outing in the spring; details will be announced in the next Newsletter.

Best Kept Village Competition: The Trust will again organise this annual competition and would encourage all villages and hamlets in Kinross-shire to take part. The date of the competition will be announced in the next Newsletter.

Kinross Show: The Trust will have a stand at the Kinross Show, which takes place on the second Saturday in August.

Trust activities

Conservation Area Proposal: Alistair Smith, Chair of KCT, made a presentation to the November meeting of Milnathort Community Council, based on the KCT Report proposing a Conservation Area for Milnathort. The report, which is available on the KCT web site, highlights the positive benefits of a Conservation Area and describes the history, including 35 Listed Buildings which would protect the village from inappropriate development. However, Milnathort CC were not sufficiently convinced of the arguments to support the proposal.

Kinross Town Centre Regeneration: KCT has keenly followed PKC's plans to improve Kinross town centre, ever since the 'Kinross Strategy' of 1995. The most recent plans were shown at a public exhibition at the campus in November 2014. Some of the works involved in the regeneration plans do not require planning permission, but some do, and a planning application (reference 14/01848/FLL, installation of street furniture and hard landscaping) went before the Council's Development Management Committee on 14 January 2015. KCT is fully supportive of investment in Kinross town centre and believes it is long overdue, but felt the plans had some serious flaws, and so objected to the planning proposal. Our principal concerns were the shared surface for vehicles and pedestrians and the location of bus stops. We would also have preferred Scottish stone rather than Italian porphyry and Portuguese granite to be used for the landscaping, as this would be more in keeping with the vernacular stone of the existing buildings. The planning proposal was approved by PKC.

Draft Local Landscape Designation: The KCT planning committee recently examined PKC's draft Local Landscape Designation Supplementary Guidance and responded to the consultation exercise, making the case for the Cleish Hills to be added as a Special Landscape Area (SLA). The Ochil Hills, Loch Leven and the Lomond Hills had already been included in the draft as candidate SLAs, and we supported this.

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Probus Club

Robert Burns

A well-attended meeting on 19 November was entertained by John Gilfillan on the subject of Robert Burns. It was not simply a recitation of Burns' poetry, although Mr Gilfillan did use extracts from poems to illustrate his points, but the story of Burns' short life and of his influence through out the world.

Burns first came to prominence upon the publication of his first book of poetry in 1786, which became known as the Kilmarnock Edition. Only 612 copies of the book, which comprised 240 pages and sold for three shillings, were printed, and it is believed that only 28 remain - mostly in private collections and worth considerably more than three shillings. Burns did not make money from this book but it did lead to his recognition and acceptance into literary society. It was his next publication, known as the Edinburgh Edition, which was published in 1787 and sold for the princely sum of six shillings, which made a profit of £600.

The poems in these publications showed the poet's own feelings and thoughts regarding society and showed his concern for, not only other people, but for his country and even animals. The poems are written using the Scots language and using a good deal of wit, which, of course, appealed to all levels of society.

This theme dominated Burns' life and can be seen in his works such as 'To a Mouse' and 'A Man's a Man for a' that' to give but two examples. His observations of life are recorded in his poems and these were accepted by society as a whole and in other countries outside Scotland. An example of his interests can be seen in his association with Free Masonry, which espoused three principles: male company, betterment of mankind and egalitarianism.

This did not mean that Burns did not enjoy women's company and many of his poems are based on ladies of his acquaintance and written with tenderness as well as wit. Titles such as 'Ae Fond Kiss' and 'Mary Morrison' are good examples. In other poems he was very critical of hypocrisy in society. A good example is 'Holy Willie's Prayer'.

He married Jean Armour who remained faithful to him in spite of his other dalliances and bore him nine children although only three survived childhood. He died in Dumfries at the age of 37. His prolific output of 300 songs, 280 poems and 540 letters to various people provide his legacy.



Kinross-shire Fifty Plus Club

The next Club meeting is on **Thursday 5 February** commencing at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall. The speaker will be Neil Kilpatrick who will give a talk entitled "Tracks".



Away Days February:

12 February: Callendar and Doune.

26 February: Bankfoot and Pitlochry.

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

Theatre: Edith would appreciate if members would put their names down for the show "A Little Night Music" by Sondheim, to be staged at the Festival Theatre, Pitlochry in May/June 2015. The seats cannot be booked until sufficient numbers show interest. The total so far is twelve, which is not enough.

Holiday 2014: Details of the departure times for the holiday to the Victoria Hotel Llanberis, Snowdonia, will be given in the March edition of the Kinross Community Newsletter and at the Club meeting in March. **Contact Jean Beveridge on 01577 862655.**

Friday Walkers in February:

13th Birnie Loch and Ladybank Woods - two short walks we have done before.

27th Cambus to Menstrie and back.

Contact: Ian Simpson 01577 863691.

Friday Hill Walkers in February:

6th Faskally Alan 9.00

20th Braefordie Jock 9.00

Activities

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

The Carpet Bowlers meet each Monday at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall. **Contact: Helen Duncan 01577 863638.**

The Craft Group meets each Wednesday, 2pm until 3pm, Millbridge Hall. **Contact: Elizabeth Smith 01577 861387.**

The Fly Tyers meet each Monday in the Millbridge Hall. New members are welcome. **Contact: Ian Campbell 01577 830582.**

Keep-Fit: This group meets on each Tuesday at 2pm in the Masonic Hall. **Contact Val Oswald 01577 864020.**

The Line Dancers swing and sway every Tuesday and Friday at 10.30am in the Millbridge Hall. **Contact: Betty Fergus 01577 866961.**

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

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Festive Street Market

How lucky we were with the weather again at the Festive Street Market which took place on Saturday 29 November at The Muirs. The event was well supported by the local community with a great variety of stalls and entertainment. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped out erecting marquees, market stalls and putting lights up. Without your help an event like this would not be able to take place. If you have any comments or feedback about this event, or if you would like to be involved next year, please drop an e-mail to: info@kleo.org.uk or phone (01577) 863107.



There was a great variety of stalls at the Festive Market

Leven Voices

The Leven Voices group had a busy time in November and December, singing at the Choirs Together evening at the campus, the Cleish Women's Rural event, the Festive Street Market in Kinross and singing carols at Dobbies, Rachel House (CHAS) and Ashley House in Milnathort. All great fun!

A new block of sessions has started on 13 January with Horsecross Arts tutors Irene Railley (first five sessions) and Alice Marra (second five sessions). Leven Voices is a fun, informal drop-in singing group which you can join anytime. No music reading or singing experience is necessary, just come along, sing and enjoy! The singing sessions take place on Tuesday evenings, 7.30pm at the Kinross Parish Church. You pay as you go (£4 or £3 concession). There is a £6 'registration fee', which is used to pay for the hall for the ten-week period.

For more information about KLEO events, go to our website, e-mail info@kleo.org.uk or call (01577) 863107.

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2015 Programme of Events at the Campus

DanceSing, Wednesday 11 February. See page 9.

Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair, Saturday 14 February. There will be buying, selling and valuations given. Admission will be from 9.30am – 4pm with entry fee of £1 per person. For exhibitors booking, please contact: Angus on 07944 416565. Stalls are £15 and will now include Vintage and Retro Stalls.

World Book Day, Thu 5 March. See page 18.

Craft Workshops Day, Saturday 7 March. Event to be confirmed. Possible workshops will be Felting, Jewellery, Basic Sewing, Flower Arranging and Basic Woodworking. If you would like to register your interest for any of these workshops or have a suggestion for any other particular craft, then please contact Gerry McGregor (details above).

Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair, Saturday 14 March. Details as previously stated.

KHS Teenage Cancer Trust Fundraiser Concert, Tuesday 17 March. Please see Kinross High School website for further details, and also page 62.

Creative Writing / Poetry Workshop, Sat 21 March. More details next month.

Spring Craft Fair, Saturday 28 March. Event to be confirmed; more details to follow.

Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair, Sat 18 April. Details as previously stated.

Further Events in 2015

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| Sat 25 April | Kinross Sportive 2015 |
| Sat 9 May | Kinross Half Marathon, Pipe Band Contest and Feel Good Fair |
| Sat 16 May | Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair |
| Sat 23 May | Northern Counties Brass Band Contest |
| Sat 20 June, Sat 18 July and Sat 15 Aug: | Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair |
| August | Vintage Day inc Afternoon Tea Dance (tbc) |
| Sat 19 Sep | Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair |
| Sat 17 Oct | Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair |
| Sat 31 Oct | Car Boot / Indoor Table Top Sale (tbc) |
| Sat 7 Nov | Campus Winter Craft Fair (tbc) |
| Nov (various) | Kinross Winter Music Festival |
| Sat 28 Nov | Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair |
| Sat 19 Dec | Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair |

For more details on any of the above events, please visit our Facebook page or go to our website (see header). Both are a great way to get the latest updates on all that is going on at the campus. If you would like to see anything in particular or have an idea for an event, then please contact Gerry McGregor to discuss options.

Appeal for Help! I am looking for any volunteers in 2015 willing to put a poster up in their village shop or on their community or group noticeboard when we hold events here at the campus. Although I try to get to as many places as I can, it is not always possible to cover everywhere when there are a number of events happening close together. If anyone would like to help, then please get in touch with me on the contact details above and I can arrange to get posters to you – it would be much appreciated. Thanks, Gerry.

Kinross-shire Historical Society Down by the Kirkgate Shore



On 8 December Prof David Munro gave his annual Christmas talk (his fortieth plus talk) to Kinross-shire Historical Society titled 'Down by the Kirkgate Shore'.

He explained the history of the Kirkgate Park through its time as a common with local people having grazing rights for their livestock, through the changes that came with the lowering of the loch to the present day with its amphitheatre, playpark and as part of the Loch Leven Heritage Trail.

He also gave the early history when there was a crannog off the shore. This was excavated in the late 19th century and written up by Robert Burns Begg, a local lawyer, factor, writer and local historian whose memorial stone in the graveyard overlooks the position of the crannog. This year, when there was much dry weather, the level of the loch was low and the marker stone of the crannog was easy to spot.



There are no limits to the tasks undertaken by the dedicated historian: Prof Munro wades out to the stone marking the site of the ancient crannog in Loch Leven during unusually low water levels (September 2014)

Prof Munro spoke about the Kirkgate Graveyard, which is on the site of a church that stood by the loch until 1742. He went over the history of the development of the graveyard with the Mausoleum for the Bruce family, an extension in the 19th century and the rebuilding of the earlier watchtower. The graveyard was mapped in 1850 with lists made of those with lairs, and has been surveyed in the past, most recently in the 1960s. It is being surveyed at the moment by volunteers from Kinross Museum.

The other uses of the Kirkgate for sport such as golf, curling, speed skating and fishing were all included in the talk.

The talk was well illustrated with a wonderful collection of photographs, maps, paintings, documents and even poetry, all used by Prof Munro in his research. William McGonagall was so impressed with his visit to Loch Leven that he wrote a poem that was delivered by David Munro with great style.

Jim Paterson gave the vote of thanks saying that Professor Munro had excelled himself with this talk, not only to give so much information about the Kirkgate but also to be so entertaining.

The Covenanters in Kinross

Although the talk by Dr Bruce Durie was originally based on the Covenanters in Fife, he changed it to Kinross for the talk to the society on 19 January. The audience were given a fascinating evening of the history of the Covenanters and the background to their existence.

The Scottish church was Presbyterian, with churches run by Heritors and the Minister and the Elders. They were opposed to the papacy and prelacy and reacted against the Stewart kings who tried to impose the Book of Common Prayer and Bishops. Many ministers who refused to comply were thrown out of their parishes and they started to preach at conventicles, holding their services in the fields. If caught, they might be fined, imprisoned or even put to death.

The Covenanters became the government in Scotland from 1639-51 and this led to the Wars of the Three Kingdoms. They were very militant and intolerant. They banned such things as the taking of alcohol on the Sabbath, the meeting of women and women being allowed to sit in pews in church and they were intolerant of immorality. In 1661 Archbishop Sharp of St Andrews was ambushed and killed by a group of Covenanters as they felt betrayed by his move to episcopacy.

Dr Durie gave lists of Kinross-shire Covenanters, some of whose names are familiar in our local history. He also left copies of some documents relating to Kinross-shire for local use.

The Covenanters were religious fanatics who ruled by fear and they radicalised young men just as still happens within some religions.

David Walker thanked Dr Durie on behalf of the Historical Society for a fascinating talk which linked Scottish history to the local area and to the current affairs of the world today.

For the season's remaining programme, see p. 92.

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Description of our organisation

Positive Choices is a registered Scottish Charity based in Perth and covering the Perth and Kinross area. Our aim is to empower individuals living with any long-term health condition to improve the quality of their lives through having access to information, self-management programmes and peer support.

Our organisation was formerly known as The Disability Information Service in Perthshire (DISIP) but the charity's growth and service development has prompted a change of name to better reflect our services. The overall strategic aims of our organisation are managed by our board of governors, which is made up of various individuals with diverse professional and personal backgrounds. More than half of these individuals are living with, and successfully managing, a long-term health condition.

There are a number of ways in which you can access support from our organisation.

Enquiry Service: We assist individuals to make informed choices through the provision of accurate information. We have extensive local and national information enabling us to respond to enquiries across all aspects of disability. We can provide information and signposting to relevant organisations on topics such as: *Benefits, Care, Education, Equipment, Form Filling, Health, Housing, Holidays and Leisure, Support Groups, Transport.*

Long-term Conditions Service: We offer more direct support to individuals living with any type of Long Term Health Condition through our **self-management programme**. A long-term condition is defined as those conditions that cannot at present be cured, but can be controlled by medication and other therapies. Some examples of these conditions are: *Arthritis, Fibromyalgia, Chronic Pain, Heart or Lung problems, Asthma, Diabetes, Cancer, Hypertension, Depression, Psoriasis, Epilepsy, ME.*

The life of a person with a Long Term Condition is forever altered and can affect many aspects of their life from their

ability to work and have relationships to housing and education opportunities. This can be very challenging on a day-to-day basis.

The **self-management courses** are designed to help those with long term or Persistent Health conditions put their lives back on track. Often these courses can also help the carers of those with such health conditions; indeed many such carers have health conditions themselves. Sessions include: Mind Matters (learn how to overcome challenges and think more positively), Relaxation Techniques/Stress Relief and Self-Care.

We also run **Peer Support Groups**, in various areas, where there is time to chat, learn relaxation techniques and join in on wellbeing workshops. These groups were established so that the individuals were able to access ongoing peer support and maintain self-management skills and build and enhance these skills. This has been a progressive development and we now have seven active peer support groups across Perth and Kinross, all of which are well attended and successful. Through the peer support groups people have been able to access other groups and make new friends. These peer support groups manage to contribute towards the reduction of social isolation, which we can be related to poorer health outcomes for people.

We are always looking to expand the areas within Perth and Kinross that we cover and to add to the content of our courses to benefit those attending. Our services are all totally free and we strive to keep them so, although, like many charities, funding is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain. During the last year we have run two raffles and a silent auction to boost our funds and have been gratified by the response from individuals and from organisations such as Sainsbury's Kinross and the Co-op, including donation of prizes for our raffles. We must also express our gratitude for the support of the Kinross Community Council.

If you would like to find out more, please contact us at 24 Whitefriars Street, Perth, PH1 1PP or ring us on 01738 440099 or e-mail us at

enquiries.positivechoices@gmail.com

Kinross & District Inner Wheel

The Inner Wheel Club celebrated Inner Wheel Day with two different events in January.

On Thursday 15th the club ran a Tea Dance for the patrons of the Day Centre. On the wildest day of the week about thirty people attending the Day Centre, and club members, all enjoyed a delightful tea and the dancing and general merriment that accompanied it.

In contrast weatherwise, on a very perfect winter's day on Saturday 17th, members of the club took part in a Baked Potato Lunch hosted by President Fiona Mapp with the help of committee members.

Both these sociable events proved a very satisfying antidote to the depths of winter.



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Kinross Ladies Circle

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It's certainly been a stormy start to the New Year but Kinross Ladies Circle have been keeping safe from the elements and enjoying our social activities such as hosting the Gin Club Scotland tasting night.

We're also very busy planning our next fundraising event, **The KLC Annual Comedy Night** to be held in Milnathort Town Hall on **Saturday 14 March** this year. This event is compèred by MC Billy Kirkwood and hosted by Kinross Ladies Circle to raise funds for charity. Tickets are still only £10 and available from Stewart & Smart Garage, Stirling Road, Milnathort 01577 862423 and Gault & Oliphant Dental Surgery, High Street, Kinross 01577 862273. Tickets sell out fast, so please reserve yours early. Open to over 18s only.

Our diary of events keeps growing, so should anyone want to come along and join us to see what we get up to, then please contact us on kinrossladiescircle@gmail.com We're also on Facebook and have a website (see header).

Ladies Circle is open to anyone aged 18-45 who likes to mix fundraising and socialising. We have fun outings including comedy nights, dances, craft making, theatre trips, lots of meals and drinks out.

We continue to help out local organisations and welcome requests for funds.

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

Milnathort Primary School

We have had a very busy time at Milnathort Primary School, especially in the run up to Christmas. We were not long back into school after the October holidays when the festive season started early with a visit from M&M Productions who delighted the children with their pantomime entitled Robin Hood. 'Oh no they didn't! Oh yes they did!' The next whole school event was the High-Viz Day when all the children wore high visibility and neon clothing to raise awareness of wearing suitable clothing whilst walking and cycling in the winter. All the children were then asked to dress up once again at the end of November. The theme was Christmas and each child was tasked with bringing in something for the Christmas Fayre instead of money. We lost count of the number of Christmas jumpers on display! The Christmas Fayre itself was well attended and a success in sharing what we do in school with the local community.

Events leading up to Christmas continued across the school. Kerry Ferguson from Disability Scotland worked with the children on a range of disability sports. All of the children worked hard on their social dancing in preparation for their parties! The P1-2 children shone in their production of Ralph the Reindeer and the P7s successfully led the Christmas Service at Orwell church.

The new term has started well, with all the P1-3 children enjoying eating their free school meals! Registration for P1 in August has seen a steady stream of children registering to join us in our lovely school in August! We are now negotiating the wintry weather and looking forward to another successful term. Don't forget to follow us on Twitter @MilnathortPS.

Milnathort Primary School
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01577 867260

Portmoak Primary School

Nativity: This year our Primary 1-3 Nativity was 'It's a Baby!' I am sure those who joined us for either performance would agree that our younger pupils put on a super performance and really got everyone into the festive spirit.

Parent feedback last session indicated that you could not hear well enough in the hall. Thank you to the Parent Council who funded a new sound system for the Nativity and future events. Thanks also to Dick Keatings and Paul Rosie from Kinross High who stepped in at the last minute to provide us with jack cables.

Cinderella: Thanks everyone who braved the snow and treacherous roads to enjoy two magical nights at the Portmoak Panto. Our confident pupils made us very proud with their singing and acting. Great work from the back stage crew on keeping everything running smoothly too. As well as being a wonderful learning experience, this was also a fabulous fundraising opportunity with £749.66 raised. The children decided to put this money towards more iPads for the school.

Dress Down Day for Perth and Kinross Foodbank: The Events and Fundraising Committee decided to hold a dress down day on 5 December. They asked their fellow pupils to come to school in casual clothes and in return bring donations for the Perth and Kinross Foodbank. One of the volunteers from Perth and Kinross Foodbank came to collect the donations and was delighted with the amount that had been collected.

Dragons' Den: Portmoak Primary School Pupil Council were fortunate to get a chance to pitch to the 'Dragons' from Kinross Round Table in December. Daisy Lockhart, Lilly Spenke, Krystyna Muszynski, Emma Mitchell, Katie Robertson and Lewis Dall pitched for £2000 to purchase ten iPad minis and accessories for the school. They eagerly practised in school time and at home and managed to persuade the 'Dragons' to invest £1600, which will mean the school will get eight mini iPads. Money already raised by the school in conjunction with the Parent Council will also fund more iPad minis.

Staff and parents from the school who went to support the pupil council were very impressed by their confident and successful presentation.

We would all like to say a very big thank you to the Kinross-shire Round Table for such a generous donation.

P3/4/5 Zoo Trip: On 4 December, P3/4/5 went on a school trip to Edinburgh Zoo. They went to see the koalas and wallabies as part of their Australia unit of work but also got to see lots of other animals as well, including the pandas. During the lesson in the Education Centre, they got to touch a python, a guinea pig and a very cute armadillo. Thanks to the parent helpers who attended the trip.

Curling: Primary 6 and 7 have enjoyed their taster session visits to Kinross Ice Rink for curling sessions from the Royal Caledonian Curling Club. Thanks to all the community volunteers who have made this possible.

After School Clubs: This term children have been given the opportunity to attend one of our many after school clubs. This term cooking, sewing, and netball are on offer to children from Primary 4-7 and our after school fitness club for Primary 1 - 3 continues to be as popular as ever.

I hope you have enjoyed reading our news. As ever, if there is anything you are able to share with the school, we would love to hear from you. Thank you.

Louise Gordon, Headteacher

Kinross High School The Chemistry Department



This last year has really gone with a 'bang' in the Kinross High School Chemistry department. We have been trying to provide as many exciting, chemistry-based opportunities for our young people as possible.

This has included competitions, where our Top of Bench quiz team will be competing in the regional semi-final in January, having won prior matches against several other local schools. The Salter's Festival of Chemistry team represented the school at Heriot-Watt University, where they had to complete a range of practical challenges in the university chemistry labs.

We have welcomed forensic scientists from Abertay University who came and ran a practical workshop highlighting exciting new experiments to our S2 students. We have also been forming links between universities and senior students. This has included: S6 students conducting analytical experiments at Falkirk College, borrowing cutting edge infra-red and ultra-violet spectrometers from the Royal Society of Chemistry to help with Advanced Higher projects and also attending the Christmas lecture at the University of St Andrews.

School staff have also been running a rocket club. This chemical engineering project was supported by the Royal Academy of Engineering, and a weekly science club as well as hosting a Faraday Challenge event, where teams from across the area came to design and build an emergency communication system.

We feel that these activities really engage and capture the interest of students studying chemistry and help our young people gain an idea of the wide variety of uses of chemistry and science. This results in our students being more engaged, performing better academically as well as having fun in the process. We are really keen to form further links with local science-based industry and scientists as there is still so much more that we could offer our students if we had help. If individuals were keen to help with a project, then they could sign up to be a STEM ambassador to come in to speak to students about their work or support us in running a short term project. If local industries were able to help us by hosting us for a visit, teaming up for a Royal Society Partnership project or in any other way then we would be keen to hear from you. If you feel in any way able to help, please do not hesitate to contact me at Kinross High School.

Dr G Armstrong

Message from Mr Keatings

I recently announced to the school my decision to retire from my post at the end of the school year in July. I feel it is time for me to concentrate more on my wife, our dog and my golf handicap. I have not taken this decision lightly as I have enjoyed tremendously my years associated with Kinross High School. I have also enjoyed the high level of support which has been given to me and the school by many members of our local communities. Through the newsletter I would like to say an initial thank you to all of you.

R H Keatings

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www.visitlochleven.org

KHS Teenage Cancer Trust news

Tayside Big Band to play for Teenage Cancer Trust

As mentioned in the October edition of the Newsletter, Kinross High School is delighted to be supporting Teenage Cancer Trust this academic year. Thanks to the brilliant efforts of all the pupils and staff at the school, we are proud to announce that the current total is £9,400! Highlights from last term included Lucy Duffy's production 'One Night on Broadway', a sponsored head-shave and a series of stalls ran by a motivated group of S1 girls. Fun was also had on themed dress down days and S6/staff coffee mornings, which all contributed to our fantastic total.

This term there are lots more events to look forward to, particularly our Teenage Cancer Trust Week, during which we will be fundraising and promoting understanding and awareness of cancer.

Additionally on **Tuesday 17 March**, Tayside Big Band will be performing at the campus. This band, of which our very own head teacher Mr Keatings is a member, is an experienced group of musicians who play Big Band music, including popular tunes from the likes of Duke Ellington and Glen Miller. Tickets are £5 each and available from 9 February at the school office between 9.15am and 4.30pm. All ages are welcome.

Teenage Cancer Trust Fundraising Team

Donation given to Teenage Cancer Trust

A cheque for over £1600 was presented to Sharon Sheridan on behalf of Teenage Cancer Trust by four S1 pupils from Kinross High School and their friend who attends Dollar Academy. The girls ran a number of stalls at various local events as part of their efforts to contribute to Kinross High supporting Teenage Cancer trust this academic year. The girls were inspired to do this following one of their friends being diagnosed with leukaemia.



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Have you visited Kinross High School's new website? (www.kinrosshighschool.org.uk). There is a lot of useful information there. You will find Parent Council information under the Parents section. Please let us know if there is anything you would like to see displayed there.

At our meeting on 12 January, Mr Keatings announced his plan to retire at the end of the school year. We at the Parent Council will be very sorry to see him go from our group perspective and also from our perspective as individual parents. He pointed out that it will be business as usual for him until then. He hopes, having made his announcement at this early stage, that his successor will be appointed by that time. The Parent Council will play a role in this appointment. KHS continues to promote the employability of pupils. Our local Rotary Club has supported interview skills training and KHS continues to look for short work experience opportunities in the local area, with a view to all pupils having a work experience opportunity in the year they leave school. The Parent Council is keen to support this and hopes to run another Jobs Fair this year.

The new Higher exams will be launched this year. KHS is phasing the introduction of the new Higher curriculum over two years with English, French, German, Spanish, Physics, Chemistry, History, Art, Drama, Business Management, Graphic Communication and Product Design and RME moving to the new curriculum this school year and Maths, Geography, Music, Computing, Biology, Home Economics, Psychology and PE moving next year. Mr Keatings explained that the subjects with the most significant curriculum changes are the ones where the change has been made this year.

This school year has seen the introduction of a new school week on a pilot basis, with different daily structure and an earlier finish on Fridays. The Parent Council would like your feedback on how you feel this has gone so far, and the pros and cons as experienced by families with pupils at the School. Please feedback any comments you have to the Clerk and the Parent Council will collate and feed back to the School.

The Parent Council would like to congratulate all those involved in organising and performing at the Christmas Concert at the end of last term. It was an excellent display of the talents of pupils, teachers and staff. Appreciation was noted for the input of staff into a very successful Winter Ball for S5 pupils. Mr Keatings was pleased to report a successful programme of end of term social activities had been well supported.

Further Parent Council meetings are planned for **9 March**, **27 April (please note this is a new date)** and **25 May**, with the **AGM on 15 June**. Meetings are held at the School. Any parent or guardian of a KHS pupil is welcome to come along. Contact the Clerk if you are interested in joining us. Even if you cannot commit the time to joining the Parent Council, 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.



Active Schools

Whilst Cath Devanny is on maternity cover for this academic year, Victoria Spence is in place as Active Schools Coordinator. Victoria is continuing all of the great sessions which are running in the cluster. There are also lots of new activities for this term.

Active Schools works with the local community to provide a pathway for pupils to develop their sporting skills further.

What's Happening

A Cross-country competition for P6 and P7 pupils will take place on 3 February. The top finishers will go through to the Perth & Kinross Championships.

Netball at Portmoak: Victoria is volunteering in Portmoak Primary School delivering netball sessions to P5-P7.

Dance at Milnathort: A new Dance after school session started at Milnathort Primary School in January. Emily McGuire, a senior High School pupil, is leading the sessions.

Basketball: From the spring term, there will be new basketball sessions available for all primary schools. There will be a cluster session held at the Loch Leven Community Campus on a Friday after school for P5-P7 pupils. This is a great opportunity for pupils to mix with children from other schools and get used to the high school facilities, learning from a great basketball coach.

News from Last Term

We have six **Young Ambassadors** for 2014-15. Their role is to motivate and inspire other young people from the primary and secondary schools in the Kinross Cluster to get involved in sport. The ambassadors are Sean Cowe (S4), Demi Patton (S4), Jake Dobbie (S4), Megan Ely (S5), Isla Simpson (S6) and Duncan Lewis (S6).

The Young Ambassadors were involved in bringing Scot Tares of **Skinny Tyres** to the High School at the end of November to deliver a **cycling session** to pupils. This was a great session, getting the pupils to think about bike maintenance and looking at different skills. Scot also delivered sessions at some of the primary schools. The High School is now looking to set up an **after school club** after keen interest from the pupils. If you know anyone who would be keen to lead a cycling session, please contact the Active Schools Coordinator.

A **Junior Ryder Cup** was held at the beginning of the academic year with P6 pupils from schools within Perth & Kinross. Golf pros attended to help with work stations on putting, chipping and hitting golf balls into nets to practise speed and accuracy. Over 1000 pupils attended over two days. At a **Football Festival** in September, some pupils were selected to represent the Kinross Cluster in the next round of trials for the Perth & Kinross Primary Schools Select Team. They are: Struan Bennett, Dylan Ritchie, Fraser Banks, Matthew Dunn, Matthew Guy, Heather Brown, Andrew Clark and Connor Harris (all from Milnathort), Benjamin Surtees (from Portmoak), and Jamie Stormont (from Kinross Primary School). Two more football festivals will be held during the rest of the academic year.

Volunteers Needed

Are you keen on sport? Would you like to see another session at your child's school? You don't need to be an expert. Please contact Victoria Spence, Active Schools Coordinator (Kinross), Loch Leven Community Campus.

Email: VSpence@pkc.gov.uk or tel 01577 867220, mob 07824 529785.



Kinross Cycling Club

www.kinrosscyclingclub.co.uk



The club hosted its annual awards night for 2014 on Friday 21 November at the Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross. 61 club and family members were in attendance, plus special guests Arthur and Sharon Doyle. Arthur Doyle is one of Scotland's top cyclists and has won numerous Scottish titles, including Hill Climb Champion 2008/2009/2013, 10-mile Time Trial 2008/9/10/11/12, 25-mile Time Trial 2009/10 amongst others. He is also an NHS consultant. Arthur participated in an after dinner question and answer session. Cycling club members learned a lot of training secrets and also why the traditional "cake stop" is bad for us!

The never ending summer of 2014 has provided ample opportunity for cycling and members have participated in a large number of events through the year including cycling sportsives such as the Etape Caledonia, our own KCC sportive,

the Kinross Cycling Club Time Trial Grand Prix Series and the Fife Cycle Association (FCA) Time trial series. The club awards are hand crafted in wood by John Myerscough. Trophies were awarded as follows:

Etape Caledonia: 1st KCC rider Stephen Nairn, 2nd Douglas Sharp, 3rd Roly Kitson, 1st lady Jesme Fenton.

FCA Time Trial series: 1st KCC rider Donnie McLeod, 1st lady Fiona Dodds.



Kinross Cycling Club award winners

KCC Grand Prix Series: KCC organises a series of ten Thursday evening time trials which take place between April and September over distances ranging from the 1 mile sprint to the 25 mile TT. Points are awarded to all participants in order of rank and the Grand Prix total reflects the cumulative total of the best 8 scores.

Overall winner: Andy Bruce, 2nd Roly Kitson, 3rd Paul Maddocks, 1st lady Margy Thomson, 2nd Lady Fiona Dodds, 3rd lady Linsey Arnott, 1st over 60 Frank Chalmers. Trophies for endeavour in the series were awarded to Colin Morrison and Jenny Shanley.

Trophies were also awarded to the winners of the individual time trials.

Most improved rider: Kirsty Ellis

Rider of the year: Paul Zarb

President's Award: Nick Rowan.

Sunday club runs will continue over the winter months and details are to be found on our website.

Kinross Bowling Club

www.weebly.co.kinrossbowlingclub

Bowling season is just around the corner! The AGM takes place on Sunday 25 January. We are looking forward to seeing all existing members and anyone who may be interested in this friendly fresh air sport.

Further details of the club etc will be posted in the next Newsletter, but if anyone feels like coming to see how it's played and would like to have a go, **please contact Secretary George Rennie on 01577 864727** or go to our website where you will find details.

The season will start in early April. Come along and have a go!



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Kinross Otters

Club Championships 2014

Loch Leven Leisure Centre

23 November

In summary... **80 swimmers** ranging in age from 7 to 17 (plus eight not so young coaches and parents for the Open 100m IM!). A staggering total of **34.25 kilometres** swum over **406 swims**, a whopping **251 PB's** recorded and an amazing **47 volunteers** survived the day. The Awards night took place at the Windlestrae Hotel on 10 January and was combined with a fund raising Race Night. It turned out to be a great night and many thanks go to **Pam Watson** for organising it. See the medal winners below.



15+ Girls 1. Mhairi Boyle 2. Niamh Mullen 3. Fiona Thomson	15+ Boys 1. Cameron McCloskey 2. Conor McCormick 3. Ryan Curtis
13/14 Girls 1. Iona Crawford 2. Amy Broadhurst 3. Amy Hardie	13/14 Boys 1. Jack Watson 2. Alex Bell 3. Elliot Hogg
11/12 Girls 1. Ola Stanton 2. Rebecca Mitchell 3. Ruth Ritchie	11/12 Boys 1. Jack Muncey 2. Rory Nesbitt 3. Liam Slater
10U Girls 1. Zosia Stanton 2. Helen Hamilton 3. Emma Mitchell	10U Boys 1. Murray Pritchard 2. Cambell Shiels 3= Struan Bennet 3= Jack Brisbane
Open IM Girls 1. Kayleigh Reid 2. Fiona Dodds 3. Rebecca Thomson	Open IM Boys 1. Paul Garvie 2. Graham Findlay 3. Colin Adams
200 IM Girls 1. Iona Crawford	200IM Boys 1. Cameron McCloskey
100 IM Girls 1. Ola Stanton	100 IM Boys 1. Jack Muncey
Bronze Squad Champion (50m) Girls 1. Emily Cumming	Bronze Squad Champion (50m) Boys 1. Murray Pritchard
Silver Squad Champion (50m) Girls 1. Helen Hamilton	Silver Squad Champion (50m) Boys 1. Struan Bennet
Silver Squad Champion (100m) Girls 1. Eve Robertson	Silver Squad Champion (100m) Boys 1. Liam Slater
Swimmer of the Year Girls 1. Iona Crawford	Swimmer of the Year Boys 1. Conor McCormick
Coaches Award – Bronze Squad 1. Sarah Young	Coaches Award – Silver Squad 1. Euan Wilson
Coaches Award – Gold Squad 1. Sarah Coutts	Coaches Award – Platinum Squad 1. Euan Simpson
Volunteer of the Year Award 1= Jane Simpson & Shelley Boyle	
Premier Team Captain Girls 1. Mhairi Boyle	Premier Team Captain Boys 1. Conor McCormick
First Division Team Captain Girls 1. Fiona Thompson	First Team Captain Boys 1. Robbie Carstairs

National Schools Swimming Championships 2015

Aberdeen Sports Village, 31 January

A total of five Otters came through the Tayside Schools Championships in November 2014 to qualify for this top quality event. Good luck to **Ryan Curtis** (100m and 200m Freestyle), **Conor McCormick** (200m Breaststroke), **Jack Muncey** (50m Butterfly), **Ola Stanton** (50m Breaststroke) and younger sister **Zosia Stanton** (50m Breaststroke). The Otters have a good tradition at these Championships and have three National medals to show for it. No one however, has ever won gold...

Cumbernauld Winter Open

Tryst Sports Centre, Cumbernauld

29 and 30 November 2014

It was our female stars who took the limelight in this competition. **Ola Stanton** (11), affectionately known as “The Pocket Rocket”, was simply in sizzling form. She won gold medals in the 200m Breaststroke by *over 12 seconds* in a new 9 second personal best of 3.04.93 and the 50m Freestyle in 30.09 secs. She had previously broken the 30 second barrier in the latter event at the Tayside Schools (see above) and is now the Club Record holder at this event and is the youngest ever Otter at 11 to hold a club record!

Iona Crawford (14) also won a silver medal in the 14 year old girls 200m Breaststroke in 3.07.68.

League News

With the final gala of the league now over, our First Division team finished in fourth place, no mean feat as all the other clubs were fielding their one and only team, showcasing their best swimmers. 4th place is a credit to all involved and their support for each other. Thanks go to all the parents for their support and for time keeping and to **Sharon Shiels** who has done a great job for us as team manager, and thanks to all our coaches for leading the galas.

More Success out of the Pool!

Congratulations to **Euan Boyle** who has been selected as part of the Scottish Triathlon Development Scotland Team, and to **Rory Hutchison** who recently signed for St Johnstone FC u-13s Pro Youth Academy. We are very proud of both these swimmers achievements.

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 Issues from September 2006 to two months ago available

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Official reopening of Kinross Curling following upgrade:

See article and photo on page 4.

Renovations: There is a new series of Before and After photos on our website and Facebook page. A notable renovation was the approach road into the car park by Breedon Aggregates, whose community project has saved the Trust many thousands of pounds. Appreciation is also due to Jim Barton, Alastair McCabe, Iain Keddie and Lars Christiansen who have been busy in recent months. Thanks to all volunteers who have helped with improvements.

The Kinross Open in mid December was a fantastic weekend, culminating in Tom Brewster overcoming defending champion David Edwards 5-3 in an enthralling final.

Hogmanay Pairs Competition (sponsored by The Curling Academy): The triple knockout format consisted of 49 matches, with the final being contested between two new teams: Sean Clemie & Keith Miller and John Jo Kenny & Phil Barton. As a peculiar result of the format, this was the fourth game between the two teams. When all was said and done, the teams had won two games each, and in the words of John Jo, Sean's team "deservedly won the final". Kinross Curling wishes both teams good luck at the national pairs championship in Stranraer in March.

Lee and Judith McCleary won the Scottish Curling Mixed Doubles Championship at Braehead in early January and will now go on to represent Scotland at the World Mixed Doubles Curling Championship in Sochi in April.

Eight-Ender: Congratulations to Hector Snoddy (skip), Sheila Harley, Stuart McCulloch and Maureen Aitken, who scored our first 8-Ender of the season during a Mixed League session on Saturday 20 December.

Bishopshire Golf Club

2015 Membership Prices

Junior (Under 8) - £10

Junior (Over 8) - £40

Adult - £135

Senior - £85



Monthly payment scheme available for any of the above memberships.

- Tournaments held weekly on a Saturday with a 2 tee start, morning and afternoon.
- Summer league held from May to September with varying 9 & 18 hole formats.
- Singles and Doubles Match play tournaments throughout the summer.
- The opportunity to qualify for a number of regional and national tournaments.
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New membership sheets will be placed in the clubhouse, alternatively contact graemeguild88@hotmail.co.uk

Further course details can be found on our website

www.bishopshiregc.co.uk

Ladies Branch News

• **Henderson Bishop:** Local playdowns for this RCCC competition took place in late November. For the second year in a row Team Inglis emerged as the winners. Good luck to Valerie Inglis and teammates Susan Scougal, Heather Gough and Sue Cameron who will represent Kinross Curling at the finals in Kelso in February.

• **Ladies Branch Bonsel:** Sixteen teams made up from the various ladies clubs in Kinross district took part in this annual event, held over two sessions on 5 January. There was a tie for first place between two teams: Pat McFarlane, Sheona Reid, Gaylor Hoskins and Sue Cain, as well as Caroline McGregor, Eileen Thomas, Lisa Hill and Lesley Johnston.

Kinross Junior Curling Club News

• **Foxglide tops:** KJCC have taken delivery of their smart new tops.

• **Scottish Schools Championship:** Local playoffs to qualify for the Scottish Schools Curling Championship were held over the festive period. The winners were Kinross High 1, consisting of Ross Cormack (skip), Ben Cormack, Beth Farmer and Linzi Sim. The national finals will take place at Murrayfield, 13-15 March.

• **RCCC Junior Challenge:** Over 10/11 January, two rinks travelled to Murrayfield to represent KJCC in Division 2 of the RCCC Junior Challenge. They won seven out of ten games to put Kinross A top and win promotion to Division 1 next season. Well done to both teams: Grant Barr, Linzi Sim, Gregor Bousie and Andrew Johnston; and Fraser Thomson, Fin Campbell, Kathryn Spain and Ross Cormack.

Lounge bar: Bearing in mind the reduced drink-drive limit, the bar now stocks alcohol-free beer and cider, so that curlers can feel sociable but remain safe to drive. If there are any other alcohol-free drinks that you enjoy, please suggest them to the staff.

Off-season usage: Why not hold your club AGM in our lounge? When the curling season ends, we can offer exclusive use of the lounge with bar and catering. It will not be open regularly out of season but we are very willing to open it for special occasions.

TV Monitors: We have been offered sponsorship to install overhead video cameras on each sheet of ice and TV monitors in the bar for broadcasting the action. Geoff Thorpe-Tracey and Brian Duncan have volunteered to lead the project into how to install the equipment. Thank you!

Pin badges: A new pin badge has been commissioned for Kinross Curling. We aim to have it available behind the bar by the end of January, costing £2.50 each.

New Directors: The Trust will be holding elections for new Directors at the AGM (date to be confirmed). Two of the current Board stand down, but will be eligible for re-election, and there will be spaces for new Directors. To find out more about the role of a Director, please contact our Chairman, Bob Tait: b.tait@btinternet.com

Upcoming events (in Scotland and on TV/internet)

- World Wheelchair Curling Championship, Lahjo, Finland, 7-14 February.
- Scottish Curling Senior Championship, Lanarkshire, 11-15 February.
- Scottish Curling Championships, Perth, 15-22 February.

Thanks to Andy Macpherson, Phil Barton, Lorna Rennie, Elaine Spain, Eileen Thomas and Doug Ritchie for contributing reports.

Local outdoor curling match

Kinross and Dunfermline Curling Clubs played a match on the outdoor curling pond one evening in late December.



Last season the two clubs decided they would attempt to play an outdoor match annually if the outdoor pond is frozen and the clubs have a day or two's notice to assemble teams.

Kinross Curling Club provided the trophy for the fixture and decided to name it the John Jo Kenny trophy in recognition of John Jo's win in the World Seniors in 2012 (as skip of the Ireland team) and his general contribution to curling in this area. John Jo is an honorary playing member of Kinross Curling Club.

The outdoor match on 29 December finished with a 17-16 victory to Dunfermline, after an extra end. The outdoor curling pond is located close to the entrance to the Green Hotel golf courses. Photographs of the event can be viewed on the Kinross Curling website and Facebook page.



*Dunfermline and Kinross Curling Clubs in action on the outdoor pond
Photo courtesy of Steve Kinninmonth*

Orwell Bowling club

Westerloan, Milnathort

Since last entry in the Newsletter, I'm happy to say we have held our annual presentation dance which was well attended, leading to a good night being had by all.

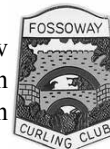
Christmas and New Year also saw events held within the club for members and friends

The annual AGM, held at the end of November, had a reasonable turnout with the following positions being filled: President - Mr J Whittet (also Treasurer); Vice-President - Mrs M White; Match Secretary - Mr G Morton; Green Ranger - Mr V McKechnie; Secretary - Mrs D Foster; Committee members: Mrs S Fullerton, Ms C Davidson and Mr W Dewar. We look forward to our forthcoming season, which sees the club celebrating being formed for 125 years, a great achievement in this day and age. The sub-committee formed to promote this have been successfully fundraising to aid the club with our year's celebration and have held a very successful raffle draw and entertainment night in November, which raised in the region of £2500. Many thanks to all who donated prizes, sold and purchased raffles and attended the draw and a huge well done to the winner of the Rocking Horse (a local resident). Other events are planned.

We are a small friendly club and would welcome new members. Membership costs £80 for full members and £30 for social members yearly. Please contact club for further details re application: Secretary, telephone 01577 865538 or apply through the website or any club member.

Fossoway Curling Club

Our Fraser and Stewart Cup competitions are now finished and were won by Tom McColgan and Ian Nicholson respectively. And now The Johnson Cup is under way.



In November, Fossoway, along with Kinross and Kinross Junior Curling Clubs, represented Loch Leven Province and won the Inter Province Bonspiel at Dewar's Rinks in Perth. Well done to Alan Paterson, Sid Grant, Chris Browne and our newest member, Ben Thornber.

Our annual points competition for the Gibson Cup was played on 4 January and again we were joined by Fossoway Ladies and Tulliallan Clubs. Overall winner was John Taylor (Fossoway), closely followed by Rob McLachlan (Fossoway) then Jimmy Turnbull and Ru Macdonald of Tulliallan. Top Fossoway lady was Maggie Saunderson. Most members stayed afterwards for an enjoyable lunch in the Curling Bar. Fossoway are a small and friendly local curling club based in Crook of Devon, although our members come from far and wide. We play throughout the season mostly at Kinross with a few games in Perth. We are always looking for new members (beginners and experienced) who will find a warm welcome awaiting. Coaching is available free of charge. Contact Alan on 840695 or Willie on 840405 for details.

Kinross Tennis Club

www.kinrosstennisclub.org.uk



Well I am not sure about anyone else, but a spell of nice, mild weather would encourage me back on court and help shift the overindulgences from the festive period – I do hope Mother Nature is listening! If, however, you are a keen bean adult, play is ongoing on Wednesdays 6.30pm and Sundays 10.30am – pop down and join in these social sessions.

Meanwhile **indoor tennis for those aged 9 years and under** is currently mid-block at Loch Leven Community Campus on Tuesday evenings and due to finish on 10 March. There are a couple of spaces for any late joiners... email us at kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com to enquire.

We are busy planning an exciting tennis programme for the 2015 season and will confirm details in the next newsletter for our Open Day, Easter Camps and term time block of coaching. Our **Annual Quiz** takes place on **Tuesday 24 February** at 7.30pm at the rugby club and we are delighted once more to have Kinross Quizzicals put our grey matter to the test. Mike Spain as quiz master extraordinaire always runs a great evening and we invite club members, their family and friends to come along, have fun, enjoy the chilli supper and support your club in this fundraising event.

At the AGM in November our members agreed once again to maintain the same subscription rates for this season and these will be due for renewal at the **Open Day on Saturday 28 March** – details to follow. We also thanked Vivien Clarke for her help over the last two years as secretary and welcomed Margaret Hamblin to the role.

General enquiries can be made to our secretary at kinrosstennis@gmail.com or by calling 01577 850252. Visitor keys continue to be available for a small fee via John & JH Sands Ironmongers.

Looking for a Job?

Check the situations vacant page at
www.kinross.cc

Kinross Swimmers

The coaches are up and running for the new year and our first session has done a lot to blow the cobwebs away. Thanks, Fraser. Bring on 2015! Tara has our new training rota in hand.



Club membership fees are now due. Cost £10 per annum. This can be paid to Ian by cash, cheque and or bank transfer (sort code 83 23 47 A/C No. 00154442 - Kinross Adult Otters, reference swimmer's name). Confirmation emails by way of receipt. I only need contact details when obtaining membership and these can be forwarded via email or handwritten note.

We intend to have a number of extra events outwith the training pool through 2015. It is hoped this may include some open water swimming in both an outdoor pool (tba) and at Lochore (with a barbie?).

The first event, which is deliberately more social than sportive, is a **Club Curry Night** at the Raj in Kinross. This is to take place on **Friday 6 February** and if you'd be able to make it please let me know as soon as so that I can organise a table. This may be a buffet depending on numbers and is a pretty informal get together where we, along with stuffing our faces, can discuss any plans and ideas you may have for the year, although that is not compulsory.

New swimmers continue to come along and we would continue to welcome others. We meet every Tuesday evening at the pool at Loch Leven Leisure Centre for a pool start at 8pm 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 07944 503074.

Kinross Badminton Club

The club is now back in session after the Christmas break and we have had a positive start to this half of the season with four large turnouts. We would like to encourage all of our members to keep coming as often as they can. For new members wanting to join there is a reduced membership fee of £25 as the season is half way through – first night is free for new members. Before the Christmas break the members played in the Macdonald Quaich competition. There were a lot of highly entertaining matches on display throughout the night and ended with Humayun Rashid and Rory Cooper winning over all. Runners up were Sean Clemie and Craig Armstrong. The club would like to say well done to everyone who participated and also thank Ian Coulter for taking the time to organise the event.



Both league teams finished strongly before the winter break and the club would like to see this success continue into 2015. The committee will be having their second meeting near the start of February and will be discussing the organisation of the next tournament, The Kate Francis, the annual tournament and when the club will be stopping play for the summer.

As always, for more information contact our President, Rory Cooper, at: rorycooper4692@gmail.com or visit the Club's Facebook page.

Kinross Kobras Junior Hockey

It has been a quiet few weeks with the pitch surface at KGV and the weather restricting training to a few indoor sessions. These were put to good use at the end of December when Kobras had three teams playing in an indoor tournament at Bell's Sports Centre in Perth. Indoor hockey involves five a-side games, focuses on pushing rather than hitting the ball and allows you to play off the side walls. It is very fast and the Kinross teams gained some great experience in this style of hockey. With two indoor tournaments coming up in February, this experience will be put to good use.



One of the Kinross Kobras U12 teams from the indoor tournament

Kinross Volleyball Club

The club has a busy spell ahead with District, Regional and National Competitions due to take place between now and Easter.

In the Perth District League, Kinross Scotrange currently sit at the top of the table with Kintronics a wee bit further behind. In the Recreational League, Kinross BB, BB Wildcats and Mongrels have had varying performances over recent weeks with the festive period of inactivity taking its toll.

In the South East Regional League, the Kinross men's side will face home and away fixtures against City of Edinburgh, Napier and Heriot Watt Universities between now and the end of March.

In the National Plate Quarter Finals, Kinross have been drawn against Glasgow Su Ragazzi's second team, this match to take place at the Community Campus on the afternoon of Saturday 14 February.

Local youngsters Mitchell Brown and Mark Cathro of Kinross BB took part in a three-day national training camp at Ravenscraig Sports Centre between Christmas and New Year with the Scotland Young Seniors' Squad.

Kinross High School volleyballers are also in action with S1 boys and girls taking part in the Edinburgh national festival and the S4/5/6 boys and girls taking part in the Lothian & Borders national festival.

The Kinross Club continues to make progress within the Perth & Kinross PACES Club Accreditation Scheme, hoping to attain the Community Level in the near future.

The club also continues to welcome a number of new members on Monday evenings at the campus and anyone wanting to try volleyball should simply turn up in sports kit and trainers from 8.15pm till 9.45pm.

Kinross Road Runners

Friday 9 January saw around 60 members gather at Loch Leven's Larder for the The Kinross Road Runners Annual Awards Dinner, where a large number of trophies were handed out for various achievements over the course of the year.

A huge thanks to Judith Dobson for organising what proved to be very successful night. Judith was also selected this year to become an honorary member due to her hard work, commitment and dedication consistently over the last 20 years as a member of the club. Add to that the fact that she has consistently been one of our top performers over a variety of distances and terrain in all that time so I think I speak for everyone when I say well done and well deserved Judith.

Each year the club votes on the athlete of the year. The athlete of the year can be the member that contributes a lot of time and effort to the club, shows the biggest signs of improvement or someone who has been consistently strong throughout the season and has represented the club favourably.

This year the joint recipients of this prestigious accolade were Sarah Eaton and Annabel Simpson, who both enjoyed strong seasons. Sarah went from strength to strength, consistently improving her times throughout the season and being a permanent fixture at training and most notably completing every two-mile time trial this year. Annabel is one of our youngest members and has represented Scotland on a number of occasions in the under 20 age category both on the track and even in the odd Italian hill championship race. Well done to both. It truly represents what a diverse club Kinross Road Runners is. Other prize winners are listed above right.



- Athlete of the year - Sarah Eaton and Annabel Simpson
- Female Club Champion - Jillian Gordon
- Male Club Champion - Allan Kemp
- Female Off Road Champion - Judith Dobson
- Male Off Road Champion - Andy Johns
- Female Marathon Champion - Jillian Gordon
- Male Marathon Champion - Andy Laycock
- Loch Leven Half Marathon First Local Female - Sarah Hutt
- Loch Leven Half Marathon First Local Male - Graham Kemp
- Milnathort Dash First Local Female - Jillian Gordon
- Milnathort Dash First Local Male - Andy Laycock
- WAVA Champion - Judith Dobson
- Tortoise and Hare - Kirsty Gray/ Pippa Coutts
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News from the Rurals



BISHOPSHIRE – Many thanks to the staff at The Well Inn, Scotlandwell, who looked after us at our Annual Christmas Dinner. We had a very good turnout despite the weather.

Competition:

Christmas Card (any craft) Marion Sutherland
President Norma Smith wished everyone a Happy New Year at the January meeting. The meeting took the form of a members' night with very entertaining contributions from Shelagh Goudie, Ann Hughes, Anna Garner and a talk on the "addiction" of quilting with a fabulous display of work from Mary Nisbet.

Competitions:

Diet tip Marion Sutherland
Favourite kitchen utensil Wilma Barclay

BLAIRINGONE – President Mary Ramsay welcomed members and Powmill members to our Christmas dinner at Powmill Milk Bar. We all enjoyed a lovely meal, followed by some recitations and games, the evening closed with Christmas Carols.

CARNBO – President Molly White welcomed us all to the December meeting, which was our Christmas meal. A very tasty three-course meal was provided by Heaven Scent. Entertainment and games by Molly, Grace Paterson and Susan Malcolm. A great night was had by all.

Competitions:

Handmade Christmas tree decoration Josephine Paterson
Flower of the month Josephine Paterson
President Molly White welcomed us all back after the festive season. After business, two of our members, Mrs Ann Munro and Mrs Sandra Turnbull, both guides at Falkland Palace, dressed in period costume and gave an insight into the lives of Mary Beaton (one of Mary Queen of Scots' ladies in waiting) and Lady Jean Stuart (illegitimate daughter of King James V of Scotland).

Competition:

Flower of the month Josephine Paterson

MILNATHORT – We had our Christmas night out in December at Orwell Bowling Club with another lovely meal provided by Heaven Scent. After our meal, recitations were read out by members and then we had to guess the countries from postcards from around the world. Some countries appeared to have moved base! We then sang Christmas Carols accompanied by Vi on the accordion.

Our January meeting was opened by President, Ann Reid, and after business was read we enjoyed a Burns Supper of stovies, cheese and oatcakes, followed by tea and shortbread.

After supper we were introduced to the Scottish Country Dancers of Vi Todd's Monday dancing group. They encouraged us to join them and we were taught some new dances. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by all.

Ann Reid then gave a vote of thanks to the Committee who provided the supper and to the dancers.

Competitions:

Flower of the month Cathie Cochrane
Shortbread Margaret Patrick
Knitted scarf Lorna Douglas

GLENFARG – A Question Time session was chaired by Ursula Stewart with Len Yull, Len McConnell, Karin Taylor and Margaret Ponton on the panel. Questions ranged from a discussion on the merits, or otherwise, of windfarms, the pop songs of the 50s and 60s compared to today's, Perth City Hall and favourite books. Margaret Scott proposed the vote of thanks to a very entertaining panel of speakers.

Competitions:

Slice of Christmas cake Margot Moran
Pot plant Alison Harrison
Tealight holders Alison Harrison

CLEISH – President Mrs Alison Morris welcomed twenty-one members to our November meeting. After business she welcomed our speaker for the evening, Charlie Tulloch, and we enjoyed an interesting and informative insight into the RNLI. A vote of thanks was given by committee member Mrs Marion Bisset.

Competitions:

Flower of the month Marion Bisset
Flask of soup Ellen Milne
Water photograph Beth Pringle

On Monday 12 December 2014 we welcomed around 90 ladies to our Coffee, Cake and Carol evening in Cleish Village Hall. Thanks to Leven Voices +1 for an entertaining and enjoyable festive evening.

President Mrs Alison Morris welcomed nineteen members to our January meeting. After business she welcomed our speaker for the evening, Neil Kilpatrick, and we enjoyed an interesting and informative illustrated talk on the Loch Leven Heritage Project. A vote of thanks was given by Vice President Mrs Dorothy Morris.

Competitions:

Pot plant Betty Robb
Three pieces of shortbread Margaret Nelson
Beanie hat (any age) Dorothy Morris

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Out & About



Loch Leven NNR



It's been an interesting couple of months at Loch Leven NNR - the weather has been at times wild and at others mild; the wildlife has been buzzing; and visitors have been out and about in force. Of particular note during my winter monitoring sessions was a spectacular view of a White-tailed Eagle plucking a fish from the surface of the water near Scart Island with ease and grace. Kingfishers have also been prevalent this winter, with regular sightings along the River Leven, North Queich and South Queich and from the Burleigh Hide. Other birds of note recently have included Green Sandpiper, Lesser Scaup and Smew.

Events 2015

The first event of the year is just around the corner, with our annual **Walk for Wetlands** taking place on **Sunday 1 February, from 10am-1pm, meeting at the Pier in Kinross**. Jeremy is looking forward to leading the guided walk, in which he'll explain why we celebrate World Wetlands Day at Loch Leven, which marks the anniversary of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance. He'll also be looking forward to sharing his knowledge on our wide diversity of wildfowl and other wildlife around Loch Leven, looking in particular in areas around Factory Bay, Castle Island, Reed Bower and beyond. Water proofs, walking boots and binoculars are all recommended, the event is free and booking is essential, so please call the reserve office on 01577 864439 to book your place



Flocks of geese are one of the many sights to look out for at this time of year. Photo by Alan Lindsay

A few more dates for your diary this year are as follows:

- **Discovery Day – Sunday 14 June, 12-4pm**
- **Burleigh Botany – Tuesday 16 June, 6-8pm**
- **Osprey Walk – Thursday 13 August, 6-8pm**
- **Fungi Foray – Sunday 20 September, 2-4pm**
- **Dawn Goose Walk – Sunday 18 October, 6.45-8.30am**

There may be further events added to these during the course of the year, so watch this space, and look out for posters in hides and local shops.

We've been busy over the last few months with volunteers at various locations, as we use the quieter wildlife season to carry out some ongoing tree clearance work at various locations around the reserve. The ponds at Burleigh have been opened up for more light to get to them, which will hopefully benefit invertebrate life in them, and an area of

willows between Levenmouth pools and the loch has also been removed, with some shoreline trees being dropped into the water to create overhanging shoreline habitat for duck broods to use. The next area we plan to work on is Mary's Knowe, where a number of willows will be removed to promote the grass rich meadow habitat to regenerate, which features the Kinross county flower, the Holy Grass.

At this time of year there may also be occasional wind damage that blocks the Heritage Trail at various points. If setting out after or during strong winds, be prepared to alter your route, and if you do come across any trees down blocking the path, then please report them to the reserve office on 01577 864439. That's all for now folks,

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Hello again folks, and a belated "Guid New Year" as this is the first article in 2015.

OK, we did have a few comments back from people on the Scots/English thing or as near as I can get to English! Between Eileen and masel we have decided future articles will contain a bit of both.

Richt then, back to normal stuff. Reserve wise, the last few weeks have been wet, dry, sunny, then cauld, then awfa cauld. The resulting temperature drop froze our ponds and pools at times and pushed most of the birds on to the loch, apart from the ones that took up ice skating as a new hobby: very amusing watching ducks and swans land then jist keep skiting on and on then maybe a wee pirouette then keep skiting on and on again ending in a triple salka! Naw! I've taken that too far! OK, nae salka, jist a slithering halt. Our most common rarer bird at the moment is a Redhead smew, regularly seen with the Goldeneye and Tufted duck flocks.

The usual pair of Sea Eagles seem to have been a bit erratic this winter with sightings for a few days then they disappear, show up again and then leave again. I have only seen one bird, the large female with the "H" turquoise tag but we have had reports that people have seen two most recently from the Levenmouth area of the loch. If you have any sightings, can you please let us know if you are sure it's a sea eagle.

In the visitor centre the shop has a big wheeng of new products on the shelves including two new RSPB telescopes called the "Harrier", with a choice of a 65mm or an 80mm size and a fixed or zoom eyepiece. Both are high quality scopes with ED glass for improved image and clarity, at affordable prices. We also have new ranges of household and kids stuff in as well, so worth a swatch if you are passing?

Over the last full weekend in January the RSPB holds its annual "Big Garden Birdwatch", asking people to watch their garden for an hour of your choice and note down the maximum numbers of each species you see during the hour, animals as well as birds. If you took part this year (24th/25th), remember to submit the results, which can be done online. Around half a million people took part last year.

Reserve events for Loch Leven can be found online or ask when you are in.

OK, think that's it again till next time, "Ciao" ... awh eh naw that's anither language which is gonnac complicate things again!

Ta ta,

Colin

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Stagecoach Fife 203	Loch Leven Circular (Sunday Only)				
Milnathort Royal Bank	940	1110	1240	1440	1610
Kinross opp Green Hotel	945	1115	1245	1445	1615
Kinross opp Town Hall	947	1117	1247	1447	1617
opp Gairneybridge Farm	952	1122	1252	1452	1622
Vane Farm Nature Reserve	957	1127	1257	1457	1627
Findatie Café	958	1128	1258	1458	1628
Opp Lochend Farm Shop road end	1002	1132	1302	1502	1632
Scotlandwell opp Friar Place	1004	1134	1304	1504	1634
Kinnesswood Main Street	1006	1136	1306	1506	1636
Loch Leven's Larder road end	1010	1140	1310	1510	1640
Burleigh Sands	1013	1143	1313	1513	1643
Milnathort Bridgefauld Road	1018	1148	1318	1518	1648
Milnathort Royal Bank	1020	1150	1320	1520	1650
Milnathort Royal Bank	1025	1155	1325	1525	1655
Burleigh Sands	1030	1200	1330	1530	1700
opp Loch Leven's Larder road end	1033	1203	1333	1533	1703
Kinnesswood Main Street	1037	1207	1337	1537	1707
Scotlandwell Friar Place	1039	1209	1339	1539	1709
Lochend Farm Shop road end	1041	1211	1341	1541	1711
Findatie Café	1045	1215	1345	1545	1715
Vane Farm Nature Reserve	1046	1216	1346	1546	1716
Gairneybridge Farm	1051	1221	1351	1551	1721
Kinross Town Hall	1056	1226	1356	1556	1726
Kinross Bank of Scotland	1058	1228	1358	1558	1728
Milnathort Bridgefauld Road	1103	1233	1403	1603	1733
Milnathort Royal Bank	1105	1235	1405	1605	1735

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Farming



Dairy farming in Kinross-shire

In the wake of the huge publicity regarding milk now being cheaper to buy than bottled water, Princess Anne spoke out this week to encourage our dairy farmers to keep up the good work they are doing. With The Scottish Government now promising a review of what's happening to the milk market I thought it would be interesting to look into dairying in Kinross-shire for this month's column.

With only three remaining milk producers, those that continue are the Lawrie family at Cuthill Towers, the Smiths at the Holton (both outside Milnathort) and the Greer Family at Wharlawhill near Carnbo. Between these farms there are 530 dairy cows that annually produce over 40 million litres of milk.

Norman Greer moved from Ireland 25 years ago to Wharlawhill and has built up his herd to 230 Holstein Friesian cows. He manages the farm, which also grows cereals, fattens beef cattle and has a flock of 600 ewes, in conjunction with his wife, Tricia, sons Calum and Jamie and their dairyman, Jock Seaman. The Wharlawhill milk is produced on contract to Sainsbury's through Muller Wiseman and this is paid for on a cost of production basis. Norman comments, "We were offered this contract in 2007 and submit our costs to the Sainsbury's team quarterly. All of the suppliers do this and the price paid to us is directly related to what the milk costs to produce. Through the producer group we can let the supermarket know about challenges such as bad weather and trends in our costs and it's good to know our milk is in local stores."

At the Holton Farm, it takes two hours for their herd of 80 *Montbeliarde* cows to go through the milking parlour; Dan and his brother Doug manage everything on the farm with their father still involved in the business too. Rising at 5am to start the milking at 5.30am, they then continue their day tending to the calves, feeding the herd, bedding the sheds and fit in routine health care tasks such as vaccination or foot trimming before starting the whole process again in late afternoon. The brothers chose the *Montbeliarde* breed, originally from France, because the calves they produce are suitable for quality beef production. The milk also has higher butterfat and protein content and is more attractive to milk buyers who can utilise these attributes for further processing. But their milk is sold on contract to First Milk, a national co-operative and the price paid has slumped in the last 12 months from 32 pence per litre (ppl) in February 2013 to 21 ppl this January. Dan says, "World markets and over production seem to have caused this recent crash; it's a very volatile market and as a supplier that can be very challenging."

There had been a dairy herd at Cuthill Towers for over 60 years when Jim Lawrie moved from the west of Scotland with his herd of red and white Ayrshire cows. Arthur and Susan now run the family business with their sons, David and James. The family are still passionate about the Ayrshire breed and recently invested in a purpose built steading for the herd of 230 cows. David says, "Our average yield is 8500 litres of milk per cow each year. It's a very good yield from a smaller cow and we find that they last a long time too." This year the herd saw one of their cows become the Champion at the Highland Show; the judge felt it represented the ideal cow for the breed and the prize is testament to the attention to breeding that the family is committed to. Their milk is also

sold to Sainsbury's and David adds, "The contract demands that producers meet very strict welfare criteria and participate in more veterinary inspections. We also calve all year round to ensure monthly milk production is constant."

Princess Anne said dairy farmers must continue to work hard to look after their livestock during this time of low prices as the future looks more promising. I hope she's right and that the review of the market is open and transparent. In the meantime, contracts such as those that Sainsbury's provide are helpful but not every milk buyer values the farmers in this way. I have signed the petition to pay more for milk as I really hope Kinross-shire can retain these three excellent family farms for the future. You can sign the petition at:

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Fiona

Weather



November Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall	110.4mm = 4.41 inches
Heaviest rainfall	31.4mm (6th)
Total sunshine for the month	17.5 hours
Sunniest day	3.4 hours (5th)
Maximum temperature average	10.14 °C
Highest temperature	17.0°C (1st)
Minimum temperature average	1.23°C
Lowest temperature	-3.3°C (6th)

December Weather Report

Total rainfall	96.7mm = 3.86 inches
Heaviest rainfall	21.2mm (21st)
Total sunshine for the month	16 hours
Sunniest day	2.4 hours (5th)
Maximum temperature average	6.84 °C
Highest temperature	12.1°C (17th)
Minimum temperature average	-2.88°C
Lowest temperature	-8.3°C (28th)



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FINLAY ANNESS and **JOSHUA DAVEY** were finalists in the 2014 Christmas card competition run by Gordon Banks MP. There were 18 finalists from 500 entries, with the finalists being chosen by members of the public. Finlay and Joshua are both P6 pupils at Blairingone Primary School.

EILIDH CHILD was named Kukri Scottish Athlete of the Year 2014. It is the fourth time in six years that she has won the award. 2014 was a magnificent year for Eilidh, who won silver at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow and gold at the European championships in Zurich for her specialist event, the 400m hurdles. Eilidh grew up in Kinross.

EILIDH ROBERTSON, a first year pupil at Kinross High School, was the winner of the local heat in the Springboard's FutureChef cook-off, held at Perth College UHI, with a dish of Beetroot Risotto with sprouts and baked feta, followed by Mont Blanc Macaroons. The competition is a nationwide culinary programme in four stages, helping young people aged 12-16 to learn to cook. FutureChef challenges young people to explore food and cooking as a life skill, helping to develop their culinary talent and informing them about entry routes into the hospitality industry. Also from Kinross High, S4 pupil **AARON WATT** (15) came away with a highly commended certificate for his dishes.



Eilidh Robertson with the judges

Teams from **KINROSS HIGH SCHOOL** took first and third places in the Perth & Kinross secondary schools indoor cricket tournament at Bell's Sports Centre in November. Six teams took part: two from Kinross High School, two from Breadalbane Academy, one from Perth Grammar and one from Perth High School.

HUNTERS OF KINROSS gained an award for their Festive Pie at the World Scotch Pie Championships 2015. The mini Christmas dinner in a pie won the Bronze award in the Hot Savoury category.

CALEDONIA PLAY, the outdoor play equipment company based in Crook of Devon, is now on the Parent Teacher Associations UK recommended suppliers directory.

Thanks



PAMELA MITCHELL would like to thank all friends and family who kindly joined her in celebrating her 90th birthday on Saturday 13 December 2014. Jean Paterson, along with friends, provided a wonderful birthday lunch at Orwell Church Hall where Jean's family delighted everyone with musical entertainment. Many thanks to you all for sharing in Pam's special day and for the beautiful gifts, birthday cards and happy memories.

KINROSS-SHIRE CHURCHES TOGETHER is pleased to announce that the sum of £253.66 was raised for the Syria Christmas Appeal at the annual Christmas Community Celebration at the Campus on 13 December 2014.

ORWELL DISTRICT GUIDING: The Guide Hall kitchen and toilet are finally finished and we would like to say a huge thank you to the following who have helped make this possible: First, to **Alan Herd, joiner**, who has done a fantastic job in insulating both rooms and the little store cupboard and fitting our new fully functional kitchen and storage units; **David from Sandilands** for installing the boiler, new toilet and all the plumbing work, which means we now have a warm kitchen and toilet; **Tony from Elles Building Services** for organising the ames tapers and painters, making it look crisp and clean; **David Millar** for all the electrical work, and **Alistair Hutchison** for fitting all the vinyl. The three rooms look absolutely fantastic.

As well as all our fundraising, we received grants from the Arthur and Margaret Thompson Trust, Awards for all, Hugh Fraser Foundation and the Foundation Scotland Kinross-shire Fund. We also received donations from Hatrick Bruce, Todd and Duncan and FMC to fit new blinds and stock up our new kitchen for our ever-increasing units.

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

Tuesdays: 10am: Pram Service.

Wednesdays: 10.45am Service, church centre. 1.30pm Craft Group.

Thursdays: 2.15pm-3.45pm **PS2** (Pram Service Two) – drop in for a coffee and a chat (contact: Evelyn Cairns 863990).

Fridays: The Brigade, church centre. Anchor Section 6 – 7.15pm, Junior Section 7 - 9pm, Company Section 8 – 10pm (Contact: David Munro 862126).

Saturdays: 10am -12noon 'Coffee Stop': coffees, cakes and book sale at church centre most Saturdays.

Other Events and Services

February

Sun 1 10.30pm Morning Service followed by informal Communion.

6.30pm Joint Evening Service with Orwell and Portmoak, at Orwell Parish Church, Milnathort.

Mon 2 8am Silent Meditation (30 mins.)

Tue 3 2.30pm Service at Whyte Court.

7.15pm Guild, church centre: Rev Alan Reid.

Thu 5 7.30pm Thursday Group, church centre: 'The Wee Pie Co.'

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

7.30pm: Concert 'Aspects of Love' tickets £8, children free.

Tue 17 7.15pm Guild, church centre: 'Jute Journey'.

Thu 19 9pm late evening service of Compline.

Sun 22 6.30pm Joint Evening Service at Kinross Parish Church.

Tue 24 2.30pm Service at Causeway Court.

8pm Bible Study and Prayer Meeting, church centre.

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Evening Service at 6.30pm will alternate between Orwell Hall and Kinross Parish Church - see diary for details..

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 Saturday 28 February in Portmoak Hall 4-6pm..

Dates and events for your diary

1 Feb Joint service in Orwell Church 10.30am.

Evening service in Orwell Hall 6.30pm.

Leviticus (The Law of Moses and its significance today).

10 Feb Guild meets in Orwell Hall at 7pm

'Puppy Walking for Guide Dogs for the Blind'
by Mrs Anne Hutton.

22 Feb Evening service in Kinross Church at 6.30pm.

Joshua and Judges (Gaining control of Canaan and the judges' leadership).

24 Feb Guild meets in Orwell Hall at 7pm.

Open Night 'Guyana - Land of Many Waters'
by Robin Webster.

27 Feb Oasis Ladies Group meets in Portmoak New Room at 10.15am.

1 Mar Joint service in Portmoak Church 10.30am.

Evening service in Orwell Hall 6.30pm.

I & II Samuel (The establishment of the Kingdom).

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	12.15pm	Sunday School
	6.00pm	Prayer Meeting
Monday	6.30pm	Gospel Meeting
	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
	8.15pm	Bible Study

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

Minister: Rev Lis Stenhouse Telephone: (01577) 862937
 Email: lissten@sky.com
 Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie Telephone: (01592) 840823
 Email: brianj.ogilvie1@btopenworld.com
 Session Clerk: Mrs Janet Harper Telephone: (01755) 840225
 Email: aclassicsoul@aol.com

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

Sun 1 9.45am Morning Worship followed by Refreshments.
Sun 8 9.45am Morning Worship.
Sun 15 9.45am Morning Worship.
Sun 22 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: Please contact Fred Aitken for details,
 01577 840833.

Film Afternoon: In the Church Hall, Friday 6 Feb, 2.30 - 4.30pm and 7.30 - 9.30pm. *Join us for a film, a cuppa and a blether, and even some popcorn.*

**Cleish Parish
 Church of Scotland**

(Charity number SC003168)

Minister: Rev Lis Stenhouse
 Telephone: (01577) 862937
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 Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie
 Telephone: (01592) 840823
 Email: brianj.ogilvie1@btopenworld.com
 Session Clerk: Gordon McMillan
 Acting Session Clerk: Tricia Cochrane
 Telephone: (01577) 864659
 Email: triciacochrane@yahoo.com

Website: www.cleishchurch.org

Sunday Services 11.15am**February**

Sun 1 11.15am Morning Worship followed by coffee in the village hall.
Sun 8 11.15am Morning Worship, Junior Church.
Mon 9 3.15pm Messy Church in village hall. Open to all school-age children and their carers.
Sun 15 11.15am Morning Worship.
Sun 22 11.15am Morning Worship.
Mon 23 7.15pm Guild meeting and AGM in village hall.

All welcome

Advance Notice: Cleish Fete will take place on
 Saturday 16 May this year

St James' R C Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Father Colin Golden Telephone: (01577) 863329

Mass Times Saturday Vigil 7.00pm
 Sunday 9.30am

Please look out for other information on other parish activities in the Sunday Newsletter.

St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion)

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AY Telephone: 01577 864299

Email: office@stpaulskinross51.plus.com

Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk

Fr David Mackenzie Mills, Rector Telephone: 01577 863795

Email: frdavidkinross@gmail.com

You can also find us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalchurchkinross

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

We are excited about the ways in which God is calling us to grow as a community, for the community. Our aim is to express our deep appreciation of both the spoken and sacramental Word with a lightness of touch and a smile.

Children are equally welcome to stay in church during the service or go to the Meeting Room for Sunday School and everyone is particularly invited to stay together during our monthly 'Whole Church' services.

We predominantly use the 1982 Liturgy on Sunday mornings but create experimental devotion for special events throughout the year. 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.

8am Morning Prayer (Mondays and Wednesdays)

2.30pm Midweek Holy Communion (Wednesdays)

3.30pm - 4.30pm Rector's Hour in the Church Office (Thursdays)

*All welcome***February Services and Events****Sun 1** 8.30am Holy Communion. 11am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 8 Epiphany 5. 8.30am Holy Communion.
 11am Whole Church Sung Eucharist in preparation for Lent.
 4pm Noisy Praise for all ages. Sing and dance to world music and take part in dramatic story telling from the Bible.

Sun 15 Epiphany 6. 8.30am Holy Communion.
 11am Sung Eucharist.

Wed 18 Ash Wednesday. 12.30pm Simple Lent lunch, reflection and 15 minute silent Meditation for Lent and Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament with the Imposition of Ashes. (Meeting Room & Church).

Sun 22 1st Sunday of Lent. 8.30am Holy Communion.
 11am Sung Eucharist.

Thu 27 Gifts & Talents Auction (Masonic Hall, Kinross).
See separate notice for more details, page 95.

Everyone welcome at all services**DOG-GONE-WALKIN'**

Dog Walking & Pet Care Service
 in Milnathort, Kinross & Glenfarg Areas
 Established 2007
 Claire Murison BSc(Hons) Animal Science

10 years Vet Nursing Experience
 Excellent Vet & Customer References Available;
 Fully Insured

Tel. 01577 830588**D-G-W is also on Facebook**

Obituaries

CHRISTINA RUTHERFORD died peacefully in her sleep at Rumbling Bridge Care Home on 22 November 2014, aged 97 years.

Ena was born in Kinross to George and Margaret Downie and lived all her life in Kinross-shire. She began her working life in her parents' laundry in Kinross.

Married to David Rutherford, they set up home in Blairadam and later in Milnathort and Gairneybridge where Ena ran the petrol station, latterly working at Ochil Hills Hospital. After retiring they moved into Beveridge Place where they were able to spend more time with their granddaughters.

Ena was well known for her love of dogs and her bicycle, which she reluctantly gave up at the age of 85.

Ena was predeceased by her husband Dave and daughter Christine, and is survived by her sons Bill and George, daughter Margaret and eight grandchildren.

She will be remembered fondly as a real character and will be much missed by her family.

FRANK BARR, Highfield Circle, Kinross, died in Perth Royal Infirmary on 17 December 2014 after a long illness.

Frank, one of four sons, was born in Dunfermline and attended Queen Anne High School. On leaving school he started his architectural career with A.B. Allan, Architects in Dunfermline and then moved to Edinburgh to work with Miller Homes. He continued doing the work he loved with Walker Homes and finally Persimmon Homes. Ill health forced him, reluctantly, to take early retirement.

Frank always felt he had been very lucky to have such a rewarding career, a happy family and last, but by no means least, many happy years playing music and entertaining people. His musical career really began when he won a talent contest when he was 14 – after that he never stopped singing, playing the ukelele and the guitar. As well as playing in a rock band, he was a well-known member of the City Jazz Men, The Kinema Band and finally performed as Frank Barr and The New Tones, the resident band in the Bridgend Hotel. Frank always claimed that Louisa, his wife, was his first “groupie”. She attended a dance and Frank, who was playing at the time, put down his guitar, jumped off the stage and asked her to dance. Forty-four happy years together followed.

Frank and Louisa moved to Kinross from Edinburgh in 1973, brought their son, Christopher, up here and made many friends. Over the last few years Frank's health deteriorated but he never lost his sense of humour or his wish to see friends and family. One of his greatest joys has been spending time with Imogen, his granddaughter, who was always delighted to visit with her Papa.

Frank will be very sadly missed by Louisa, Christopher and Imogen.

Loch Leven Dog Grooming

Providing a professional service
in a friendly and stress-free environment

Various appointment times available throughout the week

Local collect and return service if required

Please telephone: 07971 916099

www.lochlewendoggrooming.co.uk

Fruix Farm Cottage, Fruix, KY13 0LA

(just off M90 Junction 5)

Acknowledgements

RUTHERFORD – The family of the late Christina Rutherford wish to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers received following the sad loss of their mother and gran. Special thanks to the staff at Rumbling Bridge Care Home, to Rev. Margaret Michie for her lovely service, to Stewart Funeral Directors for their help and guidance and to all who paid their respects at the church and gave so generously the sum of £336.20 to Macmillan Cancer Support.

BARR – Louisa, Christopher and family would like to thank everyone who took such good care of Frank during his illness: Drs Paterson and Richmond, all the nurses at Loch Leven Medical Centre and the nurses and staff at PRI.

Thank you to the many friends who attended Dunfermline Crematorium; it was a great comfort and support to see how much Frank was liked and respected. Special thanks to Rev. Alan Reid for conducting the service in such a personal and caring way and for his support before and since. Thank you, too, to family, friends and neighbours for their visits, cards, flowers and home baking, all of which has been much appreciated over the past weeks.

SCALLY – Thelma and family would like to thank everyone for their kindness, support and the many cards they received on the death of Tom, who died peacefully at home on 15 December 2014. Also thanks to all who paid their respects and gave so generously at Perth Crematorium. £350 was collected for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Kinross Christian Fellowship

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

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

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

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

Contact Peter on 01577 863509, for further information.

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

Yoga Classes
All levels welcome!
enquiries@simplyyoga.com
07466 360152
www.simplyyoga.com



Tuesday Mornings – Loch Leven Leisure Centre
@9.45 am, 11am & 12.15pm
Tuesday Evenings - Kinross Church Centre
@ 6.45 & 8pm
Wednesday Evenings - Pregnancy Yoga - Kinross
@7pm
Thursday Evenings - Community Campus
@5.30pm & 6.45pm

Playgroups and Toddlers

Milnathort Babies & Toddlers

**Orwell Church Hall, Milnathort
Friday 9.30am-11.15am**

A relaxed and friendly group
Healthy snacks, tea & coffee
Children from birth to 3 years
(5 years if attending with younger sibling)
Great fun for the kids, mums, dads and carers!

PLACES NOW AVAILABLE!

To join in the fun
call 07745 804539
Email milnathortbt@gmail.com
Or find us on Facebook



GLENFARG BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We meet in the newly refurbished village hall, Greenbank Road, Glenfarg on Wednesdays, 9.30-11.30am.

Healthy snack for children, coffee/tea & biscuits for carer
Role play, jigsaws, physical toys and arts and crafts
Friendly support for all carers
First session free, £2 thereafter (£1 for additional children)

Contact Donna Smith on 07535 595430 or just come along!

LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Session times (term time only)

Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.15, Fridays 9.30 - 11.15

Contact Sylvia Flynn 07793 005732,
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.

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.
£4.50 per session.

Contact Lynda Hardie (Play leader/Manager)
01592 840785 or 07594 328475
Email: portmoakunderfives@hotmail.co.uk
or find us on Facebook

SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

21-23 Swansacre, Kinross
Kinross-shire Playgroup Association
Aka Swansacre Playgroup
Reg Scottish Charity No SC017748



Tel: 01577 862071 Mobile: 07592 392235

We provide a warm, friendly and stimulating environment in which children can learn and develop through play.

Playgroup: Children from age 2 years welcome.

Tue to Fri 9.15am - 12 noon. Fri 12.30pm - 3.15pm

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

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

For availability or more information, please contact:

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

Baby and Toddler Group – Thurs 12.45-2.45pm

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

The premises are available to hire for Private Functions. For more information, please contact Tracey 07557 051894 or the Playgroup on 07592 392235.

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 Kristina Kooijman on kristelkooijman@gmail.com
or 07990 430078 for further details,
or find us on Facebook: Two's Club Kinross

MONTGOMERY TODDLERS

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

The Gospel Hall, Montgomery Street, Kinross.

Contact Christina Smith 01577 840733 or 07792 260509

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 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 February *The Wee Pie Company*, Rose Martin
5 March *Charity fund raiser (TBA)*
2 April *40th anniversary celebration*
7 May *AGM*

Bruce Davies

award-winning singer songwriter
and interpreter of fine songs

appearing at

St James The Great Scottish Episcopal Church
Harviestoun Road, Dollar, FK14 7HF

Saturday 7 February
at 7.30pm

Call 01259 928753 for details

"...you do great work ..." (Kenny Rogers)

*"... crisp acoustic guitar playing that perfectly complements
his wonderful voice ..."* (Edinburgh Evening News)

www.bruceDavies.com

The Gaelic Society of Perth

The next Ceilidh will be held at St. Matthew's Church Hall, Tay Street, Perth, on **Friday 13 February** at 7.30pm.

This month we have the Lecture Ceilidh, and Perth Film Makers Club will present some short films, while the Perth Gaelic Choir will provide the music.

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.

FUN QUIZ NIGHT

Valentine Theme

Orwell Bowling Club
Westerloan, Milnathort

Saturday 14 February
at 7.30pm

Bar Free Nibbles

Teams of 4 (max) £2.50 per person

For tickets, phone 01577 862948 or 01577 842271
Also available at the door

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, with tea or coffee included in the cost. Membership: Adults £6, Senior £5, Under-18 free. Visitors: £2 per talk.



Remaining Programme for 2014 -2015

16 Feb Fife Trams: An illustrated history of trams in Kirkcaldy and Dunfermline. **Keith Mason LLB.**
16 Mar Invasion Defences of Fife: Fife defences against attack and invasion during the 20th century. **Steve Liscoe M Litt, FC Archaeological Unit.**



Business Breakfasts

Open to all Kinross-shire Businesses

Kinross-shire Partnership will be hosting more Business Breakfasts as the second half of the 2014/15 season gets underway in February. Please do come along, everyone is welcome whatever size your business. There is no membership fee. It is a great opportunity for local businesses to meet each other.

The Breakfast on **4 February** will take place at Loch Leven's Larder from **7.30am to 9am** and the speaker will be **Jerry Alexander** who will be talking about his work with **Liberty Business Centres**.

The other breakfasts in the season will take place on **Wednesday 4 March** and **Wednesday 1 April**.

The cost of attending a Breakfast will be **£10** per person and will include a full Scottish Breakfast, porridge, cereal, fresh juice, fresh fruit, toast, coffee and tea. Please pay by cash on the day. Receipts will be issued.

The aim is to allow local businesses of all sizes to network and to share business goals. Everyone will have the opportunity to introduce their business. Please bring your business cards and any brochures you wish to display.

To book your place at one or more of the Breakfasts please email Karen Grunwell, Kinross-shire Partnership Administrator at mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk or call 07865 193844.

You can see more information about the work of Kinross-shire Partnership at:

www.kinrosspartnership.org.uk
www.visitlochleven.org
www.facebook.com/visitlochleven
www.twitter.com/VisitLochLeven

AK Bell Library Book Sale, Perth

9.30am – 12.30pm

Saturday 21 February

There is another chance to pick up a bargain at the next sale of withdrawn stock: books audio books, CDs and DVDs of all types for all ages. Prices will range from 50p to a few pounds and entry is £1 per family.

Kinross Floral Art Club

Thursday 26 February

The February meeting will be held in the Windlestrae Hotel at 7.15pm and will be presented by Mrs Elizabeth Coyle from Edinburgh.

The title of the demonstration is 'Wait and See'

We invite all members and visitors to join us to watch Elizabeth create beautiful floral arrangements

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.

Auction of Gifts and Talents

**Supper, an Auction of Gifts and Talents
followed by a Ceilidh**

7pm on

Friday 27 February

in the Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Price £8.00 (concessions on request)

Proceeds for the evening will go towards renewing the fabric
of St. Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

Please mark the date in you diary
as an evening not to be missed

All Members of the Public Welcome

Forms are available from Maggie Strang Steel, telephone
01592 840459 if you want to give a gift or share a talent, or
can be downloaded from the church website and the Kinross
community website for those who have a computer.

Deadline for entries is Wednesday 18 February
in order to give us time to make up the catalogue

Fairtrade Fortnight

For Fairtrade Fortnight we are going to look at the impact
of Fairtrade over the last five years and the spotlight is on
the producers who grow the food we often take for granted.
By choosing Fairtrade, we can make a dramatic difference to
local growers.

Please come along on **Saturday 28 February** between 10am
and 12pm for coffee, tea, cake and biscuits.

The Traidcraft stall will be selling fairtrade goods and
sweets at the Church Centre, High Street, Kinross.

Please come and support us and by doing so you will be in a
small way helping the growers.

Bus Outing to Sewing and Hobby Crafts

Sunday 8 March

We are going to the Annual Needle and Hobby Crafts at
SECC on Sunday 8 March, leaving from various pick
up points in Milnathort and Kinross. Reduced entrance
tickets can be ordered before Sunday 22 February.

For more details, and to book your seat, contact:

Mrs C Rodger 01577 863785.

Orwell Guides – appeal for help

Girl guide units are bursting at the seams and we are looking
for an adult unit helper for both units. Can you spare an hour
and a quarter each week to help with one of the units?

Guides are a lively bunch of girls aged 10-14 who work
towards their badges throughout the session, have fun nights,
fund-raise for repairs to their hall and much, much more.
They are great fun and I promise you will find it so rewarding.
Interested? Then give me a buzz or leave a message on
07764750212 or (01577) 864262.

also

Our Brown Owl is retiring after 28 years. I know its going to
be a difficult act to follow but does anyone think they can spare
just over an hour a week to **help Donna, our Snowy Owl** with
the weekly Brownie unit at Portmoak? Up for a challenge?
You'll find it great fun and so rewarding. Interested? Give
me a buzz or leave a message on 07764750212 or (01577)
864262.

Milnathort filmhouse film weekend



Gone Girl

Sat 28th Feb
8pm



How To Train Your Dragon 2

Sun 1st March
3pm

Milnathort Town Hall

Gone Girl (18) **OVER 18's ONLY**

8pm, doors open 7.30pm (BYOB)

How to Train Your Dragon 2 (PG) **FAMILY MOVIE***

3pm, doors open 2.30pm. Tickets available on the door

and in advance through our Facebook page. **Adult £5**

(OAP & Student concession £3), *Child £3,

***Family £15 (2 Ad, 2 Ch)** Pocket money tuck shop

big screen movies **CINEMA FOR ALL**

Home Bru Concert

A showcase for our young and not so young musical talents

Kinross Parish Church

Friday 6 March

at 7pm

For information, telephone Alex Cant (01577) 862923

THE KINROSS HUB A CAFE FOR CARERS

GUEST SPEAKERS

5th January 2015

Age Concern (Carole Anderson)

2nd February 2015

Scarf (Andy Little)

2nd March 2015

NHS Podiatrist (Allison Millar)

Speakers at 10.30 am

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



Music in Dollar 2014-15

Concerts are held in the Gibson Hall, Dollar Academy, starting at 7.30pm except Opera Sunday on 18 Jan, which begins at 2pm. A season tickets for all five concerts is £35, a saving of £15 compared to the 'on-the-door' price of £10 per concert.

21 Feb: Whistlebinkies - traditional Scottish Folk Saturday. The Whistlebinkies have built a worldwide reputation over 40 years for their approach to Scottish music: letting the power and beauty of the melodies shine while achieving a rich blend of traditional instruments.

21 Mar: Royal Conservatoire of Scotland members - brass ensemble. Ten young players from the wealth of musicians studying at the Glasgow-based Royal Conservatoire of Scotland will be performing to bring the finest music ever written for brass.

Kinross Community Council Newsletter Ltd Charitable Grants

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 the charitable company, Kinross Community Council Newsletter Ltd (KCCNL), for grant funding. Decisions on disbursement of funds are made by Kinross CC at its monthly meetings. Applications must comply with the purposes of KCCNL. These purposes, further information and an application form are available from the website www.kinross.cc. Applications can be made on line 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 CClr Barry Davies on (01577) 865004.



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 or telephone 0131 5240300

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.

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!



Welcome to the Kinross-shire Volunteer Information Point

**Located in the Loch Leven Community Campus Library
Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8FQ**

Here you can find information about **Volunteering Opportunities** available in Kinross-shire.

Take your time and see what is available. You will also find leaflets in the folders explaining where you can go for further help such as Voluntary Action Perthshire www.vaperthshire.org

If you would like to promote your **Organisations Volunteering Opportunities** please hand your information into reception for attention of: Tracey Ramsay (Community Capacity Building Worker)

Blank profiles are also available for your use if required. These are in the organisation folder at the VIP alternatively follow this link:
www.pkc.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=22228&p=0

**The Volunteer Information Point has been organised and supported by
Partners of the Kinross-shire Community Learning and Development Group.**



For further information please contact Tracey Ramsay 01577 867177 or email
Tramsay@pkc.gov.uk

Blythswood Care

PLEASE NOTE this is an updated notice with effect from February 2015. There have been changes to the items that may or may not be accepted. The regular uplift day and time have also changed.

***Help Blythswood Care to help others
by donating goods to the lorry***

(The Newsletter does not always have space to publish the full details regarding items which can and cannot be accepted, so readers may wish to cut out this Notice for future reference.)

The Round South truck accepts clothing, shoes, books, small items of furniture, bric à brac and dry foodstuffs. New knits only: hats, scarves and gloves. All soft furnishings (e.g. beds, sofas, three piece suites etc) must have a fire label with the British Standards code (BS7177) attached. The uplift of any larger items of furniture can be arranged by phoning Hillington on 0141 882 0585.

Blythswood Care regrets that the Round South truck cannot accept carpets, coat hangers, duvets, gas appliances, prams, televisions, CRT monitors, exercise equipment or wall units. Please check with the driver as to whether goods can be of use. Thank you for supporting the Round South collection.

The next collection will take place on

**Monday 9 February
between 10.30am and 10.55am
at Sainsbury's car park.**

Kinross Guides

There are vacancies for girls aged 10 - 14 within Kinross Guides. We currently meet on a Tuesday evening in Millbridge Hall, Kinross, from 7.30pm to 9pm.

The girls enjoy a variety of activities, work towards obtaining certificates and badges and have lots of fun!!! And all this for £1.00 per night - payment is made termly. Come along and try us out - we might surprise you!

Kinross Recycling Centre

Bridgend Industrial Estate

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

Bicycles, cans (inc aerosols, biscuit tins, aluminium foil), car and household batteries, cardboard, cooking oil, electricals (WEEE), engine oil, fluorescent tubes, long life light bulbs, food and drinks cartons (Tetra packs), fridges, freezers, garden waste, glass, large domestic appliances, paper, plastic (rigid plastic packaging), rubble stone and soil, scrap metal, telephone directories, textiles (clothes and shoes), timber, tyres (maximum two per visit, strictly householders only) and non recyclable (general) waste.

Compost can be collected from the Recycling Centre, subject to availability. Maximum of 2 x 25kg bags per visitor.

The Bike Station

Donate unwanted bikes, parts and cycling accessories for reuse. Bikes are refurbished and sold on to the public at affordable prices. Poorer bikes are salvaged for parts.

Bikes can be donated at the Kinross Recycling Centre (Bridgend Industrial Estate) or at The Bike Station at Mid Friarton, just off the Edinburgh Road in Perth.

Bike Station opening hours: Monday to Saturday, 10.30am to 4.30pm and late opening to 8pm on Wednesdays.

Weekly bike sales: Fridays, 10.30am-4.30pm (children's bikes) and Saturdays, 10.30am to 12.30pm (adults' bikes).

Tel: 01738 444430. Email: perth@thebikestation.org.uk

Website: www.thebikestation.org.uk

Children's Hospice Association Scotland

Rachel House Open Day



Children's Hospice Association Scotland

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

We are delighted to announce that Rachel House will be open on **Monday 27 April** from 10am until 6pm for the general public to visit. We do not expect to have any families in on that day (except emergencies), so it is a perfect opportunity to pop along at any point during the day and see inside. There will also be staff and volunteers on hand to tell you all about our fabulous facilities. Complimentary tea and coffee will also be available.

Please contact Rachel Cheer for more information:

Tel: 01577 865222 Email: rachelcheer@chas.org.uk

Any questions, donations for the shops, fundraising and volunteering enquiries can be made at 3 High Street, Kinross, Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. 01577 865222.

Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme



Using a team of volunteer drivers, who are paid out of pocket expenses only, we provide transport and befriending to people in need in Kinross and the outlying areas. Please contact our co-ordinator Ann Munro: 01577 840196 for details on the service we offer. Current charges:

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



Education & Children's Services

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

Community Learning & Development Adult Learning

Free local and friendly support with:

English as a Second Language

Would you like to improve your ability to:

- Talk to friends and neighbours
- Understand what people say to you
- Give information
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- Fill in a form
- Apply for a job

Adult Literacy & Numeracy

Reading Writing Spelling Numbers

"I can enjoy books now"

"I feel more confident"

"Filling in forms is less scary"

"I passed my driving test"

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

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

Roseanne Gray

Loch Leven Community Campus

Email: rgray@pkc.gov.uk

Tel: 01577 867177

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre

based in the centre of Perth

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

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

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

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

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

www.hopepregnancy.co.uk

email: hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com

Helpline 01738 621174

We are a Scottish Charity SC037103



THE
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Every Friday 11am - 2pm
@ The Millbridge Hall

For further information, or if you
want to be involved please ring
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 Soups 

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 Hot Drinks 

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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



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Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

Outreach Advice Surgery

The Kinross Outreach Advice Surgery is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at St Paul's Church Hall, The Muirs, Kinross. The next visits are:

10 & 24 February

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



Support Websites

Samaritans	www.samaritans.org.uk
Breathing Space	www.breathingspacescotland.co.uk
Childline	www.childline.org.uk
Perth Assoc for Mental Health	www.pamh.co.uk

Community Councils

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KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
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CleishCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
Milnathort: Chair: Bruce Hamilton (01577) 830616
MilnathortCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
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38A New Road, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XT

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Tel (home): 01577 865178. Email: wbrobertson@pkc.gov.uk

85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13XA

Mobile Library Service

Visiting on Wednesdays 11 & 25 February:

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 5 & 19 February:

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.

Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers

Linda Freeman

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Kinross Community Councillors

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Bill Freeman	64 Muirs	865045
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Margaret Scott (Secy)	21 Ross Street	862945
Gareth Thomas	50 Muirs	863714
Campbell Watson	7 Gallowhill Gardens	861544
David West	9 Leven Place	07824 313974

Member of the Scottish Parliament for Perthshire South & Kinross-shire Roseanna Cunningham MSP

New constituency office details, as from April 2014:

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Telephone: 01738 620540

Email: Roseanna.Cunningham.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

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Member of Parliament for Ochil & South Perthshire Constituency Gordon Banks MP

www.gordonbanks.info

Email: banksgr@parliament.uk

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

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
	"Stride for Life" Walking Group			2pm
Tuesday	Relaxation Class	1.15pm		
	Singing group with Alex Cant		1.45pm	
Wednesday	Morning Worship	10.45am	Quiz Afternoon	1.30pm (except 11th)
	Dominoes, Scrabble & other Games			1.30pm (except 11th)
Thursday	Art Class	1.30pm	Film Afternoon	1.30pm
	Dominoes, Scrabble, cards etc		1.30pm	
	Tea Dance by Inner Wheel		1.30pm	
Friday	Bingo, Dominoes, Games and Filmshow			1.30pm



Additional Events for February

Chiropody	Thursday	5th, 26th	9.45am - 1pm
			(phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)
Clothes Sale	Thursday	5th	10.30am - 12noon
"DanceSing" at Loch Leven Campus	Wednesday	11th	1.30pm - 3pm
Tai Chi	Wednesday	25th	1.30 - 2pm
Trip to library	Thursday	26th	1.45pm
Food from around the world - Wales	Friday	27th	12noon

There will also be other activities 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



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.

COFFEE MORNING

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

MS

Multiple Sclerosis Society
Perth & Kinross Branch



Loch Leven's Larder

10.30am - 12 noon

Every third Tuesday of the month

Website: www.perth-kinross.org.uk

Email: perthkinross@mssociety.org.uk

perthkinross.support@mssociety.org.uk

Phone: 07552 368216

Perth & Kinross School Term Dates 2014-15

Term	Start	End
Spring	Mon 5 Jan 2015	Thu 2 Apr 2015
Summer	Tue 21 Apr 2015	Thu 2 July 2015

In Service Days and Occasional Holidays:

2015: 18, 19 & 20 Feb; Mon 4 May (May Day, tbc.)

Classified Adverts

The Newsletter publishes items for sale listed on the kinross.cc website. If interested in purchasing an item, we suggest **checking the website for current availability** (www.kinross.cc then 'Local Adverts' then 'Classified Adverts'). If interested in selling an item, please list it on www.kinross.cc and it will automatically be published in the next available Newsletter, subject to space.

Items for Sale

Kenwood Liquidiser Model A788.	£10
For use with Chef Models A701, A701A, A702,, and Major Models A707, A707A, A717.	
Seller Details: Alan Briscoe	01577 840680
Kenwood CHEF Model A901.	£80 o.n.o.
With splashguard & dough-hook, and Attachments - Liquidiser A989, Coffee Grinder A979, Cream Maker A979.	
Seller Details: Alan Briscoe	01577 840680
Persian TABRIZ handmade carpet.	£600 o.n.o.
3.0 x 1.8m. Excellent condition. (Original price £1665.)	
Seller Details: Alan Briscoe	01577 840680
Half moon hall table. 750mm wide.	£20 o.n.o.
Mahogany with leather inlay top. One drawer.	
Seller Details: Alan Briscoe	01577 840680
Henderson Garage Door.	£60.00
Up and over garage door 2260mm wide x 1950mm high. 89"x 77" Complete with 4 locking points, good condition	
Seller Details: Frank Koronka	01577 863449
Scotmobility, fabric, motorised riser chair	£75
Beige, under 2 years old. Very good condition	
Seller Details: Mr Dolan	01592 840548 or 07745 156503



Community Learning & Development Adult & Family Learning Team

Technology Drop-in

**CONFUSED BY YOUR COMPUTER?
INTRIGUED BY THE INTERNET?
ERRORS IN YOUR EMAIL?
FLUMMOXED BY YOUR PHONE?**

The IT Tutor with Community Learning and Development
at

Loch Leven Community Campus

is holding drop-in sessions to help with any basic
technology questions you may have:

**Tuesdays 10, 17 & 24 February
6.15pm – 7.45pm**

in the ICT room within the library

No need to book, just drop-in!

If you need further information,
please contact **01577 867177**

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
March	Fri 13 February	Saturday 28 February
April	Fri 13 March	Saturday 28 March

Situations Vacant

In conjunction with www.kinross.cc, the Newsletter is pleased to
publish local situations vacant. Please go to the kinross.cc website
before applying to **check whether a position is still available**.
(Go to www.kinross.cc then click on 'Local Adverts' and choose
'Situations Vacant').

Hatrick-Bruce Ltd

Electricians required for industrial & commercial contracts in Fife
and Tayside. Must have a clean driving licence.

Apply by sending CV to: user@hatrickbruce.co.uk

J.Bruce, Rumbling Bridge

General Garden/Estate Maintenance. Assistance is required for:
grass cutting in growing season, looking after flower beds and
patios/decking, general maintenance. Also game keeping and
general maintenance - paths, walls, spraying, wood management,
chain sawing.

Approximately 10 hours per week, preferably with some hours at
the weekend. Pay TBA.

Contact: edandjobruce@gmail.com or telephone Jo: 07950 004468

The Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross

General Assistant (zero hour contract). Will be responsible for
working in all areas as needed to deliver an excellent Customer
experience. A General Assistant would also be required to take and
deliver customer orders and work to achieve departmental targets.

Apply by email to helenmiller@green-hotel.com

Springwell – Wellbeing Support Team

Inclusion * Wellbeing * Recovery

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

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

For more information or an informal chat please phone

Charlie Wilson 01577 867320, or

Email charleswilson@pkc.gov.uk

MOUBRAY HALL, POWMILL

Do you need to hire a venue for your club or society meetings,
family get-togethers, birthday parties or functions?

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For further details, please call 01577 840330.

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

Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com

www.foundationscotland.org.uk

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*A more extensive and regularly updated
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