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## Editorial

### Local Development Plan 2

It hardly seems any time at all since the Local Development Plan was adopted, but the process of planning the new one has already begun. The Council is asking for suggestions for land use to go into the Main Issues Report (MIR). The Council will then publish the MIR and hold public consultation on it. After that, the proposed Local Development Plan (LDP) will be produced. As many local residents will remember, by the time something is in the proposed LDP, it is extremely difficult to get it changed. Last time, PKC did not want to modify its proposed Plan as that would have delayed its progress on to the Scottish Ministers for examination and subsequent return to PKC for adoption.

If you have an opinion on how a piece of land should be zoned, the time to get involved is sooner rather than later. Further information on this is on pages 4, 7 and 13.

### British Summer Time

BST starts at 1am on Sunday 29 March, so don't forget to put your clocks forward one hour.

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CC: Community Council

Cllr: Councillor

CCllr: Community Councillor

## Good manners cost nothing

We are blessed in Kinross with an outstanding team of doctors, nurses and physiotherapists, not to mention the delightful staff at reception and no doubt others we don't see.

Sitting in the Health Centre recently, waiting to see the doctor, I was astonished to read on the screen that 938 people had not turned up for their appointments, nor even had the courtesy to inform reception. 33 consulting hours wasted!

In the Channel Islands it costs £50 just to make an appointment. In Holland, where my daughter and son-in-law lived for two years, they paid £300 each simply to register at the Health Centre.

Sadly, my doctor informed me, the NHS does not allow them to impose a charge for failing to keep an appointment.

Our health care is free at point of delivery. So, too, are good manners.

Mrs Diana Whitehead  
Mawmill House, Cleish

## Backroom budget deal denies flood support to all

Up until Thursday of last week, PKC had a reserve fund of £220,000 to assist those affected by flooding who may not be adequately insured for the losses they suffer.

This is excellent, you may say, given the increasing incidences of flooding throughout Perth & Kinross.

However, in order to get their budget motion passed last Thursday (12 February), a secret pre-budget deal was done by the SNP administration and the Labour group leader, Councillor Archie MacLellan. To guarantee the support of the Labour group, they agreed between them to hand all the £220,000 Flood Fund for Insurance Losses to North Muirton Community Council. This is to be used for 'environmental improvements'. The motion sanctioning this was passed by the block votes of the SNP and Labour groups.

I for one would support any worthwhile environmental initiative in North Muirton (or Letham or Hillyland or Fairfield or any other part of Perth & Kinross for that matter) but not at the cost of removing the safety net that the Flood Fund for Insurance Losses provided for everyone in Perth & Kinross.

Living in Milnathort, I am only too aware of the dreadful effects flooding can have on people and their homes plus the ongoing worry that the threat of being flooded again can bring. It can make getting flood insurance more and more expensive and difficult.

Councillor MacLellan gave no indication that there was any particular environmental scheme identified. All he said was that the money had to be spent in the North Muirton part of his ward and that it was up to North Muirton Community Council to decide how the £220,000 should be spent.

This strikes me as a very odd use of public money and leaves a bad taste. In all my years as a councillor I don't recall anything like it.

Cllr Willie Robertson

## Charity Plant Sale

Normally, by the March edition I would already have given you the date of my plant sale and updates on the progress in greenhouse and cold frames. However, much to my regret, I am having to cancel this year's sale – not being allowed to bend or lift is not conducive to gardening, I'm afraid. To say I'm disappointed is an understatement, especially as I tried sowing annual and perennial seeds in autumn for the first time and I would have had loads more plants.

I may have to enjoy just pottering this year but have every intention of holding the sale again in May 2016 when I'm sure you will support the local charity I had in mind for this year as generously as you did in previous years.

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## Surprise, surprise ... a factor in approving planning applications can be money

Councillor Giacopazzi has provided a candid insight into how he exercises his responsibilities as a member of the Perth and Kinross Council (PKC) Development Management (Planning) Committee.

In the February Newsletter he details his version of Committee proceedings on 14 January relating to “works aiming to transform the (Kinross) town centre.”

He was “surprised when Kinross residents appeared at the meeting to object.” (Notice was required and given by these residents to submit their case, so I see no reason for his “surprise”, unless the Councillor had failed to follow events which had received considerable press coverage.)

He claims that I was representing my “personal views” and that he was “surprised” (again) that I had spent time “arguing against how the application had been handled in terms of process rather than the actual substance of his concerns.”

If Councillor Giacopazzi does not think proper process is fundamental to the function of the Council I think he needs to consider his position as a Councillor.

His focus on the day was not directed toward the well publicised and legitimate concerns made not only by me but around 80 other “objectors” (many of these were from High Street town traders) and a further 47 residents of Causeway Court Care Home and from the Kinross-shire Civic Trust.

All were concerned about the detail and impact of these ill-conceived plans on the safety, functioning, sustainability and ongoing viability of Kinross town centre.

Councillor Giacopazzi states: “we rely on the advice of our officers” and that in agreeing the proposal “the Councillors affirmed their belief that due process had been followed.”

**Belief** is not good enough ... assessment and **scrutiny** of all

the **facts** is required.

I would like to know why Councillor Giacopazzi chose to meekly accept the flawed report rather than ask for adequate explanation from the Council planning officer employees present who were not thoroughly questioned to explain and justify in detail their plans and dysfunctional procedures.

Instead he and other Councillors engaged in hostile and intimidating questioning directed at myself and two others representing the opposition view.

A key issue here is that normally the Council comes to a view on a proposal put forward by an applicant ... but in this case the Council **was the applicant** ... and therefore had a conflict of interest, meaning that a particularly transparent and balanced process was required. This was not applied in this case.

I find it extraordinary that Councillor Giacopazzi should admit that he was **not** “convinced” that the “controversial aspect” of positioning of bus stops detailed in the plan were the best site .... but chose to support that detail regardless and the plans in their entirety without amendment!

He also claimed that the “uncertainty over the £1,000,000 funding for the scheme” (should it be delayed) was what persuaded him to support the plans.

This would seem to me to be an unsound rationale in approving this planning application.

Following this logic, all applications for new houses would be passed without question on the basis that the opportunity could not be missed to gain the resultant council tax generated!

Then again ... this might explain the constant pressure for new housing which the Council seem only too happy to sanction. Am I surprised?

Ken Miles

Turfhills House, Kinross

## Catch up with the Wilkes family

*This message was sent recently to the Newsletter Facebook page:*

The Wilkes family lived in Kinross at 42 The Muirs in the 1970s. I live in San Diego, California, in a small community on the Pacific coast called Ocean Beach. My son Wesley lives here too. Daughter Grace and husband live in Oklahoma as does her married daughter. Daughter Lisa lives in Colorado with her four children and husband. Bill is a professor in Alabama. Some of my poetry was published as a book, *Dowsing for Light*.

We all remember Kinross with love and delight. Would enjoy hearing from anyone who remembers us.

Kennette Harrison (formerly Wilkes)  
kennettpoet@att.net



*The Wilkes family in 2011*

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## Kinross High Street public realm works

by Perth & Kinross Council

Perth & Kinross Council are undertaking public realm improvement works in Kinross High Street. The works are currently programmed to commence in late March. This is part of the Council's ongoing commitment to invest in key settlements within the Council area. It is envisaged that this investment in the public realm, and other improvements to local gateways and listed buildings of local heritage, will encourage further investment in the Town Centre to complement the tourism attractions at the nearby Loch Leven.

The public realm improvement works will involve a complete upgrade of the existing streetscape from 55 High Street to 173 High Street with new, high quality materials and street furniture. The road and footways in the High Street will be re-surfaced with a mixture of new asphalt and high quality natural stone paving. The focal point of the improvements will be the creation of a new, shared space outside the Town Hall building on the High Street from number 104 to 141. This will be constructed entirely with high quality natural stone

paving. The shared space area will also incorporate underground power points to facilitate future events and markets in the town.

The tender process for the contract is nearing completion and a contractor is to be appointed imminently. Consultation with local businesses to help minimise

disruption wherever possible will then commence in early March.

If anyone has any queries or would like further information on these works please do not hesitate to get in touch with Ross Fletcher (Senior Engineer – Roads Infrastructure) on 01738 477295 or [arfletcher@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:arfletcher@pkc.gov.uk)



*A 'shared space' will be created in the Town Hall part of Kinross High Street*

## Local Development Plan Review: Public Consultation

**Perth & Kinross Council is calling for local residents, communities and businesses across Perth and Kinross to contribute to a public consultation for the next edition of the Perth & Kinross Local Development Plan.**

The public consultation, which is open now and lasts until Tuesday 31 March 2015, provides an opportunity for people to identify land-use issues within their area, and any other issues that may have arisen as a result of the current Local Development Plan. Suggestions of potential sites for development are also welcomed.

Submission forms can be downloaded from the Council's website and collected from Council libraries. The forms can also be obtained by emailing [developmentplan@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:developmentplan@pkc.gov.uk)

**The deadline for submissions is 5pm on 31 March 2015.** Forms should be returned to the Development Plan Team at PKC by emailing [developmentplan@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:developmentplan@pkc.gov.uk) or by posting to Local Development Plan Team, Perth & Kinross Council, Pullar House, 35 Kinnoull Street, Perth, PH1 5GD.

The Local Development Plan guides the development and use of land in the area. It addresses a wide range of policy issues, including housing, shopping, business, industry, transport, recreation, built and natural heritage, and ensures that there is an adequate supply of land for various uses. The Local Development Plan is reviewed every five years to ensure that an up to date plan is in place. The current Perth & Kinross

Local Development Plan was adopted in February 2014 and the next plan is due to be adopted towards the end of 2018.

Every submission made during the public consultation will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the Council's Main Issues Report, which will be published in autumn 2015. The report looks at changes that have occurred since the current plan was adopted, and ideas for future development. This period of public consultation and the Main Issues Report form part of the Council's preparations to create the next edition of the Local Development Plan.

*See also columns by Councillor Cuthbert (p. 7) and Councillor Barnacle (p. 13).*

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## Councillor Cuthbert

### Main Issues Report

The Perth and Kinross Local Development Plan (LDP) was adopted in February last year, so is only one year old. However, the process of updating it has already started.

The Council is seeking issues and new sites for the next version of the LDP. There is more information on this on the Council's website along with details on how to submit your comments. Go to:

[www.pkc.gov.uk/article/0339/Main-Issues-Report](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/0339/Main-Issues-Report)

Please be aware of what this means.

The Local Development Plan is used to determine all planning decisions. If the Local Plan says that a site is zoned for new housing, then any application for housing on this site will be permitted as long as the conditions are met. Should an application come in for an area which is not zoned for the use for which it is being applied for, then it will be refused unless there are strong grounds for its acceptance.

The policies in the plan and Supplementary Guidance will be used to determine each of the applications.

If you think a site should be zoned for something, now is your chance to say it. If you are happy with the status quo, then say it.

So, for example, if you think there should be housing on land between the Wimpey Estate and the Motorway, then say it. If you think there should not be, then say it.

If you think one of the policies in the Local Plan needs changing, then say it. If you think that there is a gap in either the Policies or Supplementary Guidance, then say it.

If you think there is insufficient business land or other infrastructure in Kinross-shire, then say it.

I know I sound like a broken record, but please don't be complacent; this is your last chance for the next five years. Planning is very important to the future development of Kinross-shire.

A copy of the current Local Development Plan can be downloaded from the Council's website at:

[www.pkc.gov.uk/Local-Development-Plan](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/Local-Development-Plan)

### Perth and Kinross Council Budget

I am not going to say a lot about this matter as I spent a very frustrating three hours yesterday (12 February) listening to the debate over setting the Council's 2015/16 budget.

Suffice to say, in most matters, the Council works in a fairly balanced, apolitical way. Setting the budget is handled differently and is done on party political lines.

There is no attempt made by the administration to garner cross party priorities from Councillors, instead the budget is drafted by a small number of SNP Councillors and is then manoeuvred by the Leader of the Administration through Council by a backroom deal with another political group.

For example, it was quite clear at yesterday's Council meeting that many of the groups supported the rejection of a review of music teaching provision (saving £75,000). This is understandable given that a similar review of library provision agreed last year resulted in Kinross High School not having a manned library service on Mondays, for example.

However, the review of music provision will be happening as it was part of the SNP budget proposal. Personally I would have ranked this higher than the £73,000 being put into the events budget.



There were also a lot of other priorities identified by the other political groups. Because of the way that setting the budget is politicised, many opportunities to tackle local issues are lost. Personally, I don't think party politics belong in Local Authorities. I also don't think this is a good way to set a budget in financially constrained times.

### Former Kinross High School Application

I am aware that a new planning application for this site is in the pipeline. It should be coming out fairly soon.

### Kinross Town Centre Regeneration

Again I won't say a lot here about this. Permission was granted and work should start in the next month or so. This will take six months or so to complete. There will be disruption and I apologise for this. Your Local councillors have emphasised over and over that this should be kept to a minimum. Hopefully the end result will be worth it and we will see a thriving town centre in Kinross.

### Kinross Town Hall Clock

I am delighted to be able to report that the clock in the old steeple attached to Kinross Town Hall has been automated and lit at night. This has been done by Simon Wilson and his team. I would like to thank him for doing this.

### Broke Not Broken

A group have set themselves up to try to create an enhanced foodbank in Kinross-shire. They think the current system of collecting food in Kinross and then sending it to Perth for sorting, only to be returned later to Kinross for distribution, is not the best way to offer this service. Currently they are looking for accommodation to operate from. If you have a space you think they could use, please let me know.

### Compassion Group and Time Banking

Another group is looking to establish a Time Bank in Kinross-shire. I think this is an excellent concept and I have been working behind the scenes to help them secure funding. I applaud their efforts.

### Mill Street Car Park, Kinross

I am pleased to see that work is progressing on the additional car parking in Mill Street, Kinross. This is welcomed by all your local Councillors, who have worked collectively to get it delivered.

### Millbridge Car Park

Having looked at the Millbridge car park, I think there may be scope to extend this. Could you let me have your thoughts on this, both positive and negative.

*Councillor D Cuthbert*

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## Councillor Giacopazzi Playing politics



Recently I have received comments, critical almost, regarding the apolitical nature of my monthly posts in the 'Newsletter'. Indeed, I do try and eschew political comment in my narrative, as I did at referendum time; there was, in any case, limitless other commentary in which readers could immerse themselves.

I do not apologise for this, taking the view that the 'Newsletter' should be a forum for the objective reporting of news of a local nature; hence, I do not use this column as an opportunity to 'big myself up', to use a current, if inelegant, turn of phrase. If other contributors take an opposite line this will be spotted (eventually) by the readership. I try to write on topics which, in my opinion, the readers of the 'Newsletter' would want to hear about.

Also, being a member of the minority SNP administration on the Council, I have access to the Council Leader and the Committee Conveners all of whom are my colleagues. I use this as a conduit for getting the best deal I can for my community; the new Kinross Primary School, the car park extension at Mill Street, Kinross and the new roundabout at Springfield Road/Station Road and much more besides. Please be clear that I am in no way claiming full credit for these successes as my Ward 8 colleagues were mostly on side, but I was in the unique position of pushing for these improvements from within the Administration.

Opposition Councillors, on the other hand, will feel free on occasion, to criticise the efforts of the Council because that is the function of oppositions. There's nothing wrong with that; it is expected. At any rate, I shall keep doing what I do and writing what I write and, if I stand for a further term, the electorate should judge me on what I have done, rather than what I have said. Talk, after all, is cheap.

## Council budget 2015/16

Yesterday (12 February) the full Council passed the SNP Administration's proposed budget for the next financial year of £331,000,000. It is a balanced budget, which it has to be by law.

With the continuing austerity programme now in its sixth year, the Council was fortunate in recording an underspend of around £5 million from the previous year (lower energy costs, a mild winter, extra Council Tax revenue from new houses, extra Scottish Government funding for teacher numbers etc). Some may think that Council budgets must be used by the end of the year, or lost forever. Not so; the cash is there in the Council's reserves and is allocated to fund general spending in the following year.

Please be aware that some Councils in Scotland ended the year with a deficit. In fact, PKC has good reserves to meet the expected horrors of 2016/17 and beyond. Hence the need for continued prudent financial management in the face of a flatlining Government block grant to Councils.

The budget process consists of the four parties bringing forward a proposed budget, out of which one must be chosen. The only proposed budget which could muster a majority of votes was the SNP group's budget, passed by 22 votes to 12, which is how it is done in a democracy.

## The orphan bus stop

I was part of the motion at the Development Management Committee to allow the Kinross town centre regeneration scheme to proceed. While anxious not to lose the £1 million of funding for Kinross, I and my fellow Councillors were aware that the proposed positioning of the bus stops had attracted negative comment.

Accordingly, I approached the Executive Director, The Environment Service, to organise a meeting of your four Councillors and officials to discuss our concerns. This took place on the morning of Friday 6 February. Essentially, a strong body of opinion favours retention of the stop in its current location but this would seem to detract from the Town Hall improvements. On the other hand, other locations may not be favoured by High Street businesses. The words 'rock' and 'hard place' spring to mind!

The officers are tasked to look again at a solution which might command greater public support.

*Councillor J Giacopazzi*

## Friends of Loch Leven Community Campus Library

### ...“Just More of It Please!”

Our very first event, talking and planning done, we just had to wait for our visitors to arrive...and arrive they did. Over 350 adults and children, grannies and uncles, singers and dancers, pipers and storytellers, poets and giants. All of this in just three hours. The rapt faces of children sitting watching Giant Finn and his magical thumb. The pride as certificates were handed out for the best puppet design. The excitement and competitiveness as haggis were spotted around the library in the treasure hunt and grown lads from the football team dressing up as Poosie Nancy!

We were so delighted that you all came and discovered just how brilliant the library can be. Feedback from our evaluation forms states that 90% of you think our group would benefit the library and 60% of you rated the day's event as excellent. Lots of good ideas were also suggested and we even heard from a number of you who want to join our group. So thank you, especially our committee who worked so hard, Tracey Ramsay our P&K Community Capacity Worker, Claire and her team at the library, Leven Voices, The Carnbo Pipers, Mrs Crawford and her dancers, Irene Macfarlane and to all of you who came along...

*Friends of Loch Leven Community Library*

## Role model sergeant retires

Sandra Williams, the Community Sergeant for Kinross, Auchterarder and Crieff since 2011, has retired from Police Scotland after 30 years with the police force.

Sgt Williams was the winner in the Community Service category at the Scottish Women's Development Forum (SWDF) awards in 2014 in recognition of her outstanding service to the communities of Angus and Perth & Kinross.

In recent years Sgt Williams was the key liaison figure for the police and the local community for T in the Park.

At the SWDF awards, Sgt Williams was described as “always supportive of her colleagues, an inspiration and a role model” who served her community “with real passion”.

The new community sergeant for Kinross, Auchterarder and Crieff is Geoffrey Goodison.

# Support your local bloom groups



As the cover of this month's Newsletter shows, spring is here and the voluntary bloom groups will be thinking of warm sunny days and how to brighten up our own areas.

We are fortunate that we live in an area of natural beauty that is enhanced by the enthusiasm and hard work of the Kinross-shire bloom groups. The Kinross Geese, Kinnesswood golfers, Milnathort war memorial, Glenfarg topiary and community garden are

some of the focal points and projects that the respective local bloom groups have helped with. Combine this with the yearly floral displays of baskets

the bloom groups would probably want to take these on board. However, bloom groups are voluntary and our resources of manpower and finances



*A colourful tiered planter by Kinross in Bloom*



*The restoration of the Orwell war memorial was a Milnathort in Bloom project*

and tubs that enhance the towns and villages we live in and the role of bloom groups becomes apparent. Both residents and visitors are more inclined to linger longer and benefit local businesses in an area that looks attractive and provides a feel good factor.

Most places have a neglected or problem corner in their villages and

are limited. We can do more for the communities we live in but we need more help from individuals, groups, and businesses in the area.

Volunteers are needed in all bloom groups and do not need to be television garden presenters, just enthusiastic and willing participants in any of the following activities: tidying, digging, transplanting flowers and watering.

If you feel that you would like to help any of these worthwhile groups, please contact the relevant group listed below in your area.

*article by Derek Lawrence  
of Kinross in Bloom*



*The geese sculpture at junction 6 of the M90 was a Kinross in Bloom project*



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## Councillor Robertson Perth & Kinross Council Budget 2015/16



The Council fixed its budget for 2015/16 on 12 February. Unfortunately a few of the areas I would have liked to see extra spending were not accepted. These were as follows: speed warning signs; money to allow better community access to the sports and leisure facilities at our community campus and extra money for road and pavement repairs. These would have been paid for through cuts to the Council's events budget and savings in other areas.

Unfortunately in their budget the Council administration decided to remove £75,000 from the budget for music provision in schools to pay for tuition, central groups and music camps. I was totally opposed to this cut. I think all young people should have the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument irrespective of their families' income and ability to pay.

I did support the extra spending allocated to early years learning (150K), and more money for community empowerment (150K).

*See also letter on p. 2 by Cllr Robertson, submitted after this column was written.*

### Milnathort Town Hall clock

Over the last month the Council have been working to repair the stairs inside the clock tower. The next job is to fit an electric motor to wind the clock mechanism automatically. The electricians are also hoping to restore the lighting to the clock faces so that the time will be readable in the hours of darkness.

### Kinross Town Centre Regeneration

There has been concern expressed by traders and residents alike to the £1,000,000 environmental improvements planning to begin this Spring in the centre of Kinross. I have stressed the need for the contractors carrying out the work to liaise with business owners to minimise the impact on their businesses. I have also asked for the locations of the north bound bus stops to be looked at again, to see if a single bus stop can be used near the Town Hall rather than have two bus stops, one at the junction with Swansacre and one south of the Town Hall.

### Real Time Bus Arrival Notice

As I reported previously, I am trying to get a 'real time' bus information screen installed at the Kinross Park & Ride. Currently passengers waiting for buses have no idea exactly when they will arrive. The Council's Public Transport Manager is speaking to the bus operators to see if this is possible. Apparently the problem is that some buses don't have trackers fitted so their exact locations can't be established. Hopefully this can be overcome and a 'real time' screen installed. It would make life much better for passengers using the Park & Ride.

### Hedges and trees at footpaths and pavements

If you have a hedge or tree growing close to a public footpath or pavement, now is the time to check them and if they are growing into the footway have them cut back. Overhanging branches and vegetation can be a danger for partially sighted people and can force people with prams off the pavement and onto the road.

*Councillor W Robertson*

## Plea by library campaigners

Some of the campaigners who fought against the reduction in opening hours of the library service last year have written to the four Kinross-shire Councillors in the belief that more funds might be available to reverse last year's cost-cutting exercise.

Jennifer Holt Brook and others, previously of the Keep Kinross Library Open campaign, wrote: "Dear Councillors, We have heard that Perth and Kinross Council has around £12million funding still to allocate in the next financial year, 2015-2016. Please will you secure some of this to open Loch Leven Community Campus Library on Mondays, and on Saturday afternoons, when it is currently shut?"

Cllr Robertson replied to say that the LibDem group, of which he is a member, applied for funding in the recent Council budget for "... better access to community facilities in our campuses ..." but "... this was not accepted by the SNP administration. So I'm sorry to say nothing will change."

Cllr Cuthbert also replied, sharing the campaigners' concerns. Although his Independent Group was not successful in having the reductions in service reversed in the recent budget either, he said he will "continue to work on this."

## Provost partisan at budget debate, says Councillor

Local Councillor Mike Barnacle has accused PKC's Provost of favouring her own party in her chairing of the Council's recent budget debate.

The Independent Group at the Council, of which Cllr Barnacle is a member, had submitted a motion to the Council budget meeting which was "ruled out" by Provost Grant, although the Independents had been advised that their motion was competent.

In a letter to the Provost, a member of the SNP, Cllr Barnacle writes: "I have no doubt you were following your Party's instruction at the debate as regards our Motion, rather than adopting a non-partisan approach one expects from a Provost, a position I find regrettable."

The Independent Group's motion would have suggested that in future PKC should hold two meetings on the budget: one to present the various political groups' proposals and a second meeting a few days later to debate these and try to reach a consensus. This approach is used by some other local authorities.

Cllr Barnacle believes that, "the time allowed on Budget Day to examine the complexities of various Motions and Amendments is insufficient to arrive at a correct consensus on behalf of the people of Perth and Kinross we seek to represent."

The Councillor goes on to say: "Ward members over the years, in my experience, have seen their influence in the budget process reduced and marginalised to corporate control and I regard budget setting day as a highly charged political debate that borders on 'the farcical' with the minority Administration's budget invariably being passed with minor amendment."

"I think it is a deeply flawed process and there has to be a better way of setting a £331,500,000 budget."

The Independent Group at PKC consists of Kinross-shire Councillors Mike Barnacle and Dave Cuthbert, Rhona Brock (Strathearn) and Alan Jack (Almond & Earn).

## Councillor Barnacle

*Copy of an email sent by Cllr Barnacle to Ward Community Councils, 12 February 2015*



I refer to my email of 27/1/15 enclosed, noting the outcomes from the recent Kinross-shire Ward Forum/Network of Community Councils (CCs) and enclosing the paper I have asked to be discussed at the next Planning MOWG in March on the Quality and Standard of Planning Reports and relations with CCs along with Cllr Cuthbert's thoughts on improving the Development Management process.

You will recall that PKC have asked communities to let them know by the end of March issues they would like to see raised in the Main Issues Report for their review of our LDP. I thought it might be useful if I outlined some of my thoughts on issues in Kinross-shire for your assistance and possible consideration viz:

### Transport

Reinforce the need for major mitigation measures for the A977 (Para 7.1.18 of current LDP) and consider calls for restoration of a rail link in the shire. Is there sufficient recognition of speed control measures on other major roads in the shire, i.e. A911?

### Policies

You may recall my letter of 19/1/15, copied to yourselves, on the draft supplementary guidance for special landscape areas and hopefully this will be concluded shortly and include the Cleish Hills and River Devon/gorge along with those proposed for Lochleven, Ochil Hills and Portmoak. I noted in April 2012 that a spatial framework for wind energy developments was to be completed and *it is still awaited*; in January 2012, I called for a moratorium of further major windfarm cluster developments in the Ochils and still feel this is justified, given developments since.

Are we happy with the increased housing density ranges in our LDP and should we be seeking greater protection for prime agricultural land, in accordance with national planning policy?

Policy PM4 currently seeks to prevent development outwith settlement boundaries, should this be expanded upon and clarified more?

Should we call for a review of employment sites zoned in our LDP; I have always been against the development of such west of the M90, whilst existing zoned sites remain undeveloped. However, the status and retention of the Turfhill environment/roads depot should be emphasised.

I strongly suggest a call for a review of our open-door policy RD5 on gypsy/traveller sites and because of the usually retrospective nature of planning applications that result, this policy should surely not apply in the Lochleven Catchment Area; thereby enhancing policy EP7 to protect the Loch.

Should we be lobbying for Crook Moss (a lowland bog area that is re-forested) to be considered for declaration as a site of special scientific interest? Although Planning are reluctant to propose new conservation areas, should we call for Back Crook, Keltybridge/Maryburgh and Milnathort to be considered?

### Settlement Planning and Boundaries

Should we revive calls for masterplans for Kinross Town (including maintaining Site H46 and the Market Park site as open space/community woodland) and the Fossoway villages

of Blairingone (to include consideration of a by-pass line) and Powmill (including re-alignment and improvement of the A823 junction).

12 settlements had boundaries removed in our current LDP at Balado Crossroads, Blairforge, Craigowmill, Cuthill Towers, Easter Balgedie, Gairney Bank, Gairneybridge/Fruix, Lochran Sidings, Mawcarse, Middleton, Netherton and Upper Tillyrie; nine of these were within the Lochleven catchment area and should we argue for their boundaries to be re-instated?

Are we happy with the settlement boundaries for Cleish (divorced), Glenlomond (Care Home site zoning), Greenacres (enclosed to prevent retrospective expansion), Keltybridge (Policy PM4 failed to protect a former village setting area from development), Kinnesswood (Stephen's field implications), Rumbling Bridge (reinstate village setting) and Scotlandwell (divorced from Kilmagadwood and H54 extended eastwards)? The above represents merely ideas and is not exhaustive, purely provided as a snapshot of what we maybe should consider for a plan review to 2024. I trust also it may be helpful in setting the agenda for public CC meetings in March. Kind regards

Councillor Mike Barnacle  
Independent Member for Kinross-shire

P.S. You will have noted the relevant email and website addresses for contact with PKC on this matter:

[DevelopmentPlan@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:DevelopmentPlan@pkc.gov.uk)

[www.pkc.gov.uk/article/10339/Main-Issues-Report](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/10339/Main-Issues-Report)

## SEPA commences River Leven survey

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) has contracted a specialist team to survey the River Leven catchment over the coming weeks.

The specialist surveyors will be carrying out studies along the main stem of the River Leven, and a number of its tributaries, until the end of March as part of a project which aims to demonstrate the potential for combining improvements to river habitats with reducing flood risk.

The River Leven is one of five pilot catchments in Scotland where SEPA is assessing the physical condition of rivers and identifying where there may be scope for improvements. The improvements are required to help Scotland comply with European legislation on the water environment, known as the Water Framework Directive.

Amber Bush, from SEPA's Galashiels office, said:

"We hope that the surveyors will be able to gather lots of useful information on the state of the rivers within the Leven catchment, which could potentially indicate where improvements could be made.

"If you see the surveyors walking the banks of the rivers, please feel free to stop them and ask them questions about their work."

If members of the public want to find out more about this work, please contact Amber on 01896 754797 or email [rbmp@sepa.org.uk](mailto:r bmp@sepa.org.uk)

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## CC Forum discusses common concerns

A meeting of the Network (or Forum) of Kinross-shire Community Councils took place in January, and was attended by representatives from all six of the ward CCs and all four local elected members.

Subjects discussed were:

**Funding:** The CCs would like more flexibility in what they can spend and carry forward. They wonder whether the changes in the grant payment arrangements have achieved the savings that PKC envisaged. They query why they should have to pay for hiring Council buildings.

**Main Issues Report:** CCs need to decide in the following weeks which issues they would like to see raised at this stage of PKC's review of the Local Development Plan.

**Gypsy/traveller sites:** A call was made to review PKC planning policy RD5.

**A977:** A meeting should be arranged involving PKC and Portmoak CC.

**LED lighting:** It was agreed a review of this should take place.

**Planning** was the area of most concern. The forum unanimously agreed that Cllr Robertson would take forward a motion to PKC that CCs should not be treated as one household when objecting to a planning application. (See article at right for more on this.)

## New York Jazz legend returns to his Fife roots

"There is no greater sound on earth than Joe Temperley on a horn" (Wynton Marsalis). A legend on the New York Jazz scene, Scottish saxophonist Joe Temperley is returning to his Lochgelly roots in March to play with Fife Youth Jazz Orchestra (FYJO) and give a masterclass in the Lochgelly Theatre.

From Lochgelly, Joe Temperley travelled to Manhattan in 1965, playing with The Humphrey Lyttelton Band, Duke Ellington's Orchestra and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra. He has played with Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald and Aretha Franklin among other greats of the jazz world.

Since then jazz has been alive and well in Fife, with award-winning big band FYJO, established in 1976 and led by Musical Director, Richard Michael. FYJO offers players aged 8-24, regardless of initial standard or location, the chance to play, enjoy and develop an interest in music, especially jazz. Many young people from Kinross-shire are members of FYJO and benefit from its unique approach to music education. Players learn to improvise on their instruments (anything from violin, flute and oboe to saxophone, trombone and drums) and to play with a big band. The creative energy during rehearsals on a Thursday evening is electrifying. Over the years, the band has played with many of the greats of the jazz scene, including Tommy Smith, Carol Kidd, Annie Ross, Joe Temperley and Martin Taylor.

Creative Scotland are funding the Temperley Masterclass (**Saturday 7 March**, 2-4pm), along with a Masterclass with flautist Geoff Warren (**Thursday 26 March**, 7pm). Both free events will be held in the Lochgelly Theatre and are open to the public.

*by Sharon Doyle, music instructor*

## CC objections can't carry more weight

Following the January Forum of Kinross CCs (see left), Cllr Robertson wrote to Nick Brian, PKC's Development Quality Manager, to request that more weight be given to a CC's objection than that of an individual resident.

Currently an application would have to attract six objections to trigger referral to the Development Management Committee (DMC), rather than planning officers determining the application under delegated powers.

Cllr Robertson suggested that a CC objection might equal four ordinary objections, thus not triggering automatic referral to the DMC, but requiring only two further objections to do so.

Mr Brian replied: "I've been discussing this matter with others, including Legal Services and essentially we are not able to simply give more "weight" to an objection because it comes from a CC. For a CC objection to automatically trigger a referral to DMC would require the Scheme of Delegation (SoD) to be changed through Full Council and in the event that that was done it would then require to be referred to the Scottish Government to be approved.

**"What we can do, as an initial measure, is to give very careful consideration to all applications, where there is a CC objection, to consider whether to refer them to DMC, if we think there is a public interest to do so, irrespective of the number of other objections. This would clearly be a discretionary process under the current SoD.**

"In terms of the Reports of Handling to DMC, we can ensure that the CC comments are expanded on and where necessary, reproduced in full and correspondingly addressed in the Appraisal section.

"I would be happy to run with this approach for a period of, say, 6 months, to see how it operates in practice, in terms of the number of cases, etc.

"I hope therefore that this approach would provide you with sufficient reassurance."

Cllr Dave Cuthbert has been researching how other local authorities treat CC comments and says that Fife, Angus, Dundee and Aberdeenshire allow automatic referral when a CC objects to an application.

Cllr Barnacle has put forward a paper to PKC for discussion at a Planning Member Officer Working Group in March on the Quality and Standard of Planning Reports and Relations with Community Councils.

## Memories wanted!

Two Kinross-shire groups are appealing to local residents for help in staging commemorative events this year.

**Kinross-shire Cricket Club** is celebrating its 160th anniversary, and plans to create an "Anniversary Wall" as part of an extension to its pavilion. Although it has some written records, the sports club does not have any photographs prior to 2002, so would welcome images of local cricketers and grounds before then.

For details of how to contact the secretary, and a fascinating account of the history of the club, see page 73.

**Kinross Primary School Parent Council** is planning a Celebration Carnival for 27 June. This will be the last event of its kind on the current site before a new building is erected. KPPC is asking for past pupils and teachers to "share their stories and memories" of the last 46 years of Kinross Primary School. See page 95.

## Put a spring in your step for 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 Chest, Heart & Stroke Scotland (CHSS). All routes start and finish at the Boathouse 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 before **Tuesday 17 March** at [www.scotlandwalkathon.com](http://www.scotlandwalkathon.com)

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## Helpers wanted for Daffodil Appeal

Could you give up a couple of hours to help Marie Curie Cancer Care? The charity is asking for volunteers to participate in the Great Daffodil Appeal, taking donations from members of the public in exchange for the famous daffodil pin.

Volunteers are invited to sign up for two-hour collection slots in Sainsbury's, Kinross, on **Thursday 21 and Friday 22 March**, or Dobbies on **Sunday 29 March**. People can volunteer by calling 0131 561 3951 or sign up online at: [mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil](http://mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil)

## Marie Curie Swimathon event

Loch Leven Live Active will once again be hosting a Marie Curie Swimathon. People can sign up now to take on a 1.5k, 2.5k or a 5k swim as an individual or as a team at Loch Leven Live Active on **Sunday 19 April**.

Alternatively, people can do the distance swim on their own at a time of their choosing between 9 and 19 April. Find out more or sign up at [swimathon.org](http://swimathon.org) or call 0131 561 3951.



Marie Curie volunteers Nancy Briggs and Katie Stewart (pictured here with Marie Curie nurse Joyce) would love Newsletter readers to take part in the fundraising Swimathon

## GillyShack releases album '2'

Local girl Gillian Shackleton (22) is poised to launch her second album. GillyShack, as she is affectionately known, has been writing songs for a little over ten years.

Her first studio album, recorded in 2012, "This, Inscribed For Thee" sold all first edition copies in just a few months.

Her new album, '2' was recorded at Dayspring Studios in Muthill, Perthshire.

If you want some fun and some homegrown music, come along to GillyShack's album launch night on **Friday 13 March** at Backstage at The Green (Green Hotel, Kinross). Tickets are £5 and can be purchased on the door or ordered online at [www.gillyshack.bigcartel.com](http://www.gillyshack.bigcartel.com)

You can follow GillyShack and all her adventures at [Facebook.com/GillyShackMusic](https://www.facebook.com/GillyShackMusic) or follow her on twitter @GillyShack.



GillyShack will have an album launch at Backstage at the Green

## Kinross Learning Centre – Spring Leisure Programme

Kinross Learning Centre's spring leisure programme gets underway in mid-April and with summer holidays just around the corner this could be the ideal time to refresh your language skills. Basic **French**, **Spanish** and **Italian** classes are on offer which will provide you with the vocabulary and confidence to get by in everyday situations.



If your skills lie in more creative areas, the programme also includes a range of art and craft classes. You could breathe new life into a piece of jaded furniture at the **Upholstery** class or re-style a much-loved piece of clothing that has perhaps seen better days at the **Sew SMART** class.

A range of computing classes are also on offer: **Getting started on your Computer** 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; whilst, if you have a little more knowledge and would like to learn how 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. Finally, **Get to grips with your iPad**, aimed particularly at those with very little knowledge of their device, will help you to set up an email account, use Siri and discover the wide range of available apps.

To find out more or to book your place, please contact Maureen at Kinross Learning Centre, 15 Swansacre, on 01577 863863 or email [pc.kinross.perth@uhi.ac.uk](mailto:pc.kinross.perth@uhi.ac.uk).

Course	Start Date	Time	Weeks	Cost
<b>Languages</b>				
Spanish Improvers	Wed 15 Apr	1-3pm	10 weeks	£68
Spanish Beginners 2	Wed 15 Apr	7-9pm	10 weeks	£68
Spanish Intermediate	Tue 14 Apr	7-9pm	10 weeks	£68
Basic Everyday French	Wed 15 Apr	10am-noon	10 weeks	£68
French Improvers	Tue 14 Apr	1-3pm	10 weeks	£68
French Advanced	Tue 14 Apr	10.30am-12.30pm	10 weeks	£68
Italian Advanced	Thu 16 Apr	10am-noon	10 weeks	£68
Italian Beginners 3	Thu 16 Apr	4.30-6.30pm	10 weeks	£68
Italian Beginners 3	Thu 16 Apr	7-9pm	10 weeks	£68
Russian Improvers	Thu 16 Apr	7-9pm	10 weeks	£68
Gaelic Beginners 2	Mon 13 Apr	7-9pm	10 weeks	£68
Gaelic Beginners 3	Wed 15 Apr	7-9pm	10 weeks	£68
<b>Computing</b>				
Getting Started on your Computer	Tue 14 Apr	Noon-2pm	8 weeks	£55
Introduction to Web Design	Tue 14 Apr	2-4pm	5 weeks	£40
Get Connected: A Guide to Social Media	Tue 19 May	2-4pm	3 weeks	£30
Get to Grips with your Ipad	Mon 13 Apr	2-4pm	4 weeks	£35
<b>Art and Crafts</b>				
Watercolours 5	Wed 15 Apr	1.15-3.15pm	10 weeks	£68
Watercolours Beginners 2	Thu 16 Apr	1.30-3.30pm	10 weeks	£68
The Art of Drawing Beginners	Wed 15 Apr	9.45-11.45am	10 weeks	£68
The Art of Drawing Intermediate	Thu 16 Apr	9.45-11.45am	10 weeks	£68
Upholstery	Wed 15 Apr	4.30-6.30pm	10 weeks	£80
Upholstery	Wed 15 Apr	7-9pm	10 weeks	£80
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## Loch Leven Community Library

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

### Explore the Exciting World of Pirates and Other Deep Sea Shenanigans, Thursday 5 March, 4pm-5pm

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

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

### Voice in Poetry with Tessa Ransford

#### Saturday 21 March at 11am

To help launch the William Soutar Writing Prize 2015, join Tessa Ransford for a reading and discussion on the concept of 'voice' in poetry. Tessa Ransford is a poet, translator and cultural activist. She has published 22 books of poems since the mid-seventies, the most recent being *Made in Edinburgh: Poems and Evocations of Holyrood Park, Rug of a thousand colours and Don't mention this to anyone*, from Luath Press in 2012.

### Guess how much I love Spring!

#### Wednesday 15 April 2.45-3.45pm

Hop along to the library this Easter for some 'hare'-raising fun! During this storytelling and activity session we will introduce you to the Nutbrown Hares, Peter Rabbit, Winnie the Pooh's Rabbit, Chicken Licken and many more long-eared, fluffy characters.

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

### Film Book Night – The Book Thief

#### Thursday 23 April at 7pm

Film fans and book lovers are invited to the showing of 'The Book Thief'. Enjoy this film on the BIG screen and participate in the informal, short discussion afterwards, comparing the film to the popular book by Markus Zusak. To book tickets (£3.50), please contact the library. This film is shown in conjunction with Milnathort Filmhouse.

### IT Taster Sessions for Everyone

#### Friday 24 April, 10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm

Are computers a mystery? Can you text on your mobile? How can you get an email address? How do I shop online? How do I download an E-Book? These are just a sample of the questions that will be answered during the sessions.

Library and Community Learning Development (CLD) staff are jointly organising one-to-one taster sessions lasting 20 minutes. To find out more, book a place and let us know what you want to learn, please feel free to contact the library. Booking in advance is required.



## Early sensory nurturing

Parents of young babies are invited to an information session in Milnathort on the benefits of 'early sensory nurturing'. The session will be presented by Professor Emerita Elvidina Adamson-Macedo, a baby psychologist pioneer within the fields of perinatal and neonatal health and development.

The presentation is aimed at parents of premature babies, tiny babies aged 0-7 months and full term babies aged 0-3 months, though all are welcome, including expectant parents.

Formerly with the Universities of Wolverhampton and Stirling, Elvidina, or Didi as she is also known, is the founder of *DidiCareS*. Her research contribution to humanise neonatal units in relation to their approach to 'touch' was revolutionary. She systematically created, developed and evaluated the first hospital based programme of 'synchronised touch©' - a major breakthrough for neonatal care in the 1980s. The beneficial effects for relatively healthy premature babies ranged from weight gain, stronger sucking and hand grasp, leaving incubators and going home earlier, better cognitive development at follow-up to a strengthened immune system in ventilated babies during their first week of life.

Later she worked with healthy full term babies during their first three months, looking at how 'synchronised touch©' in the form of a new learning aid could further their cognitive, motor and communication development.

The information session takes place on **Friday 6 March** at Heavens Above, Milnathort. To reserve a place, go to: [earlysensorynurturing.eventbrite.co.uk](http://earlysensorynurturing.eventbrite.co.uk)  
More information is available at [www.didicares.com](http://www.didicares.com) or from Kirsten Morrison on 07738 649288.




## Credit Union's first AGM

Perth and Kinross Credit Union (PKCU) held its first Annual General Meeting on 2 February.


PKCU has been operating since April 2014. In that time over 450 people have joined PKCU and over 100 loans have been made to individuals who might have found difficulty in borrowing elsewhere.

Credit unions are local, ethical financial co-operatives owned and controlled by their members.

At PKCU's AGM twelve directors were elected to the board, including new chairman, Euan Walker.



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## Heavens above, it's a book!

The owner of the highly successful Heaven Scent café in Milnathort has written a book about his experience in the hospitality industry.

Andrew Scott's book, VICTUS, is written with passion and integrity, with amusing observations from his 25 years in the business. He hopes to inspire others, telling the Newsletter: "I realised that I had gone through so many challenges over the years and I am still standing, and so I wanted to impart some of what I have learned and allow others to benefit from my experience."

As well as running Heaven Scent, Andrew operates Kinnairds Restaurant at Knockhill racing circuit and is proprietor of Scott Hospitality Services, which provides catering solutions for all types of event.

There appear to be no bounds to Andrew's energy and innovation. Fresh from success at the Scottish Independent Retailer of the Year awards, where Heaven Scent was named this region of Scotland's top coffee shop, Andrew is now expanding the eatery to include 'Heavens Above'. This will offer a quirky dining experience, from a Supper Club to private dining in The Drawing Room, with something on the menu to suit everyone. And access to Heavens Above will be through the fridge door in Heaven Scent!

Andrew's book is on sale now in Heaven Scent and is available to buy online and at various books shop outlets.



Andrew Scott of Heaven Scent has added publishing a book to his many achievements

## 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.*

### The Day War Broke Out

The *Kinross-shire Advertiser* of 8 August 1914, the first to be published after the outbreak of war on 4 August, reveals an uncertainty on how to react. While the Bishopshire Horticultural Society continued as usual with its 15th Annual Flower Show in Scotlandwell on 29 August, the Milnathort Horticultural and Ornithological Society decided to abandon its annual show on 5 September "on account of the uncertainty of railway facilities through the unprecedented position caused by the war."



## Kinross-shire Roll of Honour

The first Kinross-shire man to be killed in the Great War was 28-year-old regular army soldier **David Sharp** of the 1st Battalion Cameron Highlanders whose family lived at Bridgend at the south end of Kinross. On Saturday 24 October 1914 he was recorded as "missing" in a battle near the French town of Vendresse close to the Belgian frontier. His death was not officially confirmed until late in 1915.

The second Kinross-shire man to die in battle was 37-year-old Lance Corporal **Alexander Gow** of 'B' Company, 1st Battalion Black Watch who was killed in action on 16 September 1914. He lived with his wife Rachel at 23 Swansacre.

Private **John Paterson**, eldest son of Robert and Mary Paterson, 75 Gladstone Terrace, Kinross, was killed in action at Ploegstreet Wood in Belgium on 10 November 1914 while serving with the 2nd Battalion Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders. He had survived the Boer War in South Africa where he received the Queen Victoria and King Edward Medals for his gallantry.

In a double blow for the Paterson family, John's younger brother Private **Robert Paterson**, a reservist serving with the 1st Battalion Black Watch, had been killed two weeks earlier on 27 October 1914 in an engagement near Ypres. Robert was a well-known centre forward playing for Kinross Athletic Football Club. Twenty-eight years of age when he was killed, Robert Paterson had previously spent six years in India serving with the Black Watch.



# Police Box



## Loch Safety

Reports have been received that life saving equipment has been damaged or removed from the loch side at Kirkgate Park and that persons have been seen to be walking on some apparently frozen parts of the loch.

This is obviously extremely dangerous and if anyone should fall through the ice and the equipment is not to hand then lives may be lost.

Residents are asked to be vigilant and report any suspicious persons tampering with the equipment and telephone in on 101 with descriptions.

## Wildlife Crime

Reports have been received regarding persons acting suspiciously in fields and wooded areas allegedly hare coursing or rabbit trapping.

Hare coursing is a crime and any suspicious vehicles or persons should be reported to the Police.

Rabbit catching is not an offence if the landowner has given permission for the practice.

## Internet Safety

We receive a lot of enquiries regarding Internet safety and how to protect against online fraud. Here are some useful tips:

### How to protect your PC

- Get anti-virus software, anti-spyware software and a firewall and make sure these are kept up to date.
- Block spam e-mails.
- Use an up to date web browser.
- Make regular back-ups.
- Encrypt your wireless network.
- Your internet provider likely offers parental controls. Make use of these.

### How to avoid online rip-offs

- When you shop online, look for clear signs that you're buying from a reputable company. The padlock symbol and 'https' in the address bar show that the website you are using is secure.
- Get to know any online auction sites you use and learn how to pick good sellers.
- Use safe ways to pay. Middleperson services like PayPal, where the seller never sees your card or account details, reduce your risk. Link PayPal with a credit card rather

than a debit card or bank account to increase the amount of time you have to appeal any fraud.

- Use common sense to avoid scams. Sounds too good to be true? It probably is.

### Take care of your online identity and privacy

- If you don't know who an e-mail is from, delete it without opening it or move it to your spam folder.
- Never open attachments or click on links in unsolicited e-mails.
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- Avoid identity theft by using an up to date web browser and blocking bogus e-mails with a spam filter.
- Use strong passwords, with a combination of letters and numbers. Try not to use obvious words like names of family members.
- Don't give away too much personal information on blogs and social networking sites.
- Familiarise yourself with the websites your children are using and make sure they understand how to stay safe online. Direct them to:

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) or [www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org)

## 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](mailto:taysidekinross-shireCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk)

The Community Sergeant for Kinross, Auchterarder and Crieff is **Geoff Goodison**.

Email: [geoffrey.goodison@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:geoffrey.goodison@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.

## Macmillan Coffee Shop at Quarrymill reopens for summer

The popular charity coffee shop in Quarrymill Woodland Park, Perth, is getting ready to open for its 2015 season on Monday 30 March.

The Macmillan Coffee Shop has opened every year for the summer months since 1991. All profits go to the Cornhill Macmillan Centre to help cancer patients in the Perth and Kinross area.

The Gannochy Trust has kindly given the committee the use of the delightful premises since this time and the coffee shop has been a firm favourite with locals and tourists alike over the years. There is a lovely woodland walk beside the coffee shop.

Both volunteers and customers are looking forward to the doors opening again for another successful year of fund-raising and some delicious lunches and home baking.

The coffee shop, which is staffed by volunteers, will be open Mondays to Saturdays, 10am to 4pm, from 30 March until 24 October.

There is also a Gift Shop on the same premises where customers can purchase greeting cards, jams and a selection of gifts including jewellery, scarves and handbags.

More information can be found on the website:

[www.macmillancoffeeshop.webs.com](http://www.macmillancoffeeshop.webs.com)

If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer for this very worthwhile charity, please contact Kate Ramsay, Administrator, telephone 07983 729324 or email [macmillancoffeeshop@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:macmillancoffeeshop@yahoo.co.uk)

# 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 February Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 4 February 2015 were: CCllrs D Colliar (Chair), W Freeman, I Jack, C Watson, G Thomas, D West, B Davies, M Blyth and M Scott; P& K Cllrs D Cuthbert, J Giacopazzi and W Robertson; a police representative and four members of the public

**Apologies** were received from Cllr Barnacle.

**Declarations of interest:** None.

**Forum:** CCllrs B Davies and D Colliar attended the recent Kinross-shire Forum. A summary of the meeting was given.

(See p.14)

**Police Report:** The Police representative reported on recent crimes including drunk youths gathering at Millbridge Hall. Community wardens have visited the town. Youths also vandalised boats at the Pier. Shoplifting theft at Sainsbury's and possession of the drug cannabis were both detected. A break in at Bayne's Bakers and an attempt to break into Bowers are under enquiry.

**Kinross buildings:** The former Social Work Dept building (and before that, Health Centre) in Mill Street has been demolished. Persimmon is working on a revised application and new plan. Work to the Primary School should start in 2016: a consultation period will be arranged.



Mill Street car park currently under construction

**Kinross CC:** Advertised in the Newsletter; no response as yet. CCllr Thomas is to arrange for the advert to be placed in next month's issue of the Newsletter. Also to be placed on the CC website.

### Planning applications received

15/00030/FLL 7 Gallowhill Road: alterations and extension to dwelling house.

14/02177/FLL Land 100 metres southwest of Scottish Natural Heritage, Pier Road: erection of a pipe bridge and installation of a gantry crane and plant (partly in retrospect).

14/02226/FLL 35 Broom Road: extension to house.

15/00095/FLL 23 Nan Walker Wynd: extension.

15/00100/FLL Costcutter Supermarket: demolition of shop and erection of two retail units, one hot food take away and five flats.

### Planning applications approved by PKC

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

14/01848/FLL Kinross High Street: installation of street

furniture and hard landscaping.

14/01887/FLL Land 60 metres southwest of Torriebank: modification of permission 13/00421/AML (erection of two houses): change of house type on Plot A.

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

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

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

### Reports from Ward Councillors

#### Councillor Giacopazzi:

**Wilson Court:** Hedge encroaching on the carriageway: an approach has been made to the occupier.

**High Street properties:** Cllr Giacopazzi reiterated the question raised at an earlier CC meeting regarding the upstairs flat at the bookies and a possible drainage problem. This has been checked by environmental services who confirmed that no smell was obvious on the day of their visit. A Habitation Certificate was available for the function suite. Councillor Cuthbert added that a vast improvement was required to tidy up the appearance of this area. Cllr Robertson has written in these terms to the owners and will follow this up. It was also mentioned that the flats next to the florist (Council properties) require to be tidied up. Cllr Robertson will look into this.

**Public realm works:** Cllr Giacopazzi advised that the streetscape improvements have been approved, adding that we did not want to lose this money as it would be utilised elsewhere. There is still an issue in relation to the proposed bus stops and their positioning and whether shelters should be included. The bus stops at Swansacre are still under discussion. A suggestion was made that we leave the stops at the Town Hall. It was added that currently the bus has on many occasions stopped in the middle of the road to drop off/pick up. Mr Wilson added that a stop at the Town Hall (once work is complete) would be detrimental to the character of the building. It was added that there would not be kerbs in the area once the improvements have been carried out.

#### Councillor Cuthbert:

Cllr Cuthbert reported that the **Community in Planning Bill** was passed yesterday, adding that the CC might want to read this material.

**Restrictions** are being placed on roads in Kinross. This was discussed further. The Link Road was addressed; it was noted that the snack bar has moved to a different location. It was suggested that a mini roundabout should be placed here and that double yellow lines should be painted along the road from the High Street junction (on corner). Mention was also made to the fact that the 20 mph should be extended down from Montgomery Street to the link road junction. In relation to double yellow lines on the link road junction, a vote was taken and three CC members were for and two against this proposal, with the others abstaining. We are to write to the Council advising that we would wish double yellow lines at Clashburn Road. Cllr Robertson is to forward a link to the report. The matter of parking by local residents in the area

was also addressed and the fact raised that the governing of yellow lines is now the responsibility of the Council. Cllr Davies raised the subject of double yellow lines in Sandport area. It was felt this was unnecessary. The CC will write to PKC advising them of the same.



*PKC plans to extend the double yellow lines on Clashburn Road at the industrial estate*

#### **Councillor Robertson:**

Cllr Robertson reported on the recent work to fences etc at **Green Park**. He has suggested to PKC that a fund be set up to finance such projects and that local residents (both from private and Council owned properties) could apply to this fund for environmental improvements. CCllr Jack mentioned the Community Payback Scheme and reiterated that they were looking for projects in the area.

**Persimmon Homes:** Mr S Wilson questioned deadlines in relation to the former High School site and the question raised as to whether there would be further public consultation. This and further questions were answered by the Councillors. It was explained that some questions raised in relation to the missives could not be answered due to the subject being of a confidential nature. Mr Wilson stated that this was in the public interest.

The situation with the **lights at the Muirs** was discussed; confirmation received that the lighting is to be improved.

#### **Correspondence**

**Town Centre Regeneration:** Kinross in Bloom advise that they will shortly be meeting with the project leaders for the regeneration and would be very glad to have our backing.

**Kinross-shire Ward Forum of CCs:** Summary from Councillor Barnacle of recent meeting. *See page 14.*

**Proposed 20 mph speed limit:** Kinross town centre east - ousing to the east of the High Street.

**Perth Crematorium Phase I A9/A85 Bertha Park:** Communication received from Tulloch Tenants and Residents Association asking for our support in relation to a campaign against the proposed new road that will go around (and encroach upon) Perth Crematorium. They outlined their objections to this proposal. Cllr Giacopazzi stated that this will not encroach on any sensitive areas. It was mentioned that this could affect local residents. A meeting is planned on site next week.

**Local Development Plan 2018-2023:** PKC looking for input on next Development Plan. Currently preparing the Main Issues Report and asking for comment by 31 March. Meeting to be held on 19 February at Green Hotel to discuss this and agree on suitable sites.

**BIDS:** Information received regarding funding for projects within the town. To be placed on a future agenda. Information meeting to be held on 3 March.

**Special Landscape Areas, Draft Supplementary Guidance:** Copy communication received from Cllr Barnacle.

**Planning Training:** Arranging workshop dates in May or June.

#### **Other Business**

**Campus charges** to be increased for use after certain hours and at weekend. This was built as a community school; the current charges and restrictions are driving people away. To be added to the agenda for the next meeting and Cllr Cuthbert will speak to the officer concerned. Cllr Cuthbert added that the Council are reviewing school lets. CCllr West raised the subject of extra tuition, with the large number of pupils involved, and asked if statistics were available to explain this requirement. Cllr Cuthbert answered that from the statistics English and Maths are shown as the worst subjects. It would be difficult, if not impossible, to confirm why this extra tuition is required. It was added that the same situation was around twenty years ago.

**The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will be held on Wednesday 4 March 2015 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.**

#### **Agenda for the Meeting on 4 March**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of interest
3. Minutes of meeting of 4 February
4. Police report
5. Matters arising from 4 February (campus charges)
6. Disbursement of Newsletter charity funds
7. Kinross buildings
8. CC vacancy
9. Planning matters
10. Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors
11. Miscellaneous correspondence
12. Other competent business
13. Date of next meeting (1 April 2015)

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

Kinross CC minutes are posted on the webpage:

**[www.kinross.cc/cc.htm](http://www.kinross.cc/cc.htm)**

#### **Vacancies on Kinross CC**

Kinross Community Council have vacancies for two Co-opted members. All applicants, Proposers and Seconders must reside in the Kinross Community Council area and appear on the Electors Roll.

For further information and application forms, please contact Secretary, Margaret Scott, by email at [mbs21@btinternet.com](mailto:mbs21@btinternet.com) or telephone 01577 862945 or Chairman, David Colliar, 10 Rannoch Place, Kinross, telephone 01577 864037, mobile 07876 381860 or email [davidcolliar@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:davidcolliar@tiscali.co.uk)

## Milnathort Community Council

### News from the February Meeting

CCllr Milne-Home, Vice Chair, chaired the meeting held on 12 February 2015. He welcomed CCllrs Bennet and Thomson. CCllr Cottingham later joined the meeting for agenda item 4 onwards. Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs Giacopazzi and Robertson, and five members of the public.

**Apologies** were received from CCllrs Hamilton, Pettinger, Halford and Smith, and from P&K Cllrs Barnacle and Cuthbert.

**Police matters:** PC Dougie Stapleton presented the Police report. Recent local crimes/issues included:

- Youths tapping on residents' windows in South Street.
- Vandalism to the trellises in the War Memorial Garden.
- Shoplifting at Sainsbury's (detected).
- Possession of cannabis in Kinross (detected).
- Break-ins at Bayne's, Kinross, and Buchan's Garage, Kinnesswood, both of which were under enquiry, and
- An attempted break-in at Bower Hair Salon, which was also under enquiry.

Other crimes in the wider area included fly-tipping, thefts from commercial premises and from works vehicles, theft of lead from roofs, and bogus workmen attempting to defraud residents.

PC Stapleton also reported that three drivers had been warned about inconsiderate/illegal parking in North Street/Wester Loan.

The Chair advised that Police Scotland were currently reviewing its 'Multi Member Ward Policing Plans' for the PKC area. These plans are reviewed every six months in order to keep local priorities up to date. Police Scotland are seeking feedback on the following issues:

- Main community/safety concerns for each community.
- Improvements to police local communications.
- How to achieve more effective reporting on progress.

PC Stapleton advised that Police Scotland understood that current concerns in the local area were mainly: theft, speeding, anti-social behaviour, nuisance calls and inconsiderate driving. He asked for any other issues to be reported. A member of the public raised concerns about logging lorries driving through North Street and Wester Loan seemingly without regard for safety, both to other vehicles and to pedestrians.

**Minutes of last meeting:** A member of the public stated his concerns that the draft Minutes of the last meeting did not report that, during discussion of the proposed Conservation

Status for Milnathort, a letter from another member of the public, voicing a range of concerns about the proposal, had not been made public until Cllr Giacopazzi had drawn it to the meeting's attention. After a brief discussion the CC agreed that the draft Minutes should be amended to report this. Subject to this amendment the CC approved the minutes of the meeting of 8 January 2015.

**Shire-End Solar Farm:** Cllr Giacopazzi reported that this proposal would be taken by PKC Development Management Committee (DMC) at its next meeting; there was a potential for income for the three adjacent communities (Milnathort, Glenfarg and Forgandenny) should the proposal be agreed by PKC.

**Proposed flats at Wester Loan:** CCllr Cottingham reported that he had written to PKC stating MCC's concerns.

#### Planning applications

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

14/02144/FLL Erection of a dwelling house on land at Redhouse Wood, Tillyrie Farm.

14/02223/FLL Part change of use of car sales yard to domestic garden ground, extension to flat and erection of garage at Milnathort Motor Company, 111 South Street.

15/00018/LBC: Installation of replacement windows at Ballingall House.

15/00173/FLL: Change of use of part of paddock area to form additional garden ground at Queich Cottage, Dalqueich.

#### Planning applications determined

The CC noted the following outcomes:

14/02140/FLL Extension to dwelling house, 84 South Street: approved.

14/02128/FLL Erection of outbuildings at Queich Cottage, Dalqueich: withdrawn.

14/01848/FLL Installation of street furniture and hard landscaping, High Street, Kinross for PKC: approved.

**Accounts:** The Treasurer asked that any outstanding bills should be sent to her by 31 March 2015 so that she could close the accounts for FY 2014/15.

**Local footpaths:** CCllr Bennet raised concerns about horse riders using the Kinross-shire Community Woodland near Burleigh Castle causing damage to the surfaces of the paths and making them unsafe for walkers and cyclists. Cllr Robertson agreed to raise the issue with Dave Stubbs, PKC Access officer.

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**Kinross-shire CCs meeting:** Cllrs Hamilton and Cottingham had attended a joint meeting of Kinross-shire CCs. Three main items discussed included:

1. Weighting of Community Councils' concerns about planning applications. An input from a CC is treated as a single objection by PKC. Cllr Robertson has written to Nick Brian, Development Quality Manager, PKC asking that objections from CCs be given more weighting. In response, Mr Brian has suggested that, for a six-month trial, PKC officials scrutinise objections from CCs to determine whether there were sufficient grounds to refer them to the DMC.
2. CC Funds. This item was discussed, but no actions were forthcoming.
3. Local Development Plan. The LDP is due for review in 2018, and inputs for proposed changes were sought. Following subsequent discussion the MCC believed that there was sufficient available local land zoned for development.

#### New Matters

**Seesaw:** Cllr Bennet asked whether the previous seesaw in Donaldson Park would be replaced. Cllr Giacomazzi offered to raise the issue with PKC officials.

**WWI:** The Chair advised that PKC had drawn up a list of events commemorating the First World War.

**Health:** The Chair also advised that a public consultation by PKC on its draft Health and Social Care Integration Scheme would close on 27 February.

**Training:** The Chair advised that PKC would hold planning training events for Cllrs during May/June 2015.

**LDP2:** Cllr Cottingham advised of LDP2 events to be held for Cllrs on various dates. Further information is available from Brenda Murray of PKC.

**Vandalism:** The CC recorded its disappointment at recent incidents of vandalism to the War Memorial Garden and flower tubs in the village.

#### Comments/Questions from the floor

**Traveller site:** A member of the public asked for an update on the planning application for a travellers' site near Mawcarse; Cllr Giacomazzi advised that the closing date for an appeal was 24 March 2015.

**CC Communications:** A member of the public raised an issue about access to and recording of MCC's communications. Following a short discussion, during which it emerged that one local CC issues a list of all communications attached to its agenda, the MCC agreed to discuss the issue at a future meeting.

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#### Perth & Kinross Councillors' Comments

**Cllr Giacomazzi** advised of the following:

**M90 footbridge:** Work will soon commence on the footbridge crossing the M90 at Glenfarg; for a period of about six weeks one lane of the M90 will be closed.

**Footpath, Mawcarse:** PKC intend to carry out enforcement action to ensure that the developer complies with the requirement to build a footpath at the B919 Mawcarse junction.

**The Town Hall** clock was undergoing refurbishment.

**PKC Budget:** At a meeting held earlier today (12 February 2015) PKC had been able to carry forward some £5 million unallocated savings to FY 2015/16. When asked whether some of this could be used to increase library opening times, he advised that the changes to the library facilities were as a result of initiatives to improve library services across PKC, rather than from a need for savings.

**Cllr Robertson** advised that:

At the meeting above, PKC had withdrawn some £75,000 from its budget for **music provision** in schools and a previously reserved unused sum of £220,000 for **flood relief action** had been allocated to be spent for the sole benefit of North Muirton; he intended to seek further clarification of this decision by PKC.

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

Milnathort CC minutes are posted on  
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## Portmoak Community Council News from the February Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 10 February 2015 were: Cllrs M Strang Steel (Chairman), R Cairncross (Secretary), R Williamson (Treasurer), B Calderwood, S Forde and T Smith; Perth & Kinross Cllrs M Barnacle and D Cuthbert; and 10 members of the public.

**Apologies:** P&K Cllr W Robertson.

**Kinnesswood Post Box:** Arrangements to remove the old box and to restore the window in the shop had yet to be confirmed by Royal Mail.

**Lomond Inn:** A revised planning application for this site could be anticipated shortly.

**Closure of Levenglen Nursing Home:** The site had recently been sold to a property developer. The Glenlomond Residents Association will meet soon with the new owner.

**Police report:** The CC received the monthly Police Report. On 20 January there had been a break-in around 0045 hours to a commercial property in Main Street Kinnesswood with the theft of batteries and cigarettes. This was under enquiry. The report also highlighted security tips for motorists.

The CC noted the Commander's Bulletins of 22 and 29 January and that a new Community Sergeant for Kinross-shire, Sgt Geoffrey Goodison, had been appointed.

A resident voiced concern about police mishandling of the theft of a number of trailers from his property and at the failure to detect the theft of similar building and farm vehicles in recent months from elsewhere in Portmoak. The CC acknowledged that this theft of trailers had not been reported to it and noted that the resident will pursue the matter with the police as a complaint.

It was unfortunate that since March 2014 a police officer has attended only one meeting of the CC (May 2014). The CC agreed to invite a senior police officer to a future meeting of the CC to explore a number of matters including theft resolution and the reporting of road accidents.

In response to a Community Consultation in support of Multi Member Ward Policing Plans for 2015/16, the CC confirmed that its priorities were: speeding and inconsiderate driving; rural thefts; and housebreaking. The CC also wished to point out that communication could be significantly improved if there were clear and more effective ways to enable the community to pursue and explore matters with the police. Current written Commander and Local Police Reports are invaluable but they are a one-way channel. A stronger focus on reporting local crime detection, particularly to the victims of such crimes, and road accidents would be welcomed.

**Treasurer's report:** The CC's accounts at the end of January 2015 showed a balance of £407.50 in the General Account and £1,687.15 in the Michael Bruce Way Account (MBW) giving a total of £2,094.65.

### Planning – New applications

15/00115/IPL Land 80 metres south of Lochend Farmhouse, Scotlandwell: erection of 2 dwelling houses in principle. The CC did not in principle object to the erection of two houses provided that, in line with other nearby housing and to achieve better integration within the setting adjoining the old farm house, they are restricted to one to one and half storeys. The CC was concerned that a site entrance close to the old Gullet Bridge could constitute a risk to traffic and would encourage the planning department to follow closely the recommendations of the roads department.

It was the unanimous decision of the CC to comment accordingly.

### Planning – Progress with 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 had made no initial comment but, on learning that the path from the development into The Green had been omitted from the submitted site plan, had raised an objection seeking confirmation that this omission would be rectified.

14/01482/FLL Erection of a dwelling house 50 metres SW of Moucom's View, Scotlandwell. An appeal has been made to the Local Review Body.

**Improving the planning Development Management process.** Local ward councillors have for some time been pressing PKC on behalf of and with CCs to improve the development management process and the quality and standard of its reports. They presented progress at a recent meeting with Kinross-shire CCs and had sought comments in advance of the March meeting of the PKC Member Officer Working Group which will consider this matter further. The CC will respond.

**New Local Development Plan (LDP2).** As work has now commenced on the next Local Development Plan to be effective 2018-23, PKC has sought information from Portmoak on both key issues and potential development sites that may be relevant. The CC will respond and welcomes the views of residents.

**Roads report:** The CC received an updated version of the Portmoak Road Report Summary. This will be attached to the Minutes and placed on the CC's website. The CC will seek a meeting with PKC to resolve the matter of inadequate



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visibility splays at the West Bowhouse section of the A911 (Scotlandwell to Auchmuir Bridge). It was noted that illumination of the build-out at the north end of Kinnesswood had failed and that the junction road sign approaching Wester Balgedie from the north had been flattened.

**Paths report:** CCllr Smith reported that as further work had been carried out on the Michael Bruce Way (MBW), it was now possible to “sign-off” on the current contract. Further voluntary work would continue in the spring. Discussion to secure a path access around and above Balneathill and away from cattle was ongoing. In addition to further work on the MBW, the Paths Group priorities included new signage across Portmoak, improvements to the Dryside Road and maintenance of the Peat Loan access to the Moss. An application for funds from Tesco’s environment fund had been successful. It was suggested that this be expended on the purchase of a strimmer, which would help maintain many areas including the stretch of the MBW immediately above the Cobbles. The Group would look at the status and condition of the old Right of Way extending directly up from the Toll at Wester Balgedie into the upper village.

**Stephen’s Field:** The key factors affecting the future of the “Field” had been set out in the Minute of the January 2015 meeting. Of note was that in 2006 and 2007 the CC had sought the views of the community on the possible usage of the “Field” and whether the CC should take direct ownership. The vast majority returning questionnaires advocated CC ownership and in October 2008 the CC had concluded a contract with A & J Stephen to assume ownership of the “Field”, excluding an area adjoining Bishop Terrace, understood at the time to be a proposed house site. The contract is conditional on A & J Stephen obtaining all necessary consents (essentially planning permission) for their proposed development of 10 dwelling houses. In March 2007, before making the contract with the CC, A & J Stephen sought planning permission for nine dwelling houses (Whitecraigs - phase 2), achieving full consent in June 2010.

While A & J Stephen remain committed to the transfer, including an endowment of £5,000, further progress will not be possible without a grant of planning permission for a tenth house on the retained plot, so fulfilling the contract’s conditions for the transfer of ownership to the CC. A late change to the 2014 Local Development Plan (against the recommendation of PKC) to remove the ‘zoning’ for the retained plot for possible housing came as a surprise to PKC, the CC and A & J Stephen. There is now a strong presumption against planning permission for a house on the retained site as

contrary to the development plan. The CC understand that the presumption could be overturned if a significant community benefit could be demonstrated.

Recognising that there is a body of opinion in the community that believes that there are no circumstances in which planning permission should be given on the retained plot, the CC decided that it is now timely to return to the community to seek its opinion. It will ask whether the CC should pursue its contract for ownership of the “Field” linked to PKC granting planning permission for a single dwelling house on the retained plot adjacent to Bishop Terrace.

**Draft Health and Social Care Integration Scheme Consultation:** The arrangements for a new “Integration Joint Board” formed from a partnership between Tayside Health Board and PKC had been set out. Its purpose was to improve the wellbeing of people who use both health and social care services. The new Board will have executive powers from April 2015. The CC will not comment on the proposed arrangements but would consider, if asked, commenting on the Board’s Participation and Engagement Strategy, which is to be in place by December 2015.

**Ward Councillor Reports:** The CC was advised that ward councillors were currently concerned with settling the budget for the forthcoming year.

**Street lighting in Kinnesswood.** New LED lighting was replacing established lighting across Perth and Kinross. A resident reported that the result was intrusive. The advice was to seek a site visit from the PKC lighting department to see if the lights in question could be better “tuned” to meet the needs of the particular setting.

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

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## Fossoway & District CC News from the February Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 3 February 2015 were: CCLrs Sandy Morrison, Trudy Duffy, Kevin Borthwick, Angus Cheape, Alastair Lavery and Graham Pye; P&K Cllrs D Cuthbert and J Giacopazzi; 13 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Cllrs M Barnacle and W Robertson.

**CC Membership:** Rod Paterson has unfortunately had to tender his resignation due to relocation of his job. The CC thanks him for all his efforts over the years. Kevin will take over as temporary Treasurer until the AGM.

**Declarations of Interest:** None.

**Police report:** The Commander's Bulletin continues to be informative and useful. We have a new Community Sergeant, Geoffrey Goodison and a new Community Co-ordinator, Sergeant Amanda Nicholson.

PC Dougie Stapleton was unable to attend the meeting but sent the following report: Three large storage heaters were stolen from the grounds of a commercial property in Blairingone between 27 and 28 January; enquiries continue. Two males have been arrested in Cumbria for theft of quad bikes and other property, some of which came from this area. Roof lead thefts and break-ins to commercial vehicles have taken place recently; any information should be passed to the Police on non-emergency number 101.

Community consultation 2015-2016 on Multi-Member Ward Policing Plans is currently taking place, with feedback due by 15 February. Cllr Cuthbert reports that with effect from 2 February the local Police have been restructured, including the new Community Officers mentioned above.

Speed checks will be carried out on A977, especially in Blairingone.

Cllr Robertson will be meeting Chief Inspector Mike Whitford later this month to discuss why Community Speed Watch is happening in Highland region even though we were previously told that Police Scotland wasn't in favour of these schemes.

A member of the public reports that dialling 101 from Blairingone routes your call to Stirling who say that they're not responsible for that location and you need to contact Dundee.

**Rumbling Bridge Hydro Scheme:** Hugh reports that the planning application for the amended pipe route has been submitted (see below). Hugh has prepared a draft proposal about how a Community Benefit scheme might be structured – it would generate at least £5k per annum for at least twenty years, the funds being used to improve the environment in the gorge, but also other local activities. Paul Fair of Energy for All was present and described how the community could be involved in financing the project by joining a local co-operative society that would generate some income for the investors, but would also augment the Community Benefit scheme. There are examples of other schemes on Energy for All's website which would give an idea of how the co-op would work. In response to a question, Hugh thought that it might be possible for works to begin this autumn, but it's more likely to be spring 2016. **Crook Moss travellers' site:** Sandy has spoken to SEPA, and discovered that they had made a site visit which revealed that in the absence of Portaloos the occupants were using buckets for black waste which was reportedly being disposed off-site. The application for a CAR licence covering a whole site processing plant has been withdrawn, to be replaced by five separate applications for a processing plant per unit leading to soakaways. Cllr Cuthbert reports that there has been no change in the enforcement of the planning conditions. Cllrs Cuthbert and Barnacle will bring a motion to the next DMC requesting that the planning application for the site be brought back to the DMC for the enforcement issues to be discussed. Cllr Giacopazzi has been pursuing the issue of generator noise and asked if complaints are still being received. Sandy explained that Public Health are responsive to noise complaints, making site visits which result in the generators being temporarily moved, but there is no permanent solution.

**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:** No update; the proposed site meeting has still not taken place. Cllr Cuthbert has escalated this to the Chief Executive but still no response from Nick Brian.

**A977 defects and mitigation measures:** There was a meeting of all interested parties on 20 January at which it was agreed that a joint meeting needed to be held to discuss this issue.

**Waulkmill Play Area:** This is hoped to be open in March, after delays due to poor weather.

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**Strathearn Forum of CCs:** Cllrs Cuthbert and Barnacle will be taking a number of proposals for improving the DMC to the Member Officer Group meeting in March; meanwhile Cllr Robertson has obtained an informal agreement from Nick Brian that objections from CCs would be given more weight than those from individuals.

**Overhanging trees at Moubray Hall:** Cllr Cuthbert reports that this problem is being looked into, and will be addressed once the weather improves.

#### New Business

**Main Issues Report:** Comments to be supplied by 31 March. We should hold a community meeting, probably in Crook of Devon, to discuss the local plan and existing policies.

**CC Membership:** We need new members representing all ages and sectors of the community – volunteers are very welcome. It was suggested that we try to recruit people during the meeting to discuss the Main Issues Report.

**Bollards opposite Crook Village Hall:** Another one has been knocked over. Cllr Giacomazzi has raised this with Chic Haggart who has involved the Road Safety Team. Cllr Robertson raised the issue with Garry McConnell and Stuart D'All and the latter replied that the former will look into fixing it shortly. Meanwhile, Cllr Barnacle is organising a site meeting with the Roads department and this CC to assess alternative possibilities for the footpath to the school around this junction.

**The DTR scheme** using local taxis instead of a bus service has been very successful, so an application has been made for a Securing the Future award to make sure the scheme continues.

#### Community Council Business

**Meetings Attended:** Sandy, Kevin and Angus attended the Kinross-shire CC meeting.

Kevin attended the Digital Engagement Workshop at Napier University.

#### Planning Matters

**15/00054/FLL** Change of hydro scheme pipe route, Rumbling Bridge Hydro Scheme. No CC comment.

**15/00053/FLL** Extension to dwelling house, 2 Moubray Lane, Crook of Devon. Extension to front of building. No CC comment.

**Correspondence:** All the correspondence was available for viewing: The P&K Heritage Trust are offering grants up to £100 for heritage projects.

**Other business:** This CC proposes to buy a laser printer to enable the secretary to reduce the time taken to print materials for meetings, but also to save money by using lower cost consumables and being able to print on both sides of the paper. The Community Office has now closed down and distributed its final assets.

Reporting failed street lights via the PKC website doesn't seem to be working, and the "Clarence" number goes to the wrong place.

A member of the public asked about derelict houses in Blairingone; Cllr Giacomazzi will look into it.

There was a discussion about where the school buses stop in Powmill, since they seem to be choosing dangerous places. Kevin will investigate.

#### 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' site, Glenquey Quarry, Blairingone Community Workshop, Lambhill Chipping Plant, A977 Defects/Mitigation, Waulkmill Play Area, Main Issues Report
- Community Councillors - Meetings Attended
- PKC Councillors' Reports
- Planning
- Correspondence
- AOCB

**The Next Meeting of Fossoway and District CC will take place on Tuesday 3 March 2015 at 7.30pm in Blairingone Primary School. All Welcome.**

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## Cleish and Blairadam CC

### News from the February Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 2 February 2015 were: CCllrs R Kitchin, P Fraser, R Jeffrey, M Traylor, H Somerville, N Robertson and J Moore; Associate CCllr F Gillespie; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, W Robertson and D Cuthbert; Mr Warrington and Mr Martin (Public Transport Manager and DRT Co-ordinator).

**Apologies** were received from CCllr Fiona MacGregor.

**Crime prevention:** PC Stapleton reported nothing new within our specific area, but:

- Remain vigilant and report suspicious vehicles in rural locations.
- The police have been made aware of the quad bikes at Blairadam and, whilst they can't provide constant watch, they will respond if called.
- The police do attend the Hill Road and frequently will question any occupants in parked vehicles.
- There have been reports of speeding or dangerous overtaking on the B996 between North Road Garage, Blairfordell Steadings and Blairforge.

**Demand Responsive Transport:** Andrew Warrington (Public Transport Manager) provided an overview of the DRT scheme and how it fits in with the public transport provision in both Kinross-shire and the neighbouring areas of Carnbo, Muckhart and Blairingone. Brian Martin (DRT Co-ordinator) then explained how the scheme works. There has already been over 2½ times the number of passengers using the scheme in 6 months than used the previous bus service in a year. As well as being more convenient to users, it is the same pricing structure as the previous bus, and also more cost effective to run for the Council.

Specific questions were asked about the possibility of extending the service into Keltybridge and Maryburgh to replace the existing bus service. There will always be four buses a day for schools through the villages. Service 56B also will still run the current bus service and so there can't be any direct service replacement which the DRT scheme would need. Therefore there needs to be other avenues explored for the road condition and verge protection.

Cllr Barnacle will pursue this further in his next meeting with the roads department. Cllr Robertson asked about the status of the bridge, which needs more repairs. He will investigate specifically the ownership of the bridge (PKC or Fife) and therefore who is responsible for a Risk Assessment.

PKC Roads department have also replied to the CC, confirming that a 30mph speed limit could be put in place for Maryburgh and Keltybridge, along with some verge markers. The CC will reply with thanks for both of these, and will also suggest a walk round to look at the road surface along with potential passing places.

### Correspondence

**The CC Forum** was attended by CCllrs Fraser and Somerville. The overwhelming feeling was that PKC should improve their Development Management Process - and specifically there is still a huge concern that the CCs are not being listened to. Cllr Robertson agreed to suggest a motion to Council that a letter from a CC should not be viewed as just 1 household. There was also discussion about the next Main Issues Report which requires submissions to be in by end of March.

Neil Kilpatrick chaired a sub-committee that was looking at the possible future use of **the Glebe** by the community. It was agreed that there is currently no requirement due to the use of

the playing fields. CCllr Kitchin will reply to the Church of Scotland at 121 George Street, Edinburgh.

**Civic Trust:** The Local Landscape Designations omitted to include Rumbling Bridge Gorge

**Local Develop Plan 2018-2023:** PKC has requested initial views and correspondence by end of March 2015. We need to submit views on both the good things as well as poor policies in the current plan. Fiona McGregor is to review the current plan and co-ordinate a CC reply.

### Website

There are now 14 C&B newsletter subscribers.

The 150-180 hits per day on the site has recently increased to 210, due largely to the new weather station page.

Fran Gillespie attended the recent workshop for CC across Scotland, regarding websites and communication. There could be more use of a Community Facebook or Twitter page, and the feeling is that it is better for the CC to establish this themselves.

### Village update – Blairadam

- **The notice boards** are nearly finished. The CC made a donation towards the provision of three new notice boards being organised by the Tabernacle Hall for the hamlets of Keltybridge, Maryburgh and Blairforge.

### Village update – Cleish

- The Village Hall has requested a contribution towards a community **electronic piano** that can be used in the hall and by the school. A £500 donation to the community for this project should be supported by the CC.
- **A new printer** was authorised for use by the Secretary.
- The condition of **the Hill Road** has deteriorated again, and there is a concern for the safety of the many cyclists who use this road.

**Finance:** Last year's accounts have been signed off and submitted. There is currently £1000 in the CC account, before paying for the new printer and the above mentioned community donation.

**Planning:** There are no new applications, and one approved (modification of window types at Boreland Farm).

**Traveller sites:** CCllr Robertson thanked Cllr Barnacle for his letter to PKC regarding traveller sites, and noted that the PKC reply was unfair and many points still needed clarification. Cllr Cuthbert attended a recent workshop concerning Policy RD5, which he suggests is very vague with little specific guidance. There needs to be more clearly defined sites as well as clearer Policy guidelines.

**The Cleish Manse** was recently sold, and new fencing has been erected that doesn't take into consideration the Right of Way Access for both disabled access and Council workers for the Millennium Walk. Cliff Culley has already discussed this with the new owner on behalf of the Cleish Fields Association.

**Cleish cemetery:** The damage to the cemetery wall has already been repaired.

**The Next Meeting of Cleish & Blairadam CC is on Monday 6 April 2015 at the Tabernacle Hall at 7.30pm.**

Cleish & Blairadam CC minutes are posted on the website

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# Down Memory Lane

## **The construction of the M90 Motorway**

The photographs below are thought to have been taken c. 1970 or 1971. The Kinross and Milnathort section (junctions 5 to 8) of the M90 opened in May 1972. Sincere thanks to Douglas Alexander for these photographs.



M90 J7 southbound exit,  
looking east

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Construction work  
to the north of  
Orwell Church

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M90 J7  
south bound exit,  
looking north

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# Club & Community Group News



## Kinross and District Art Club

The club year has started well, with the addition of another two new members.

Our first demonstration of the year was given by Perthshire artist Luisa Ramazzotti. Luisa paints in oils and creates atmospheric paintings from her memories of a place, using photographs she has taken, or sketches, either in pencil or on her iPad. Her Italian roots and her art training in Italy and Scotland have given her a special appreciation of the Scottish landscape and the uniqueness of her favourite city, Venice, and it was the latter that she painted for us, creating a delicate but striking image in under 15 minutes!



Artist Luisa Ramazzotti demonstrates the painting of an image of Venice in 15 minutes!

In our next demonstration we viewed an audio-visual presentation of 'One Stroke Acrylic painting', followed by a workshop by Club Membership Secretary, Sybil Galbraith. We will have one more demonstration this session, on **Friday 6 March** by Perthshire artist June McEwan. There will be a few places available for Newsletter readers to attend on a first come, first served basis. If you would like to join us for that, or at the club at any of our sessions at The Millbridge Hall from 2.00-4.00pm on Tuesdays and Fridays, ring **Glenys** on **07702 572664**.

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The following day, we were invited to another Burns entertainment put on by pupils at the High School. Here we were treated to Highland dancing and poetry, all followed up with the traditional haggis, neeps and tatties, tea and shortbread. Kinross can again be justifiably proud of its young folk – a great afternoon was had by all.

Our regular pianist Ian Grindley came to entertain on 28 January. We extend a big thank you to all the above as well as the many volunteers who lead our regular weekly activities. The Day Centre would be a poorer place without you.

On 5 February we had a glimpse of summer – it was such a lovely afternoon that we just had to jump in the mini-bus for a run along the hillfoots and tea at the Butterfly tea-room in Tillicoultry. How fortunate we are to have our own mini-buses, which enable us to have trips out as well as transport to the Day Centre.

If you would like to be involved with the Day Centre, as a service-user, a volunteer or as a supporter, speak to Nan Cook on (01577) 863869.

*For the regular Day Centre programme, see page 104.*

## Kinross and District Town Twinning Association

### 40th Anniversary Monte Gacé Rally!



Preparations are underway for a party from Kinross-shire and surrounding district to visit our twin town of Gacé in Normandy this summer to celebrate an amazing 40 years of twinning with our French counterparts.

With members opting to make their own exciting way to Gacé, it has been necessary to cancel the coach and ferry bookings on this occasion. This opens up the way for members to plan their own route to Gacé so it will be a wee bit like a "Monte Gacé Rally" rather than a Monte Carlo Rally with members planning a variety of routes aiming to finish up in Gacé for the glorious 12 July, in time for the French annual celebration of Bastille Day on 14 July with fun, fireworks, mirth and music. A 'travel options' meeting was due to be held on 26 February (while this Newsletter is at press) when flight and train options would be discussed.

It is not too late to jump "on board" for a thrilling visit to our Norman neighbours with a variety of interesting visits planned, including a visit to Paris. If you wish to take up the challenge, or even share a car, contact either chairperson Jeannie Paterson (01577 862159) or secretary David Munro (01577 862126).

### Club Correspondents

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## Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

Need to get out and blow the cobwebs away? Want to meet new people? Early spring walks can be beautiful, as well as the best 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 1st March: Collessie Den and Lindores Loch,** 7½ miles. Circular walk through Collessie Dam and Grange of Lindores passing Black Loch, Golden Loch and the remains of Abdie Old Kirk. At the end of Lindores Loch, gentle climb through plantation and return via Braeside.

**Saturday 14 March: Loch Leven Circular,** 13 miles. Full walk around Loch Leven. Possibility of bus return from approximately one third or two thirds of way round.

**Sunday 29 March:** Blackford to Dollar, 12½ miles. Steady walk with some steep ascent and descent. Blackford to Upper Devon reservoir, then hill tracks to Skythorn and Andrew Gannel Hill. Ascend Kings Seat then on to Dollar.

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

For further details and where to meet us, please call our Walks Co-ordinator Edna Burnett on 01577 862977.

## 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 four 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 Ramblers.

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 March: Gartmorn Dam & Lin Mill.**

Meet 10am at old Health Centre or 10.40am at Gartmorn Dam Visitor Centre, Sauchie.

**Tuesday 24 March: Moncreiffe Hill Sculpture Trail.**

Meet 10am at old Health Centre or 10.30am at Moncreiffe Hill's Tay car park (turn right off the A912 Edinburgh Road onto Rhynd Road. Drive approximately one mile and car park is on the right).

For more information, please contact Edna Burnett on 01577-862977, via [ednaburnett@fsmail.net](mailto:ednaburnett@fsmail.net) or mobile: 07946725074 (on morning of walks only).

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## Common Grounds

February has been a quick month, but thanks for all the support despite some very cold days. At the time of writing, we are looking forward to our Valentine's morning with preparations well in hand for an enjoyable event. A full report on how it went next month! We hope to have a Project Lunch in late March, so look out for posters with details.

**Project:** For January/February we supported two projects in Uganda. Firstly we donated the £600 needed to provide clean running water for Kogere Primary School via the Vine Church in Dunfermline's International Relief Fund charity. Secondly we supported Kwagala Trust, a small trust formed in 2008, that supports at present eight abandoned children (aged 5-8) and is run by Esher Zziwa, who herself was abandoned at age 4. The trust is connected to the Elvet Methodist Church in Durham.

Our March project, which will be our annual "Out of Africa" charity, is to be chosen at the Volunteers' meeting late in February.



Convener Elspeth Caldwell with Dr Christa Hook from Médecins Sans Frontières at the project lunch in November

**Donate** to Common Grounds on MyDonate.Com and find out more on our **new** website [commongroundscape.wordpress.com](http://commongroundscape.wordpress.com)

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

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

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## Kinross Camera Club

January saw us with our 4-on-a-board competition, where members are asked to mount prints with a similar theme on a board for judging by other club members. This is followed by a Digital Knockout competition where images are set against each other for the members to 'knockout' one of two in each round, culminating in a final winner. Good fun was had by all.

The following week saw a visiting judge give her verdict on our League 2 competition, for which she had set the theme 'Street Photography'.

February was kicked off with the AGM, which saw some leave the committee and others join.

Next followed an interclub involving Cupar, St Andrews and ourselves in which we triumphed by 2 points over St Andrews. If you would like more information about the club, please visit our website, or why not come along to one of our meetings at the Church Centre on a Thursday night at 7.30pm? You can also contact our secretary: [dallaskey30@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dallaskey30@yahoo.co.uk)



## Potager Garden

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

The first snowdrops are now in flower at the Potager Garden, and we are looking forward to another growing season there.

**Volunteer sessions** will start again on Monday mornings from about 10.30 to 12.30 from the beginning of March, when the weather permits. If you would like to know more about helping at the garden, or with some of our events, please phone me for a chat on (01577) 840809, or drop an email to [amanda@tyafon.plus.com](mailto:amanda@tyafon.plus.com). We are a friendly group, and can offer advice, and find ways in which people can join in, whatever your experience and physical abilities.

We will also be welcoming **this year's school class** for their introductory visit to the garden before the Easter holidays.

If your group would like to arrange a **visit to the garden**, when the weather warms up, please let me know.

We will be providing **children's craft activities** at events at the campus on **Saturdays 7 and 28 March**; please check their programmes for details. (See p. 62.)

Following the success of our Christmas wreath workshops, we will be holding a **spring flower arranging workshop**, at Crook of Devon Village Hall on **Friday 27 March** from 10am to 11.30am. The cost of £12 includes a demonstration, container, oasis and greenery and flowers, and you could add any of your own Easter items. **Booking is essential**; please contact Amanda for this.

I look forward to meeting many of you over the coming months, and happy gardening!

Amanda James, Garden Convenor

Telephone (01577) 840809



## Dobbies Community Champion

**The Little Seedlings Club meeting at 11am on Sunday 1st March** will be about the first flowers in spring, and why these are important for bees and other insects. The children will also plant something special for their Mums on Mother's Day. We will also be taking part in an exciting nature spotting project, with all the other Little Seedlings Clubs across the country.

The **April meeting** will be a week later than usual, on **12 April**, because Easter is the first Sunday, and we hope it will be warm enough then to meet again at the allotments behind the garden centre, and start some vegetable planting for the summer. New members of the club are always welcome, aged 4 to 10 years, accompanied by an adult. If you would like to join us, please leave a message for Amanda at the store, tel (01577) 863327.

I will also continue to offer **free workshops in the store** about growing your own food, for school and children's groups. If your class or other youth group would like to visit the store, please let me know, and I may be able to help towards transport costs.

We also have some free dates at weekends for local charities to hold a can collection. Again, please contact me at the store, or on [community.kinross@dobbies.com](mailto:community.kinross@dobbies.com)

Amanda James

## Kinross-shire Historical Society

On Monday 16 February, Keith Mason gave a talk on Fife Trams to a large turnout of members.



The first trams in Fife were in Kirkcaldy in 1903, run by the Royal Burgh of Kirkcaldy, when electricity became available from the power station in Victoria Road. There had been plans to use horse-drawn trams. Some places had steam-driven or cable operated trams. A Provisional Order equivalent to a Private Act of Parliament was required. Three routes were set up in Kirkcaldy and by 1906, trams went to Leven.

The trams were brought up from England by train to Sinclairtown Station. When the tracks were laid the Tramways Act entailed compulsory purchase of properties in the way, and in Port Brae Kirkcaldy it involved nearly all the houses, which made hundreds homeless with no compensation. The illustrations showed a Kirkcaldy much different from today, changed streetscapes and no traffic except for an occasional cart.

Dunfermline's trams were started in 1909 but were run by a private company. The tram depot in Dunfermline is still a bus depot today. It took only 10 weeks to build the track from Dunfermline to Cowdenbeath by hand without any heavy machinery. This line ran through Crossgates. There were also trams to Kelty, Townhill, Lochgelly, Rosyth and Ballingry. Lots more slides showed Dunfermline and the surrounding towns as they looked early last century with their streets empty of traffic but with plenty of people out to be in the photograph.

The last tram in Fife ran in 1937 with buses taking over. Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee and Aberdeen ran trams till the 1950s.

After questions from the audience on various aspects of trams, Anne Milburn gave the vote of thanks, pointing out how what had seemed quite a narrow topic had given such a wide range of aspects of history. She also said that it was a great pleasure to listen to a speaker who spoke from his interest and knowledge with no notes.

## Portmoak Hall 100 Club

### January Draw

1st	No 7	Andrew Price, Kinnesswood
2nd	No 50	Liz Dall, Easter Balgedie
3rd	No 76	Huw Phillips, Wester Balgedie

## Kinnesswood in Bloom

Kinnesswood in Bloom had their first meeting of the year on Thursday 5 February. It was agreed that the night out at the Grouse and Claret had been a great success and may be repeated in the future.

We were pleased to be awarded £250 from the Tesco Community Grant Scheme. This was to be used to buy new vegetable planters and keep a supply of vegetables growing over the summer. It would also tie in with the Scottish Year of Food and Drink.

Shelagh had attended the Rotary presentation evening in December and accepted a cheque for £100. This is a very welcome addition to our funds and much appreciated.



*John Nicol turns over the compost heap at the school*

The School Grounds Group have had a couple busy Tuesday afternoon sessions cutting back shrubs, sweeping up leaves and general tidying. They have been learning about tatties and setting onions to grow this year.

It was agreed to order a picnic bench made by a local business in Falkland.

Work parties will not start till after the March meeting. Look out for notices about work parties. New volunteers are always welcome.

## Lodge St Serf No 327

### March Meetings

- Tue 3rd** Regular Meeting at 7.15pm.  
FC Degree with substitute candidate.
- Tue 10th** General Committee Meeting at 7.30pm.  
Arrange work for next Regular Meeting.
- Tue 17th** Regular Meeting at 7.15pm. Degree to be confirmed.
- Tue 24th** General Committee Meeting at 7.30pm.  
Arrange work for next Regular Meeting.

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## Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

### Smoked Haddock Fishcakes

#### Ingredients

- 500g potatoes
- 200g frozen peas
- 300g smoked haddock
- 300ml milk
- Small bunch spring onions, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons grated parmesan
- Oil for frying

#### For the coating:

- 3 tablespoons plain flour
- 2 eggs, beaten with a little milk
- 4 tablespoons fine dried breadcrumbs

#### Method

Boil the potatoes until soft. Drain, cool and mash. Cook the peas for about 5 minutes and mash roughly then add to the potato mash.

Place the haddock in the milk, simmer, then turn the fish over when it comes to the boil. Turn down the heat and cook for a further minute before removing from the heat.

Remove any bones and skin from the fish then flake it into the potato/pea mix along with a little milk. Keep it quite dry so that the fishcakes do not collapse when you fry them.

Add the spring onions and parmesan, then fold together using a spoon. Season well. Shape into fishcakes as big or small as you like. Coat each one in flour, then egg and finally breadcrumbs. Refrigerate till needed. Fry for 3 minutes on each side.

These also freeze well, each layer separated with greaseproof paper.

## Portmoak Film Society

February's film 'The Book Thief' went down very well with the 24 filmgoers who gave it a 90% excellent rating - and now there is a big treat in store for March!

2014 Lionsgate production 'What We Did on Our Holiday' stars big beasts of the silver screen Billy Connolly, David Tennant and Rosamund Pike who take a trip to Scotland in the hope of preventing an impending divorce. Beautiful shots of Highland landscapes and laughs are guaranteed. It's the same team that brought us 'Outnumbered' on TV - where the kids are cool and the adults the fools! We hope you'll want to join us, whether regulars or newcomers, on **Sunday 8 March** in Portmoak Village Hall.

Entry is by membership card 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](http://www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk)

## Milnathort Town Hall Association

### 50/50 Club

<b>December 2014</b>	1st	No 6	MacCalman
	2nd	No 74	Britton
	3rd	No 28	Longstaffe
<b>January 2015</b>	1st	No 21	Longstaffe
	2nd	No 62	Cassells
	3rd	No 61	Cassells

## Kinross & District

### Probus Club

#### Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance

Our talk at the last meeting in 2014 was given by Gavin Davey, Chief Executive of Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance (SCAA). This service supplements the two Government helicopters already operating in Scotland as well as the two fixed wing air ambulances. The helicopter is based in Perth and works in close cooperation with the government air ambulances. The service launched on 22 May 2014 and has carried out 459 operations to date.

Mr Davey, himself a trained helicopter pilot who has served in dangerous theatres throughout the world, stressed the case for the use of helicopters in the transport of patients from the scene to the hospital. The main advantages are firstly the short time in which the air ambulance can reach the scene of an accident and the short, direct route to hospital, especially if a patient's injuries are time-sensitive. Secondly the helicopter can usually reach the scene whereas a conventional ambulance can only operate from the road or track. This is entirely funded by donation – a worthy charity.

#### Christmas

On 8 December our annual Christmas lunch was held in Portmoak hall. The lunch and the company was enjoyed by 73 members and their wives.

#### Airship R 34

On 7 January William Pollard, himself the present President of Glenrothes Probus Club, gave a fascinating talk on 'Airship R 34'.

This airship was manufactured in Scotland at Inchinnan before being assembled and housed at East Fortune Airfield where it was nicknamed 'Tiny' because of its size: 642 ft long, 230ft wide and 92 ft high.

It travelled to New York and back at an average speed of 33mph. This compares with the much fêted feat by Alcock who crossed the Atlantic single-handedly. He only went one way. The airship travelled the distance in four days west to east and three days east to west.

#### The Woodland Trust Scotland

On 21 January we heard a talk from Mr James Christie (Jim) who, although retired, still carries out consultancy work for the Woodland Trust in Scotland. The aim of the Woodland Trust is to regenerate broadleaf woodland in Scotland as opposed to commercial, mainly coniferous, forestry which is the responsibility of the Forestry Commission. Broadleaf



trees were largely wiped out about 600 years ago in the interest of deer forest and clearances to make way for sheep. Jim Christie is heavily involved in the Glen Devon scheme, one of a number of schemes to reintroduce the broadleaf trees which were lost all these years ago and which is the reason why the UK is one of the largest importers of timber in the world. Another deserving charity.

#### The Happiness Business

The speaker at our last, well attended, meeting was Roger Stark who is himself one of our members and he certainly knows how to make people happy. Members went home after the meeting in a very cheerful frame of mind having been informed and entertained by Roger.

Using his knowledge of the workings of the human body from his career as a lecturer in Biochemistry, he explained how the receptors in our brain responded to stimuli from other parts of the body and from external sources such as nerve impulses or hormones. Drugs can play a part. And external factors can contribute to a 'feel good' factor. Roger had opened his talk with a simple demonstration of this by playing some pop music slowly and softly and dancing to the music. He gradually increased the volume and tempo of the music and showed how he reacted to the louder, faster music; an effective way of showing the effects of the stimulus.

Of course, there are many different sources of stimuli-hormones such as adrenaline, alcohol, addictive drugs, health, prosperity, jokes and food, to name a few. However, such stimuli do not necessarily promote happiness. Wealth does not necessarily make a person happy. An addiction to food can lead to medical complications – anything but happiness. Drugs can promote 'highs' but can lead to addiction and misery.

But generally the telling of jokes can bring laughter and this was demonstrated by our speaker as he told a string of jokes which provoked much laughter from members.

So who is happy and who is not so happy? Surveys show some unexpected results. For instance, the surveys, which awarded points for three criteria - Fairness, Stability and Security - show Denmark in first place with UK in 18th out of a list of twenty mature countries. Iceland was 20th. Of the top ten, eight were from small countries (as compared to Canada) and from high tax countries.

Roger ended by urging us to top up our Happiness chemicals: Fresh Air, Sunshine, Achievement, Excitement, Exercise, Friends and Music.

John Mullen proposed the vote of thanks.



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## Kinross Radio Model Flying Club



After a bit of an absence from the Newsletter I thought I had better get typing again just in case you thought we had vanished forever! Not at all – the club had a fantastic 2014 and things for this year are shaping up to be as good as ever.

Membership is on the rise and we hope to make an upgrade or two at the club site. One bit of good news is that we have launched a new website, [www.krmfc.com](http://www.krmfc.com). Please take a look as this is very up to date: the “oops” section is particularly interesting...



*Kinross Radio Model Flying Club - amazing machines, lots of excitement!*

We have announced our annual events for the year. This kicks off with a camping night on **13 June** with night flying taking place. This is when club members cover their models in lights and fly in the pitch dark. At the time of year we have this event it's not usually until after 10.30 that the lights come on, so we will have a nice big campfire and if we can rustle up someone

with a guitar for a sing along we will. It's lots of fun with the inevitable bump or two.

The next day (14 June) when we wake up in our tents to the sound of birds tweeting away and bacon on the frying pan (I can smell it already) we have our mixed model fly-in; this is a mixture of planes and helicopters. Last year saw a parachute display team drop in and a fly by from some real planes. This year we hope to have a huge variety of models flying, including Turbine JETS.... enough to tempt anyone down who has not visited the club!

The Kinross Radio Model Flying Club are also hoping to put on a static display near the centre of town. Here you can come and get up close and personal to these truly amazing machines, not only that but speak to some local flyers such as flying legends Pat Baxter, Tom Bennett, Mike Hill and Guy Hawksford to name but a few. These guys will happily answer any questions you may have on the hobby.

Remember you don't have to wait until any of these events to come and pay us a visit: club days are Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, however if the weather's good I can guarantee you there will be people flying most days, so why not pop in and see what it's all about? We have the two club trainers, one helicopter and one aeroplane that you can have a shot of ..... free of charge, and if you like it (WARNING – you will) then we can talk you through how to go about getting set up and joining the club. (It's cheaper than you think).

The club is easy to find, we're 2½ miles beyond the Kinross service station, approximately 500 metres beyond the one and only lay-by, and on the left. Our club sign is clearly visibly from the road side.

If you need any information please see our website. Alternatively, feel free to contact the club secretary (that's me) on the number below.

Billy Dunn, 07730 009858

## Boys Brigade



The Company continues to provide its members with a range of badgework classes over a variety of topics in all three sections. Classes focus particularly on Faith, Leadership, Physical, Interest, Community and Skills topics.

Junior and Company Section members recently competed in the Perth Battalion Chess Competition held at Scone. Company Section members also took part in the annual written Scripture Search Competition.

Senior members are also taking part in “Build your Skills” courses and “Enhancing your Skills” courses in preparation for President's and Queen's Badges.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme has members working towards Bronze, Silver and Gold, with the expedition season about to start with practice sessions from March.

The Company's white marquee tents are also available for hire over the coming months with a number of dates already in the diary. Contact Company Captain David Munro (01577 862126) for further details.

### Community Website

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

## Compassion Group

### Book Reviews

During March, the Compassion Group will meet weekly on Mondays to explore each other's reading around the subject of the meaning of Compassion in our lives. The timing will be 2pm to 4pm on March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th.

The books that will be talked about are:

The Power of Compassion	Dalai Lama
It's the Thought that Counts	Dr David Hamilton
The Rebirthing of God	John Philip Newell
Radical Acceptance	Tara Brach
Love's Work	Gillian Rose
The Crossing Point	M C Richards

*“The wound that would not heal was a well of cures. It is from our wounds that compassion flows.”* (M C Richards.)

You do not need to have read any of the books to join the reviews but of course are invited to do so.

If you would like to join with us for any of these sessions, please get in touch.

Susan Bathgate

Email: [sa.bathgate@virgin.net](mailto:sa.bathgate@virgin.net)

### Deadline for all Submissions

**5.00 pm, FRIDAY 13 March**

**for publication on Saturday 28 March**

## **Kinross Junior Agricultural Club**

February marks the beginning of the end for our current club year, with our annual AGM to be held in mid March. However it is also one of the busiest months the club has.

We started off the year with our anniversary dinner dance held at Forester Park, Dunfermline. This night was attended by over 260 past and current members. By all accounts it seemed to be a great success and a super way to celebrate our club's 70th Birthday.

On the night a raffle was held and this raised £970, which will be split between Kinross Disability Sport and Care Farming Scotland. On behalf of the committee I would like to thank all who attended and we hope you enjoyed your evening. If anyone wishes to purchase the professional picture taken on the night then they should contact Gavin Anderson on 07977 095888 or follow the link posted on our Facebook page.

Elsewhere the club has enjoyed yet more success, winning the East region ten pin bowling competition. The team now qualifies for the national finals, which are to be held in Stirling

on 22 and 23 February. As well as the bowling, the club will also be competing in the hockey and quiz finals, so good luck to all members involved.

The club has a full programme of meetings and activities arranged for throughout this year. If you are between 14 and 30 and wish to get involved, then please find us in Facebook and send us a message. Our new committee will be elected in March so at this point we must thank our chairman Angus Nelson and secretary Lynn Paterson for all their hard work throughout the year.



*The past and current chairpersons who attended the JAC anniversary dinner dance  
photo by Gavin Anderson Photography*

## **The Kinross-shire Civic Trust**

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### **Programme for 2015**

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

The AGM will be followed by a **Talk** by **Ninian Crichton Stuart, the Hereditary Steward of Falkland Palace**. The National Trust is responsible for running the Palace, but he is responsible for the Estate and Falkland House. *(For more information, see the notice on page 95.)* It is hoped to have a visit to the House and Estate later in the year. Members, guests and non-members are very welcome to the AGM and Talk. There will be refreshments after, for which a donation would be appreciated.

**Spring visit:** Members will have the chance to visit the beautiful gardens at Dowhill, courtesy of the Maitland Dougalls, on **Sunday 31 May**.

**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 judging will take place in the last two weeks of July.

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

**Facebook:** Kinross-shire Civic Trust now has a Facebook page and would encourage Facebook users who have an interest in our activities to visit our Page and 'Like' or 'Follow' it. Thank you.

## **Light Up Kinross**

Light Up Kinross wish to thank everyone involved in last year's event, with particular mention to Eilidh Child for switching on the Christmas lights. We wish Eilidh every success for 2015. Our thanks also to the Kilted Tree Company, Kinross Pipe Band, Tayside Contracts and Santa.

Our **Annual General Meeting** is to be held in the Green Hotel, Kinross on **Thursday 30 April** at 7.30pm. All will be most welcome.

We would like to convey our thanks to the following local businesses for their generous monetary donations or raffle prizes: St Johnstone Football Club, Ivan Wood & Son, TSB, Kirklands Hotel, Todd & Duncan, Stewarts Funeral Directors, Andersons LLP, Le Jardin, Adam Neilson, Bayne Bakers, Co-operative, Sands Ironmongers, Dobbies, Bob Purvis and The Inn at Lathones.

We would at this time ask you to consider joining our Committee: our numbers are low and in order to continue with this annual event, and hopefully to improve on it, we require your help. If interested, contact Margaret (as below).

Finally, we also take this opportunity to again make it clear that Light Up Kinross is a voluntary committee of local residents. We receive no funding from Perth and Kinross Council or monetary grants from other sources and rely solely on the generosity of local businesses and fundraising to finance this yearly event. Should you wish to make a contribution at any time, whether this is a business or personal donation, this can be handed in to Margaret at Macbeth Currie's Office at 62 High Street, Kinross.

Again, should you be interested in helping out or joining our Committee, whether an individual or business, please contact Margaret.

## Kinross-shire Fifty Plus Club

The next Club meeting is on **Thursday 5 March** and takes the form of the **Annual General Meeting**, followed by the annual Club luncheon. Entertainment will be provided by the "Silver Songsters". The meeting will commence at 12 o'clock with the lunch around 1pm. The entertainment will start at 2pm.



**Away Day: 26 March Dunbar, John Muir birthplace.** 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 indicated that only 15 names had been entered on the list for the show "A Little Night Music" by Sondheim, to be staged at the Festival Theatre, Pitlochry in May/June 2015. As a result it has been suggested that the club hire a smaller coach for this outing and this will be confirmed as soon as possible. **Contact: Edith Oswald on 01577 865731.**

**Holiday 2015:** The holiday to Snowdonia is to the Victoria Hotel, Llanberis. The coach will depart on **Sunday 8 March** as follows: Milnathort at 0745 followed by opposite the Green Hotel, Kinross at 0800. **Contact Jean Beveridge on 01577 862655.**

### Friday Walkers in March

- 13th** Aberdour to St Bridget's Kirk and back.  
**27th** Round the reservoirs from Craigmead car park.

**Contact: Ian Simpson on 01577 863691.**

### Friday Hill Walkers in March

- 6th** Balmerino – Newburgh Anne 0900  
**20th** Glen Artney Jock 0900

### 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.**

## Local businesses hear about Liberty Business Centre in Kinross



The shores of Loch Leven may have been iced over at the crack of dawn on Wednesday 4 February, but as ever the warmest of welcomes awaited local entrepreneurs who braved the early morning chill and made their way to Loch Leven's Larder for yet another highly successful Kinross-shire Partnership Business Breakfast.

While the keenly anticipated full Scottish breakfast was being served up, the Larder reverberated to the sound of over forty businesspeople from in and around Kinross-shire happily networking in the relaxed ambiance that characterises these regular winter gatherings.

Chairman Alisdair Stewart welcomed breakfasters, and as bacon and eggs (or bowls of porridge for some) were being downed, each attendee stood up briefly to introduce their business and its products or services to a receptive audience of fellow entrepreneurs.

Next it was the turn of invited guest speaker Jerry Alexander to regale those present with a selection of insights into the refurbishment programme that his company, Liberty Business Centres, has been carrying out in Kinross's former County Buildings. Jerry guided his listeners deftly through the intriguing and multi-faceted history of the buildings, from their opening in 1826 through their subsequent roles as Kinross Sheriff Court, town jail and mortuary and, later, as the base of the local County Council.

He shared some of the discoveries made by the tradesmen who have been hard at work for the past nine months, transforming the interior of the building into serviced offices, which will ultimately house up to nine local businesses. From jailbreaks to dead bodies (fortunately none found so far!) and from signatures on long-hidden walls to providing a modern office space for local enterprises, his story made fascinating listening.

It was no doubt pleasing for Jerry to note that four of the local businesses represented in the audience – Eden Legal, Martin and Co., Thornber Employment Law and clock repair experts Winksi's – are already (or will soon be) tenants in the centre. Jerry explained that refurbishment would continue apace on the co-working space – formerly the courtroom – where it will be possible for sole traders to pay a monthly fee (minimum three months) for the use of a desk and superfast Internet connection. Moreover, the good news for local gourmands is that there will also be a restaurant and café, which will be open both to Liberty Business Centre tenants and to the general public.

After the short presentation, Partnership administrator Karen Grunwell invited attendees to indicate whether they would be interested in a range of workshops which the Partnership is contemplating running in the coming months. If you are interested in finding out more about these workshops, please email Karen at the address below.

The next Kinross-shire Partnership Business Breakfast will take place at Loch Leven's Larder at 7.30am on **Wednesday 4 March**, and **Perth Chamber of Commerce** will be our guest that morning. The cost (including breakfast and networking) is £10 per head, and bookings should be emailed in advance to Karen Grunwell at: [mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk](mailto:mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk)

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## DanceSing resounding success!

On 11 February the Kinross Community Learning and Development (KCLD) Group hosted their first DanceSing event at Loch Leven Community Campus, for older people in the area.

The DanceSing event came about as a result of the feedback from the KLCD Group Wellbeing, Celebrate Age Event held in October 2014. DanceSing was a tremendous success due to the local promotion supported by the Kinross CC Newsletter and website and positive joint working between KCLDG partners Kinross Day Centre, Kinross Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme, Wellbeing Support Team, Healthy Communities Collaborative, PKC Community Learning and Development Area Team and the very generous support of Sainsbury's Kinross Branch.

Tracey Ramsay area capacity building worker said: "The local partnership working between members of the KLCD Group and the support of their staff and volunteers along with the very generous support of Sainsbury's has been instrumental in the number of people who have come along to today's event. The generosity of staff and volunteers has been key to the success of today's event."

Over 75 older people attended the event and joined in dancing the afternoon away whilst a few local residents were happy to just sit and enjoy the music and sing along to some of the songs. The event also provided an opportunity to bring generations together as a group of young women volunteers not only baked cakes on the day for people to enjoy but took to the floor to learn some new dance steps, fun was had by all. A big thank you to all the staff and volunteers for their support and time and in particular to Sainsbury's Kinross Branch for their generosity by providing a goody bag for everyone and raffle prizes and in particular to two members of their community volunteer team who came along to help with serving the refreshments and were a great help.

Feedback from those who attended indicates that they would like similar events and the KLCD Group will discuss how best to take the joint project forward in the area.

For further information contact Tracey Ramsay, Senior Community Capacity Building Worker, Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8FQ.

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The first two months of 2015 have seen Museum volunteers busy on a variety of fronts, helping researchers with their enquiries, listing the collections and taking part in activities such as the Family Fun Day on 24 January.

Speaking of the Family Fun Day, the museum held a **raffle** on that occasion and three prizes are unclaimed. We have been unable to contact the winners from the information written on the back of the tickets. **If you have ticket numbers 309, 375 or 386**, please get in touch with the museum volunteers (in the Study Room just off the library, 10am – 8pm Thursdays and 10am – 1pm on Saturdays). Prizes still unclaimed by the end of March will be redistributed.

The updating of the First World War exhibition – *Lest We Forget* – has been completed to include events that took place in the first six months of 1915 including the sinking of the RMS *Lusitania*, the Battles of Ypres and the efforts of local people to collect warm clothing for troops at the Front.

Volunteers are now busy preparing an exhibition on weaving in Kinross-shire and would welcome stories or items on loan for display.

Museum Trust Chairman David Munro gave a talk on *Kinross-shire Schooldays of Yesteryear*, the latest in a series of historic talks presented by the Campus Library, and also led a workshop on 'Exploring the Landscape' for those taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

In March the Museum will be taking part in the Community Campus Spring Craft Fair at which we will have on sale for the first time a series of hand-made notelets with historic images.

### Milnathort filmhouse

#### Big Screen Movies from Milnathort Filmhouse

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## Portmoak Community Woodlands

Winter is a great time for indoors activity by the Portmoak Community Woodlands' steering group and we've been very busy. The biggest event in our fundraising calendar is our Burns' Supper, which once again saw a packed Portmoak Hall celebrating the bard with songs and speeches.

Dr Bill Carr, splendidly attired, came with a full armoury to demolish the haggis, which was piped in by Tom Brown, with Victoria Baird as Poozie Nancy. Rebecca Mitchell gave the Selkirk Grace.

Bill explained his costume: "It was my uniform as the Surgeon to Manus O'Cahan's Regiment of the Army of James Graham, 1st Marquis of Montrose in the service of King Charles 1st in Scotland. It is accurate for the period around 1645 and is used by me as a member of the Sealed Knot Society for battle re-enactment." His weaponry was a dirk of the period, as well as a basket hilted broadsword. The musket was a working reproduction of a dog-lock gun of the period. "No black powder was present and no Roundheads were harmed in the production," he said.

Former MSP John McAllion gave a profound Immortal Memory, while Tom and Corrina Norris were very entertaining with their (comparatively) newly-wed's perspective on the battle of the sexes, in the Toast and Reply to the Lasses.

Poems were recited by Elaine Carruthers and Fiona Cooper, with songs by musicians Mike Lithgow and Gerry Marshall, who also led some of the community singing. The Portmoak Players (Lynne Hope, Jo Falla, Krys Hawryszczuk, Louise Batchelor) performed Haydn's arrangements of Burns while Lynne also accompanied some community singing.

The final speech of the night, Mosses, Waters, Slaps and Styles, was the annual update on the woodlands by Karen McDonnell, who thanked Kinross-shire Civic Trust for awarding the Woodland Trust Scotland and Portmoak

Community Woodland Group the 2014 Environmental Award for the Kilmagad Wood extension and orchard.

Before Christmas we had a well-attended drop-in session at The Well Inn, when people had a chance to question our consultant, Robin Payne, on his draft report on management options for the future of Portmoak Moss. That report, commissioned through the Living Lomonds Landscape Partnership, has just been finished and will be available in due course.

We also had a very successful Christmas tree sale and were pleased to see upgrading work on paths and steps by the Woodland Trust Scotland.

Now we have no more excuses to stay inside we'll be donning boots and gardening gloves to carry out some orchard and Christmas tree pruning in time for the new growing season.



Mike Lithgow and Gerry Marshall performing at the Portmoak Woodlands Group Burns Supper

## Kinross Garden Group

Mr John Porter welcomed all to the February Meeting and introduced Mr John MacLennan from Edinburgh, who showed slides and discussed different types of summer bedding with their good and bad points. He gave us ideas of what to use for better displays.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 12 March** at 2pm in Millbridge Hall when we will welcome Jenny Mollison of 'The Scotsman' whose title is "Allotment Tales".

For any more details, contact Mrs C Rodger, 01577 863785.



## Kinross-shire SNP

Kinross-shire SNP are delighted to announce that **Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh** has been selected to contest the Westminster seat of Ochil and South Perthshire in May's general election. This is the constituency which Kinross-shire is in for the Westminster election.

Tasmina is a partner in a law firm and has won awards in business. She is also the mother of four children.

In other news, the membership of the branch has risen to nearly 250 people across all areas of the county. If you are interested in finding out more about what's going on with the local branch or helping out, then please e-mail [allan@snpkinross.scot](mailto:allan@snpkinross.scot)

Kinross-shire SNP would also like to express their condolences on the passing of the ex Kinross-shire councillor, Lena Graham.

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## Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



Owing to a combination of illness and muddled directions, the usual smooth running of the club did not take place. To be more accurate, the talk on Ysart Glass did not take place. We offer sincere apologies to members and especially to the speaker who was given confusing directions.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 11 March**.

## Rotary Club of Kinross & District



January's activities commenced with the annual Burns Supper organised by the Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Access Scheme, held as usual on a Club meeting evening and supported by members. An array of quality speakers and entertainers ensured an enjoyable function for all concerned, with a generous sum being raised for the valuable work of the Group.

January's first speaker was Ninian Crichton Stewart, who gave an interesting illustrated talk on the Falklands Estate, past, present and future. The Estate management is now working in conjunction with the Living Lomonds Landscape Partnership and the Fife Rural Skills Partnership, with the focus on the development of traditional skills, particularly for young people. A variety of opportunities now exist to help with conservation tasks to improve biodiversity, maintenance of footpaths and woodland management.

The humanitarian work of the Malawi Burns Trust was described by visiting North Fife Rotarian, Howard Stevenson. The Trust manages an emergency unit set up to treat burn injuries sustained by many Malawian in the course of their daily lives. Cooking in many parts of the country is still done mainly on open fires, sometimes within homes, resulting in some horrendous injuries, with young children being the main victims. The Trust was originally founded by Ann Gloag with equipment saved from the former Bridge of Earn Hospital when it closed.

Rotarian Barry Davies has volunteered to join seven other Rotarians from Scottish Clubs, to travel at his own expense to Kenya to work on a project to provide physical and material assistance to an orphanage in Nyumbani. Club members have assisted with fundraising, along with the collection of items which will assist with the education and development of the orphanage residents.

The Club meets at the Windlestrae Hotel each Monday at 6pm for a meal at 6.30pm. For more information, contact Secretary Neil Maclure at [neil.maclure@gmail.com](mailto:neil.maclure@gmail.com)

## CALLING ALL CYCLISTS!

A new Cycle Relay event open to cyclists of all ages and abilities is being organised by the Rotary Club of Kinross & District, and will take place in Kinross-shire on **Saturday 6 June 2015**.

- Min of four and maximum of eight members per team with various age categories.
- Four-mile course over quiet roads.
- Ten-hour relay from 0900 to 1900hrs
- Prizes for different team categories

Enjoy an energetic, fun day and assist fundraising for the Teenage Cancer Trust Charity.

For more information, contact:

Derek Copeland [derekrCopeland@hotmail.com](mailto:derekrCopeland@hotmail.com)  
Barry Davies [barrydavies57@btinternet.com](mailto:barrydavies57@btinternet.com)

## THE BIG DINNER

There are only a few days left to purchase tickets for the **BIG DINNER** in the Windlestrae Hotel on **Saturday 7 March**. The event is one of many being held around the country that evening to support the Charity '500 miles' formed by quadruple amputee Olivia Giles from Edinburgh, and supports amputees and others with mobility difficulties in African countries where no specialist support or equipment is available. Visit:

[www.500miles.co.uk](http://www.500miles.co.uk) or [www.bigdinner.co.uk](http://www.bigdinner.co.uk)

During the evening, there will be two web-stream broadcasts hosted by BBC Radio Scotland's Fred MacAulay highlighting the inspirational work of '500 miles', and will include a performance with a difference by the Proclaimers of their "I'm gonna be" with new lyrics written specially for the occasion. Live entertainment will include a performance by local Soprano, Anita Mackenzie Mills.



Fred MacAulay

Supporting this Dinner will ensure that someone in Africa will be able to stand up and walk!

Booking enquiries to Eddie Mackay, telephone 01577 840636 or email [edward.mackay2@btinternet.com](mailto:edward.mackay2@btinternet.com) or any Kinross Rotarian.

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## Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation

### Big Country at Kinross-shire's Winter Festival 2015!

We are delighted to announce that Big Country will headline the Kinross-shire's Winter Festival with THE BEST OF BIG COUNTRY TOUR on **Saturday 21 November** at the Community Campus.

Tickets, £27, are for sale through our website [www.kinrosswinterfestival.co.uk](http://www.kinrosswinterfestival.co.uk), Milnathort Post Office and Macbeth Currie Solicitors and Estate Agents in Kinross. Buy your tickets now! For more information about the festival, visit [www.kinrosswinterfestival.co.uk](http://www.kinrosswinterfestival.co.uk)



### Leven Voices

Leven Voices is for anyone who just wants to sing and have fun! You can join in anytime. The March sessions are led by Horsecross Arts tutor Alice Marra. 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 a ten-week period.

For more information about KLEO events, go to [www.kleo.org.uk](http://www.kleo.org.uk), e-mail [info@kleo.org.uk](mailto:info@kleo.org.uk) or call (01577) 863107.

## Kinross in Bloom

The first meeting of the new year took place on 4 February, when a considerable amount of business was discussed.



Among those items of business was the buffet supper, held on 6 December, to thank all the volunteers who helped out during 2014. It was a very pleasant and successful evening, and many thanks to Marion and her team for providing a first class table.

Other items were:

- the cleaning and tidying of the polytunnel and surroundings, and the preparation work for the new walkways around the polytunnel;
- the removal of the half barrel planters from the High Street sites, prior to PKC regeneration work;
- planting out of winter pansies, tulips and daffodils;
- the repair and painting of the barrels for future use.

Looking ahead, our summer plants should be delivered around mid-April, so if anyone can spare an hour or so at that time, we will be very glad of your help.

We are also pleased to announce that the area between the trees on the verge outside Koronka's premises has been planted out with crocus corms, which should add some spring colour to the bottom end of the town.

Our 200 Club draw for January and February was made, and the winners were:

### January

1st: No 59, Mary Muirhead      2nd: No 50, Anne Milburn  
3rd: No 84, Jean Simpson      4th: No 8, Theresa Bowstead

### February

1st: No 22, Kate Francis      2nd: No 3, Linda Band  
3rd: No 65, E & I Simpson      4th: No 58, Margaret Lyon  
Congratulations to all.

## Kinross Ladies Circle

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Website: [www.ladiescircle.co.uk/kinross](http://www.ladiescircle.co.uk/kinross)



Last month Kinross Ladies Circle had a very interesting and engaging talk from Jo Middlemiss from Ethiopia Medical Project (EMP).

Ethiopia Medical Project (EMP) aims to assist The Buccama Clinic in its work healing thousands of mothers suffering with uterine prolapse. With treatment it is hoped the mothers can return to their purposeful lives, free from pain, shame and rejection. We saw this as a chance for women to help other women and we presented a cheque to Jo and her cousin Maureen on the eve of their departure to Ethiopia for their annual month long trip.



*Ladies Circle donate to the Ethiopia Medical Project*

If you are a local woman aged 18-45 and interested in fun, friendship and fundraising then please contact us by email (see header). We're also on Facebook and have a website.

Ladies Circle is open to anyone aged 18-45 who likes to mix fundraising and socialising. We meet every second Thursday in a local venue and have an interesting diary of events throughout the year, including gin tasting, archery, hovercrafting and murder mystery nights. We hope to welcome lots of faces old and new, to our sell out **Comedy Night** in Milnathort Town Hall on **Saturday 14 March**.

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

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### **2015 Programme of Events at the Campus**

Any library activities are listed on page 19.

#### **CRAFT WORKSHOPS DAY, Saturday 7 March.**

There will be a variety of Full and Half Day Craft Workshops. All places on the workshops MUST be booked in advance. For more information or to book a place please contact Gerry McGregor (see above). Choose from the following Workshops:

**Scrollsaw Workshop, 10am-3pm.** Create something special (door name plate or wall hanging jigsaw picture from a piece of wood or plywood using a Scrollsaw). (FREE).

**Felting Workshops: 10am-12.30pm:** Hand Felted Bracelet or Necklet and a Flower Brooch. **1.30pm-4pm:** Landscape or Seascape Picture. **Cost: £10** per person per session.

**Introduction to Digital Photography Workshop, 1pm-3pm.** Learn to get the most from your digital camera (FREE).

**Basic Sewing Workshop, 10am-12noon:** Make a Lavender Heart for Mother's Day. **Cost £2.50** per person.

**Recycled Crafts Workshop, 1pm - 3pm:** An Introduction to Rag Rug Making. **Cost £10** per person and includes tool pack to take away.

**Basic Woodcraft Workshops, 9.30am-2noon and 1pm-3.30pm.** Complete a simple Woodturning Project and a 3D Wooden Puzzle per Workshop. **Cost £7.50** per person per session.

**Children's Crafts Workshops, 10am-12noon and 1pm-3pm.** Crafts will include Mother's Day Cards and Spring Crafts. **Cost £2.50** per child.

**Happy Hookers! Crochet Workshops, 9am-12noon and 1pm-4pm.** Build up from Granny Squares to Tunisian Crochet using patterns and learning different stitches. **Cost £4** per person per session or **£1** if you bring your own hook and wool.

**Introduction to Printmaking, 1pm-3pm.** Create a selection of images using a variety of Printmaking techniques. **Cost maximum £10**, depending on materials. **Introduction to Fabric Folding Workshop, 10am-12noon.** Make a Fabrigami Picture, folding 4 squares to make 4 cornets with seed beads to hold in place. **Cost £5** per person.

**Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair, Saturday 14 March.** There will be buying, selling and valuations given. Admission will be from **9.30am-4.30pm** 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.

**KHS Teenage Cancer Trust Fundraiser Concert, Tuesday 17 March.** See notice on page 92.

**Spring Craft Fair, Saturday 28 March.** There will be 45 Craft Stalls selling local Handmade Gifts including: Glassware, Woodcrafts, Cards, Candles, Jewellery, Ceramics, Handbags, Artwork, Prints, Felt-work, Soaps, Clothing & Textiles and Knitted Goods together with Craft Demonstrations and mini workshops throughout the day. There will be a Raffle, Children's Crafts and Craft Display in the Museum and Rhymetime & Storytelling in the Library. Refreshments will be available. So come along and browse the many stalls,

pick up a unique gift for Easter or treat yourself, all whilst supporting your local community

#### **Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair, Sat 18 April.**

Details as previously stated.

#### **Further Events in 2015**

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  
Vintage Day inc Afternoon Tea Dance (tbc)

August Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair

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 notice board 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.



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## Kinross High School The Drama Department



The old fashioned idea of high school drama is long gone; no longer do we stand around pretending to be trees! So, what do we do?

There are three drama teachers in the department: Mrs MacPherson, Miss MacNab and Mrs Moss (currently on maternity leave). We also have Mr Airdrie with us for his probationary.

In Drama we offer a full range of courses. In S1, 2 and 3, pupils develop skills in script writing, role play, characterisation, staging, set, sound, lighting, costume, make-up and props design. The new National and Higher courses allow pupils to choose to work within the technical aspects of the course and/or the acting and performance elements. This allows pupils to gain skills and qualifications in their preferred area.

We have fantastic resources here at Kinross and pupils benefit from two drama areas to work in on a daily basis. The drama studio is well equipped with a full lighting rig, sound system, costume store, props cupboard and we stock a wide variety of film and stage make-up.

Mr Rosie recently joined the school as Faculty Head of Music and Drama and we are looking forward to the opportunities this will bring, allowing the Music and Drama departments to collaborate on more performances and assessments.

This year we hope to produce a pupil-led school show. We are currently arranging a script for a musical extravaganza! Performances will be at the end of the summer term and auditions are open to all pupils.

For S1 pupils there will be an opportunity to get involved in the making of a short animated film and we welcome the expertise of Liz Whatmore, who is an award winning short film maker. We will hold a premiere later in the year and parents will be invited to attend.

Catherine Wheels Theatre Company are visiting us in March to do a live performance for S2 pupils of their award winning show 'Lifeboat'. This tells the tale of two 15-year-old evacuees who spent 19 terrifying hours in the water on an upturned lifeboat.

Every year we look for opportunities to take pupils to live evening events to enhance their understanding of theatre. So far this academic year we have taken the pupils to see 'Jaquanda', 'Face', 'Passing Places', 'Frankenstein', 'The Crucible' and 'Miracle on 34th Street' and we are in the process of arranging trips to 'Blood Wedding' at Dundee Rep and 'The Caucasian Chalk Circle' at the Lyceum in Edinburgh. The Drama Department is once more supporting Rock Challenge and we are looking forward to the first heat on Sunday 29 March. Go Kinross High School!

There are many of our own live performances from S3 to Advanced Higher and we encourage pupils to let their friends and families know so that they can come along to the evening performances to support them.

We have a professional scriptwriter coming to the department in June to work with the pupils. This will help them greatly when they are writing their short plays over the summer holidays!

There are several schools of thought supporting the reasoning that whatever career you intend to pursue, drama training is an essential skill to support your communication, negotiation and team building skills. After all, there are few jobs where you don't have to work with others and drama develops the tools to work collaboratively. Watch this clip to see what I mean!

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=q3DGHtpuV28](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q3DGHtpuV28)

*Fiona MacPherson  
Drama Department*

## Kinross High School Parent Council



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As noted last month, Mr Keatings has announced he will retire at the end of the school year. Recruitment for our new Headteacher is progressing and a number of applications have been received. The Parent Council has a formal role in the selection process and representatives will be involved in the first and second stages of this.

For pupils currently in S2 and above, this is the time of year when pupils are making selections of the subjects they would like to study next year. Obviously there is a lot of support and advice to be had at the school, but it can never be a bad thing for parents to offer their insights and guidance tailored to meet their own child's needs and wants. For those interested in looking further ahead, the school has organised a **Careers Fair** at Kinross High School on the evening of **Thursday 5 March**. Attending this might make it easier for pupils to choose their subjects.

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 feed back any comments you have to the Clerk and the Parent Council will collate and feed back to the school.

The next meeting of the Parent Council is planned for **Monday 9 March** with further meetings taking place on 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. Office bearers of the Parent Council for the 2014/15 school are: William Nicholls (Chair), Kay Mitchell (Vice Chair) and Allan Miller (Treasurer).

## Milnathort Primary School Parent Council

The next meeting takes place on **Monday 2 March** at 7.30pm in conference room 1, Loch Leven Community Campus. All are welcome.

### Need to check something in an old Newsletter?

Consult our electronic archive at

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

Issues from September 2006 to two months ago available

## **Portmoak Primary School**

### **School Website**

We recently undertook a text poll of parents and invited them to request features and information on the school website. Parents asked for staff photos and job titles, diary dates, newsletters, photos and news of achievements and events and dates for assemblies and holidays. I have also included a twitter feed so that parents who are not on twitter can still access this instant information feed from the school website. Thanks to Graeme Brown for some great photos of our lovely wee school and the surrounding area. You can see the new website on [www.portmoak.com](http://www.portmoak.com) – I do hope you like the new format and find this useful.

### **Twitter**

We now have over 60 followers on twitter. You can follow us on twitter using the handle @PortmoakPS . Those of you who are not on twitter can also see the latest updates on our website where there is an embedded twitter feed that can be viewed near the bottom of the front page.

### **Sainsbury's Vouchers**

Please collect any Sainsbury's vouchers for schools if you do your shopping there. We are collecting once again and have received quite a few items of free sports equipment from Sainsbury's in the past. The school office would be delighted to receive your vouchers if you don't collect for a school already and you are able to drop them into us or indeed pop them in the post. Support from the community really does go a long way to boost the numbers of vouchers we are able to collect on our own.

### **iPads**

We are in the process of ordering iPad Mini 2s (with retina display) for use in classes. Developing the use of this technology to aid learning in classes will be a priority for improvement next session. The plan is to have 25 pupil iPad minis so that there are five per class; making a set of 25 in total in school to allow teachers to borrow from other classes to allow for 1:1 teaching with them if required. The money raised from fundraising events over the last year has been instrumental in making this dream a reality, as well as

the money from Dragon's Den and Panto ticket sales. More fundraising will be needed over coming months too – please support us with this if you can. The school is also purchasing five teacher iPads and associated cables etc. We are all very excited about this venture. Members of the community who support our bags2school collections after the Easter and October holidays have helped towards this fundraising initiative, so we thank you for that.

### **Scottish Poetry Winners 2015**

Alastair Morgan, from the Jolly Beggars' Burns Club, and Margaret Wilson, our retired headteacher, were bowled over this year by the large number of pupils who entered the poetry competition and by the high standards of presentation on display from our confident pupils. The winners from each class are pictured below (there were meant to be only two per class but two classes had such a high standard that three had to be chosen) with their certificates along with the Burns Quaich, which is awarded to the best Primary 7.



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



*The school's  
new website  
at  
[www.portmoak.com](http://www.portmoak.com)*



## Kinross Ladies Hockey Club



[www.kinrossladieshockeyclub.co.uk](http://www.kinrossladieshockeyclub.co.uk)

As we go to press, the frosty, snowy spell of weather has gone and we have enjoyed our first training session on home turf since early November! What a pleasure that was after varied fitness sessions and trips to Kilgraston to use their pitch. Long may the pitch continue to be playable, though we are not averse to training in all weather conditions as can be seen from this snowy snap from a few weeks ago!

There is little to report in the way of match results. Our first team who play in the Scottish Championship League are not scheduled to play until 14 February. Our second team in Midland Division 2 had fixtures scheduled for 24 January v Grove Menzieshill with a no-show from the opposition – our fearsome reputation must precede us! Then on 31 January the fixture v Perthshire 1s was thwarted at the very last minute due to a frozen pitch. However, hockey has been played and a great 5 - nil win over Dundee Uni 4s was recorded – goals from Wendy Symington, Jenny Thoms (x 2) and new member Laura McCall netting two on

her debut. By all accounts a phenomenal uni keeper stopped many more goals being netted. Our 2s therefore continue their quest for the division 2 title and are up against Blairgowrie next.

The Midland Indoor league is played over the winter months and Kinross entered a team this season. It's a very different game from outdoor hockey, played with five players and faster paced. We don't train indoor (and perhaps we should when looking at the results!) but for those who make the trip to Dundee on Tuesday evenings it is always enjoyable and definitely a good work out. We only won two of our seven

games and finished sixth equal, having scored 33 goals, but letting in 55 (20 of those in the last match against Wanderers 1, who won the league convincingly). We went to McDonalds post match to "celebrate" surviving! Top indoor goal scorer was AJ Combe.

The season now rolls into full swing again through to April/May. **We are still desperately seeking a new coach in case anyone out there can help?** As ever, new members, young and old are always welcome to join us at training on Wednesdays from 6.30pm till 8pm. Further information is available on our website.



*A hardy bunch: Ladies Hockey Club members training outdoors in mid January*

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Further course details can be found on our website

[www.bishopshiregc.co.uk](http://www.bishopshiregc.co.uk)

## Kinross Bowling Club

The Annual General Meeting took place on 25 January 2015 and was attended by a good turnout of members. Office Bearers appointed were:

President	R Moffat
Vice President	P R Grant
Secretary	G M Rennie
Treasurer	Christine Matthews

The President thanked Betty Paterson for her work as Treasurer for the past years.

**The green opens on Saturday 18 April** at 2pm and we look forward to a good turnout of members.

Anyone who is interested in having a go at bowling, please feel free to come along. We are at the Muirs, right opposite the Green Hotel. We have a qualified coach in the club who can give guidance to any newcomers.

We are looking forward to a good season of bowling and hopefully some nice weather.

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## Kinross Tennis Club

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

Spring is surely just around the corner? Our avid members are desperate to get on court more regularly to practise their lobs and volleys before the season gets underway. Talking of which, to start the season our **Open Day** will take place on **Saturday 28 March** from 10.30am till 3pm. This is a day for everyone to come down and try tennis and find out what the club has to offer. Memberships can be taken out or renewed and new season court keys allocated. Everyone is invited and a coach will be on hand to give you some tips and pointers!

Next up will be our **Mini & Junior Coaching** programme. We are running just one **Easter Camp** this year on the week commencing **13 April**, so expect places to fill up fast. The camp is open to members and non-members. Thereafter the **10-week term time block** will run on Tuesdays and Fridays starting on **Friday 24 April** - details will be emailed to members soon. For more information, or to book your child's place, please contact Siobhan at [kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com](mailto:kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com)

We offer introductory adult coaching with the start of the new season and other sessions subject to demand. If you are interested, please contact us so that we can shape the plans to suit.

Club nights continue on Wednesdays at 6.30pm and Sundays at 10.30am. There is also a social session on Thursday afternoons at 1.30pm where non-members are also welcome. League matches commence end April.

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



## Kinross Cycling Club

[www.kinrosscyclingclub.co.uk](http://www.kinrosscyclingclub.co.uk)

A hint of spring has been in the air over the past few days, with more daylight hours and some bright but cold sunshine. This has brought hibernating cyclists back out onto their steeds in preparation for the forthcoming season, bringing with them a rash of activity on STRAVA. One of the first events in the cycling calendar is the **Kinross Cyclo-Sportive on Saturday 25 April**. Entries for this popular event filled up long ago and training rides are stepping up in distance and intensity.

There was a good turnout of club members from KCC for the Reliability Ride organised by Fife Century Club on 8 February. Routes of 32 and 64 miles of road cycling, plus a 20 mile MTB ride in the Lomond Hills attracted over 200 local riders from local clubs. The day was glorious and made for some fine early season miles. Riders were rewarded for their efforts by a very good spread of soup, stovies and cake at the village hall in Falkland. Thank you to everyone who helped host this event.

**Spinning classes:** KCC members are welcome to attend winter spinning classes on Thursday evenings at Bannatyne's Gym, Halbeath, at 8pm to 9pm. Classes are hosted by Julia, and are tough and geared toward providing winter training for regular cyclists. Spinning continues to mid-March.

**Sunday club runs:** Club runs depart from the campus at 0930 on Sunday mornings at present. Details of proposed routes are posted on the website and groups would normally be divided up according to speed and ability. Non-members are welcome to "try before you buy" and join us for a couple of outings. Membership fees for the coming year will be due soon.

**Ladies days:** These take place on the last Saturday of each month, departing from the campus at 0930. These rides are at a relaxed pace and are open to non-club members. There are usually a number of route options ranging from 25 to 35 (and sometimes more) miles, and the ride always includes a cake stop. A warm welcome is assured.

**Time Trial Series:** The KCC grand prix series of time trials resumes in April, and usually starts with the 5-mile TT. Points awarded for performance in each time trial of the series of 10 events are accumulated for the Grand Prix trophies awarded at the end of the season.

Details of all forthcoming rides are to be found on our website.



## Kinross Swimmers

That's us well into the current season's swimming now and the training rota is in place for some time ahead. Everyone should have been emailed a copy, but please let me know if you need it resent.

Numbers are looking good in the pool and we have been averaging about 15 swimmers. There is still room for more if you wish to pop along. Those numbers should help our case with the pool management. Let's hope we can keep that level of enthusiasm.

The meal went very well and seemed to be enjoyed by all. We don't have our next event planned as yet but as the better weather comes in we'll get something sorted, so watch this space.

New swimmers are most welcome to come along and as usual we continue to 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](mailto:shepherd_ian@hotmail.com) or on mobile 07944 503074.



## Fossoway Curling Club

The Johnson Cup went to an exciting last game with Ian Nicholson needing to beat John Taylor by at least eight shots to win the league. His rink duly rose to the occasion and the final score was 13 - 3. This made the two teams level on points, with Ian winning on total shots scored.

The Reid Cup competition has now started and competition is keen.

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 Curling

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Four members of Kinross Junior Curling Club competed in the **Scottish Junior Curling Championships** at Curl Aberdeen in January. **Linzi Sim** and **Fiona Spain** (skip) finished the Junior Women group tied sixth out of ten. **Drew Thomson** played lead for Kerr Sands, and finished the Junior Men group tied eighth out of nine. **Fin Campbell** played third for Cameron McNay, and finished the Junior Men group tied sixth out of nine.

**The Junior Club's Points Competition** was held in January. The winner was **Sean Keegan**, with **Fiona Spain** and **Lewis Leslie** in joint second place.

Representatives from all the local Ladies' clubs took part in the **Kinross & District Ladies Branch Points Competition**, held this year during an evening session. The team competition was won by **Orwell Ladies** (Wilma Brownlie, Susan Scougal and Margaret Nelson) and the highest scoring individual was **Valerie Inglis**, who on this occasion was representing Glenfarg Ladies.



*Susan Scougal, Margaret Nelson and Wilma Brownlie of Orwell Ladies, team winners of the KDLB Points Competition  
photo: Valerie Inglis*

**Blairhill Trophy:** On 5 February, clubs from the Loch Leven Province competed across three sessions for the historic Blairhill trophy. In the East vs West battle, the overall score was 113 - 160. And in the club battle, **Bishopshire** won with an incredible score of +31. Their nearest rivals, Kinross and Orwell, were tied on +7!

**Kinross Curling Pin Badges** are now available from the curling bar at £2.50 each.

**Car park resurfacing:** Because of the rapid deterioration of the car park surface, the Trust brought forward improvements planned for the summer break. There is now a hard surface spine road leading from Green Road to the rink door. Members and visitors are urged to reduce their speed – 5mph is the recommended maximum.

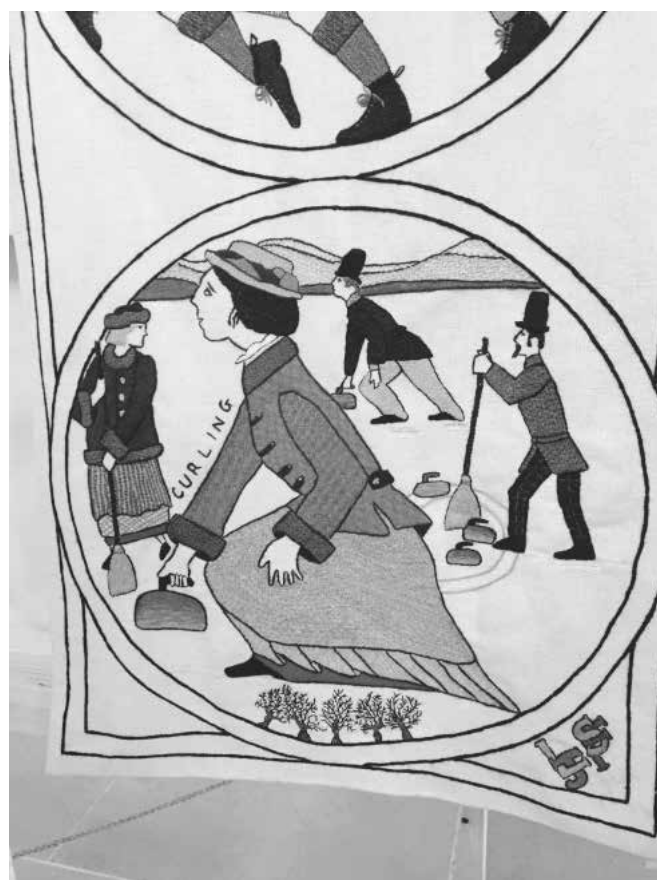
**Kinross Curling Trust's AGM** will take place on **Wednesday 18 March** at 8pm in the Windlestrae Hotel. Papers will be sent out in advance. If you are a member of the Trust and your email address has changed in the past year, please inform the Secretary, Iain Keddie, by emailing: [superstarfish@btinternet.com](mailto:superstarfish@btinternet.com)

**Delivery Stick Funspiel:** We invite you to take part in a fun event using only delivery sticks (and brooms for sweeping) on **Saturday 28 March** at 11.45am. This is open to everyone,

regardless of whether they are existing stick users, those who are considering them, or those who just want a bit of fun. Spaces are limited to 24, and the entry fee of £15 covers tuition (if required), 2 hours 15 mins on the ice, tea/coffee and sandwiches after the game, and great prizes to be won. To reserve a space, email the Iceman or telephone (01577) 861821.

**Closing Bonspiel:** Steven Kerr, Curling Manager, has written to club secretaries inviting entries for the Kinross Curling Closing Bonspiel, to take place on **Saturday 4 April**. The closing date for entries is 10 March. Clubs may enter more than one team. The cost is £11 per person and includes a cold buffet after your game.

**Scotland's National Tapestry:** This picture of a curler is taken from one of the 160 panels which form the magnificent 400ft long National Tapestry. It is on display at Stirling Castle's Great Hall until **8 March**, and is moving to Kirkcaldy in July.



*See curling featured in the National Tapestry  
photo: Phil Barton*

**Small Clubs League:** Is your club struggling for numbers? Tired of playing the same familiar faces each week? In need of additional friendly competition? It has been suggested we form a Small Clubs league, so that our struggling clubs can come together to maintain their own identities and amount of curling without compromising membership. This should provide more variety and make your curling season more enjoyable. To register your club's interest, please email the Icemen.

**2015-16 season:** Next season the curling rink will be open from Saturday 12 September. There will be an opening bonspiel. Clubs and curlers can take advantage of the early start and book games and times for curling.

*Thanks to Andy Macpherson, Phil Barton, Doug Ritchie, Fiona Campbell and Eileen Thomas for contributing reports.*

## **Kinross Kobras Junior Hockey**

With cold weather keeping outdoor training to a minimum over the past month, it has been indoor tournaments that have kept the kids busy.

There were three Kobras teams playing at a JHA organised tournament at Bell's Sports Centre in Perth. The U10 team came joint first in their age group, drawing 1-1 with a JHA team in the final playoff game. The two U12 teams both played well with a mixture of wins, draws and losses and gained more useful match experience which will be put to good use in the final indoor tournament of the season to be hosted by Perthshire HC later in February.



*Kinross Kobras at the indoor tournament at Bell's Sports Centre*

Trials have also taken place for the Perth & Kinross Hockey Development Squad and congratulations go to the several Kobras who were selected.

Next month sees the U16 Boys and U16 Girls teams compete in the finals day of the National U16 Championships and this promises to be a great day's hockey at the National Hockey Centre in Glasgow.

Training is hopefully back in full flow now with 6-14 year-olds on Tuesday and Thursday 6.30-7.30 and over 14s on Thursday 7.30 - 8.30.

## **Loch Leven Diamonds**

Two members of Lochleven Diamonds have qualified to take part in the British Baton Twirling Sports Association Nationals in Crawley on the Easter weekend. Ciaran Muir (7) and Kaitlyn Laurence (10) both qualified in five events at the Area Qualifier in Linwood on 8 February. This is the first year any of the team members, trained by Sarah Muir, have entered this competition.

New members are always welcome to the team, The beginners class takes place in Loch Leven Community Campus on Wednesday nights from 6pm to 7pm, trained by Kylie Martin. The class costs £2.50 with the first night free.



*Photo at right:  
Ciaran Muir (left) and  
Kaitlyn Laurence (centre)  
have qualified for the British  
Baton Twirling national  
competition*

## **Kinross Volleyball Club**

### **Volleyball season building to a climax**

This is a particularly busy time for the club, with District League, Regional League and Scottish Plate competitions all taking place over the coming month.

The Valentine weekend was particularly busy with the Scottish Plate match against Glasgow's Su Ragazzi being played on the Saturday, Perth District Premier League matches on the Sunday and an East Scotland Regional League match against City of Edinburgh on the Monday.

Kinross High School's volleyball teams have also been busy, with the S1 boys' and girls' teams competing in the Edinburgh festival and the S2/3 boys defeating Edinburgh's Craigmount High School to reach the semi-final of the National Plate competition. The S2/3 girls have to play Carnoustie at home in the semi-final of their National Plate competition with the S4/5/6 boys at home to Carluke High School for their semi-final tie. The S4/5/6 boys' and girls' teams will also be competing in the Lothian & Borders festival in early March.

In Perth's Premier League, the Kinross Scotrange team are currently sitting top of the table and looking to regain the title they lost to Team Fife last season, ending the Kinross side's six-year run as league champions. Kinross Kintronics have struggled to field a first six which has hampered their performances since before Christmas and they are consequently further down the Premier League table than they would like.

In the Perth Recreational League, two of the three teams are sitting in the top half of the league, with the Kinross BB Wildcats team in fourth place, Kinross BB in fifth and the Mongrels occupying ninth position.

Plans are also underway to compete in two international tournaments – the Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament in Perth (first weekend of June) and the De Haan International Tournament in Belgium (mid August).

Coaching sessions continue at the Loch Leven Community Campus on Monday evenings from 8.15 to 9.45pm, with a number of new members now coming along regularly to the weekly sessions. New members are always welcome as the club caters for a wide age range (from 14 to 60 plus). Just come along with shorts, top and trainers and the coaching staff will keep you right.

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## Kinross-shire Cricket Club

### 160th Anniversary

Kinross-shire Cricket Club is celebrating its 160th anniversary in 2015 and we have a series of events planned to mark this very special occasion. Over the summer we are hosting a number of high profile games, including Scotland's first outdoor disability match, junior tournaments, women's & girls' matches, a senior former players' match and the Kinross-shire Community "6's" cup.

The celebrations tie in with our plans for a major expansion of the club facilities, including two new artificial wickets and an extension to the current pavilion to provide disabled facilities. Part of the extension plans include the creation of a 160th Anniversary Wall outlining the history of the club and some of the key figures and events. The club has some written records, but we have no photographs earlier than 2002. If you know of any pictures of local cricket or the previous grounds we would love to hear from you. The best contact is via [secretary@kinrosscc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@kinrosscc.co.uk)

### A Brief History 1855 - 2006

The earliest records of Kinross Cricket Club can be found in the "Annals of Kinross-shire 406-1871". It is recorded that on "13th December 1855 the members of Kinross Cricket Club presented William Briggs Constable with an elegant and handsome silver tobacco pipe and case." WB Constable was named as the club captain and originator of the club. As there is no mention of the club before this date, it is reasonable to assume that the club was formed at some time during 1855. By 1861 Kinross Cricket Club was listed in the Fife & Kinross Parochial Directory, with WG Constable named as Club Captain and George Bogie as Secretary. Further references appear in 1871 when Kinross played Dollar and again in 1875 when Kinross played Blairadam.

At this time there are few official records of the club's progress between the late 1800s until 1992. It is known that in the post-war years the club was based at a ground that is now the clubhouse and car park for Kinross Golf Club. In the early 1980s the cricket club shared its home with the local rugby club at the King George V playing fields. When high-level floodlights were installed at the KGV fields in 1991, the cricket club was again moved to another location, at the Myre Park. As this is a public park it was decided to install an artificial wicket between the existing football pitches.



During the 1990s through to 2004 the club continued to play regular friendly fixtures under the guidance of John Stewart, Richard Oldham and Julian Foster. In 2004 a new management team was elected and the decision was taken to establish a junior section for primary and secondary school children. The decision proved to be one of the most important decisions ever made. During the winter of 2004/05, three of the 1st XI players underwent coach-training programmes with Cricket Scotland. By the start of the 2005 season the club had three fully qualified coaches and, through the kindness of the Lords Taverner's charity, the first bag of junior coaching equipment. By working closely with the cricket development officer employed by Perth & Kinross Council and visiting local primary schools, within two years junior membership had grown to over 90 children. The club was able to compete at U10, U11, U12, U13 and U15 levels. At the end of the 2005 season the growth in member numbers and the successes on the field gave the management committee the confidence to start looking for a new long-term home. In early 2006 the club approached the Kinross House Estate with a view to building a wicket within the grounds of the House. By April 2006 an agreement was reached for the construction of a grass wicket on the front lawn. At last the club had a permanent home. In 2006 the club won its first National Championship title when the U13s lifted the MCC "Spirit of Cricket" Scottish Championship. The enthusiasm for junior cricket helped grow senior numbers and in the same season the 1st XI competed for the first time in the "Dukes" Strathmore & Perthshire Division 3 League, with the team eventually coming runner-up. 2007-2015 will feature in next month's newsletter.

Full details of membership, training times and upcoming events can be found at the club website and on our Facebook pages.

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## Kinross Otters ASC

Scottish Schools National Swimming Finals  
Aberdeen Sports Village, 31 January 2015

The Scottish Schools National Swimming Finals for 2015 took place at the impressive new Aberdeen Sports Village on 31 January. The very best club swimmers were on show representing their individual schools.

**Ola Stanton** from Kinross Otters, representing Kinross High School, was on sizzling form in the girls' 12-year-old 50m Breaststroke event. She qualified for the final with ease in 37.92 seconds (breaking a five year old Otters record in the process), just a short distance behind the first placed qualifier in 37.39 seconds.

In the final it was a tight, tense affair in what turned out to be a very two-horse race. **Ola**, affectionately known as "The Pocket Rocket", pulled out all the stops and as the two touched seemingly simultaneously the packed crowd could only glance at the giant electronic scoreboard for confirmation of who had won. **Ola** had won her first National level medal, a



Ola Stanton with her Scottish Schools National Championship silver medal

silver, in yet another personal best of 37.19 seconds, just eight hundredths of a second from the Edinburgh based winner and exactly a second ahead of the bronze placed girl. She had also taken a quite enormous 2.6 seconds off the old Otters' record and is now the third quickest Scottish and seventh quickest British girl in this event.

The only other Otter to actually make the blocks was eleven year old **Jack Muncey**, representing Kinross Primary School. He somehow managed to qualify for these finals in his second best stroke of Butterfly and acquitted himself very well, coming sixteenth in a new personal best of 39.03 seconds.

Very well done to both these swimmers, as even making these finals is an achievement in itself.

### Other Recent Meets

**Carnegie Graded Meet**, Carnegie Leisure Centre (18 January): Congratulations to **Jack Muncey** (11) on winning a gold medal in the 100m Backstroke in the Boys 8-11 years category in 1.22.33 secs.

**FIRST Open Meet**, Xcite Bathgate Leisure Centre (25 January): **Ailsa Bennet** (11) won her first big medal (bronze) in the girls' 8-11years 100m Butterfly in 1.39.56 secs. Very well done.

### Premier League

The new Tayside (Midland District) league season kicked off on 7 February in Montrose. This turned out to be a disappointing affair where our top team could only manage fourth place out of five teams, despite finishing equal second last year.



All the swimmers who participated in the Annual Club Championships 2014 (photo by Camera Creations)



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# Out & About



## Loch Leven NNR



In between of the spells of wet weather there have been some sustained periods of ice. We've certainly had more of a 'winter' than the last couple of years. The ice coverage on the loch was over 50% and in some places it was 5cm thick.

Ice normally puts waterfowl off and they'll search for ice-free areas like estuaries, but this year they have stayed with us in dense flocks, keeping some water ice free. There have been several thousand Tufted Ducks deciding to stay put, plus good numbers of Coot and Pochard. We've also seen good numbers of Scaup, Slavonian Grebe and the winter favourite of Smew. The latest goose count produced 5343 Pink-footed and 461 Greylag. A little low given the time of year but I'm sure the numbers will rise into April before they depart back to Iceland. The volunteers have been hard at work as they are every month. The tired looking hurdle fence has been replaced around the factory bay hide. This is a great improvement. We also felled some shoreline willows to create duck brood habitat and improve the view out of the hide. The task of removing tree guards from established trees along the trail continues, as the trail and the trees along its length mature you'll notice fewer and fewer of these.

You'll have seen some more trees have been removed from Mary's Knowe. We've been doing this a step at a time over the last few years to gradually open up the area and improve the species rich grassland. We are thankful to Elmwood College, Scottish and Southern Electricity and our own volunteers for help. This work should help to enhance this area of special grassland. Tree cover shades the area and stops the rare plants like Holy Grass growing up. Cutting and baling the grass from these areas in late summer maintains its nutrient poor status. The prolific growth generated by fresh cut willow has provided us with a great source of this plant which we can then replant to create new shoreline habitat to shelter duck broods.

One drawback of the winter is that the vegetation is all flattened and killed off. When volunteers did a litter pick around by the factory hide, they were disappointed to find 56 discarded bags of dog mess. Most trail users, dog owners or otherwise will agree that this is quite unacceptable. We urge dog users to dispose of dog waste responsibly – bag it and bin it. In this instance there is a bin no more than 300m from where all this waste was found. This selfish behaviour undermines the achievement of building the trail and detracts the experience of other visitors. If anyone spots any fouling, please report it to Perth & Kinross Council on 01738 476476. More information on dog fouling is available here: [www.pkc.gov.uk/dogfouling](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/dogfouling)

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For all budding phenologists, or people who observe the onset of spring, there are a few signs already around Loch Leven. Birdwise, our breeding migrants have already started arriving. Gadwall, Oystercatchers and Shelduck are scarce in winter around the reserve. But Oystercatchers are paired up, vocally protecting territories already. Herring Gulls are back on territory on St Serf's. We expect our first returning Lesser Black-backed Gulls back on site in the last week of February. One of my colleagues found an active Toad by the South Queich on 11 February. These amphibians can exist on high mountains, so it's maybe not too surprising we see them so early.



*A Loch Leven brown trout*

The highly successful Trout in the classroom project is underway for its ninth year. Three local schools have taken the opportunity to see the young trout develop in their first few weeks of their life cycle before being released into the local burns. Our thanks go to the ever-present Willie Wilson for his expertise and enthusiasm for the project. More on how the project goes next month!

Craig is away, sunning himself in New Zealand and will return next month, so TTFN

Jeremy

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# RSPB Loch Leven



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Morning, afternoon, evening or whenever you are reading this. So another month nearer to Spring and signs are starting to appear, like trees budding up, the daylight stretching, snowdrops out and the main sign in bird terms is song. The locals are stretchin the vocals tae attract the lassies and proclaim territories.

Ducks are doing courtship displays on the loch, although it did freeze over for a wee while and they were restricted to channels and big holes that didn't freeze. We have a good selection at the moment with lots of pochard, mallard, pintail, teal, goosander goldeneye and several smew, both male and female, and a couple of Slavonian grebes recently. Whooper swans have been a bit intermittent but they are still around and Mutes – well, they are always around.

We have recently started a big project to improve the rear car parking area, which now won't be a car park. It is going to be reconfigured with the shop storage unit, and bin area moving further up and further back. A raised area will be built outside the shop back door. It will include a new optics demonstration section; in the past it blocked the path from the shop if we used it for that. New picnic tables will also be installed to provide an extra seating area for the café and a meeting/seating area will be constructed where the "auld giraffe enclosure" used to be. We will also be able to use it for events as well. New flagpoles and general landscaping will complete the job and "mak it awe fair nackytoosh". It will also provide a far better entrance area to the centre from the rear of the building. (Or is it the front of the building now? Since as many people seem to come from that side as the proper car park side.) It will take around six weeks to do and should be about half way through by the time you are reading this.

In the centre itself, the shop continues to get more new products delivered including household, lots of new kids toys etc as well as educational stuff.

The lengthening daylight hours induce birds to go into courting mode, so please keep feeding them to ensure they are in good condition for breeding time. Now is also a good time to put up new nest boxes, or replace auld ones if they are a bit past their sell by date, so they get a wee while to bed in afore breeding starts. Birds are inspecting potential nest sites now, so be ahead of the game and give them a new residence for the Spring.

Judy Paul, our Visitor Experience education manager type wummin is leaving to start a new job in our Scottish Headquarters. (That's the café latte and soup sales takin a drap then.) So good luck to her in her new endeavours, though she will still have an educational finger in the reserve pie, if remotely. Craig, oor ither education type dude, will now be the main contact at the reserve for educationey stuff, along with Miranda on a part -time basis.

On those bright sunny days, or even not so bright sunny days, wrap up, come out and enjoy a walk around the reserve and wider loch area, appreciate nature and enjoy what you have on the doorstep.

That's it again then, ta ta,

Colin

# Weather



## January Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall	169.8mm = 6.79inches
Heaviest rainfall	22.2mm (2nd)
Total sunshine for the month	26.8 hours
Sunniest day	3.9 hours (30th)
Maximum temperature average	6.1 °C
Highest temperature	12.4°C (1st)
Minimum temperature average	-2.43°C
Lowest temperature	-8.8°C (29th)

## Loch Leven Circular Bus

### Stagecoach Fife 203 (Sundays only, all year)

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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
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# Farming



Well, what a glorious spell of weather it's been this past few weeks. The crisp, frosty days have allowed farmers to get on with winter jobs such as hedge cutting and dung spreading without making much mess, although at times the fields were too frozen to be able to plough them. The lengthening of the days has been really noticeable, with the weather being bright and clear, particularly here at Backward Farm when, during the dark days at the end of the year, the sun barely comes into view over the hills behind us.

Things were really wet up until mid January but now the puddles are almost all gone, with the only ones remaining caused by field drains which are needing repaired, of which there are a few. So an up-coming job will be to see if our ageing digger which has been parked (or more accurately, abandoned) forlornly in the corner of a field since last summer might be coaxed into life again. This digger has a special air of nostalgia about it, as I went through to darkest Ayrshire to buy it on the same day our youngest son was born, although I did make it back home in time! It has been a useful machine over the past 15 years although it is getting a bit worn and showing its age now (which my wife says is just like me). Hopefully it's not destined for the scrapyard to be a donor machine just yet!

We have just pregnancy scanned the last batch of ewes and have been very pleased to have our best result to date, following on from our poorest scan last year, so the tups, including the two new mini-tups, have obviously done their job. We don't have too many ewes expecting triplets, which is a relief as they are the ones which need extra TLC and where problems are most likely to arise.

The pregnancy scanning is a really useful tool, as we can divide the ewes according to how many lambs they are expecting and target feeding appropriately. The ewes expecting just one lamb are put to a field with not too much grass and the only extra feed they get is access to special pre-lambing vitamin and mineral tubs. They are a tasty, molasses based treat that the ewes lick like a giant lollipop. The blend of nutrients is designed to cater for the exact needs of a pregnant ewe and ensure that the newborn lambs are healthy and lively and get off to the best start in life. We have used these tubs for a few years now and they seem to do the job they are supposed to. The ewes expecting twins get the pre-lambing tubs plus some concentrate feed. The ones with triplets get extra concentrate feed on top of everything else, so the feed is targeted at the ones which need it.

A few of our cows have calved but it will be a month before I would be expecting any more, and I am hoping they might calve slightly quicker than last year, but we will have to wait and see. It is useful to have them calving over as short a time as possible, both for ease of management and to have the calves as even a size as possible for selling.

We still have some of last year's lambs to sell and they are getting some extra feed to help fatten them up. The price has improved over the last couple of months, which is good news as they are more expensive to rear than the ones sold earlier in the season. Hopefully they should all be sold before too long to make way for the new arrivals.

John

# News from the Rurals



**BISHOPSHIRE** – President Norma Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting on 12 February. Our speaker, Susan Arnott of The Cottage Soap & Gift Gallery, spoke about setting up her own company and the soap making process. Susan displayed many of her soaps and wedding favours.

Competitions:

Shortbread Joanne Cowan

Premature baby jacket Joanne Cowan

Many of the jackets were donated to Loving Hands charity to be sent to local hospitals.

**BLAIRINGONE** – After business, President Mary Ramsay welcomed Jim and Sandra Robb, who gave us a talk and slide show on their travels on a tandem, from Dunfermline to Barra and up the outer Hebrides and back home, with lots of entertaining stories thrown in.

Fiona Clark gave vote of thanks.

Competitions:

Landscape Photo Jean Broome

Flower of the month Jean Broome

**CARNBO** – President Molly White welcomed thirty members and our speaker Amanda James to the February meeting.

Amanda gave a very informative illustrated talk on her work with the Potager Garden and as Community Champion with Dobbies.

Business followed. A vote of thanks was given by Jay Hutchison.

Competition:

Flower of the month Cath Mearns

**CROOK OF DEVON** – In December we had a lovely Christmas meal at The Inn, Crook of Devon.

Our meeting in January was cancelled due to the bad weather.

At the February meeting, President Alice Johnson welcomed guest speaker Chris Scholes, who gave a very interesting talk on Crown Derby. Chris also brought along some of her collection to show us.

Competitions:

Favourite cup and saucer Alice Johnson

Flower of the month Alice Johnson

**GLENFARG** – At the meeting on 12 February, President Margaret Scott introduced Alice Mee, formerly of The Pampered Chef, who demonstrated a selection of tasty recipes for both savoury and sweet dishes. Tempting and quickly made, these were much enjoyed by the members.

Andzia Scott proposed the vote of thanks.

Competition winners:

Dish of pâté Allison Messenger

Pincushion Jean Connolly

Flower of the month Sheila Harley

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## Congratulations



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**David and Isobel Syme**, 3 Fruix, Kinross, are delighted to announce the birth of their fourth and fifth grandchildren: **NANCY ROSE SYME**, born on Wednesday 17 December 2014 in Margate, and **SADIE ANNABEL CURTIS**, born on Friday 23 January 2015 in Edinburgh.

**HEAVEN SCENT** in Milnathort was named Coffee Shop of the Year (North East) in the Scottish Independent Retail Awards 2015.

**FIONA TURNBULL**, one of the Newsletter's farming correspondents, was runner-up in the 2014 British Guild of Agricultural Journalists Training Award, sponsored by John Deere Limited.

Entrants for the award attended a course at the John Deere headquarters in Nottinghamshire last July and also undertook work experience. For the final award, eleven course members were asked to write a news story on the subject of their choice, preferably based on work completed during their work experience placement.

Fiona's article explained how lamb producers could achieve better returns from their flock. It was published by her work experience host, The Courier newspaper, as well as by the Guild of Agricultural Journalists.

Fiona received a certificate and runner-up prize of £100.



*Fiona Turnbull (right) with BGAJ Chairman Jane Craigie*

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# Kinross-shire Churches Together



## Kinross Parish Church of Scotland

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Rev Margaret Michie Tel: (01592) 840602  
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**Events listed below are in the church unless indicated otherwise.**

### Regular Services and events

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

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

#### March

**Sun 1** 10.30pm Quarterly Communion at Morning Service.  
2.30pm Communion Service – a shorter service aimed particularly at those who find it difficult to attend Morning Services.

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

**Mon 2** 8am Silent Meditation.

**Tue 3** 2.30pm Service at Whyte Court  
7.15pm Guild, church centre: 'Out of Africa, into Malta'.

**Thu 5** 7.30pm Thursday Group, church centre: Charity fundraiser.

**Fri 6** **World Day of Prayer.**  
2pm in Kinross Church Centre.  
7pm in Kinross Parish Church.

**Sat 14** 8.30am Prayer Breakfast (names in advance to church office).  
10am Presbytery of Perth: open, informal meeting at Kinross Parish Church – all welcome. Then Soup and Sandwich lunch before:

1.30pm Business meeting of Presbytery of Perth.

**Tue 17** 7.15pm Guild, church centre: Annual General Meeting.

**Thu 19** 9pm late evening service of Compline.

**Tue 24** 8pm Bible Study and Prayer Meeting, church centre.

**Sat 28** 10am – 12 noon 'Hot Cross Bun' coffee morning by Guild at church centre.

**Sun 29** 7.30pm 'Did the Angels Cry?' dramatic and musical presentation of the Easter story. Led by 'Crossfire' and the church choir.

**Tue 31** 2.30pm Service at Causeway Court

## Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

**Church of Scotland** (Charity number SC015523)

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### Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:

10am Portmoak Church,

11.30am Orwell Church.

All children welcome. Crèche available during Sunday Services.

**Please note that joint services will be held on the first Sunday of each month in alternate churches at 10.30am. On 1 March the service will be in Portmoak and on 5 April at Orwell.**

**Prayer Meeting** held 30mins before each service.

**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:** see church website for latest information.

### Dates and events for your diary

**1 Mar** Joint service in Portmoak Church 10.30am.

Evening service in Orwell Hall 6.30pm.

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

**8 Mar** Communion services in both churches.

**10 Mar** Guild meets in Orwell Hall at 7pm.

Charity meal for Mary's Meals.

**15 Mar** Annual Stated Meeting at the end of the service in both churches.

**22 Mar** Evening service in Kinross Church at 6.30pm. I & II Kings (The Rise and Fall of the Two Kingdoms).

**24 Mar** Guild AGM in Orwell Hall at 7pm.

**27 Mar** Oasis Ladies Group meets in Portmoak New Room at 10.15am. "My Cornish Childhood" by Ann Hughes.

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### Lent Study Group

Kinross-shire Churches Together: All welcome

Wednesday Evenings 4 – 25 March, 7.30pm

In Kinross Parish Church meeting room (use rear door)

### St James' R C Church

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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.

## Churches Together

### Fossoway, St Serf's & Devonside Church

**Church of Scotland** (Charity number SC013157)

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

#### March

- 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 followed by the Annual Stated Meeting.  
**Sun 29** 9.45am Morning Worship. Palm Sunday and dedication of the Luke Plaque.

**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 Mar, 2.30 - 4.30pm and 7.30 - 9.30pm. *Join us for a film, a cuppa and a blether, and even some popcorn.*

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**Sunday Services** 11.15am

#### March

- Sun 1** 11.15am All Age Worship followed by coffee in the village hall.  
**Sun 8** 11.15am Morning Worship.  
**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. Stated Annual Meeting. Junior Church meets in village hall.  
**Sun 29** 11.15am Palm Sunday Morning Worship. Sacrament of Baptism. Congregational Lunch in village hall.

All welcome

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### St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

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

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

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.

#### Mondays and Wednesdays

8am Morning Prayer, said quietly in the side chapel.

#### Wednesdays, apart from 25 March (see below)

12.30pm Simple Lent lunch followed by a led reflection and silent meditation and Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament.

#### Thursdays

10am for 10.15am Lent Study Discussion Group.

3.30pm – 4.30pm Rector's Hour in the Church Office.

*All welcome*

#### March Services and Events

##### Sun 1 2nd Sunday of Lent.

8.30am Holy Communion, followed by breakfast and Bible Study in the meeting room.

11am Sung Eucharist.

##### Sun 8 Sea Sunday. 8.30am Holy Communion, followed

by breakfast and Bible Study in the meeting room.

11am Whole Church Sung Eucharist.

Preacher: The Reverend Tim Tunley, Mission to Seafarers Chaplain in Leith.

4pm Sports Praise - celebrating effort and

achievements within our local sports communities.

##### Sun 15 Mothering Sunday

(Laetare ('Be Joyful') Sunday).

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

##### Sun 22 5th Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday).

8.30am Holy Communion, followed by breakfast and Bible Study in the meeting room.

11am Sung Eucharist.

##### Wed 25 The Annunciation of the Lord.

12.30pm Simple Lent lunch, reflection and 15 minute silent Meditation for Lent and Holy Communion in the Church.

##### Sun 29 Palm Sunday.

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist and dramatic retelling of the Passion story according to Mark.

**Everyone welcome at all services**

## 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.

## World Day of Prayer

### Friday 6 March

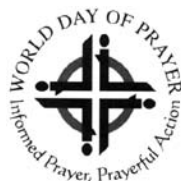
This year there will be two services in Kinross-shire for the 'World Day of Prayer' on Friday 6 March:

- at 2pm in Kinross Church Centre and
- at 7pm in Kinross Parish Church.

World Day of Prayer is a global, ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions from more than 170 countries who come together to have a common day of prayer once a year on the first Friday in March. Its motto is 'Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action'.

The service this year has been prepared by women of the Bahamas. Everyone is invited – male or female. There will be a collection taken during the services to support societies giving physical and spiritual support to people in the Bahamas, as part of the commitment to 'Prayerful Action'.

(WDP Scottish Committee: Scottish Charity no. SC 020446).



### Local Kinross-shire Firewood



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### HATRICK BRUCE PROPERTIES LIMITED

Office premises for rental in Kingfisher House,  
Auld Mart Lane, Milnathort.

Flexible accommodation ranging from 150ft² to 300ft².

Contact us on 01577 863967

## Kinross Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross  
Website: [www.kinrossgospelhall.info](http://www.kinrossgospelhall.info)

Sunday	10.30am	Breaking of Bread
	12.15pm	Sunday School
	6.00pm	Prayer Meeting
	6.30pm	Gospel Meeting
Monday	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
	8.15pm	Bible Study

## Healing Rooms Kinross and Loch Leven

Every Thursday from 10.30am to 12 noon  
at 29 South Street, Milnathort, KY13 9XA.

No appointment needed. No charge. Totally confidential.

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

[www.healingrooms-scotland.com](http://www.healingrooms-scotland.com)

## The Good Friday Experience

at Kinross Parish Church on

**Friday 3 April**

from 10.30am to 12 noon

Exploring the message of Easter through crafts, games, singing and film. All families welcome. Admission free.



**Custom  
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Property.com**

153  
High Street  
Kinross

Call us on **01577 869 094**

**THINKING OF SELLING?**

### Lochend Farm Shop Scotlandwell

Fresh seasonal vegetables  
carrots, turnips, cabbage  
and lots more harvested daily  
Maris Piper potatoes available now  
Apple Pies, scones, hot from the oven  
Menu changes daily

Open seven days 9am-6pm

Tel: 01592 840 745

Outside catering buffets lunches  
or book the shop for private functions

Phone for further information

### Hall Bookings

A list of halls and contact details can be found at

[www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:sylviaastewart@hotmail.co.uk)

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

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross)

## Private Nurseries and Childcare

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

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

# Notices



## 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.

## 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 March** *Charity fund raiser*

**2 April** *40th anniversary celebration*

**7 May** *AGM*

## Friends of Loch Leven Community Library

**\*\*\* Volunteers Wanted \*\*\***

In order for us to open our library on Saturday afternoon and all day Monday, we are actively seeking volunteers. All training will be provided... all you need is enthusiasm, love of books and a willingness to help your community.

Call or text Richard Scott on 07999 510500

## Portmoak Under Fives Coffee Morning

We are hosting a 'Time for a Cuppa' coffee morning to raise money for

**Dementia UK**

on **Friday 6 March**, 10am until midday

at Portmoak Village Hall, Kinnesswood.

Phoenix Trader, Mandy Cooper, will also be selling her beautiful greeting cards and gifts.

Why not pop in for a cuppa and a slice of cake and enjoy meeting some new friends!

For more information, please contact

Lynda Hardie, 07594 328475



Dementia UK Charity  
Reg No 1039404



## The Gaelic Society of Perth

The last Ceilidh of this session will be held at St Matthew's Church Hall, Tay Street, Perth, on **Friday 13 March at 7.30pm**. This month we have a wide-ranging set of entertainers. Dr Margaret Bennett is a renowned writer and singer and Steven McIver is a Mod Gold Medallist. We also have Kerry Findlay and a group of young newcomers to Gaelic singing, as well as Joyce Ramsay on accordion and Pipe Major Alistair Duthie from Perth Pipe Band. This promises to be an outstanding evening.

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.



## Business Breakfasts

**Open to all Kinross-shire Businesses**

Kinross-shire Partnership is hosting more Business Breakfasts as the second half of the 2014/15 season gets underway. 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 next breakfasts in the season will take place on:

**Wednesday 4 March**

**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](mailto: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](http://www.kinrosspartnership.org.uk)

[www.visitlochleven.org](http://www.visitlochleven.org)

[www.facebook.com/visitlochleven](https://www.facebook.com/visitlochleven)

[www.twitter.com/VisitLochLeven](https://www.twitter.com/VisitLochLeven)

## 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.

For more details, and to book your seat, contact:

**Mrs C Rodger 01577 863785.**

## 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 Mar Invasion Defences of Fife:** Fife defences against attack and invasion during the 20th century. **Steve Liscoe M Litt, FC Archaeological Unit.**



## Mindspace Recovery College

Mindspace Recovery College runs free courses covering all aspects of mental health, co-delivered by people with lived experience, and are open to all.



## 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**

### Kinross High School

presents a

### Big Band Concert

at the campus

**Tuesday 17 March at 7.30pm**

in aid of Teenage Cancer Trust

Come and hear a selection of Big Band favourites  
from the Tayside Big Band

(featuring our own Mr Keatings on Bari Sax)

Tickets, £5, available from Kinross High School

(01577) 867100

### NEW!

### La Leche League meetings in Kinross!



LA LECHE LEAGUE  
INTERNATIONAL

La Leche League will meet once a month in Kinross for  
friendly mum-to-mum breastfeeding support and chat. We  
welcome any mums (and mums to be) who are interested in  
breastfeeding.

Children all very welcome.

**First meeting: Wednesday 18 March at 10.30am**

St Paul's Church, The Muirs, Kinross KY13 8AY

For more details:

Hannah Dalgety (LLL Leader) 07886 859461

[www.lalechefifetayside.weebly.com](http://www.lalechefifetayside.weebly.com)

[www.facebook.com/groups/LaLechFifeTayside](https://www.facebook.com/groups/LaLechFifeTayside)

### Light Up Kinross Annual General Meeting

7.30pm

**Thursday 30 April**

Green Hotel, Kinross

All welcome

## Committee Skills

Join us for an informal introduction to  
running useful and efficient meetings

#### This Workshop will help you to

- Identify the skills which make a good committee member
- Know how to run positive meetings
- Understand the roles and responsibilities of committee members

**FREE training for community groups in Perth & Kinross**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm- 9.30pm**

**Loch Leven Community Campus**

**The Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8FQ**

For more information or to book a place please contact

Tracey Ramsay Tel: 01577 867124 or

email [tramsay@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:tramsay@pkc.gov.uk)



### Kinross Floral Art Club

will hold their

### AGM and Supper

in the Kirklands Hotel

on **Thursday 26 March** at 7pm.

For more details, contact Mrs Alison Morrison  
on 01577 863835.

### TABLE TOP SALE & COFFEE MORNING

### Orwell Bowling Club

Weasterloan, Milnathort

**Saturday 28 March 10am-2pm**

£5 per table

To book a table, phone: 01577 862948 or 01577 842271

### Open Day

**Were you a Rainbow, Brownie, Guide or Scout  
in Milnathort?**

Take a trip down memory lane! Come along and reminisce!

Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort

**Sunday 29 March at 1pm**

Photos and memorabilia from the past

- See the work completed in the Guide Hall regeneration project
- If interested in volunteering, come along and meet the current leaders
- Or just have a cup of tea with the guides and buy some home baking

## 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 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.



## EASTER FAYRE

in aid of Cancer Research

**Saturday 28 March**

10am – 2pm

Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross

Free Entry! All Welcome

Featuring many different stalls, also:

Cake and Candy, Raffle, Tombola, Tea and Coffee

Need more information?

Contact Sheila on 07517 374870 or Skippy 1311@msn.com or search for Easter Fayre on Facebook

## The Good Friday Experience

at Kinross Parish Church on

**Friday 3 April**

from 10.30am to 12 noon

Exploring the message of Easter through crafts, games, singing and film. All families welcome. Admission free.

## The Kinross-shire Civic Trust

Helping Protect, Conserve and Develop a Better Built and Natural Environment



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



**Thursday 9 April**

in Cleish Village Hall at 7.30pm

The AGM will be followed by a Talk by

**Ninian Crichton Stuart,**

**the Hereditary Steward of Falkland Palace.**

The National Trust is responsible for running the Palace, but Ninian Crichton Stuart is responsible for the Estate and Falkland House. Falkland House was built by William Burn between 1838 and 1844. Bought by John Crichton Stuart, 3rd Marquis of Bute, in 1890, he had the interior redesigned by Robert Weir Schultz. Ninian's talk will be about the House, his work in re-developing the Estate and also leading into his involvement with the Living Lomond Landscape. This will be a fascinating talk about a significant part of the country which has had an important role for centuries starting as a part of the royal estates for the Kings of Scotland.

It is hoped to have a visit to the House and the Estate later in the year.

Members, guests and non-members are very welcome. There will be refreshments after for which a donation would be appreciated.

## 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.

Come and join us at

## Cleish Church Annual Fête

(Cleish Church Charity No: 003168)

**Saturday 16 May**

**2pm – 4pm**

Cake & Candy, Plant Sale, Children's Games, Dog Show,

Bric a Brac, Book Stall

Flowers and Music in the Church

Fun for all the family

Advance Notice – Date for your Diary

**SATURDAY 27 JUNE**

12 noon – 4pm

## Celebration Carnival

## of Kinross Primary School

Due to redevelopment, the Kinross Primary School Fayre will be held on its current site of Kinross Primary School for the final time on Saturday 27 June.

Come and join current and past pupils, teachers and families for a celebration of the last 46 years of KPS.

Also, we'd love to hear from past pupils and teachers with their stories and memories. Please contact the Events Committee at:

[kinrossprimaryparentcouncil@googlemail.com](mailto:kinrossprimaryparentcouncil@googlemail.com)

## 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.

## Thrifty Crafters

We are a **new** Art and Craft Club based in Kinross and would like to welcome you to share your skills or learn new ones in a friendly encouraging atmosphere. We do a range of projects and also have visiting specialists from time to time who do demonstrations and show their work.

You will find us in the "Garden Room" at the Kinross Day Centre on a **Wednesday** at 1.30pm until 3.30pm. Come and join us for some fun and socialising. We look forward to seeing you there soon.

Please contact Ruth on 07741 452856 for more information.

## Newsletter Deadlines

A list of future deadlines can be found on our website

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

## Springwell – Wellbeing Support Team

**Inclusion \* Wellbeing \* Recovery**

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

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

For more information or an informal chat please phone  
Charlie Wilson 01577 867320, or  
Email [charleswilson@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:charleswilson@pkc.gov.uk)

## Kinross 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](http://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 CCIr 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](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/kinross-shire-fund) or telephone 0131 5240300

## PLUS Perth

[www.plusperth.co.uk](http://www.plusperth.co.uk)  
Tel: 01738 626242  
77 Canal Street, Perth



PLUS is a member-led local charity and social movement which gives hope and opportunity to those affected by disadvantage; in the main to those with experience of mental ill health and substance misuse.

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

## 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](http://www.vaperthshire.org)

If you would like to promote your **Organisations Volunteering Opportunities** please hand your information into reception for attention of: Tracey Ramsay (Community Capacity Building Worker)

Blank profiles are also available for your use if required. These are in the organisation folder at the VIP alternatively follow this link:  
[www.pkc.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=22228&p=0](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=22228&p=0)

The Volunteer Information Point has been organised and supported by  
Partners of the Kinross-shire Community Learning and Development Group.



For further information please contact Tracey Ramsay 01577 867177 or email  
[Tramsay@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:Tramsay@pkc.gov.uk)

## Girl Guiding in Kinross-shire

is struggling to meet local demand

**We Need Your Help!**

### Get Involved

To enable us to manage all our units effectively and to offer the best opportunities for girls in the area **we desperately need adult leaders and helpers** to achieve this. Can you spare as little as an **hour and a quarter each week** to help us? **Right now** to help us manage our current provisions we require:

- Adult leaders and helpers for our Guide units in Milnathort,
- Members for our Friends of Guiding,
- People to help put the girls through badges.

Volunteering opportunities can include weekly commitment, one-off sessions or simply lend a hand with funding raising, driving for outings, administration or even DIY in hall. Training is provided for adult leaders!

### Make Things Happen

With your support, our Girl Guiding units could have what we need to run our units and programmes successfully, helping to create amazing opportunities for girls to develop self-esteem, make new friends, learn and try new things, be involved in the community, achieve their badges and have FUN!

**Interested?** For further information please call **Alison** on **07764750212 or 01577864262.**

We promise you will find it so rewarding.

## Blythswood Care

Sainsbury's Car Park

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

**Monday 9 March**

**between 10.30 am and 10.55 am**

Further details from 862258

## 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



**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
- Talk on the phone
- Fill in a form
- Apply for a job

### Adult Literacy & Numeracy

**Reading Writing Spelling Numbers**

"I can enjoy books now"

"I feel more confident"

"Filling in forms is less scary"

"I passed my driving test"

## BOOKING ESSENTIAL

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

**Roseanne Gray**

Loch Leven Community Campus

Email: rgray@pkc.gov.uk

**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](http://www.careconfidential.com)

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre  
40 St John Street, Perth, PH1 5SP  
[www.hopepregnancy.co.uk](http://www.hopepregnancy.co.uk)  
email: [hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com](mailto:hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com)  
Helpline 01738 621174  
We are a Scottish Charity SC037103



THE  
TALKING  
DONKEY

Every Friday 11am - 2pm  
@ The Millbridge Hall

For further information, or if you want to be involved please ring 07766 515 950 or 07771 696 830

The Cafe where everything is

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 Soups 

 Snacks 

 Hot Drinks 

 Cold Drinks 

 Home-cooked lunches 

All brought to your table by our friendly staff

The Talking Donkey is a Christian venture so there will always be people on hand to offer

## Prayer For Any Need



## Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

### Outreach Advice Surgery

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 March**

No appointment is necessary as the surgery is a drop-in service. For complex issues a further appointment may be necessary. Perth CAB can help you – our advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent. Contact us: Advice line 01738 450580; Appointment line 01738 450581.



## Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

### Benefits Advice in Libraries (BAIL)

Benefits specialist Sarah MacLean will be available at Loch Leven Community Campus Library on the **second and fourth Wednesday of each month** between 2pm and 4pm. Alongside the provision of general benefits advice Sarah can help with the following:

- Completing both paper and online benefit application forms;
- Conducting checks to see if clients are receiving everything they are entitled to, i.e. discounts for fuel, etc;
- Providing advice and support in instances where an application is refused or awarded at a lower level than expected.

Please note: Sarah is available **by appointment only**. To make an appointment, please call 01738 450599.



## Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

### Debt and Money Advice Service

Perth CAB has a team of specialist debt advisers who can help you deal with your debts.

- Do you feel trapped in Debt?
- Don't want to open letters or answer your own phone?
- Are you losing sleep at night?
- Is debt affecting your life?

#### We can help you to:

- Find realistic and practical solutions for your own situation
- We can help deal with your creditors and negotiate on your behalf
- Help you manage your money better

"After seeing the CAB debt adviser, I could sleep at night again" - a quote from a relieved client.

**Our advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent.**

Talk to a specialist debt adviser today on 01738 450 590, TEXT us on 07535 836 817 with your name and number and we will call you back, or alternatively email [zworkman@PerthCAB.casonline.org.uk](mailto:zworkman@PerthCAB.casonline.org.uk)



## MINDSPACE COUNSELLING SERVICE

Mindspace Counselling Services are now able to offer counselling to adults and young people aged 11+ at The Loch Leven Health Centre on Mondays and Tuesdays. We offer counselling to people who are facing a wide range of difficulties or challenges such as: bereavement or loss; isolation, anxiety or depression; stress of work or in the home; difficulties in friend, family or intimate relationships; confused feelings.

If you are interested in this service you can self-refer via email to [info@mindspacepk.com](mailto:info@mindspacepk.com), by telephone on 01738 631639 or by visiting our website at [www.mindspacepk.com](http://www.mindspacepk.com). You can also be referred by your GP.

Mindspace also offer counselling to adults (18+) at their offices in Perth. For more information visit our website at [www.mindspacepk.com](http://www.mindspacepk.com)



**Homes required urgently for our homeless hounds**

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Evenings: 01577 850393  
Email: [ferniejimmyf@aol.com](mailto:ferniejimmyf@aol.com)



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

## MOUBRAY HALL, POWMILL

Do you need to hire a venue for your club or society meetings, family get-togethers, birthday parties or functions? Then look no further than Moubray Hall, Powmill. Available to hire all year round with new kitchen and disabled toilet.

For further details, please call 01577 840330.

## Community Councils

**Kinross:** Secy: Mrs M Scott (01577) 862945  
KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk  
**Cleish & Blairadam:** Secy: Patty Fraser (01577) 850253,  
CleishCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk  
**Milnathort:** Chair: Bruce Hamilton (01577) 830616  
MilnathortCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk  
**Fossoway & District:** Secy: Kevin Borthwick (01577) 840845,  
fossoway.cc@gmail.com  
**Portmoak:** Chair: Malcolm Strang Steel (01592) 840459,  
PortmoakCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

## Portmoak Community Councillors

Robin G Cairncross	01592 840672
Bruce Calderwood	01592 840423
Susan Forde	01592 840128
Thomas Smith	01592 841160
Malcolm Strang Steel	01592 840459
Richard Williamson	01592 840538

[www.portmoak.org](http://www.portmoak.org)

## Perth and Kinross Councillors Kinross-shire Ward

**Councillor Mike Barnacle** (Independent)

Tel/Fax (home): 01577 840516.

Email: michaelabarnacle@gmail.com

Website: mikebarnacle.co.uk

Moorend, Waulkmill Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross, KY13 0UZ

**Councillor Dave Cuthbert** (Independent)

Tel (home): 01577 861681. Email: dcuthbert@pkc.gov.uk

8 Highfield Circle, Kinross, KY13 8RZ

**Councillor Joe Giacomazzi** (Scottish National Party)

Tel (home): 01577 864025.

Email: jgiacomazzi@pkc.gov.uk

38A New Road, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XT

**Councillor Willie Robertson** (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

Tel (home): 01577 865178. Email: wbrobertson@pkc.gov.uk

85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13XA

## Mobile Library Service

**Visiting on Wednesdays 11 & 25 March:**

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 March:**

Milnathort	South Street	0930 – 1130
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For more information about mobile library services, visit:  
[www.pkc.gov.uk/mobilelibrary](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/mobilelibrary) or phone 01577 867205.

## Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers

**Linda Freeman**

Tel 01577 865045. Email: linda.freeman\_64@btinternet.com

## Kinross Community Councillors

Margaret Blyth	6 Muir Grove	
David Colliar (Chair)	10 Rannoch Place	864037
Barry M Davies	60 Lathro Park	865004
Bill Freeman	64 Muirs	865045
Ian Jack (Treasurer)	Burnbrae Grange	863980
Margaret Scott (Secy)	21 Ross Street	862945
Gareth Thomas	50 Muirs	863714
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:

63 Glasgow Road, Perth, PH2 0PE

Telephone: 01738 620540

Email: Roseanna.Cunningham.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

## Members of the Scottish Parliament for Mid Scotland and Fife Region

All MSPs can be contacted at the following address:

The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP

**Claire Baker MSP** (Labour) Tel: 0131 348 6759

Email: Claire.Baker.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

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## Member of Parliament for Ochil & South Perthshire Constituency Gordon Banks MP

[www.gordonbanks.info](http://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](http://www.pkc.gov.uk)

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

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

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

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

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

## Weekly Programme

<b>Monday</b>	Exercise Class	11am	Bingo	1.30pm
	"Stride for Life" Walking Group			2pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Relaxation Class	1.15pm		
	Singing group with Alex Cant		1.45pm	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Morning Worship	10.45am	Quiz Afternoon	1.30pm
	Dominoes, Scrabble & other Games			1.30pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Art Class	1.30pm	Film Afternoon	1.30pm
	Dominoes, Scrabble, cards etc			1.30pm
<b>Friday</b>	Dominoes, Games and Filmshow	1.30pm		
	Bingo		1.30pm (except 6th)	



## Additional Events for March

### Chiropody

**Thursday 5th, 26th** 9.45am - 1pm  
(phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)

### World Day of Prayer

**Friday 6th** 2pm

### Football Experience

**Tuesday 17th** 1.30pm

### Tai Chi

**Wednesday 11th, 25th** 1.30 - 2pm

### Food from around the world - Italy

**Thursday 19th** 12noon

### Trip to library

**Thursday 26th** 1.45pm

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**



### Loch Leven's Larder

10.30am - 12 noon

**Every third Tuesday of the month**

Website: [www.perth-kinross.org.uk](http://www.perth-kinross.org.uk)

Email: [perthkinross@mssociety.org.uk](mailto:perthkinross@mssociety.org.uk)

[perthkinross.support@mssociety.org.uk](mailto: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.)

## Items for Sale

The Newsletter publishes items for sale listed on the kinross.cc website. If interested in purchasing an item, we suggest **checking the website for current availability** (www.kinross.cc then 'Local Adverts' then 'Classified Adverts'). If interested in selling an item, please list it on www.kinross.cc and it will automatically be published in the next available Newsletter, subject to space.

Washing machine

**£100**

Description: Zanussi 1600 spin 7kg capacity. 1.5 years old.

Reason for sale new fitted kitchen.

Seller Details: Jayne Sneddon

07840 040256

Jaynesneddon@hotmail.co.uk

Foo Fighter Tickets x 2 - Murrayfield Stadium 23 June **£220 ono**

Description: Two pitch standing Foo Fighter tickets for Murrayfield 23 Jun. Should get tickets at latest one week before.

Seller Details: LIZ FLATT

07548 531013

Cartridges for LexmarkX75 printer

**£25**

Description: 4xblack (16) and 1xcolour (26) with free printer only suitable for pre-2007 computers.

Seller Details: maureen kerr

01577 840369

maureenkerr@AOL.com

Folding bed

**£20**

Description: 2'6" x 6' folding bed with mattress.

Seller Details: Carol McIntyre

01577 861659

dugaldmci@aol.com

## WANTED

Large Wooden Electric Cable Reels, free if possible.

Wanted for use as play equipment for small herd of pygmy goats and kids, or anything similar.

Rebecca and Di Dawes

078 9999 3575

info@farmerdawes.co.uk

## 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').

### Heaven Scent, South Street Milnathort

We are looking to recruit a **full time cook** to join our busy team at Heaven Scent. Experience essential.

In addition, Our outdoor catering company seeks a **part time delivery driver** to fill food vending machines around Perth and deliver corporate lunches to offices and factories. Shifts are early morning and lunch time, Monday to Friday. Some weekend work may be required. 18-24hrs.

For both positions please contact us by email at:

info@scotthospitalityservices.co.uk

### J & G Wilson, 18 High Street Kinross KY13 8AN

**Experienced legal secretary** required, to provide a proactive and professional secretarial support to the firm as a whole. This role is intended to embrace a team-working approach, collaborating with fee earners and other members of support staff to fulfil the needs of the business.

To apply, write to address above or email:

e.williamson@jgwilson.co.uk

Applications should include a covering letter, a copy of your CV, a note of your present salary and an indication of your salary expectations.

### The Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross

**Commis Chef** required, to be responsible for preparing and presenting high quality dishes to deliver an excellent customer experience. Opportunity for development through Local college. Please send CV or come in and complete an Application form.

### St Serf's and Orwell Medical Practices

**Temporary Receptionist** required to cover maternity leave. Hours: 9.30am to 6pm Monday to Friday. Start date: early May. Previous experience desirable. CV and covering letter to Jane Macnaughton, Practice Manager, Loch Leven Health Centre.

## 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

## 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
April	Fri 13 March	Saturday 28 March
May	Fri 17 April	Saturday 2 May

## British Summer Time

begins on **Sunday 29 March 2015**

Clocks go forward one hour at 1am

## The Kinross Newsletter

**by the community, for the community**  
all profits are given away to local good causes

# 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  
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