



Kinross Newsletter

Founded in 1977 by Kinross Community Council

Published by Kinross Newsletter Limited, Company No. SC374361

www.kinrossnewsletter.org

www.facebook.com/kinrossnewsletter

Founding editor,
Mrs Nan Walker, MBE

ISSN 1757-4781

Issue No 428

April 2015

DEADLINE for the May Issue

5.00 pm, Friday
17 April 2015

for publication on
Saturday 2 May 2015

Contributions for inclusion in the Newsletter

The Newsletter welcomes items from community organisations and individuals for publication. This is free of charge (we only charge for business advertising – see below right). All items may be subject to editing and we reserve the right not to publish an item. Please also see our Letters Policy and Notes on page 2. Submit your item (except adverts) in one of the following ways:

Email: editor@kinrossnewsletter.org

(all emails will be acknowledged)

Post or hand in to:

Eileen Thomas, Editor
50 Muirs
Kinross KY13 8AU

Please do not send adverts to the Editor.
Adverts should be sent to the Advertising Manager.

Editor

Eileen Thomas
50 Muirs
Kinross, KY13 8AU..... 01577 863714
editor@kinrossnewsletter.org

Advertising Manager

Ann Harley
2 Hatchbank Road,
Kinross KY13 9JY..... 01577 864512
advertising@kinrossnewsletter.org

Treasurer

Ross McConnell
3 High Street
Kinross KY13 8AW 01577 865885
treasurer@kinrossnewsletter.org

Subscriptions

Ross McConnell (address as above)
subscriptions@kinrossnewsletter.org

Distribution

Lee Scammacca (Cree8)
62 Muirs, Kinross KY13 8AU.. 01577 863186
distribution@kinrossnewsletter.org

CONTENTS

From the Editor	2
Letters	2
News and Articles.....	4
Police Box	14
Community Councils.....	15
Club & Community Group News.....	22
Sport	36
News from the Rurals.....	44
Out & About	45
Gardens Open	48
Congratulations & Thanks.....	49
Church Information	50
Playgroups and Toddlers	53
Notices.....	54
Day Centre & Chemists.....	62
Classified Adverts, Situations Vacant	63
Diary	64

Front Cover: Local farmer Iain Campbell and lambs, by Tracy Gow Photography

Commercial Advertising in the Newsletter

Display Adverts

For information on placing a Display Advert, please see our website www.kinrossnewsletter.org or contact our Advertising Manager.

Typed Adverts

A typed advert may be placed for one or more months. These adverts are text only (no graphics allowed). There are two rates:

Up to NINE lines (including blank lines)	£7.50 per insertion
TEN to FIFTEEN lines (including blank lines)	£13.00 per insertion

As a guide, eight words is the maximum that can be fitted on a line. To place a Typed Advert, contact our Advertising Manager, Ann Harley (see left for contact details). You will need to send her:

- Your name, address, telephone number and, optionally, email address.
- The wording of your advert.
- A note of the number of insertions required.
- Your remittance – cheques payable to “Kinross Newsletter Ltd”.

Send all this to the Advertising Manager by the normal monthly Newsletter deadline (see top of left-hand column for date).

The Newsletter reserves the right to vary the physical size of these adverts from issue to issue according to the space available.

If you wish to place a Typed Advert on a permanent or semi-permanent basis, contact the Advertising Manager to see if you can go on to our billing list.

For full information on advertising in the Newsletter, please go to our website www.kinrossnewsletter.org and click on 'Advertising'.

The Newsletter reserves the right to refuse or amend any advertisement or submission and accepts no liability for any omission or inaccuracy.

No part of this publication may be reproduced or used in any form without the express written permission of the publishers.

Editor Eileen Thomas **Typesetting and Layout** Tony Dyson **Distribution** Lee Scammacca
Advertising Ann Harley **Treasurer and Subscriptions** Ross McConnell



Editorial

Farming is a key part of Kinross-shire's identity, so we are delighted to feature a local farmer on our front cover this month. Many thanks to Iain Campbell for his time, to our Farming Correspondent Fiona Turnbull for the super article (page 73) and to Tracy Gow for the lovely photographs.

Calling all club secretaries! We are planning to publish another '**Yellow Pages**' Register of Local Organisations with the Newsletter this summer. The Register is created from contact details listed on the kinross.cc website. We are now asking secretaries or contact persons for all the clubs, societies and other organisations in the area to check their listing on the kinross.cc website to see if it is up-to-date. Please email Pauline Watson, the kinross.cc website administrator, with any changes via: admin@kinross.cc or telephone 01577 862685. If your club is not listed, Pauline will be delighted to add it. The Register isn't just for clubs; it covers hall bookings, schools, support groups and more.

We are delighted to see that our **Facebook** 'Likes' go up each time a new issue of the Newsletter is published. Thank you! Our next target is 500 likes. Please stop by our page if you can!

About the Kinross Newsletter

The Newsletter has been informing and supporting the community for over 37 years.

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

As well as keeping up to date via news and club reports, readers use the Newsletter to find local trades and services, and our loyal advertisers support the community by enabling us to publish local clubs' reports and essential community information free of charge. Any profits made by the Newsletter are given away to local good causes.

Note to Contributors

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

Letters Policy

Senders must supply their name and address, which will be published with the letter. Letters should be truthful and not contain matter which could cause legal proceedings to be taken against the Newsletter. The Newsletter does not necessarily agree with any of the views expressed on the Letters pages. In special circumstances addresses may be withheld from publication on request (but must still be supplied to the editor).

Note to Readers: Advertising

Inclusion of advertisements in the Newsletter does not imply any particular endorsement or recommendation of services or companies by Kinross CC or Kinross Newsletter Ltd.

Abbreviations

PKC: Perth & Kinross Council

CC: Community Council

CLr: Councillor

CClr: Community Councillor

Thanks to loyal customers

I would like to thank customers who have struggled to get to the Dog House in recent months when sections of the road were coned off due to nearby building works. I do appreciate the effort that customers made.

Unfortunately there will be further disruption when the Council creates the "shared space" near the shop as part of the High Street public realm works. I do hope customers will continue to try to use local shops. Thank you.

Please remember I am happy to deliver items locally. Please call (01577) 863063 or mobile 07814830547.

Barbara Willey
The Dog House
118 High Street, Kinross

Budget comments

As a former Councillor in Highland, I was surprised to read Councillor Barnacle's apparent comments relating to the conduct of the Council's budget meeting. He is reported to allege that the Provost, Liz Grant, was 'instructed' by her SNP group to rule the Independent group motion as incompetent. This allegation is as unlikely as it is unfounded and sounds very much like a bad case of 'sour grapes', nothing more. It is the job of the Provost to chair Council meetings and, as such, she must decide these matters as she sees fit, within the rules. The position of Provost is largely ceremonial and, although she was elected on a political ticket, she oversees the conduct of Council meetings in an unbiased and apolitical manner.

Perhaps Councillor Barnacle, if the 'Newsletter' article is to be believed, is attempting to divert attention away from his Independent group's shortcomings. Two of the four independents, Councillors Jack and Barnacle, did not stay for the whole meeting. Councillor Barnacle walked out early on in the meeting, while Councillor Jack left at halfway. Not much commitment to their electorate there.

Councillor Barnacle complains about the process of setting the budget in that it lacks 'consensus', in his words. Very odd. He never objected to the working of the system when he was a member of the Lib Dem/SNP administration, before walking out to form his own Independent party!

Even more odd is the fact that the Independent group **did not bring a budget of their own to the Council meeting!** How is 'consensus' supposed to be achieved if the Independent group's budget proposals are not brought before the Council? The budget was passed by 22 votes to 12, with the votes of Councillors representing the SNP, Labour and the Liberal Democrats. Councillor Barnacle sees this as a 'flawed process', but what alternative does he offer?

Andy Anderson
36 Springfield Park, Kinross

Chemistry Made Clear - Chemistry Tuition

- 1 to 1 tuition for exam success
- ✓ ALL Scottish Chemistry courses
- ✓ Experienced, GTC (and PVG) registered teacher

For more information contact:

www.chemistrymadeclear.co.uk

elizabeth@chemistrymadeclear.co.uk

mobile: 07761 989535

Kinross High Street public realm works

Perth & Kinross Council requested that the Newsletter print a copy of a letter that the Council recently sent out to some residents and businesses as follows:

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you may be aware from previous correspondence and consultation, Perth and Kinross Council are undertaking environmental improvement works in Kinross High Street in Spring / Summer 2015. 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 will encourage further private investment in the Town Centre, providing an enhanced High Street to complement the tourism attractions at the nearby Loch Leven.

The environmental 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 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.

Rainton Construction have now been awarded the contract and will commence the works on 30 March 2015 starting at the Station Road junction and working their way south down the High Street. Rainton Construction are experienced in carrying out this type of work in a busy town centre location and have recently completed similar projects in Edinburgh. They are therefore well aware of the requirements of local businesses and residents during the works and how to make sure that there is as little disruption as possible.

Rainton Construction will soon be in contact with all local residents likely to be affected by the works. A "Contractor Representative" contact within Rainton Construction will be provided for the duration of the works. This contact is intended to give local businesses and residents the most effective means of communication possible during the works. The "Contractor Representative" contact should be used in the first instance if there are any concerns during the works to ensure that concerns are addressed as quickly as possible.

As with all works of this nature, it is inevitable that there will be some disruption throughout the contract. The Council wants to ensure that this disruption is minimised as much as possible and therefore if you have any further comments or concerns at this stage please do not hesitate to get in touch with Ross Fletcher on arfletcher@pkc.gov.uk or 01738 477295.

Perth Festival of the Arts 21 - 31 May

Box Office 01738 621031 www.perthfestival.co.uk



The Proclaimers, one of the acts at this year's Perth Festival of the Arts

The Proclaimers

Jools Holland & His Rhythm & Blues Orchestra

King Creosote

Courtney Pine

English Touring Opera La bohème

BBC Philharmonic & Tine Thing Helseth

Her Majesty's Royal Marines Bands

The Sixteen - The Choral Pilgrimage

Scottish Opera Pop-up Roadshow

ArTay contemporary Art Marquee

Ronnie Scott's All Star Quintet & Claire Martin

John Suchet Beethoven The Man Revealed

Red Priest

Simply Gershwin

The Only Way is Downton

Frank Lloyd, horn recital

Andrew Forbes, organ recital

and much more ...



ISLA MAE INTERIORS

- WE** **Re-Upholster** – Modern & Traditional, Boat/Caravan seating etc.
- WE** Cut foam to size – cushions refilled with foam or feather
- WE** Make furniture to order – Wing Chairs, Chaises,
- WE** Make headboards to order
– Any size shape or Fabric
- WE** Make curtains, blinds, pelmets etc

Showroom at Dobbies Garden Centre, Kinross
Open Tues – Sat 10am – 5pm Sundays 12 – 4pm
For a free no obligation estimate Tel 07877 478167

Loch Leven Dog Grooming

Providing a professional service
in a friendly and stress-free environment
Various appointment times available throughout the week
Local collect and return service if required

Please telephone: 07971 916099

www.lochlewendoggrooming.co.uk
Fruix Farm Cottage, Fruix, KY13 0LA
(just off M90 Junction 5)

Newsletter Deadlines

A list of future deadlines can be found on our website
www.kinrossnewsletter.org



Kinross is first Scottish Moto M&S

A Marks & Spencer Simply Food outlet has opened at the Kinross Moto service station. While it is the 35th M&S at a Moto in Britain, it is the first one in Scotland.

Provost Liz Grant performed the opening ceremony and then browsed the shelves with interest as Moto staff explained the benefits of the new facility to the Provost and local councillors.

The M&S shop has been created to the rear of the service station in an area that was part of the former restaurant. The Kinross Moto has been revamped to appeal to the modern traveller, and offers a spacious coffee shop under premium operator Costa, a small Burger King café and take-away and a WH Smith shop as well as the new M&S retail unit.

Due to its modest size, the Moto M&S Simply Food can carry only a limited selection from the ranges offered in

larger stores, but the first day of trading on 5 March saw plenty of interest from local residents as well as travellers.

The introduction of M&S Simply Food at Kinross has resulted in the creation of ten new jobs.



Provost Liz Grant (centre) cuts the ribbon to declare the new M&S open, watched by (l to r) Councillors Mike Barnacle, Dave Cuthbert and Joe Giacomazzi; Ben Hogg, M&S Duty Manager and Linda Gray, Kinross Moto's General Manager

High School pupils take part in photojournalism initiative

Pupils from Kinross High School have taken part in 'Living Communities Photojournalism', an initiative designed to develop fresh and exciting approaches to heritage learning.

Working with professional photographers and journalists, participants across Perth & Kinross have been acquiring new photography skills and interviewing techniques which

has helped them to document defining aspects of their local culture.

The resulting photojournalism exhibition was opened on 5 March at Strathearn Artspace in Crieff by professional photographer Peter Dibdin, whose project "Edinburgh Southsiders" had inspired many of those taking part. Images from the exhibition will be exhibited at AK Bell, Kinross (Loch Leven) and Blairgowrie libraries throughout April 2015. A digital exhibition is on display in the new "Story of Perth" exhibition at Perth Museum & Art Gallery.

Living Communities is an ambitious partnership initiative between Perth & Kinross Council and the Gannochy Trust. At the heart of the Living Communities model is a commitment to people and to the places in which they live. Since 2011, different generations have been coming together to explore the stories of communities, preserving local heritage that might otherwise have been forgotten.



Young people from Kinross High School at the opening of the Living Communities Photojournalism exhibition. Photo: Louis Flood

Councillor Giacopazzi

'Chips with everything'

As one who is not allowed chips at home (Mrs G makes me eat broccoli and healthy stuff), I gleefully accepted an invitation from the Chief Executive of Tayside Contracts to lunch with him at the Loch Leven Community Campus. Imagine, then, my disappointment when told on the day that chips were not normally on the menu at the campus. So I settled for a chicken curry with a side of healthy green things. It was all, in fact, very good. Not having had a school meal in 46 years I'd failed to realise that school cuisine had moved on a lot since the vile stuff which was served up to my generation all those years ago.

With the anticipated obesity epidemic which threatens to overwhelm the NHS soon, it is all the more important that our schoolchildren be encouraged to eat healthily. It is very much in tune with the policy of the Council to give every child the best start in life.

Why Tayside Contracts? Well, I am on the Board of the company and, in addition to repairing our roads and gritting them in winter, Tayside Contracts provides meals to schools in PKC, Angus and Dundee. It also does the cleaning of schools. Following legislation by the Scottish Government, since January 2014 all of Scotland's Primary 1 to 3 pupils have the option of a free meal at school. Early indications show an uptake of around 70% in Tayside. While, overall, around 10% of all children, primary and secondary, are entitled to free school meals, one in five does not take up that entitlement, which seems a pity.

From its commercial operations, Tayside Contracts has in recent years returned around £900,000 annually to its constituent Councils, with PKC getting 40%. It is convenient to these Councils to have a trained workforce available for winter roads maintenance (gritting) which can transfer over to road repairs when the weather is better.



Parking Issues

Firstly, the good news. The much needed extension to the Mill Street car park, which I proposed to the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee three years ago, was finally opened last week. I am having to get used to the idea that things take longer to achieve in the public sector than in the world of free enterprise which I used to inhabit.

I counted twenty new bays in the extended part of the car park. I've checked a few times and found that there are always a few spare bays, which contrasts with the previous situation when every space was full.

The bad news? There have been numerous complaints about drivers parking in an inconsiderate manner in the vicinity of Portmoak and Kinross primary schools. By inconsiderate I mean parking on zig zag or yellow lines, on pavements or parking in a way which impedes the free flow of traffic. This can be worse than just inconsiderate. It can be hazardous. The situation has been so bad at Portmoak that the Police and traffic attendants have been called, as a result of which tickets have been issued. Please bear this in mind.

Child Sexual Exploitation in Perth & Kinross

Following the vile, and almost unbelievable, revelations of the longstanding child sexual exploitation (CSE) in Rotherham and other English cities, the Scottish Government created a National Action Plan to tackle the problem. As a result, PKC has set up a Child Protection Committee consisting of Council child protection officials, Police, health and education professionals and representatives of relevant charities. The brief of the Committee is prevention of CSE through education, information sharing and raising awareness of CSE issues. The Council is taking a lead role on the matter, particularly relevant as many of the victims in Rotherham were looked after children in the care of the local authority itself.

As a matter of reassurance, I can say that the action of your Council is not in response to an actual CSE problem within Perth and Kinross. It is to prevent such events as occurred in Rotherham from ever happening within our community. Prevention, after all, is better than cure.

Councillor Joe Giacopazzi

Tullibole Castle used as film set

Christmas has come early to Tullibole Castle! In March, the castle and grounds were used during the making of a new film version of the tale 'A Christmas Carol'.

This is not a classic telling of the story, however! The film follows Ebenezer Scrooge's transition from a young man at college in Philadelphia to a rich, powerful distillery owner in Scotland. The characters have been aged down and, in a further surprise, the part of Bob Cratchit is played by a woman! Scrooge is played by Stuart Brennan, an award winning actor, producer and writer who filmed a zombie horror film in the Perth and Kinross area last year.

Wedding Open Weekend

Tullibole reverts to its more typical guise in April as a potential wedding venue. A Wedding Open Weekend takes place on Saturday 25th, Sunday 26th and Monday 27th April, 10am until 5pm.



Filming in the Great Hall at Tullibole

The Great Hall will be dressed for a ceremony, the carriage house will be set out for dining and dancing and there will be a display by Highland Tapis on the lawn. Local suppliers will be showcased at the event.

Myra comes up with winning recipe

Kinross resident Myra Taylor has won £50 in vouchers to spend at Hunters of Kinross after devising a tasty new recipe for local Master Butcher, Iain Hunter.

Hunters ran a competition on their Facebook page inviting ideas for a new sausage, resulting in a massive response of 350 entries.

The winning recipe needed to have broad appeal and be capable of production in large batches. The combination suggested by Myra was named The Hunters Breakfast Sausage and includes Specially Selected Pork, Scottish Ayrshire Bacon, Hunters own recipe Black Pudding and their special mixture of seasonings.

"The result is delicious and perfect on a morning roll with a dollop of your favourite sauce," said Pamela Hunter.



Myra Taylor receiving her prize from Conner Stuart of Hunters

Local language inspires theatre show

A one-woman show about the Scots language to be staged at Edinburgh and Glasgow theatres in April draws on the Kinross-shire experiences of award-winning writer, director and actor Ishbel McFarlane – from her time at Swansacre playgroup as a bairn to the recent correspondence in the Newsletter about the use of Scots.

The show, entitled 'O is for Hoolet', presents collected fragments, including a recording from the School of Scottish Studies of her mother Irene Russell performing as a teenager at the Kinross Folk Festival. Through these stories, interviews, memories, characters and attitudes the show challenges and disrupts our expectations and prejudices about language. It is the winner of the Platform 18 New Directions award 'which aims to support the UK's most talented young or emergent stage directors'.

Performances will take place at the Traverse Theatre, Edinburgh, 23-25 April, cost £16/£13/£8 (tel. 0131 228 1404) and the Arches, Glasgow, 15-17 April, cost £12/£10 (tel. 0141 556 1000).

Loch Leven Community Library

Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross

Tel: 01577 867205 Email: lochlevenlibrary@pkc.gov.uk

Opening Times

Sun & Mon	closed	Fri	10am-6pm
Tue, Wed & Thu	10am-8pm	Sat	10am-1pm

Regular Sessions for Young Children

No need to book, just come along:

Pre-school Story Time

Tuesdays 10.15-10.45am Thursdays 2.15-2.45pm

Bookbug Rhymetimes

Saturdays 10.30-11.00am Wednesdays 2.00-2.30pm

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

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.

An Audience with Andy McNab

Thursday 21 May at 7.30pm

Join one of the world's bestselling writers, Andy McNab, as he discusses his successful career and reads from his latest Tom Buckingham thriller. He is the author of the bestselling Nick Stone thrillers, several other fiction and non-fiction titles, a series of books for young adults, as well as a variety of newspapers and magazines.

Book a ticket (£6 adults & £3 under 16yrs) via the library.

All Perth & Kinross libraries will be **CLOSED** on
Friday 3 April
Saturday 4 April

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

Councillor Barnacle

Copy of a letter to Jim Valentine, Executive Director (Environment), Perth & Kinross Council

Need for 'Major' Mitigation Measures and Lack of PKC Funding for A977 (The Forgotten Road)



I refer to my letter of 18 July 2014 regarding the above enclosed, which remains my definitive position on this matter. I note that I never received a formal response to the points in my letter and my request for a meeting of all those circulated was not actioned. The lack of a response from the Leader of the minority SNP administration and the Convener of Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee reinforces my view that there is no political will to address this matter, which remains a priority for the people of the villages in West Kinross-shire that I represent.

I also enclose my email of 13 November 2014 on this matter, asking you to note that Peter Marshall has confirmed to me that the level of housing development in the countryside around Crook of Devon and Powmill to justify the major engineering undertaking of by passes would be contrary to Tayplan. He also informs me that the cost of proper engineering/surveying for appropriate by-pass lines is significant.

The A977 Route Study, provided at the hugely disappointing meeting with local ward members on 27 February 2015 and discussed then, invites further comment viz:

The study makes no mention of PKC's Statement of Case at the Public Inquiry in November 2004 into the new Clackmannanshire Bridge or the 2009 petition to the Scottish Government signed by over 1100 residents and now reinforced by Paragraph 7.1.18 of our adopted Local Development Plan (LOP) of 3 February 2014, likewise the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee Report of 18 October 2006 is ignored; all of which supported the case for the large roundabouts I made the continuing case for in my letter. The study also omits reference to the preferred routes stated by Transport Scotland of the A9 or A985 for HGV's or the status of the A977 as strategic at times of Forth Road Bridge closure to HGV's in bad weather. No reference is made to the number of fuel tankers using the road from Grangemouth refinery to access the M90 when there is only one filling station between Gartarry Roundabout and the Turfhill Service Station. There have been two major accidents involving tankers in Drum that

had major repercussions for residents referred to in my letter and you have been made aware of the tanker crash in Powmill of 4 March 2015 since our meeting.

Has the author of the study seen my letter of 18 July 2014?

I have noted that Councillor Cuthbert had produced a table from figures supplied by the Roads Department which clearly shows that the A977 carries the highest number of HGV's than any other 'A' road for which PKC are responsible and I enclose this.

This 'incomplete' A977 Route study fails to acknowledge local perception on HGV traffic and seeks to justify the conclusion that the hitherto agreed major mitigation measures cannot be considered for priority capital funding at this time, in my view it, mistakenly, firmly places residential amenity for the villages that straddle this road as secondary in importance to the demands of the freight industry.

Whilst I accept that by-passes would obviously reduce the impact of HGV's on the villages and are justifiable in the longer term per Charles Haggart's email of 3 March 2015 enclosed; if PKC are unwilling to budget for the roundabouts they have previously agreed are required (estimated at £1.5 million in 2009), would they please explain to me how they are proposing to fund by-passes? What local members are being offered is a 'do-minimus option' of belatedly approaching Transport Scotland on signage (long requested), the provision of sideentry gullies in the villages in 2015/16, as previously requested by me and vehicle activated speed signage (proposed by the Independent Group in failed discourse with other political groups during the recent budget process).

In the Composite Capital Budget 2015-2023 (the time period that guides development for Perth and Kinross in our LDP), it states that the Prudential Code requires PKC to set a budget 'to meet local needs and priorities' in the most cost effective manner (Para 1.2 of 12 February 2015 Report), it further proposes that each Service is invited to submit outline business cases (OBC's) up to the value of £10 million per annum for 2020/23 by February 2016 and to fully review and update the criteria (Paras 3.8 and 3.9).

I therefore re-state the case for an OBC for the A977 to be re-commenced now, focussing on short and longer term solutions for this forgotten road, hoping my fellow ward councillors will support same.

Yours sincerely

*Cllr Michael Barnacle
Independent Member for Kinross-shire*



PREMIER PLUMBING & HEATING/GENERAL BUILDERS
FOR ALL YOUR PLUMBING NEEDS
Bathrooms, Showers, Tanks
Leaking Taps and Burst Pipes, etc

07821 350 573
philplumber@gmail.com
Premier plumbing and heating

KINROSS GARDEN SERVICES

For domestic and commercial garden maintenance and soft landscaping

- * Lawns turfed and seeded
- * Lawn sand supplied
- * Mole trapping

Agent for Sinclair McGill and John Watson's seeds for Agriculture and Horticulture

For contracts and orders phone
Jim Oswald on 01577 864020

Winski's move to business centre

Winski's of Kinross is moving up the High Street to Kinross Business Centre – the newly refurbished former County Buildings.

Adam and Matt Winski are reopening on 6 April as a specialist Watch and Jewellery Repair Centre, providing 'while-you-wait' battery replacement (guaranteed) and all types of watch servicing and repairs, such as fitting new glasses and winding crowns, dial restoration and the fitting of new straps and bracelets. Adam and Matt can service all watch brands, including Rolex, IWC, Breitling, Ebel, Tag Heuer, Omega and Longines.

Adam specialises in converting old mechanical watches to modern day battery/quartz movements, particularly where the old watch is beyond economical repair or parts are obsolete. This means that watches with great sentimental value can be worn again – looking just the same, don't need winding up and keep perfect time! For more information, have a look at their website www.quartz-conversions.co.uk

All jewellery repairs, for example sizing rings, rhodium plating, replacing gemstones and soldering chains are carried out in a professional manner with all items beautifully cleaned and polished.

Adam and Matt offer a bespoke design service where rings or any other jewellery is hand-made to exquisite standards, even using gold melted down from customers unwanted jewellery items. Wedding rings are created from new design or shaped round engagement rings on the premises. Wedding rings in gold, palladium or platinum are also selected for gents looking for a more traditional look.

Winski's of Kinross will also buy and sell pre-owned Rolex and other prestige watches from their new centre as well as offering jewellery valuations and cash for unwanted gold, silver and platinum.

Come and see the new building, have a coffee and meet with Adam and Matt in their new premises!



Adam and Matt Winski will offer a watch and jewellery repair service from the Kinross Business Centre

Restaurant opening

New businesses are moving into the Kinross Business Centre every month as the refurbishment of the former County Buildings continues. Early May will see the opening of a restaurant there. The Courthouse restaurant will open on Friday and Saturday evenings as well as offering lunches and coffees. A special feature will be the wood-fired oven for making delicious pizzas. The Courthouse will be child-friendly with space for kids to play outside.



Scotland's
National Nature
Reserves
Magical places, amazing wildlife.

Discovery Day 2015

At Loch Leven National Nature Reserve

Sunday 14th June
12pm - 4pm
Kirkgate Park, Kinross

Join Scottish Natural Heritage, and a whole host of organisations for a day of wildlife discovery and adventure at Loch Leven! **FREE ENTRY!**



Lots to see and do, for FREE:

- Kids' activities
- Fantastic displays and stalls
- A whole lot more!

Tasty food and drink available too

For more information please call SNH reserve office on 01577 864439

www.nnr-scotland.org.uk



Scottish Natural Heritage
Dualchas Nàdair na h-Alba





Causeway Cottage Cattery

SCOTLANDWELL

Quiet country setting 5 mins from June. 5 M90
Heated Accommodation & Spacious covered runs
Tailored to individual needs
FAB TRAINED
Small Animals also catered for

TEL: 01592 840 869 MOB: 07717 54 57 28

Your Local **HANDYMAN**

I provide a **RELIABLE**, Local Service:

- All types of work undertaken (inside and out) – clearance, painting and decorating, shelving, curtain rails, plus much more!
- Free no obligation quote
- **Very reasonable rates**

No Job too small

Call Phil on 01592 841013 or 07739 231193
69 Whitecraigs, Kinnesswood, Kinross
Email: pipreed68@icloud.com

Try Circle Dancing!

A community Circle Dance event will take place at Loch Leven Community Campus on **Tuesday 21 April**, 11.30am-1pm.

Organised by **Central Scotland Circle Dance**, this **FREE** taster Circle Dance event is open to all adults.

Circle Dancing has taken off in a big way in Central Scotland. It's fun, it's sociable, it's uplifting and it makes you feel good. Come and find out what it's all about at our taster event.

What to expect

We dance in a circle together. No partner or experience needed. Just join the circle and follow the leader. You'll have fun learning steps with everyone else. You'll feel exhilarated by the music and the sense of togetherness. The dances are a mix of traditional and modern, to music from around the world. Some are gentle and some are more energetic. All the dances are taught. Wear comfortable shoes suitable for dancing.

Refreshments will be available during the event at the Food To Go kiosk. No need to book, just turn up and join in!

What is Circle Dance?

"Is it like line dancing?" is the frequently asked question. No it's not like line dancing although we do sometimes dance in lines.

So what is it? Let's go back to when it started.

In 1976 a German dance professor, Bernhard Wosien, was invited to the Findhorn Community in Morayshire. Here he introduced some of the traditional round dances of the Balkan

area as well as some choreographies of his own. The dances took root and flourished.

Gradually the dances spread out across the UK and the rest of the world. More traditional dances were added to the repertoire as well as traditional steps being put to new music AND choreographed steps put to contemporary music.

Dances for special occasions

The traditional dances were used to mark special occasions to do with the agricultural cycle – planting, harvesting and thanksgiving as well as marking important occasions such as births and weddings. The newer dances often continue the theme of linking with the cycles of the year, or are just joyful dances in their own right. The dances range from being solemn, reflective and meditative to fast, lively and exuberant, with many variations in between. The style and mood of the dances taught

will vary according to the interests of the teacher.

The benefits

The benefits from dancing together are numerous. It provides gentle to moderate exercise, it helps coordination and focus, and it can uplift the spirits to bring about a sense of well-being and community.

The dances are for everyone to join in and experience rather than for performance. In a group the dances are taught from scratch with the emphasis being on moving together rather than perfection in the steps and technique! You don't need a partner, just a willingness to join in and **ENJOY!**

Rose Cross

Contact

For more information, please contact Rose on 01334 657896.

Website: cscd.org.uk

Facebook:

Central Scotland Circle Dance



Circle dancing is an enjoyable pastime

A big-hearted Valentine's Day

An evening's entertainment on Valentine's Day in Kinross Parish Church organised by members of the congregation raised over £1,000 for the British Heart Foundation.

One of the organisers, Irene McFarlane, said: "We're absolutely thrilled by the generosity of our audience in their donations and by the generosity of our performers in giving of their time and talents in this exploration of the different 'Aspects of Love'. There were Edith Piaf songs from Lesley Mackie, opera and cabaret songs from Anita Mackenzie Mills, Shakespeare sonnets and a Rodgers and Hart song from Terry Wale and a scene from Romeo and Juliet by Ishbel McFarlane and Tommy Herbert. Kinross Parish Church's own members, Bill Belford, Irene McFarlane, David Cairns and the church choir, led by Isobel Watt with soloist Diane Taylor, also contributed songs and our own Margaret Sikora, Alex Cant and Keith Green were accompanists on the night. The concert was thoroughly enjoyed by all. To have made such a large amount of money for such a good cause was a perfect conclusion to the whole experience".

'Action!' for Glenfarg Cinema

Glenfarg Community Cinema has been awarded a grant of £2,494 from Awards for All Scotland. This will be used to buy cinema equipment to use in the village hall.

The Good Friday Experience

The team that runs the successful Family Week based in Kinross Parish Church is inviting children and their families to the Good Friday Experience on **Friday 3 April** from 10.30am until 12 noon in the Church. Through a wide variety of activities, the team will help families think through the events of Good Friday and Easter.

Ruth Robertson, one of the organisers, says, "This has been a popular event in the past few years, with around 70 people joining together for the 'experience'. We look forward to sharing with many families this year too. No need to book – just turn up on the day. A light lunch will be included. It's all free but there will be an opportunity to make a donation".

News from the Health Centre



Pass the Salt

There is often a lot of publicity about the importance of reducing sugar and fat in our diets, but less attention has been paid to salt. In March each year, there is a Salt Awareness Week and this year we had a display in the waiting room on the subject. This has provoked a lot of discussion amongst staff and patients and it is something everyone should consider when buying food, preparing it or eating out.

Salt - the silent addiction. The **maximum** recommendation for daily salt intake is 6 grams per day: approximately one teaspoonful. However, we salt addicts consume an average of over 8 grams per day, the vast majority of which is contained in the foods we buy in shops and supermarkets and in the meals we eat in cafés and restaurants.

Why does this matter? Salt is a major cause of high blood pressure, which in turn can lead to heart attacks, strokes and kidney failure. As salt makes you thirsty, you drink more and if that is in the form of alcohol or high sugar drinks that leads to obesity, particularly in children.

So, what can you do? Read the labels. Many foods now carry a colour coding system to help you identify the levels of sugar, fat, carbohydrate, calories and salt. Choose those foods which are coded green (0.3 gm salt per 100gm) or occasionally amber (less than 1.5gm salt per 100 gm) but avoid those coloured **red** (more than 1.5g salt per 100gm). Watch out in particular for the salt content of ready meals, sausages, bacon, sauces and some cakes and biscuits.

What about eating out? A recent survey showed that 52% of all restaurant meals had **high** levels of salt and that included so called celebrity restaurants as well as fast food outlets.

What about children? Children should have no more than **3gm** of salt per day. Habits formed in childhood progress to adulthood, so give your children a good start by checking the labels. But remember, stick to **green** labels for kids.

A final thought. Seawater contains 2.5gm salt per 100gm. Would you drink that or give it to your children? So, why would you eat foods that are saltier than this?

THINK-A-HEAD HAIRDRESSER

Hairdressing done in the comfort of your own home
by an experienced stylist

CUT AND BLOW DRY
TINT, FOIL HIGHLIGHTS
PERMS

Special rates for OAPs and children

Call Elaine on 01577 840043
Mob: 07971 583774

Broadway show fundraising success

Sixteen young people from Kinross, Clackmannanshire and Fife raised a massive £1165 for the Teenage Cancer Trust by putting on a show, 'One Night On Broadway'.

Part of the Kinross-shire Winter Festival, the show was produced and directed by Lucy Duffy (15) from Kinross, who brought together a group of fellow performers from local stage schools to perform a wide selection of numbers from shows such as Grease, Phantom of the Opera, Wicked, Top Hat, We Will Rock You and The Addams Family.

The fully staged and costumed show took place in front of an audience of over 300 at the Loch Leven Community Campus in November. Lucy also ran a musical workshop for children as part of the Winter Festival.

A cheque was recently handed over to Sharon Sheridan, Regional Fundraiser for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Over the past three years Lucy and friends have raised over £4000 for cancer charities with performances such as this.

Lucy plans to put on another show at the 2015 Kinross-shire Winter Festival.



*Grease is the word - one of the performances from
One Night on Broadway*

Wheelchair basketball sessions

Free wheelchair basketball sessions will take place in the Easter holidays for P5 - S6 pupils, providing activities for those with physical, sensory or mental disabilities.

The sessions will take place on Thursday 9 April and Friday 17 April from 2pm to 4pm at the North Inch Community Campus in Perth. Children with disabilities and able-bodied children are welcome.

Booking is essential: to book a place phone 01738 472236 or email pkcsport@pkc.gov.uk

Long service celebrated

The staff at Andersons Solicitors and Estate Agents recently celebrated 25 years of service of their colleague, Kathryn Baillie (formerly Kelso), who joined the firm on 5 March 1990.

Kathryn commenced her employment as an Office Junior and over the years has worked in various roles in their Property Department, their cashroom, as well as supervising the construction of Andersons' extension in 2005 and now deals with Estates and Trust clients.

Kathryn lives locally, is married to Martin and is a busy mum to Jenna and Emma.

The staff enjoyed a lunch with Kathryn at the Kirklands Hotel where she was presented with a gift and flowers in appreciation of her hard work and loyalty over the past 25 years. Congratulations, Kathryn!

Castle Island will never be the same again

Some talented filmmakers were revealed at Kinross High School in February when especially invited guests were treated to the premiere of 'The Island', a film made by six S4 pupils as a Youth Achievement project.

The short film immediately appealed to this reviewer, beginning as it did with a mock-up of The Kinross Newsletter announcing the mysterious disappearance of four High School pupils during a trip to Lochleven Castle.

After an interview with an anxious Depute Head Teacher Mr Cairnie, the film told, in flashback, with voiceover by Laura Green, the story of five pupils taking the ferry to Castle Island for an educational visit. The pupils explore the ruins of the castle, with one character regularly telling his companions historical facts about Mary Queen of Scots and her imprisonment there. One by one, however, the pupils – played by Chantelle Creighton, Aaron Watt, Rachel Kennedy and George Logan – disappear in the dark passageways and staircases of the ruined castle, leaving Laura to return alone on the ferry.

The film is a unique, quirky mix of black comedy, mystery and travelogue and the adults involved in the supervision of the project were clearly delighted with the pupils' achievement.

In addition to making and showing the film, the pupils made display boards explaining how the project had been carried out. All had been involved with the ideas and editing, with George taking the role of lead editor. Not on film was Charlie Turnbull, who was the main scriptwriter and researcher.

James Gow, artist in residence with Historic Scotland, gave the young people some guidance with the project.

Four of the pupils – Aaron, Laura, George and Rachel – received Bronze Youth Achievement Awards from Youth Achievement Coordinator Ricky Evans at the premiere event. These awards recognise the contributions of young people in a variety of ways, not necessarily through formal education. However, the Awards are a good way to develop the Curriculum for Excellence aims of successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens.

Teacher Mrs McCrimmon spoke enthusiastically about the Youth Achievement Award scheme, which allows personalisation of choice.

To gain a Bronze award, a young person has to spend at least 15 hours taking part in a challenge. The Silver and Gold awards recognise increased levels of responsibility.



Makers of 'The Island': George Logan, Laura Green, Charlie Turnbull, Chantelle Creighton and Rachel Kennedy, plus Aaron Watt (not pictured).

Perth College UHI Students: Study space available at Kinross Learning Centre

by Maureen Ross of Kinross Learning Centre

One of the best things about Perth College UHI is that we work hard to make sure you succeed.

We know that it can be difficult to get quiet study space in the library so - with assessment and exam time approaching - our local Learning Centre at Swansacre, Kinross could offer a convenient alternative.

Students can:

- Log on to the network and access all course software as well as network files and e-resources.
- Attend video-conference classes from the centre. Just let us know in advance and have a note of the Jabber code.
- Use PCs or laptops which are always available.

There are always distractions at home – the centre offers a relaxed and comfortable environment for research, study, assignments, essay writing or even small group work.

For more information, please call in to the centre at 15 Swansacre, or contact Maureen Ross on 01557 863863, email pc.kinross@perth.uhi.ac.uk.

Opening Hours

Monday and Wednesday	9am - noon, 1 - 4pm
Tuesday and Thursday	9am - 1pm, 5.30 - 8.30pm
Friday	9am - noon, 1 - 3pm



Kinross Learning Centre in Swansacre

Volunteers wanted for Duke of Edinburgh's Award

'Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer'

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award was set up to enable a young person to develop in a non-competitive environment. The organisation is looking for volunteers who can make this happen.

Do you have ideas and suggestions that you could contribute? Do you have skills you want to share? Or do you just want to make a difference? Then why not volunteer with D of E?

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award organisers are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to:

- Deliver skills
- Provide training
- Support and lead participants

It's not all about the outdoors; you can get involved in countless different ways.

For more information on how you can get involved, email volunteer@dofedoocot.plus.com or phone 01738 627455.

Lest We Forget Reflections on the Great War

Until 2018, the Kinross (Marshall) Museum will mount exhibitions to reflect what was happening 100 years ago. The display will change every few months. With kind permission of the Museum, we publish some excerpts from their current exhibition here. To see the whole exhibition, visit the Museum's display adjacent to the Library at Loch Leven Community Campus during library opening hours. Thanks also to Sgt Alastair G Smith from whose research some of the information is drawn. His reference work 'The Kinross-shire Roll of Honour' is loaned to the Museum.



'Not Downhearted'

The Men of 'G' Company

Recruited from the Kinross area, the men of G Company formed one of eight companies making up the 7th Battalion, Princess Louise's Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders. The Kinross Territorials paraded at the Drill Hall in the Swansacre, which is still used by local cadets.

Under the command of Lieutenant Colonel J Craig, the Battalion moved to Bedford where its men started training and reorganising for action at the front. On Monday 15 December 1914 the Battalion boarded the troopship SS *Tintovetto* at Southampton bound for France. From the port of Le Havre they moved to the Infantry Training Depot at Etaples before being posted to the town of Nieppe in Belgium where they arrived on 6 January 1915. There they joined with the 10th Infantry Brigade of the 4th Infantry Division which had been sent to France in September 1914 and had been in action throughout the winter.

On 9 January 1915 a news item entitled "Not Downhearted" was published in the *Kinross-shire Advertiser*. It quoted from a letter written by a soldier from the 7th Battalion of the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders to a friend at the training camp in Bedford:

"Just a note to say we arrived here as lively as ever, and hearts are as blithe as when in Bedford. We are a lively lot, and it takes a lot to put the dampers on us. I may say the beer here is not nearly so good as in the - and it is 5d a pint. We can't get any woodbines or any other English cigarettes where we are now."

The Second Reserve

'G' Company arrives at the Front

On 16 January 1915 the *Kinross-shire Advertiser* Colonel Commandant Menzies reported that "it has been decided that a Second Reserve Territorial Battalion of the 7th Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders be mobilised at Alloa." Already signed up were John Terris, James Miller and George Wilkie in Kinross.

By this time the local newspaper was able to report:

"Local Terriers in the Trenches – The local company of Territorials are now at the Front, and from communications which have arrived we learn that they have had their first spell in the trenches. It is pleasing to note that so far no casualties have been reported, and that the men are keeping cheerful and happy."

Warm clothing and currant loaves

Soldiers heading for the Front arrived in the trenches during the middle of winter. A major campaign to collect warm clothing for them was initiated by Eleanor French, wife of the British Commander in Chief Field Marshall John French. In a letter to Provost Murdoch Anderson in Kinross she wrote:

"I am collecting warm clothing for the men at the Front, and with the cold weather coming on, it is most urgent that they should be quickly supplied.....the things principally required are mufflers, cardigans, body belts, mittens, gloves, socks and shirts. The most pressing need at the moment is mufflers (2 yards long by 12 inches wide) of which the War Office has asked me to provide 25,000."

The local press reported on 16 January 1915 that articles of food "such as cakes, shortbread, etc., would be most acceptable to the troops." As the result of a recent Scottish National Flag Day, 14,880 currant loaves and 14,880 cakes of shortbread had been sent to soldiers as a gift on New Year's Day.

Lady Montgomery, Kinross House, played a leading role in collecting articles of clothing to send to the troops from the Kinross area. Captain John Murdoch of G Company, who had been an assistant to Dr Mungle in Kinross and had served with the Kinross-shire Volunteers, wrote from France to thank Lady Montgomery for her consistent kindness to the men of the company in supplying articles of comfort, adding that "we feel a long way from Kinross."

Under Fire

On 23 January 1915 the *Kinross-shire Advertiser* reported that the Territorials were "under fire" but a week later the news was "Kinross men all right so far." On 6 February, however, the news was not so good - "we understand that information has been received in Kinross of two casualties in "G" Coy. A & S Hds. at the Front."

On 6 March the local newspaper, under the title "Kinross man's death from wounds," carried the story of the death on 2 February of regular soldier Private Robert Alles of the 1st Battalion, Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders. Returning to their billet from the trenches near Dickebusch in the Ypres Salient, the farmhouse he was occupying was shelled and destroyed by the Germans. His obituary was the first to be published in a new *Pro Patria Mori* column in the *Kinross-shire Advertiser*. Robert Alles lies buried in Kinross East Burying Ground.

Between 2 February and 4 April six Kinross-shire men died in action.

Kinross-shire Roll of Honour January – April 1915

2 February	Robert Alles
11 February	Robert McGarry
15 February	James S McLeod
19 February	James Moffat
16 March	John O'Donnell
4 April	John Calderwood
24 April	J Affleck
25 April	Andrew Doig
25 April	William K Falconer
25 April	Robert Greig
25 April	Peter Murray
25 April	Richard W Simpson
26 April	James McGarry
26 April	James Miller
29 April	Charles Nicol



Three generations to commemorate sacrifice at Gallipoli



As Britain marks the 100th anniversaries of the four years of the First World War, past, present and possibly future soldiers from the King's Own Scottish Borderers (KOSB) are making plans for a pilgrimage to commemorate one of the most tragic battles of the war.

Although in the public imagination the First World War is very much associated with the trench warfare of the Western front, for those close to the KOSB the heat and slaughter of Gallipoli is one of the first battles that comes to mind.

This is why a group of KOSB veterans, current soldiers from its successor battalion in the Royal Regiment of Scotland – 1 SCOTS – and school pupils and staff from Queen Victoria School (QVS), Dunblane, will be travelling to Turkey in May to mark the 100th anniversary of the battle. The children are all sons and daughters of servicemen and women. The 35-strong group will spend five days at the battlefields in May, seeing just where the soldiers of the KOSB laid down their lives.

One of the trip's organisers, Lt Col (Retd.) Andy Middlemiss, from Kinross, a former career officer in the KOSB of 34 years service all over the world, believes it will serve a valuable purpose, saying, "Many people associate Gallipoli solely with the ANZACs, but actually they made up less than a third of the allied forces. The courage and sacrifice of the British, French and Colonial troops should also be remembered. On the first landing, the KOSB lost 296 men in 24 hours, including their Commanding Officer, Lt Col Koe."

Ill-prepared British, French, Colonial and Anzac soldiers began a poorly planned attack up brutally steep cliff faces on the Dardanelles peninsula, south of what is now Istanbul. Despite taking huge casualties, they battled on for eight months against courageous Turkish soldiers, who were desperate to defend their homeland.

Trench warfare again broke out, but this time in blistering heat, with swarms of flies attending the soldiers' every move, bringing disease and sickness.

So great were the casualties that more troops were sent out, including the famous Scottish 52nd Division, with 2000+ Territorials from the Borders, and Dumfries and Galloway.

As the battles wore on, so many were lost that postmen in the Borders stopped delivering mail, the posties' arrival having become synonymous with bad news. Some of the soldiers weren't even 18.



*Pte Robert Gilbert,
from Newton Stewart.
1/5th KOSB. KIA 12 July 1915,
Gallipoli, age 17*

Carol Dunn, Matron at QVS Dunblane and herself mother of a serving soldier in 2 SCOTS, with operational tours behind him, said: "The children we are taking are not much younger than poor Private Gilbert (pictured), and I'm sure it's going to be very emotional for all of us, to see where these very young men fell. I can really see this from a Mum's perspective. We mustn't forget that it would have been horrendous for those on the homefront too. The worst bit was probably the not knowing, and the length of time it took to get any hard information and news."

After eight months' hard fighting with appalling casualties, both from disease and combat, the allied forces withdrew in January 1916, in ironically the most successful part of the whole operation, without losing a single casualty, but thousands had already paid the ultimate price with their lives.



Going over the top: troops leave a trench at Gallipoli

Scots soldiers from the following Regiments fought and died there in large numbers: The Royal Scots, The Royal Scots Fusiliers, The King's Own Scottish Borderers, The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), The Highland Light Infantry, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, The Ayrshire Yeomanry, The Fife and Forfar Yeomanry, The Lanarkshire Yeomanry, The Lovat Scouts Yeomanry, The Scottish Horse. For Colonel Andy Middlemiss, this pilgrimage will be a powerful tribute to those who fell on Turkish soil.

"It is important to remember that these men of the KOSB, and thousands of others on both sides, showed incredibly bravery in terrible conditions," he said. "So, the conclusion of the trip will be a small ceremony at the main war grave cemetery, with four pipers and readings. It will be emotional to be there, to remember, and to see what was lost in human sacrifice. For all of us, the young school kids, the serving lads from 1 SCOTS and us 'Old and Bold' – this is going to be a trip of a lifetime. We are really grateful to Legion Scotland for helping us fund this trip, with a generous grant from their WWI Commemorations Fund."

Grass Cutting, Rotovating
Hedge Trimming, Tree Pruning
Turfing, Slab Laying, Fencing
work undertaken

I. Robertson, Station Road, Crook of Devon
Telephone : **Fossway 01577 840526**

Do you have
Photographs of Kinross-shire
you'd be happy to share with others?

Visit www.kinross.cc to find out how to add your photos to the Photo Library. The aim of the library is to provide a resource for promoting Kinross-shire.

Police Box



Recruiting

Ever thought about a career in Police Scotland? We are recruiting now for Constables and Special Constables. Go to www.scotland.police.uk for more information on all roles.

The Special Constabulary is an effective means in which local communities can be represented within the police service. As a fully trained volunteer with police powers, you can add real value by supporting the regular police service. It's important that our Special Constables are of the same standard as that expected of our regular officers.

Protecting Heating Oil and Diesel

As the price of crude oil rises, fuel oil tanks can be seen as rich and easy pickings by thieves. This means that farms, transport depots and domestic properties can be targeted, particularly in more rural locations. By taking a few simple precautions, you can help protect your oil. If you require any further information regarding this issue or have information regarding oil or diesel theft, please get in touch on 101 Non Emergency Number.

Ten Top tips to protect your tank

1. **Lock your gates.** The simple act of keeping your drive gates closed and securely locked can prevent a theft. Ensure gates and fences are in good repair.
2. **Disguise your tank.** Consider fencing, trellis and defensive planting (hostile, thorny shrubs such as Pyracantha, Berberis, Climbing Rose and Hawthorn.)
3. **Create obstacles.** Plant pots etc can be placed in the path of potential intruders who will make noise and waste time moving the items. Remove and secure any tools or ladders that could be used as an aid to crime.
4. **Limit the quantity of fuel in your tank.** Full tanks are a more popular target.
5. **Lock your tank.** Use a good quality, alarmed padlock or install lockable caps with crop proof fittings. Where possible, fit hardened flexible casings to any vulnerable fuel hoses so that they are harder to cut.
6. **Fit a 'level gauge' with audible alarm** which should sound if the oil level in the tank suddenly drops, or falls below a certain point.
7. **Install security lighting and CCTV.** Lights can not only warn you of an intruder but also alert neighbours.
8. **Install a tank cage or guard.** This is particularly important if you have already suffered a fuel theft. These welded cages offer the best protection while still allowing tanker access. Although this solution may seem expensive, when weighed up against the cost of lost fuel and/or a new tank that may be damaged during fuel theft, it can prove more cost effective in the long term.
9. **Site your tank cleverly.** If you have cause to re-site your tank or are installing a tank for the first time, ensure that it is placed in a secure location - visible from your home and surrounding properties but not from the road.
10. **Don't leave scrap metal in view.** By removing any scrap from the view of potential offenders, you can avoid drawing attention to your property or your fuel tank!

The Oil Firing Technical Association for the petroleum industry (OFTEC) offers advice and guidance for those who use and store oil on their premises. There are certain rules and regulations that may apply to you and OFTEC will help clarify these for you. They can be reached at www.oftec.org.

uk or by calling 0845 6585 080. They also produce an 'Easy guide to domestic oil storage' which is very straightforward and useful. It may be possible to include heating oil and diesel on your insurance. Contact your insurer for details.

Identity Theft

Identity theft is when criminals get hold of your personal details and use them to open bank accounts, get credit cards, loans or state benefits in your name.

To stop identity theft you need to:

- Burn or shred all old documents, including bank or credit card statements, passports, driving licences and household bills.
- Check your statements carefully and report any unusual transactions immediately.
- Immediately report a lost or stolen passport, driving licence or credit card to the organisation that issued it.
- Get a copy of your personal credit report from one of the major credit reference agencies. This will help you to find out if someone else is applying for credit in your name.
- If you move house, inform your bank, credit card companies and all other agencies with which you do business. Royal Mail has a redirection service, which you may consider using to ensure your post arrives at your new address. However, if you suspect your mail is being stolen then contact the Royal Mail Customer Enquiry line: 08457 740 740.
- Never give personal or account details to anyone who contacts you unexpectedly, either by phone, post, email or in person.
- If you use the internet, always use a different password for each account. Do not use family names or dates of birth as passwords, as these can be easily guessed.

If you receive an email requesting your personal banking details, contact the banking industry to make sure it is not a scam.

Stay Safe Online

Only send your personal details to secure websites starting with '**https**' in your web browser address bar, instead of the usual '**http**'. Secure websites will also have a padlock sign, which is usually displayed in the bottom right of your web browser.

Never give out your security details. Emails asking for your password or PIN could be from criminals 'phishing' for your details.

Sometimes fraudsters can redirect you from a genuine website to their fake, lookalike site to 'pharm' (capture) your details. Check the address bar in your web browser and only send your details to secure sites that you know are genuine.

Shrug Off Shoulder Surfers

Sometimes people stand too close when you are using the cash machine. If this happens, cup your hand over the keypad to avoid someone behind seeing your PIN.

Police Scotland, local community

Telephone: 101 for non emergencies.

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

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

The Community Sergeant for Kinross,

Auchterarder and Crieff is **Geoff Goodison**.

Email: geoffrey.goodison@scotland.pnn.police.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 March Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 4 March 2015 were: CCllrs W Freeman (Chair), I Jack, G Thomas, D West and M Scott; P&K Cllrs J Giacomazzi, D Cuthbert, M Barnacle and W Robertson and 12 members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllrs D Colliar, M Blyth, B Davies and C Watson.

Declarations of Interest: none received.

Minutes of previous meeting (4 February): Under addition of the following paragraph, the minutes were proposed by CCllr West and seconded by CCllr Jack. "CCllr West raised the issue of the high number of pupils at the High School using tutors and enquired of the Cllrs as to whether stats were kept/could be obtained. Cllr Cuthbert indicated that stats of this type had been asked for before and were not available. CCllr West said this was disappointing as it could point to weaknesses in the school which could then be addressed. Cllr Cuthbert indicated that he had raised the issue of standards at the High School a number of times following complaints from residents. He understood that there was an improvement plan in place for English and Maths."

Police report: No police representative present but recent crimes were listed: 5 youth calls in the area of Old Causeway/ Curate Wynd and Springfield Road. Street Wardens/ Officers to patrol and tackle these areas at the weekend. Vandalism to windows in Burns Begg Street and High Street and a housebreaking/theft at Balado Fisheries and Cleish.

Cllr Cuthbert referred to youths congregating at Millbridge Hall on a Friday night. A Youth Club is held in the Hall. There have been a number of incidents and complaints from neighbours to the rear of the premises. Various agencies are working together to address this.

Newsletter Fund disbursement: Orwell District Guides asking for £1,221.76 to purchase 70 chairs and a trolley as part of their refurbishment programme at Orwell Church Hall. This was agreed.

Lochleven Diamonds asking for £300.00 towards hall costs at the campus. They also mention the proposed purchase of new uniforms. Agreed that we provide the sum of £500.00 towards this cause.

Kinross Partnership Aerospace project: request for the agreed £2,000. It was uncertain as to whether the full monies (i.e. £35,000) had been raised. The award of £2,000 was to be made on this proviso. CCllr Davies to be asked to check this out.

Table Tennis Club: request for £200.00 to financially assist this new club with running costs of £1,344.00 annually. This was agreed.

CCllr Jack questioned the balance of funds held in the account. It was suggested that a KCCNL Board Meeting be held to discuss membership of this Board, in light of the recent withdrawals from the CC. CCllr West will approach CCllr Watson regarding this.

CCllr Watson to be asked to make the payments above.

Kinross Buildings

Former High School site: Cllr Cuthbert believed Persimmon would submit a planning application shortly.

Kinross Primary School: Question raised as to the timescale involved in this proposed project. It was noted that the funding has to be spent within a specified time limit. Part of the programme will involve consultation. Mr Bryson, on behalf of the School Parents Association, spoke on this proposed project. The building works should commence around August 2016.

Mill Street: The building has now been removed and the car park in place and operating.

Campus charges: The increase in charges and withdrawal of hours is alienating community groups around Kinross. Cllr Giacomazzi will look into the possibility of a Council review.

CC Vacancies: CCllr Watson has officially resigned from the Community Council as from this evening. He will continue to provide a legal service. We now have three vacancies on the CC. A letter of thanks is to be forwarded to Mr Watson.

Planning Applications

15/00166/FLL Plots 1-84 Station Road: modification of permission 05/01475/FLL (Erection of 66 dwelling houses and 18 affordable dwelling houses) for change of house types of Plots 30 and 31.

15/00061/FLL 181 High Street: alterations to house.

15/00205/FLL Carsegour Steadings: modification of permission 14/01195/FLL (alteration to dwelling house) to alter roof height and reposition dormers.

Planning Applications Determined by PKC

14/02090/FLL Land 40 metres west of 23 Montgomery Way, Junction Road: erection of dance studio. Approved.

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

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

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

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

Local Development Plan/Main Issues Report. The LDP is reviewed every 5 years and comments are requested by the end of March 2015. It was emphasized that if there is an issue causing concern this should be brought to the Council's attention now - like H46 - although removed from the LDP, a letter to the Council confirming that you do not wish this to be included for housing should be submitted to them now. On the other hand, if you believe the plan to be fine as it stands, then let the Council know this. Some of the issues raised at the meeting included the A977. The CC met recently in relation to this matter. CCllr Freeman will liaise with CCllr Colliar regarding the CC submissions. Following further discussion the following was raised: more industrial land for development (it was mentioned that the Reporter believed there was ample industrial land zoned); Cllr Cuthbert stated that he would like to see more business in the town, local employment that would give youths work here in Kinross - a proper business area for white collar workers; CCllr Jack agreed that more buildings like the County Buildings (small business park) would keep local business afloat. A member

of the public suggested that instead of “industrial zoning” we should use the words “for employment purposes”. Finally, it was mentioned that the forms for submissions are not available from the library. Cllr Giacopazzi will arrange this. CCllr West also referred to the Council website regarding submissions and that, again, the Council would appear to be lax in relation to this matter.

Report from Ward Councillors

A977: Cllr Barnacle updated those present on the current position re the A977. The need for mitigation measures should be reinforced along with the possibility of reintroducing a railway link. Cllr Barnacle added that he will be pursuing minor measures. A long-term solution to bypass villages would be too expensive. Cllr Cuthbert proposed improved signage (activated by vehicle speed) and that bypasses be added to the Local Plan. Cllr Robertson added that the problem is the heavy goods vehicles using this road. A suggestion was made that the CC write to the local haulage contractors. A member of the public suggested better signage to encourage heavy traffic to avoid the town centre (unless necessary). Cllr Robertson added that once the works are complete this will affect the use of the High Street and make it less attractive for transporters to use this route.

Planning: Mr Miles questioned Cllr Barnacle in relation to planning and past statements made by him in this regard. Following on press comments submitted by Cllr Barnacle, this matter was addressed by the Council planners and legal services. Cllr Barnacle added that he was hopeful there would be an improvement through this process. Following on a further question, Cllr Barnacle added that he had asked the Scrutiny Committee to look into the planning procedures but this was never carried out.

Cllr Cuthbert has asked that Community Councils should be treated as Statutory Consultees and an objection from a CC should automatically refer a planning application to the Council’s Planning Committee. He believes the current scheme followed by the Council to be undemocratic.

LED lights: Cllr Robertson commented on the lights, which were now a lot brighter. He has suggested that the lights be increased at junctions, crossing points etc. The engineer is monitoring the position. (See also correspondence below.)

Town centre regeneration: Work is to commence later this month. The contractors have been asked to complete the works a.s.a.p. with the minimum of disturbance to local residents and businesses. The bus stop is to be placed to the south of the Roxburghe Guest House, beside the junction of the High Street and Montgomery Street as the Town Hall land is privately owned.

Trees: Cllr Giacopazzi mentioned the trees at the Muirs and Millbridge Hall. These are to be cut back.

Wilson Court: the hedge has been trimmed now.

Burns Begg Street to Kirkgate: the gullies are choked. This is not an adopted road, however work is to be carried out around July to clear these out.

Correspondence

Planning Conference: The People’s Perspective. Glasgow, Sat 25 April.

LED Lights: A review has been carried out and the lights reprogrammed in the Muirs and High Street. There are no plans to increase the lighting levels in other areas, however happy to meet on site should there still be concerns.

TAYplan: The proposed Strategic Development Plan and related documents will be considered by TAYplan Joint Committee on 18 February. Following Joint Committee, the four constituent Councils will consider ratification to endorse/approve the Plan and related documents. This will run through to the end of April. The period for representations is proposed to commence on 11 May until 3 July.

Moto: Application for premises licence.

Kinross in Bloom: Letter requesting written support in relation to application for funding to replace wooden barrels following Town Centre Regeneration and the placement of planters, tables and chairs outside the Church Centre. This was agreed. Letter of support to be provided.

Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009: Update regarding Phase 2 of the Public Consultation. Comments welcome until 2 June.

Other Business

Remembrance: The refund of the Army Cadet Force wreath remains outstanding. A reminder to be given.

Bridge: CCllr Jack asked if there was any update regarding this. Nothing further to report.

Heavens Above: Invitation to Open Night.

The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will be held on Wednesday 1 April 2015 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall.

Agenda for the Meeting on 1 April

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of interest
3. Minutes of meeting of 4 March 2015
4. Police report
5. Matters arising from the minutes of 4 March
6. Newsletter Fund disbursements
7. Kinross buildings
8. CC Vacancies
9. Planning matters
10. Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors
11. Miscellaneous correspondence
12. Other competent business
13. Date of next meeting: 6 May 2015 – AGM

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

Kinross CC minutes are posted on the webpage:

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 or telephone 01577 862945 or Chairman, David Colliar, 10 Rannoch Place, Kinross, telephone 01577 864037, mobile 07876 381860 or email davidcolliar@tiscali.co.uk

Milnathort Community Council News from the March Meeting

Welcome: CClr Milne-Home, Vice Chair, chaired the meeting held on 12 March 2015. He welcomed CClrs Bennet, Cottingham, Halford, Pettinger, Smith and Thomson. Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs Barnacle, Giacopazzi and Robertson; Police representatives and five members of the public. Apologies were received from CClr Hamilton and from P&K Cllr Cuthbert.

Police Report: PC Wilson read out items from the Police report. The main concern in the MCC area was about bogus workmen attempting to defraud residents. Also, in New Road, money from a lady's purse had been stolen after she dropped it. In the wider Kinross-shire area there had been several break-ins, including theft at Balado fisheries and attempted theft in Cleish. Across PKC there had been several thefts of lead from roofs and thefts from works vehicles. A member of the public asked for an update on measures to stop inappropriate car parking in Victoria Avenue. PC Allan advised that car owners had been contacted, but she would walk through Victoria Avenue on her return.

Retirement of Sgt Williams: The Chair asked PC Allan to pass on to Sgt Williams MCC's gratitude for her work in the community.

CC objections to Planning Applications: Following a short discussion about CCs' objections to planning applications, Cllr Robertson advised that the conduct of a six-month trial, intended by PKC officials to take greater note of CCs' views, would be discussed at a meeting with PKC officials on 16 March; he undertook to report the outcome at the next MCC meeting. See also a report on page 14 of the March 2015 Kinross Newsletter.

Local Development Plan: This item was discussed at length at various stages of the meeting. For the sake of clarity the outcome of discussions is recorded here, but see also item below regarding Travellers' sites. A range of concerns was expressed; the main concern was that the views of local communities were not reflected in the Plan. The Chair summarised discussions, noting that MCC would not be commenting further on the plan, however he urged individual residents and community councillors to forward comments, both positive and negative to PKC by 31 March if they saw fit. He advised that PKC wished to receive comment on the bigger issues rather than matters of detail; for example on housing density, availability of new housing sites, landscape issues and policy issues.

Local footpath damage: CClr Bennet advised that she had contacted Dave Stubbs, PKC about the issue, but unless the identity of the horse riders was known, little could be achieved to prevent damage. After a short discussion, the CC agreed to enquire about erecting appropriate advisory signs near Kinross-shire Community Woodland. CClr Bennet agreed to follow this up with Dave Stubbs.

Planning applications: The following planning applications were discussed, but MCC had no comments:

15/00173/FLL Change of use of agricultural land to form additional garden ground at Queich Cottage, Dalqueich.

15/00188/IPL Residential development (in principle) at former steading, Newhill Farm, Glenfarg.

15/00240/IPM Variation of conditions 1 and 2 of permission 13/00436/IPM (modification of 07/00442 residential development) to allow additional time for the submission of applications for the approval of matters specified in conditions, and the commencement of development of land at Pitdownies Farm, Manse Road for The General Trustees of the Church of Scotland.

Planning applications determined: The CC noted that the following application had been approved: 15/00018/LBC Installation of replacement windows at Ballingall House.

Travellers' site, Mawcarse: CClr Cottingham advised that a letter of appeal had been lodged concerning PKC's refusal of retrospective approval for a traveller/gypsy site at Mawcarse. The MCC discussed the issues relating to the site with P&K Cllrs. It emerged that local residents wishing to attend the appeal hearing could do so and could voice concerns, however policy on travellers' sites was not clear. Cllr Giacopazzi agreed to inform MCC of the date set for the appeal to be heard. Protection of the environment within the Loch Leven catchment was a major issue locally and there were particular concerns about disposal of foul water and effluent. P&K Councillors advised that MCC should comment on the LDP regarding Policy RD5 Gypsy/Travellers' Sites, in particular RD5b - new sites.

Snow clearing: The Chair advised that Stuart D'All, PKC, was seeking feedback on snow clearing and gritting performance over the past winter. CClr Thomson reported that clearing/gritting had been much improved in the vicinity of Tillyrie, and that a local farmer had been provided with a snow-plough attachment. CClr Smith commented on dangerous icy pavements in Church Street, where, due to width restrictions, little clearance had been achieved. It was suggested that PKC should use a narrow pavement snow-plough in that street. The Chair agreed to raise this with Stuart D'All.

WOOD FUEL FOR STOVES, BOILERS & FIRES

- Local supplier of fully seasoned quality logs
- Guaranteed to fuel at maximum efficiency
- Wood is locally sourced and traceable



Andy Baird 07802 914976

Advanced Motorcycle Instruction and Touring

 SmartRiding

Services provided:
Initial consultation.
Motorcycle skills assessed.
Post assessment ride.
Instruction offered.
Motorcycle tour guide.



Training delivered by



www.rosipa.com

Contact: Jonathan Douglas

+44 (0)7899816686

Info@smartriding.co.uk

www.smartriding.co.uk

 SmartRiding

Community Council News

The Chair also advised that PKC was consulting on its flood risk assessment. From discussion it emerged that the main risk to Milnathort was from flash floods rather than from normal rainfall or snow melt.

Gas extraction: The Secretary advised that INEOS was holding a meeting on 19 March to discuss its proposals for gas extraction with local residents. CCllrs Hamilton and Pettinger would be attending.

P&K Councillors' Comments

Town Hall clock: Cllr Robertson reported that the clock had been refurbished. MCC recorded its appreciation of PKC's efforts on behalf of the community. He also advised that residents should report issues with potholes in the roads to: 'Clarence' tel: 0800 232323, as PKC was reviewing roads issues after the last winter.

Cllr Giacopazzi reported that:

The seesaw in Donaldson Park would be replaced, but no further upgrades to playground equipment were intended at present.

Drainage issues in Burleigh Road would be attended to.

Street lighting in New Road would be improved.

The build-out at the zebra crossing in South Street was planned for FY 2015/16.

A speed warning sign would be installed in Burleigh Road. No updates had been received from **Scottish Water** about their intentions for overflow/drainage tanks in the vicinity of the Cross and New Road.

The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will take place on Thursday 9 April 2015 in Orwell Church Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

Milnathort CC minutes are posted on
www.kinross.cc/milnathort/milnathort_cc.htm

Kinross Community Council Newsletter

Advertising | Submissions | Subscriptions | Deadlines | Latest Issue | Archive | History | Articles Online | Gardens | Grants

Find us on Facebook

October Issue Deadline: 5.00pm, Friday 12 September
Publication Date: Saturday 27 September

November Issue Deadline: 5.00pm, Friday 17 October
Publication Date: Saturday 4 November

December Issue Deadline: 5.00pm, Friday 14 November
Publication Date: Saturday 29 November

Discover Local Living

KINROSS-SHIRE

visit www.kinross.cc for business, community and visitor information on Kinross-shire

The Kinross Community Council Newsletter can be purchased at the following outlets, price £1:

- Balbirnie, High Street, Kinross
- The Co-operative, High Street, Kinross
- Sainsbury's, Station Road, Kinross
- Costcutters, Green Road, Kinross
- The Post Office, Milnathort
- Blackstock's, Milnathort
- Stewart & Smart, Striving Road, Milnathort
- Foxsaway Stores, Cross of Deven
- Garage on Shop, Kinross
- King's of Macmillan
- Powermill Mills Bar
- Moto Shop, Turriff

Newsletter Queries?

When is the next deadline?

How much does it cost to advertise?

Can I get a subscription?

For the answers to these questions and more,
Visit our website
www.kinrossnewsletter.org

From www.visittochleven.org
Mainly for visitors, but also of interest to local residents. Find information on places to stay, where to eat, things to do and places to visit. (Website set up by the Kinross-shire Partnership.)

Map courtesy of the Association of British Counties

KINROSS-SHIRE
The Friendly Shire

Top of Page

If you have any comments or suggestions about this website, or to report any problems, please email webmaster@kinrossnewsletter.org

Portmoak Community Council

News from the March Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 10 March were: CCllrs M Strang Steel (Chairman), R Cairncross (Secretary), R Williamson (Treasurer), B Calderwood, S Forde and T Smith; Ward Cllrs M Barnacle, D Cuthbert, J Giacopazzi and W Robertson; PC Sadie Allan and colleague and seven members of the public.

Apologies: none.

Lomond Inn: The CC has been advised that submission of a revised planning application for this site is imminent.

Closure of Levensen Nursing home: Plans for a residential development are awaited. The Glenlomond Residents Association will meet soon with the new owner. Pre-application plans for wider community consideration would be helpful.

Street lighting in Kinnesswood: PKC engineers had undertaken to "tune" the aberrant lighting.

Police report: The CC noted the Commander's Bulletins of 26 February and 5 March and received the monthly Police Report. There had been no local crime in the past month. There was a need to be alert as bogus workmen and workers were around. PC Allan explained that staff restructuring would enhance community policing and the Chairman confirmed that representatives of the CC would meet shortly with Community Sergeants Nicolson and Goodison. The arrangements for neighbourhood/community watch schemes were being revisited.

Treasurer's report: CC accounts (end of Jan 2015): £407.50 in the General Account and £166.75 in the Michael Bruce Way Account giving a total of £574.25. The CC would ensure that its anticipated budget allocations would be concluded before the end of the financial year.

New planning application: 15/00194/FLL Site west of Main Street, Scotlandwell: Modification of permission 08/01059/FLL (erection of 16 dwelling houses) subdivision of plot 6 and the erection of 2 dwelling houses. The CC had objected to this application as the site Plan had failed yet again to provide for the path from the development to The Green. It was the unanimous decision of the CC to object.

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. In line with the new application (above) (15/00194/FLL) the CC had also objected to this application as it had not provided for the path from the development into The Green. Cllr Giacopazzi would press for formal confirmation that the path would be provided.

JOE BURNS Computer Repairs & Servicing

Computer slow, virused,
needing upgraded or internet problems?
If you suffer from any of the above or just need advice,
give me a call.
Local collection and delivery, competitive rates, call-outs
and evening visits available.
01577 862399 (24hr Ans Mc)
07850897924 Mobile
JBcomputing@btinternet.com

Improving the Planning Development Management process: Some of our Ward Councillors would meet shortly in a PKC Member Officer Working Group to consider how planning provisions might be improved. The CC confirmed a short paper to submit to Kinross Ward Councillors, on their invitation, commenting on two approaches to improving planning: "A Protocol for obtaining, publishing and reporting planning application comments from council (PKC) colleagues"; and how the input from CCs could be better recognised.

New Local Development Plan (LDP2). The CC would shortly submit its views, taking into account those of the community, on potential sites for development and on a range of other issues. Around a dozen matters were reviewed including: housing in the field between Scotlandwell and the Church (linked to a community benefit of an effective and safe pavement/footpath from Scotlandwell to the Church and Hall); several settlement boundary issues; availability of affordable housing; transport (including HGV transit of the A911); improved car parking provisions; the development and promotion of tourism, leisure and small businesses; and improved access to the Moss. There was also a case to review the Airfield Safeguarding Policy and the possibility of extending the Fife Regional Park beyond Fife into Portmoak. As fracking licences impinge on part of Portmoak, a policy on fracking from PKC would be welcomed.

Roads: Safety on the West Bowhouse section of A911. As it had not been possible to achieve a satisfactory conclusion of this matter, Cllr Roberson would arrange a meeting of the concerned parties.

The CC noted that: extensive resurfacing work on south Loch Road B9097 would commence shortly with consequent traffic delays; and that sign repairs had been effected at Wester Balgedie. Signs on the causeway (B920) warning of soft verges had now failed and needed repair. Cllr Giacomazzi would pursue PKC to repair the failed warning lighting on two build-out bollards at the north of and within Kinnesswood.

Paths report: Held over to next meeting.

Stephen's Field: The CC was preparing to ballot the community on the future of the Field.

Portmoak Community Woodland: Jeff Gunnell, representing Portmoak Community Woodland Group, was welcomed and explained that a detailed Report had been received on the future of the Moss entitled Management Options for Portmoak Moss. Copies were available in the Kinnesswood shop and on line at www.portmoakcw.org.uk. Woodland Trust Scotland, who own the Moss, will produce a new management plan for the Moss later this year. It was intended that this Report should inform that plan. There are a number of options within the Report ranging from "do nothing" to extensive development. There is a wish that the next management plan would commit to a level of basic maintenance which would at least sustain the tremendous progress in restoring the raised bog and provide a basis on which further funding for development could be pursued.

CERAMIC TILING SERVICE

*A large range of wall and floor tiles for supply and fix
or
You may require a labour only service
Free estimates
Phone GEORGE BIRD Kinross 862253*

Superfast broadband and Scotlandwell: Superfast broadband had arrived in Portmoak. With two of three "cabinets" related to the Scotlandwell exchange enabled, Kinnesswood was already connected. Upgrading of the third "cabinet" covering the Balgedies and Glenlomond could be anticipated. That left Scotlandwell and residences connected directly to the exchange there in an anomalous position. Digital Scotland have explained that they are "*exploring how best*" to achieve bringing Superfast Fibre broadband to Scotlandwell itself and the surrounding area. It goes on to say that "*we may deliver it as part of our commercial programme or by working in partnership with your local authority. At the moment you can't order Superfast Fibre Broadband.*" The CC will seek the advice of Jim Valentine (the PKC official with responsibility for Local Authority participation in this Digital Scotland programme).

Ward Councillor Reports: The following were raised:

- Community participation in development and maintenance of the Moss was commended as was the work undertaken by CC's Paths Group.
- Improvements to parking and access arrangements at Portmoak Primary School were in hand as were plans to introduce speed restrictions within Kinnesswood.
- PKC's budget for next year had been settled although there appeared little consensus on how that had been achieved.
- Disposal of dog waste in public places remains a matter on which good practice should be followed.

Defibrillator: A new community defibrillator had been installed outside the Village Hall. Training of a cohort of first-responders was in hand.

Flood Risk Strategy: The CC would respond to a consultation on Flood Risk Plans. It was pointed out to PKC that Loch Leven drained to the river Forth basin for which PKC was not the lead local authority.

Well road: The CC supported the work being taken forward to secure funding for the renovation of the cobbled road access to the Wash House and Well at Scotlandwell.

The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 14 April 2015 at Portmoak Village Hall.

Portmoak CC minutes are posted on the website

www.portmoak.org

and in a file kept in the Kinnesswood Village Shop

Your Local Joiner

Alan Herd Joinery

Internal & External Doors
Kitchens supplied and fitted
Staircases and Balustrades
Sliding doors Fencing and decking
Laminate and Hardwood Flooring
Renovation Work and Extensions
Loft Conversions Loft ladders Fitted
Upvc Doors and Windows
For Free Estimate and Advice

Call **ALAN** Home 01577 865415
Mobile 07765167982

Deadline for all Submissions

**5.00 pm, FRIDAY 17 April
for publication on Saturday 2 May**

Fossoway & District CC

News from the March Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 3 March 2015 were: CCllrs Sandy Morrison, Kevin Borthwick, Alastair Lavery and Graham Pye; P&K Cllrs Mike Barnacle, Dave Cuthbert and Joe Giacopazzi; 19 members of the public (MoPs).

Apologies were received from CCllrs Angus Cheape and Trudy Duffy; P&K Cllr Willie Robertson.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Police report: No Officer was present; however a report has been received. There are no reported crimes in our area in the last month. Residents should be aware that bogus callers and workmen continue to operate in the area. Several thefts of power tools and equipment have taken place from vehicles and commercial premises across the Perth and Kinross area. Any information should be reported to the Police on the 101 number. Sergeant Sandra Williams retired on 27 February; the CC wishes her a pleasant retirement and thanks her for her assistance over the years.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Cllr Giacopazzi notes that Cllr Cuthbert is not a member of the MOWG as implied by the minutes, although he plans to attend the next meeting to address relevant points.

Rumbling Bridge hydro scheme: We have received information about how the Community Benefit Fund is to be set up, its membership and role. More details will be provided and further discussion will take place closer to the time.

Blairingone War Memorial: Cllr Barnacle reports that the contractor will carry out the move in the spring.

Crook Moss Travellers' site: Cllrs Cuthbert and Barnacle had intended to raise a motion to discuss this at a DMC meeting, but instead the Planners will bring a progress report to the March DMC meeting. Cllr Barnacle has contacted SEPA regarding the CAR licence applications for individual systems, and PKC Planning Department are reported to be happy with this changed arrangement, even though it's contrary to the original planning consent. Cllr Giacopazzi intends to raise the issue of planning enforcement at the MOWG.

Glenquey Quarry: We await a possible appeal against the refusal of the planning application, which must be made before the end of March.

Blairingone Community Workshop: At the request of PKC, the involved landowners have instructed Ballantyne's to prepare a strategic plan, which is being produced as quickly as possible, with the aim of it being ready for consideration by the community within the next six months, or hopefully sooner. There was extensive discussion about whether development would safeguard the school, and where it would be economically viable to develop new houses that would be supported by the community.

Lambhill chipping plant: John Anderson updated the meeting on progress of the application. The recently published Noise Assessment has been rejected by the planners. John has been promised by Brian Stanford that a meeting will be held with the planners, local councillors and a representative of the CC, with an MP or MSP present as an impartial observer. Meanwhile John urges all local residents to object to the application.

A member of the public notes that there continues to be numerous lorry movements every day.

Cllr Cuthbert has been trying to arrange a site visit for a considerable time; however the publication of the Noise

Report has made it clear that mitigation measures need to be put in place to reduce the noise – in the meantime, the Case Officer has agreed that the site should be issued with a stop order, which hasn't happened as of the date of this meeting.

Several MoPs point out that even if a planning application is approved with conditions attached, the people of the village have no confidence that the conditions will be enforced. Cllr Giacopazzi agreed to look into whether the site is currently assessed as an agricultural or industrial site for Council Tax purposes.

As a result of the provision of the Noise Report, the site's planning application 13/01174/FLL has been reactivated, and letters have been sent to prior objectors notifying them of this. (In fact the initial letter referred to the wrong application reference, and had to be reissued.) The CC will write to PKC to seek clarification of the whereabouts of the noise mitigation measures, and to confirm that previously submitted objections would still be included.

Landscape areas in Kinross-shire: No policy has yet been published by PKC.

A977 Defects and Mitigation Measures: Cllr Giacopazzi attended a meeting with PKC where a report of the number of traffic accidents and volumes on the A977 compared to other trunk routes in the area showed that measures on the A977 are not a priority at the moment. Currently there are 4,500 vehicles per day, whereas the capacity of a road of this level is 13 thousand. The proportion of heavy vehicles is 6%. The accident rate has dropped from 13% to 9% since the Clackmannanshire Bridge was opened. The Roads department have agreed to change the style of drainage gullies to a type that make less noise when heavy vehicles cross them; Consideration will be given to installation of signs that actually show vehicle speed; Signage on the far side of the Clackmannanshire Bridge will be adjusted to try and to divert more traffic away from A977 and through Dunfermline.

Several MoPs raised the issue of speeding through the village and asked why it wasn't possible to install speed cameras. Cllrs explained that cameras are not allowed in the absence of a bad accident record, although this rule is due to change shortly.

Waulkmill play area: This is expected to be completed this month.

Overhanging trees at Moubray Hall: Awaiting weather improvement.

Main Issues Report: Comments need to be provided by 31 March. During Sandy's attendance at the LDP2 Pre-MIR drop-in surgery he asked how the community as a whole could be consulted in the short timescale, with the response that the community would be consulted once the MIR was produced. That was when major consultation takes place and the community can have input and changes can be made. Local councillors agreed that this was not how they expected the process to work, and that they thought that community consultation should be taking place now.

Sandy suggests the following items should be included: Landscape areas; Gypsy Traveller's Policies, including pro-active creation of sites; No retrospective applications should be allowed within the Loch Leven catchment area, with any required remediation measures being carried out before development begins; A wind farm policy needs to be developed; A977 mitigation measures; More detail on planning conditions to remove any ambiguities; Provision

of employment development opportunities in areas outside Perth city; No development immediately adjacent to existing village boundaries; More development of brown field sites before green field sites are considered; Social and affordable housing should be built in areas where there is actually a need rather than insisting on them being created in every development; Concentrate new developments in the centre of existing communities rather than allowing ribbon development; Infrastructure needs to be developed in advance to encourage development; Enhance existing waste water processing capabilities to allow developments to take place. It had previously been established that development should take place at Blairingone and Powmill. The development at Powmill should focus on the old hotel site and the centre of the village rather than ribbon development. At Crook of Devon the field beside the village hall could be looked at for possible development, provided the developer would put in a roundabout at the T-junction next to Fossoway Garage, but ensuring proper access for the garage. In Carnbo provision of public sewage in view of the extensive development which has taken place.

Any further items that the community feels should be added to the above list are welcome to be submitted as well. Members of the public suggest that the Blairingone by-pass should be added to the plan as it's generally agreed that this would be the appropriate solution to the traffic problem in Blairingone. Because of the views expressed by PKC officials the CC will submit the above items but any further input from members of the community would be welcome and should be sent to both PKC and the CC prior to 31 March.

CC membership: We would welcome new members.

Community Speedwatch: Cllr Robertson was due to meet with Chief Inspector Mike Whitford to discuss why this is being launched in the Highland Region but not here, however Cllr Robertson was unable to attend this CC meeting so will report next month.

Bollards opposite Crook Village Hall: Cllr Barnacle has requested a site meeting to discuss a more extensive solution to this problem, but hasn't had a response yet.

Lambhill Forestry Project: Kevin passed on notice from the Forestry Commission that the footpath across the first field will be closed during project works; however access can still be made by going round the edge of the field, although MoP report that this is currently difficult due to the ground conditions. There is some concern from MoP about the nature of the work in process and continued access to the FC land without needing to cross ground belonging to other landowners. The FC would also welcome school visits, etc.

BT Adopt a Kiosk Scheme: BT are offering the opportunity to purchase unused phone boxes.

Community Council Business

Meetings Attended: Sandy attended the LDP2 Pre-MIR drop-in surgery. Details in MIR report above.

Reports by Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllr Barnacle: PKC has a budget available of 40% towards the adoption of the road at the Village Hall, Crook of Devon, which will be actively pursued.

Cllr Cuthbert: Nothing else to report other than already described above.

Cllr Giacopazzi: Ivy Cottage can't be boarded up without the permission of the owners.

Planning Matters

15/00262/FLL Modification of planning permission 14/00689/FLL (erection of a dwelling house) - change of house type at plot 2, Land 40 Metres South West of Muirfield, Fossoway. No CC comment.

15/00225/FLL Erection of a cattle shed, Rivendell, Blairingone. Note that the location of this development, although originally specified as Rivendell has now been changed to Lambhill. No CC comment.

15/00196/FLL Change of use of coach house to mixed (sui generis) entertainment use, formation of decking, removal of stone wall and erection of temporary marquee and toilets (in retrospect): Tullibole Castle. No CC comment.

15/00167/FLL Erection of boundary wall and fence, the Paddock, Station Road, Crook of Devon. No CC comment.

Correspondence: All the correspondence was available for viewing: Perth Relay for Life in aid of Cancer Research will take place on 20 June; teams welcome.

AOCB: Vicar's Bridge core Path to Dollarbeg has had signs warning people that no unauthorised vehicles are allowed. As notified last month, the CC has now purchased a laser printer to enable paperwork to be produced double sided and at less cost in consumables. The CC's Facebook page now has 70 likes.

Draft Agenda for Next CC Meeting

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

Matters arising: Hydro Scheme, Blairingone War Memorial, Crook Moss Travellers' Site, Glenquey Quarry, Blairingone Community Workshop, Lambhill Chipping Plant, A977 Mitigation, Waulkmill Play Area, Main Issues Report, Bollards opposite Crook Village Hall

Community Councillors - Meetings Attended, PKC Councillors' Reports, Planning, Correspondence, AOCB.

The Next Meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place on Tuesday 7 April 2015 at 7.30pm in Carnbo Village Hall. All Welcome.

Fossoway & District CC minutes are posted on the website

www.fossoway.org

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



MICHAEL'S TAXI
07545807897
LOCAL TAXI COMPANY
 All enquiries welcome
 e-mail: poltaxiservice@gmail.com

Cleish and Blairadam CC

Cleish and Blairadam CC meets every second month.

The Next Meeting will take place on Monday 6 April 2015 at 7.30pm at the Tabernacle Hall.

Club & Community Group News



Boys Brigade

The Company is entering a busy period with badgework and Battalion competitions.

Classes focus particularly on Faith, Leadership, Physical, Interest, Community and Skills topics.

The Scripture Search Competition entries are currently being marked in the four age group levels.

Company section members took part in the International Top Team Challenge, which consists of a number of physical and logical challenges, to be completed in a one-hour time limit. Teams of four take part against the clock to complete the mini challenges and results are sent off to BB HQ at Felden Lodge to compete for the title of National Top Team Challenge Winner!

Three more President's Badges were awarded in the month of February, with Robbie Mackessack, Fraser Barbour and Mitchell Brown gaining the second highest BB award.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme members are preparing for Bronze, Silver and Gold expeditions.

Battalion Sports for Junior and Company Sections, the Juniors' festival of activities and the Company Section midnight hike will all have taken place in late March. See the May newsletter for results.

Junior and Company Section members also sampled an introductory curling session at the Church Centre with the specialised indoor curling stones on ball bearings providing lots of fun. It is hoped to follow this up with a 'shot' at the real thing on ice in the near future.



Kinross and District

Town Twinning Association

40th Anniversary Visit

Preparations are now coming together for our party from Kinross-shire and surrounding district to visit our twin town of Gacé in mid-July to celebrate 40 years of twinning with our Norman neighbours.

Members have opted to make their own way to Gacé by road and sea, with a variety of ferry port options available. Some are opting for the Portsmouth to Caen crossing which is favoured by the Gacé twinners while others are opting for the Dover to Calais route. Whatever the route, travellers are 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 festivities, fireworks, mirth and music.

There are still vacancies for individuals and families to join up and travel for this special anniversary twinning event.

If you wish to take up the offer or even share a car, contact either chairperson Jeannie Paterson (01577 862159) or secretary David Munro (01577 862126). If interested, please contact one of these two office bearers so that new travellers can be linked to a family with similar interests to their own.

Pot Luck Supper

A Pot Luck Supper will be held in the Millbridge Hall on **Saturday 26 April** from 7.30pm till 10pm at a cost of £5 per person. Each person attending is asked to bring along a sweet or savoury dish to share with the others attending, which makes for a wide variety of choices. The Pot Luck Supper is open to all – just call Jeannie beforehand so that a balance of dishes can be arranged for the evening.



Kinross & District Inner Wheel

Since January the Inner Wheel Club has enjoyed two contrasting and stimulating talks. In February Edward Link spoke on the University of the Third Age. In Perthshire U3A caters for an astonishing variety of interests that older people can pursue, ranging through foreign language or philosophical studies to regular bridge sessions or even learning to play the ukelele.

In March we very much appreciated a talk from Michael Cook, the Director at Lendrick Muir, on the developments which have taken place there in the last few years since it was taken over by the Scripture Union. It can now accommodate 160 people in four self-contained units and provides holidays or educational programmes, mainly centred on outdoor activities for schools, church groups and individuals from all over Scotland in a stimulating and challenging environment. The Inner Wheel Club is hosting a Bridge Afternoon in Milnathort on Friday 26 March.



Kinross Garden Group

Mr John Porter welcomed all to the March meeting and introduced Jenny Mollison of The Scotsman, who gave a interesting talk with slides on the past and present of allotments.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 9 April** in Millbridge Hall at 2pm when Louise Bustard from Glasgow Botanics will speak. Her title is 'From Lapland to the Mediterranean'. This will be preceded by the AGM. For more details, contact Mrs C Rodger, 01577 863785.



Kinross-shire Round Table present a cheque to Billie McGregor and George Dick

Senior girl and boy, Billie McGregor and George Dick attended a ceremony at the Green Hotel to receive a cheque from Kinross-shire Round Table, the funds having been raised from the Christmas Santa collection.

The Company's white marquee tents are available for hire over the spring and summer months. Contact Company Captain David Munro (01577 862126) for further details.

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

February Draw

1st	No 33	Bruce Calderwood, Glenlomond
2nd	No 57	Mr A Wilson, Kinnesswood
3rd	No 74	Fiona Mitchell, Kinnesswood

Children's Hospice Association Scotland

Pass on your Tee Shirts to the Kinross CHAS Charity Shop



Children's Hospice Association Scotland

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

Did you know that according to Zero Waste Scotland, over 210,000 tonnes of tee shirts end up in land fill every year? In the Kinross charity shops at 88 High Street we are so short of spring and summer tops, so please pass them onto us instead of landfill when you are next having a clear out.

Volunteer Drivers Required for CHAS in Kinross

Volunteer drivers are required daily to assist with collecting stock from donors and transporting stock between CHAS shops. We would love to hear from you if you can spare a few hours to join the team. Please contact Will McLean on 01577 865005 for more information.

Rachel House Open Day

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 01577 865222 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.

Portmoak Film Society

More than 30 people watched the March film, 'What We Did on Our Holiday' and gave it an 88% satisfaction rating. It was both funny and moving, starring Billy Connolly as a dearly-loved grandpa who dies on the day of his big birthday celebration and is given a Viking burial by his grandchildren, much to the horror of the grownups.

Next one up is also about dysfunctional families: Frank Oz's 2007 film '**Death at a Funeral**' with well-known Scottish actors Matthew MacFadyen and Ewen Bremner. This film's premise is that death brings out the worst in all of us, and finds humour in what we're not supposed to laugh at. It's being shown at Portmoak Hall on **Sunday 12 April** at 7.30pm. This is the last film of this season and, as is usual, we hold the AGM on the same evening (which, however, only takes a few minutes) and more importantly, we offer you, the filmgoers, the opportunity to nominate your favourite films from which the selection for the next season will be made.

Entry is by membership card or costs £5 on the door. Films start promptly and we look forward to seeing regulars and newcomers alike for the last time before the summer break. For more info go to: www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk

Need Equipment for a Community Event?

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

Items are listed on www.kinross.cc at:

www.kinross.cc/equipment_hire/equipment.htm

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

Dobbies Community Champion

We are pleased to welcome the Kinross-shire Day Centre as our local charity partner for the coming year; watch out for news of fundraising activities coming up at the store. We also have a number of collections and information stands from other charities at weekends over the coming weeks. We are grateful to our customers who are always very generous in supporting our fundraising efforts for charities.

The **April Little Seedlings** meeting will be a week later than usual, on **12 April**, as the first Sunday is Easter weekend. I hope the weather will be warm enough for us to meet at the allotments behind the store, but **I will collect everyone from the garden centre at 11am**. We will learn about **food crops across the world, and grow our own potatoes**. The Little Seedlings are currently looking out for signs of spring, for a countrywide survey, designed to let them see the advance of spring up the British Isles from South to North over the month.

I have also been busy with **school visits to the store**, with both P1 and 2 pupils from **Milnathort Primary School**. We looked at seeds, onion sets and seed potatoes, and talked about how seeds start to grow, and sowed broad bean seeds to take back to school. Please let me know if your class would like to arrange a "Get Growing" tour of the Garden Centre.

I have also started a **new Dynamic Youth project with some Kinross High School pupils**, learning about growing, and planting some vegetables in the community area at the allotments behind the store. This will continue in the summer term, and the pupils can come back after the summer holidays to harvest some of the vegetables.

I have recently made a donation of plants, under our "**Here we Grow**" initiative, to be planted by **Junior Church members at Fossoway Church**, below a plaque commemorating the Luke family's history in the village.

We will be holding a **holiday craft and growing session** for children aged 4 plus at the store on **Monday 13 April** from 2.30pm to 4pm. **This is free, but we will welcome donations** to our local charity, the Kinross-shire Day Centre. Children should be accompanied for this session. Please **book your places by phoning the store** on (01577) 863327, giving the child's name, age and a contact number. I look forward to meeting you and your friends then!

For any enquiries about community events or donations, please contact Amanda James, Community Champion, tel (01577) 863327 or email kinrosscommunity@dobbies.com

Kinross-shire Round Table

Despite our lack of updates, Kinross-shire Round Table are still here and we've been busy!

We had our annual Dragons' Den in the Green Hotel on 2 December with eight community groups being invited to come and make a pitch for some much needed funds. We had a variety of groups this year from sports to culture to education and entertainment.

Santa's Sleigh was a success again with community groups raising money for their activities despite the snow and the freezing temperatures. All the monies raised were presented to the groups at the end of February.

If you are 18 – 45 and want to get involved in having fun, whilst putting something back into our community, contact us by email at kinrossrt@gmail.com for our next meeting.



ssafa

Lifelong support
for our Forces
and their families

Happy 130th Birthday!

This is a very special month for SSAFA because it marks 130 years of supporting our Armed Forces and their families.

It's hard to believe, but before SSAFA was formed, military families had little to no financial assistance or support while soldiers were away. However, as the Second Expeditionary Force set sail to Egypt in February of 1885, Major, later Sir, James Gildea set out to change the way soldiers' wives and children were viewed and treated. He wrote a powerful letter to The Times newspaper about the plight of military families, and appealed to the public for money and volunteers to help the dependants who were left behind.

Sir James Gildea's letter was the start of a very important development for the UK Armed Forces community. Bringing the wellbeing of military families into public debate made the issue a visible one, which could no longer be overlooked. His appeal resonated with the public, and people were quick to join the cause. Within months, the charity was born.



Soldiers' wives and children have been benefitting from the work of SSAFA for 130 years

Today, military families are still at the heart of everything we do. Through both World Wars and every conflict since, SSAFA has been there to provide serving personnel reassurance that their loved ones will be taken care of.

Over the years, we have adapted to meet the ever-changing needs of the Armed Forces community, and provide services and support which address the needs and issues that are unique to them.

SSAFA's 130th Birthday is a time for us to celebrate how far we have come, to look back at all the things we have achieved, and the people we have helped over the years and, importantly, to remember that for many the struggle is not yet over.

As one of the nation's longest established military charities, we have been there to support the Armed Forces family through some of the most challenging times in our history. Something we could not have done without the money raised, or time and effort put in by our amazing supporters and volunteers.

A BIG 130 YEARS' WORTH OF THANK YOUs TO OUR VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTERS.

If you, or anyone you know, who has served or are serving in the armed forces, or their families, needs help, advice or support in any way, please contact:

SSAFA Perth and Kinross Branch

Tel: 01738 625346 or Email: perth@ssafa.org.uk

Hall Bookings

A list of halls and contact details can be found at
www.kinross.cc

Kinross-shire Fifty Plus Club

The Annual General Meeting and lunch took place on Thursday 5 March at the Windlestrae Hotel. Thirty-eight members attended and following the AGM were entertained by the "Silver Songsters" with a very enjoyable repertoire of traditional songs, from Rowan Tree through to songs from Les Misérables and The Lion King.

Despite our Chairman's plea to members at the AGM, the Club is now without a secretary following the resignation of Fubister Law. The Club cannot function without a secretary and any person interested in assisting the Club in this position should contact Mary Muirhead as soon as possible.

The next club meeting will be on Thursday 2 April at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall. The speaker will be Mrs McCreadie of the Seamab School.

Away Days: These will be advised at the club meeting in April.

Theatre: The next theatre outing will be on **Saturday 27 June**. This will be a matinee performance of Sondheim's "A Little Night Music", and the coach will depart from the Green Hotel at 1215 prompt. The all-inclusive cost (theatre, coach and tips) of £28.50 per person should be paid in full to Edith at the May meeting. Cheques should be made payable to Kinross 50 Plus Club. **Contact: Edith Oswald on 01577 865731.**

Friday Walkers in April

- | | |
|-------------|--|
| 10th | The Kelpies and the Forth and Clyde Canal |
| 24th | St Andrews, the Lade Braes and Craigton Park |

Contact: Ian Simpson on 01577 863691.

Friday Hill Walkers

- | | | | |
|-------------------|------------------|---------|------|
| April 3rd | Gargunnoch Hills | Richard | 0830 |
| April 17th | Ben Cleuch | Liz | 0830 |
| May 1st | Stronachie | Jock | 0830 |

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 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.**

A Home from Home for your dog

If you don't want your dog to go into kennels while you're away, Home from Home will provide a cosy, comfy, safe and secure home environment for your dog, with lots of TLC.

For more information, or to visit with no obligation, call **Patricia Hess on 01577 863862 or 07 923 021606**

Kinnesswood in Bloom

Once again we have been fortunate in having good weather for the school grounds group. The 12 children prepared a raised bed, planted onions, swept up moss from the path and replanted some herbs in a tyre planter. Another raised bed will be sown with oats, courtesy of eco schools so that hopefully the children will be able to harvest them in the autumn.



The school grounds group learn how useful worms are

David Buchan has kindly donated four half barrels for planters so we look forward to putting these in place and planting them out. An application has been submitted to Sainsbury for a community grant and we hope to hear about this at the end of March.

A very helpful and constructive meeting was held with Zoe Gamble about the proposed development of the site between Mrs Clydesdale's bench and Lavender Walk. She gave us some tasks to undertake in the meantime and promised to arrange for someone to draw up a plan which makes it easier to explain to everyone what we have in mind. She will also advise on funding.

Our picnic bench has been purchased and installed beside Lavender Walk. Everyone agreed it was a lovely piece of outdoor furniture.

Work parties will start again soon. Anyone interested in joining us will be made very welcome.

Recipe



supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

Banana Loaf

This recipe is a great way to use up bananas which are past their best. The loaf can be cut up as a cake or used as a pudding with cream or custard.

Ingredients

225 g self-raising flour	2 large, ripe bananas
150 g Demerara sugar	175 ml orange juice
pinch of salt	2 beaten eggs
½ teaspn ground cinnamon	4 tbsp vegetable oil
½ teaspn ground nutmeg	

Method

Preheat the oven to 180°C (350°F). Lightly grease and line a 900g/2 lb loaf tin.

Sift the flour, sugar, salt and spices into a large bowl.

In a separate bowl, mash the bananas with the orange juice then stir in the eggs and oil.

Pour into the dry ingredients and mix well.

Spoon into the prepared tin and bake in the preheated oven for 1 hour. Test to see if the loaf is cooked by inserting a skewer into the centre. If it comes out clean the loaf is done. If not, bake for a further 5 minutes and test again. Remove from the oven and leave to cool on the rack.

Kinross Ladies Circle

www.ladiescircle.co.uk/kinross

www.facebook.com/kinrossladiescircle



Last month we had a great night at our Annual Comedy Night in Milnathort Town Hall. We would like to thank all those involved in putting the night together, including Billy Kirkwood and the comedians, members of Kinross Ladies Circle and Round Table, alongside other willing volunteers. We would also like to extend a big thank you to Stewart and Smart Garage and Gault and Oliphant Dental Surgery for helping to sell the tickets in record time and all the local businesses who were so generous in providing raffle prizes. We are also extremely grateful for all of the local support with attendance on the night.

We are holding our **Annual General Meeting on Friday 17 April** in Heaven Scent, Milnathort, and hope to have a great evening reminiscing over the past year's events and activities and also welcoming new members.

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

Ladies Circle is open to anyone aged 18-45 who likes to mix fundraising and socialising. We have fun outings including comedy nights, gin tasting, craft making, theatre trips and lots of meals and drinks out. We're always welcoming new members so please get in touch.

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

"AN AMAZING WORKOUT BUT BRILLIANT FUN AT THE SAME TIME!"

Choreographed and designed by **NATALIE LOWE** and **IAN WAITE** including fitness advice with nutritional tips from **MARK FOSTER**

Instructor: Pam Spowart
 Portmoak Village Hall Wednesdays at 7pm til 8pm
 Nr Kinnesswood:
 Loch Leven Campus Thursdays 8pm til 8.45pm
 Kinross:
 Contact: 07572 466297

FITNESS THAT'S STRICTLY FUN!

Visiting Kinross-shire?

For information on Eating Out, Parks and Gardens, Historic Buildings and more, visit

www.visitlochleven.org

'ALTERED IMAGES'

UNISEX HAIRSTYLING

in the comfort of your own home

Call LINDA on 01577 863860

Loch Leven Community Campus

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8FQ

Website: lochlevencommunitycampus.org

www.facebook.com/lochlevencommunitycampusevents

Tel: 01577 867200 Email: lochlevenreception@pkc.gov.uk

Tel: 01577 867119 Email: GMcGregor@pkc.gov.uk

2015 Programme of Events at the Campus

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, Rhymetime & Storytelling in the Library together with Children's Fun Activities with Live Active Leisure. Refreshments will be available throughout the day. So come along and browse the many stalls, pick up a unique gift for Easter or treat yourself, all whilst supporting your local community.

Guess How Much I Love Spring! – Wednesday 15 April. Library event; see page 8.

Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair – Saturday 18 April. There will be buying, selling and valuations given. Admission 9.30am-4pm with entry fee of £1 per person. For exhibitors booking, please contact: Angus on 07944 416565. Stalls are £15 and will now include Vintage and Retro Stalls.

Circle Dancing Taster Event – Tuesday 21 April. See article on page 13 for details.

Film Book Night: The Book Thief – Thursday 23 April. Library event; see page 8.

IT Taster Sessions with CLD – Friday 24 April. Library event; see page 8.

Kinross Sportive – Saturday 25 April. This is Scotland's third largest cycle Sportive and is organised by Kinross Cycling Club. It takes riders from the campus out through Fife, into Perthshire and Clackmannanshire before returning to Kinross. For more information, visit www.sportive-kinross.co.uk

Further Events in 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 13 June	Fife Craft Association Craft Fair
Sat 20 June	Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair
Sat 18 July	Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair
Sat 15 Aug	Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair
August	Vintage Day inc Afternoon Tea Dance (tbc)
Sat 12 Sep	Fife Craft Association Craft 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.

Craft Workshops Day Report

The various Craft Workshops that took place at the campus on 7 March were very well attended and everyone who took part thoroughly enjoyed themselves, made new friends and got to learn new crafts and techniques including Crochet, Felting, Recycled Crafts, Rag Rugging, Wood Craft, Photography and Fabric Folding. There was also a Children's Crafts Workshop. The instructors are all looking at starting some regular One Day Workshops or Series of Classes for their crafts. There will be more details on each particular Craft Workshop or Classes in the next edition of the Newsletter but if anyone would like to register their interest in the meantime in any of the above crafts, or to suggest any other Craft Classes they would like to see, then please contact Gerry McGregor at the campus.

Kinross Camera Club

The club had a very interesting speaker in mid-February who gave us an insight of her career as she went from amateur photographer to one who made her living from taking photos.

This was followed by the judging of our League 3 competition, ably done by Charles Summers. The first meeting in March saw us watching a programme of the photographs which were entered into the Dingwall Competition.

Last night, 12 March, we welcomed Stephen Lipton, who gave us a very interesting talk titled 'The Photographer's Year,' where he catalogued his progress through the calendar year.

We are looking forward to the continuing season and anyone interested in joining us should come along on a Thursday night to the Church Centre in Kinross or contact our secretary: dallaskey30@yahoo.co.uk



Kinross-shire Day Centre

Last month, a large number of our service-users joined many others from the local community for the very successful DanceSing event at the Loch Leven Community Campus. Our thanks go to all those who worked together to give everyone a very happy afternoon.

On 6 March, we were joined by people from many of the local churches as Kinross Parish Church hosted the annual World Day of Prayer Service in the Day Centre. Thank you to the ladies of Kinross Parish Church Guild who provided the refreshments. We very much appreciate events like these two, which enable us to engage with the wider community. Thank you too, to the Round Table who made a very generous donation to our funds. We hope you all had fun raising the money for all the good causes you support.

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, 01577 863869.

The Newsletter reserves the right to refuse or amend any advertisement or submission and accepts no liability for any omission or inaccuracy

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

Kinross and District Art Club

Club Members enjoyed an informative and entertaining demonstration in March from Crieff based Artist June McEwan. June is a graduate in Fine Art from Duncan of Jordanstone in Dundee and is known for her Public Art, including community murals and the distinctive wicker golfers which appeared in towns and villages across Perth and Kinross during the Ryder Cup last year.

At KADAC she demonstrated how to paint water, based on an imaginary view of Loch Leven. The session was packed with tips for budding artists about how to choose the right brushes, sourcing inexpensive, good quality materials, achieving texture by adding talcum powder to paint, and 'making waves' with z shaped brush strokes.

During the next few weeks we will all be beavering away at trying out some of these new techniques whilst getting ready for the summer exhibition season, which for our members includes Portmoak, Dunkeld, and our own Exhibition in the Parish Church in September.

We are an enthusiastic, friendly group of all abilities and quite an age range. If you are thinking of taking up or renewing your interest in Art, join us at the club at any of our sessions at The Millbridge Hall from 2pm to 4pm on Tuesdays and Fridays, or ring **Glenys** on **07702 572664**



June McEwan demonstrates new techniques to KADAC

LOCH LEVEN MUSIC TUITION

*****DUE TO DEMAND – NEW SATURDAY TIME SLOTS*****

First-come, first-served

Professional Guitar, Bass and Ukulele Tuition

Call: 07938 663269

Email: lochlevenmt@gmail.com

Web: lochlevenmusic.weebly.com

Images of Kinross-shire

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

Photo Library

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

Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

Need to get out and blow the cobwebs away? Want to meet new people? Spring is the perfect walking season and walking is 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.

Saturday 11 April: Almondbank-Ruthvenfield Circular, six miles. A varied walk crossing a village green, through woodland, along riverside and footpaths and passing a clocktower.

Sunday 26 April: A walk of Witches and De'ls, 6.8 miles. A road and track walk exploring the countryside from Crook of Devon and around Fossoway. Links to Witches & Dei'ls to be explained on the way!

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

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

Kinross & Ochil Short Walks Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

We have now passed the first anniversary of our **Tuesday morning** short walks! The gods have smiled upon us and only one walk has had to be cancelled, with a further two amended to suit the weather. We have enjoyed exploring new areas, becoming fitter, meeting new people, chatting and, of course, sampling the delights of the many and varied tea shops and farm shops as a reward for our efforts.

These walks are usually a maximum of four miles, 1½ to 2 hours, followed by a refreshment stop. They 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 sample a couple of walks and, if you enjoy them and would like to continue walking, we would ask you to join Kinross & Ochil Ramblers.

We meet in Kinross or you can go straight to the walk start points given below. (If you intend doing the latter, please phone in the event of bad weather.) 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 7 April – Blairlogie. Meet 10am at old Health Centre or 10.40am at Blairlogie Meadows Car Park.

Tuesday 21 April – Abernethy Glen. Meet 10am at old Health Centre or 10.30am at Abernethy Market Cross

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

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 & District Probus Club

18 February 2015

The club enjoyed a talk about Bermuda, sometimes known as The Isles of Rest, given by Eldon Zuill, a member of Leven Probus Club and a 'Bermudian' himself. In order to be classed as a Bermudian and to be entitled to permanent residency, a person must have been born in Bermuda itself.

Bermuda comprises three main islands and over 130 tiny islands spread over 20 square miles on top of a dormant volcanic rim, which is coral encrusted and lies 2000 miles south of the UK, 600 miles east of USA and 1000 miles north east of the West Indies. It is not a tropical island but is subject to hurricane winds.

It was founded as a country in 1609 by Sir George Somers and survives as a British colony to this day with an independent parliament. A Governor is appointed on a five-year posting in accordance with the ruling on residency. Eldon Zuill's own forebears were on their way to join the ill-fated Darien Project (which ended in disaster and the death of most participants) when they jumped ship when it called into Bermuda. Initially it existed as a trading post but nowadays relies on tourism.

There is good fishing, scuba diving, sailing and boating, although care must be taken because of strong winds and high tides. However, because of the limited space and very thin topsoil, there is virtually no agriculture and all food and consumables have to be imported. There are only seven or eight land animals, including the Black Rat, with the cahow the only endemic land animal. Insects and lizards are found, but no poisonous ones. There are 15 endemic plants; the most well known is the Bermudan cedar, which is used for building, but which is now almost extinct due to disease.

An important problem is the lack of fresh water. This is solved by making the roofs of all buildings into tanks to catch and store rain water, which is plentiful and used for all purposes. All buildings are painted (lime) white and trees are kept away from buildings to avoid contaminating the water.

Perhaps the most endearing regulation is the speed limit – 20m.p.h.



4 March 2015

It was with sadness that this meeting was opened with the members standing in a minute's silence in memory of Frank Wellman, a valued and well liked member who had died the previous week after a lengthy illness. He will be missed by all.

Our speaker was Stewart Niven, an avid wild life enthusiast and skilful photographer who related his experiences on two wildlife cruises, one to the southern Atlantic in the Antarctic region and the other to Spitzbergen in the Arctic. These special interest cruises lasted three weeks and carried 100 passengers – all wildlife enthusiasts who were willing and able to withstand conditions which were not without danger.

The cruise to the Southern Atlantic visited the Falkland Islands, the South Orkneys and the South Shetlands and this was where the hazards became apparent. In order to land on these islands passengers had to embark in rubber boats known as Zodiacs. This entailed jumping into the Zodiac as it rose and fell on the ocean swell in a range of up to 1½ metres. This was made impossible when the winds reached Force 9 gales; as a result they were unable to land on the Falklands.

However, when they landed on the other islands they were rewarded with some of the most astonishing sights, especially penguins. Stewart's photographs were outstanding and illustrated perfectly the many thousands of birds which occupy these remote places. One bay was estimated to be inhabited by 250,000 birds. There are, of course, many different varieties of penguins and other birds such as auks and stormy petrels. In addition many seals share these crowded spaces with the penguins. One aspect which impresses the visitor is the fact that they are able to be close to the penguins without any fear. Indeed, if you just sit quietly they will approach, apparently curious and with no sign of aggression.

This is in complete contrast to the Northern cruise based on Svalbard, where there are no penguins but lots of other bird life and polar bears. The polar bears are anything but friendly. They can run and swim faster and are much stronger than the human being. For safety, the passengers could only land where there was all round visibility of 2½ miles so that the presence of bears could be detected at an early stage. In spite of this, Stewart Niven managed to get some marvellous photographs of bears and of other wildlife such as walrus, arctic fox, reindeer and many birds.

Jim King gave the vote of thanks.

SOLE SOLUTIONS

CHIROPODIST/PODIATRIST

37 NEW ROAD, MILNATHORT, KY13 9XT



DAY AND EVENING APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE

TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT CALL

Lyn Macpherson

BSc MChS

07888836961



Shona Simpson

BSc (HONS) MChS

07734347751

Looking for Contact Details?

For listings of local clubs, businesses, public services and more, visit www.kinross.cc

The Kinross Community Council Newsletter

is available from:

The Co-operative

Baillies

Sainsbury's

Costcutter

Giocopazzi's

Milnathort Post Office

Stewart & Smart

Buchan's Garage

Shop

Fossoway Store

Mona's Coffee Shop

Powmill Milk Bar

Moto Shop

High Street, Kinross

High Street, Kinross

Station Road, Kinross

Green Road, Kinross

New Road, Milnathort

New Road, Milnathort

Stirling Road, Milnathort

Main Street, Kinnesswood

Main Street, Kinnesswood

Crook of Devon

Muckhart

Powmill

Turfhill

Rotary Club of Kinross & District

BIG DINNER – BIG SUCCESS – BIG THANK YOU!



On 7 March, the Windlestrae Hotel was one of a number of venues around the country to host an evening dedicated to raising funds for the Charity 500 miles, which supports amputees and others with mobility problems in countries where no specialist support or equipment is available. 140 Rotarians and guests enjoyed good food, good company,

a web streamed BBC broadcast link hosted by Fred MacAulay, and entertainment provided by compère Alex Fleming and local soprano, Anita Mackenzie Mills accompanied by Margaret Sikora. Anita's closing number 'Big Spender,' obviously struck a chord with her audience who proceeded to dig deep for the Raffle and Auction, raising just over £4000 for the Charity. A very big Thank You is extended to all those individuals and companies who contributed so generously, resulting in an extensive range of attractive and desirable Prizes.

Helen Philp from Milnathort used to think that her husband's sport of fishing was a very boring pastime, until she caught the bug (or fly?) herself. Now a seasoned Scottish internationalist



Anita Mackenzie Mills performing at The Big Dinner

at the sport, Helen's illustrated talk provided a fascinating insight into the art of fly fishing at the highest level around the world.

Milnathort was also the home of our next guest speaker, Alec MacKinnon, Director of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, Scotland. Alec spoke about the evolution of pharmacy through the ages from its origins in what is now Iraq to the present day. A fascinating subject delivered in a most entertaining and amusing manner.

We then moved our thoughts to Africa, when our Ghanaian guest, Maxwell Yaw Donker told us about his involvement with the charity 'Thrive Africa' which strives to ensure that children from poor families in Ghana receive a basic education. One of their main projects is to provide all the books required along with the shelves to store them. There are also plans for a team of Rotarians to travel to Ghana later this year to provide advice on Marketing and Technology to assist with the formation of small businesses in the country. The Club meets each Monday evening in the Windlestrae Hotel at 6pm for a meal at 6.30pm. For more information, contact Secretary Neil Maclure at neil.maclure19@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**.

- Minimum 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 and energetic fun day and assist fundraising for the Teenage Cancer Trust Charity.

For more information contact:

Derek Copeland derekrcopeland@hotmail.com
Barry Davies barrydavies57@btinternet.com

Kinross Junior Agricultural Club

With our new committee now elected, Kinross JAC are now looking forward to another jam-packed year. It's my privilege to be voted on as club chairman this year and along with my new secretary, Emma Sloan, we're hoping for another successful year for the club.

As well as voting on our new committee, we also presented two cheques at the AGM. This money raised was a brilliant £1000, and this was split between our two chosen charities, Perth and Kinross Disability Sport and Care Farming Scotland.

Looking forward, we are still finalising our summer syllabus. Already confirmed are: stock judging, a club exchange, field day, Highland Show and much, much more. As always we are looking

for new members. We are open to anyone from 14 – 30. If you or anyone you know thinks they would like to join in all our fun, then either come along to our first meeting, Crazy Golf and Pizza Hut on **Tuesday 7 April** at

Dulloch Park Dunfermline at 7.30pm or, for more information, you can find us on Facebook by searching for 'Kinross & District JAC'.

David Lawrie



Two cheques totalling £1000 presented by Kinross JAC to their chosen charities

Kinross-shire Reminiscence Group

Our group had a visit from Hilda Lawrie of Perth and Kinross Communications – Change Fund and her report was published in “Stronger Communities – Better Lives.” Here is what she said:

“If you enjoy talking about old times, the Kinross-shire Reminiscence Group is the one to join. It provides reminiscence sessions, social history activities, displays and celebrations for older community members. All activities involve the use of information technology around the use of digital photography and websites such as BBC memory share, ancestry, Youtube. The group is supported by Shona Fowler, IT Tutor (CLD Adult & Family Learning) and Roseanne Gray, Adult & Family Learning worker. Gordon Hannah, an IT volunteer, kindly comes along to provide assistance with laptops and technology.

“Some Kinross High School pupils had been on a WWI battlefield visit this year and the experience was shared with the group.

“As part of the ‘Kinross-shire Remembers the Great War’ exhibition the group is providing a memorabilia display. One member has a train ticket from that time for Milnathort to Salonica in Greece! These items have also been scanned and stored as a historic resource at AK Bell library.

“Just sitting chatting at meetings brings ideas and one led to bringing in wedding and marriage photos and memorabilia to share and discuss. The group has recently been on a very enjoyable visit to the People’s Palace to see exhibits from Glasgow’s past.

“The intergenerational theme has been ongoing with the support of Jack Wilson, a High School pupil who took part in meetings. He was presented with a Saltire award for his commitment as a volunteer.

“It was obvious the group members thoroughly enjoy the meetings and benefit from the social interaction as well as learning new skills and gaining a sense of individual achievement.”

Our group meets at 1.30pm on the first and third Fridays of the month at Loch Leven Community Campus and our AGM is to be held on **Friday 1st May**. Do come along and join us; a warm welcome awaits.

For further information, telephone 01577 867177 or email

Shona	sfowler@pkc.gov.uk
Roseanne	rgray@pkc.gov.uk

Kinross Museum

Loch Leven Community Campus

www.kinrossmuseum.co.uk

www.facebook.com/Kinross.Museum



Having updated the ‘Lest We Forget’ exhibition on the Great War, volunteers in the Museum are now busy preparing a major display on weaving and the textile industry in Kinross-shire entitled ‘If it wasna for the Weavers’. This exhibition is likely to open in late April. If anyone has any interesting weaving stories or items they are prepared to lend for display, please get in touch with the Museum.

In order to help raise funds for the running of the Museum, we have been producing notelets with images drawn from our photographic and map collections. These are now for sale and can be purchased individually or in packs of five.



Perthshire Chamber of Commerce join Business Breakfasters

All roads – icy or otherwise – led to Loch Leven’s Larder on the first Wednesday of March, as around 35 local entrepreneurs gathered at the attractive lochside venue to participate in the final Kinross-shire Partnership business breakfast of the 2014/2015 season.

On this occasion, attendees were delighted to be joined by a group of early risers from Perthshire Chamber of Commerce, who had evidently heard rumours of the excellent breakfast to be had at these highly successful networking events.

The visitors were warmly welcomed by Partnership Chairman (and master of the early morning pun) Alisdair Stewart. Facilitator Sid Grant then invited everyone present to introduce themselves and their businesses to an appreciative audience of fellow entrepreneurs from a diverse selection of local businesses that ranged from consulting to carpet cleaning to catering.

Among the guests was Perthshire Chamber of Commerce’s Chief Executive Vicki Unite, who spoke of the Chamber’s role lobbying on behalf of its members and emphasised the importance of networking for all organisations. She was quick to point out that it’s easy to get up early for such events when you are motivated by the prospect of having worked on your business before you even reach your desk!

Vicki also mentioned Kinross-shire businessman David Sands, who has recently been appointed as a director of the Chamber and who – as David himself later mentioned – will be looking out for the interests of Kinross-shire businesses who are members of the Chamber.

Having visitors from as far afield as Blairgowrie and Dunning meant that the reach of the morning’s networking extended even further than usual, which made for a full hour of lively commercial interaction. Business cards were exchanged and new faces became familiar.

Noting the presence of two former Kinross-shire Partnership chairmen – David Sands and Euan Ferguson – in the audience, current chairman Alisdair Stewart seized the opportunity to praise the excellent work achieved by the Partnership since its inception in 1998. He mentioned its role in identifying, promoting and encouraging tourism, economic growth, environmental improvement and community recreation in Kinross-shire over the past 17 years.

To conclude the morning’s proceedings, Kinross-shire Partnership administrator Karen Grunwell thanked everyone for coming and reminded those in attendance that there will be no business breakfast in April, as the Annual General Meeting takes place that month. (*See notice on page 87.*)

She also drew attendees’ attention to a series of workshops which the Kinross-shire Partnership is proposing to hold for local entrepreneurs. The first will focus on the use of social media in business, and anyone who is keen to attend such a workshop should drop Karen an email at mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk to indicate an early interest.

Milnathort Town Hall Association

50/50 Draw

	February	March
1st	No 29 Ferrier	No 27 Jean Paterson
2nd	No 32 Tolson	No 60 Derek Wood
3rd	No 63 Cassells	No 17 Jim & Cath Ferrier

Restoration

Milnathort Town Hall Association would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Cameron's class from Milnathort Primary School. They did a bake sale and managed to raise £120 towards our restoration!

Below:

Milnathort Primary School pupils who have helped raise funds toward the Milnathort Town Hall restoration



UPDATE

Milnathort Town Hall RENOVATION

Exciting news was confirmed this week by the Milnathort Town Hall committee. Phase one of our renovation project is due to start at the end of May. External works will take us through until the end of June, followed by work on the main internal areas. The hall, kitchen and toilets will all be upgraded throughout the summer, to re-open after the October holiday school break 2015. We'll keep you posted here with updates!!



Kinross-shire Historical Society

Steve Liscoe from Fife Council Archaeology Unit gave a fascinating talk on the defences round the coast of Fife and on the islands in the Firth of Forth at the March meeting.

The effort put into preventing an invasion in Fife in 20th century reflected the importance of Rosyth Naval Dockyard and the fact that during the war, Germany was occupying the Low Countries and Scandinavia a short way across the North Sea.

Not all the defences dated from the 20th century for WW1 and WW2; on Inchkeith some dated from Victorian times and others back to the 16th century.

The different sites covered in the talk included sites for radar, the detection of aircraft or ships, gun batteries, gun emplacements, signal stations, listening stations, air fields, air-ship moorings and parachute training towers.

Fife was important for some of the new developments made there, such as hydrophones for the detection of submarines, the production of earthquake bombs known as Tallboys, designed by Barnes Wallace, that were made by Nairns of Kirkcaldy, and the manufacture of anti-submarine nets in Newburgh.

Most of the defences have disappeared over time but some that have survived have Scheduled Monument designation. To stop beaches being used for invasion by sea, obstacles were created at places such as Tentsmuir, and for invasion by air, posts set into the sand such as at Pettycur near Burntisland.



Decoy airfields were set up to protect the real ones, and, inland, wires would be stretched over water to stop seaplanes from landing.

If all the defences failed, there were fall backs. One was the Stop Line which ran from Dysart to Newburgh. This was a series of ditches, roadblocks, mines and various obstacles that would slow down an invasion and give time to get more troops on the ground. A further line of defence was a force of several Auxilliary Units; groups of highly trained men who were to lie low underground in buried nissan huts and come up to attack behind the invasion.

New discoveries are still being made, often from 1940s aerial photography, such as a parachute training tower in Lundin Links and the mooring site for air ships.

Steve Liscoe had to answer many questions from the members about his very interesting talk. Prof Munro gave the vote of thanks, saying how good it was to see archaeology in action from the use of aerial photographs, old photos and landscape and to hear an archaeologist speaking about a recent past that we could easily relate to and how much we had learned from the absorbing talk.

Classified Advertisements

Check the Classified Ads section on www.kinross.cc

Buy or Sell Goods up to the value of £750

Items are advertised free of charge for up to six weeks

Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation

Fun for all the family!

Feel Good Fair at Loch Leven Half Marathon and Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest

KLEO will be involved in the Feel Good Fair again at the Half Marathon and Pipe Band competition, which is jointly organised by the Kinross Road Runners, the Kinross & District Pipe Band and the Community Campus. While you wait for the runners coming in, come along and browse through the wares of local stallholders or take part in the Fun Run (organised by Swansacre Playgroup). The whole event will take place on the playing fields behind the Community Campus on **Saturday 9 May**. Put this date in your diary!

To reserve a stall, or for more information, please contact Gerry McGregor at the campus on 01577 867119 or 867200 or at GMcGregor@pkc.gov.uk

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 the festival website, 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

Leven Voices

Leven Voices is for anyone who just wants to sing and have fun! You can join in anytime. The next block of ten sessions starts after the Easter break on Tuesday 21 April, 7.30pm at the Kinross Parish Church, and runs until 23 June. The first five sessions will be led by Dougie Flowers and the second five sessions will be done by Harry Campbell.

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, e-mail info@kleo.org.uk or call (01577) 863107.



The Kinross-shire Civic Trust

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

website: www.kinross-shirecivictrust.org

Find us on Facebook



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 84.*) 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.



Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



At the 11 March meeting, members were delighted to receive a presentation relating to the planning, design and production of the Stirling Banner, produced for the Smith Art Gallery and Museum at Stirling.

Jane and Curstain of the Stirling Embroiderers' Guild told us of the initial brief for the banner, which was to portray the City of Stirling and surrounding area in three separate pieces which could be merged into one portable banner.

A group of 16 volunteers took over two years using all manner of fabrics and materials, along with highly skilled embroidery and tapestry work, to complete the banner.

The first panel depicted the landscape with the splendour of the hills and forest along with cultivated land through the four seasons and of course the river.

The second panel covered the castle and volcanic rocks along with the Wallace Monument and the Smith Art Gallery (opened 1874).

The third panel represented Cambuskenneth Abbey (founded 1140 by King David I). The University of Stirling campus was represented interwoven with Scottish Renaissance history. The whole was enclosed in a border of embroidered wild flowers.

All members agreed that the overall effect was stunning.

The club welcomes new members. All queries to 01592 840437 or 840368.



Lodge St Serf No 327

April

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| Tue 7th | Regular Meeting at 7.15pm. FC Degree with sub candidate. |
| Tue 14th | General Committee Meeting at 7.30pm. Arrange work for next Regular Meeting. |
| Tue 21st | Regular Meeting. Degree EA at 7.15pm with sub candidate. |
| Tue 28th | General Committee Meeting at 7.30pm. Arrange work for close season. |

Scotlandwell Frames

Bespoke picture-framing for your photos, paintings, prints & mementos...

14 Friar Place
SCOTLANDWELL
Drop by or phone STUART
01592 840825/07788 142909

Common Grounds

February certainly saw a “buzz” in Common Grounds, namely our Valentine’s morning event. Friends, old and new, were treated to a beautiful array of home bakes – pleasing to both the eye and taste buds. Along with a Valentine’s raffle, a very generous sum of £207.80 was raised. Thanks to all who made it such a success. We have welcomed on board Ailsa Brown, a fourth year pupil, volunteering as part of the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. Already she is proving very useful and hopefully she will enjoy a profitable experience with us. April will see a new stock of Balcraig craft items, so please visit if you are looking for an unusual gift – or a treat for yourself! It will be a double “double whammy” – Balcraig, Common Grounds, your recipient and you could all benefit.

Project: For our annual “Out of Africa” charity in March we supported Haiti Help. In 2009, three nurses from Fife, Carole Hatten, Lou Davidson and Elaine Stark volunteered to go to La Gonave in Haiti to help immunise children. Although expecting to see poverty, the nurses were shocked at the deprived conditions, particularly in the local children’s home. They formed Haiti Help to try to raise enough money to make a difference and have gone from strength to strength ever since. In 2013 the children’s home moved to brand new purpose built accommodation. Our project for April is the Mary Slessor Foundation. Mary Slessor, although born in Aberdeen, was a Dundee Jute worker who bravely went to Africa to carry out missionary work. 2015 is the centenary of her life and work. The Mary Slessor Foundation vision is to emulate the social and medical work of the great missionary. They are committed to improving the lives of people in Akpab Okoyong, Nigeria.

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

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

Kinross Parish Church

Kinross Parish Church takes stock

Writing in the current magazine of Kinross Parish Church of Scotland, Rev Alan Reid reports on a recent ‘Away Day’ by the Kirk Session. Among the matters considered were the results of a three-year stewardship focus which has helped develop a ‘culture of volunteering’ and a growth in giving. The work of the Education group was also highlighted on the Away Day. It is in contact with around 160 young people through everything from the church’s Crèche to the Brigade. Looking forward, the Kirk Session discussed strengthening the partnership with the Great Church in Debrecen, Hungary; improving how the church took care of its membership and setting up a group to consider how its buildings could meet the challenges of the future.

Scotlandwell Allotments

Secure allotments for rent with on-site amenities including members’ clubhouse, toilets and private on-site parking.

Please call or email Alison for further information

07789 003604 or ali@greenshields.org.uk



Compassion Corner

On 23 February, the Compassion Group hosted an afternoon tea and talk about Timebanking in Kinross-shire. Christine Grace from PKVS gave a Powerpoint presentation that described what it is and how it works. She then asked the audience to consider what good deeds they might occasionally appreciate receiving from, or offering to, another member of our community.

The suggestions were plentiful and varied; everything from fence painting to picking up prescriptions and going out for coffee or simply having a chat on the phone with someone who is housebound.

The responses were very promising for the newly formed Timebank Committee that has secured funding from PKC to administer this project for at least a year.

The two administrators for the project (called brokers) that have been selected from the Compassion Group are Barbara Buda and Susan Bathgate. They will soon be holding regular drop-ins at local venues to meet and greet prospective participants.

As there are already 32 active Timebanks in Scotland, we are hopeful that our members will soon be enjoying the many benefits that they are experiencing in their ever growing compassionate communities. For further information or to join our mailing list, please email Susan Bathgate at sa.bathgate@virgin.net or call Marg Meade 01577 863557. The Compassion Group members are also available to give a Powerpoint presentation about Compassion in Kinross and Timebanking to any interested community group.



*Members of the new Kinross-shire Timebank
Photo: Andrew Welsh*

Innes Johnston Solicitors Law Clinic

Providing Free 15 minute consultation and legal advice

This will take place every Wednesday at the Green Hotel in Kinross between the hours of 4.30pm and 6.30pm

First clinic **29 April**

**Telephone to arrange an appointment or drop in
– telephone 01592 757114**

Advice to include:

Matrimonial, including issues regarding contact with children and adoptions and divorce

Wills, Powers of Attorney and Guardianships

Advice in relation to protection against payment of care costs

Immigration

Debt Recovery and Disputes

Kinross High School

The Geography Department

The weather is getting warmer and the days are getting longer which can only mean one thing – it is now springtime and summer is on its way! It also means that the first ever KHS World Challenge Expedition is fast approaching. Challengers and leaders depart on 29 June for a three-week adventure to Vietnam and Cambodia, but more of that from the challengers themselves later.

With the warmer weather, the Geography Department are back to what we enjoying doing best: Outdoor Learning. S1 have had the opportunity to practise their map skills and have been out and about around the campus.

Usually the majority of Outdoor Learning takes place in the first few months of the year, with S4-S6 undertaking field work in different locations in Scotland to help them develop their geographical and social skills and prepare them for the project part of the course. This year the S4s had wonderful weather to carry out their fieldwork in St Andrews; it was only unfortunate that we did not have time to go to the beach and enjoy the weather before coming back to school! The S5/6 National 5 class went to Pitlochry to research tourism in the area and the Higher classes took a trip on the tram while researching land use in Edinburgh.

We have found that the change in the structure of the school day has given us more time to spend on 'active learning' activities such as field work. These activities allow the young people to develop skills such as team working and leadership, which in turn enhance their learning.

As well as outdoor campus work, the S1 classes have created some excellent models of shanty towns to show their knowledge of slum housing and with the models they were able to describe the living conditions in slums such as Dharavi in Mumbai, India. S2 have built model volcanoes and have carried out experiments to make their volcanoes explode. They have also taken part in activities for Fairtrade Fortnight. They developed their understanding of how chocolate is made and then sold and have developed their knowledge of what Fairtrade means. They then used that knowledge to practise their bartering skills when buying and selling chocolate 'beans' and 'bars' to their classmates.

We have also had more time this year to allow us to continue to invite Geographers from the local universities into the Department. We have welcomed the Geobus from St Andrews University who ran an active session on earthquake proofing buildings for S2. We have also formed links with TayPlan, who work with Dundee University, and they gave pupils an experience of planning and designing their local landscapes. S3 and S4 pupils had a presentation from Tayplan in February and four of our S4 pupils will be taking part in a competition in June using Minecraft to design Dundee's waterfront. Dundee University have also been involved with the Advanced Higher with the class attending the University for a lecture on planning.

All in all, it has been a busy year for the Geography Department with much more to look forward to in the coming months.

Mrs G Kemp



World Challenge

This summer two teams of S4 and S5 pupils from Kinross are embarking on an adventure to South East Asia. Both teams are visiting Vietnam's capital Ho Chi Min City to learn about and experience the culture. We will then trek through the Vietnamese jungle to experience the remote and beautiful sights of another landscape. The teams will then travel to Cambodia to complete the project stage of the trip. Both teams are volunteering within the local community. Team 1 are working in a primary school, painting a classroom and teaching English. Team 2 will be working with street children in the Street Child Centre, carrying out community projects. We are going to experience the culture of the countries but are most looking forward to visiting the temples of Angkor Wat in Cambodia.

This "once in a lifetime" adventure is fast approaching and we can't wait to experience the different culture and make life long memories.

Chrissie Robertson and Emma Hodgkinson



World Challenge Team 2 on a trip to Aviemore

Claysyke Furnishings

For Bespoke, Hand Made Curtains, Blinds
& Soft Furnishings

For free quotes & competitive rates please contact

Sarah Fulke

Tel: 01577 840787 or Mobile: 07810077182

HIGH STREET SEWING

ALTERATIONS – REPAIRS – MAKE UP
All Ladies, Gents and Children's clothing
Curtains, Roman blinds, cushions and more!

Quality work and affordable prices!
Please call Linette Mann for an appointment
Tel. No: 01577 865341 / 07732902419

Kinross High School

Parent Council

Clerk: Jennifer Sneddon, 0794 667 9815

Email: jms927@btinternet.com



The Parent Council is delighted to tell you that it was able to support the school financially in several areas last month. In the Maths Department we financed some additional calculators and supported the subscription to the Jaguar Maths in Motion programme. In the English Department we financed flip video cameras to be used to video talk assessments. The ever popular and successful Rock Challenge group also received a grant towards the costs of their competitions.

Two Parent Council representatives are currently playing an active part in the recruitment of Kinross High School's new Headteacher. It is hoped that Mr Keatings' successor will be in place in good time to allow a useful handover to take place before the school year.

The Parent Council is hoping to conduct a survey of parent opinion before the end of the summer term, so please look out for further communication about this, and give your views if you can.

The next meeting of the Parent Council is planned for **Monday 27 April**, with a further meeting taking place on **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 year are: William Nicholls (Chair), Kay Mitchell (Vice Chair) and Allan Miller (Treasurer).

Milnathort Primary School

Parent Council

The next meeting of Milnathort Primary School Parent Council takes place on **Monday 27 April** at 7.30pm in Conference Room 1, Loch Leven Community Campus. All are welcome. NB: a reference copy of Parent Council minutes is available to view at the school office.

DOG-GONE-WALKIN'

Dog Walking & Pet Care Service
in Milnathort, Kinross & Glenfarg Areas
Established 2007

Claire Murison BSc(Hons) Animal Science

10 years Vet Nursing Experience
Excellent Vet & Customer References Available;
Fully Insured

Tel. 01577 830588

D-G-W is also on Facebook

Club Correspondents

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

Blairingone Primary School

The pupils of Blairingone Primary were delighted to receive a phone call recently from Rag Bag, a textile recycling firm advising them they had won £1000.00 for the most collected per pupil in schools under a 100 pupils! This was especially pleasing as we are a very small school but are well supported by family and the community. The money will be of great use and will help to fund items for the school as well as trips out of school.

The cheque was handed over to the pupils by Gayle Mowlam of Rag Bag. Rag Bag is a great initiative and the regular cheques which we receive are greatly appreciated by the school.



Blairingone pupils with a cheque from Rag Bag

Portmoak Primary School

Cross Country at Kinross High School

The Kinross Cluster Cross country event was a very successful day, with all our runners finishing and great attitude and behaviour from all concerned. Once again our pupils were a credit to the school when out and about. We also did very well on the certificate front, with 11 pupils in the top 10 for their category. Two just missed out at eleventh place and quite a few more in the top 20.

Cross Country at Scone

17 children then went on to run at the Scone races, which was for all of the fastest runners in Perth and Kinross. This was another successful trip with great attitude and behaviour on the day.

Munchy Mondays from March

The Health Committee have come up with an idea to encourage everyone to eat more fruit and veg at school. They have decided to make Monday a special day for extra playtime for those eating their healthy snack. Everyone who wants to join in should bring a fruit or vegetable snack to school to enjoy in class 5 minutes before playtime.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Don't forget that we are collecting these vouchers again. 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.

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

Louise Gordon, Headteacher



Kinross Kobras Junior Hockey

On 8 March it was the turn of the older Kobras to take on the top club teams in Scotland at the U16 National Club Championships played at the Glasgow National Hockey Centre.

The U16 Boys went into the finals day playing for minor places and, captained by David McIntyre, came away with two great wins. The team scored seven goals in total and stand-in goalie Arthur Morris only conceded one and that was hotly disputed. They finished ninth overall out of the 12 teams taking part, which, for a first outing in this competition, was a good result.

The girls, a team made up of players from Kinross Kobras and Perthshire Hockey Club, and captained by Jenny Walls, went into the finals day with a chance of winning the competition. Playing against two of the top club teams in Scotland they had a challenge on their hands! In their first game they held the eventual winners Clydesdale Western for most of the game but ended up losing two-nil and in the third vs fourth playoff they rotated all players and lost to Edinburgh Cala. A very brave performance from a team that had only played together once before saw them coming out fourth overall and gaining some great experience.



Kinross Kobras U16 girls and boys teams



Kinross Men's Hockey Club

www.pitchero/clubs/kinrosshockeyclub

Sponsored by Loch Leven's Larder, the two teams battle it out in East District Divisions 1 and 3 with pitch and weather problems cancelling a lot of games or forcing a move to Dollar.

The 1sts are lying ninth in Division 1, having played 15, won 4, drawn 1 and lost 10, whilst the 2nds are lying seventh in Division 3, having played 16, won 6, drawn 3 and lost 7.

Anyone wishing to join the club, please come along to our training night every Tuesday from 7.30pm to 9pm on the astro turf at KGV next to the rugby pitches. All abilities welcome.

Kinross Road Runners

Cupar 5, 28 February

Cupar hosted the first of the KRR club championship races for the year. The route starts and finishes near Duffus Park and is a five-mile undulating out and back course.

First male KRR in a time of 28:50 was Allan Kemp. First female KRR was Kirsty Gray in a time of 34:09.

Smokies 10, 1st March

The Smokies is a 10-mile ladies only road race and takes place in Arbroath. This year's race was held in extremely challenging conditions. Gale force winds certainly didn't help those who competed, nevertheless there were some fantastic performances by the KRR ladies. Jillian Gordon finished 1st KRR and 2nd overall in a very impressive time of 66:25. Elsewhere Maureen Hill finished 2nd in the FV50 category. Well done to all of those who took part.



Independent PARTYLITE Consultant

Quality fragranced candles and accessories.

To see the full range please contact

Fiona Erskine on 07947329005

Email fiona6619@hotmail.co.uk

Online shop - fionaerskine.partylite.co.uk/shop

Contributors

Please write or type clearly

Leave a margin

Use one side of the paper only

Kinross Cavaliers Basketball Club



The past few months have been very busy for the players and coaches at Kinross Cavaliers Basketball Club.

In October last year, nine of our players were selected for the 'Future Starz' programme run by Basketball Scotland. Ten intensive sessions of skills and fitness training will come to a finale on 14 March when the players hope to be selected to play for Scotland. Kinross Cavaliers wish them all the best of luck! Last year saw two of the Cavaliers' players selected for Scotland, Ella Doherty from Powmill and Kirstin Fotheringham from Kinross.

Matthew Glass and Hamish Malvenan, who help coach at Kinross Cavaliers, have been working hard attending training courses for basketball coaches. We are really proud to see them pass their UKCC Level 1 Basketball Coaching course in February. Well done!

Ella Doherty of the Kinross Cavaliers was recently invited by Inverness City Basketball Club to compete for them in a tournament in Ireland. She travelled to Belfast and then to Dublin to play against some local Irish teams. The Inverness team won both their tournaments and Ella had a fantastic time. Ella would like to thank Robert Purvis Group Ltd for their kind contribution towards her trip to Ireland.

The coaches at Kinross Cavaliers focus on fitness and having fun, and learning new basketball skills. If you are under 14 and are interested in basketball or would like to give basketball a try, just come along to the campus any Tuesday from 6pm to 8pm.

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

Karen Nicholson	Tel	07795 101719
	Email	k.e.nicholson@btinternet.com
Sharon Doherty	Tel	0774 201 2881
	Email	sharondoherty@yahoo.com
Fraser Notman	Tel	07506 241653
	Email	chippysauce@btinternet.com



Kinross Cavaliers members who attend the Future Starz programme

Kinross-shire Visitor Information Points

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

Kinross Ladies Hockey Club

www.kinrossladieshockeyclub.co.uk



What a hive of hockey activity in the last month as fixtures resumed in earnest!

Our first team continued with varying results. A 6-nil loss to Edinburgh Uni 2s was viewed as an improvement on the previous 9-nil meeting. A 2-nil victory over Grove with Katy Robson on her 1s debut scoring the opening goal and Vicky Carver the second was a hard fought match with quite a few of our second team making a first team appearance and contributing greatly. A week later and we were still suffering player numbers, so the 1s took to the pitch with only nine players against George Heriots. It was our first home match since October, adrenalin was definitely pumping and after a hairy start there was much relief when Daisy arrived just before half time to swell the numbers to 10! A beautiful chip shot midway up the net from Katy Russell gave us an unexpected lead, but Heriots equalised after half time. We managed to level the score again through an acutely angled shot from AJ, only to lose two goals in succession. Moments later Sarah saved a penalty stroke and we pushed hard to the final whistle. It would have been a travesty of justice to leave the match with no points, and we were rewarded with the equaliser from Katy Russell. A 3-all final score and one elated and exhausted squad! Next up was MCC Western 2s where we lost 1-4 (Chelle scoring), again an improvement on the previous meeting of 1-7 and this is all we hoped for in our first season of Championship League.

Our second team continue to be frustrated by game rearrangements, but the Midland Div2 title remains doable. We had a fantastic 2-nil win over Blairgowrie in what was a physical end to end match – goals from Claire Brownbridge and Katy Robson. The following weekend Kinross could only field one team full stop so the 2s match was postponed. Perhaps this affected momentum as their next outing v Perthshire 2s was always anticipated as a tough fixture but hopefully a win. The first half was good, but overall play didn't gel and we were caught by some fast attack and lost 3-nil. Any thoughts to sweep that disappointment aside the next weekend were quashed when a mix up in arrangements meant no game, so as we go to press the big title decider v Dundee Uni 3s looms large!

If you are inspired to pick up a stick or dust off your old one, remember 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.

**THE
DANCE
BANK**

KINROSS BRANCH

Classes held Saturdays in
The Millbridge Hall

BALLET • TAP • JAZZ

Classes for all ages; Two and a half years up

Principal:
Miss Rhona McNab ARAD

Branch Teacher:
Miss Claire Griffin

www.thedancebank.co.uk
TEL: 01383 872132

Orwell Bowling Club

Milnathort

Orwellbowlingclub.co.uk

Orwell Bowling Club 125 year celebration this season!

Opening of the Green will take place on **Saturday 11 April** at 1.30pm for 2pm. A warm welcome is extended to all for the start of what we hope will be another successful and enjoyable bowling season. As usual the opening day sees Orwell Bowling Club support a nominated charity and it will be the Blind Bowlers.

Subscriptions can be paid on the day: Full £80, Social £30 and Junior £10.

The Committee would like to congratulate Mrs Sandra Fullerton on becoming Vice President of Clackmannan Ladies Bowling Association this year. Sandra has been our Club Representative for many years and will do a sterling job. Well done!

A successful quiz night was held in February as part of our 125-year fund raising. A huge thank you to all who organised this and to those who attended and made it a success.

Let's hope the weather is good and hope to see as many members as possible on the opening day. New members are always warmly welcomed, so feel free to come along on Opening Day and meet the members and maybe a chance to try bowling. Any queries are welcome. You can contact myself, Diane Foster (secretary), 01577 865538 or any club member.

Kinross Bowling Club

The **Opening of the Green** takes place on **Saturday 18 April** at 2pm.

We are looking forward to the bowling season getting under way again with, hopefully, some warm sunny days to play in. Come along and try bowling: a nice friendly atmosphere, fresh air and healthy sport.

We look forward to seeing existing members again and anyone who would like to have a go. For anyone who would like to join in, telephone 01577 864727.

Bishopshire Golf Club

2015 Membership Prices

Junior (Under 8) - £10

Junior (Over 8) - £40

Adult - £135

Senior - £85

Monthly payment scheme available for any of the above memberships.

- Tournaments held weekly on a Saturday with a 2 tee start, morning and afternoon.
- Summer league held from May to September with varying 9 & 18 hole formats.
- Singles and Doubles Match play tournaments throughout the summer.
- The opportunity to qualify for a number of regional and national tournaments.
- The course plays on full greens 12 months of the year with no mats in play

New membership sheets will be placed in the clubhouse, alternatively contact graemeguild88@hotmail.co.uk

Further course details can be found on our website www.bishopshiregc.co.uk



Kinross Tennis Club

www.kinrosstennisclub.org.uk



By the time you are reading this, we will hopefully have had great weather for our Open Day on 28 March and this marked the start of the season. Memberships are now due for the new season; details were in renewal letters and also available on the website. Keys from previous seasons should be returned to our treasurer, Gail Nelson.

Now after you have rolled your Easter eggs, why not enrol your child in our **Junior Easter Camp** with coach Alessia Palmieri? The camps are always good fun and as there is just one camp this year on **week commencing 13 April** we expect spaces will go quickly. Minis 5-8yrs from 9am to 10.30am all week; Midis 8-10yrs from 10.30am to 12.30pm; and Juniors 11-16yrs from 1pm to 3pm. We recommend booking your child's place now. Details will also be out shortly for our **10-week term time block** running on Tuesdays and Fridays from **Friday 24 April**. For more information or to book your child's place, please contact Siobhan at kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com.

League matches will start at the end of this month. The ladies play Monday evenings and the gents on Thursdays. We would welcome new senior members to augment our numbers playing in Tennis Tayside leagues – varying standards available, so don't be shy!

Club nights continue on Wednesdays at 6.30pm and Sundays at 10.30am and we will try to revive the Thursday afternoon social session (or another day time if there is demand). Adult coaching is flexible, so if you are interested please give us a shout. We also have a social tournament planned for adult members on **Sunday 26 April** to remember our friend and past member David Wangerin; details will be emailed to members nearer the time.

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

GARDEN STEPS & MORE...

Steps, paths, walls, patios, paving, driveways, repairs, pointing and all types of general building work.

Specialist in stone work

for advice and a free estimate call

William Morris

01577 531145

07866 961685 (mobile)

bill.morris7@sky.com

The Kinross Newsletter

by the community, for the community

all profits are given away to local good causes

Volleyball Club

Volleyball Season Nears Climax

Kinross Volleyball Club is particularly busy with District League, Regional League competitions all taking place and nearing completion by the end of March.

In the Perth District Premier League, Kinross is poised to win back the league title from last year's winners, Team Fife.

The final games of the league season take place at the end of March with Kinross having to win three of their remaining four fixtures to secure the title.



Mark Cathro hitting through the middle in the recent Regional Match against City of Edinburgh

Kinross High School's volleyball teams have also been busy, with the S4/5/6 boys' and girls' teams also competing in the Lothian & Borders festival, re-scheduled for the end of March.

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 seventh and the Mongrels slipping to tenth position.

With league competitions almost finished, the focus changes to outdoor volleyball, with club members preparing 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). Free outdoor sessions resume in April on the grass area to the rear of Loch Leven Community Campus on Monday evenings from 7pm until 8.30pm (weather permitting). 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.

STEVIES GARDEN SERVICES

SLABBING MONOBLOCKING FENCING

GRASS CUTTING

WEEDING

HEDGES

PRUNING

PAINTING

POWER-WASHING

FREE ESTIMATES AND ALL WORK DONE TO YOUR OWN SPEC.

CALL STEVIE ON 01577 863 038 or 07912 614 621

Kinross Cycling Club



The AGM took place on 24 February with over 20 members in attendance, and the committee for the forthcoming year was appointed. Thanks to members old and new who give their time and skills to help with the running of the club and the plethora of events which are organised throughout the year. It is really appreciated.

Some housekeeping: Some matters were discussed at the AGM which should be brought to the attention of anyone riding under the banner of KCC. Concern has been expressed that cyclists participating in group rides are not always riding as safely as they might. Please would members ensure they obey the rules of the road, do not ride more than two abreast, and that they do not ride in large groups that may impede and annoy other traffic. **Coaching sessions for improving group riding skills will be organised for later in the year.** Club rides generally have a number of different groups setting out on the chosen route, so please ensure that you join a group which is planning a pace compatible with your own, and bring sufficient fluid and nutrition to fuel your ride plus spare tube, a pump and any other gadgets that may be required. It is requested that anyone riding with the club for the first time or anyone who has had a long break off the bike should come on one of the all-comers rides (previously branded as ladies days) which take place on the last Saturday of the month. This enables us to assess your riding skills and endurance before you embark upon a more challenging (in terms of both pace and distance) "Sunday run". We are also hoping to establish a regular Saturday "bun run", which will be at a leisurely pace and will include a cake stop. Details from the campus from 0830 on a choice of three routes, taking in some stunning scenery, and the website.

Kinross Sportive: This highly popular annual event takes place on **Saturday 25 April**. Includes some fine climbs over the Lomond Hills, returning via the Ochil Hills from Dunning. This event sells out fast and attracts around 800 riders from far and wide for one of the first cyclo-sportives of the season. As this is not a closed road event we would like to thank other road users in advance for showing a little patience and consideration on the day.

Family Cycle Challenge: This takes place on the Loch Leven Trail on **Sunday 26 April** and is open to anyone on the day. There will be bronze, silver and gold challenges with commemorative medal for all participants. Sign-on and departures from the Pier car park from 11am. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Club Time Trial series: The Thursday evening series of 10 club time trials (with points accumulating for the KCC Grand Prix trophies) begins on Thursday 30 April with the five-mile TT. Sign in from 1830 with first rider away 1900. Details of routes on website.

FCA Time Trial Series: This is a series of time trials running on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer and is open to all riders from local cycling clubs who hold a British Cycling race licence. It begins on 8 April with a five-mile TT.

Spring Majorca trip: A number of club members are heading for the sun during the Easter holidays for a few days of cycle training, based at Puerto Pollensa. Majorca offers amazing scenery, varied terrain and an excellent climate for early season training.

Details of all forthcoming riding opportunities are to be found on www.kinrosscyclingclub.co.uk.

Kinross Otters

Midland District Age Group
Championships 2015

Olympia Leisure Pool, Dundee, 7 - 8 March

The annual Tayside long course (50m pool) championships took place at the Olympia Pool in Dundee over the weekend of 7 - 8 March. The Otters sent 13 of their best swimmers. The competition was very tough, resulting in just 10 medals in total, but some first class swims were in evidence. Even club records did not guarantee a medal!

Iona Crawford (14), our Breaststroke specialist, gave her best ever performances in some very exciting races as she beat everything that was put in front of her to stun the other clubs and their top swimmers.....at Breaststroke anyway!

Iona won gold medals in the 50m (37.87) and 100m (1.21.35) Breaststroke and a silver medal in the 200m Breaststroke (2.58.34). In the 50m and 100m she was both the Junior and Open Champion, which means she was the fastest female swimmer at these events at

the whole meet no matter what age the swimmer – very unusual and a significant achievement. In the 100m she twice broke her own club record and lowered her own 200m record by some 5 seconds. **Iona** is now one of the finest Breaststrokers in the country.

Cameron McCloskey (16) turned up to find out that the usual “age on the day” criteria had been changed to “age on 31/12/2015” for the first time. This meant that he was pushed into the full adult category and was

surrounded by some serious muscle and quite a few beards all day! He also had to compete directly with the British number one 1500m Freestyler, **Stephen Milne**, who is a dead cert (barring illness or injury) for the *next Olympics*. Had he remained in the “old” age group he would have won 4 golds and 2 bronze. He reverted to plan B and set about ripping up the old club records book with gusto. **Cameron** won a silver medal in the 200m Backstroke and bronze medals in the 200m Individual Medley (I.M.) and 100m Backstroke. He set club records in the 200m I.M. (2.31.26), 100 Backstroke (1.09.50), 50m Freestyle (25.93), 50m Backstroke (31.81 - this was the oldest Otters record – stood for 13 years), 50m



Butterfly (29.14) and 100m Freestyle (58.19). No Otter has ever destroyed the record book in such a fashion at one meet. **Jack Muncey** (11) is the future of Backstroke at the Otters and he won a silver medal in the 100m and a bronze medal in the 200m in this event in 1.18.81 and 2.51.07 respectively. These were very good performances and fast times. However, his highlight was probably getting drafted into the senior Otter relay team at the last minute due to a late withdrawal and swimming the first leg against the great aforementioned **Stephen Milne**. It was fair to say that they didn't need electronic timing to separate them but the moment was pure gold, what a memory and something to tell his pals at school about (especially if **Stephen** medals at Rio – starting to look very possible).

Conor McCormick (15) was the only other individual medal winner when he took bronze in the 50m Butterfly (31.48).

The Girls 11-16 year 200m Medley Relay team of **Rebecca Mitchell, Amy Hardie, Amy Broadhurst** and **Iona Crawford** swam superbly to win a bronze medal in 2.25.99.



The Otters at the Midland District Age Group Championships 2015

Further club records – **Ola Stanton** (11) in the 200m I.M. (2.55.98) only to have it taken away immediately in the next race by **Amy Hardie** (14) in 2.54.75. **Conor McCormick** (15) in the 200m I.M. where he did an “Amy” to **Cameron** (see above) in the very next race in 2.28.58. **Amy Broadhurst** (14) in the 50m Butterfly (34.16).

Congratulations.....

to **Iona Crawford, Conor McCormick, Jack Muncey** and **Ola Stanton** for qualifying for the incredibly tough Scottish National Age Group Championships to be held at the Aquatic Centre, Aberdeen Sports Village from 31 March – 5 April. Full report next month.

The Newsletter on Facebook

We use our Facebook page to announce:

- our deadline and publication dates
- what's in the next issue
- reminders of some local events
- occasional breaking news

'Like' our page to be kept informed. Search for 'Kinross Newsletter' or go to:

www.facebook.com/kinrossnewsletter



ABLE, CONSCIENTIOUS, TRUSTWORTHY AND INDUSTRIOUS INDIVIDUAL (58),

Well qualified in a number of areas
and with driving licence,
seeks work for one day a week
or one week in four

**FOR FURTHER DETAILS RING:
01577 864079**

Perth and Kinross Sports Council Awards 2015

Dewars Centre, Perth, 13 March

What a night! What a year! The Kinross Otters proved yet again that they can truly punch above their weight and that being from a small club and a small town is no barrier to great success.

Across all sports the Otters managed to get three nominations through to the finals of the Perth and Kinross Sports Council Awards night at the Dewars Centre in Perth on Friday 13 March, but it was no Friday 13th for the Otters!

They were **Fiona Dodds** for **Coach of the Year**, **Iona Crawford** for **Young Athlete of the Year** and the **Kinross High School S3/S4 Boys Swimming Team** for **School Team of the Year** (not technically purely Otters, but we're claiming it! – see below).

After many years of quietly teaching and coaching literally several hundred young Otters, **Fiona Dodds**, the lead junior coach at the club, finally got some recognition. She was delighted to make the finals night but was not prepared to actually be named **Coach of the Year**! The overall success of the Otters is in no small part due directly to **Fiona's** early expert input. For those who know **Fiona** well, she is comfortable in her niche and has no desire to work with older swimmers. She loves the young ones and her ability to inspire them and at the same time make it all so much fun is truly brilliant. It is not often that a coach of this kind sees the limelight, but she was more than worthy on this occasion. Well done, **Fiona**.

Next up was **Iona Crawford** who it seems cannot put a foot wrong at the moment. **Iona** is a talented all round athlete with an embarrassment of riches at swimming, running, cycling and obviously Triathlon. She was named the Otters' female Swimmer of the Year for 2014. She holds the 100m and 200m Breaststroke Club Records and represented the Otters at the National Age Group Championships at these events. She has now made further progress in her Breaststroke and is now one of Scotland's best breaststrokers for her age as demonstrated at the Midland District Championships (see elsewhere in this issue).

In 2014 **Iona** again qualified to compete in running for Scotland in the Inter-Regional Championships against various English areas and Wales, where she did incredibly well to finish just outside the medals in fourth position. In the Scottish Youth Championships she was second in the 13/14 girls competition and was one of the elite junior triathletes who qualified to become part of the Scottish Triathlon Foundation Squad for this year.

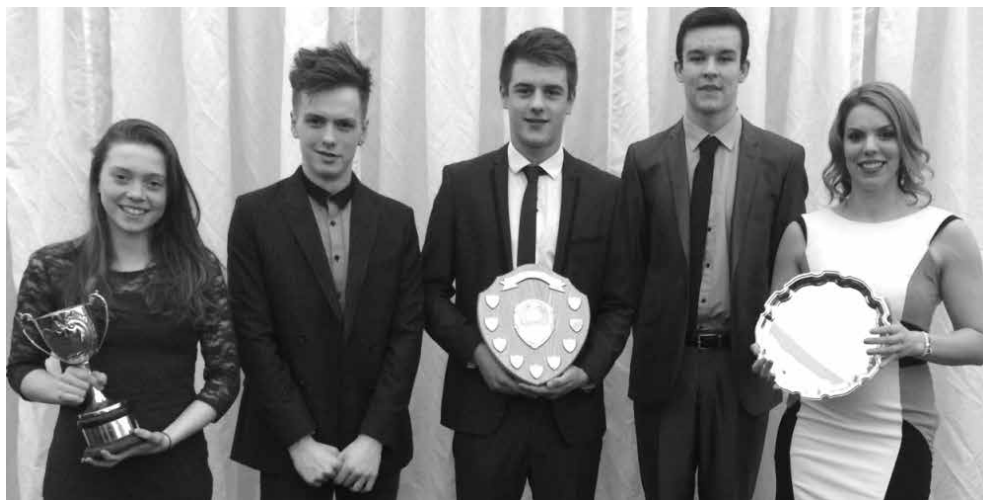


Photo shows from left to right: Iona Crawford, Conor McCormick, Aaron Gillon, Cameron McCloskey and Fiona Dodds. Unfortunately Cameron Nelson was unable to make the night.

Iona is a long term member of Pitreavie Amateur Athletic Club where she had numerous successes in 2014. Here is just a selection of the highlights:

- National Championships under 15 girls 800m winner
- Scottish Relays – one of the U17 (up an age group) winning women's team
- Scottish Schools U16 girls 800m finalist
- Chosen to represent East District on numerous occasions

Iona holds five all time club records, a quite incredible achievement bearing in mind Olympian **Eilidh Child** holds many of the records at this club!

So basically, the others didn't stand a chance and she was duly named **Young Athlete of the Year**.

The **Kinross High School Boys S3/S4 Swimming Team** were previous runners up for **School Team of the Year** in 2013, but they just kept getting better and better. The reason the Otters are claiming them is that they were all Otters and two still remain so. The team consisted of **Conor McCormick** and **Cameron McCloskey** (both still Otters), **Aaron Gillon** and **Cameron Nelson**. In June 2014 at the Scottish Schools National Relay Championships they won double gold and set a Championship Record in the Medley Relay and were a whisker off the Freestyle one. They made the national press in the likes of The Scotsman, and Brodies Solicitors, who sponsor the Championships, described their Medley Relay record race as the most exciting of the whole day. Over their time at these Championships they have been triple, double gold medal winners and are the best ever team to emanate from Kinross High School and one of the best ever teams to have appeared at the Relay Championships.

They also won their category to end a perfect night. Well done, the Otters! Well done, Kinross!

Very worthy of mention is **Pam Watson** who was also nominated by the Otters for **Volunteer of the Year** for her fantastic fundraising abilities. Pam made the shortlist but unfortunately not the top three, so did not make the finals night.

Images of Kinross-shire

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

Photo Library

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

Subscriptions to the Newsletter

Useful for readers living outside the distribution area of the Newsletter, a subscription service is available.

For further details see www.kinrossnewsletter.org or phone Ross McConnell on 01577 865885 or email

subscriptions@kinrossnewsletter.org

Kinross Curling

Green Road, Kinross, KY13 8TU

Tel: 01577 861821

www.kinrosscurling.co.uk

Email: lceman@KinrossCurling.co.uk

www.Facebook.com/KinrossCurlingRink



Upcoming Events

The Kinross Curling Closing Bonspiel will be held on **Saturday 4 April**.

A Cheese & Wine Evening will take place in the curling rink lounge on **Friday 10 April** at 7pm. This is a chance to celebrate another great year at the rink. Tickets costing £5 (includes two glasses of wine plus cheese and nibbles) are available from the bar.

Round up of News

Elinor Ritchie (Bank of Scotland Fife Curling Club) was part of the winning team at the Scottish Senior Women's Championships at Lanarkshire in February. Playing with Kay Gibb (skip), Carol Scott and Margaret Archer, they defeated defending champions, team Cannon, 6-2. Elinor and teammates will now represent Scotland at the World Senior Championships in Sochi in April. Good luck!

National Master Championships: Kinross Curling had finalists in both the Men's & Women's National Master Championships at Greenacres, held 5-8 March.

Sandy Nelson (Kinross CC), **Willie Paterson** (Orwell CC), **Alan Barr** (Dunfermline CC) and **Donnie Scott** (Orwell CC) won the Men's Championship.

Meanwhile, in the Women's Championship, Mary Barr, Dor Borthwick, Ena Stevenson (all Dunfermline Ladies CC), and Wilma Brownlie (Orwell Ladies CC), finished as runners-up.

Following success at the Best of 5 Irish Playdowns at Dumfries in March, local curlers **James Russell** and **John Jo Kenny** will represent Ireland in the European Championships next season.

Liz Glennie (Orwell Ladies CC) skipped the winning team at the Scottish Police Curling Association Championship in March, the first female to do so in the 42-year history of the championship.

KDLB Thistle Pairs: A schenkel format provided plenty six-stone, five-end games for the ten teams competing on 19 February. Sisters **Val Inglis** and **Caroline McGregor** were the overall winners but another notable achievement was the six-ender by Pat Pilgrim and Anne Moore.

The Morton Trophy: The knockout stages of this ladies competition were held at Kirkcaldy on 10 March. In the earlier group stages, three teams from curling centres throughout Scotland play teams from other local centres to determine who the regional representatives will be. Kinross had qualified for the third consecutive year to represent the East, and beat Perth (North) in the semi-final at Kirkcaldy. This meant Kinross had reached the final for the first time ever! Kinross faced Ayr (South) in the final. Two of the Ayr teams were just too strong, however, and the Kinross teams conceded at six ends, meaning Ayr took home the trophy for the third year in a row.

Fin Campbell (Kinross Junior CC) was voted the player with the most sportsmanship at the Scottish Junior Men's Championship in February.

Kinross Junior Curling Club finished second in Division 3 of the RCCC Junior Curling Club Challenge at Ayr in February and as a result will gain promotion next season.

Foxglide clothing: Posters at the rink advertise the clothing range by Foxglide, who will make a donation of 10% to Kinross Curling for all clothing purchased by Kinross members and curlers.

Badges: The new Kinross Curling pin badge is available from the bar, priced £2.50 each.

Small Clubs League: Is your club struggling for numbers? Tired of playing the same familiar faces each week? In need of additional friendly competition? We are considering forming a Small Clubs League to provide more variety for small clubs. Email the icemen to register your club's interest.

Thanks to Andy Macpherson, Claire Milne, Ena Stephenson, Eileen Thomas and Phil Barton for contributions.

Kinross Swimmers

It's great that we are averaging a good number of swimmers every week. Let's hope we are able to keep this up. The new style rota seems to be working fine and the coaches have their ongoing programmes.

I have been speaking to some swimmers that used to come along and some have stated that they may well come back, even if just occasionally. If I haven't spoken to you yet then please do feel free to come along again. You are assured of a warm welcome any day you can make it.

I had mentioned before that I had traced the training camera. I am hoping to pass it on to an electronics specialist so should have a final update shortly as to whether it is ruined beyond economic repair.

As always we continue to meet every Tuesday evening at Loch Leven Leisure Centre between 8 and 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.

For further information, please either contact us on Facebook (Kinross Swimmers) or Ian Shepherd via email at shepherd_ian@hotmail.com or on mobile 07944 503074.



Positive Health for Healthy Living

Specialising in Complementary Health Care
GRCCT registered
CranioSacral Therapy, Massage, Hypnotherapy,
Reiki, EFT & Transformational Change.

Reiki Training to all levels
Workshops – Spiritual Development, Meditation
Tapping for Health

Contact - Susan on 01383 229 884
www.positive-health.co.uk

Community Website

For contact details of community groups, hall bookings,
job vacancies, leisure and visitor information and much
more, visit www.kinross.cc

Kinross-shire Cricket Club

Website: www.kinrosscc.co.uk

Twitter: @KinrossCricket

Facebook: www.facebook.com/kinrosscricket



New Cricket Season – from 20 April

Outdoor training starts on Monday 20 April. New members (experienced players and beginners) will be made very welcome at all sections of the club. No knowledge of cricket is needed, all equipment provided and no base level of fitness is required.

Junior training for **Boys and Girls** (P3 to S6) will be held on Mondays from 6.15pm – 8pm.

Training for **Men and Young Men** (16+) will be held on Thursdays from 6.30pm – 8.30pm.

Ladies and Girls coaching will be held each Monday from 6.15pm – 8pm. (Girls should be P6 and above).

All training is held at Loch Leven's Larder Cricket Pitch. For further information, please check out the club's website, follow us on Twitter, 'like' our Facebook Page (see header above for all these) or email secretary@kinrosscc.co.uk

A Brief History (continued) 2007 – 2015

Over the winter period between 2006/07 the club successfully applied for a grant from sportscotland to build a pavilion and artificial wicket within the grounds of Kinross House. The artificial wicket was installed in May 2007 and the pavilion followed quickly. The pavilion was officially opened by Sir David Montgomery on 7 July 2007. The U13 team was named Perth & Kinross Sports Council Team of the Year and the club tasted further playing success as both the U13s and U15s won their respective Scottish National titles. At the end of the year club head coach, John Ross, was named P&K Coach of the Year and the club was named Cricket Scotland Junior Club of the Year.

In 2008, The 1st XI won their first title in claiming the Strathmore & Perthshire Union Division 3 champion's trophy and the club embarked on a three-year period of unprecedented achievement both on and off the field. The continued interest in the game saw the formation of the Kinross Ladies & Girls section of the club. Coaching levels had grown to 25 ECB qualified coaches and over 120 juniors regularly attended weekly training.

At the start of the 2009 season, the club was approached to host an International Cricket Council European Junior fixture when Guernsey played Denmark in July. The match brought the club international recognition and press interest. The story of a small rural cricket club run by parents achieving so much in such a short time saw the club named as the 2009 Wisden Cricketer "Club of the Year". The club was then caught up in a whirlwind of press coverage which saw Kinross feature on the leading pages of all the major national newspapers, Scottish TV and international sports magazines. The club was contacted by Kinross Joondaloo Cricket Club in Western Australia and a twinning agreement was put in place. The U13 and U15 teams again made Scottish Cup finals day and the 1st XI won the Division 2 title with an unbeaten season.

The Women's & Girls' teams worked at their game during the winter and in April 2010 they were asked to play in the Scottish Universities Women's tournament when one of the teams pulled out the day before the start. The ladies team had never played in a fully competitive match and with some trepidation they travelled down to Galashiels for the tournament. Any fears that they were not up to the event were soon dismissed as they won their first game and quickly progressed to the final against Edinburgh University, the tournament favourites. In a close run match, Kinross came out on top and much to the surprise of Cricket Scotland were named 2010 Universities Champions. Two weeks later the Kinross Ladies played in the

Scottish Women's Championships in Perth and again lifted the Silverware as undisputed Scottish Women's Champions. Not to be outdone, the senior men also won their third consecutive league title winning the Division 1 title.

As the club moved towards 2011, they received the unsettling news that Kinross House was for sale and that there may be changes in the access to the ground. By April it was confirmed that the 2011 season would be the club's last at Kinross House. The news seemed to have a major impact on all levels of the club as the junior sides failed to progress in their Scottish cup campaigns, the women's teams only managed a small number of games and the 1st XI suffered their worst ever season in failing to win a single game in the premier division and being relegated back to division 1. The search for a new home suffered a massive setback when the club had to withdraw its application to convert a vacant field in Milnathort to a new cricket ground after residents' objections. Club finances were being stretched and there was a real chance that the club would face closure over the winter.

The club committee took the decision to fight on and the 2012 season saw the club homeless with all fixtures having to be played away and all training taking place on the playing fields at the campus. The club's plight came to the attention of local farmer, Rob Niven, and he made contact with the offer of converting his barley field behind Loch Leven's Larder into a cricket ground. The club immediately took up the offer and work started to plant grass and prepare the field for the 2013 season. The new hope brought the focus back to the club and the juniors again made Scottish Cup finals day and the 1st XI finished a very respectable fourth on the Division 1 table.

March 2013 saw the first activity at the new ground as the club installed a converted catering van (to be used as the club storage facility), pavilion and scorers' hut. The volunteer groundsmen started the rolling process to create a wicket for the season. The decision was taken to rename the club Kinross-shire Cricket Club to reflect the wide appeal of the club and its extended membership across the area. At the end of April the club hosted its first match at the Loch Leven's Larder cricket ground when a Kinross-shire XI played and beat the Scotland Wildcats Women's International Team. With few facilities but huge enthusiasm, the club started to rebuild and were lifted when the juniors made their seventh appearance in the Scottish Cup finals in eight years. The 1st XI finished third in Division 1 and juniors numbers continued to climb back to their previous levels.

2014 saw the purchase of a "Portacabin" changing room building and the start of a process to build enhanced facilities, including the introduction of two artificial pitches. During the season both U13s and U15s teams made the trip to the Scottish cup finals, only losing to the eventual winners in both events. The club was honoured to be selected to host a touring Australian School from Brisbane when they played a P&K U16 select side which boasted five Kinross-shire players. The match was dominated by the Aussies until the Kinross-shire bowlers effected the most dramatic upset of the Aussies' tour as they bowled out the last six wickets for only 11 runs and won the game by six runs. The senior team again finished in the top three of division one and Kinross-shire were crowned P&K Indoor League champions over the winter.

As the club moves into its 160th Anniversary year, things are again looking positive. The funding application for the new facilities has moved to the final stages and everyone is hopeful that the new wickets and the extension to the pavilion will be in place during the season. The club has a full season of events mapped out over the summer and plans are in place for an official opening of the improved ground by a direct descendant of the club's founder, William Briggs Constable.

News from the Rurals



Kinross Group

The Kinross Group held their Spring Group Meeting in Williamson Hall, Abernethy on 14 March 2015.

The Ramage Dawson Trophy for a ten-minute entertainment was won by Glenfarg WRI. Runners-up, Abernethy WRI, won the Erskine Trophy, and the Jessie Smith Salver for best individual performance was won by Lynda Stuart, Glenfarg WRI.

BISHOPSHIRE – President Norma Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting, despite the bad weather.

Our Speaker, Gavin Davey, Chief Executive of the Scottish Charity Air Ambulance, which is based in Perth, spoke about how this very essential service was set up, the fundraising required to keep it running and the life saving service it provides to all of Scotland.

Competitions:

Chocolate mousse	Joanne Cowan
Decorated hard boiled egg	Ann Hey

Ann's winning entry, aptly done as a helicopter, is on its way to SCAA in Perth.

BLAIRINGONE – After business, President Mary Ramsay welcomed Denise Dupont, who demonstrated how to sew Fabrigami. Joyce Petrie gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions:

Jar of fruit curd	Mary Ramsay
Flower of the month	Fiona Clark

CARNBO – President Molly White welcomed twenty-eight members and three visitors to the March meeting.

After business we had a very enjoyable members' night with three members demonstrating their hobbies and interests.

Josephine Paterson demonstrated felting, Chris Scholes talked about her collection of half dolls and Susan Malcolm made lots of dips and crackers for us to try.

Molly gave a vote of thanks.

Competitions:

Flower of the month	Jessie Stirling
Favourite necklace	Jessie Stirling

MILNATHORT – President, Ann Reid, welcomed all to the February meeting and asked us to have a minute's silence to remember one of our longstanding members who passed away recently. Then business was read.

We then had an enjoyable, tasty evening as Grace Drysdale showed us how she made chocolate truffles and sweets.

Competitions:

Flower of the month	May Paterson
Decorated wooden spoon	Margaret Dewar
Plated fruit tart	Fiona Hynds

The meeting closed after a cup of tea and raffle.

SEWING ALTERATIONS

by

MAUREEN

Fully qualified

01577 865478

CLEISH – President Mrs Alison Morris welcomed twenty-one members to our February meeting. After business she welcomed members of visiting rural Milnathort and we enjoyed an extremely entertaining evening of cocktail making/tasting, poems, accordion playing, dancing and a quiz. A vote of thanks was given by Vice President Mrs Dorothy Morris.

Competitions:

Bowl of bulbs	Sandra Webster
Three canapés	Lizzie Glennie
Valentine card – any craft	Alison Morris

President Mrs Alison Morris welcomed eighteen members and four visitors to our March meeting. After business Vice President Mrs Dorothy Morris held a "Hands On" Napkin Art class and we all enjoyed decorating a small flowerpot.

A vote of thanks was given by committee member Mrs Anne Douglas.

Competitions:

Flower of the month	Betty Robb
Animal ornament	Dorothy Morris
Three pieces of traybake	Betty Robb

CROOK OF DEVON – President Alice Johnson welcomed members and guests to the March meeting. Our guest speaker was Alex Glen, who gave a very interesting talk and video show about the Scottish Air Ambulance.

Competitions:

Homemade soup	Mary Paterson
Flower of the month	Alice Johnson

Crook of Devon SWRI are holding an **OPEN NIGHT** on **Tuesday 14 April** at 7.30pm in Fossoway Church, with entertainment by **Dunkeld Handbell Ringers**. Tickets (£4.00, including refreshments) are available from Betty Paterson, telephone (01577) 840340 or Margaret Arbuckle, telephone (01577) 840311.

GLENFARG – James Alexander from the Checkin and Giraffe partnership gave a witty and compassionate talk on the work of this charity, based in Perth. It met with a sympathetic response from his audience and Lynda Stuart gave a well-deserved vote of thanks.

Competitions:

Door stop	Margaret Scott
Gypsy creams	Allison Messenger
Bowl of bulbs	Allison Messenger

Oliver's Travels Dog Walking

Experienced, Reliable, Caring, Fun

Tel 01577 863319

Email olibongo@live.co.uk

Collection and Drop Off

Disclosure Scotland

Insured

References.

Out & About



Loch Leven NNR



Early signs of spring are in the air with crocuses and daffodils beginning to flower, and bird numbers on the loch fluctuating as many prepare for departure back to their breeding grounds. Look out for frog spawn in the ponds and ditches around the loch this month, and keep your eyes trained on the skies for the first views of Osprey, Sand Martin and Swallow, as they all return after long migrations northwards from Africa.

With spring just around the corner, our insect surveyors will be dusting off their nets and preparing themselves for a new season of surveying at Loch Leven. Volunteer Dick Alderson has once again updated his fantastically informative insect survey reports which will soon be available through the Publications page of our website. To have a look at the full reports, please visit www.nnr-scotland.org.uk/loch-leven/publications.

Our winter tree clearance work is over for the season, and we're really pleased with the areas we've been working on. The ponds at Burleigh have been opened up to the light, and aquatic invertebrates are sure to benefit as a result. Willow cleared from Mary's Knowe has also opened up an area of grassland habitat that is botanically rich with good patches of Holy Grass nearby. It's hoped that with the willow encroachment contained for now, these patches may spread beyond the fringes they currently occupy.

In addition to the scheduled events published in February's edition of the Newsletter, we have a few more free events to invite you along to, starting with this month.

Tracks and Signs, Saturday 4 April, 10am - 12pm

Meeting at Findatie car park

What better way to celebrate a change in the seasons than a wander through Levenmouth with SNH staff in search of tracks and signs of wildlife and spring? Jeremy will be on hand to lead you along the Heritage Trail in search of evidence of Otter, Red Squirrel and Badger, while also keeping a keen eye trained to the sky in search of returning migrant song birds as they re-establish territory in full voice. This will be an excellent Easter Saturday event for all the family, with a few surprises in store and guaranteed enjoyment for all that are interested in Nature. Places will be limited, so book your places now to avoid disappointment by calling the office on 01577 864439.



Footprints of the elusive otter

Really Wild Family Cycles,

Friday 10 July, 10am - 4pm

Tuesday 28 July, 10am - 4pm

Meeting at the Reserve Office, The Pier, Kinross

With a complete circuit now accessible for all around Loch Leven, we're offering you the unique opportunity of joining reserve staff on a leisurely cycle around the loch. We'll be making plenty of stops to look at some of the fantastic wildlife and spectacular views, and are keen for these to be family oriented bike rides with kids' activities and fun for everyone along the way. Packed lunches, all weather clothing

and suitable footwear will be required, as well as your own bikes, and good humour for the full ride! I would recommend booking for these events early as spaces will be limited and we expect that there will be lots of interest. You can call 01577 864439 to book, or for more information.

That's all for now folks. I'm heading back to Noss NNR in Shetland for another summer with the seabirds. If you're up that way do be sure to stop in and say hello!

Craig
Reserve Officer

Local Attraction Opening Times

Lochleven Castle, Castle Island, Kinross



Famously where Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned in 1567 and forced to abdicate before dramatically escaping, this semi-ruined 14th century castle is set on an island in beautiful Loch Leven, within a National Nature Reserve. The property is reached by boat, operated by Historic Scotland and departing from the fishery pier, where there is parking, a Historic Scotland shop and a cafe.

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

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

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

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

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

Admission prices: Adult £5.50, Child £3.30,
(includes ferry trip) Conc £4.40. HS members free.

Contact telephone no. 01577 862670

Burleigh Castle, Milnathort

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

In the care of Historic Scotland.

Elcho Castle, near Bridge of Earn

One of Scotland's best-preserved 16th-century tower houses, Elcho has an imposing exterior yet an interior that provided considerable comfort. The orchard has been replanted with traditional varieties of apple, pear and plum and has become a haven for butterflies and wildlife. Elcho is five miles NE of Bridge of Earn, in a tranquil setting.

Opening times: 1 April to 30 September, daily, 9.30am to 5.30pm. Admission prices: Adult £4.50, Child £2.70, Concessions £3.60. Historic Scotland.

Abernethy Round Tower

One of the two round towers of Irish style surviving in Scotland dating from the late 11th century. Good views of the Firth of Tay. Key available from nearby Berryfields Tearoom (not Tuesdays). Historic Scotland.

RSPB Loch Leven



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

Hello, folks! Time for a bit of news again. Disnae seem long since the last yin! Spring is slowly progressing, although just the other week I went out to do a talk one night and when I came back to the reserve the car had six inches of snow covering it. Climate change is sure having a weird effect on our weather.

Over the last few months the reserve team have been preparing the wetland for the spring nesting season and at time of writing it is now ready. Lapwings are already starting to do their tumbling display flights and stake a claim for the wee bit of ground they need to build a nest.

Goose numbers have dropped down a bit and fairly soon they will all be gone for the summer although a few are still hanging around. Returning Ospreys should be seen over the loch this month, with one already reported over the Gelly loch area (mid march). The other harbinger of summer, swallows, will probably start to be seen from around mid April.

Building work on the new area at the back (or is the front of the centre) is almost complete as well, although no doubt a few wee tweaks will be required to get it just right. It has certainly improved what was the rear car parking area. Once it is planted up again with bushes and shrubs it will soften the hard landscaping down a bit. Well, apart from the pathways obviously, cos ye dinnae want a muckle tree blockin the wey. Please let us know what you think if you are in for a visit.

With spring and summer coming up, the education team have finalised the events programme for families and small people.

Easter weekend we will be holding an **Egg Hunt**; follow the Easter themed trail around the reserve, solve the puzzle and win a tasty treat. No booking is required, a £2 entry fee will apply, plus normal reserve entry fees for non-members. It will run from 10am to 4pm on all days.

On **Saturday 18 April** we are running **Family Bushcraft** from 10am to 12.30pm. Join us to learn simple survival skills including den building, fire lighting, camouflage (no ower much or we micht lose ye) and whittling. Booking essential, cost is £20 per family or £16 for RSPB member families.

The popular **Nature Tots** is also continuing on **Wednesdays** for the usual two sessions.

Hard to believe it, but it's nearly a year since the Heritage trail was completed, connecting the pathway all the way round the loch. It has proved to be very popular with walkers, cyclists and so far the disturbance to wildlife has been very minimal. With breeding season almost upon us, a gentle reminder to be aware of nesting birds if you are out for a walk or cycle and follow any signage that may apply to certain areas of the trail. It is there for a good reason. If you adhere to the Scottish Outdoor Access Code nae problem, nae worries. Thanks a muckle.

Enjoy the advancing spring. Ta ta,

Colin

Community Website

For contact details of community groups, hall bookings, job vacancies, leisure and visitor information and much more,

visit

www.kinross.cc

Weather



February Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall	57mm = 2.28inches
Heaviest rainfall	11.3mm (25th)
Total sunshine for the month	59.6 hours
Sunniest day	5.9 hours (21st)
Maximum temperature average	6.69 °C
Highest temperature	10.8°C (18th)
Minimum temperature average	-3.57°C
Lowest temperature	-9.2°C (2nd)

Scotland's National Nature Reserves
Magical places, amazing wildlife.

Discovery Day 2015

At Loch Leven National Nature Reserve

Sunday 14th June

12pm - 4pm
Kirkgate Park, Kinross

Join Scottish Natural Heritage, and a whole host of organisations for a day of wildlife discovery and adventure at Loch Leven! FREE ENTRY!

Lots to see and do, for FREE:

- Kids' activities
- Fantastic displays and stalls
- A whole lot more!

Tasty food and drink available too

For more information please call SNH reserve office on 01577 864439

www.nnr-scotland.org.uk

Loch Leven Circular Bus

Stagecoach Fife 203 (Sundays only, all year)

Service 203 is perfect if you want to walk just part of the Heritage Trail. As well as single journey tickets, Sunday stroller bus tickets can be bought on board the bus costing only £1.50 for adults, 75p for children and £3.00 for families. See Notices page 99 for the full timetable, or view online: www.kinross.cc/Leaflets/Index.asp

PLANNING PERMISSION BUILDING WARRANTS

McNeil Partnership is a locally based practice with LOCAL knowledge providing drawings and processing applications for Planning permission and Building Warrants.

We specialise in Extensions, Attic Conversions, Conservatories, Porches and Internal and External Alterations.

Contact **Eric or Fiona McNeil**

01577 863000

For free advice



Iain Campbell, farming to meet market demands

Stretching out the lambing season is key to success for one of Kinross-shire's most dedicated livestock producers. Iain Campbell, current President of Kinross Show, farms at Meikle Seggie, Milnathort, in partnership with his parents, John and Elizabeth.

The grassland farm extends to 1000 acres, with 620 owned and the remainder on rental agreements. The family runs a flock of 1400 ewes and 100 suckler cows. Iain has a dedicated working sheepdog, Mac, and the farm is also home to Hugh, a handsome thoroughbred that belongs to his partner, Fiona.

Lambing 1400 ewes is a mammoth task but Iain has developed an approach that spreads the workload – it's so efficient that he manages it all by himself with only part time help from one of his neighbours, Euan McGregor.

The season kicks off in January with 250 mainly Texel cross ewes coming into the sheds to deliver their lambs during February – the newborns stay inside for a few days before returning to sheltered fields where the ewes are supplemented with concentrate feeding and turnips. These early lambs are provided with creep feeding to make up for the lack of grass and they grow fast and furiously, being ready for sale during May and June.

On the first of April the main batch of 780 Texel crosses ewes start lambing and almost all of these remain in the fields. Iain comments, "If the weather is good, this lambing is straightforward. I keep a close eye on ewe nutrition so that when the lambs are born the ewes have plenty of milk. I have been in charge of the sheep since I left school and have selected and bred these ewes so that most of their lambs arrive without assistance, get up on their feet and take their first 'sook' of milk by themselves."

In the middle of the month a batch of Mule ewes are due and lambing is not over until the last of the final group of 210 Blackface ewes that graze on the higher ground deliver their lambs, usually by around the end of April.

It's a policy that spreads the workload but most importantly it enables the business to supply finished lambs all year round. Iain sells his Beltex cross lambs through the live auction at Caledonian Marts in Stirling and is the only producer to sell a batch every week throughout the year. "All of the lambs have

some Beltex breeding – they return a high meat yield and their gigots are sought after; butchers love the Beltex lambs," says Iain, who uses the same management techniques with his suckler cows that calve in three batches to enable him to sell finished cattle regularly.

Iain is reluctant to admit how many hours he works each week to care for his livestock, instead saying he works every day and does whatever it takes to get the job done. In his spare time he enjoys helping to organise Kinross Show and as President for 2015 he has the same hopes for show day as lambing time – sunshine and no rain!

Fiona Turnbull

Iain Campbell is pictured on this month's cover.



*A delightful pair of Iain's lambs
Photo: Tracy Gow Photography*

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**

DOG GROOMING BY KIRSTEN

Qualified Groomer
19 years experience

All types of dogs
Bathed – Trimmed – Clipped
Nails and Ears attended to
Cats and small animals
Also groomed

**For an appointment or further enquiries
TEL: 0771 647 2733
or email
kirstenk9@blueyonder.co.uk**

Gardens Open

More information about these gardens
can be found on our website,
www.kinrossnewsletter.org
Leisure info also on www.kinross.cc
and www.visitlochleven.org



Gardens and Houses to visit

There are many fine gardens (and houses and castles) to visit within easy reach of Kinross. A number of these, all in Fife, are National Trust for Scotland (NTS) properties: **Falkland Palace** and gardens, **Hill of Tarvit** mansion house and estate, **Kellie Castle** and gardens and the **Royal Burgh of Culross**, including the palace and gardens. NTS also has a garden in Perth, **Branklyn Garden**, which will be of interest to plant lovers.

A half-hour drive from Kinross, privately-owned **Scone Palace** and gardens are open to the public.

The beautiful formal gardens at **Drummond Castle, Crieff** are open for the Easter weekend and then from May to October.

Well-known for its garden centre, the gardens at **Glendoick** are open throughout April and May.

Other gardens or parks within a fifty-minute drive of Kinross are: **The Botanic Garden in St Andrews**, **Cambo at Kingsbarns** and **Pittencrieff Park, in Dunfermline**.

Braco Castle gardens are open under Scotland's Gardens Scheme until the end of October.

For more details of the above, and links to websites, visit the Gardens Open page at www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Gardens Open by Arrangement

Several gardens within a short drive of Kinross can be visited by arrangement under Scotland's Gardens Scheme. These include:

- **Barham**, Bow of Fife
- **Logie House**, Crossford, Dunfermline
- **South Flisk**, Blebo Craigs, Cupar
- **Hollytree Lodge**, Muckhart, Dollar
- **Rowberrow**, Castle Road, Dollar
- **The Steading**, Yetts O'Muckhart

See the SGS website or guide book for more details.

Special Days Open in April under SGS

The gardens at **Megginch Castle, Errol** are open on **Sunday 12 April** from 2pm to 5pm. 19th century formal front garden, topiary and ancient yews. Splendid array of daffodils. Walled kitchen garden and heritage orchard as featured on "The Beechgrove Garden." Admission: £4, children free. 20% to All Saints Church, Glencarse and 20% to Maggie's Cancer Care Centre. Disabled access, teas available, plant sales. Route: approach from Dundee only, directly off A90, on south side of carriageway ½ mile on left after Errol flyover between lodge gatehouses. PH2 7SW.

There will be a **Spring Plant and Craft Fair at Cambo House, Kingsbarns** on **Sunday 19 April**, 11am to 4pm. Invited nurseries will join Cambo in providing a wide ranging plant sale and there will be local craft and food stalls. Admission: £2.50. The gardens at Cambo are open all year round. The Fair on 19 April will benefit SGS charities and Cambo Stables Project to provide a training and education centre on the estate. Full disabled access, dogs welcome, refreshments. Cambo is on the A917 between Crail and St Andrews.

Glorious daffodils should be in evidence at **West Plean House, Stirling** on **Sunday 19 April**, 2pm to 5pm. The well-established garden includes the site of an iron-age homestead and panoramic views over seven counties. The woodlands have mature rhododendrons and specimen trees. There are lawns, shrubs and a walled garden with a variety of vegetables. This is also a family day, with events for children. Admission: £4, children free. 40% to Scottish Motor Neurone Disease Association. Full disabled access, dogs on leads welcome, refreshments, plant sales. Denny Road, Stirling, FK7 8HA.

Scotland's Gardens Scheme

SGS, a registered charity since 1931, organises the opening of hundreds of gardens, ranging from formal castle gardens to small cottage gardens, to raise money for charity. 60% of entry fees to gardens in this scheme benefit SGS's charities: The Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland, Gardens Fund of the National Trust for Scotland, Maggie's Cancer Caring Centres and Perennial. 40% of entry fees goes to a charitable cause chosen by the garden owner. For more information, see the book "Scotland's Gardens 2015 Guidebook" or the website www.scotlandsgardens.org

• Gardens info on our website •



More information about gardens open can also be found on our website, www.kinrossnewsletter.org

CHERRY-PICKER

Two machines available with Operator



**34ft Height
50ft Height**



**STOVE
STUFF**

www.stovestuff.scot

PHONE FOR DETAILS 01577 330 526

ADVANCED DENTURE COMPANY Ltd.

For DENTURES & DENTURE REPAIRS

A wide range is available; from basic quality, to high quality **COSMETIC DENTURES**.

All produced in close consultation with the skilled technical craftsman.

**NO REGISTRATION
NO LONG WAITING LISTS
A.D.C. MOUTHGUARDS**

Sports mouth guards

Night protectors for tooth grinders, can also be used to cure certain types of tension headaches.

Ian Mackay 01577 864751

Congratulations



Milnathort athlete **LAURA MUIR** won the UK Indoor 1,500m title in Sheffield in February. She was fourth in the women's 3,000m final at the European Indoor Championships in Prague in March.

KINROSS HIGH SCHOOL came first place overall at the Perth & Kinross Cross Country Championships held in February.

OTTERS swimming club achieved great success at the Perth and Kinross Sports Council awards 2014. See page 63.

LOCH LEVEN'S LARDER has reached the finals of 'The Greats' awards for the third year running. Organised by Progressive Gifts and Home magazine, the awards recognise the best gift retailers in the country. The Larder has been short-listed in the Best Non-Specialist Retailer of Gifts and Best Retailer Initiative categories. The winners will be announced in May.

The Courthouse Coffee bar and Restaurant is hiring

A new restaurant coming to Kinross this Spring is looking to fill a number of positions, full and part time.

If one of the following titles appeals, please send your CV or detailed email highlighting your suitability/eagerness for the role to jamie@wildpacks.com

Assistant Restaurant Manager: You do not necessarily have to hold previous experience in the service industry. The most important aspect of this role is that you are passionate about delivering a very high standard of service. We are looking for a gregarious, well presented individual who can be relied upon and who will work methodically through all tasks set.

Experienced **Sous Chef** to assist our main kitchen. May also be trained on our wood fired pizza oven. A passion for fresh ingredients and healthy food is a must.

Kitchen Porter: No previous experience necessary, just a willingness to work. The successful candidate will have a positive disposition, be open minded and will have an interest in working in a role of greater responsibility.

Service Staff: Previous experience is preferred but not essential as full Barista and service training will be provided. We will consider interest from applicants 16 years of age and older. The successful applicants will be well presented, have good communication skills, a sunny disposition and take a genuine interest in delivering a first rate service with community in mind.

CLOVER GARDEN SERVICES

Garden maintenance

Grass Cutting, Pressure Washing, Weed Control etc

Free no obligation quotes

Very Competitive prices

Reliable Service

Established 16 years

Tel: 01577 865985 Mob: 07845 909333

Thanks



AUCTION OF GIFTS AND TALENTS on Friday 27 February in support of St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church: I hope that all who came to the Auction of Gifts and Talents enjoyed their evening in the Masonic Hall.

Thank you to all those who gave such wonderful and varied Promises, both from local businesses and inhabitants of Kinross-shire and to those who bought so generously on the night.

The Hall was kindly given by the Members of the St. Serf Lodge, to whom we are very grateful. Also many thanks to the staff who came to help us on the night.

None of it would have been possible without the wonderful support of Christine Croft and her computer skills and the hours put in by so many others to organise this event, including all the advertising.

Thank you to everyone who helped on the night from Patrick Milne Home, our excellent auctioneer, Fr David, the clerks, those taking the entrance money, the cooks and all those who helped to serve the supper, and set up and clear the hall.

We raised the magnificent total of £4042.00 for the fabric of the Church. – *M Strang Steel*

THE THURSDAY GROUP would like to thank all who supported their Beetle Drive on 5 March. £400 was raised for Leukaemia Research.

The members of the **ROTARY CLUB OF KINROSS & DISTRICT** would like to express their thanks to all those generous people who supported their BIG DINNER in the Windlestrae hotel on 7 March. The donations of raffle prizes and items and vouchers for the auction raised just over £4000 for the 500 miles Charity.

FAIR NECESSITIES APPEAL: £285 was raised through donations at the Traidcraft 'Big Brew' held at Kinross Parish Church in March at the end of Fairtrade Fortnight. The money raised will now be doubled by the UK Government as part of the Fair Necessities Appeal, which aims to help smallholders in developing countries make a basic living. They provide the world with 70% of its food but make up half the world's hungriest people.

Petmate - Housemate

Pet Sitting/Drop-in Checks (feed, water, play)

Dog Walking

Equine Services (muck out, turn out/bring in, etc)

House Sitting (with/without animals)

House Drop-in Checks

Varied experience, fully insured & disclosure checked, utmost discretion & respect paid, regular or one-off tailored assistance, no job too small, available 7 days

Call Nicola to discuss your requirements and/or arrange an obligation free introductory visit

Tel: 07730 594782

Kinross-shire Churches Together



Kinross Parish Church of Scotland

*Following Christ | Spreading the Word
Serving the Community*



10 Station Road, Kinross KY13 8TG (Charity no SC012555)
Church website: www.kinrossparishchurch.org
Church E-mail: office@kinrossparishchurch.org
Church office and church open : Mon-Fri 10am-12 noon.
Church Office: Tel. (01577) 862570
Minister: Rev Alan D. Reid MA, BD Tel: (01577) 862952
Ordained Local Minister:
Rev Margaret Michie Tel: (01592) 840602
Session Clerk: Jaffrey Weir Tel: (01577) 865780

Events listed below are in the church unless indicated otherwise.

Regular Services and events

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

Sat 28 10.30am – 12noon 'Hot Cross Bun' coffee morning, church centre, in aid of the charitable projects supported by the Guild.

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

April

Thu 2 Maundy Thursday 7pm Communion.

Fri 3 Good Friday 10.30am – 12noon The Good Friday Experience, an event for all the family: crafts, stories, food. No charge.

Sun 5 Easter Sunday 7.30am Service at the Pier, Kinross-shire Churches Together.
10.30pm Morning Service.
6.30pm Service, Orwell Church, Kinross-shire Churches Together.

Mon 6 8am Silent Meditation.

Tue 7 2.30pm Service at Whyte Court.

Sat 11 8.30am Prayer Breakfast (names in advance to church office).

Thu 16 7.30pm Thursday Group, church centre: 40th Anniversary Celebration!
9pm late evening service of Compline.

Sat 18 7.30pm Charity Quiz night, Church Centre. Entry £10 a team.

Tue 28 2.30pm Service at Causeway Court.
8pm Bible Study and Prayer Meeting, church centre.

Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church Church of Scotland (Charity number SC015523)

Locum Minister - Rev Duncan Stenhouse

Telephone: 01577 866992

Email: duncan.stenhouse@btinternet.com

Website: www.orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk

Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:

10am Portmoak Church,

11.30am Orwell Church.

All children welcome. Crèche available during Sunday Services.

Please note that joint services will be held on the first Sunday of each month in alternate churches at 10.30am. On 5 April the Easter morning service will be at Orwell.

Prayer Meeting held 30mins before each service.

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

Morning Prayers at 9am

Each Thursday at Portmoak Church New Room.

Each Friday at Orwell Church.

Messy Church: Saturday 25 April in Orwell Hall 4 - 6pm..

Dates and events for your diary

5 Apr Joint Easter service in Orwell Church at 10.30am.

Songs of Praise service in Portmoak Church at 6.30pm.

14 Apr Kirk Session meets in Orwell Hall at 7.30pm.

24 Apr Oasis Ladies Group meets in Portmoak New Room at 10.15am. 'Cards' with Heather.

Everyone welcome

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

29 South Street, Milnathort KY13 9XA.

Christian cards, gifts, bibles and books for sale. Printing and copying facilities available. Recycling for ink toners, stamps & batteries.

Donations of food can be made for the local Foodbank.

Contact the Office 01577 861200
orwellportmoakchurch@gmail.com

St James' R C Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Father Colin Golden Telephone: (01577) 863329

Mass Times	Saturday Vigil	7.00pm
	Sunday	9.30am

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

The Good Friday Experience

at Kinross Parish Church on

Friday 3 April

from 10.30am to 12 noon

The Family Week team invites children and their families to this popular open event. Through a wide variety of activities, we think through what happened on Good Friday and Easter. No need to book. Light lunch included. Admission free.

"This has been a popular event in the past few years with around 70 people joining us"

The Kinross Newsletter

by the community, for the community

all profits are given away to local good causes

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

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

Sunday Services at 9.45am. All are welcome.

April

- Wed 1** 7pm Passover meal.
Sun 5 9.45am **Easter Sunday** Worship and celebration of Holy Communion followed by refreshments.
Sun 12 9.45am Morning Worship, Baptism and Profession of Faith.
Sun 19 9.45am Morning Worship.
Sun 26 9.45am Morning Worship.

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.

Parents/Carers and Toddlers Group:

Thursday 2 April, 9 – 11am in the Church Hall.

Film Afternoon: As the first Friday of April is Good Friday there will be no film that day. **There will be an afternoon film 'Paddington' on Sunday 12 April at 2.30pm.** Join us for a film, a cuppa and a blether, and even some popcorn.

**Cleish Parish
Church of Scotland**

(Charity number SC003168)

Minister: Rev Lis Stenhouse
 Telephone: (01577) 862937
 Email: lissten@sky.com
 Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie
 Telephone: (01592) 840823
 Email: brianj.ogilvie1@btopenworld.com
 Session Clerk: Gordon McMillan
 Acting Session Clerk: Neil Maclure
 Telephone: (01577) 864826
 Email: neil.maclure19@gmail.com

Website: www.cleishchurch.org

Sunday Services 11.15am

April

- Fri 3** 7pm Kinross Churches Together **Good Friday** Service. All welcome.
Sun 5 11.15am **Easter Sunday** Morning Worship followed by informal Communion. Refreshments served in village hall.
Wed 8 2.30pm Cleish Guild 'Daffodil Tea' in Cleish village hall. All welcome.
Sun 12 11.15am Morning Worship.
Sun 19 11.15am Morning Worship.
Sun 26 11.15am Morning Worship. Junior Church meets in village hall.

All welcome

Join us at Cleish Fete on Saturday 16 May

at 2pm.

Usual stalls and dog show plus flowers and music in Cleish Church

**St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church**

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion)

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AY Telephone: 01577 864299
 Email: office@stpaulskinross51.plus.com
 Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk

Fr David Mackenzie Mills, Rector Telephone: 01577 863795
 Email: frdavidkinross@gmail.com

You can also find us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalchurchkinross

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

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

Children are equally welcome to stay in church during the service or go to the Meeting Room for Sunday School and everyone is particularly invited to stay together during our monthly 'Whole Church' services.

We predominantly use the 1982 Liturgy on Sunday mornings but create experimental devotion for special events throughout the year. If you would like to give us a try, we look forward to meeting and greeting you and hope that you might enjoy becoming part of this faithful family of Christ.

Mondays and Wednesdays (from 13 April onwards)

8am Morning Prayer, said quietly in the side chapel.

Wednesdays (from 15 April onwards unless notified)

2.30pm Midweek Holy Communion. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion.

Thursdays (from 23 April onwards unless notified)

10am for 10.15am Morning Discussion Group.

3.30pm – 4.30pm Rector's Hour in the Church Office.

All welcome

March Services and Events

Sun 29 Palm Sunday 8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist and dramatic retelling of the Passion story according to Mark. *The service will be followed by the Kinross Churches Together Walk of Witness that finishes at Millbridge Hall.*

Mon 30 7pm Stations of the Cross (St James' RC Church).

April Services and Events

Wed 1 7pm Passover Meal (Fossoway Parish Church). *This is a ticketed event.*

Thu 2 Maundy Thursday

11am Chrism Mass at St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth.
 7.30pm The Lord's Supper, Kinross Parish Church.

Fri 3 **Good Friday** 12 noon – 3pm Three Hours at the Cross, St Paul's Church.
 7.30pm Good Friday Service, Cleish Parish Church.

Sat 4 **Holy Saturday** 10.30pm Easter Vigil and Holy Baptism, St Paul's Church.

Sun 5 **Easter Sunday** 7.30am Easter Morning Service and Breakfast at the Pier.
 8.45am Said Matins (Service of the Word).
 11am Whole Church Sung Eucharist.
 6.30pm Easter Songs of Praise, Orwell Parish Church.

Sun 12 **Easter 2** 8.30am Holy Communion.
 11am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 19 **Easter 3** 8.30am Holy Communion.
 11am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 26 **Easter 4** 8.30am Holy Communion.
 11am Sung Eucharist.

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.

Kinross Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross

Website: 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

Kinross-shire Churches

Photographs courtesy of www.kinross.cc
photo library



*Kinross Parish Church
Photo: Dave Cuthbert*



*Cleish Church
Photo: Pauline Watson*



*Above : Portmoak Churchyard
Photo: John McPake, The Big Picture*



*Right: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Kinross
Photo: Dave Cuthbert*

Playgroups and Toddlers

Milnathort Babies & Toddlers

**Orwell Church Hall, Milnathort
Friday 9.30am-11.15am**

A relaxed and friendly group
Healthy snacks, tea & coffee
Children from birth to 3 years
(5 years if attending with younger sibling)
Great fun for the kids, mums, dads and carers!

PLACES NOW AVAILABLE!

To join in the fun
call 07745 804539
Email milnathortbt@gmail.com
Or find us on Facebook



SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

21-23 Swansacre, Kinross
Kinross-shire Playgroup Association
Aka Swansacre Playgroup
Reg Scottish Charity No SC017748



Tel: 01577 862071 Mobile: 07592 392235

We provide a warm, friendly and stimulating environment in which children can learn and develop through play.

Playgroup: Children from age 2 years welcome.

Tue to Fri 9.15am - 12 noon. Fri 12.30pm - 3.15pm

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

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

For availability or more information, please contact:

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

Baby and Toddler Group – Thurs 12.45-2.45pm

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

The premises are available to hire for Private Functions. For more information, please contact Tracey 07557 051894 or the Playgroup on 07592 392235.

GLENFARG BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We meet in the newly refurbished village hall, Greenbank Road, Glenfarg on Wednesdays, 9.30-11.30am.

Healthy snack for children, coffee/tea & biscuits for carer
Role play, jigsaws, physical toys and arts and crafts
Friendly support for all carers
First session free, £2 thereafter (£1 for additional children)

Contact Donna Smith on 07535 595430 or just come along!

LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Session times (term time only)

Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.15, Fridays 9.30 - 11.15

Contact Sylvia Flynn 07793 005732,
sylviaastewart@hotmail.co.uk

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

LOCHLEVEN TWOS CLUB

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Thursdays 9.45 to 11.15am (term time only)

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

Contact Kristina Kooijman on kristelkooijman@gmail.com
or 07990 430078 for further details,
or find us on Facebook: Two's Club Kinross

PORTMOAK UNDER 5s

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



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

Babies and Toddlers (birth - 3yrs), Tues 9.45am - 11.15am.
Sessions are £1.50 for first child and 50p for each additional child.

Playgroup (2yrs onwards), Mon & Fri 10am – 12noon.
£4.50 per session.

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

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

MONTGOMERY TODDLERS

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

The Gospel Hall, Montgomery Street, Kinross.

Contact Christina Smith 01577 840733 or 07792 260509

FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

Glenbank Cottage, Powmill

Partner-provider for P&K Education



Places available for 3-5-year-olds and Rising Fives
Sessions 9.30am - 12.45pm Monday - Thursday,
9.30am - 12.30pm Fridays

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

Private Nurseries and Childcare

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

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

Notices



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

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.

On 16 April we celebrate our 40th anniversary with a special meeting. Invitations have been sent to past members but if you have been missed and you'd like to join us, please contact Molly 863421 or Maureen 865478.

7 May Annual General Meeting

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.

EASTER FAYRE

in aid of Cancer Research

Saturday 4 April

10am – 2pm

Milnathort Town Hall, Milnathort

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



Cleish Guild

invite you to their

DAFFODIL TEA

Cleish Village Hall

Wednesday 8 April

2.30pm – 4.30pm

Bring & Buy Stall

£4.00

All proceeds to Guild Projects
(Cleish Church Charity No: 003168)



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 Shultz. 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.

THE KINROSS HUB A CAFE FOR CARERS

Monday 13th April 2015

(Due to Easter Holidays)

P & K (Housing Team)
& Spring bulb potting

4th May 2015

Positive Choices (Sarah Renwick)
Relaxation/Therapies

Speakers will be at 10.30 am

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



ST. PAULS CHURCH HALL
KINROSS
1st MONDAY of EVERY MONTH
10am – 12noon



Contact Gail Boath
or Annette Bond
Tel. 01577 867306 /
01738 567076



Light Up Kinross Annual General Meeting

7.30pm

Thursday 30 April

Green Hotel, Kinross

All welcome

Crook of Devon SWRI

Open Night

Tuesday 14 April

7.30pm in Fossoway Church

Entertainment by Dunkeld Handbell Ringers

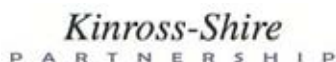
Tickets (£4.00, including refreshments) available from Betty Paterson, telephone (01577) 840340 or Margaret Arbuckle, telephone (01577) 840311

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 18 April at 7pm

Church Centre, High Street, Kinross

Mark it in your diaries! Start brushing up on your general knowledge! Get some friends together to make a team! Organised by Lindsay Cant, this Quiz Night will be an excellent opportunity for fun, fundraising, and fellowship. The Quiz Night is in support of Mission Aviation Fellowship and Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance. Kinross Parish Church has had a long association with Mission Aviation Fellowship and the link has been made stronger knowing that Kinross resident Jamie Hookham is now working in Madagascar with Africa Inland Mission, which is supported by MAF transport. £10 entry for a team of five, or come along and support (£2). Look out for Quiz Night posters and information nearer the time but for more information please speak to Lindsay or Jaffrey Weir (jaffreyweir@gmail.com).



Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 21 April at 7pm

Liberty Business Centre, 21 – 25 High Street, Kinross

All are welcome to attend and learn about the work of the Partnership across the past year and plans for the coming year. There will be the first public presentation on a proposed new family oriented aviation and space flight visitor attraction - Aero Space Kinross. In addition there will be the opportunity to look around the newly opened Business Centre. Please let Karen Grunwell, Kinross-shire Partnership Administrator, know if you plan to attend by emailing mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk or calling 07865 193844.

www.kinrosspartnership.org.uk www.kinross.cc

Kinross Floral Art Club

Coffee Evening and Demonstration

in Kinross Parish Church at 7.15pm on

Thursday 23 April

Mrs Moyra Turnbull from Crieff presents:

'Remember When'

Moyra is a well known Area Demonstrator and Speaker, so why not come along and watch her create some beautiful arrangements? You may even be lucky enough to win one of them in the raffle!

Tombola and Raffle

Tickets payable on the evening and all are welcome

Tea, coffee and home baking are included

Visitors £8.00 Members £6.00

Details from Alison Morrison 01577 863835

Milnathort
filmhouse

family film



The Box Trolls

Sun 26th April 3pm

Milnathort Town Hall

Find out more & reserve your tickets at

www.milnathortfilmhouse.com

The Box Trolls (PG) **FAMILY MOVIE** 3pm, doors open 2.30pm. Tickets available door or reserved on our website. **Adult £5 (OAP & Student concession £3), Child £3, Family £15 (2 Ad, 2 Ch)**

Pocket money tuck shop

big screen movies



**CINEMA
FOR ALL**

The Gaelic Society of Perth

Annual General Meeting

After a very successful winter Ceilidh season, the AGM of the Society will take place at

St Matthew's Church Hall, Tay Street, Perth on

Friday 1st May at 7.30pm

All members of the society are invited to the meeting
Further information can be obtained from the Secretary on
(01577) 864589

Bishopshire Horticultural Society

PLANT SALE & COFFEE MORNING



Portmoak Hall

Saturday 2 May

10am – 12 noon



Bedding Plants, Vegetable Plants, Tomato Plants, Perennials

**COME ALONG AND STOCK UP YOUR GARDEN
FOR SUMMER**

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.



The annual Portmoak Hall Ceilidh
on Saturday 9th May at 20.00 hrs.

With the *Glenfarg Ceilidh Band*, buffet,
bar, and raffle, what more could you ask?



Tickets at £10.00/adult and £5.00/children are available from Kinnesswood
Shop, John Nicol on 01592 840573 or Wendy MacPhedran 01592 840779.



Scotlandwell in Bloom PLANT & BAKE SALE

Saturday 10 May
11am – 2pm
Well Country Inn, Scotlandwell

There will be a variety of plants on sale as well as
home-baking, home-made jams, chutneys and a selection of
second hand books.

While you're there, why not take the opportunity to visit our
Well and Wash-House – it's 'well' worth a visit!

Fridge Magnets & Wall Hangers depicting Well and Wash
House will be on sale. Copies of 'Where Poet's Dream'd' by
David Munro will also be available to purchase.

Thanks in anticipation of your support, and we look forward
to seeing you on 10 May.

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

Come and join us at

Cleish Church Annual Fête

(Cleish Church Charity No: 003168)

Saturday 16 May

2pm – 4pm

A brilliant afternoon out!

Dog Show, Baking & Produce, Tombola, Afternoon Teas,
Children's Games, Bric à Brac



Music and Flowers in the Church
Fun for all the family

Come and join us!

Cleish Fête Dog Show

(Cleish Church Charity No: 003168)

Saturday 16 May at 2pm

Adult and Children's Classes (under 13)



Registration 2pm
Adults £3 Children £1

Prizes and Rosettes



Adults

Best looking dog (stance, movement, grooming)
Obedience (Walk to heel off lead, sit and stay as handler
walks away and returns when called)



Children

Best looking dog (brushed, healthy,
wags tail
Obedience (walks quietly on lead)
Dog most like its owner

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



PORTMOAK GALA DAY

Saturday 27 June

As always there will be plenty of family fun events, stalls and attractions, so please come along and join in the fun.

Crowning of the Gala queen will take place at 2pm, following the parade from the Church. Come join the parade. Stalls are available for the day – please contact us if you would like to reserve one. To make the day successful we would like to see lots of people attend. Help on the day will be greatly received and also to set up the evening before/take down the day after.

Donations always appreciated for baking, tombola and bric-a-brac stalls.

Contact Michelle Robertson
07857 636466
portmoakgala@gmail.com



**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

Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com

www.foundationscotland.org.uk

MUNDUFF HILL (PORTMOAK HILL RACE)

Saturday 27 June

This race will take place during the Gala on 27 June, starting around 3.00pm. The race goes from the Well Green up onto Munduff Hill and return. Entry is £5 per runner; pre-register or enter on the day. Can anyone knock the current champion off the podium?

Contact Michelle Robertson
07857 636466
portmoakgala@gmail.com

Kinross Community Council Newsletter Ltd Charitable Grants

All profits from the Kinross Newsletter are transferred to a charitable company and given away to local good causes. Local groups and individuals may apply to the charitable company, Kinross Community Council Newsletter Ltd (KCCNL), for grant funding. Decisions on disbursement of funds are made by Kinross CC at its monthly meetings. Applications must comply with the purposes of KCCNL. These purposes, further information and an application form are available from the website www.kinross.cc. Applications can be made on line or by downloading a form to fill in.

If you do not have internet access and would like a form, or if you have any queries, please telephone CCIr Barry Davies on (01577) 865004.



Welcome to the Kinross-shire Volunteer Information Point

**Located in the Loch Leven Community Campus Library
Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8FQ**

Here you can find information about **Volunteering Opportunities** available in Kinross-shire.

Take your time and see what is available. You will also find leaflets in the folders explaining where you can go for further help such as Voluntary Action Perthshire www.vaperthshire.org

If you would like to promote your **Organisations Volunteering Opportunities** please hand your information into reception for attention of: Tracey Ramsay (Community Capacity Building Worker)

Blank profiles are also available for your use if required. These are in the organisation folder at the VIP alternatively follow this link: www.pkc.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=22228&p=0

The Volunteer Information Point has been organised and supported by Partners of the Kinross-shire Community Learning and Development Group.



For further information please contact Tracey Ramsay 01577 867177 or email Tramsay@pkc.gov.uk

Free Energy Saving Advice Freephone 0800 512 012

Free, impartial advice on energy efficiency in the home, sustainable transport choices, small-scale use of micro-renewables etc. Advice to individuals, communities and small businesses.

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



Kinross-shire Fund Grants available for local community projects



*e.g. Events, Information, Transport, Welfare,
Physical Amenities, Recreational Facilities, Support for
Care of the Elderly, Voluntary Organisations*

For more information and to download an application form,
see [www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/
kinross-shire-fund](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/kinross-shire-fund) or telephone 0131 5240300

Newbies

Every Monday, 2 - 3pm

Loch Leven Community Campus

A new group for new parents and new babies!
Come along and meet other parents for a blether,
whilst the babies play.

Parents with babies 0 - 18 months FREE!

PLUS Perth

www.plusperth.co.uk
Tel: 01738 626242
77 Canal Street, Perth



PLUS is a member-led local charity and social movement which gives hope and opportunity to those affected by disadvantage; in the main to those with experience of mental ill health and substance misuse.

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

Thrifty Crafters

We are a **new** Art and Craft Club based in Kinross and would like to welcome you to share your skills or learn new ones in a friendly encouraging atmosphere. We do a range of projects and also have visiting specialists from time to time who do demonstrations and show their work.

You will find us in the “Garden Room” at the Kinross Day Centre on a **Wednesday** at 1.30pm until 3.30pm. Come and join us for some fun and socialising. We look forward to seeing you there soon.

Please contact Ruth on 07741 452856 for more information.

Mindspace Recovery College

Mindspace Recovery College runs free courses covering all aspects of mental health, co-delivered by people with lived experience, and are open to all.



Potager Garden Open Invitation

Kinross Potager Garden, Bowton Road



Would you like to find out what to do in your garden each week thorough the summer, or learn how to grow your own salads or vegetables?

Come along to the Potager garden on Monday mornings from 10.30am to 12.30pm and learn alongside our friendly team of volunteers.

For more information, contact Amanda James: telephone (01577) 840809 or email amanda@tyafon.plus.com

Funding Alert!

PKC produces a huge list summarising funding opportunities for the voluntary sector. There are dozens of Trusts and Foundations giving away grants.

The list will be posted on www.kinross.cc or go to www.pkc.gov.uk and look for the voluntary sector page.

Contacts:

The P&K Grants Direct Team 0845 605 2000

Steve MacDonald, P&KC External

Funding Officer 01738 477963

(Contact Steve MacDonald if you would like to subscribe to P&KC's regular e-funding bulletin.)

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.

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre

based in the centre of Perth

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

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

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

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

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

www.hopepregnancy.co.uk

email: hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com

Helpline 01738 621174

We are a Scottish Charity SC037103



THE TALKING DONKEY

Every Friday 11am - 2pm
@ The Millbridge Hall

For further information, or if you want to be involved please ring
07766 515 950 or 07771 696 830

The Cafe where everything is **FREE!**

🍲 Soups 🍲

🥪 Snacks 🥪

☕ Hot Drinks ☕

🥤 Cold Drinks 🥤

🍽️ Home-cooked lunches 🍽️

All brought to your table by our friendly staff

The Talking Donkey is a Christian venture so there will always be people on hand to offer

Prayer For Any Need



MINDSPACE COUNSELLING SERVICE

Mindspace Counselling Services are now able to offer counselling to adults and young people aged 11+ at The Loch Leven Health Centre on Mondays and Tuesdays. We offer counselling to people who are facing a wide range of difficulties or challenges such as: bereavement or loss; isolation, anxiety or depression; stress of work or in the home; difficulties in friend, family or intimate relationships; confused feelings.

If you are interested in this service you can self-refer via email to info@mindspacepk.com, by telephone on 01738 631639 or by visiting our website at www.mindspacepk.com. You can also be referred by your GP.

Mindspace also offer counselling to adults (18+) at their offices in Perth. For more information visit our website at www.mindspacepk.com



**Greyhound Rescue Fife
8th Annual Dog Show
31st May 2015**

Please note this show is held indoors and there is plenty of free parking available!!!

Tickets are £4 per person
kids (under 16 free)
See our Website for full details
www.greyhoundrescuefife.com

Sponsored by



The Catering Equipment Company

Caldwell's Farm,
Collessie,
By Ladybank,
Fife, KY15 7UY.

Various Commercial,
and fund-raising
Stalls Available.



Can you give A Greyhound A Home
come along and see our
50 shades of Greyhound
and find **your** perfect hound
Mob: 07826244765 Phone: 01577 850393 (evenings)
email us on fernejimmyf@aol.com

Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

Outreach Advice Surgery

The Newsletter has not received confirmation of dates for April onwards, but the Kinross Outreach Advice Surgery is normally 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. No appointment is necessary as the surgery is a drop-in service. For complex issues a further appointment may be necessary. Perth CAB can help you – our advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent. Contact us: Advice line 01738 450580; Appointment line 01738 450581.



Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

Benefits Advice in Libraries (BAIL)

Benefits specialist Sarah MacLean will be available at Loch Leven Community Campus Library on the **second and fourth Wednesday of each month** between 2pm and 4pm. Alongside the provision of general benefits advice Sarah can help with the following:

- Completing both paper and online benefit application forms;
- Conducting checks to see if clients are receiving everything they are entitled to, i.e. discounts for fuel, etc;
- Providing advice and support in instances where an application is refused or awarded at a lower level than expected.

Please note: Sarah is available **by appointment only**. To make an appointment, please call 01738 450599.



Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

Debt and Money Advice Service

Perth CAB has a team of specialist debt advisers who can help you deal with your debts.



- Do you feel trapped in Debt?
- Don't want to open letters or answer your own phone?
- Are you losing sleep at night?
- Is debt affecting your life?

We can help you to:

- Find realistic and practical solutions for your own situation
- We can help deal with your creditors and negotiate on your behalf
- Help you manage your money better

"After seeing the CAB debt adviser, I could sleep at night again" - a quote from a relieved client.

Our advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent.

Talk to a specialist debt adviser today on 01738 450 590, TEXT us on 07535 836 817 with your name and number and we will call you back, or alternatively email zworkman@PerthCAB.casonline.org.uk

MOUBRAY HALL, POWMILL

Do you need to hire a venue for your club or society meetings, family get-togethers, birthday parties or functions? Then look no further than Moubray Hall, Powmill. Available to hire all year round with new kitchen and disabled toilet.

For further details, please call 01577 840330.

Community Councils

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

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 Giacopazzi (Scottish National Party)

Tel (home): 01577 864025.

Email: jgiacopazzi@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

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

Constituency office:

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

Jayne Baxter MSP (Labour) Tel: 0131 348 6753

Email: jayne.baxter.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

Annabelle Ewing MSP (SNP) Tel: 0131 348 5066

Email: Annabelle.Ewing.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

Murdo Fraser MSP (Cons) Tel: 0131 348 5293

Email: Murdo.Fraser.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

Willie Rennie MSP (Lib Dem) Tel: 0131 348 5803

Email: Willie.Rennie.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

Dr Richard Simpson MSP (Lab) Tel: 0131 348 6756

Email: Richard.Simpson.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

Elizabeth Smith MSP (Cons) Tel: 0131 348 6762

Email: Elizabeth.Smith.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

Member of Parliament for Ochil & South Perthshire Constituency Gordon Banks MP

www.gordonbanks.info

Email: banksgr@parliament.uk

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

Mobile Library Service

Visiting on Wednesdays 8 & 22 April:

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 2, 16 & 30 April:

Milnathort	South Street	0930 – 1130
------------	--------------	-------------

For more information about mobile library services, visit:
www.pkc.gov.uk/mobilelibrary or phone 01577 867205.

Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers

Linda Freeman

Tel 01577 865045. Email: linda.freeman_64@btinternet.com

Perth & Kinross Council www.pkc.gov.uk

Customer Service Centre Tel: 01738 475000

(Mon to Fri, 8am-6pm)

Out of Hours Emergencies Tel: 01738 625411

(Roads, flooding, environmental health and dangerous buildings)

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

Registrar Tel: 01577 867133

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

Kinross-shire 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

Kinross Guides

There are vacancies for girls aged 10 - 14 within Kinross Guides. We currently meet on a Tuesday evening in Millbridge Hall, Kinross, from 7.30pm to 9pm.

The girls enjoy a variety of activities, work towards obtaining certificates and badges and have lots of fun!!! And all this for £1.00 per night - payment is made termly. Come along and try us out - we might surprise you!

Enquire

Are you looking for information about your child's rights to support in School?

If so, contact **Enquire**, the national advice and information service for additional support for learning.

Enquire offer: a confidential telephone helpline and online enquiry service, practical guides, fact sheets and newsletters, helpful materials for children and young people with additional support needs.

For more information contact: tel 0845 123 2303

Website: www.enquire.org.uk

Enquire is funded by the Scottish Government and managed by Children in Scotland

Blythswood Care

**Help Blythswood Care to help others
by donating goods to the lorry**

(The Newsletter does not always have space to publish the full details regarding items which can and cannot be accepted, so readers may wish to cut out this Notice for future reference.)

The Round South truck accepts clothing, shoes, books, small items of furniture, bric à brac and dry foodstuffs. New knits only: hats, scarves and gloves. All soft furnishings (e.g. beds, sofas, three piece suites etc) must have a fire label with the British Standards code (BS7177) attached. The uplift of any larger items of furniture can be arranged by phoning Hillington on 0141 882 0585.

Blythswood Care regrets that the Round South truck cannot accept carpets, coat hangers, duvets, gas appliances, prams, televisions, CRT monitors, exercise equipment or wall units.

Please check with the driver as to whether goods can be of use. Thank you for supporting the Round South collection.

The next collection will take place on

**Monday 13 April
between 10.30am and 10.55am
at Sainsbury's car park.**

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

The Kinross Community Council Newsletter

is available from:

The Co-operative	High Street, Kinross
Baillies	High Street, Kinross
Sainsbury's	Station Road, Kinross
Costcutter	Green Road, Kinross
Giacopazzi's	New Road, Milnathort
Milnathort Post Office	New Road, Milnathort
Stewart & Smart	Stirling Road, Milnathort
Buchan's Garage	Main Street, Kinnesswood
Shop	Main Street, Kinnesswood
Fossway Store	Crook of Devon
Mona's Coffee Shop	Muckhart
Powmill Milk Bar	Powmill
Moto Shop	Turfhills

Loch Leven Circular Bus

Stagecoach Fife 203 (Sundays only, all year)

Take the bus for a walk! Service 203 is perfect if you want to walk just part of the Heritage Trail. As well as single journey tickets, Sunday stroller bus tickets can be bought on board the bus costing only £1.50 for adults, 75p for children and £3.00 for families. The stroller tickets allow unlimited travel for the day and so you can hop on and off the bus as many times as you want. National entitlement cards are also valid on this service. The bus is wheelchair accessible.

View timetable online: www.kinross.cc/Leaflets/Index.asp

Stagecoach Fife 203 Loch Leven Circular (Sunday Only)

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

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

Weekly Programme

Monday	Exercise Class	11am	Bingo	1.30pm
	Dominoes, cards & other Games			1.15pm
	“Stride for Life” Walking Group			2pm
Tuesday	Relaxation Class	1.15pm	Games	1.15pm
	Singing group with Alex Cant		1.45pm	
Wednesday	Morning Worship	10.45am		
	Dominoes, Scrabble & other Games			1.30pm
Thursday	Art Class	1.30pm	Film Afternoon	1.30pm
	Dominoes, Scrabble, cards etc		1.30pm	
Friday	Dominoes, Games and Filmshow	1.30pm		
	Bingo		1.30pm	



Additional Events for April

Chiropody

Thursday 2nd, 23rd 9.45am - 1pm
(phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)

Football Memories (6 week session) starts

Tuesday 7th 1.30pm

Tai Chi

Wednesday 8th, 22nd 1.30 - 2pm

Annual Holiday to Whitby

Monday 20th 9.30am

(5 days Mon- Fri) full booked

Trip to library

Thursday 30th 1.45pm

No date as yet for food from around the world.

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 & 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: Mon 4 May (May Day, tbc.)

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

Email: perthkinross@mssociety.org.uk

perthkinross.support@mssociety.org.uk

Phone: 07552 368216

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.

Yamaha Clavinova CLP153 Electronic Piano **£285**

Full size keyboard, 88 weighted keys, headphone outlet, 5 instruments, 2 pedals, great to play, ideal for beginners/returners/piano grades. VG condition.

Seller Details: Deirdre Calderwood 01592 840423
the.calderwoods@btinternet.com

Brother MFC-5890CN Printer/Copier/Scanner/Fax **£50**

Good quality printer suitable for documents, high quality photographs, copier up to A3, scanner and fax.

Seller Details: Doreen Cameron 01577 863537

OO Gauge Model Railway **£250**

Hornby Permanent Way and Flying Scotsman Sets. Two Bachmann Locos, mixed rolling stock, track, buildings and controllers. Will Split.

Seller Details: Robert Barnfather 07783 054541
robert_barnfather@o2.co.uk

Ladies Bicycle **£75** ono

Reebok Evolve. Hardly used. Immaculate condition.

Up and Over Garage Door **£100** ono

Description: Very good condition. White. Only one year old. 7ft x 7ft (210cm x 210cm). Part glazed

Seller Details for both above items: George Hutt
ghutt@btinternet.com

Electric Golf Trolley **£50**

Golf clubs and bag **£50**

Seller Details: Margaret Arbuckle 01577 840311
billandmar@btinternet.com

Scaffold Tower - Aluminium **£120**

Description: 4m. working height; easy and quick to erect. Can be used both indoors and outside

Seller Details: Mike Hughes 01577 840385

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
May	Fri 17 April	Saturday 2 May
June	Fri 15 May	Saturday 30 May

British Summer Time

begins on **Sunday 29 March 2015**
Clocks go forward one hour at 1am

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').

Part time Carers, central Kinross

Carers required 2-3 hours per day over 7 days, morning /evening split to support an agile, partially-sighted resident in their own home. Experience and existing PVG essential - excellent rates of pay.

Contact Lindsay Weir on 07932 698557 for an initial discussion.

Alba Air Ballooning

Part time driver/crew person required.

You should be available most Wednesday and Sunday evenings and ideally Thursday (early) mornings, although actual work is weather dependent (notification on the day or the day before).

Note that some lifting and tugging ability is required and you must be able to drive a Landrover with trailer. Training provided.

Contact Pete Forster on 07775 666544.

Glendale Security Services

Unit 3, 62 Muirs, Kinross KY13 8AU

Full time CCTV, Fire and Alarm Engineers. We are looking for engineers to carry out Maintenance inspections, Repairs and Installations. Experience and qualifications are preferred but not essential. Hours and wages are negotiable.

Contact Julie at security@glendalesecurity.co.uk or phone on 01577 863525.

Portmoak Under 5s, Kinnesswood

Part time Playgroup Manager required. Term time only. Additional hours may be required. Permanent Contract. £9 per hour.

Portmoak Under 5s is a small, well established playgroup. It is charity run and at present operates two morning sessions per week. We cater for children ages 2-5 years with a maximum of 12 children per session.

We are looking for an enthusiastic Playgroup Manager to supervise the day to day running of the service, the welfare and the learning and development of our children. Duties will also include working closely with parents/carers and the management committee. See www.kinross.cc sits vac page for qualifications required.

Please contact Louise Keningale (Chairperson) on 07879 403028 or email: Portmoakunderfives@hotmail.com

Private Employer requires part time Personal Assistant.

Private employer looking to a recruit Personal Assistant to support a young lady with Cerebral Palsy living in the Kinross area. Applicants must have a good sense of humour, be flexible and innovative. We are looking to build up a fun and friendly care team.

Help is needed with all aspects of personal care, attending college, increasing independence both at home and in the community and with social activities such as going to the cinema, shopping and eating out. Experience in working with someone with cerebral palsy is desirable but not essential. Training will be given (Manual handling training and any training relating to specific care needs). Driving licence essential as access to a vehicle is provided to transport the young lady to activities. Must be a member of the PVG Scheme or be willing to join the scheme. Two written references will be asked for if the applicant is successful.

Rate: £9.50 per hour, hours initially: 10 – 15 per week. Evenings and weekends where necessary and the ability to work additional hours as required. Applications in writing with CV quoting job reference number FR0103R to address below or email: SelfDirectedSupport@pkc.gov.uk

Self Directed Support Team

Pullar House, 35 Kinnoull Street, Perth PH1 5GD

The Courthouse Restaurant: see advert on page 77.

March			Page	April			Page
Sat	28	Hot Cross Bun Coffee Morning, Church Centre	78	Sat	18	Kinross Bowling Club opening of the green	58
Sat	28	Table Top Sale and Coffee Morning, Orwell Bowling Club	84	Sat	18	Family Bushcraft with RSPB Loch Leven	70
Sat	28	Spring Craft Fair at Community Campus	40	Sat	18	Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair	40
Sat	28	Kinross Tennis Club Open Day	58	Sat	18	Charity Quiz Night	87
Sun	29	British Summer Time begins	103	Mon	20	Season begins for Kinross-shire Cricket Club	67
Sun	29	Open Day at Guide and Scout Hall, Milnathort	84	Tue	21	Circle Dancing at Community Campus	13
				Tue	21	Kinross-shire Partnership AGM	87
				Thu	23	Kinross Floral Art Club Coffee Evening and Demonstration	87
April			Page	Thu	23	Film Book Night at the Library: The Book Thief	8
Wed	1	Kinross CC meets	22	Fri	24	IT Taster Sessions at the Library	8
Thu	2	Fifty Plus Club meets	36	Sat	25	Kinross Sportive	40, 61
Fri	3	The Good Friday Experience	13, 78	Sun	26	Milnathort Filmhouse: The Box Trolls	87
Fri-Sun	3-5	Easter Egg Hunt at RSPB Loch Leven	70	Sat	26	Town Twinning Association Pot Luck Supper	34
Sat	4	Tracks and Signs with SNH	69	Sun	26	Family Cycle Challenge, Loch Leven Heritage Trail	61
Sat	4	Easter Fayre at Milnathort Town Hall	84	Mon	27	Rachel House Open Day	35
Sun	5	Easter Sunday		Mon	27	Milnathort Primary School Parent Council meets	55
Mon	6	Cleish and Blairadam CC meets	33	Mon	27	Kinross High School Parent Council meets	55
Tue	7	Fossoway & District CC meets	33	Thu	30	Light Up Kinross Annual General Meeting	84
Tue	7	Kinross JAC meets	45				
Tue	7	Lodge St Serf meets regularly	50	May			Page
Wed	8	Cleish Guild Daffodil Tea	84	Fri	1	Kinross-shire Reminiscence Group AGM	46
Thu	9	Kinross Garden Group AGM and talk	34	Sat	2	Bishopshire Horticultural Society Plant Sale & Coffee Morning	87
Thu	9	Kinross-shire Civic Trust Annual General Meeting	50, 84	Mon	4	Kinross Hub Café for Carers	84
Thu	9	Milnathort CC meets	26	Wed	6	Kinross CC Annual General Meeting	22
Fri	10	Cheese and Wine Evening, Kinross Curling	64	Thu	7	The Thursday Group AGM	84
Sat	11	Orwell Bowling Club opening of the green	58	Sat	9	Annual Portmoak Hall Ceilidh	88
Sun	12	Little Seedlings Club meets	35	Sat	9	Kinross Half Marathon, Pipe Band Contest and Feel Good Fair	50
Sun	12	Portmoak Film Society: Death at a Funeral (plus AGM)	35	Sat	10	Scotlandwell in Bloom Plant and Bake Sale	88
Mon	13	Blythswood Care collection	99	Sat	16	Cleish Church Annual Fete	88
Mon	13	Kinross Hub Café for Carers	84	Thu	21	An Audience with Andy McNab - library event	8
Mon	13	Children's holiday craft and growing session at Dobbies	35	Mon	25	Kinross High School Parent Council meets	55
Mon	13	Kinross Tennis Club Easter Camp begins	58	Tue	26	Kinross Primary School Parent Council meets	
Tue	14	Portmoak CC meets	29				
Tue	14	Crook of Devon WRI Open Night	87				
Wed	15	Spring storytelling session at library	8				
Fri	17	Newsletter Deadline	1				
Fri	17	Kinross Ladies Circle AGM	39				