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Editorial

We have a particularly packed News and Articles section this month, and hope you enjoy reading the reports, ranging from local issues and events to special articles illustrating the kindness and generosity of our community at home and abroad. Plus we have news of the launch of an ambitious project to bring an Aero Space visitor attraction to Kinross, featured on our cover.

Calling all club secretaries!

As mentioned last month, 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. To see our previous Register, go to www.kinrossnewsletter.org and look in the Archive for August 2013.

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.

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CClIr: Community Councillor

Response to Andy Anderson – Budget comments

I read with interest the letter from Andy Anderson in last month's Newsletter.

I feel as leader of the Independent Liaison Group at Perth and Kinross Council (PKC) that I should come back on some of the points raised in this letter.

Firstly, the Independent Liaison Group is not a party formed by Councillor Barnacle. It is instead a Liaison Group which meets regularly to discuss topics in order to reach a consensus. This may be an alien concept to political parties who work on a more top down approach. Interestingly we almost always agree and it is a delight to work with my fellow Independent Councillors who take seriously their commitment to represent their constituents rather than a political party.

Taking the motion next. This contained the following phrases: "Our preference would be to have two Council meetings, one for the presentation of Budget Proposals and the second to have a debate on the proposals which have been put forward" and "We believe that a period of a few days between these meetings, would allow the proposals to be properly investigated and enable the correct decision to be better reached."

It was our intention to speak to the motion on these points, with the aim of starting a debate on the merits of a different way of addressing the budget in future. This debate was not permitted by the Provost, which is unfortunate.

In terms of the Independent Liaison Group putting in a budget, we submitted a balanced budget to all parties two weeks in advance of the meeting, and said that we would support the budget proposal which promoted the largest number of our ideas. This turned out to be the Liberal Democrat budget, which we duly voted for, until it was outvoted by the Conservative Group. We then abstained. We did this as we were aware that the Labour Group had agreed to support the SNP budget in exchange for two of their ideas being adopted by the SNP group. This is what happened, hence the vote of 22 votes in favour of the SNP budget (18 SNP + 4 Labour).

Our proposals included:

- A budget for the opening of all school libraries for the whole school week (Kinross High school library is shut on a Monday);
- A budget for the re-instatement of pay to play facilities at Loch Leven Community Campus and North Inch Community Campus;
- Additional funding for Grounds maintenance;
- The establishment of a Community Empowerment fund for Community Groups to draw on;
- The re-starting of the Capital budget, with the aim of new business cases coming forward for capital projects (e.g. mitigation measures on the A977);
- Additional funding for core paths (e.g. to support the Heritage Trail);
- A new Footpath Budget to allow links between existing paths;
- A new bus shelter budget;
- A budget for responsive speed signs on busy roads (e.g. the A977).

Unfortunately, given the way that the budget process operates at PKC, none of these ideas were discussed and none ended up in the final budget.

Councillor Dave Cuthbert
Independent Councillor for Kinross-shire



General Election – Thursday 7 May

Following the close of nominations on 9 April, there are five candidates standing for election in the constituency of Ochil and South Perthshire. They are:

Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh	SNP
Gordon Banks	Labour
Luke Graham	Conservative
Martin Gray	UKIP
Iliyan Stefanov	Liberal Democrat

(Candidates listed alphabetically by surname.)

The election takes place on Thursday 7 May, with polling stations open between 7am and 10pm.

No consent for Town Hall windows

The developer working on the former Kinross Town Hall has been told not to do any further work on the buildings for the time being after windows and doors were installed without the appropriate planning consent.

Nick Brian, PKC's Development Quality Manager, said: "Officers have met the owner of the premises on site and we have advised that Listed Building Consent was required for the works and that no further works should be undertaken."

The former Post Office and Town Hall are Category B Listed, while the former Carnegie Library is C Listed. The historic buildings lie within the town's Conservation Area.

Aero Space Kinross



Over the past 12 months, the Kinross-shire Partnership has incubated an idea for the creation of a family oriented aviation and space flight related educational knowledge hub, visitor attraction and event venue. A feasibility study has been undertaken and a separate entity is now in course of incorporation to take the idea forward.

Aero Space Kinross (ASK) will be the trading subsidiary of a new Scottish Social Enterprise, Aero Space Scotland Educational Trust.

ASK will be an iconic new leisure venue at an excellent strategic location in the heart of Scotland featuring:

- Science and story of flight, astronomy and space exploration
- Planetarium (fully immersive, dynamic 3D content)
- A/V experiences and flight motion simulation
- Airports showcase
- Lecture theatre - expert talks, seminars and workshops
- Retail space + online shop + restaurant/coffee shop
- Aviation charities showcase



The Kinross-shire Partnership, Dundee Business School Abertay University and Perth College have conducted market research. The target market is:

- 2.75m people within 1 hour's drive of Kinross
- Families with children under 16
- Schools across region
- Tourists (Perthshire, Fife, Stirlingshire, Angus, Edinburgh)
- Corporate events, exhibitions, gala dinners and private parties

The first major challenge for such an ambitious project will be obtaining funding, and several months of relationship development with potential trusts, foundations, corporates and government agencies lie ahead before we will know whether or not this concept will "fly".

Further info: Alisdair Stewart on 07825 698613 or email alisdairstewart@yahoo.com

Mindfulness in Mental Health Awareness Week 11 – 14 May

The benefits of Mindfulness are much publicised and the research mushrooms, which shows how useful it is. It is a simple practice, only involving a chair. The trickiest bit is sitting down and making the time to do it.

During Mental Health Awareness Week, Susan Bathgate would like to offer the chance to come and try the practice and, if you are able, to come several days in a row to see how that works for you.

These will be sessions for complete

beginners or more experienced practitioners who would like the chance to sit with a group. There will be a little guidance on Mindfulness using breath and body awareness. Exam students will be welcome.

Susan Bathgate, who is trained in Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction by Bangor University, has been giving courses and sessions with Mindspace in Perth and Fife Employment Access Trust. She is very encouraged by the beneficial

effect people report even from smaller amounts of Mindfulness practice.

In the mornings of 11 to 14 May, Susan will be at St Paul's Meeting Room and will sit between 8am and 8.20am. In the evenings the group will sit between 6.30pm and 6.50pm. Please arrive ready to start for those times. These sessions will be free but a donation is asked towards use of St Paul's Meeting Room. If you have any queries, please email sa.bathgate@virgin.net

Councillor Robertson Proposed Boundary Changes

The Boundary Commission has drawn up proposals to change the boundaries of the Kinross-shire Ward on Perth & Kinross Council. Their main proposals are as follows:

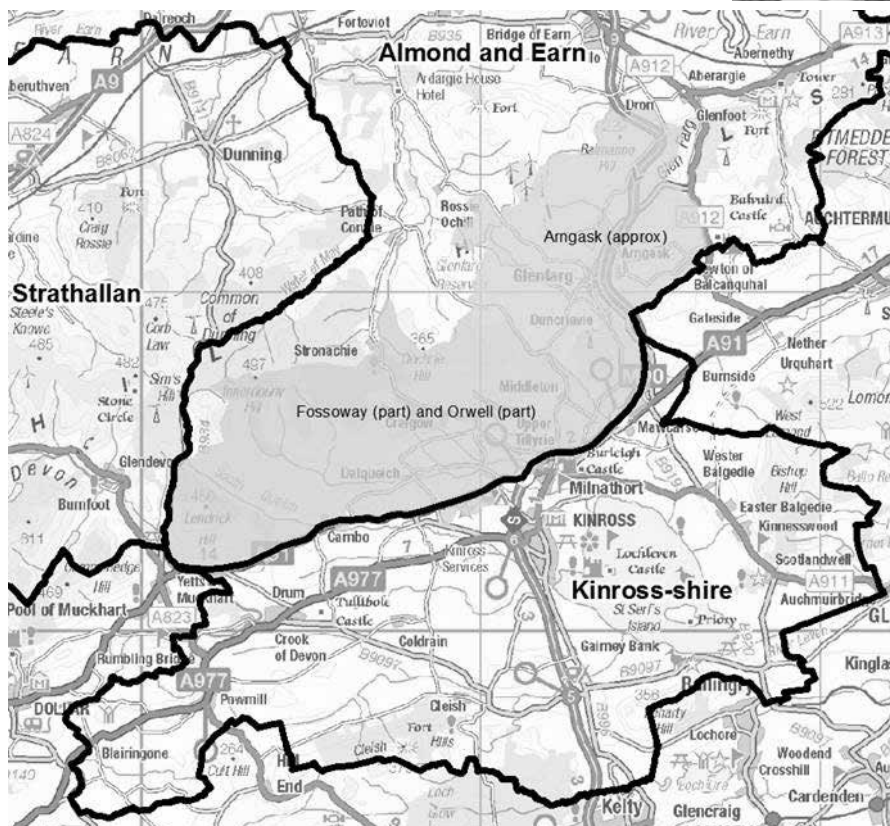


1. To move most of north Kinross-shire and Glenfarg into the Almond and Earn Ward. (See map.)
2. To reduce the number of Perth & Kinross councillors representing Kinross-shire from four to three.

I personally am very opposed to a large part of Kinross-shire being put into a ward which covers places like Methven, Dunning, Abernethy, Madderty and Bridge of Earn. Communities like the village of Carnbo, Tillyrie, Middleton, Drunzie, Duncreevie and Glenfarg have little in common with these areas north of the Ochil Hills. Their services are delivered in Kinross-shire and their schools are in Kinross-shire.

I have always worked to keep the Kinross-shire identity alive and will continue to do so.

The proposals will be considered by PKC and then put out for wider community consultation.



Eyesore: the rear of the former Red Lion Inn

Former Red Lion Inn

I have written again to Waugh Taverns, owners of the former Red Lion public house in Kinross town centre, asking them to do something about the very run down appearance of their building. They promised as a result of my first letter to get estimates for repainting the building and making it more presentable. However, six months has passed since then and nothing has happened.

With the £1 million pound contract having begun to regenerate Kinross town centre, it would be good if this eyesore building could be restored.

Councillor Willie Robertson

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Councillor Barnacle

Abridged copy of a letter by Cllr Barnacle dated 31 March 2015 to Mrs Brenda Murray and Mr Peter Marshall, Planning and Sustainable Development, PKC. Copies of correspondence by Cllr Barnacle can be viewed on his website: mikebarnacle.co.uk



Review of Local Development Plan (LDP) – Main Issues Report

I circulated the Kinross-shire Ward CCs and fellow elected members regarding your call for issues for the above and have since attended a number of meetings to discuss same.

I now outline my thoughts on issues I would like you to consider for the review of our LDP, viz:

Transport Issues

I refer to my letter of 16/3/15 to Jim Valentine on the need for 'major' mitigation measures for the A977. On 26/2/15 elected members met with Paul Tetlaw from Transform Scotland regarding the restoration of a rail link through Kinross-shire and an aspiration that Perth should be a new inter-city rail hub. I have their campaign literature to support this.

The use of certain roads within Kinross-shire by HGV's and repeated requests for directional signage of suitable routes and speed control measures remain an issue. There is a distinct lack of areas zoned for parking in settlements; this should be looked at particularly in Crook of Devon, Kinnesswood, Kinross and Scotlandwell.

Policies and Supplementary Guidance

On 23/3/15 I emailed Committee colleagues regarding Landscape Guidance expressing my strong disagreement to the loss of two former AGLV areas, namely the Cleish Hills and the River Devon and its gorge, from securing Local Landscape designation. I am highly critical of the consultants' exercise on this, in ignoring the strong representations made within the Review Panel and I would like the Planning Department to reconsider their stance on this matter, being particularly aggrieved that you emphasised delay at Committee if amendments were made when it has taken PKC 5 years to address this matter, so ask if you would agree to look again at these areas, as requested by local members.

In a letter of 18/1/12 I called for a halt to any further large scale windfarm developments in the Ochil Hills and reiterate this; it is now urgent that a spatial framework for wind energy developments is completed.

We should be seeking greater protection for prime agricultural land, in accordance with national planning policy, whilst promoting more development at appropriate brownfield sites. Policy PM4 failed to protect a former village setting area from development at Keltybridge and I feel it should be reinforced, whilst allowing for exceptions on grounds of community benefit. Could you explain why the concept of village setting was dropped from our current LDP?

I would like to see a review of our open-door policy RD5 on gypsy/traveller sites, which are a particular problem in Kinross-shire. Mostly retrospective in their development, it is clear that the 'protocol' between SEPA, SNH and PKC adopted in October 2014 is not effective in dealing with these. It is essential that drainage arrangements are authorised before planning applications are approved and I submit that this policy should not apply in the Lochleven Catchment Area which would by default enhance protection of the Loch under Policy EP7. My email to Committee colleagues of 14/3/15 relating to the considerable number of breaches of conditions at the Crook Moss site is very relevant, particularly on drainage,

with planning to bring back a Report to Committee within 6 months but noting the applicants have been on site within the catchment since March 2012 and no drainage or water supply conditions have been met, which I find completely unacceptable; if no progress is made during this period then revocation of permission has to be a serious option.

I would like to see the Crook Moss and the Perth Lade considered for declaration as SSSI's.

I am aware of reluctance to propose new conservation areas but reiterate calls for Back Crook, Keltybridge/Maryburgh and Milnathort to be considered and consulted on.

Airfield Safeguarding: I have noted some recent planning decisions around Portmoak that concern me and seek some re-assurance that the gliding facility there will not be compromised given its huge importance to the area.

Settlement Planning and Boundaries

This review is a good opportunity to examine Employment, Housing and Opportunity Sites allocated in our current LDP and make sure they are deliverable.

I have always been against development west of the M90, whilst existing sites remained underdeveloped. There is opportunity to clarify the retention and status of Turfhill's Environment/Roads Depot. An employment site for Crook of Devon should be considered.

I would like the work of the Fossoway Community Strategy Group to be built on and perhaps the finalised maps for Blairingone, Crook of Devon, Powmill and Rumbling Bridge produced by that Group could be looked at again alongside the current settlement plans in our LDP. This is relevant when one considers A977 mitigation referred to earlier and possible proposals coming forward for housing that may assist in delivering same at Blairingone, Crook of Devon and Powmill. I would not, however, support re-consideration of the Naemoor Road site in Crook of Devon that I asked to be dropped from our LDP in October 2011.

Nine of the 12 settlements that had their boundaries removed in Kinross-shire are located within the Lochleven Catchment Area and I would like consideration of their re-instatement. Carnbo has seen considerable development recently but has no services, so I strongly suggest the provision of mains drainage should be an aspiration, with the apparently permanent builders' yard to the west of the village boundary returned to agricultural usage.

Drum needs a local ditch and watercourse management scheme in the absence of a flood prevention scheme, given its very high water table. The capacity of the current WWTP at Drum should be considered for expansion, given current development constraints.

Can the Greenacres gypsy/traveller site boundary in our current LDP be enclosed to prevent further retrospective expansion beyond it, perhaps with adequate landscaping and tree screening as suggested in Policy RD5B(b)?

Finally, in the Portmoak area, I would support the inclusion of Stephen's Field into the Kinnesswood boundary and the linkage of Kilmagadwood and Scotlandwell into one settlement boundary with consideration of ensuring that H54 should be single storey housing possibly extended eastwards to achieve same, whilst ensuring an open space corridor between Leslie Road and the southern settlement boundary.

I have resisted detailed comment on the Kinross/Milnathort settlement boundary, although maintaining site H46 and the Market Park site as open space/community woodland are important to the community.

*Cllr Mike Barnacle
Independent Member for Kinross-shire*

Loch Leven Half Marathon, Pipe Band Contest and Feel Good Fair Saturday 9 May - Fun for all the family!



The 32nd Loch Leven Half Marathon will welcome 600 runners to Kinross on Saturday 9 May. The race will be starting at Sandport (Gacé Gardens) at 1pm to the sound of pipes and drums and will take the usual anti-clockwise route round the loch before finishing on the playing fields at the Loch Leven Community Campus.



The Half Marathon's organisers, Kinross Road Runners, have been working together with the Kinross Pipe Band, the Community Campus and KLEO (Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation) to ensure there is a wide variety of entertainment and activities on offer so that the competitors' friends and families, as well as the wider local population, have a fun-packed afternoon while they await the arrival of the runners at the end of the race.



Road closures, Kinross and Milnathort

Please note, vehicular traffic will be prohibited temporarily on Saturday 9 May on these roads:
Sandport – B996 High Street – B9097 – B920 – A911 – New Road – South Street

Programme of events for all the family at Loch Leven Community Campus, including:

- 1100 Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest (with over 20 bands from far and wide!)
- 1300 Half Marathon Start with pipe band send off at Sandport (Gacé Gardens)
- 1300 - 1600 Local Market Stalls, Swansacre Playgroup activities and Family Sports Activities from Live Active Leisure
- 13.30 Fun Run by Swansacre Playgroup. This popular event is open to all children under 12 years old
- 1400 onwards Half Marathon runners finish on the campus playing fields
- Mid afternoon Drum Major's Contest and Highland Dancing display by Lawson's School of Dancing
- 1600 Final Massed Pipe Bands

Come along and enjoy!



Councillor Giacopazzi

Kinross Town Hall

I do not think that anyone passing the Town Hall can fail to be impressed by the transformation in this long neglected former public building. The roof has been repaired and the gutters and down pipes replaced. The stonework has been repointed and made good. The old, rotten windows have been replaced with new ones of a similar appearance.

Imagine my surprise, therefore, when I was copied into a complaint to our Development Standards Manager by the Kinross-shire Civic Trust, claiming that the windows were unacceptable on a listed building because they were, among other things, made of UPVC and not timber.

I went to investigate. The developer, Simon Wilson, assured me that the windows were indeed made of timber and, so far as I could tell, they did seem to be so, but I am no expert. Council enforcement officers investigated the windows, but have not confirmed what the the windows are made of. They do, however, confirm that listed building consent will be required. At this point I shall desist from offering any opinion since I may be involved in the issue at a later date, either as a member of the Development Management Committee or the Local Review Body.

Local Landscape Areas (LLAs)

At the last meeting of the Development Management Committee, in my capacity as Vice Convener, I introduced a paper on landscape designations in Perth and Kinross. These designations effectively mean that applicants for planning consent within such areas have to 'work harder' to get their permission. As a result, it makes development within LLAs less likely. My paper, which was approved on a vote by eight to five with cross party support, now means that Kinross-shire has three LLAs: Loch Leven, Bishop Hill and Ochil Hills.

On the advice of council officers who had commissioned a report from landscape consultants, the Devon Gorge and Cleish Hills were not considered of sufficient merit to be proposed as LLAs. It now transpires that the Devon Gorge is being considered for a designation on account of its 'geodiversity'. In any case, I very much doubt whether any kind of adverse building or development would ever be permitted in the Devon Gorge under current planning rules. Ward 8 Councillors have asked planning officials to consider reviewing part of the Cleish Hills as an LLA.

Loch Leven Community Campus

Following some fairly stern criticism by Kinross CC (and also by individuals and groups) of the operation of the campus, I made enquiries of the Depute Director of Education and Children's Services who offered to review the way services are delivered, 'to make charges more flexible for certain events thus more attractive to users'. I would suggest that anyone wishing to comment on how the service could be made cheaper or more efficient, should contact gboland@pkc.gov.uk

Councillor Joe Giacopazzi



Credit Union signs 500th member

Perth and Kinross Credit Union (PKCU) celebrated two milestones in April: it was the first anniversary of PKCU's beginning as a credit union and the 500th member was signed up.

PKCU is a membership organisation which takes deposits from savers and offers ethical loans. Part of its remit is financial education. Manager, Anne Walker, said, "We encourage savings, even at modest levels, and are then in a position to help savers with responsible loans if they need them at a later date."

Membership of Perth and Kinross Credit Union is open to anyone who works or lives in Perth and Kinross. More information is available from PKCU at 282 High Street, Perth, or at www.pkc.org.uk



John Lilburn, 500th member, with Anne Walker, Manager of PKCU

Are you a Heritage Angel?

Volunteer groups and individuals are being encouraged to enter the 2015 Scottish Heritage Angel awards.

Funded by the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation, the Awards – the first of their kind in Scotland – will celebrate the significant role that is carried out by volunteers in helping to better understand, appreciate and protect Scotland's heritage and history for current and future generations.

'Heritage Angels' are being sought whose voluntary work has benefited various types of heritage projects, including local volunteers working to engage the community with local history, architecture and archaeology; community groups undertaking local landscape surveys, and restoration projects that have relied on and benefited from the involvement of local volunteers.

The five Scottish Heritage Angel Awards categories are:

- Investigating and Recording
- Caring and Protecting
- Sharing and Celebrating
- Capacity Building
- Lifetime Contribution to the Historic Environment

Volunteers have until 30 June to enter for a Scottish Heritage Angel Award. For more information and for full details on how to enter, or nominate someone else, visit www.scottishheritageangelawards.org.uk

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Ethiopian Medical Project (EMP) 2015



Our 2015 month-long trip to Ethiopia (February through to March) was anticipated with our usual excitement and enthusiasm. This was our fifth successive working trip to Buccama Clinic, although our association with Ethiopia goes back to 2007. The run up to departure was busy, with a wonderful rush of events and interest.

This year we were being accompanied by Amanda Dunn, who was given a terrific send off by her friends and family. "The Dignity Dance", led by Amanda and her team, with 200 guests, and held in a Glasgow church hall just before we left, made a huge contribution to our efforts



Jo and baby Josephine

in supporting the clinic. Amanda is a qualified and working oncology nurse, and brought an impressive and professional edge to the visit. She, amazingly, took three weeks of her own precious NHS leave to accompany this trip. She did agree that, although it is possible to innovate, it is not really possible to apply all the Western standards that would be considered mandatory in the UK.

Our exuberant and generous welcome to the clinic is now reminiscent of a huge family reunion, as we are so familiar with the clinic staff. Also, many of the mothers that have been helped in the past had been gathered in from the wilds to greet us. The other lovely surprise was to see five or six of the babies delivered this time last year who had come in with their mums, who wanted to show off their bright and active one year olds.

After our long day of travel and our lovely greetings, we were absorbed back into the life of the clinic. It is an active,



Jo and Amanda with newborn twins
Grace and Mandy

busy, functioning health care clinic, working with a minimal, hardworking and dedicated staff. It serves approximately 20,000 people. Since the legal ban on home deliveries, babies are being born daily in the clinic. Every birth is dramatic, exciting, messy and caring. It isn't like home; how could it be? Our rush to hospital,

delivering a twin baby on the way **in the van** (Mandy), the second twin baby in the hospital (Grace), and then back to the clinic, all before 9.30am, is an example of the variety of the days there. No two days were, or are, ever the same. There is a rough plan, but we are never certain of how a day will actually pan out.

The work with the Uterine Vaginal Prolapse (UVP) Mothers goes on; there is a steady stream of them needing care or check ups. There is almost a complete halt on surgical procedures now, apart from the most severe cases. Our introduction of ring pessaries, which we took with us, has made a very significant impact. It is hard to convey the level of joy and appreciation

from a woman who has tolerated the intolerable for many years. As a result, many women are coming at an earlier stage, receiving education, understanding, and a pessary, if necessary. We believe that this has helped to alleviate the shame and embarrassment associated with prolapse. That was, and will continue to be, our main focus of interest.

Amanda, on the other hand, was able to help in a wider way. She was sent out into "the field", and found incredibly positive progress in procedures for dealing with the dangers of malaria, dysentery and polio. Helpful educational visits for inoculations, and positive behaviour changes, whilst respecting traditional cultural ways, were all found to be impressive and productive. Also, she found that antenatal classes, home visits and general care of expectant mothers was surprisingly effective. This is all to the good, because good maternity care will mean far less occurrence of prolapse. As before, the clinic is wonderfully led by the inspirational Sister Haimanot Ammanuel. She is one in a million, and I wish that we had a £1,000,000 to allow her to do all that she would love to do, without constantly worrying about paying her dedicated staff a living wage. Her salary bill is £1000 per month for 15 staff – this includes her own salary (which she uses to run the convent), four highly qualified nurses, and sundry others, from lab assistants, to cleaners and guards. Funding comes and goes, but none comes from the government.

Our goal this coming year is to find some funding partners, so that EMP can carry on doing what we initially planned, which is to help UVP mothers badly affected by the rigours of child birth and hard,



Maureen with two mother helpers both going for surgery

impooverished lives.

There is so much that we love about, and learn from, our visit to the clinic.

This year, we had very limited electrical power, virtually no internet or phone signals, cold showers, desert like dust, petrol shortages, and "health farm" quantities of food! We were also the recipients of unconditional love, generosity, simplicity and fun – a very fair exchange. As we kept on saying to ourselves – we don't know how lucky we all are in the Western world, and how much we just take for granted. So once again, the assorted groups and individuals of Kinross and Milnathort have paid medical staff salaries, bought medicine, provided light, food and comfort. Every penny counts.

With love and thanks,

Jo Middlemiss, Maureen Burnett and Amanda Dunn

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Councillor Cuthbert

Confrontational politics suck, don't they?

I am a great believer in collaborative working, with sensible, well informed discussion leading to decisions by consensus, which reflect the views of the majority but are prudently made, taking account of what is possible.

Our current political system works on the basis of confrontational politics and I think this leads to bad decisions on occasion.

For example, I recently attended a Member Officer Group (MOG) on Planning Policy and Practice.

A recent review of MOGs described them as being: "... attended by both elected members and officers to consider particular areas of strategy in more detail than at Committee and in a less formal setting. They do not replace more formal Council and Committee meetings but provide an additional opportunity for debate and informal discussions. MOGs consider proposals in detail prior to consideration at full Committee and are an important part of the Council's governance and accountability structure."

I am not an official member of the Planning MOG but attended by invitation, as I was responsible for part or all of three of the four substantive papers (Council speak for major items) to be discussed at the MOG.

When I got there, I was asked by the Convener (Chair of the MOG), who in this case was Councillor John Kellas, to move seat and to sit apart from the members of the MOG. The meeting was then told by the Convener that he would not be allowing me to speak, as it was his view that the membership of the MOG was designed to reflect the mix of Councillors on the Council (this was despite one of the other opposition Councillors not being present).

I then had to sit for two hours, biting my tongue, as the committee sat through what was a virtual monologue on the part of the Convener.

As a result, paper 6, which was asking for a review of the Council's Gypsy Traveller Policy (RD5b), was postponed to another meeting and all the suggestions I had proposed to improve the planning system were ignored (papers 5(ii) and 9).

When paper 9 (which contained the officer's responses to my suggestions on improving the planning system) was announced, Councillor Barnacle asked the Convener if I might be allowed to respond to the paper as it was in effect a response by officers to my paper. The Convener refused this and paper 9 was not discussed.

"Sour Grapes" you might say. My point, though, is that the planning system is supposed to be non-political. I sit on Development Management (the planning committee) and the Local Review Body and have a wide experience of planning issues.



By refusing me consent to speak, the views of constituents who had raised some of these points with me were effectively ignored and, given that Kinross-shire accounts for 35% of planning applications going before the planning committee, this is, in my view, a significant democratic deficit.

The six improvements I was asking for included:

1. Improvements to the 'Reports of Handling' prepared by officers which come to the planning committee;
2. A change to the arrangements governing which applications have to be referred to the planning committee;
3. Changes to the time allowed for comments on applications, to allow Community Councils to debate issues in public and to allow time for comments from interested parties when a material piece of evidence is submitted after the end of the consultation period;
4. Changes to the format of weekly lists of planning applications received;
5. Other changes to the scheme of delegation;
6. Technical changes to the planning website.

The critical subject I wanted to discuss with the MOG was number 2, which was proposing a change to rules on referrals to the planning committee. At a meeting of all the Kinross-shire Community Councils in January 2015 it was made very clear to the four local Councillors that the Community Councils were not happy that when they put in an objection to a planning application, it is treated as if it was an objection from one household. This is despite the fact that Community Council meetings are well attended, Community Councils are statutory consultees and their members have a detailed knowledge of the planning regulations.

I had done a lot of research into how other Councils treat objections from Community Councils and had discovered that PKC were at odds with almost all the other adjacent local authority areas: most of these automatically refer planning applications which are objected to by a Community Council to their planning committee.

I wanted to discuss this with the members in the informal setting of the MOG, but due to the current confrontational political system was not allowed to.

I believe that party politics should be taken out of local government. At times, it is like being in a primary school playground. My gang is bigger than yours. My gang leader says we are going to do this or that, so you can forget your ideas. You aren't in the gang so you cannot speak.

It is plain silly.

As I said at the start, confrontational politics suck.

Councillor Dave Cuthbert

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Bus service changes in Kinross-shire from May 2015 onwards

by Perth & Kinross Council

Stagecoach Fife Service 203: Loch Leven Circular

Service 203 was introduced in May 2009 to provide public transport links for Loch Leven Heritage Trail and enable visitors to access various points on the trail. The service is fully subsidised by Perth & Kinross Council.

Although the trail is complete and the bus service has been operating on Sundays for six years, passenger numbers have remained very low and have hardly increased since the service was introduced. As a result, Service 203 will no longer operate after 25 May 2015. **The last day of operation for Service 203 will be Sunday 24 May 2015.**



The Loch Leven Circular (Service 203) will be withdrawn after 25 May

Stagecoach Fife Service 201: Late Friday Evening Journeys

Since August 2014, Service 201 has been operating two 'Friday only' later evening return journeys. However, passenger uptake of these journeys is very low and has not increased since their introduction. As a result these journeys will be withdrawn after Friday 22 May 2015.

The remainder of the Monday - Saturday daytime timetable for Service 201 will continue to operate. Service 201 is fully subsidised by Perth & Kinross Council.

Stagecoach Fife Service 56: Evening Journeys

As from Monday 25 May 2015, there will be some revisions to the Service 56 evening journeys as follows:

- The Monday - Saturday 1825 journey ex Halbeath - Kinross - Milnathort - Perth Bus Station will depart five minutes earlier and operate five minutes earlier throughout the route.
- The Monday - Thursday 2130 journey ex Perth Bus Station and the Friday and Saturday 2250 journey ex Perth Bus Station will no longer operate.
- A new Monday - Saturday 2210 journey ex Perth Bus Station - Milnathort - Kinross - Cowdenbeath Bus Depot will operate.
- The Sunday 1735 journey ex Perth Bus Station - Milnathort - Kinross - Cowdenbeath (opposite Bus Depot) will operate via Abernethy.

Service 56 is fully subsidised by Perth & Kinross Council. Updated Service 56 timetables will be available on the bus and from Stagecoach Fife.

Life saving equipment at Portmoak

A piece of medical equipment that could save lives has been made available to the Portmoak community thanks to fundraising efforts by local residents. Sue and Clare Abbot-Smith explain more:

The Public Access Defibrillator is based at Portmoak Village Hall and is accessible to all members of the public when required. The one that at Portmoak Hall is a portable defibrillator, especially designed for people with no medical background.

So what is a defibrillator? When someone is having a heart attack, a defibrillator delivers an electrical current through the chest that aims to shock the heart back into a normal rhythm, allowing it to pump again. It has been shown that the rapid response using a defibrillator can significantly improve the quality of life of a survivor.

So how did we get the defibrillator? As some of you may know, Clare and I did a charity "dip" on New Year's Day 2014, by taking part in the Loony Dook at South Queensferry. This was a sponsored event and we felt that if we

were doing this we wanted to do it for a good cause and benefit the community, thus not allowing us to back out at the last minute! Scotlandwell in Bloom added to our sponsorship takings and local resident John Nicol donated in memory of his brother. Thanks go to John Whiteford for the installation of the defibrillator.

We have already had one teaching session at the hall, kindly provided by

one of our local Rapid Response team members, Lisa Megginson. More may be organised and will be advertised locally and in the Newsletter.

So thank you if you sponsored us; it is a very good resource to have, especially with all the walking that goes on around Loch Leven and on the hills.

Sue and Clare Abbott-Smith

See also page 84.



Defibrillator training with Portmoak residents

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

by Maureen Ross of Kinross Learning Centre

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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.

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Sharp idea brings new life to wee shop

After dropping his children off at school one day, Sean Doherty's attention was drawn to a small, closed up building in Milnathort. Whenever he passed by after that, he would mull over ideas as to what the building could be used for. Few of us would take things any further, but Sean was so intrigued he traced the owner, and asked if he could see inside.

The building, which is at the cross in Milnathort, on the corner of New Road and South Street, is an unusual wedge shape, wider at the front than the back, and was being used simply for storage.



Sean Doherty, owner, and Sharman Marcus, barber, outside The Wee Barber Shop

By this time Sean, who works in the health service, felt he would like to open up some sort of business at the premises, but realised that the size and shape of the building would limit the possibilities. After talking things over with a friend in Fife who runs a barber's shop, Sean decided the place was just big enough for such a business, and offered to buy the premises. Nine months or so later, after a thorough renovation, The Wee Barber Shop is now a very smart addition to the centre of Milnathort, complete with traditional red and white barber's pole and red paintwork.

"I wanted a bit of a retro feel to the place," said Sean, who put a lot of effort into sourcing traditional barber's chairs to complement the white, red and chrome décor inside.

Sean has employed two members of staff so far, Sharman Marcus, a qualified barber, who works full-time, and Fallon West, a qualified hairdresser, who works part-time.

"I'd love to know more about what the building was used for in the past," said Sean, who's been told so far that the premises have variously been used as a garden machinery sharpening service, a bicycle repair shop and, for many years in the mid 20th century, as the office for Aitken's Taxis.

The Wee Barber Shop has been open since February and Sean is now looking to employ a further part-time barber and would welcome enquiries.

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Palms, Plaques and Britannia at Fossoway

Sunday 29 March was a particularly special day for members of Fossoway St Serf's & Devonside and the whole village community as people gathered at the church for a trio of celebrations. Not only was it Palm Sunday, but the Luke plaque was to be dedicated and the occasion also marked the tenth anniversary of the donation of the organ to the church by the late Captain Tony Wilks RN and his wife, Suzie Wilks of Carnbo.

The Luke family, originally from Lecropt by Bridge of Allan, has its roots in Crook of Devon going back generations. There is a plaque in the church commemorating the service of John Luke and his son James as elders and the support of William Luke of Baltimore. In addition, several Luke graves can be found in the churchyard.

The earliest traceable records for the family go back to Patrick Luke and his wife Janet Bow, who were married in June 1691 at St Ninian's in Stirling. Come forward a generation or two and we find John Luke born on 23 February 1762, the fourth son of William Luke and Janet Henderson. He worked at a paper mill in Bridge of Allan and married Christian Gillespie. It is believed that they moved to the Fossoway area in early 1800 but we know that by 1823 they had moved to Waulkmill of Tullibole, where John Luke set up a papermaking business.

Their son John Luke and his wife Isabella Guthrie followed, and took over the tenancy of the Lint Mill at Crook of Devon in 1827. In 1832 the Crook of Devon Mill is described as having one vat and making 'tea' and 'grey' – both types of wrapping papers. When John Luke died in 1881 his third son James took over the Crook of Devon Mill until it was taken over by Robert Livingston in 1904. The mill was closed around 1911.

John Luke and Isabella Guthrie had ten children, all born in Fossoway. Their offspring went on to set up wine and spirit merchants and a printing and publishing business in Edinburgh and to run four paper mills in Denny. Son, William Luke, who emigrated to America in 1852, founded the Piedmont Pulp and Paper Company in 1888. This has grown into the giant MeadWestvaco Corporation, based in Richmond, Virginia. Today the company has offices in 30 countries, but still has a family connection, as John A Luke Jr, the great great grandson of founder William

Luke, is the current chairman and CEO. In 2012 keen genealogist and family member Sarah Timm of Connecticut, who was studying veterinary medicine at Glasgow University, organised a family reunion, and 90 members of the Luke family from all over the world gathered in Glasgow for a week of family festivities. When a coach full of Lukes arrived at Fossoway Church they were lucky enough to have the personal attention of 'tour guides' Jim Christie and Allan Harper.

To celebrate the links between the Lukes and Fossoway, it was decided to commission an artwork by renowned local artist Nichol Wheatley, using money gifted by the Luke family. With everything in place, members of the family were welcomed back on Palm Sunday for the dedication.

The wonderful plaque Nichol created shows every house in the village and surrounding area and is mounted on the wall outside the churchyard for all to see.



The plaque, which depicts every house in Crook of Devon, on the churchyard wall at Fossoway St Serf's and Devonside Church

Members of the junior church, with the help of Dobbies Community Champion Amanda James, planted the beautiful spring garden round the plaque.

Children from Fossoway Primary School created a superb model of the original John Luke Paper Mill, studied the history of paper making and became amateur genealogists, visiting the churchyard to look for Luke family graves, making time lines and a family tree. Their work, and old photographs of the village, were displayed in the church hall for the occasion.

After starting the service in church, the congregation processed out to the plaque led by the junior church waving homemade palm branches. The plaque

was dedicated by the minister, Rev Lis Stenhouse. John Rennie, whose great-great-grandfather Robert Luke was born in the village in 1846, gave an address on behalf of the family.

Back into church, Melinda Luke from Connecticut read the lesson and the junior church performed the Jelly Bean Prayer, and handed out jelly beans!

To mark the tenth anniversary of the dedication of the organ, Bruce Inglis played the Britannia March composed by Tony Wilks. The late Captain A H F Wilks served in the Royal Navy and originally composed the piece in 1970 for full orchestra for the dramatic society while serving at the Indian Staff College. In 1973 it was transposed into the march "Britannia" at the Royal Naval College Dartmouth by the Director of the Royal Marine Band. The march was played on the occasion of H M the Queen's visit to Rosyth naval base in June 1988 and again in 2000 at the Royal Yacht Britannia in Edinburgh.

After the service everyone was invited into the church hall to view the displays and meet the members of the Luke family, including Sarah Timm from America who organised the original Luke Family visit to the village.

If you are in the village do make a point of visiting the plaque; it really is a work of art even down to the trees in the gardens. For a lasting memento of your own, you can purchase a print of the plaque directly from the artist Nichol Wheatley or a 200-piece jigsaw of the plaque, which is being sold at £15 per puzzle to raise funds for the church. (More details from Jo Chisholm on 01577 840668.)

Jo Chisholm

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

Bookbug's Big Bedtime Bash

Wednesday 20 May, 1.30-3.30pm

Bring your little one along to an afternoon of stories and fun at Loch Leven Community Library to celebrate Bookbug Week 2015. Meet Bookbug, enjoy sensory stories, activities, a play session with Live Active and a very special Bookbug Rhymetime at this fun event.

Free event, but booking essential. Suitable for 0-5 years.

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.

McNab 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 newspaper and magazines articles.

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

Film Book Night – Gone Girl

Thursday 11 June at 7pm

Enjoy this film on the BIG screen and participate in the informal, short discussion afterwards, comparing the film to the popular book by Gillian Flynn.

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Open Farm Sunday

Dawes Farming

When was the last time you visited a farm, had a chat with

your local farmer or were curious about how your food is produced? Why not dig out your wellies and come down to Hilton of Aldie Farm near Crook of Devon on **Sunday 7 June** when they will be opening their gates from 11am to 3pm? Colin Dawes and his family will be taking part in this National Open Farm Sunday campaign which is a great way for farmers to show and tell people from all walks of life how your food is produced and give everyone the opportunity to meet the animals up close. Come and milk Daisy the cow, watch the shearing and spin some wool, see the sheep dog round up the flock, enjoy a crackling pig roast or burger for lunch followed by a tasty cake and don't forget to visit the tractors.

If you are a local charity or community group you are welcome to attend with a free stall or activity.

There is a small charge for commercial businesses. If you are interested, contact rebecca@farmerdawes.co.uk. For full information about the event, which will also be raising money for local charities, visit www.farmerdawes.co.uk



Farmer Colin Dawes during a little farmers workshop

Smokehouse opens in Kinross-shire

Food enthusiast Andy Miller has realised a long-term ambition with the opening of his smokehouse in the grounds of Loch Leven's Larder.

Emma Niven of Loch Leven's Larder said, "We are delighted to have the Smokehouse in the grounds of the Larder, giving customers the opportunity to buy quality smoked goods directly from the supplier, and adding something new to our visitor experience."

Ryder Cup auction

There's a chance for members of the public to own a little bit of Ryder Cup history as PKC auctions a collection of street dressing items such as flags, posters and banners used to promote the 2014 golf competition.

Bids can be made up until 11.59pm on Sunday 31 May. All proceeds will go to the two official local Ryder Cup charities: Perth & Kinross Disability Sports and Friends of St Margaret's. More information is available from www.pkc.gov.uk/rydercupauction

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It's not just about the money

Teenage Cancer Trust and Kinross High School find that partnership working has many positive spin offs.

"It's cancer." Two words that nobody wants to hear from their doctor, even more distressing if you are in the 13-24 age category. Every day, seven young people in the UK hear that diagnosis. At present Teenage Cancer Trust reach about half of those and the aim is to provide all of them with the support which they deserve, throughout their treatment, and beyond. With 28 specialist units across the UK, this is a charity that requires a lot of fundraising.

Teenage Cancer Trust aims to provide cancer patients in the 13 - 24 age category with the support which they deserve

In June of last year Kinross High School contacted Sharon Sheridan, Regional Fundraiser for the East of Scotland, to tell her that Teenage Cancer Trust had been selected as their charity of the year. Senior pupils, in consultation with the Pupil Council, made the decision to focus all fundraising for the academic year on Teenage Cancer Trust. After initial discussions, a programme of assemblies was arranged to raise awareness of the work done by Teenage Cancer Trust in their specialist units across the country, and to highlight the five signs of cancer.

Teenage Cancer is no different from any other; the sooner it is detected and treatment begun, the better the survival rate. It's not the easiest of topics to discuss with young people but the presentations were tailored to the age of the audience. Each session finished with questions from the audience and with follow up discussion in Social Education.

Senior pupils visited the unit at the Western General in Edinburgh and reported back about their experiences. "What struck me was the smell," said S6 pupil Mhairi Boyle. "It didn't have the hospital smell, it smelt like a normal place". This is the result of specialist air conditioning units, proof of the lengths that Teenage Cancer Trust will go to make the young people feel comfortable.

The S6 pupils organised themselves into groups, depending on their study column, and took responsibility for different events and ventures. Each group had two representatives on the overseeing committee, which met regularly with Depute Headteacher Hugh Cairnie to ensure that the fundraising momentum was maintained.

Money was accumulated through events and ventures which most schools already do. Badges and T-shirts were sold. Non-uniform days were held. A joint staff and S6 pupils' coffee morning proved so successful, three were held. Tea and coffee were provided "free of charge" at Parents' Evenings, although the bucket on the table did exert a little pressure to make a contribution. Christmas presented an opportunity to increase turnover with specially designed gift cards and greetings cards available to purchase.

Individuals stepped up to the mark and showed how enterprising they could be. Four S1 girls ran a number of stalls across the community and raised over £1600 among them. An S4 girl produced, directed and starred in a musical show

as part of a local music festival and raised over £1000. Not to be outdone, one S6 boy produced a calendar of photographs taken on his Gold Duke of Edinburgh expedition and another pupil raised money by getting his head shaved. Head Girl Heather Sturgeon raised money by running a 10k event and used the "Just Giving" site as an easy way for out-of-school donations.

There is a sense of satisfaction that comes with seeing your contribution help the total tick over but what else has been gained? "Business experience," explains S6 senior prefect Isla Simpson. "I was in charge of designing and sourcing badges. We discussed at length whether we should order a larger amount at a lower unit price or a smaller amount at a larger unit price. We went for the smaller amount and sold out. We were very happy not to be left with unsold goods, a lesson I'm certainly taking with me when I start my business." The running of a number of events allowed pupils to gain many skills. "Organising events and especially people was not easy", says S6 Pamela Shah. "I had the responsibility for leading the organisation of a concert by Tayside Big Band. I never imagined how difficult it would be to sell tickets, but we managed. I now feel confident that I could do it again and do it better. I see the value in delegating jobs and allowing people to develop their ideas rather than telling everyone how it should be done."

Kinross High School is addressing the wider achievement agenda through their school-based Key Challenges. Pupils are given the opportunity to identify targets in many areas and work towards them over a number of weeks. Many pupils have used their involvement in fundraising for Teenage Cancer Trust to further their Key Challenges.

Kinross High School have so far raised £12,500 for Teenage Cancer Trust

Head Boy Fred Culley tells us that the total currently stands at £12,500. "There is a positive feeling about us all working together and a sense of pride in what we have achieved. In the present economic climate, we can't expect everyone to be willing or able to contribute so we made our events by donation rather than a fixed amount. Dress up or down days were held but with no expectation of contributions from everyone."

Sharon from the charity says, "Working with the staff and pupils at Kinross High School has been an absolute pleasure. The funds that they have raised to date is incredible, but equally important for us is that we are able to get the correct message delivered to the 1000 pupils that attend Kinross High about the five main signs of cancer. Having delivered these sensitive, engaging talks means that young people have been empowered to speak to a health professional with confidence about changes they may have noticed within their bodies and ask to be referred for further checks. We would just like to say a huge thank you to all the staff and pupils for choosing to support Teenage Cancer Trust and we would welcome the opportunity to engage with other schools going forward."

By the Kinross High School S6 charity organisers

Voluntary arts groups to be mapped

An exciting new project, mapping cultural groups, venues, services and organisations across Perth & Kinross, is underway and continues until June.

'Pathways: Getting connected in the voluntary arts' will build a picture of the various arts groups and meetings spaces in the area. The idea is to see how easy it is for people to access cultural activity in their local area, and what provisions there are for them. It is a joint project between Voluntary Arts Scotland, Creative Scotland and Perth & Kinross Council.



The Pathways Project would like to hear from arts groups

The types of group the project is interested in finding out more about are: dance, drama, circus, music, choirs, festivals, craft, gaming, visual arts, digital art, heritage, literature, language, film, photography, cooking and gardening.

Perth & Kinross has been chosen because the mix of rural and urban locations make it similar to Scotland as a whole, which

will help inform how this project could be done on a national scale.

"We think it's important to understand how voluntary arts groups fit into the bigger picture in their communities," says Voluntary Arts Scotland Director, Jemma Neville, "and would like to know what spaces and venues they use or need, how they promote what they do, and who they rely on for support and training. We believe it should be easier for people to locate opportunities to 'get creative' in their local area and the information we gather could eventually form a searchable directory of voluntary arts activity in Scotland."

Find out more at the website pathwaysvas.com where an online survey can be taken.

New website for creative people

A new website for creative people living, working or visiting Perth & Kinross has been launched. perthshirecreates.co.uk provides a way of connecting creative talent and shining the cultural spotlight on the Perth & Kinross area.

Funded by Creative Scotland through the Perth and Kinross Place Partnership, the website will showcase work, events and opportunities across various disciplines.

Currently featuring on the website are: Women of the World Festival, Pathways: Voluntary Arts (see related article above), Perth Festival of the Arts, Perthshire Open Studios and other exhibitions.

Creative people can get involved by sending information on their activities or by using the hashtag #PerthshireCreates

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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.

First World War Timeline

January – May 1915

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| Jan | 1 | Allied offensive in Artois and Champagne begins. It continues to 30 March. |
| Jan | 19-20 | First German Zeppelin raid on Britain. |
| Feb | 4 | Germany declares a blockade of Britain. U-boat attacks on Allied and neutral shipping begin. |
| Feb | 19 | Allied offensive in the Dardanelles begins. |
| Mar | 1 | First sinking of a passenger ship, the British liner <i>Falaba</i> . |
| Mar | 11 | Britain declares a blockade of German ports. |
| Apr | 22 | Beginning of the Second Battle of Ypres, which continues to May 25; the first use of poison gas. |
| Apr | 25 | Allied forces land at Gallipoli. |
| Apr | 26 | Britain, France, Russia and Italy sign the secret Treaty of London. |
| May | 2 | Austro-German offensive in Galicia begins. |
| May | 7 | German U-boat U20 sinks the British liner <i>Lusitania</i> with the loss of 1,201 lives, including 128 American citizens. |
| May | 9 | Second Battle of Artois begins. |
| May | 23 | Italy declares war on Austria-Hungary. |

Kinross-shire Roll of Honour, May 1915

2 May	Alex Doig	15 May	William Wood
4 May	John Miller	17 May	George Sharp
9 May	Neil McLean	20 May	William B J Reid
9 May	Thomas Ross	21 May	John Meldrum
14 May	Peter Anderson	23 May	Stuart Miller

The Second Battle of Ypres

Comprising four major engagements between German and Allied forces extending from 22 April to 25 May 1915, the Second Battle of Ypres was fought to gain control of the Flemish town of Ypres, a strategic location in Western Belgium. It was the only major offensive launched by the Germans on the Western Front in 1915.

On 25 April G Company of the 7th Battalion, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, went into action to recapture the village of St Julien, three miles north-east of Ypres. This was the first set piece battle of the war for the Battalion.

The Battalion came under heavy artillery and machine gun fire with many casualties, but remained firm. During two days of fighting the 7th Argylls lost six officers and 100 other ranks killed, six officers and 175 other ranks wounded and 150 other ranks missing. It was in this battle that William Keay Falconer junior and six other Kinross men were killed.

It was at the beginning of the Second Battle of Ypres that the German Army first used chlorine gas.



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The effects of plant and agricultural equipment theft go beyond the replacement of stolen equipment when additional losses are incurred as they affect victims' day-to-day work.

Access and yard security:

- Keep farmyard gates closed and locked wherever possible.
- Consider securing access to site overnight and during the day when unattended.
- Consider installation of electronic remote controlled gates for ease of daily access.
- Consider using security lighting in yards and drives.
- Lock equipment out of sight in secure alarmed storage areas.

Vehicle security:

- Lock and secure cars, tractors and other vehicles when unattended.
- Ensure the vehicle cab is fitted with lockable windows.
- Consider 'Autoglass/NFU' partnership free security glass etching service for NFU Mutual customers.
- Consider fitting mechanical locking systems.
- Consider immobilizers, VHF and GPS Tracker devices for high value agricultural vehicles.
- Lock up and secure All Terrain Vehicles (ATV)/quad bikes with suitable locking devices or heavy-duty security chains and padlocks.
- Wherever possible secure agricultural vehicles and equipment out of sight in enclosed, locked, alarmed storage areas when not in use and overnight.

Home and Personal Security

Going away on holiday

Make your home look like someone is living in it:

- Use automatic timer-switches to turn your lights and radios on when it goes dark.
- Cancel any newspaper or milk deliveries.
- Use the Royal Mail's 'Keepsafe' service - they keep your mail for up to two months while you're away. Mail sitting on your doorstep is a sign that you are away.
- Trusted neighbours may be able to help you by collecting your post, opening and closing curtains and they could park their car on your driveway.
- Avoid discussing holiday plans on public social networking sites - burglars can use any information you post on there to their advantage.

Staying safe from robbery

- If you have to walk alone at night, take extra care. Stay on roads that are well lit and relatively busy.
- Plan your route in advance.
- Avoid shortcuts that involve alleyways or walking across parks or commons unless they are well-lit.
- If you're carrying a bag, try to have it across your chest and keep your hand over the fastening.
- Be aware of your surroundings and stay alert to what's going on around you.
- Be careful with your electronics; talking on a mobile phone, listening to an MP3 player or carrying a laptop bag shows thieves that you have something to steal.
- Don't carry important documents or credit cards that you do not need.
- Only take your wallet out when you need to.
- If you think you are being followed, cross the road or go into a shop and stay there until you're sure you're safe.

Safeguard your mobile phone

Having your phone stolen is a hassle. It's not just the handset you lose; it's the numbers, messages and photos too. Thieves are opportunists, so don't make yourself an easy target. Knowing how to protect your mobile and keep it safe will save you a lot of inconvenience and stress.

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- Keep it in one of your front pockets or inside a bag.
- Don't attach it to your belt or around your neck.
- If you're making a call on your mobile in a public area, make sure you always keep an eye on what's going on around you.
- Try to avoid using your mobile phone in public at night. If you do have to use your phone, try to find an area that's well lit.
- Avoid getting out your phone at train stations and bus stops, as these are areas that thieves target.

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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



Stop press – Kinross businesses

Late April: Police report that a number of business properties have been targeted and attempts have been made to force entry. Ensure your property is secure. Members of the public, please report suspicious activity by calling 101.

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 April Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 1 April 2015 were: CCllrs D Collar (Chair), W Freeman, I Jack, D West, B Davies and M Scott; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and D Cuthbert; Sgt Goodison and another police representative and three members of the public.

Apologies were received from CCllrs G Thomas and M Blyth and P&K Cllr Giacopazzi.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Police Report: The Commander's Bulletin is received on a weekly basis. The Community Sergeant for Kinross, Geoffrey Goodison, introduced himself. His colleague provided details of recent crimes in the area which included vandalism to the Hospice Gift Shop and a parked car in Montgomery Way and also a break in to a High Street property. There have been disturbances from youths in the centre of town. An update was given in relation to the youth presence at Millbridge Hall. Discussions have been held with the organisers from the local youth club to address this problem.

The police also reported on doorstep crime, i.e. bogus callers and rogue traders. Another alert was in relation to advance payment for works and in providing bank details - in certain cases a considerable amount of money has been lost. Anything suspicious should be reported to the Police. Information leaflets providing advice from the Police are available.

The launch of Perth and Kinross Community Watch takes place on 30 April.

Town Centre Regeneration: Letters were circulated to businesses and residents in the area and work started on 30 March from the Station Road Junction. We were not aware that works were to be carried out to this area at the junction, and had understood the work was to commence from the Co-operative.

Campus: PKC are reviewing the use of community campuses and charges in an effort to make the running as efficient as possible. It was agreed that we write to PKC with a request for more details regarding their proposals and, if possible, for Mr Borland to attend a CC meeting.

Local Development Plan: Cllr Giacopazzi arranged for forms to be made available. CCllr Colliar questioned whether the CC representations were submitted. CCllr Colliar will

attend to this. Comment was made that Wallace Land asked that H46 be again considered for housing; they have amended the access route, and, thus the possibility may arise of the decision not to include this being overruled.

Planning: Cllr Cuthbert advised that his request for CCs to be treated as Statutory Consultees, with an objection automatically referring a planning application to the Council's Planning Committee, was rejected. It was explained that the Convener decides who should address the meeting. This was discussed further. Cllr Barnacle endorsed the comments made by Cllr Cuthbert and added that the various issues raised by CCs were dismissed. It was suggested that a Forum meeting should be arranged and the Convener and Officers invited to attend.

Newsletter Fund disbursements: Kinross Primary School: An application received with a request for £2,000 to purchase 30 iPads to support the learning of digital technology. Various questions raised by CCllrs were answered by CCllr Davies and Mr Bryson from the Primary School Parent Association. A proposal was made by CCllr Colliar that we award them £2,000 and this was seconded by CCllr West. Agreed.

Kinross-shire Partnership: We have not heard from them. CCllr Davies confirmed that he had referred to the conditions in the information passed to CCllr Watson.

Kinross Buildings: Former High School site: Persimmon have yet to submit an application. **County Buildings:** The building works are progressing and a café is to open in May.

Primary School: No further development here. **Mill Street:** Car park now complete and operational.

CC Vacancy: There was one interested party; an application form has been made available. CCllr West advised that he had a suitable candidate, however the person had changed their mind about applying.

CC Election: CCllr Colliar advised that the last election was in November 2011. The cycle is every four years so we believe there should be an election in November this year.

Planning Applications

15/00355/FLL Former warehouse, Pier Road: erection of two dwelling houses and garages. The proposals were for three-storey. The height of Causeway Court was mentioned, thus the proposed building would not be out of character. CCllrs Colliar and Freeman to look again at the application and should it be necessary revert back to the CC.

15/00415/FLL Former Loch Leven Health Centre: change of use from Health Centre (Class 2) to retail units (Class 1), nursery (Class 10) and five flats and erection of block of 10 flats. The CC objected to their last application on the grounds that the flats were to be three-storey. The new application is for two-storey to tone in with the surrounding buildings. Parking is to be provided for both the flats and the retail units. CCllr Davies stated that he was concerned in relation to the parking and CCllr Jack added that flats were not appropriate for the area and would upset the whole visual balance. Both the present Health Centre and the Swimming Pool sit back from the road and have flat roofs. A vote was taken and two were against the application with three in agreement.

15/00081/FLM T in the Park, Strathallan: No comment.

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Community Council News

Planning Applications approved by PKC

15/00175/FLL 5 Fruix, Gairneybridge: alt/extension to house.
14/02177/FLL Land 100 metres southwest of SNH, Pier Road: erection of a pipe bridge and installation of a gantry crane and plant (in retrospect).

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

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

15/00205/FLL 5 Carsegour Steadings: modification of permission 14/01195/FLL (alt to dwelling house) to alter roof height and reposition dormers.

Planning application withdrawn: 14/01609/FLL Former Loch Leven Health Centre, change of use from Health Centre (Class 2) to retail units (Class 1), nursery (Class 10) and 5 flats and erection of 15 flats.

Reports from Councillors

Cllr Cuthbert reported that the street lights in Gallowhill Road are to be replaced with aluminium poles and LED. The works have commenced to improve the town centre. In relation to Millbridge Hall, a number of services are now involved, i.e. Youth Club organisers, police etc and discussions have been held on addressing any problems with youths. Street football has been mentioned.

Cllr Barnacle questioned whether signage could be incorporated into the works in the town centre; spoke on the subject of the budget; mentioned the A977 mitigation measures in relation to the Main Issues Report, his meeting with Transform Scotland in regard to rail travel and the policy regarding travellers sites. He added that Devon Vale was not included in the Landscape Sites and that a vote on an amendment was rejected by two votes. He has asked for this to be reconsidered.

Correspondence

Adopt a Kiosk: Communication from PKC with regard to adopting an unused telephone kiosk. In other areas kiosks have been converted into a grocery shop, a wildlife information centre and art gallery. Used for school projects and the Community Heartbeat Trust charity has installed defibrillators in several local phone boxes. The cost is £1.00. It was agreed that we should hire available kiosks in Kinross - High Street and Muirs. The school(s) might wish to carry out a project. We could also use one as an information point.

Kinross CC notice board: Once the improvements are in place we would lose access to the notice board in the High Street. A suggestion was made that it could be moved to the Kirklands Hotel bus shelter. The Secretary to check this with PKC.

Gritting and snow clearing: PKC requesting comments in relation to this service; deadline 17 April. Only comment raised was in relation to the A977. This road has not been trunked and, as such, does not receive adequate attention and is not maintained from 9pm to 6pm. This road is used by heavy volumes of traffic (in particular HGVs) and is a strategic and alternative route to the Forth Road Bridge. We are to write to the Council.

Levenfield Path/Heatheryford: We are to ask that this path be Adopted by the Council.

A9/A85 Link Road for Phase I of the Perth Transport Futures Project: link available to FAQs.

Regional Transport Strategy: Tactran has undertaken a refresh of the RTS covering the period 2008 to 2023 following on consultation with various bodies. The draft RTS refresh document, covering the period 2015 - 2036, along with an accompanying Strategic Environmental Assessment and Equalities Impact Assessment are now the subject of a six-week consultation, commencing 27 March and ending 8 May. Documents available online.

Hatchbank/Gairneybank: Proposal for 30/40 mph speed limited to be introduced. Asking for comments.

20 mph speed limit: Copy Notice received intimating the Council's proposal to make the Order.

Millbridge: Cllr Giacomazzi advised that tree pruning to the side and rear is to be carried out within the next three months. He has still to hear from the lighting department in response to his request for additional illumination to the rear of the hall.

Dog bin, old railway track: A resident complained about the dog bin at the end of the old railway walk. The site is muddy and water logged and lies in a dip. She suggested that a better location would be nearer the path on the other side as the ground is not as muddy. Cllr Cuthbert will look into this.

Other Business

Station Road: Cllr Jack raised the matter of the overgrown trees in Station Road. The sign to the bypass is blocked.

Motorway fencing in this area has deteriorated further. This is the responsibility of Bear Scotland. We are to write requesting that they repair this and/or attend a CC meeting.

CC funding: Cllr Jack raised this issue with the Councillors. The current policy of topping up the grant to £700 has created a problem for the CC. There has not been an increase in the grant in many years. Due to the policy endorsed by the Council, and the drastic funding cut, we do not have the funds available to pay over the agreed £500 towards the upkeep of the CC website. The Treasurer added that there is no way that

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@7pm

Thursday Evenings - Community Campus
@5.30pm & 6.45pm

we can continue to pay £500 to the website from these funds and added that the account does not have an overdraft facility. Mention was made to the fact that this proposal was not taken at Committee level; a recommendation was made and passed, and no consultation was offered. All CCs will now be struggling financially due to this change. It was agreed that a Forum meeting be called to discuss this matter and other issues. The CC are also to write to the Chief Executive to make it clear that they are unable to function due to these financial measures in relation to the funding. It was also suggested that we copy this communication to the Communities Minister at Scottish Parliament. A suggestion was made that we could approach the Newsletter for funding for the website.

Survey: A request was made by a student at Glasgow Caledonian University for us to complete a survey on T in the Park. This is towards her dissertation. CCllr Colliar will attend to this.

The Next Meeting (and AGM) of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 6 May 2015 at 7.30pm at the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

Agenda for the AGM

1. Apologies for absence
2. Chairman's report
3. Minutes of meeting held on 7 May 2014
4. Treasurer's report and accounts
5. Appointment of officers
6. Any other business

Agenda for the May Meeting

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of interest
3. Minutes of meeting of 1 April 2015
4. Police report
5. CC elections 2015
6. Matters arising from the minutes of 1 April 2015
7. Newsletter re disbursements of funds
8. Kinross buildings
9. CC vacancy
10. Planning matters
11. Reports from P&K Councillors
12. Miscellaneous correspondence
13. Other competent business
14. Date of next meeting (3 June 2015)

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

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 Secondors 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 April Meeting

CCllr Pettinger, Secretary, chaired the meeting held on Thursday 9 April 2015. He welcomed CCllrs Halford, Smith and Thomson. Also in attendance were P&K Cllr Robertson and four members of the public.

Apologies were received from CCllrs Hamilton, Milne-Home, Bennet and Cottingham, and from P&K Cllrs Barnacle, Cuthbert and Giacomazzi.

Police matters: The Chair read out extracts from the Police reports. He advised that there had been little crime locally, but further afield there had been reports of serious assaults (including one at Bridge of Tilt), bogus callers, thefts from agricultural and works vehicles (including a quad-bike, and a JCB which had been subsequently recovered), and various scams. He also warned about internet scams generally.

A member of the public raised the issue of continued illegal/inappropriate parking at the junction of Back Loan and Victoria Avenue, despite action by the Police following previous reports. The Chair also drew attention to inappropriate parking on the kerb close to the pedestrian crossing in New Road near the Cross, which blocked the pavement. Other concerns raised included reports of vehicles hitting deer (particularly dangerous at this time of year as the does sought grazing with their fawns), instances of cyclists riding without lights, what appeared to be a serious accident south of Kinross on the Ballingry Road near the rifle range, and a car, clearly speeding, whilst heading into the village from the north east on the A91. PC Wilson undertook to follow up these reports. He also advised people to report incidents to Police Scotland, providing the registration number of the vehicle where possible; although car drivers reported as speeding by members of the public were not liable to prosecution, Police Scotland could issue an ASBO to the driver where appropriate. PC Wilson briefed the meeting about a Community Watch initiative – a web-based community messaging system delivering e-mail community safety information from a range of agencies – which had been successfully piloted in Highland Perthshire. He invited people to attend the launch of the Perth and Kinross Community Watch at Kinross Police Station on Thursday 30 April. Participating agencies included Police Scotland, The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, The National Farmers Union, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Scottish and Southern Energy and Neighbourhood Watch. CCllr Pettinger agreed to attend.

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Matters arising

MCC objections to Planning: Cllr Robertson advised that although the matter had not been discussed at the recent Member Officer Working Group (MOWG) meeting at PKC, he had been assured that the new arrangements, whereby PKC planners would give more weight to CCs' objections, had been implemented.

Local footpath damage: The Chair reported that CCllr Bennet had worked with Dave Stubbs, PKC, to provide several notices in the vicinity of the Kinross-shire Community Woodland near Burleigh Castle, warning riders about damaging and inappropriate use of footpaths during wet conditions.

Traveller' sites: RDB5b update: Cllr Robertson advised that, in his view, PKC was predisposed to grant planning permission to allow travellers owning land to set up sites there, sometimes in spite of other planning considerations. The issue had not yet been discussed at the MOWG reported above.

Scottish Water works: The Chair had contacted the Communication Officer at Scottish Water, and had been advised that the scheme intended for Milnathort would be progressed, but implementation was currently delayed.

INEOS shale gas: The Chair had attended the INEOS meeting with communities on 19 March, together with CCllrs Hamilton and Milne-Home. INEOS presented their plans, followed by a Question and Answer session. From that meeting he understood that INEOS intended to carry out detailed geophysical investigations in the central belt over a period of two years. Although INEOS had been granted license to extract shale gas in the Fife area, it was unlikely that gas extraction in the vicinity of Milnathort would be commercially viable. INEOS had agreed to forward copies of the presentation to attendees, but thus far copies have not been received by Milnathort CCllrs.

Planning applications: The following applications in Milnathort were discussed. No objections were raised, but see item on Ochils Hospital site under New Matters.

15/00187/FLL Erection of a dwelling house, Plot 3, land to the north of Kellieside for Mr and Mrs Douglas Oliver.

15/00472/FLL Installation of roof-mounted PV solar panels at Blairfield for Kirkforthar Potato Company Ltd.

The MCC also noted the following application in Kinross:

15/00415/FLL Change of use from health centre (Class 2) to retail units (Class 1), nursery (Class 10) and five flats at former Loch Leven health Centre, Kinross for GS Brown Construction.

New Matters and Correspondence: The MCC discussed the following new matters:

15/00360/MPO: Development of erection of 35 dwelling houses, site of former Ochil Hills Hospital: The Chair advised that he had read the planning application which appeared to be a legal document proposing that PKC should grant planning permission to the developer without time-limit, subject to the applicant agreeing to pay contribution costs in line with new developments. Following a lengthy discussion, during which the meeting was advised that the intended development of the former Ochil Hills Hospital (a brownfield site) had been a protracted affair with seemingly little progress, Cllr Robertson agreed to raise the issue with PKC officers, and to report at the next MCC meeting.

Adopt a Telephone Kiosk: The Chair reported that he had been advised of an initiative to allow communities to make use of redundant public telephone kiosks. He had little information, but agreed to follow the scheme up and to report at the next meeting. (Note: the kiosk at the Cross is still functioning.)

Insurance: The Chair advised that he had received a summary of PKC CCs' insurance cover from October 2014 to September 2015. He noted that the maximum number of attendees at any CC event the insurance covered was 250, but for more, special cover was required.

The People's Perspective Conference: The Chair advised that he had received notice of a Conference, organised by 'Planning Democracy' to address: 'Planning: The People's Perspective' to be held at the Trades Hall, Glasgow on Saturday 25 April.

SSE power outages: The Chair had received notification from SSE of planned power outages in the Tayside area. None of these, however, showed the outages in Milnathort during the evening of 8 April 2015. The Chair agreed to seek information from SSE.

P&K Councillors' Comments

Bicycles on pavements: Cllr Robertson reported that there had been several instances of youths riding bicycles on pavements. He noted that many houses in the village have doors giving direct access onto the pavement, and warned that residents could be liable to harm from cyclists when exiting their houses.

Boundary changes: Cllr Robertson advised that the Boundary Commission was investigating boundary changes for Councils. (See page 4.) He undertook to report progress at the next MCC meeting.

Other Matters

Festival: CCllr Thomson advised that the next Milnathort Festival would be held on the first weekend in June 2015, during which shopkeepers/businesses would be asked to decorate a Christmas tree placed in their window; she suggested that MCC should award a prize for the best tree. CCllr Pettinger agreed in principle but would check whether MCC was permitted to use its funds for such purposes.

The AGM of Milnathort CC, followed by next meeting, will take place on Thursday 14 May 2015 in Orwell Church Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

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Portmoak Community Council News from the April Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 14 April 2015 were: CCllrs B Calderwood (Deputy Chairman), R Cairncross (Secretary), R Williamson (Treasurer), S Forde and T Smith; Ward Councillors M Barnacle, D Cuthbert and W Robertson; PC Rhiannon Lorimer and nine members of the public.

Apologies were received from CCllr M Strang Steel and Ward Councillor Joe Giacomazzi.

Closure of Levensen Nursing home, Glenlomond: The developer had been in contact with the Glenlomond Residents Association. An architect had been appointed with a view to the construction of some 15 detached homes. It was believed that the current sewage provision could suffice although improved efficiency would be explored.

New Local Development Plan (LDP2): Main Issues Report - Call for Issues and Sites. The CC had submitted its Report to PKC. This would shortly be placed on the CC website. The CC had made no submission in respect of sites suitable for development.

Portmoak Community Woodland: A representative of the Portmoak Community Woodland Group presented the CC with a copy of the formal report to the Group entitled *Management Options for Portmoak Moss*. This is an important and unique local resource. Portmoak residents can read the Report online at www.portmoakcc.org.uk and copies are also available in the Kinnesswood Shop and Library (the old telephone box).

Police Report: PC Lorimer was welcomed. The problems of speculative bogus workmen were highlighted and the public encouraged to report concerns to the police. The CC received the monthly Police Report. There had been vandalism to a car in a Scotlandwell driveway and thefts of a quad bike from Kinnesswood and of a JCB telescopic handler from Kirkness Farm (both recovered with inquiries underway). The CC noted the Commander's Bulletins of 19 & 26 March, and of 2 and 9 April. The Chairman and Secretary had had a useful meeting with our Community Sergeants, Amanda Nicolson and Geoffrey Goodison, covering theft detection, reporting and prevention. A provision to include "accident reporting" within the monthly police report would be examined. New arrangements for a community watch scheme would be introduced shortly.

Treasurer's Report: CC's accounts at end of March 2015: balance of £66.92 in the General Account and £ 416.92 in the Michael Bruce Way Account giving a total of £483.88.

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Planning Report

New Applications

15/00449/FLL Land 200m north west of Findatie Farm: Erection of 16 holiday lodges and associated works relating to levels, landscaping, access and drainage for the whole site and chalet details and siting for plots 2 – 5 inclusive. There had been a previous application in principle on which the CC had commented. Decision: No comment or objection.

15/00476/FLL 16 Whitecraigs, Kinnesswood, Extension to dwelling house. Decision: No comment or objection.

15/00338/FLL Leven Cottage, Wester Balgedie: Extension to dwelling house, erection of garage and installation of solar panels. There had been a previous application on which the CC had commented. Decision: No comment or objection.

15/00343/FLL Land 150m south west of Beechpark, Mid Bowhouse: Erection of dwelling house. Decision: No comment or objection.

These were the unanimous decisions of the CC.

Immediately before the meeting the CC received notice of the following applications, all of which would require comment in advance of the next meeting of the CC:

15/00464/FLL Former Causeway Cottage, Scotlandwell: Modification of permission 09/00936/FLL Erection of dwelling house, change of house type.

15/00506/CON Former Lomond Inn, Main Street, Kinross: Demolition of buildings.

15/00562/FLL Greenhead Farmhouse, The Arnot Estate, Leslie: Erection of a wind turbine access and associated works.

15/00565/FLL Land 200m south of Springfield Farm, Wester Balgedie: Erection of a dwelling house.

The CC would seek an extension of the 15/00506/CON (Former Lomond Inn) until after the next CC meeting due on 12 May.

Progress with applications: 14/02099/FLL and 15/00194/FLL: Site west of Main Street, Scotlandwell: Modification of permission 08/01059/FLL (erection of 16 dwelling houses) change of house type, plot 15. Site plans had now been amended to include the footpath from the Wellside development to The Green and, as a consequence, the CC had withdrawn its objections. A meeting with the developer to review outstanding matters would be arranged.

PKC Member Officer Working Group (planning) (MOG): Cllr Barnacle reported that many of the recommendations to improve the planning process identified at a meeting of all Kinross CCs had been recognised but not effectively addressed by the MOG. Cllr Cuthbert (although not a member of the MOG) had contributed relevant papers to the meeting and been invited to participate. The CC regretted that he had been prevented from speaking.

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Roads Report

- **West Bowhouse section of the A911:** The CC acknowledged the decision of PKC (John Thomson, Principal Engineer) that the relevant condition in the original planning consent dealing with required sightlines was inappropriate and could not be delivered by the applicant. It was disappointed that speed restrictions would not be applied to mitigate the risk of further accidents. It appreciated that a new sign indicating a concealed entrance would be added and that the sign warning of bends would be upgraded.
- **Build-out illumination:** The build-outs within Kinnesswood and at the entrance approaching from Easter Balgedie had been "dark" for some four months. PKC have reported that the problems are due to water ingress and that the lights are to be replaced. As a matter of routine the condition of these build-outs would be reported to Clarence.
- **Speeding traffic within Scotlandwell:** The CC noted the concerns of a resident at the speed of traffic passing the build-out on the Leslie Road. This made it difficult for adults with children to cross the road.
- **Consultation on proposed 20 mph speed limit – Main Street, Bruce Road and Buchan Avenue, Kinnesswood:** The CC welcomed PKC proposals to create: permanent and mandatory 20mph limits as specified (to include Whitecraigs); and a permanent and part time 20 mph speed limit on a short section of Main Street. These will add to road safety in the immediate vicinity of Portmoak Primary School. However, before confirming the arrangements in respect of Main Street, Kinnesswood, the CC believes that it is now timely to consider the cogent case for similar permanent and mandatory 20mph speed limits along Main Street, Kinnesswood and Main Street (with part of Leslie Road), Scotlandwell. The ability of pedestrians to move safely within these villages is important. In both villages pavements are either non-existent or extremely narrow and often make road crossing a necessity. In places it can be dangerous e.g: crossing between the shop and garage in Kinnesswood; and around build-outs where a minority of motorists may accelerate to pass rather than wait. The A911 is a relatively narrow road with around 3,500 vehicles per 24hrs. The CC acknowledges that the exact placement of such limits within the villages would require careful evaluation. The CC would respond accordingly.

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Shop	Main Street, Kinnesswood
Fossway Store	Crook of Devon
Mona's Coffee Shop	Muckhart
Powmill Milk Bar	Powmill
Moto Shop	Turfhills

Paths Report, Cllr Tom Smith: With the spring, voluntary work maintaining the Michael Bruce Way had recommenced. A grant from Tesco had enabled the purchase of a strimmer and bush cutter. Plans were in hand for further fund raising to support work on paths and to introduce better signage across the Portmoak path network. Anyone wishing to join the Paths Group or to help with its work should contact Tom Smith (tel 841160).

Stephen's Field: Preparations for a ballot of the community on the future of the field would be taken forward shortly. Portmoak residents would have the opportunity to record their views either online or by completing a paper ballot return.

Portmoak Church Cemetery: Cllr Robertson confirmed that the cemetery was almost at capacity. Perth and Kinross Council will advise on plans to increase capacity.

Superfast broadband and Scotlandwell: PKC has advised that 224 lines around Kinnesswood (just under one half of Portmoak homes) now have access to next generation broadband. Plans to extend this to homes in and around Wester Balgedie and Glenlomond were in hand. Unfortunately current deployment planning does not currently provide for Scotlandwell and nearby settlements. This situation may change and residents are encouraged to register with Digital Scotland to be kept informed and to regularly check provision: www.digitalscotland.org/whereandwhen

Ward Councillor Reports: The following were raised:

- Failure to include the Cleish Hills and the River Devon and its Gorge as designated Special Landscape Areas within draft Supplementary Guidance. Cllr Barnacle has sought that this decision be reviewed.
- PKC had an interest in improving the environment of red squirrels. They were at risk as a pox carried by grey squirrels could affect them. There had been recent sightings across Portmoak especially at the Moss.
- Advance notice of a Boundary Commission proposal was given. The intention could be to significantly reduce the size of the Kinross Ward (which closely approximates to the boundaries of the old Kinross Council) and the number of its councillors to three. (See p.4.) Consultation will follow in due course.

Matters previously notified to the Secretary etc

Request from Kinnesswood in Bloom (KIB): The CC will write in support of their plans to landscape and improve land between Lavender Walk and Mrs Clydesdale's Garden.

The AGM and next meeting of Portmoak Community Council will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 12 May 2015 at Portmoak School.

Portmoak CC minutes are posted on the website

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Fossoway & District CC News from the April Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 7 April 2015 were: CCllrs S Morrison, K Borthwick, T Duffy, A Lavery and G Pye; P&K Cllrs D Cuthbert and W Robertson and six Members of the Public (MoP).

Apologies were received from CCllr A Cheape and P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and J Giacopazzi.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Police report: PC Sadie Allan attended, and a report had 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 agricultural machinery, 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.

The CC asked PC Allan to remind Ron Brady, of Easter Muirhead stables, of his responsibility to keep the road by his property clear of mud for road safety reasons.

We've received notice about the launch of Community Watch, which is a new service replacing Rural Watch. Members of the CC will attend the launch meeting.

Cllr Robertson met with Chief Inspector Mike Whitford to discuss why Community Speed Watch is being launched in the Highland Region but not here. The explanation is that the scheme being deployed in the Highlands is not the same as here; its volunteers record speeds and report them to Police. PKC's Community Safety Officer is investigating and will give us details as to whether something like that could be done in our area. Volunteers will need to be trained and Police checked.

Blairingone War Memorial: Work to be carried out in spring.

Crook Moss Travellers' site: Cllr Robertson introduced a paper, prepared by Cllrs Cuthbert and Barnacle, about the situation at this site to the 17th March DMC. He explained that the DMC needs to issue an ultimatum. The paper was discussed at length and the DMC members agreed that a report would be published in six months' time, and if the majority of the planning conditions have still not been met by then, then the planning permission would be withdrawn.

Cllr Robertson had asked Environmental Health why offending generators were not confiscated when noise reports were received, and was told that lack of power could create a health risk for the users.

If noise complaints continue to be received, then Cllr Cuthbert will be pressing for fixed penalties to be imposed on the users.

Glenquey Quarry: An appeal against the refusal of the planning application has been lodged. Any additional objections need to be lodged with the Scottish Ministers by 9 April.

Blairingone Community Workshop: No progress.

Lambhill Chipping plant: Cllr Cuthbert reports that the decision letter refusing permission was issued on 25 March. It's not clear whether the stop order has actually been issued. John Anderson wishes to thank Brian Stanford for his assistance in this matter.

Landscape areas in Kinross-shire: Cllr Robertson reports that this came before the planning committee last month, unfortunately Cllr Barnacle's motion to add the Cleish Hills, and Devon Gorge was defeated, although the remainder of the paper was approved. There may still be an opportunity to designate these two areas via the Main Issues Report.

A977 defects and mitigation measures: Cllr Cuthbert is challenging the published traffic statistics which show a much lower number of HGVs than is generally perceived. A survey conducted by a local resident nearly 15 years ago showed 4856 vehicles per day, of which 14% were HGVs, and it's difficult to believe that those numbers have not significantly increased since then.

Waulkmill Play Area: The park is now open! The old container has been removed. MoP reports that the play area is being well used; however the level difference between the ends of the Flying Fox is not sufficient to make it work. Cllr Robertson will look into this problem.

Main Issues Report: A response was submitted on behalf of this CC, which included the following points: Appropriate business development in rural areas, e.g. craft workshops; Emphasis on brownfield site development in town centres; Village development should be central rather than linear; Pre-emptive provision of sites for travellers by PKC; Overarching policy for windfarm development; Closer liaison with Scottish Water to provide appropriate water and sewage supplies for proposed developments; Social housing to be provided in areas where there are adequate supporting services, and not mandated to all developments; Robust protection of Loch Leven catchment; Developments along A977 should contribute to mitigation measures, with a bypass for Blairingone as a priority; Crook of Devon: Development in conjunction with new roundabout at A977 junction by Fossoway Garage; Powmill: Develop old hotel site and in the village centre; Blairingone: develop between the line of the previously proposed bypass and the village, and elsewhere as previously suggested; Carnbo: Needs public sewerage provision. The CC's full response is available in the correspondence, and on PKC's website.

CC membership: We would welcome new members.

Bollards opposite Crook Village Hall: The bollards have now been replaced. A site meeting was held with the PKC Roads Department, members of this CC and elected members to discuss a possible barrier or pavement widening. Kevin reports that the Roads Department are investigating what possible changes can be made to improve the safety of this section of road.

Lambhill forestry project: We're awaiting a response to our question about access during works.

Crook Moss community involvement: Sandy has established the name of the current landowner and contacted them. The landowner has suggested a joint venture with the CC to protect the land against undesirable development, and provide



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ecological benefits. A meeting will be set up to discuss this proposal.

Flood Risk Assessment: The first phase of this report, received previously, didn't appear to be relevant to us, but there is now a new report, which will be examined.

Gritting and snow clearance: PKC have asked for comments on the performance of this activity. A number of comments have been received via the CC's Facebook page, which will be summarised and returned to PKC.

MoP points out that the recent tanker crash on the A977 was attributed to ice on the road, hence the priority of this road should be raised so that it is gritted 24/7 like other major roads. This led to a comment that the bridge fence damaged by the above crash has not yet been repaired and a more substantial temporary barrier needs to be erected to make the pavement safe for pedestrians pending full reinstatement. Cllr Robertson will chase this.

Signage in Fossoway area: Cllr Barnacle has requested PKC to add a footpath sign at Crook of Devon Village Hall car park (SW corner) to Waulkmill Park/Fossoway Church. The sign on the Devon bank directing walkers through Lendrick Woods is incorrect, and instead a choice of continuing along the bank and through Naemoor Estate should be offered. During the discussion of this item a MoP suggested it would be good to get the Criminal Justice Unpaid Work Team to clean signs generally, and the CC will contact the team about this.

Station Road Adoption: Angus and Cllr Barnacle attended a meeting on 2 April to discuss this, and other local issues, however in the absence of both of them, Kevin passed on that there was general consensus about the adoption, with the possibility of further funds being found.

Councillors' Reports

Cllr Robertson: The **Boundary Commission** has suggested that the Kinross-shire ward be changed to make it smaller and reduce the number of Councillors to three. Everywhere north of the A91 would be moved to the Earn Ward. (*See p. 4.*) This was considered to be completely unacceptable by all present – one of the implications would be that this CC would now cover more than one ward, and would need attendance of two additional councillors from the other ward. Cllr Robertson will pass on our concerns to the relevant department.

Cllr Cuthbert is also preparing a paper to comment on the Boundary Commission change. This area has fewer constituents per Councillor than others, hence why it's being targeted for reduction.

Rumbling Bridge planning application was turned down by the Local Review Board, of which he is a member.

Planning Matters

15/00420/FLL Extension to dwelling house, Marwood Naemoor Road, Crook of Devon. Addition of first floor bedroom and ground floor kitchen. No CC comment.

15/00392/FLL Erection of a double garage, Easter Muirhead Bothy, Blairingone. No CC comment.

15/00348/FLL Extension to dwelling house, Station House, Rumbling Bridge. No CC comment.

15/00326/FLL Alterations to dwelling house (in retrospect). Easter Muirhead Bothy, Blairingone. No CC comment.

Correspondence

All the correspondence was available for viewing: The National re-use phone line is a service that easily allows you pass on household items to be used again. Call 0800 0665 820 or see the web site www.zerowastescotland.org.uk

Other Business

Powmill: MoP has raised several issues about the state of Powmill: A hedge damaged by the earlier tanker crash, remnants of the demolished hotel, damaged bridge railings, and building at corner of Gartwhinzean Road in disrepair. Further the debris left by the tree pruning along A91 has still not all been cleared up.

Facebook: We now have 90 likes to our Facebook page. The postings about the tanker crash and the road closure for its recovery were viewed by over a thousand people.

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, Bollards opposite Crook Village Hall, Crook Moss Community Involvement, Flood Risk Assessment, Station Road Adoption); Community Councillors - Meetings Attended; P&K Councillors' Reports; Planning; Correspondence; AOCB.

The Next Meeting and AGM of Fossoway and District CC will take place on Tuesday 5 May 2015 at 7.30pm at Fossoway Primary School. All Welcome.

Fossoway & District CC minutes are posted on the website

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

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Cleish and Blairadam CC

News from the April Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 6 April 2015 were: CCllrs R Kitchin, P Fraser, H Somerville, N Robertson, F McGregor and J Moore; Associate CCllr F Gillespie; P&K Cllr D Cuthbert and one member of the community.

Apologies were received from: CCllrs R Jeffrey and M Traylor; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, J Giacomazzi and W Robertson.

Previous meeting: One point arising from the previous meeting was the potential donation to the Cleish Village Hall of a contribution towards a **community piano** in the Hall. This was looked into, and was deemed 'unconstitutional' as per the CC rules.

Crime prevention: There was no Police Officer in attendance. The submitted report included the break in at Cleish Castle Lodge at the end of February. Police attended the scene in the evening (arriving from Auchterarder). There have been no leads.

Six chickens and a henhouse have been reported stolen from Keltbridge.

Correspondence

LDP: Cllr Barnacle to Brendan Murray regarding the Main Issues Report of the Local Development Plan.

Snow clearing and gritting: PKC requesting feedback on this winter's service. The only suggestion that was brought up at the meeting was the poor gritting and clearing at Boreland junction, where school buses struggle to get up the hill and around the junction.

Planning: Portmoak CC – copy of a letter detailing suggestions to improve planning process.

Insurance: PKC Summary of Insurance Cover, including All Risk cover for the phone box.

Landscape: Cllr Barnacle to Graham Esson regarding the Special Landscape Area. (Cleish Hills were left out of the new designation despite strong representation.)

Cleish & Blairadam CC Website

There are 14 newsletter subscribers. The weather page still proves to be very popular; feed from a weather satellite is to be added soon.

Village Updates – Blairadam

Skip: It was requested if a skip could be provided for a village clean up. Cllr Cuthbert will follow this up.

Litter: There used to be a litter picking service from the council - is this a request only service? If so, could one be requested now due to excessive littering, particularly between North Road Garage and Kinnaird.

Signage: There was a very successful meeting with the Roads Dept. It was agreed that changes could be implemented to the speed limit, signage, curbing and protection where the burn runs close to the road and verge. Repairs and waterproofing to the road surface will also help the poor road condition. It was suggested that a local public meeting should take place to confirm what improvement the local residents would like to take place.

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Village Updates – Cleish

Fence: The new fence associated with the access to the Glebe still needs to be addressed, as at present the grass cutters can not gain access to the walk.

Ploughed field: The ploughing of the field next to the Cleish junction and opposite Nivingston has taken place. After the removal of the protective fence line, the ploughed field is now very close to the road surface.

Planning

15/00375/FLL Proposed House at West Main. The CC has received five objections from members of the community. These are based on a 'speculative' application that is not on a brownfield site as it is used for grazing; contrary to HICPs; no history of previous residential use on the site; concern about business use; the size of the proposed house has little in common with the size and position of the war-time small concrete pads. CCllr McGregor stated her interest, as she lives opposite the proposed site and is also submitting her own objection. The CC agreed unanimously that it should be supporting the views of the community and will object to this application.

15/00494/FLL Dwelling house at Blairfordal. The CC has not received any comments regarding this application.

Other Business

Community Empowerment: John Swinney is holding an Open meeting on 10 April in Errol Village Hall regarding the Community Empowerment Bill (Scotland).

Access: Several points were raised from the floor regarding access from Millennium Walk, the Cleish fields and the B9097. The stile is broken and the Right of Way along the edge of the field has been ploughed. The condition of the stile has already been reported to the Council but no remedial action has taken place.

Dog waste: There are plenty of shovels provided and signs for cleaning up dog waste from the walk and Cleish field.

Boundary wall: There is a new boundary wall at Strathardle after the old one had been knocked down. However, it is not in the original position, being built closer to the B9097.

Cleish Field Association: Thanks to the Association for a great fund raising evening in the Village Hall.

Next Meeting: The AGM should be in May, but due to the bi-monthly meetings, ours will be held on **Monday 1st June 2015 in Cleish Village Hall at 7.30pm**. Public attendance for the AGM is to be encouraged!

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Feel Good Fair, Saturday 9 May

KLEO is one of the organisers of this event, held in conjunction with the Loch Leven Half Marathon and Pipe Band Contest. See page 8 for more information.

Open Farm Sunday, 7 June

KLEO is involved in the refreshments and home baking tent at Open Farm Sunday at Hilton of Aldie Farm, but there is a lot more to do! A fun farm day out for all the family! See page 19 for more information. Admission is by a £2 donation for local charities. Under 14s and over 65s have free entry.

Gig at the Boathouse, Friday 19 June, 7pm

Who is going to support Big Country? Several local bands will perform on decking outside the Boathouse and the winner of the evening will be the support act for Big Country on Saturday 21 November! BBQ, food and drink available. Entry fee: £5.



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

We are delighted to announce that Big Country will headline the Kinross-shire Winter Festival with **THE BEST OF BIG COUNTRY TOUR** on Saturday 21

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Tickets for Big Country (£27) and Gig at Boathouse (£5) are for sale through our website www.kinrosswinterfestival.co.uk, Milnathort Post Office and Macbeth Currie Solicitors and Estate Agents in Kinross. Buy your tickets now! For more information about the festival, visit www.kinrosswinterfestival.co.uk

Leven Voices

Leven Voices is for anyone who just wants to sing and have fun! You can join in anytime. The sessions are led by Horsecross Arts tutor Dougie Flower (5, 12, 19 May) and by Harry Campbell (26 May and all the June sessions). All sessions take place on Tuesdays, 7.30pm at the Kinross Parish Church. You pay as you go (£4 or £3 concession). There is a £6 registration fee, which is used to pay for the hall for a ten-week period. Just come along, sing and enjoy! For more information about KLEO events, go to www.kleo.org.uk, e-mail info@kleo.org.uk or call 863107.



Big Country will be headlining the 2015 Kinross-shire Winter Festival

Town Twinning Association

The local twinning association held a Pot Luck Supper at the end of April so that members travelling to Gacé in July had the opportunity to meet socially and chat over the forthcoming visit to our Norman twin town.

Fifteen members will be travelling to Gacé in time for the Bastille Day Celebrations which will be held on 14 July. This summer's visit to Gacé will see the twin towns celebrate 40 years of twinning stretching back to 1975 when the official charters were signed by the then Provost of Kinross, Tom McBain, and Gacé's Mayor Lellandais, although previous visits had taken place in 1974 to prepare for the first 'official' visit.

Many local residents have benefited from life-long friendships with their Norman 'cousins', having visited numerous times, each family staying in the family home of their twinning hosts, enjoying superb hospitality and memorable excursions to a variety of specialist tourist destinations. Kinross Chairperson Jeannie Paterson is especially looking forward to this year's 40th anniversary visit as she has seen many changes to both communities over the past 40 years whilst still keeping positive about future developments of the two twinning associations, hoping that new young families can benefit from the well established network, our own 'Auld Alliance.'



Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



Richard Allcoat began his talk by stressing that he was a dealer, not not a collector, and we wondered why.

He briefly sketched the development of coinage in Britain from Roman through to the present day. We handled the worn Roman coins, marvelled at the means of standardising coins – they used the measure of dry wheat grains so a silver penny was worth 22½ grains. We heard of the gold noble, the groat, the crown and the half crown which ruefully many of us confessed to remember.

Then we had an explanation of the types to look for in collecting. The criterion was, as always, condition, and our goal should be uncirculated coins. We saw collectables from the early 19th century through to the present day whose value depended on the fact they were forgeries or anomalies which had escaped the vigilant eyes of the mint.

We realised why Richard stressed that he was a dealer and not a collector because he had to sell his exciting finds and not, like most of us, hoard them.

It was a lively, humorous, knowledgeable presentation and was much enjoyed.

Members are reminded of the **AGM on 10 June**, when the speakers and location of meetings for the next session should be decided.



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Visit to Gardens at Dowhill, near Cleish

Courtesy of Mr and Mrs Maitland Dougall, the Trust is delighted that a visit has been arranged to the beautiful gardens at Dowhill on **Sunday 31 May** at 2.30pm.

The gardens should be at their best at this time of year and this is a wonderful opportunity to see these lovely grounds in all their splendour. In addition to the stunning borders and magnificent mature trees, there are nine linked ponds and a woodland walk to the ruins of Dowhill Castle.

The cost of the visit is £10 per person and includes a donation to the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Refreshments will be served. **Members and non-members alike are most welcome.**

To establish numbers for catering, please let us know if you would like to attend by contacting Alistair Smith, telephone 01592 840215, or email info@kinross-shirecivictrust.org Dowhill is on the B9097 between Junction 5 on the M90 and Cleish. Entry to the drive is on the left hand side of the road as you approach from the Motorway.

Other Events for 2015

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.

News

The Trust's AGM on 9 April at Cleish Village Hall was attended by around 25 members and guests. The meeting was followed by a very interesting talk, beautifully illustrated, by Ninian Crichton Stewart, hereditary steward of the Falkland

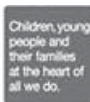
Estate. It is hoped that Trust members will visit the very interesting architectural and Listed Falkland House and the estate later this year.



Kinross-shire Civic Trust will visit the beautiful gardens at Dowhill on 31 May

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If you'd like to host your own fundraising event or find out more about volunteering with CHAS, we'd love to send a representative along to speak to your group about the cause and give you tips, suggestions and more information on how to get started. Contact us for a quick chat before you start planning. You can call Rachel Cheer on 01577 865222 or email rachelcheer@chas.org.uk

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KADAC'S Adviser Tom Sutton-Smith (left) captured the personality and appearance of club member John Tydeman in a demonstration of portrait painting

The follow up session, where club members 'had a go' themselves was a most enjoyable learning experience and several of us will now go on to hone our skills and strive for that elusive perfect likeness!

Next on our calendar is a day trip to the Dunkeld Art Exhibition and the Pitlochry Festival theatre where we will view the art galleries and also enjoy a matinée theatre performance. There are still a few seats left on the bus at £5 per person return (bus trip only) if you'd like to join us for the day.

Our club sessions at The Millbridge Hall are from 2pm to 4pm on Tuesdays and Fridays. Do come along if you are interested, or for more information, visit www.kadac.co.uk or ring **Glenys** on **07702 572664**.

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Compassion Corner

Life is a moving experience. Or, perhaps, life is an experience of moving? Whether you have moved once or twice in your lifetime, or are in a state of semi-perpetual motion, it's no real surprise that moving house, moving location, is usually cited as the third most stressful event in life. Having moved several times in recent years, and experienced the reality of what it means to root and uproot, it was a case of 'here I go again, off to pastures new' and my move to Kinross – on T in the Park weekend, 2013.

Aside from the attractions of the area, and two friends in the town, the move seemed a risk – especially when adding in the every day reality of living from wheelchair level in a new place. It's often the dots that don't easily join up that create the most frustration: some 'dots' are simple things like getting the dustbins out, scraping the snow from a ramp or de-icing a car when you were meant to be at a meeting half an hour ago! But, why did I worry?

From day one – and day by day – thanks to friends of friends and the thoughtfulness of my new neighbours, the move to Kinross was and continues to be the right move at the right time. Welcome cards, a plant, offers of help, the loan of a TV aerial; the lovely young family next door who take it turns to put my dustbins out; the retired neighbour who steps into the breach if the family is away; the practical help I get in myriad ways when I need it... and, the life and liveliness of the growing community that is Kinross. What a gift!

And, invited – cajoled – by the secretary in the solicitor's office whose 'have you joined anything yet?' prompted a response. With the strain of the move behind me, I joined the Leven Voices choir and made visits to the Potager Garden; I joined the Compassion Group (itself a new 'thing') and, most excitingly, became involved in the development of its 'baby' - Time Exchange, Kinross-shire's own Time Bank. As a friend is fond of saying, 'if you can't pay back for kindness and compassion received, pay on.' I like to think that's what I am trying to do. To paraphrase JFK: 'ask not what your community can do for you, but what you can do for your community.' As I have discovered, the best way to become integrated in a new place is to get involved.

If you want to know more about Time Exchange, and how to make your own contribution to the 'Friendly County' of Kinross-shire, come along to the campus on **Saturday 9 May** and visit our information station at the **Feel Good Fair** and register your interest. Individuals, groups and families all welcome!

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Kinross-shire Fifty Plus Club

The next club meeting will be on **Thursday 7 May** when the speaker will be from **Scotland's Air Ambulance**.



PLEASE NOTE: The May meeting will be held in KINROSS PARISH CHURCH owing to the Millbridge Hall being used as a Polling Station.

Away Days

Thursday 14 May Biggar

Thursday 28 May Dumbarton

The coach leaves from opposite the Green Hotel at 9.15am. Regrettably no advance bookings for trips can be accepted prior to the monthly meeting. **Contact: Mary Muirhead 01577 863564.**

Theatre: The outing to Pitlochry Theatre will take place on **Saturday 27 June**. The all-inclusive price is £28.00 and this should be paid at the May meeting. The Earnside Coach will leave the Green Hotel at 12.15pm. **Contact: Edith Oswald on 01577 865731.**

Friday Walkers in May

8th Portobello and Musselburgh circular – a new walk for the club.

22nd Repeat of last year's walk: Enfield Golf Club going all round Springfield.

Contact: Ian Simpson on 01577 863691.

Friday Hill Walkers in May

1st Stronachie Jock 0830

15th Glen Sherup Lindsay 0830 (no coach)

29th Kingsbarns circular Robin 0830

Activities

The following are open to all members of the Club:

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

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

The following activities have finished for the season:

Carpet bowls (Helen Duncan 01577 863638); **Craft Group** (Elizabeth Smith 01577 861387); **Fly Tyers** (Ian Campbell 01577 830582); **Keep Fit** (Val Oswald 01577 864020).

Kinross-shire Day Centre

The day started off dull but came out nicely for our first barge trip of the year on 1 April. For a number of new service users, this was their first trip and they were delighted with the gentle three-hour canal cruise, picnic lunch and a chance to see swans and other wildlife.

We have also had one of our ever-popular tea dances. This time, the entertainment was provided by singer 'Tam the Hat', who proved to be an excellent entertainer, persuading almost everyone to get up on their feet for a wee dance.

The first of two new ventures for us this month was a hilarious group quiz of mainly music questions; there was not a little cheating going on between the teams, particularly from the staff members!

The second new venture is a six-week Football Memories Project, run by enthusiastic St Johnstone supporters. We are amazed at the encyclopaedic knowledge of football that some of our ladies have, as well as the men!

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

Potager Garden

Bowton Road, Kinross

www.potagergardenkinross.com

It is lovely to see plants coming to life again in the garden, and we are looking forward to another growing season at the Potager.

Ms Jack's P5 class will be visiting the garden to learn and grow vegetables on Thursday afternoons during the summer term.

Volunteer sessions continue on Monday mornings from about 10.30am; do come along and say hello if you would like to help, or learn about growing your own. **Plant sales** are also possible then, and both Hunter's butchers and Fossoway store are kindly making our plants available again.

The garden will now be open during the day for informal visits, or let Amanda know if you would like to arrange a group visit, with a cup of tea! Our new sensory area is now looking good, as the plants mature.

We are planning to have a **plant stall at the Feel Good Fair on Saturday 9 May**, including perennials, herbs, summer annuals and young vegetable plants.

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be in the garden room at the Church Centre on **Thursday 21 May at 7pm**; all welcome. We will also be holding a **coffee morning** for Marie Curie Cancer Care at the garden in June; details in the next Newsletter.

We look forward to meeting you at one of our events over the summer. For any queries, please contact Amanda James on 01577 840809, or amanda@tyafon.plus.com



Spring at the Potager Garden

Kinross Garden Group

Mr J Porter, Chairman, welcomed all to the April meeting and the AGM. After the reports were read and passed, the Committee were happy to stand for another year.

The Chairman then introduced Ms Louise Bustard of Glasgow Botanic Garden, who gave a talk and slides on Monet's Garden and other gardens in France which was enjoyed by all. We now take our meetings out for the summer, visiting gardens, the first being on **Thursday 14 May** when we are going to **Glendoick Gardens and the Garden Centre**. For any more information contact Mrs C Rodger 01577 863785.

Scotlandwell in Bloom

Plant and Bake Sale

Please note the date of the Plant & Bake sale is **Saturday 9th May**, from 11am to 2pm at the Well Country Inn, Scotlandwell.



Kinross & District Rotary Club

The emergence of food banks in the community was the subject of a talk by the Rev Michael Archibald, a visiting Rotarian from the Perth St John Club. The organisation of the operation in Perth & Kinross, and the many and varied reasons for the need for such a service were outlined in a very illuminating presentation. Kinross is one of five food bank centres in the District.

The club was pleased to welcome back Mike Birkett for the second instalment of his talk on the steam railways of Scotland. The focus this time was on the railway companies operating between 1842 and 1914, and tales of their intense rivalry. Maps and photographs supported a most interesting presentation.

The local round of the annual Rotary sponsored Primary School Quiz was held in the Community Campus in March, and featured teams representing the Primary Schools of Arngask, Cleish, Fossoway, Kinross, Milnathort and Portmoak. After ten rounds and 60 questions covering a wide variety of subjects, including some which produced blank looks from some of the adults present, Kinross fought off a late challenge from Milnathort to emerge as winners. They will now represent Kinross-shire in the next round, to be held in Burntisland Primary School on 29 April.



Kinross Primary School Quiz winning team: from left, Struan MacLennan, Alfie Milligan, Joel Dyer, Bethany Powers.

Planning for the next two club projects is now well underway, and both are designed to provide enjoyable days out for members of the public of all ages, and at the same time raise money for very worthwhile causes. The first of these will be the **Magic Roundabout Cycle Road Relay** on **Saturday 6 June** in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust Charity. For more details and entry information see notice on this page.

This will be followed on **Saturday 15 August** by another opportunity for local teams to display their rowing skills on Loch Leven, in a repeat of last year's **Mary Queen of Scots 'Great Escape'** event in the Kirkgate Park. Watch this space for further details.

The Club meets each Monday in the Windlestrae Hotel at 6pm for a meal at 6.30pm. For further information contact Secretary Neil Maclure at neil.maclure19@gmail.com

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Kinross Camera Club

In the middle of March the club took part in a three-way competition with Dunfermline and Glenrothes at Dunfermline's clubrooms. We were lucky enough to come out on top. This was followed by a combined meeting in Kinross with the Scottish Wildlife Trust, where the speaker gave us an interesting illustrated talk of some of her Australian adventures. At the end of the month one of our members, Stewart Niven, took us on a super trip around the Scottish Islands. Another club member, John St Clair, began April by showing us how to put together and audio-visual show. The club's annual treasure hunt unfortunately fell on Easter weekend, so many members were otherwise engaged. Those who did venture out were severely hindered by crowds at some of the locations, especially the Kelpies! Our final competition of the season was ably judged by Stewart Dodds of Dundee and last night we had the Ten Minute Talk/ AV Competition judged by the President. This was won by Dallas Key with an AV of the club's weekend away exploits. The season is now drawing to a close but anyone interested in joining should contact our secretary: dallaskey30@yahoo.co.uk

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Kinross and District Probus Club



Plate Tectonics and Dynamic Earth

At a well attended club meeting on 18 March, members listened attentively to an interesting and informative talk on Plate Tectonics and Dynamic Earth by Dr Hermione Cockburn, Director of the Dynamic Earth Exhibition and Museum in Edinburgh.

Edinburgh was chosen as the home of Dynamic Earth for a number of reasons. Not only was there a suitable site close to well known geological feature Arthur's Seat, an extinct volcano, but Edinburgh was also the home of the man considered to be the founder of modern Geology at the end of the 18th century, James Hutton. Dynamic Earth is unique in its ability to inform people about the Earth and how it has evolved and is still evolving.

Until Hutton brought forward his conclusions it was thought that the world was in the region of 6000 years old. What is acknowledged to be the most important geological site in the world is situated on the east coast of Berwickshire at Siccar Point: it was this rock formation which helped Hutton formulate his ideas. It has been dated as some 15 million years old. It shows different layers of rock at different angles to the Earth's surface and proves that new rock is being created all the time. Magma or molten rock is forced up from the hot core of the Earth to solidify in the Earth's crust and is then subject to erosion, earthquakes and fresh volcanic activity.

Other geologists such as Lyell and Holmes took forward Hutton's work. When a rare fossil of Trilobites, some 5 million years old, was found in the 1860s on the Pembrokeshire coast and identified as the same as one found in Canada but nowhere else, geologists began to understand that at one stage the continents as we know them today were joined together in two grand continents. These have been named Laurasia and Gondwana. The latter comprised today's Europe and Africa joined to the American continents. This is the study of Plate Tectonics.

The continents are being forced apart by magma being forced up in a range of mountains known as the Mid Atlantic Ridge, which extends from the southern Atlantic up to the Arctic. New rock is being formed all the time and the increase in size of the continental plates causes them to push against the adjacent plate. This is the cause of earthquakes. Fortunately for us these movements can be measured in centimetres: although movements can cause devastating earthquakes and tidal waves known as tsunami, the Earth is not about to be torn apart in the near future.

A visit to Dynamic Earth is a must for those have not yet had the pleasure.

Gary Taylor gave the vote of thanks.

A Word in Your Ear of Music

A well attended meeting on 1 April was entertained by Munro Cunningham, a Probus member from Glenrothes, who spoke about the artists, songwriters and lyricists who wrote for the stage and screen and had the ability to have us whistle and hum every day.

He spoke at length on Cole Porter and his classics: Night and Day for Ella Fitzgerald, Let's Do It (Let's Fall in Love), Fred Astaire, Anything Goes, Ethel Merman, Don't Fence Me In, a massive hit for Roy Rogers, I Get A Kick Out Of You, a favourite of Frank Sinatra's and many, many more. He went on to remind us about the melodies and lyrics of Elvis Presley,

Elvis Costello, Irving Berlin, Dick Rodgers, Jerome Kern and Sammy Cahn's works for Tony Bennett, Frank Sinatra and Doris Day.

Alex Cant proposed the vote of thanks and I'm sure that many members were whistling on their way home.

Dark Secrets of Dry Cleaning

On 15 April, Mr Robert Hutchison, who grew up on the Isle of Arran and successfully practised dry cleaning in Dundee, gave an amusing talk entitled 'Dark Secrets of Dry Cleaning.' We were informed that dry cleaning was started in Paris in 1850 by a French gentleman named Jolly Belin, who spilt some kerosene on either a gross tablecloth or some dirty laundry and his mistake turned up an unexpected result. The oily mixture of hydrocarbons banished the stains already built up on the fabric. Thinking he might have landed upon a better cleaner than soap and water, he started testing kerosene dirt removal powers. Pleased with his results, he opened a kerosene-powered cleaning service in Paris that is now known as the first ever dry cleaning establishment.

Kerosene (believe it or not) lifted dirt without messing up the clothing's fibres. There are certain fabrics and dyes and garments constructed with adhesives, and dry cleaning doesn't permeate the fibres or make them wet with water. Because kerosene doesn't contain water it can negotiate sensitive fabrics like wool and silk. The serious problem with kerosene, though, is it is flammable and soaking our clothes in it can be an insurance problem.

Mr Hutchison continued his talk telling us about Chinese solvents, wet and dry stains, green solvents and the problems with factory leather and suede cleaning.

Mr Robert Walker proposed the vote of thanks.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the club followed immediately after the talk and the following office bearers were elected unanimously for the year 2015/2016:

President	Robin Webster	(01592 840118)
Vice President	Ruary MacLeod	(01577 863992)
Secretary	Robert Walker	(01577 862294)
Treasurer	Sandy Smith	(01577 862536)

The next meeting of Kinross & District Probus Club will be held on **Wednesday 2 September 2015**.

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Common Grounds

"In the Pink" was a phrase that could easily be applied to friends of Common Grounds. First of all, we are enjoying the new hall chairs, clover pink. They are comfy and a boon when packing away. Secondly, another successful project lunch on 18 March saw us raise £274.50. Lou Davidson was our excellent speaker from the charity Haiti Help and shared with us the continuing journey of three local nurses who found they could not walk away from the extreme poverty they found on their first visit to Haiti. Their dedication and commitment is second to none.

Our funds then received an unexpected but greatly appreciated boost when Mr George Crawford handed in a few bags of "loose change" amounting to £140.25. When added to his previous donations over the years, we have benefited to the sum of £727.25. A fantastic gesture! However, we mustn't forget our supporters who regularly top up our penny jar. It is true to say that "it's the pennies that make the pounds!" To all who have been so supportive throughout March, our sincere thanks.




Project Co-ordinator Jacky Chalmers presents a cheque for £800 to guest speaker Lou Davidson from Haiti Help

Project: Our projects for May and June will be chosen at the Volunteers' meeting on 28 April.

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

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



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Portmoak Community Woodland

Apple trees have been pruned and Christmas trees have been thinned. The Portmoak Community Woodland Steering Group had a good session of clipping and lopping just over a month ago in the run-up to the new growing season. The orchard in Kilmagad Wood is looking good and so are the young native trees, planted around six or seven years ago. Now that they're coming into leaf again you can see what a pretty woodland we are going to have, up on the hillside.

We've also been busy, over the winter, working with consultant, Robin Payne, on the final version of his report on 'Management Options for Portmoak Moss'. We're very pleased with it: it's full of good ideas and has plenty for everyone. An important part of his brief was to include the views of the community and we think that he has done a good job of capturing local opinion.

If you'd like to read it, there are copies in Kinnesswood Shop, Kinnesswood book exchange (aka the phone box), Lochend Farm and Kinross Library as well as on our website www.portmoakcw.org.uk

We have a stunning front cover, an aerial view of Portmoak, thanks to glider pilot John Williams.

The report looks at different scenarios, from carrying on with the basic maintenance, to visions of a future Moss – if funding is available and the Woodland Trust Scotland agree. Our aim is to sustain the tremendous progress in restoring the raised bog and try to make it an even more attractive place for wildlife.

We're grateful to the Living Lomonds Landscape Partnership and Scottish Natural Heritage for providing the funds to make this happen.

Meanwhile, the Woodland Trust Scotland will be producing their own five-year management plan for Portmoak Moss, due to be renewed in October 2016.

As ever, our meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Well Country Inn and we're always glad to see new folk, to chip in ideas or help out with a bit of volunteering in the woodlands. You don't have to make a massive time commitment but we do like to get feedback, especially from regular visitors to Portmoak Moss or Kilmagad Wood.

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2015 Programme of Events at the Campus

Kinross Half Marathon, Pipe Band Contest, Feel Good Fair, Saturday 9 May: The campus will be supporting KLEO, Kinross Road Runners and Kinross Pipe Band with this event. This will be a fun day out for all of the family including the finishing line for the Kinross Half Marathon, Loch Leven Outdoor Pipe Band Contest, Local Market Stalls, Beer Tent, Swansacre Playgroup activities and Fun Run together with family sports activities from Live Active Leisure. (See page 8 for programme.)

If your local group or charity would like a free stall at the Feel Good Fair, please let us know as soon as possible. Businesses can hire a stall space for £10 (you have to bring your own stall), or a number of stalls will be available in the Small Games Hall for £15. If you would like to book any type of stall, please contact Gerry McGregor at the campus (see header).

Antiques, Vintage, Retro and Collectors Fair, Saturday 16 May: There will be buying, selling and valuations given. Admission will be from 9.30am to 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.

“Bookbug’s Big Bedtime Bash”, Wednesday 20 May: See Library News, page 19.

An Audience with Andy McNab, Thursday 21 May: See Library News, page 19.

Northern Counties Open Brass Band Contest, Saturday 23 May: Due to the success of last years’ contest, the campus will be hosting the 2015 Northern Counties Open Brass Band Contest. Brass Bands from across Scotland will be competing for the title of Northern Counties Champion Band. The first band will be on stage from **10am** with the final results from **4pm**, depending on band entry numbers. Admission Fee. This promises to be an exciting day of varied and entertaining Brass Music.

Further Events in 2015

Thu 11 June	Film Book Night: Gone Girl
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
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 3 Oct	Car Boot / Indoor Table Top Sale (tbc)
Sat 7 Nov	Campus Winter Craft Fair (tbc)
Nov (various)	Kinross-shire Winter Music Festival
Sat 28 Nov	Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair
Sat 19 Dec	Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair

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Workshops and Classes at the Campus

Happy Hookers! – Crochet Classes

There is an eight-week course of Basic Crochet Classes currently running on Monday nights, 7-9pm, with instruction from Sandra Farrer. The course is £40 and places must be booked. There will shortly be further classes available with the possibility of extra evenings or an Intermediate Class and One Day Workshop. Please contact Sandra Farrer on 01337 868754 or 07523 550014 or sandra_farrer@yahoo.com for details.

Recycled Crafts Workshops

There is going to be a series of Crafts Workshops with a Recycled and Vintage theme starting shortly on Saturdays. There will be a different theme each week to include Rag Rug making, Bunting, What can I do with Plastic Bottles? Revamping Old Clothes, Mini Quilt making and more.... If you are interested in receiving information, please contact Gerry (contact details above).

Basic Sewing Skills Workshops and Classes

There will be some Introduction to Basic Sewing Skills Workshops starting shortly covering basic sewing skills, equipment and sewing machine familiarity, fabric selection and sourcing, pattern cutting and layout. This will then lead on to some regular classes covering sewing projects such as scissor hangers, specs cases, shoe bags, ironing board covers, needle cases, cushions, shopping bags and laundry bags. Then classes will be moving on to more advanced projects, including soft furnishings such as curtains, roman blinds, bed valances and headboard covers. If you are interested in receiving information, please contact Gerry (contact details above).

Felting Workshops

We are hoping to start some regular Felting Workshops and would like anyone who would be interested to please contact Gerry (contact details above).

For more details on any of the events mentioned, 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.

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Kinross Junior Agricultural Club

The summer syllabus is now in full swing, having kicked off with our great new members night of Pizza Hut and crazy golf. Over 40 people attended with a good mix of old and new faces, which is fantastic, and hopefully sets the tone for the year ahead.



JAC members at their pizza evening

At our recent district AGM we clinched the Club of the District title for the third year running by the tightest of margins (a quarter of a point!). This now qualifies us for the national competition, the winner of which is announced at the Highland Show, so fingers crossed! We also were awarded the prize for the highest participation in competitions in the East area, which again is a massive achievement.

Looking forward to our next club meeting, it is a beef stock judging on 28 April at Classloch Farm by kind permission of the McLaren family, starting at 7.30pm; all are welcome to attend.

Once again I will say that any young person interested in joining our wide variety of fun activities and competitions can get more information by searching for 'Kinross and District JAC' on Facebook. They can also get in touch with myself, David Lawrie, on 07921 193427 or our club secretary, Emma Sloan, on 07715 423652.

Kinross-shire Round Table

Matt Gardiner, the Fife mountaineer, came and gave a fascinating talk about his attempts to climb K2, the second highest mountain in the world, to Kinross-shire Round Table and members of Perth Round Table. He gave a wonderful description of the complicated routes up to the mountain before even reaching base camp, how the smallest mistake can end an expedition and the many pitfalls awaiting the unwary. There were also pictures and videos of the stunning scenery around K2 and the surrounding mountains.

Perth Round Table had joined us for the evening as they had challenged us to a curling match. Not ones to turn down a challenge, we accepted, and won, despite many of the team never having actually stepped foot on the ice before.

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



Kinross in Bloom

Here we are: Spring again, crocuses all over, daffodils and tulips blooming everywhere. We are sorry that the High Street is bereft of blooms owing to the regeneration work, but we are planning all new planters, which should be in place when the regeneration work is completed.

Work carries on, however, at other sites around town. The half barrels at the corner of Springfield Road will be coming away to make way for different planters, and some extra barrels will be placed at the foot of the town. The four-tier planter outside the Co-op supermarket will be moving up to the grassy area at the Community Campus.

Meanwhile we are still awaiting the delivery of our summer plants, and preparatory work is ongoing at our polytunnel.

Since there won't be any baskets and barrels in the High Street this summer our watering schedule will be altered, and, to enable us to programme our watering duties, we invite all our watering volunteers, and anyone who would like to volunteer, to our next meeting at the Church Centre on **Wednesday 6 May** at 7.30pm in order to arrange our watering routes.

Sponsorship of our baskets and barrels forms an important contribution to our funds. Anyone wishing to sponsor a basket, barrel or square planter, please contact either our Treasurer, Aileen Sorbie, tel no 01577 861477, or Secretary, Iain Todd, tel no 01577 208110. We will be very pleased to hear from you. Sponsorship rates are: £25 for Baskets, £30 for Barrels and £50 for Square Planters.

Recent 200 Club winners are:

	March	April
1st (£20)	33 Jamie McDonald	46 Ena McGregor
2nd (£10)	60 Edna Nelson	71 Fiona Todd
3rd (£5)	47 Cath McIntosh	28 Bill & Eliz Harley
4th (£5)	23 Sandy Fraser	47 Cath McIntosh

Congratulations to all our winners.

Please note our **AGM** will take place in the Church Centre, Kinross, on **Wednesday 3 June** at 7.30pm.

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Website: www.ladiescircle.co.uk/Kinross



Last month saw us hold our AGM, which marks the end of our year, and what a year that has been. We have held numerous events and raised money for our chosen charity, Macmillan Cancer Support, and given money to local clubs in Kinross and the surrounding area.

Our diary of events for this coming year will be available after our next meeting on 30 April, so keep an eye on Facebook and the Newsletter. 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 continue to help out local organisations and welcome requests for funds. We're always welcoming new members, so please get in touch.

Boys Brigade

The **Annual Display** and presentation of awards for the 1st Kinross BB Company will take place in Kinross Church Centre on **Friday 15 May** at 7pm to which all parents and friends are cordially invited. The annual celebration of success will highlight the work carried out within the three sections of the Kinross Company - Anchors, Juniors and Company.

Junior Section members are looking forward to their annual May weekend camp at Dounans Centre, 2 to 4 May.

Kinross hosted Perth Battalion's popular Midnight Hike competition at the end of March. Nine teams from a variety of BB Companies within Perth Battalion took part in the annual competition where teams faced observational, mental and physical challenges over a section of the Loch Leven pathway from the Mill car park to Burleigh Sands. All teams were well equipped for the challenges which lay ahead on the cold but dry evening. Leaving at seven-minute intervals, the teams were issued with a sheet which included a map and a series of questions about aspects of their route. As well as completing written answers on their route sheet, each team had to face six different challenges for which their performance was assessed within a time limit and a score recorded. The final team arrived back at base control (Kinross Church Centre) just before 1am where they partook in soup, sausage rolls and beans as the scores were totalled. Perth Battalion President Callum Gillies presented the winners' shield to the host company's team of Aidan Smith, Fraser Barbour and Michael Ferguson. The three lads come from Gateside, Kinross and Milnathort respectively and it is possible that their local knowledge helped them lift the trophy for the home company for the first time in eleven years, edging ahead of the two teams from 1st Scone BB, who finished in second and third positions.



Perth Battalion President Callum Gillies presenting the Midnight Hike winners' shield to Aidan Smith, Fraser Barbour and Michael Ferguson.

The BB volleyball team which competes in the Perth District League have also been busy screen printing new team shirts for next season with their Wildcats logo.

Company Section members are preparing for Duke of Edinburgh expeditions over the coming months with a number of practice walks having already taken place.

Annual summer camp to Kinraig over the first week of the school holidays is also on the horizon as well as numerous marquee hires. The forty by twenty foot white marquee is available for hire at £200 per occasion. Contact Company Captain David Munro for availability (Kinross 862126).

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.

Friday 15 May: Weekend away at Edzell. Walking weekend in delightful North Angus with a variety of walks such as Rocks of Solitude, Glen Esk area and Lunan Bay. You, too, could enjoy future weekends away if you join our Group!

Saturday 30 May: Killiecrankie, Linn of Tummel, Loch Faskally, 7.8 miles. Pleasant walk between Killiecrankie and Clunie Bridge, Pitlochry on riverside, woodland and lochside paths. 300m of ascent overall.

In case it turns cold and wet, you do need appropriate clothing, including boots and waterproofs. Bring water and a packed lunch and warm drink too. For further details and where to meet us, please call our Group Secretary Jacqui Ritchie on 01577 866813.

Kinross & Ochil Short Walks Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

Spring is here and hopefully the weather is becoming warmer - a great time of year to start walking and meet new people.

Our Tuesday walks are usually a maximum of 4 miles, 1½-2 hours (with an occasional day outing), followed by a refreshment stop. The walks are aimed at people who are new to walking, would like to extend their walk from a health walk or who would simply like an opportunity to keep fit. We would be delighted to welcome anyone who would like to try walking with us. Come and sample a couple of walks and, if you enjoy them and would like to continue walking, we would ask you to join Kinross & Ochil Ramblers.

We meet in Kinross or you can go straight to the walk start points given below (if you intend doing the latter, please 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 or ring me beforehand – you will be very welcome.

Tuesday 5 May – “The Pineapple”, Airth.

Meet 10am at old Health Centre *or* 10.45 at “The Pineapple” car park.

Tuesday 19 May – Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh.

Meet at Park & Ride, Kinross to catch 09.00 bus to Edinburgh (pre-booking advised).

Tuesday 2 June – Limekilns & Charlestown.

Meet 10am at old Health Centre *or* 10.30 at Promenade Car Park, Limekilns.

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

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.

Kinnesswood in Bloom

The first official Saturday work party took place at Portmoak Primary School on Saturday 11 April. Weather permitting, these will continue every Saturday throughout the spring and summer starting at 10am. Contact any member of Kinnesswood in Bloom to find out more. No previous gardening experience is needed and people are welcome to come on an occasional basis if they can't come regularly.

There have also been two sessions with the School Grounds group at the school, planting tatties in bags, sowing seeds and doing a lot of tidying in the school grounds. A story written by Emily Warburton won a competition run by Moto and the school now have an 8 by 6 ft greenhouse. (See page 63.) Hopefully this will be installed soon and can be used next term.

The Community Grant from Keep Scotland Beautiful, administered on behalf of Tesco, has been used to acquire a raised bed to grow some vegetables next to the Picture Garden. This initiative is a feature of the 'in bloom' groups this year to celebrate the Scottish Year of Food and Drink. All villagers will be encouraged to help themselves once the produce has grown. This was done on a small scale last year. Maybe there will be a few surprise plants among the flowerbeds as well. Next month we'll tell you about our plans for brightening up the village this year.



Dobbies Community Champion

The May meeting of the **Little Seedlings Club** will be at 11am on **Sunday 3 May**, when we will be learning about tomatoes, courgettes and pumpkins. The children will also hear about initial findings from the spring spotter survey, which included Little Seedlings from across the country. We plan to meet at the allotment site behind the store, weather permitting, where we have our own growing area. It was too cold in April to meet outside, but we did manage to plant a row of potatoes to start off the growing season. New members aged 4 to 10 are welcome, accompanied by an adult; please leave a message for Amanda if you would like to join us.



Some of the Little Seedlings in the new willow den at the allotments

I will be continuing over the summer term with the **Dynamic Youth project** with some pupils from the High School growing vegetables in the community area at the allotments. Kinross Beavers will also be visiting the store while working for their gardening badge.

This year, **Dobbies are celebrating 150 years of trading**, with summer events, supporting the Wildlife Trusts. One exciting project is the **Tour de Fleur**, where employees will cycle in stages around Britain from 31 May to 20 June, visiting all of our 35 stores. **Our Manager David will be cycling from Kinross to Dundee on 31 May**, raising funds for our local charity, **the Kinross-shire Day Centre**. **Please show your support for his hard work by making a donation at the Garden Centre.**

Cyclists will be arriving and leaving from Kinross around the middle of the day on 31 May; please come along and show your support for these brave participants! **Also on this Sunday, from 11 to 3**, we will be holding a **Family Fun Day and Garden Party in the garden centre, fundraising for the Day Centre**. There will be food tasting and non-alcoholic cocktails, a tombola, and fun games and activities for children. Further details will be available in the store nearer the date.

If you would like more information about any community activities, please contact Amanda at the Kinross store on (01577) 863327 or by email to community.kinross@dobbies.com

Amanda James, Community Champion

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

March Draw

1st	No 53	Irene Brydon, Glenlomond
2nd	No 84	Shelagh Goudie, Kinnesswood
3rd	No 32	Margo Lithgow, Glenlomond

Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

Vegetable Chow Mein

This recipe serves one person and will make a quick meal for someone on their own.

Ingredients

2 carrots	1 tsp crushed fresh ginger
3-4 mushrooms	1 tsp coriander powder
2 spring onions	1 tsp cumin powder
A little oil	¼ tsp Chinese 5 spice powder
2 tbsp peas	2 tbsp soy sauce
1 tsp crushed garlic	60g Chinese noodles

Method

Peel carrots and cut into very fine strips. Chop mushrooms and spring onions.

Heat oil in a wok or pan. Fry garlic and carrots until slightly soft. Add remaining ingredients, except noodles, and stir-fry 5-10 minutes.

Put noodles in a bowl. Pour over boiling water and wait until soft. Drain, then add noodles to vegetable mixture and heat together.

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Broke Not Broken

We are still awaiting charity status and therefore we cannot operate as a Foodbank, but that doesn't mean we have been resting on our laurels.

We have secured temporary warehousing for the Foodbank donations to be stored, sorted and catalogued, so Graham has his bedroom back! We have undergone training, and are ensuring our processes and policies are all in order, and generally trying to be as prepared as possible for getting the Foodbank operational.

Our website is now online for the Foodbank:

www.brokenotbroken.org and we will be updating that regularly and linking it to the Facebook page. (Big thanks to Joann Cantillion for her hard work.)

We have been inundated with donations to the Foodbank. Two recent sources have been the students at Kinross High School, who donated during the Fair Trade fortnight when they learned that poverty is also in their communities (special thanks to Morag Shea for her delivery assistance!), and also a second huge thank you goes to Glenfarg Village shop, who have agreed to be a permanent collection point, and have provided a steady stream of donations into the warehouse.



Kinross High School students donated food during Fair Trade fortnight

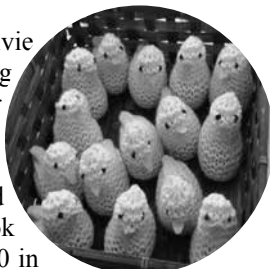
Huge thanks to Mark Bremner Joinery for donating his time and skills, and to John Ross for the shelving itself, thus ensuring we now have a suitable space to warehouse all the donations received so far.

Another big thanks goes to Sylvie McCleary, who has been knitting and selling wee chicks over Easter and donating the proceeds to Broke Not Broken.

Graham, our Chairperson, started a gofundme.com on our Facebook page and raised a whopping £1130 in one month. Staggering.

Some of our committee members attended a hugely inspirational conference in Glasgow called 'Beyond Food Banks? Growing a Food Justice Movement in Scotland'. The event reiterated our wish that no-one should have to depend on a foodbank to survive, and made us think about the long term plans for Broke Not Broken.

Our greatest hope, of course, is that all this is a total waste of time and there proves to be no need for a Foodbank in Kinross and the surrounding shire. Strange, isn't it? If that proves to be the case, Broke not Broken will still aim to provide support and help in other ways outwith a Foodbank.



Knitted chicks raised funds for Broke Not Broken

Kinross-shire Partnership



The Kinross-shire Partnership was due to hold its AGM on 21 April, after the deadline for this issue of the Newsletter, so a report of the AGM cannot be provided here. However, Chairman Alisdair Stewart gave the Newsletter a preview of his annual report.

The Chairman's report explains that the Kinross-shire Partnership is run on an entirely voluntary basis by a board which currently comprises eight directors, the four PKC Ward Councillors, an Administrator and five voluntary co-optees. Details of what the Partnership does can be found on their website www.kinrosspartnership.org.uk.

The Chairman records his appreciation of Eddie Henderson, who recently retired as a director after many years, and welcomes two new directors who joined the board this year, Sid Grant and Kevin Keenan.

Over the past 12 months the Partnership has:

- Run a popular series of business breakfasts,
- Operated the Loch Leven Tourism Forum,
- Sponsored a fleet of mobility scooters for free use on the trail,
- Incubated proposals for the creation of a new visitor attraction to showcase local airports and general aviation heritage in a visually iconic centre which imbues both the fun of, and science behind, flight and space exploration (*see page 3*),
- Helped fund the Kinross Curling Trust, KLEO and the Kinross-shire Cricket Club.

The Partnership has promoted the interests of Kinross-shire at a wide range of locations, events, workshops and voluntary sector gatherings. The Chairman says, "There is no shortage of ideas and enthusiasm for continuing to act as a catalyst in the identification, promotion and encouragement of economic development, tourism, environmental improvement and community recreation." Directors have prepared an agreed action plan for the year ahead built on these goals.

For the past 16 years, the administrative cost of running the Partnership has been funded by PKC and this is expected to continue. Over the years PKC has also been able to provide *ad hoc* support for special projects like the Kinross CC website, the newer tourism website 'Visit Loch Leven', and the fleet of mobility scooters on the Heritage Trail. However, against the background of financial austerity, it is clear that PKC is no longer able to provide this *ad hoc* support. The board is therefore seeking support for a membership scheme. This would have an annual fee of £50 for an individual and £100 for a business with two or more employees. Members would be entitled to discounted access to Kinross-shire Partnership events. Members of Loch Leven Tourism Forum would have automatic membership of Kinross-shire Partnership.

The Chairman says in his report, "It is most heartening to note the substantial progress achieved over the past 12 months in the renovation of the former Town Hall and County Buildings. The efforts of the developers have already made a huge impact on the appearance of the place and, with the works currently underway to improve the High Street, we are at long last seeing the regeneration of the centre of Kinross." In his report the Chairman paid tribute to Tracy Ramsay and colleagues at the campus and KLEO for the events they organise and all volunteers who contribute.

Kinross Museum

Loch Leven Community Campus

www.kinrossmuseum.co.uk

www.facebook.com/Kinross.Museum



In April, with the return of better weather, Museum volunteers resumed their survey of the memorial stones in the Old Kirkgate Churchyard. We continue to record inscriptions, the oldest of which date back to the late 16th century, each stone adding its contribution to the social history of Kinross.

In May, look out for new exhibitions on weaving and the late Nan Walker and the publication of a guide to the Loch Leven Heritage Trail compiled by Museum Trust Chairman David Munro.

If you would like to support the activities of Kinross (Marshall) Museum by becoming a Friend of the Museum or a Volunteer, drop by the Museum Study Room in the Loch Leven Community Campus on a Thursday or Saturday to find out more.



Volunteers surveying the memorial stones at the Kirkgate graveyard

Kinross High School

KHS – Rotary Partnership

S6 students were given the opportunity to participate in interview training, CV preparation and mock interview with members of the Rotary team from January to March 2015. Twenty-eight S6 students took advantage of the interview experience and 15 attended a CV workshop. Evaluation of the programme from S6 students and Rotary are being discussed in the school to allow, hopefully, for the continuation and development of this initiative. The school is appreciative of the advice, commitment and time which has been given by Rotary colleagues from our community and looks forward to strengthening this link, which KHS believes is of real benefit to our young people.

From S6 Head Boy and Girl

This year, our 6th year have been given the fantastic opportunity to take part in a mock interview process as well as gaining first hand training in interview skills and CV building. It has been an excellent experience, and one that will help us greatly in our future careers. We would like to thank the Rotary members for giving us their time to guide us through this process and giving us invaluable feedback. A special thank you goes to Mr McIntosh as well, for making this experience possible.

Fred Culley and Heather Sturgeon (Head Boy and Girl)



Kinross High School

Parent Council

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The Spring Concert held at the end of last term was a wonderful display of the many talents which exist within our school. Of course there were many pupils entertaining the audience with their excellent musical skills, but it was just as pleasing to see how many parts of the whole school community helped make the show happen, on the stage and behind the scenes. We saw Music Department staff supporting and encouraging pupils to perform (some for the first time), office staff popping up and doing a bit of everything, pupils on the stage and behind the scenes, and Mr Keatings demonstrating his own musical talents. The willingness of everyone to produce a good show is very encouraging.

The next meeting of the Parent Council is planned for **Monday 25 May**, with the AGM on 15 June. Meetings are held at the school. This term, Primary 7 pupils from our feeder primaries are preparing to move up to Kinross High School in August. Parents of these pupils might like to consider joining the Parent Council. Any parent or guardian of a current 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.

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.

From next session, Kinross High School Parent Council will be looking for a new Clerk. If you think you might have the skills to take on this interesting role, please contact the Parent Council via the current Clerk. Proficiency in MS Office and good organisational and communication skills will be useful for this position.

Office bearers of the Parent Council for the 2014-15 school session are: William Nicholls (Chair), Kay Mitchell (Vice Chair) and Allan Miller (Treasurer).

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Portmoak Primary School

We have just finished another busy term at Portmoak Primary School. Here are some of the highlights from our school of late.

Pupil Voice in Action – Some news from the committees

Every pupil at Portmoak is involved in one of our committees which give our pupils a voice in their learning and allows them to take responsibility for making our school and community a better place. The activities on Red Nose Day are a good example of some of this work in action.

The Events & Fundraising pupil group would like to thank everyone who supported us for Red Nose Day. We have raised £775.51 including £320 from the sale of eight boxes of red noses. We had a coffee morning, cake and candy stall and guess the sweets in the jar as well as activities in classes and special gym that day.

The children also took part in a bring-and-buy sale on the day where they were raising funds from the sale to buy a new bin for the playground. This was organized by the pupils in the Eco Committee with the suggestion for the location and need for the new playground bin having been raised by the Pupil Council.

The new Greenhouse is another example of the work of these groups. This time the Community Committee promoted and organized a story writing competition which was run by Moto in the Community. Entrants had to write a creative story which featured a greenhouse somewhere in the plot. Moto had five greenhouses to give away across the country and the children made posters and spoke at assembly to encourage their peers to take part. Well done to Emily Warburton who was successful in securing a new greenhouse and £1000 for installation for our school! We look forward to having this in place and the School Grounds Committee (supported by Kinnesswood in Bloom) are making plans for its use already.



The Portmoak Primary Euroquiz champions with the Perth and Kinross trophy.

Euroquiz

On 18 March Portmoak were crowned Perth and Kinross Euroquiz champions again. The team will now go on to compete for P&K in the Scottish parliament for the Scottish finals in May. They are very excited about the final which sees schools from across Scotland representing their Local Authority and teams from as far away as Orkney come down to Edinburgh to compete.

This is the third time in four years Portmoak have been P&K winners. Well done to the team and thanks to Miss Seaton who trained them for the event.

Rotary Quiz

A team from P7 completed at the Kinross-shire Rotary Quiz last month too. Well done to Kinross Primary who were the overall winners on the day, but the event was a very closely fought affair with only five questions separating the top four teams.

Perform in Perth

On 20 March the boys' choir won the Perform in Perth treble boys' choir trophy, so the shield is coming back to Portmoak again! We won this last year too! (*See page 85 for photo of choir.*) The standard of singing within Portmoak once again earned praise from the judges. The girls' choir will be performing later in the year for you all too.

Well done also to Katie Robertson on her individual award for third place in her violin class.

Solar Eclipse

There was lots of excitement at Portmoak the day of the solar eclipse. All of our pupils were able to view the eclipse through a set of special glasses and we enjoyed a live video feed for the assembly that morning.

Easter Service

The whole school attended Portmoak Church for the Easter service on 2 April. P3/4/5 led the service, which included a story of 'The Three Trees' and their role in the Easter story and interesting information that the children had researched on Easter traditions from around the world. The service opened with some beautiful performances on the violin and viola from some of our children who receive musical tuition at the school. The winners of the Easter Egg Competition and Wordsearch competition were announced as well as the draw for the Royal Party for Portmoak Gala. Reverend Stenhouse presided over the service as Reverend Morrison is preparing for his term as Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland for 2015-16.

Portmoak Gala Royal Party

This year's Gala Queen is Caitlin Quinn. She will be assisted by two flower girls this year: Skye Robertson and Jaya Verden-Anderson. We are delighted in school that volunteers have been found to take the Gala forward for another year and look forward to this date later in the summer term.

Fundraising News

Thanks again to Buchan's Garage and the members of the community who have supported us in our Bags2School collection and by handing in Sainsbury's vouchers. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Regular readers of our school's news will be pleased to hear that the library project is nearing completion. The library has been a long time in the making, with money being raised for books and furniture through a wide range of sources, including community groups such as the Round Table and Rotary as well as Sainsbury's bag packing and Moto in the Community funds and book donations. Watch this space, as we will be having an official launch of the library to which we will be inviting our friends in the community.

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. Don't forget anyone can keep up to date with the school through viewing our website at www.portmoak.com or following us on Twitter @PortmoakPS.

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Annual General Meeting

More than sixty members attended the AGM on 18 March. Directors reported on the tremendous achievements since the 2014 AGM and thanked members for their ongoing support without which progress would not have been possible.

There were seven valid nominations for the five Trustee vacancies. After the votes were counted Phil Barton, Margaret-Elspeth Harman, Iain Keddie, Doug Ritchie and Ena Stevenson were elected to join Bob Tait (Chairman), Malcolm Strang-Steel (Vice Chairman) and Mike Caffyn (Treasurer) on the Board.

The membership present approved the proposal to invite all curlers and supporters of Kinross Curling to apply for free membership. There are various benefits to membership. To find out more, and download an application form, go to: www.kinrosscurling.co.uk/kct-membership.html

Delivery Stick Funspiel

Twenty-one people took part in our first Delivery Stick Funspiel on 28 March. Participants ranged from experienced national curlers (cue and non-cue curlers alike) to regular club curlers and a few complete beginners. It was a light-hearted afternoon, with many first-time cue curlers pleasantly surprised at how enjoyable this style of delivery was. Thanks to Ena Stevenson for organising the event. Photos can be found on our Facebook page.



*Mixed League: Iain and Julia Cormack (runners-up)
with Linzi Sim and Ross Cormack (winners)
photo: Andy Macpherson*

Mixed Doubles

There was a tense finish to our new league on 28 March as Iain and Julia Cormack played against their son Ross and Linzi Sim, with both teams aiming to win the league. Going into the last session, Ross had a two-point and one-end advantage over his parents. Iain and Julia scored a couple of big ends to be in a commanding position throughout the game, but it wasn't enough as Ross and Linzi won four ends and with that the league by just one end and five shots!

Mixed Doubles is an exciting new format that uses only six stones per team, with one stone from each team pre-positioned before play. We know many people who were interested in playing but couldn't find a partner, so for next season we

are going to run the league again, but without the 'Mixed' requirement. If interested, please contact the icemen by email.

John Stewart Double Rink Knockout

Over the course of the season, sixteen clubs were whittled down to two for the final on 2 April, featuring Glenfarg and Kinross. Both were looking to make history: Glenfarg were aiming to become only the sixth club in 17 years to get their name on the trophy, while Kinross were aiming to become the first club to win it for three consecutive seasons.

The scoreline across both games was close for most of the final, but Kinross pulled away in the closing ends to get their hands on the trophy for the fifth time in six years.

Closing Bonspiel

Thirty teams took part in the Closing Bonspiel on 4 April, trying to score as many shots as possible. The winner, with a score of 16, was Markinch. The runner-up, with a score of 13, was Fossoway. There was a jolly atmosphere in the lounge afterwards as participants enjoyed a delicious buffet. Photos from the bonspiel are on our Facebook page.

League Champions

NFU Superleague 1

NFU Superleague 2

NFU Superleague 3

KCT 1

KCT 2

KCT 3

Ladies Superleague

Mixed League

Mixed Doubles

50+

John Stewart Knockout

M Sutherland

M Silvera

J Fairfield

Kinross Juniors

Dollar

Falkland

E Brown

L Rennie

R Cormack

I Nicholson

Kinross

Website

We plan to renovate the Kinross Curling website over the summer. If you have any feedback, advice or suggestions, we would love to hear them.

And finally...

Thank you to our sponsors and to local curlers for all your support during our first season in the refurbished ice rink. The **Kinross Curling Opening Bonspiel** will take place on **Saturday 12 September**.

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Orwell Ladies Curling Club

Members enjoyed a fun evening and delicious food at the Grouse and Claret, where the following trophies for season 2014-15 were awarded:



Thomanean Plate (opening bonspiel): Elma McCulloch, Jean Robertson, Jane Drysdale, Nancy Gibb.

Thistle Cup (league): Valerie Inglis, Maggie Scott, Eileen Thomas, Claire Cole.

Jubilee Plate (league): Margaret Nelson, Gay Deas, Catherine Ballantyne, Alicia Hay.

Wooden Spoon (sporting losers of Jubilee league): Wilma Brownlie, Caroline Liddle, Allison Pirie, Jeanne Dean.

Gairney Rosebowl (league): Caroline Liddle, Catherine Ballantyne, Allison Pirie, Jeanne Dean.

Mixed League: Liz Glennie and Fiona Doig (with Willie Paterson and Jim Brownlie).

Kay Queich (points runner-up): Margaret Nelson and Eileen Thomas.

Cuthill Salver (points winner): Wilma Brownlie.

Jessie Baillie Rosebowl (highest lead or second in points): Maggie Sanderson.

Scougal Vase (pairs runners-up): Laurie McKerrow and Lesley Johnston.

Kirkforthar Cup (pairs winners): Maggie Sanderson and Jackie McQueen.

Wharlawhill Cup (closing bonspiel): Wilma Brownlie, Caroline Liddle, Lenore Kyle, Fiona Doig.

Paterson Rosebowl (cumulative): Eileen Thomas.

Orwell Ladies play on a Tuesday morning throughout the season, September to April. If you are interested in joining, contact Kathleen by email: olccsecretary@gmail.com

Kinross Junior Curling Club

Kinross Juniors held their Closing Bonspiel, AGM and prize-giving on Sunday 29 March.

The winners of the closing bonspiel were Drew Thomson, Ben Cormack and Scott Barr.

The AGM followed and James Hay was elected President for the coming year.

Immediate Past President Andrew Johnston officiated at the prize giving and Bob Tait from KCT handed out the prizes.

The winners of our various competitions were:

Fossoway Cup: Grant Barr, Kirstin Bousie, Tommy Fairbairn and Harry Cormack.

Jubilee Cup: Andrew Johnston, James Hay, Craig Barr and Lauryn Brand.

Jamie Birrell Quaich (points): Sean Keegan.

Anderson Rosebowl (pairs): Kirstin Bousie and Eleanor Baughan.

Pairs Low Road: Finlay Campbell & Alysia Rennie.

Most Improved Curler: Jack Drummond.

This rounded off a successful season for our junior curlers.

Kinross Curling School

We need more volunteers to assist with the delivery of our curling programmes.

You can be a great support to your club and to local curling. For more information, please contact Claire Milne or Ena Stevenson:

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Fossoway Curling Club

Our first season at the refurbished rink is now over with everyone agreeing that the new facility is a huge improvement. Our thanks to all the staff and board of Kinross Curling Trust for all their efforts.



The winners of all our competitions are as follows:

Shand Shield (Opening Bonspiel): Ian Nicholson, Andy Macpherson, Rob McLachlan, George Cowan.

Fraser Cup: Tom McColgan, Alan Paterson, Mike Low, David Rae.

Stewart Cup: Ian Nicholson, Andy Macpherson, Rob McLachlan, George Cowan.

Johnson Cup: Ian Nicholson, Alan Paterson, Sid Grant, David Rae.

Reid Cup: Ian Nicholson, Alan Paterson, Sid Grant, David Rae.

Pool Competition: Ian Nicholson, Andy Macpherson, Sean Keegan, Mike Low.

Paterson Trophy (Club Champion): Ian Nicholson.

Grant Cup: Ian Nicholson, Maggie Sanderson, John Taylor, Linda McLachlan.

Gibson Cup (Points): John Taylor.

King Cup (Pairs high road): Tom McColgan, Barbara Nicholson.

Henderson Cup (Pairs low road): Sid Grant, Willie Thomson. Fossoway also won (along with Kinross and Kinross Juniors) the Inter Province Championship for Loch Leven Province and were runners up in the rink closing bonspiel.

Fossoway are a small and friendly local curling club based in Crook of Devon although our members come from far and wide. We play throughout the season mostly at Kinross with a few games in Perth. We are always looking for new members (beginners and experienced) who will find a warm welcome awaiting. Coaching is available free of charge. Contact Alan on (01577) 840695 or Willie on (01577) 840405 for details.



Hon President Jimmy Johnson presenting the Henderson Cup for the pairs low road to Sid Grant and Willie Thomson

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Kinross Kobras

The Kobras hosted a tournament at KGV with teams coming from Perthshire HC, Dunfermline Carnegie, Junior Hockey Academy and Blairgowrie HC.

In the U14 section a Kobras team competed in the final against Dunfermline Carnegie, losing by the closest of margins. At U12 the two Kobras teams ended up facing each other in the playoff games: in a lively, hard-fought match the Kobras B team came out on top. A young U10s team gained some great experience in their section which was won by a team from JHA. A big thanks to the coaches and umpires and to those running the bake sale who raised some good funds to put towards an upgraded pitch at KGV.

Well done to those Kobras selected for Midland District U14 squads who play in the inter-district championships in May. Training continues through the summer term (why stop playing when the weather improves?) and several upcoming tournaments will give youngsters plenty of opportunities for match practice.



The U10 team (above) and the U12 team (below) from the tournament at KGV



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Kinross Badminton Club



The club would like to thank all members for consistently high attendances this season, especially after the clocks went forward, as we normally see a dip in attendances. The committee hopes this continues through to the end of the season. In the month of May the club will only be running on Tuesday nights at the normal time (20:00-21:45). The last night of play will be Tuesday 26 May. The club will reopen for the new season on Tuesday 11 August.

The club would also like to say well done to Alison Walker and Bill Macdonald, who were the winners of this year's Kate Francis competition. Our annual tournament is currently underway and the winners will appear in the next Newsletter, along with details about trophy presentations.

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

Kinross Tennis Club

www.kinrosstennisclub.org.uk



After a successful Open Day at the end of March, the tennis season is now in full swing and we are all looking forward to a season of 'strawberries & cream' and improving our fitness! With summer just around the corner, including the Wimbledon Championships, why not emulate your tennis heroes and come along to KTC for a game of tennis!

New members are still welcome to join the club and enquiries can be made to our secretary Margaret Hamblin at kinrosstennis@gmail.com

Adult members kick off the social calendar with our annual David Wangerin Tournament, a mixed doubles round robin tournament in the afternoon of Sunday 26 April.

Alternatively, you are free to come along to our social tennis sessions for adult members on Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm and Sunday mornings at 10.30am. In addition, our Thursday afternoon sessions at 1.30pm are good for both members and non-members wishing to try the sport.

Junior Summer term coaching commenced late April for ten weeks on Tuesdays and Fridays and continues until 30 June. Thereafter, we have two **Summer Camps**, from **Monday 6 July to Friday 10 July** and from **Monday 10 August to Friday 14 August**. All junior bookings and enquiries should be made to Siobhan MacLeod by emailing kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com

Adult league matches commenced at the end of April with both Gents and Ladies hoping to have another successful season – match results will be reported in the next newsletter. Adult coaching is available; please contact Margaret Hamblin on 01577 850252 or at kinrosstennis@gmail.com

Visitor keys are available from Sands the Ironmongers for a small fee.

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Kinross Otters

The Scottish National Age Group
Swimming Championships 2015

Aberdeen Sports Village, 31 March - 5 April

The absolute cream of the crop turned out at the impressive Aberdeen Sports Village to compete for the big swimming prizes at the Scottish National Age Group Championships. Stars included Olympian **Hannah Miley**, one of Scotland's best ever swimmers. The Otters did extremely well to have four of their best swimmers qualify for these Championships.

Ola Stanton (12) from Milnathort, affectionately known as the "Pocket Rocket", is one of the best Breaststrokers in Britain, but she had to face her nemesis in **Katie Goodburn** from the Warrender Club in Edinburgh, whom she had never beaten. They clashed in the 50m Breaststroke event at the Scottish Schools Championships at the end of January this year, with **Goodburn** edging it by 0.08 of a second.

In the heats in Aberdeen, **Goodburn** again claimed the psychological advantage by qualifying 0.09 of a second quicker than **Ola** in 37.87 secs. It all looked like a re-run of those previous Championships, but **Ola** had other ideas. **Ola** shot off the blocks for the perfect start, just ahead of **Goodburn**. As they surfaced **Ola** held on to her slight advantage. The contrast in styles was stark with **Ola** maintaining a fast, low stroke, cutting efficiently through the water and **Goodburn** preferring a high, thrusting stroke giving a powerful glide into the next stroke.



Scottish National Age Group Championship swimmers
Ola Stanton (with her superb gold medal) and Jack Muncey

As the race progressed it was clear **Ola** had held much in reserve prior to this final and began to stretch her lead much to the delight of all the Tayside clubs on poolside who were cheering her on. By the finish she was the clear winner by

0.47 seconds in a quite astounding **36.51 seconds!** This smashed her own Midland District (Tayside) record and now ranks her **number one in the whole of Britain** by a quarter of a second. Needless to say, this was the best ever swim by any Otter, ever!

Ola was only the second Otter ever to win a medal at these Championships, after **Cameron Nelson's** triumph in Sunderland in 2012.

Ola showed her versatility and quality by also qualifying for four other events across different strokes. She came 5th in the 50m Freestyle (30.11 secs), 10th in the 200m Breaststroke (3.05.65), 18th in the 100m Butterfly (1.21.96) and 15th in the 200m Individual Medley in 2.50.86, setting a new club record in the process.

Otters Head Coach, **Simon Metcalfe**, was somewhat hoarse when we caught up with him, but he had this to say of his protégé: "What **Ola** has achieved this week has been brilliant. For a small club like Kinross Otters to be able to compete against swimmers and clubs who have far greater resources is satisfying. She has bought into the training programme and is now reaping the results. To come back and reverse the result from the Scottish Schools final was superb".

Ola is an amazing talent and there is clearly a lot more to come from the diminutive "Pocket Rocket".

Jack Muncey (11), the Otters backstroke specialist, did not disappoint as he qualified for both the 100m and 200m events. He recorded a very creditable 1.18.94 in the 100m to come 13th overall but it was his 200m that should out, where he came 12th in a new 5 second personal best of 2.46.86.

Breaststroke star **Iona Crawford** (14) performed well coming 15th on the 50m (38.25 secs) and 16th in the 100m (1.23.60) and **Conor McCormick** (15) put in a fast 34.89 secs in the 50m Breaststroke to finish 17th.

Well done to all these Otters, as qualifying for these Championships is a feat in itself.

Midland District League - First Division

The Otters 2nd team travelled to Perth on 28 March for the first league match of the season against the first teams of Perth City, Blairgowrie Dolphins, Montrose and Monifieth. The team finished last by a whisker but they had lots of new and very young swimmers taking part, for example seven-year-olds in the 10 & under category.

Glenrothes Spring Meet

Michael Woods Sports Centre, Glenrothes, 21 March

The Otters sent 13 mostly younger and inexperienced swimmers to this tough meet and came back with one medal (**Iona Crawford**, 14, bronze 100m Breaststroke 1.21.43) and 21 personal best times.

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Kinross Volleyball Club

The club continues its success in the Perth & District Premier League, winning the title this season after losing out last year to local rivals Team Fife.

The club is also in the process of completing the development level of Perth & Kinross Council's Sport Accreditation Scheme - PACES.

Junior members will be attending a series of focused coaching sessions in preparation for September's Sainsbury's UK School Games. Two junior club members won bronze medals with the Scotland East Boy's Team last year and more are hoping for selection in this year's games' programme.

With the summer weather now here, the club has moved outdoors for park volleyball on the grass area to the rear of the campus. All sessions are free of charge and everyone is welcome to come along and play for fun – all abilities catered for. The outdoor sessions, weather permitting, will operate on Monday evenings from 7pm till 8.30pm using the Club's outdoor portable net and posts.

Park volleyball is very much to the fore this summer, with the club also preparing for two outdoor tournaments, the first being Perth's Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament which has now been running for 30 years, the second being the club's annual tour to De Haan in Belgium in mid August.



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Kinross Cycling Club



By the time the May Newsletter goes on sale, the Kinross Sportive will have taken place and a report will follow next month.

Thanks to all the local people for support and patience on the day.

Lovely weather over the Easter holidays has made for some fine cycling. There has been sunshine at home, and some of the KCC members will also have put in some miles on the classic routes of Majorca.

KCC riders have taken place in some early season events:

Crit on the Campus: This cycle circuit racing event took place at the campus of Stirling University on 22 March. There were a number of races staged during the day but KCC riders Douglas Barrett and Jonathan Witham participated in the Category 4 events. Jonathan Witham completed his race in a time of 38min 44seconds. Douglas took part but did not finish.

Fife Cycling Association (FCA) Mid-week Time Trial (TT) series: This is a series of Wednesday evening events which take place from April to September. They are open to affiliated riders who hold a British Cycling licence. The first event of 2015 took place on 8 April. 65 riders took part in the **Ladybank 5 mile TT**. The evening was dry and bright with a light wind which felt quite chill. KCC was well represented and results were as follows: Paul Maddocks 12:01, George Shanley 12:08, Nick Rowan 12:08, Donnie McLeod 12:56, John Myerscough 13:11, Jane Timperley 15:48.

KCC Thursday evening TT series: The first TT of this series is the 5-mile TT. It takes place on 30 April. Details of all events in the series are on the website. Points earned by first claim riders from KCC contribute to the accumulator table for the annual Grand Prix awards.

Sunday Club rides: Details of routes are posted in advance on the website. Note that rides are now setting off at 9am from the campus.

Saturday Bun Run rides and Newbies rides: These rides are at a more leisurely pace than the club runs and details of forthcoming trips are on the website. Anyone new to cycling or returning after some time out is welcome to join one of our "Newbie" rides, which are held on the last Saturday of each month.

Details of all our activities are to be found on our website www.kinrosscyclingclub.com.

Kinross Swimmers



By the time this Newsletter is published, our AGM will have taken place, on 28 April.

New swimmers are always most welcome to come along. We continue to meet every

Tuesday evening at the pool at Loch Leven Leisure Centre to be in the water at 8pm, swimming until 9pm. Our intention is firstly to enjoy a swim session and secondly improve the stroke, stamina and style of those attending so that any other swimming is more worthwhile, effective and enjoyable. We welcome anyone looking to improve their swimming for whatever reason, all we ask is that you can complete four lengths. Experienced swimmers looking for a friendly but directed extra session are especially welcome

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

Kinross Cavaliers Basketball Club

Did you know?

- Basketball was made an official Olympic sport in Berlin, Germany in 1936.
- It is a great way to keep fit, improves balance and co-ordination and helps develop concentration and self-discipline.
- Basketball is a fun game that children of all ages and abilities can play.

The main focus at our training sessions is to have fun and learn new skills, so why don't you come along and try it? The first taster session is free!



Kinross Cavaliers have fun!

Two of the Kinross Cavalier girls have recently been selected to play for Scotland. Congratulations to Holly McIntyre, age 11, from Muckhart who will travel to Surrey, England, to play for the under 11 girls team. Also Ella Doherty, age 11, from Powmill, who will travel abroad with the Scotland under 12 girls team to Andorra, to play in the TIM Pirreus tournament. Well done, girls!



Holly McIntyre and Ella Doherty have been selected to play for Scotland

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, 6pm-8pm.

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

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Kinross Ladies Hockey Club

www.kinrossladieshockeyclub.co.uk

National Championship League – yikes! But let's give it a go! These were our thoughts



almost a year ago and now having completed a season we can say that our first team have thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and are well chuffed to have finished fourth in the league. The last results of the season were a 3-3 draw against MCC Western 3s (Vicky Carver scoring 2 and Lynn Paterson 1); a 3-8 defeat v Edinburgh Uni 2s (Vicky, Katy Russell and Laurie Allan scoring); and a 7-2 win over Grove Menzieshill A (Katy scoring 3, AJ 2 and Lynn and Vicky one each).

As we went to press last month, our second team were in the title race for Midland Division 2. The much awaited fixture against Dundee Uni 3s was the key match for that dream to become a possible reality. Unfortunately the match did not quite go to plan and despite a great effort, the final score was 2-3 to the "baddies", with Sally Montford scoring and an own goal the other. There are still two outstanding league games to be played, and Kinross 2s will finish strongly, however the title race is now sadly over for another season.

Our second team played Perthshire 1s in the League Cup and felt the pressure playing against a division 1 side, a resilient first half slipping away to a 2-5 defeat come full-time (Claire Brownbridge and Lindsey Knight scoring).

In the Midland Knock Out Cup our 2s had a tough opener v Brechin, another division 1 side. Kinross, short a few regular players, felt the strength of Brechin in attack, losing 2-9, but were very pleased to score 2 goals against them, albeit Brechin were playing with a kicking back! Kirsty Dunn scored both goals. That result put us through to the Knock Out Plate and a bye so we await St Andrews Uni 4s with bated breath in the semis. Full report next month....

Our training stops at the end of April for the summer, but mixed summer hockey will start and run on Tuesdays to keep us all hockey fit, so do come along and join us. Further information is available on our website.

Kinross Vaulting Group

As I write, this competition is in full flow for all our horses, vaulters and coaches at Kinross vaulting group, at Carnbo.



Easter weekend saw ILPH Islay, lunger Liz Mackay and six vaulters, Yazmin Williamson, Lesley Campbell, Hannah Ballantyne, Kirstin Henderson, Atholl Pettinger and Molly Turner travel to Saumur in France for our first competition of the season where we had some great results and a good time was had by all.

Senior 2* female: 14th Lesley Campbell, 16th Yazmin Williamson

Senior 1* female: 2nd Hannah Ballantyne

Junior 2* female: 9th Kirstin Henderson

Junior 2* male: 1st Atholl Pettinger

Junior 1* female: 6th Molly Turner

All competed on ILPH Islay and were lunged by Liz Mackay. Our next competition is on the 19 April, when all four horses and 20 of our vaulters will compete.

This will be closely followed by four of our vaulters travelling to Belgium to compete during the first weekend in May, so hopefully I'll have some more great results to report.

We had a very generous donation from Ms Alison Wilson from Perth towards our club funds, which was very much appreciated.

Kinross-shire Cricket Club

Start of the new season

The winter gloom has lifted and the new season has arrived with a fair amount of excitement. The pavilion has had a major upgrade with an expanded club room and upgrades to the changing rooms and toilets. The nets have had an overhaul and the wicket looks ideal for the early season matches. On the administration front, the website has been redesigned and the club's Facebook and Twitter services are in full swing. A massive "thank you" goes out to all the club volunteers who gave up their time to carry out the work and to local businesses S Koronka Manufacturing, Frux Farm Storage and Loch Leven's Larder who provided additional help and assistance over the winter.

The club has a very full fixtures schedule this season with over 70 matches across U10, U11, U13, U15, U18, ladies' and men's league and friendly teams. There are a number of high profile matches this year, including a Scottish Women's invitational T20, a P&K Disability match, the Kinross-shire Community "6's" tournament and the 160th Anniversary festival games. The playing season ends with a senior team tour to the Isle of Bute in September.

The U13 and U15 junior teams will again be competing in the Scottish Cup and the Nat West National Championships. In the past few years we have reached the finals day for both tournaments and we have high hopes again for this year. The Ladies' & Girls' team will be back playing again this season after a couple of years off. We also have a senior team playing in the Fife Mid-week T20 League for the first time in three years, which provides cricket for those who can't make the full day matches at the weekend.

Training nights are Monday 6.15-8pm for the Juniors and Ladies, Thursday 6.30-8.30pm for the Seniors. Full details of all matches and training nights can be found on the club website www.kinrosscc.co.uk

May Home Fixtures

		start time
Sat 16th	1st XI v Coupar Angus CC	1300
Sun 17th	Sunday XI v Dollar CC	1300
Wed 20th	Mid week VIII v Broomhall	1800
Wed 20th	U13 v Perth DooCot U13	1800 (junior pitch)
Sat 23rd	1st XI v St Andrews University	1300



Club History

The recent articles outlining the club's known history have brought a number of emails and calls from local residents who have links with club going back as far as the 1920s. One contact was from Mrs Margaret Able, who kindly passed on photographs of her father, Robert, and brother, Andrew Downie, who both played for the club in the 1930s. Club chairman, John Ross, met with Mrs Able and found out lots more of the club's history and the various local players from that time. The club passes on its sincere thanks to Mrs Able for the donation of the photographs which will be framed and take pride of place in the pavilion.

The club would be very interested to hear from family members of some of the other local players from that time, which included Davie Hutchison, Jim Beveridge, Dave and Dod (George) Telfer, Jim McGregor, Billy Miller, Jack Imrie and Bob Murray. Our intention is to create a 160th Anniversary book to celebrate the club's history and it would be fantastic if we could get more information on the locals who played and any pictures from these times. If you do know anyone who played in the past, the club can be contacted by email via secretary@kinrosscc.co.uk



Robert and Andrew Downie, who played in the 1930s

GB bronze for local duathlete

Milnathort triathlete **Gregor Malcolm** hit early season form with a bronze medal at the recent Great Britain Duathlon (run - bike - run) Youth Championships in Corby.

Gregor, who moved last year from Kinross High School to take up a triathlon scholarship at Beaconsfield School, Bridge of Allan, has seen the sporting benefits of his move. A member of the Scotland Triathlon Foundation squad has seen Gregor train on a monthly basis over the winter with Scotland coach Bexs Milne, whilst personal coach Gordon Crawford, one of Scotland's top coaches, has ensured

that Gregor has been focused on some early season success.

Gregor told the Newsletter: "It's a real boost for the rest of the triathlon season getting on the podium at the British. Weather conditions were really tough but suited me after a long Scottish winter. It was also my first competitive outing on my new road bike, which went really well. The support I've had with kit and support from both Synergy Cycles, Auchterarder and Kinross Cycle Club has been fantastic."

Photo at right shows Gregor Malcolm with his bronze medal at the GB Duathlon Youth Championships





MILNATHORT – President Ann Reid welcomed all to the March meeting. After the previous meeting's minutes were read then business, she welcomed Ronnie Child, retired community policeman for Kinross.

Ronnie told us how he came into policing and of his early years in the force before coming to Kinross in 1991.

He told of the varied tasks he was called to including search and rescue, road accidents and rescuing parachutists from trees! One of his highlights was assisting at a roadside birth! When he came to Kinross his role as Community Liaison Officer made him a well-known face in the area, especially with the young people. He visited schools giving road safety talks, talks on alcohol abuse and generally how to keep out of mischief!

Jean Paterson thanked him for a very entertaining insight into community policing.

We had a cup of tea and a raffle.

Competitions:

Flower of the month	Ena Thomson
Favourite ornament	Margaret Dewar
Fruit Loaf	Vi Todd

Anne Reid, President, welcomed everyone to the meeting on 16 April. We then had a very enjoyable night's entertainment by Dr Oliver Wilson, who told us all about his time as a professional footballer for Hibs, his singing on Forces radio and his life as a Psychiatric Doctor. He then played his guitar and sang a couple of songs.

Competitions:

Oat biscuits	Cathie Cochrane
Crafted flower	Margaret Dewar
Flower of the month	Nan Patrick

BISHOPSHIRE – President Norma Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting on a lovely spring evening.

Our speaker, Claire Paton, spoke about "A Day in the Life of a Jar of Honey", and demonstrated many recipes which everyone was happy to sample.

Competitions:

Item baked with honey	Margaret Paton
Spring flower arrangement in a honey jar	Jane Martin

BLAIRINGONE – At our April meeting President Mary Ramsay welcomed Ewen McDonnell, Community Liaison Manager for the Forth Replacement Crossing Project, who gave a very interesting talk on how the crossing has progressed from the start and showed slides on all the stages of planning roads and construction so far. It should be completed by the end of 2016. Fiona Clark gave the vote of thanks.

Competition:

Flower of the month	Agnes Murray
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CROOK OF DEVON – President Alice Johnson welcomed friends and fellow members to our annual coffee evening. The Dunkeld Handbell Ringers provided excellent entertainment for the evening. Isobel Mechan gave the vote of thanks. Tea and cake was then served by the members.

CLEISH – Vice President Mrs Dorothy Morris welcomed twenty five members and one visitor to our April meeting.

After business she welcomed our speaker for the evening, Willie Shand, and we enjoyed an interesting and informative illustrated talk on Highland Perthshire, enjoying spectacular scenery throughout.

A vote of thanks was given by committee member Mrs Marion Bisset.

Competitions:

Flower of the month	Elinor Craig
Fruit loaf	Margaret Kilpatrick
Scenic view	Betty Robb

GLENFARG – Milnathort ladies were a star turn at Glenfarg's April meeting, with a varied programme of entertainment which was thoroughly enjoyed by Glenfarg members. A demo, a quiz, funny poems, music and even ceilidh dancing all went down a treat and Margaret Scott proposed a well-earned vote of thanks to the visitors.

Competitions:

Decorated hardboiled egg	Lynda Stuart
Small box of marzipan fruits	Allison Messenger
Flower of the month	Margot Moran
Raspberry jam	Catherine Fairweather

On Friday 10 April a group of members had a wonderful night out courtesy of Perth Operatic Society at their excellent production of South Pacific.

CARNBO – President Molly White welcomed all members and visitors to the April meeting. After business, we had a very enjoyable presentation by Chris and Lynn Willsher following their Macquarie Island expedition named "Galapagos of the Southern Ocean" reflecting the astounding natural biodiversity and the importance of these islands as a wildlife refuge. A vote of thanks was given by Susan Malcolm.

Competitions:

Flower of the month	Margaret Forester
Paté	Josephine Paterson

POWMILL – President Sharon Buchanan welcomed members to the meeting on 21st January 2015. Members and guests enjoyed a delicious Burns Supper and Scottish entertainment.

Competitions:

Scottish pudding	Ella Shand
Scottish postcard	Mary Wilson
Garden gem	Mary Wilson

President Sharon Buchanan welcomed members to the February meeting. Members and guests enjoyed an extremely interesting talk on ice cream making by Ryan Nelson from Nelson's Ice Cream, Culross. Members also sampled some of the delicious ice cream.

Competitions:

Brownies	Mary Wilson
Card	Hilary Clark
Garden gem	Mary Wilson

Out & About



Loch Leven NNR



That's Craig away to Noss NNR for the summer. He reports it being more like winter, with regular snow flurries. Summer comes later to those folks up north.

We, on the other hand, are enjoying decent spells of warm, dry weather and this has helped our long distance migrants make it to Loch Leven. There have been regular Osprey sightings, particularly from the pier area, and by now the vast majority of Pink-footed Geese will have returned to Iceland to nest in the brief but productive Arctic summer.

The nesting season on the reserve is starting to get into full swing as the temperatures rise. Plenty of Greylags and Mallards are on their nests on St Serf's whilst the other duck species (Tufted Duck, Gadwall and Shoveler) will soon be joining them. A wren has built a lovely nest in one of the hides and, so long as they are given a bit of space, these plucky birds don't seem to mind the visitors. We are also hoping this first season will be successful for the new Sand martin bank on the southern shore and by the time you read this, birds should be prospecting new nest burrows at the purpose built site. If you want to check on their progress, just follow the trail from Kinross towards the RSPB and it's only a 15-minute walk.



The Sand martin bank

We run the moth trap at the office when we can and were rewarded with a locally scarce moth. An Oak Beauty is a common moth on the west coast but very infrequent over this side of the country. It is possibly the first record for Loch Leven.

The team of insect survey volunteers have been out and about on the reserve. They report that there have been plenty of Bees enjoying the Butterbur and other early flowering plants. We've also seen plenty of Butterflies.

The reserve maintenance volunteers have also been hard at work. We have removed a lot of Gorse regeneration from Carsehall Bog. This will aid the growing colony of Lesser butterfly Orchids. They've also done great work fixing the stock fences that are looking a little tired in that area and we are now nearly ready to put stock back on these fields to graze the areas to keep them in perfect conditions for the quality plant communities that grow there.

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

In a new event to celebrate Scotland's Nature Festival 2015 we are having a **Biodiversity Drop In** session at the bird hide at Burleigh Sands on **Tuesday 26 May**, 10am - 3pm. There is an amazing amount of biodiversity just a short walk from the hide. There are ponds teeming with insect life, a wildflower meadow rich with flowers and butterflies and of course the loch itself. We'll explore them all at this event. No booking is necessary for this and reserve staff will be at or around the hide all day, so people can spend as long as they want with us. We are delighted to announce that **Discovery Day** will be held at Kirkgate Park on **Sunday 14 June** from 12 noon until 4pm. This event attracted over 600 people last year. In next month's Newsletter article we will be able to confirm who is attending this year.

Another date for your diary is **Burleigh Botany**. Steven Longster and Liz Lavery will be out on **Tuesday 16 June** from 6pm until 8pm to look at the flora in the area. If you want to attend this event, please call the office on 01577 864439. Booking is essential as our events fill up quickly!

If you're at a loose end in the lengthening summer evenings, I strongly recommend taking the bike out on a pleasant spring evening and enjoy Loch Leven NNR. There is a lot to see and hear. So many folk cycle round with headphones in, but why not take them off for a change and enjoy the sounds of spring in full surround sound instead?

Please keep an eye on the blog. There are regular updates and photos from around Loch Leven and some of the other work Scottish Natural Heritage does locally. Put 'Loch Leven Wordpress' into your search engine.

Happy wildlife hunting...

Jeremy Squire, Reserve Officer

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Hello again, folks!

Another month past and things are warming up. The spell of good weather over the last week or two has seen loads of different summer migrants appearing on the reserve. Swallow, sand martin, willow warbler, blackcap, more chiffchaff and our now regular little ringed plovers are back on the flood, with three seen on Sunday 19 April. A single redhead smew was seen on the same day in Vane bay, along with a female garganey on the flood. Snipe, ruff, pintail, shoveler and tufted duck are regularly seen. Several hundred pinkfoot geese are still hanging around on the way north, although by the time you read this they will probably have gone back to Iceland – the country, that is, no the shop! Itherwise they wid be in a box, deid, pre-packed ready fur cookin! Other shops are available.

With the better weather, lapwing breeding activity continues and at time of writing we have had 20 nesting attempts; still early days yet, and no chicks seen so far as the birds are still incubating.

We have had a slight problem lately with some visitors walking up over the bunds, especially at our middle hide, to get a better views of the loch. Please stick to the recognised path and refrain from doing this as that is the main nesting area for Lapwing and other ground nesting birds. If they are frightened off nests it could allow predators to nip in and steal eggs – nae eggs, nae cute, fluffy, little bairns tae watch. Thanks muchly.

A new residential volunteer has joined us for a few months to help Vicky and Tommy monitor nesting activity. His name is Jean. He is from La France, you may have guessed by the name and gender, or he wid hiv been Jeanie fae Glesga or the like. Anyway he is a nice guy, speaks good English so say “bonjour” if you see him out and about on the reserve.

The work at the back of the building is now finished and our team of day volunteers have been working hard to complete the job. New fences, planting and general tidying up have made the place look a lot better. Still a bit to do but we are getting there.

The shop will be holding an **Optics Weekend** on **2 and 3 May**, so if you need any advice or would like to test some out under field conditions, much better than a High Street, come along and see if we have anything to suit your needs; sure we will. The bonus is the money goes back to nature and no some shareholder's pocket!

Summer events are available on the website or from the reserve. Ask when yer in.

Onywey, think that's enough o ma chuntering for this month.

See ya next time. Ta, ta

Colin

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Weather



March Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall	111.3mm = 4.45inches
Heaviest rainfall	17.2mm (1st)
Total sunshine for the month	95.7 hours
Sunniest day	8.8 hours (21st)
Maximum temperature average	8.95 °C
Highest temperature	13.1°C (20th)
Minimum temperature average	-1.86°C
Lowest temperature	-6.6°C (10th)



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Farming



It has been nice to see the weather improving in the few days prior to writing this article, as it had been pretty mediocre for the week before with rain and sleet showers and a biting wind. We are down to the last handful of our first batch of ewes still to lamb and it is a case of so far, so good as we have managed to keep the disasters down to an acceptable level, although we seem to have had to assist more births than I would like. This is most likely to have been caused by these ewes having had a good supply of grass all winter, resulting in them being relatively fat (or carrying plenty "condition") and the lambs growing very well in the womb. When lambs get quite large, there is a greater chance of them not presenting themselves properly for birth, having their front legs hunched back. This makes the shoulders broaden out so the ewe finds it more difficult to give birth so she tires and the lamb can suffocate if it is stuck in that position long enough. It is an easy problem to solve, as, by extending the legs out, the shoulders are more streamlined, and the lamb 'pops' out no problem. It is just a case of watching them closely. All our first-time mothers (or 'gimmers' as they are called when they are having their first lambs at two years old) were in the first batch and they tend to need more attention than older experienced ewes, so there were always going to be more problems to contend with anyway. The second batch haven't had quite as good a supply of grass over the winter, so it will be interesting to see how things pan out with them. The first ones have lambed already and they seem to be wee, hardy, 'handy' lambs, but time will tell.

March was a very cold month but there is a bit of grass growth now so there should be plenty for the ewes and lambs and we will hopefully get the cattle turned out into the fields in good time. We have had a few calves born, but looks like it will be a long, drawn out affair, which isn't so good. At least the ones born so far are fine, which is the most important thing. After we had a major problem with scour (diarrhoea) in the calves a few years ago, we started giving all the calves a probiotic capsule as soon as possible after they are born. We have found they have worked very well, practically eliminating the problem. The trickiest part of giving the calves their capsule, which they are given into the back of their mouth with a special dispenser, can be if the cow is very protective of her calf and doesn't appreciate the intrusion, so great care must be taken since a protective cow can be very dangerous.

I have written a lot about new life this month, but I should also mention a bit about old life and, indeed, death, as unfortunately my father died a few weeks ago. The changes seen in his lifetime have been phenomenal within the agricultural industry. Born at the time of the great depression between the two world wars, he witnessed the post war boom times when production and innovation were king, through recession years of the eighties and nineties through to the present day where extreme volatility characterises the agricultural markets. On the north Ayrshire farm where he was brought up, the farm's first tractor was bought when he returned home to work after a few years working on other farms. The price of that tractor was a thundering £325 in 1949. His generation has witnessed the change from most farm work still being done by horses, to cows being milked automatically by robot and tractors with the ability to steer themselves, which must be the biggest level of change seen by a single generation at any time in history. I would like to thank everyone for their condolences, for which my Mum, Brother and I are very grateful.

John

Local Attraction Opening Times

Lochleven Castle, Castle Island, Kinross



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Contact telephone no. 01577 862670

Burleigh Castle, Milnathort

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

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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.

Need Equipment for a Community Event?

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

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

Gardens Open

More information about these gardens
can be found on our website,
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Leisure info also on www.kinross.cc
and www.visitlochleven.org



Local Garden Open Regularly in May Dowhill, Cleish

Dowhill is a stunning and peaceful garden set off by the background of Benarty Hill. It has magnificent old trees and a lovely walk to the ruins of Dowhill Castle. There are nine linked ponds. Swathes of blue poppies and primulas, together with temptingly placed seats, make this garden a wonderful place to picnic in fine weather.

Dowhill is open from **18 May to 31 May**, 10am to 4pm, under Scotland's Gardens Scheme. Admission is £4 (charity: Motor Neurone Disease Association). No disabled access. Dogs on leads welcome. On **Sunday 24 May only** there will be a plant stall and teas available.

Directions: Three quarters of a mile off M90, exit 5, towards Crook of Devon on B9097 in the trees. Postcode: KY4 0HZ

Special Days Open in May under SGS

The four-acre garden at **Wester House of Ross, Comrie**, is open on Saturday and Sunday, **23 and 24 May**, 1.30pm to 4.30pm. It is partly herbaceous with meconopsis, peonies, hostas and woodland walks. There will be a large and interesting plant stall and a great tea tent with cakes galore! Admission £4 (40% to Maggie's Centres), children free. No disabled access. Dogs on leads welcome. PH6 2JS.

The gardens at **Dowhill, Cleish**, are open regularly in late May (see 'Local Garden Open Regularly in May' for more information). On **Sunday 24 May** there will be a special open day when there will be teas and a plant stall.

The garden at **Kirklands, Saline**, open on **Sunday 24 May**, is made up of herbaceous borders, bog garden, extended woodland garden with bluebells, rhododendrons, terraced walled vegetable garden and fruit trees. Opening hours are 2pm to 5pm. Partial disabled access; dogs on leads welcome; refreshments and plant stall. Admission £4, children free. Charity is Operation Ollie – Let's Get Him Walking. KY12 9TS. Jct 4, M90, then B914. Parking in centre of village then short walk.

Gardens Open by Arrangement

A good number of gardens within a short drive of Kinross can be visited by arrangement under Scotland's Gardens Scheme. Several are in the **Dollar** area. These are:

- **Rowberrow** in Castle Road (1 Feb-31 Dec);
- **Arndean** (15 May-15 June);
- **Hollytree Lodge**, Muckhart (1 Apr-30 Oct);
- **The Steading**, Yetts O'Muckart (1 Apr-15 Oct).

Others not too far away are: **Barham**, Bow of Fife (1 Apr-31 Jul); **Earshall Castle**, Leuchars (on request); **Logie House**, Crossford, Dunfermline (1 Apr-31 Oct) and **South Flish**, Blebo Craigs, Cupar (15 Apr-31 May).

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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 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

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GORDON BAILLIE (28) of Baillie's Newsagent, Kinross, has been named Home News Deliverer Retailer of the Year at the National Federation of Retail Newsagents Scottish Regional Awards ceremony in recognition of his service to the community. Gordon maintained uninterrupted home deliveries despite being without premises for almost six weeks in late 2013 and early 2014. This was due to a drunk driver ploughing a car into the premises just after the shop had undergone a major refurbishment.



Gordon Baillie with his Retailer of the Year Award

Gordon will now go on to represent Scotland at the National Awards, which will be held in London in October.

Thanks



ELAINE CARRUTHERS (Scotlandwell) and teammates Hatch's Hikers, who are taking part in the Caledonian Challenge in June 2015, would like to thank everyone who supported their Easter Raffle in the Well Country Inn. The fantastic sum of £220 was raised and congratulations go to the winner, John St Clair (Kinross Camera Club). Grateful thanks to Ronnie and Tanya for hosting the raffle and to all the staff who helped sell the tickets.

THE PORTMOAK HALL COMMITTEE would like to thank those involved in providing a Public Access Defibrillator at the Hall. We are very fortunate to have this community resource, thanks to the generosity of **Clare and Sue Abbott-Smith**, the **Scotlandwell in Bloom** group, and **John and Pat Nicol**. The Hall Committee would like to thank you for your generosity and hard work in obtaining this life saving device for the benefit of our community. Thanks also to **John Whiteford** for installing it.

If you would like to know more about the defibrillator, or if you are interested in attending a short training session, you can contact the Hall at portmoakhall@yahoo.co.uk
See page 14 for an article about the defibrillator.

THE KINROSS HUB CAFÉ FOR CARERS would like to say a big thank you to Sainsbury's (**Shona and Sharon**) who come along each month to support the Carers and Families, and for the kind donations they bring; also to the continued valued support from the Volunteers.

Many thanks to the **LADIES CIRCLE** from the **KINROSS OTTERS** for their kind donation of £700 towards the Otters' warm weather training camp in Torremolinos, Spain, in October this year. Sixteen of their best swimmers and four adult coaching and management staff will be making the trip. The money has been ear marked for the buses and transfers in Spain.



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Lindsay McBride, Milnathort PS: 1st, Violin Solo, Beginners.

Caroline Newton, Kinross PS: 3rd=, Violin Solo, Beginners.

Helen Hamilton, Kinross PS: 3rd=, Violin Solo, Beginners.

Finbar Dumbreck, Kinross PS: 3rd=, Violin Solo, Elementary.

Bryony Pettinger, Milnathort PS: 3rd=, Violin Solo, Elementary.

Katie Robertson, Portmoak PS: 3rd=, Violin Solo, Elementary.

Zosia Stanton, Milnathort PS: 1st, Violin Solo, Intermediate.

Eleanor Baughan, Kinross HS: 2nd=, Violin Solo, Intermediate.

Ola Stanton, Kinross HS: 1st, Violin Solo, Advanced.

Cally Evans, Kinross HS: 2nd=, Violin Solo, Advanced.

Nicholas Baughan, Kinross HS: 2nd=, Violin Solo, Advanced.

Audrey Doyle, Kinross HS: 3rd, Violin Solo, Open.

Ruaraidh Sturges, Kinross PS: 1st, Viola Solo, Beginners.

Seamus Nesbitt, Kinross PS: 3rd=, Viola Solo, Beginners.

Calum Macpherson, Kinross HS: 1st, Cello Solo, Advanced.

Erika Machan, Kinross HS: 2nd=, Flute Solo, Transitional.

Garry Simpson, Kinross HS: 1st, Snare Drum Solo, Transitional; 3rd, Xylophone Solo, Elementary; 1st, Timpani Solo, Elementary; 1st=, Drum Kit Solo, Transitional.

Cara Turner, Kinross HS: 1st, Drum Kit Solo, Beginners.

Brandon Fitchet, Kinross HS: 3rd, Drum Kit Solo, Beginners.

Alistair McBride, Kinross HS: 2nd=, Drum Kit Solo, Elementary.

Eddie Mullen and **Bethany Powers**, Kinross PS: 2nd, Duo (Strings), Elementary.

Helen Hamilton and **Caroline Newton**, Kinross PS: 3rd=, Duo (Strings), Elementary.

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Portmoak Primary School Boys' Choir: 1st, Boys Choir, Treble Voices. Winners of the Perthshire Church Union Shield. (See also page 63.)

Kinross Primary String Trio: 1st, Small Ensemble (Strings only), Elementary. Winners of the Jane McNaught Trophy for best performers in Elementary and Intermediate.

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Kinross High School String Orchestra: 2nd, String Orchestra, Schools, Intermediate.

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Irene McFarlane won the Scots Song and the Scots Recitation classes at Perform in Perth, achieving Honours (90% and over) in both.

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Events listed below are in the church unless indicated otherwise.

Regular Services and events

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

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

Tuesdays: 10am: Pram Service.

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

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

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

May

Sun 3 10.30am Morning Service followed by informal Communion.

Mon 4 8am Silent Meditation.

Tue 5 2.30pm Service at Whyte Court.

Sat 9 8.30am Prayer Breakfast (names in advance to church office).

Sun 10 - Sat 16 Christian Aid Week.

Tue 12 12 noon Guild's Summer Meal at the Grouse and Claret.

Thu 21 9pm late evening service of Compline.

Sun 24 10.30am Morning Service led by the elders.

Tue 26 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)

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Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:

10am Portmoak Church,

11.30am Orwell Church.

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Please note that joint services will be held on the first Sunday of each month in alternate churches at 10.30am.

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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 23 May in Orwell Hall 4 - 6pm..

Dates and events for your diary

3 May Joint service in Portmoak Church at 10.30am.
No service at Orwell Church.

17 May Heart & Soul 2015 event, 1pm - 6pm in Princes Street Gardens, Edinburgh. Come along and support our new Moderator at this event.
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29 May Oasis Ladies Group meets in Portmoak New Room at 10.15am. Speaker - Ginni Auld.

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Sunday Services at 9.45am. All are welcome.

May

Sun 3 Morning Worship, followed by refreshments.
Sun 10 9.45am Morning Worship.
Sun 17 9.45am Morning Worship, Celebration of Holy Communion.
Sun 24 9.45am Morning Worship.
Sun 31 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:

Friday 1 May, 9am in the Church Hall.

Film Afternoon: In the Church Hall, Friday 1 May, 2.30 - 4.30pm and 7.30 - 9.30pm. *Join us for a film, a cuppa and a blether, and even some popcorn.*

Cleish Parish Church of Scotland

(Charity number SC003168)

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Acting Session Clerk: Neil Maclure
Telephone: (01577) 864826
Email: neil.maclure19@gmail.com

Website: www.cleishchurch.org

Sunday Services 11.15am

May

Sun 3 11.15am All-Age Morning Worship. Refreshments served in Village Hall.
Sun 10 11.15am Morning Worship.
Sat 16 2pm Cleish Fete. All welcome.
Sun 17 11.15am Morning Worship.
Sun 24 11.15am Morning Worship. Junior Church meets in Village Hall.
Sun 31 11.15am Morning Worship. Sacrament of Holy Communion.

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

8am Morning Prayer, said quietly in the side chapel.

Wednesdays

2.30pm Midweek Holy Communion. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion.

Thursdays

10am for 10.15am Morning Discussion Group. Please contact Jan Campbell for more information, 01577 862391.

3.30pm - 4.30pm Rector's Hour in the Church Office.

All welcome

May Services and Events

Sun 3 Easter 5 8.30am Holy Communion.
11am Sung Eucharist.
Sun 10 Easter 6 (beginning of Christian Aid Week)
8.30am Holy Communion.
11am Sung Eucharist.
Sun 17 Ascension Sunday
8.30am Holy Communion.
11am Sung Eucharist.
Sun 24 The Day of Pentecost
8.30am Holy Communion.
11am Sung Eucharist.
Sun 31 Pentecost 2 8.30am Holy Communion.
11am Sung Eucharist.

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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

Obituary

STEPHANIE McCULLOCH, aged 50, passed away peacefully, at Cornhill Hospice, on Friday, 17 April 2015. Stephanie had fought breast cancer in 2010 and then secondary breast cancer since 2013.

Stephanie and family moved to Kinross in 2009 and set up home with husband Angus and their two children Tor, now aged nine, and seven-year old Ingrid.

Stephanie was well known by many of the other parents at Milnathort Primary as well as numerous other locals. She loved the area and formed strong ties with those who she came into contact with.

She will be missed by a great many and loved forever after.

Acknowledgements

SHERRAT, Donald – Vi, Sue and Andrew wish to express their grateful thanks to all relatives and friends for their messages of sympathy and support at this sad time, for your attendance at Perth Crematorium and for floral tributes and donations received. Also sincere thanks for the wonderful care Don received from the staff at Loch Leven Health Centre over the years. Particular thanks also to the District Nursing Team and Cornhill Macmillan Centre. Thank you one and all.

WELLMAN, Frank (Scotlandwell) – Morag and Iain would like to thank all their friends and neighbours for their support and comfort following Frank's death. Thanks also to Dr Richmond and Loch Leven Heath Centre, Rev Duncan Stenhouse and Father Colin Golden and Stewart Funeral Directors. We would especially like to thank the Macmillan Cornhill Centre for their wonderful care of both Frank and the family. We have presented them with a cheque for £737, which was so generously gifted at the funeral services.

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

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- Shared Lives carers are registered with our Shared Lives service



If YOU are interested in becoming a Shared Lives carer or would like more information contact:

Lorna Donoghue on 01738 440 012
or 07843 358 605



The Richmond Fellowship
Scotland

Playgroups and Toddlers

Milnathort Babies & Toddlers

**Orwell Church Hall, Milnathort
Friday 9.30am-11.15am**

A relaxed and friendly group
Healthy snacks, tea & coffee
Children from birth to 3 years
(5 years if attending with younger sibling)
Great fun for the kids, mums, dads and carers!

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SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

21-23 Swansacre, Kinross
Kinross-shire Playgroup Association
Aka Swansacre Playgroup
Reg Scottish Charity No SC017748



Tel: 01577 862071 Mobile: 07592 392235

We provide a warm, friendly and stimulating environment in which children can learn and develop through play.

Playgroup: Children from age 2 years welcome.

Tue to Fri 9.15am - 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



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

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.

7 May Annual General Meeting



Scotlandwell in Bloom

PLANT & BAKE SALE

Saturday 9 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 9 May.

Garden Opening – Dowhill, Cleish

KY4 0HZ

The gardens, wood and castle at Dowhill will open daily from 10am to 4pm

from **Monday 18 May** until **Sunday 31 May**

On **Sunday 24 May** there will be Teas and a Plant Stall

Entrance £4 Children free Teas £4
Proceeds to Motor Neurone Disease Association

THE KINROSS HUB A CAFE FOR CARERS

Guest Speaker

4th May 2015

Positive Choices (Sarah Renwick)
Relaxation/Therapy's

Talk and demonstration will
commence 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



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.

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

Kinross-shire Civic Trust

Visit to Gardens at Dowhill, near Cleish



2.30pm on

SUNDAY 31 MAY



Members and Non Members welcome

Enjoy the stunning borders, beautiful lawns, mature trees,
 nine linked ponds and woodland walk to the ruins of Dowhill
 Castle, all set against the backdrop of the Cleish Hills.

Refreshments will be served. Cost £10 per person, including a
 donation to the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

If you would like to attend, please let us know in advance by
 contacting Alistair Smith, telephone 01592 840215, or email
 info@kinross-shirecivictrust.org

For more on Kinross-shire Civic Trust, see page 43.

Milnathort
filmhouse



Pride (15) over 18's only.

Sat 16th May 8pm £5 (£3 conc)

Milnathort Town Hall. BYOB. Tuck Shop.

Buy your tickets online and find out more at

www.milnathortfilmhouse.com

Dinner & Movie Package only £20 (£18 conc)

Join us at Heavens Above for a 3 course menu,
 BYOB then onto the film screening. Menu & ticket
 purchase milnathortfilmhouse.com (tickets must be
 purchased by 13th May, over 18's only). 6.30pm, Heavens
 Scent.

big screen movies



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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

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



Celebration Carnival of Kinross Primary School

SATURDAY 27 JUNE

12 noon – 4pm

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



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contact:**

Roseanne Gray

Loch Leven Community Campus

Email: rgray@pkc.gov.uk

Tel: 01577 867177

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.



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

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.

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

Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com

www.foundationscotland.org.uk

Springwell – Wellbeing Support Team

Inclusion * Wellbeing * Recovery

*Supporting positive mental health in Kinross-shire
and Strathearn for adults from 16 onwards*

We support people to improve the quality of their life and wellbeing, be more involved in their community, help them achieve their ambitions and manage their mental health. We support people how to improve their social contacts, be more active, access education or voluntary opportunities or work. The support and activities we offer are flexible and can change and develop over time, depending on what people need and benefit from.

For more information or an informal chat please phone
Charlie Wilson 01577 867320, or
Email charleswilson@pkc.gov.uk



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.hopepregnancy.co.uk

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre

40 St John Street, Perth, PH1 5SP

www.hopepregnancy.co.uk

email: hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com

Helpline 01738 621174

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www.greyhoundrescuefife.com email: ferniejimmyf@aol.com

MINDSPACE COUNSELLING SERVICE

Mindspace Counselling Services are now able to offer counselling to adults and young people aged 11+ at The Loch Leven Health Centre on Mondays and Tuesdays. We offer counselling to people who are facing a wide range of difficulties or challenges such as: bereavement or loss; isolation, anxiety or depression; stress of work or in the home; difficulties in friend, family or intimate relationships; confused feelings.

If you are interested in this service you can self-refer via email to info@mindspacepk.com, by telephone on 01738 631639 or by visiting our website at www.mindspacepk.com. You can also be referred by your GP.

Mindspace also offer counselling to adults (18+) at their offices in Perth. For more information visit our website at www.mindspacepk.com



Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

Outreach Advice Surgery

Kinross Outreach Advice Surgery is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at St Paul's Church Hall, The Muirs, Kinross. The next visits are:

12 & 26 May

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



THE TALKING DONKEY

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!**

Every Friday 11am - 2pm @ The Millbridge Hall

 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**



MOUBRAY HALL, POWMILL

Do you need to hire a venue for your club or society meetings, family get-togethers, birthday parties or functions? Then look no further than Moubray Hall, Powmill. Available to hire all year round with new kitchen and disabled toilet.

For further details, please call 01577 840330.

Community Councils

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KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
Cleish & Blairadam: Secy: Patty Fraser (01577) 850253,
CleishCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
Milnathort: Chair: Bruce Hamilton (01577) 830616
MilnathortCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
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www.portmoak.org

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38A New Road, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XT

Councillor Willie Robertson (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

Tel (home): 01577 865178. Email: wbrobertson@pkc.gov.uk

85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13XA

Mobile Library Service

Visiting on Wednesdays 6 & 20 May:

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 14 & 28 May:

Milnathort	South Street	0930 – 1130
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For more information about mobile library services, visit:
www.pkc.gov.uk/mobilelibrary or phone 01577 867205.

Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers

Linda Freeman

Tel 01577 865045. Email: linda.freeman_64@btinternet.com

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Campbell Watson	7 Gallowhill Gardens	861544
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Member of the Scottish Parliament for Perthshire South & Kinross-shire Roseanna Cunningham MSP

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Perth & Kinross Council

www.pkc.gov.uk

Customer Service Centre

Tel: 01738 475000

(Mon to Fri, 8am-6pm)

Out of Hours Emergencies

Tel: 01738 625411

(Roads, flooding, environmental health and dangerous buildings)

Clarence (for non-emergency road and lighting defects)

Tel: 0800 232323

Registrar

Tel: 01577 867133

The Registrar is normally in Kinross only on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Loch Leven Community Campus

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
June	Fri 15 May	Saturday 30 May
July	Fri 12 June	Saturday 27 June

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
	Fantastic Fun Quiz	1.30pm (except 13th)		
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 May

Chiropody

Thursday 7th, 28th 9.45am - 1pm
(phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)

Football Memories (6 week session) starts

Tuesday 5th, 12th 1.30pm

Tai Chi

Wednesday 6th, 20th 1.30 - 2pm

Barge Trip

Friday 8th 10am

Circle Dancing

Wednesday 13th 1.30pm

Live music and dancing

Thursday 28th 1.30pm

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
Summer	Tue 21 Apr 2015	Thu 2 July 2015
<i>In Service Days and Occasional Holidays:</i>		
2015:	Mon 4 May (May Day)	

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.

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

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.

Sewing Machine on Oak Table £30

Singer Electric Sewing Machine mounted on a Singer supplied Solid Oak Table (from the 1950s). Table folds out for convenience when sewing - quite a nice as an occasional table.

Single bed Mattress £30

Luxury Platinum 8-inch (20cm) Memory Foam Mattress with removable cover (Standard Single 3ft 0in x 6ft 3in). Used mainly on spare bed - 8 years old.

Seller Details for both above: Ros Irving 01592 840359
rosalind_irving@yahoo.co.uk

Showerroom suite £100 ono

Brand new unused pedestal basin, 80cm square shower tray, toilet with cistern all in "champagne" colour vitreous china.

Seller Details: Christine Findlay
christine_findlay@hotmail.co.uk

Children's Bike £15

Purple Apollo F524.

Seller Details: Anne Thislie 07599 175650
thislieclan@tesco.net

Curtains £15

Deep purple with embossed flower print.

Seller Details: Anne Thislie 07599 175650
thislieclan@tesco.net

Carl Lewis Crosstrainer £30

Carl Lewis Elliptical Trainer Model ELP30X.

Seller Details: Robert Barnfather 07783 054541
robert_barnfather@o2.co.uk

Loft Insulation - 5 x Earth Wool 200mm £12 per roll - £50 for 5

Brand New - Knauf Insulation 5200mm long 1140 mm wide.

Seller Details: Ken Chalmers 07948 504338
ken@kenchalmers.com

COFFEE MORNING

For anyone who is affected by MS
including family, friends and carers



Multiple Sclerosis Society
Perth & Kinross Branch



Loch Leven's Larder

10.30am - 12 noon

Every third Tuesday of the month

Website: www.perth-kinross.org.uk

Email: perthkinross@mssociety.org.uk

perthkinross.support@mssociety.org.uk

Phone: 07552 368216

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

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 Coffee Shop Assistant, Cashmere at Lochleven

Lochleven Mills, Kinross KY13 8DH

Are you enthusiastic & chatty? Do you like working with the public? Can you offer excellent customer service? Do you have experience in the catering trade? If that's you we have a 3 day (22.5hr) vacancy within our Coffee Shop.

Working 3 days out of 7 (flexibility is a must) you will be joining a great team within our popular and busy coffee shop which is going from strength to strength. We want you to bring ideas with you to really make this the place to be.

Interested? Then apply to our Personnel Dept at Todd & Duncan.

Contact Personnel on either 01577 863521 (ask for personnel) or hand in your CV in person. We look forward to hearing from you.

Volunteering opportunity

Volunteer(s) sought to help take
exciting new project forward.



See separate article on page 3. Possibility of permanent employment if project proceeds.

Roles to be covered include: Concept Development, Fundraising, Advocacy, Relationship Development and general admin.

Further info: Alisdair Stewart
t: 07825 698613
e: alisdairstewart@yahoo.com

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.

Blythwood Care

Help Blythwood 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.

Blythwood 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 11 May
between 10.30am and 10.55am
at Sainsbury's car park.

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