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## Editorial

There appears to be an explosion of interest in good food and eating experiences in Kinross-shire!

Andy Miller opened a smokehouse and shop recently at Loch Leven's Larder. I've tasted some samples of the salmon, cheese and venison and they were delicious.

Also, suddenly, we have more choice when eating out. Heaven Scent recently expanded with its *Heavens Above* dining experiences. *The Court House Restaurant and Coffee Bar* opened in the former County Buildings in early May and *The Boathouse* reopens under new management, and with a completely new vision, in late May, while this Newsletter is at press. In this issue we have features on the latter two.

We have a full report on last month's Feel Good Fair and associated events. The outdoor trend continues as June plays host to Discovery Day, Farm Open Sunday, Glenfarg village fete and the last ever Kinross Primary School summer fair to take place in the grounds as we know them.

All four of our local elected members have chosen to write about the Local Government Boundary Commission Scotland proposals in this month's Newsletter. This is clearly a very important issue, as it could see a further erosion of Kinross-shire's identity.

## 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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CC: Community Council

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## Local Landscape Areas (LLAs)

Dear Editor, I feel, in the interest of historical accuracy, that I must comment on the report by Councillor Giacomazzi in your May 2015 edition on the above. My source is the PKC Minute enclosed, from which you should note viz:

It was the meeting of 25 March 2015 of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee, of which Councillor Giacomazzi is Vice Convener, not Development Management as he stated, which considered this matter of LLA designations.

I had circulated the Committee on 23 March 2015 regarding this and enclose same referred to in my letter of 31 March 2015 to Planning and Sustainable Development on the Review of our Local Development Plan (abridged in your May 2015 edition).

The Minute states there was not cross-party support for the Paper, as stated by Councillor Giacomazzi; in fact an amendment by myself, supported by Councillor Robertson, calling for reconsideration of the Devon Gorge and Cleish Hills as LLAs was defeated. All six members of the Committee from the SNP voted against the community's wishes on this. Neither the Committee Convener Kellas nor Councillor Giacomazzi attended the Review Panel meetings with the Consultants; if they had done so as I did, they would have been aware of the strong representations made for the inclusion of these areas on merit; I note the subsequent submission from Kinross-shire Civic Trust to planning on this matter.

I thought it necessary to put the record straight and emphasise the request by local members, at their meeting with Planning on 26 March 2015, for these areas to be reconsidered for LLA status as former AGLVs, which the community had fought hard for inclusion in our Local Plan 2004.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Mike Barnacle  
Independent Member for Kinross-shire

## House History Appeal Whinfield House

I am researching the history of Whinfield House for a degree course with the University of Dundee.

I am appealing for any information or interesting stories about the house before the 1980s.

Please contact me on [sls@fsmail.net](mailto:sls@fsmail.net) or leave a message on 07969 352204 before 7 July.

Thank you.

Sarah Smith  
Whinfield Drive, Kinross

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**“An amateur built the Ark and an expert built Titanic.” Has Perth and Kinross Council floated another potential wreck?**

The start of the Kinross High Street “improvements” has resulted in the predicted fall-out of traffic disruption and impact on local businesses, some relocating and others considering closure.

What will be the effect on the 250,000 tourist visitor influx this summer?

Despite works being ongoing nearly two months there is little to show for the upheaval.

Perfectly adequate concrete kerbs have been replaced by granite ones and most exactly as before.

The six months deadline to complete all the works appears optimistic.

Complete closure is required for a two month minimum period to create a “Town Square” (?) at the Town Hall. (Gacé Gardens doesn't count then?)

This is possibly the most controversial element of the plan, as it will result in a “shared surface” i.e. no kerbs at all in an area that pedestrians and traffic will share.

This “flavour of the month” town planning concept results in the removal of established safety features in place to protect pedestrians i.e. kerbs, crossings, railings with the notion that the increased risk will make drivers more careful ... daft or what?

Of course the “experts” claim this is a great idea ... these same expert types claimed tower blocks were a good idea ... policies now discredited and reversed.

In particular, Councillor Giacomazzi embraced this plan and criticised the many “amateurs” who saw failings in detail that it might be wise to amend.

For instance, what about protection for the elderly, sight disabled ... and young children? No matter, he suggested we must trust the “experts”.

The Councillor is on record as stating that **he relies on the Reports of Council experts as he considers himself unqualified to manage planning matters in any detail and that objectors’ letters are not included in that Report.** He claimed that the project could not be delayed as it would put the £1.5 million funding at risk.

If this upheaval could result in a meaningful improvement then it would be welcomed. However, the basis of the project is flawed on several other counts.

The High Street traffic surveys completed for PKC (released *after* the project was approved) were taken in April and November 2012. **According to PKC, the figures produced reflected that vehicles using the High Street had reduced by 25% as a result of the opening of the Clashburn Link Road by-pass.**

This simplistic conclusion took no account of the fact that the timing of the two surveys reflected **two entirely different times of year**, i.e. April (busy) and November (less busy).

**It appears no counts were taken at the by-pass.** To make matters worse, the November survey was done **before the link road was officially opened!**

So how can PKC “experts” assumptions be credible?

What the figures did show was that despite a 20mph limit through the High Street being in place for 10 years, absolutely nobody was paying any attention to it, with vehicles being clocked at up to **50mph.**

Is this project really a priority and in the best interests of Kinross residents and visitors or a waste of money?

Ken Miles

Turfhills House, Kinross



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**Kirkgate Park, Kinross, 12 noon – 4pm**

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Scottish Natural Heritage



## TAYplan consultation

A period of consultation for the TAYplan Proposed Strategic Development Plan, the Proposed Action Programme and the Equalities Impact Assessment opened on Monday 11 May and runs until Friday 3 July 2015 at 12 noon.

TAYplan provides broad-brush direction for the next 20 years about where new development and infrastructure should take place and how. The four local authorities in the TAYplan area have their own Local Development Plans which show the detail of what development should take place and they must reflect the TAYplan strategy.

You can comment on the proposed TAYplan at: [www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk/tayplan2015](http://www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk/tayplan2015)

## New MP for Ochil constituency

Following the general election held on 7 May 2015, there is a new MP for the constituency of Ochil and South Perthshire. The Scottish National Party's Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh took the seat which, for the previous ten years, had been held by Labour's Gordon Banks.

Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh won 46% of the vote. Gordon Banks was second with 28.43%. Luke Graham (Conservative) polled 20.71%, Iliyan Stefanov (Lib Dem) 2.56% and Martin Gray (UKIP) 2.3%.

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## Councillor Robertson

### General Election

The dust has now settled following the General Election. However we have been left with political stickers on many of our lampposts and signposts. It is illegal to put such notices on public property. It is very unlikely that those responsible for putting these stickers up will ever remove them so they will remain like semi permanent graffiti. I have asked the police to try and find out who was responsible for them and hopefully if they can trace the political party concerned the Council can charge them for their removal if they won't organise the removal themselves.



*A political sticker stuck to a signpost on the Burleigh cycle/walkway*

### Good Ideas

I love it when I hear what I think is a good idea. There is a great shortage of four and five bedroom Council houses. It was suggested recently that a solution to this would be for the Council to convert the lofts of suitable Council houses to create more living space. I have taken the idea to the Council's Head of Housing and he also thinks this is a good idea. He has arranged for a scoping exercise to be carried out to see how many Council houses would qualify and where this idea could be used to improve the living conditions of overcrowded families.

### Boundary Change Proposals

The Council has agreed to object to the Boundary Commission's proposals which, if they went through, would split the Kinross-shire ward in two, with almost everything north of the A91 and to the north of Milnathort being put into the Almond and Earn ward. At the Council meeting when this was discussed the Kinross-shire councillors successfully argued that a special plea be made for the Kinross-shire ward not to be split and also for the whole of the Arngask parish to be included in the Kinross-shire ward. Currently those living in the part of Arngask to the east of the M90 motorway have to travel all the way to Bridge of Earn to vote rather than travel the short distance to the polling station in Glenfarg.

If the Boundary Commission refuses to change its mind, the proposals will go out for public consultation during the summer.

### Litter on the M90 environs

There is a great deal of litter in the woodland areas on both sides of the bridge over the M90 on the A91 to the west of Milnathort. There is also a problem with litter on the embankments of the M90 on Gallowhill Road. I have written to BEAR Scotland who are responsible for these areas and asked for them to be litter picked as soon as possible. **Please keep Kinross-shire tidy!**

*Councillor Willie Robertson*

## Kinross High Street improvements

*by Ross Fletcher, Perth and Kinross Council*

As most people in Kinross will be aware, the Environmental Improvement works in the High Street have now started. The works involve a complete upgrade of the existing streetscape from 55 High Street to 173 High Street with new, high quality materials and street furniture. The road and footways in the High Street will be re-surfaced with a mixture of new asphalt and high quality natural stone paving. The focal point of the improvements will be the creation of a new shared space on the High Street from numbers 104 to 141. This will be constructed entirely with high quality natural stone paving.

The works commenced at the north end of the High Street at the Station Road junction. This first phase, involving construction of the improved footways and landscaped areas between Station Road and Piper Row, is ongoing. Over the next three weeks and as per our current programme, this phase will be substantially complete and the works will then move down the footways on both sides of the High Street. During this time the works will continue to concentrate on the footways and operate under temporary traffic light control, similar to the present arrangement. Access to all shops on the High Street for customers will be maintained at all times with ramps and barriers in place where they are required and to ensure that the works can be carried out safely in this High Street environment. The works have also recently been visited by a representative for the "Centre for Inclusive Living for Perth and Kinross" who was very complimentary about the access arrangements in place for pedestrians around the works areas.

All local residents and businesses on the High Street should now have received various communications with regard to the High Street works. These have come from both Perth & Kinross Council and from Rainton Construction (the contractor responsible for construction of the works). If anyone has not received these communications then they should get in touch with Perth and Kinross Council's site supervisor for the works, Dean Salman, who can be contacted on [DSalman@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:DSalman@pkc.gov.uk) or 01738 477234.

All businesses should also now be aware that weekly "drop in sessions" have been set up to allow businesses to speak to Dean and staff from Rainton Construction. These allow the High Street businesses to raise any issues they are having as a result of the works, ask questions about the works, keep themselves up to date with the works programme and obtain updates on the latest developments. These sessions are held at the Day Centre on the High Street every Wednesday from 13:00 to 15:00hrs. Although these sessions have been set up primarily for the local businesses, everyone who has an interest in the works is encouraged to attend.

Perth and Kinross Council would like to take this opportunity to thank all local residents and businesses for their patience as these works progress. However, if you experience any issues please initially use the contact details provided by Rainton Construction or attend a weekly drop in session. These are the most efficient ways to get a resolution to any issues.

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## Councillor Cuthbert

### Regeneration Works in Kinross

The regeneration works in Kinross continue, albeit at a slower rate than I would like. I am aware that businesses in the area are indicating that business has dropped for them. I would ask you all please to use the shops on the High Street as much as you can; if we don't support them, we could lose some of them.

I note that the building works on the flats at the back of the Town Hall are completed and have to say that the Town Hall looks much better now than it did. I am really looking forward to the regeneration work making the town centre a place people want to visit and spend time.

### Perth and Kinross Council Gypsy Traveller Policy

Last month I mentioned that I had asked for a review of the Council's Gypsy Traveller Policy. I think this review is even more important now that the Scottish Government Reporter has overturned the decision reached by the 13 elected members of the Council's Development Management Committee and given consent to a site at Mawcarse.

My view of the current policy is that it is so loosely worded that it effectively creates "super applicants". I should emphasise that I have nothing against Gypsy Travellers per se, I just don't approve of unfairness in the planning system.

### Former Kinross High School Site, Lathro Farm and A.N. other site in Milnathort

I recently asked officers when we might expect the planning applications for the former High School and Lathro Farm sites. I was told that these are held up as a third site was to be developed at the same time and that SEPA had raised objections that this site might be prone to flooding. My understanding is that discussions are ongoing with this third site and once resolved we should see all three applications coming in. In terms of time-scales, I was told "imminently."

### Grass verge outside the Community Campus

You may have noticed that the grass verge adjacent to the Community Campus (opposite the Lathro estate entrance) has been cut to an even height. The plan is to cut this on a two-weekly basis. My thanks go to Robert Mitchell who raised this with officers and myself. I think it looks infinitely better.

### Local Government Boundary Commission Scotland

As Cllr Robertson said in the last Newsletter, the Local Government Boundary Commission Scotland (LGBCS) have made proposals to change the ward boundaries throughout Scotland. In the case of Kinross-shire, the proposal was to cut the County in half by placing half into the Almond and Earn Ward. It was proposed to move the boundary so that it ran along the A91, from Muckhart to the M90 junction, then along the M90, with all properties north of this line falling into the Almond and Earn ward.

At this stage, it is only Local Authorities who have been asked to comment on this proposal. The proposed Council response was due to come before the Full Council meeting on 13 May. The initial response was, in my view, somewhat weak, so I carried out a lot of research into the procedures being followed by the LGBCS and prepared an amendment to the motion, putting forward the proposed Council response. The plan was for this amendment to be moved and seconded by Cllr Robertson and myself, and I had begun to seek support from the other groups for our motion, when Cllr Miller (Leader of the Administration) indicated his willingness to incorporate the amendment into his motion.



This was gratefully agreed to by myself and Cllr Robertson and the amended motion was moved by Cllr Miller and seconded by me. This amended motion is much stronger in defending Kinross-shire's position, and included issues such as Kinross-shire being an ancient Scottish County with a strong sense of identity.

The response has now gone to the LGBCS who will consider the responses of all 32 councils throughout Scotland. They will then issue new proposals for public consultation later this year. Should they persist with their proposal to cut Kinross-shire in half, I will write an article outlining the reasons to reject their proposal and would then seek your assistance in writing to the LGBCS. Hopefully it won't come to that!

### T in the Park

As you may have read in the press, Strathallan Castle Estate have been given planning consent to hold T in the Park for three years in their grounds. I sat on the planning committee that made this decision and was reassured to hear the detailed planning that was taking place behind the scenes and that safeguards had been established to protect the wildlife in the area. I was somewhat surprised at the Convener's comments about wildlife and have to say that I did not agree with him.

### Road works in Kinross-shire

Your four local Councillors are working together to get more focus on Kinross-shire. To this end, we have been pressing for road repairs to be done in the area. The current plan for 2015-16 is to get the following works done:

#### Overlay Carriageway

- ZU236 Maryburgh-Keltybridge
- ZU218 Nivingston
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- ZC494 Aldie

#### Drainage

- B9097 Cleishmill to A977
- A977 Crook of Devon village

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- B919 Mawcarse-Balgedie Toll
- A911 Burleigh Road Milnathort
- A911 between Milnathort and Kinnesswood
- A977 from Turfhill - Balado
- ZC413 Tillyrie - Stronachie
- u/c Church Brae Glenfarg to Candy Farm
- B996 B996 Kinross High Street

#### Footway Works

- A922 Springfield road Kinross
- u/c Greenbank Road/Crescent, Glenfarg
- u/c McWilliam Place, Kinross
- u/c McBain Place, Kinross

*Councillor Dave Cuthbert  
Independent Councillor for Kinross-shire*



# Experience the life of a farmer for a day *Dawes Farming*

## Farm Open Day, 7 June, 11am - 3pm

On a fresh Sunday morning, a farming family near Kinross will be feeding their animals while the aroma of hot, crisp crackling from pig roasts fills the air, and the sound of a cockerel crowing echoes around the farmyard as they prepare for the day ahead. The sheep bleat excitedly about the prospect of having their "hair" cut by skilled shearers. This is no ordinary farm, and this is no ordinary day – welcome to Hilton of Aldie's Open Farm Sunday.

Farmers Colin and Stuart Dawes invite you to experience a day out at a real working farm with a few added attractions to make the day extra special. Visitors can chat to the farmers, take a walk to see the farm animals, watch cookery demonstrations hosted by Quality Meat Scotland, marvel at the sheep shearing, view the wool being spun before their eyes, gaze in admiration at local farmer Alan Sim demonstrating the talent of his collies rounding up the sheep or perhaps be tempted by the homemade arts and crafts. Children's farm activities will be organised by RHET (Royal Highland Education Trust) and will include milking a cow.

The day's lunch menu includes a delicious pig roast, home made cakes, hot and cold drinks, and why not round the day off with a locally made ice cream?

The farm will be open on **Sunday 7 June** between 11am and 3pm. Admission/donation to the event will be £2 per adult, children under 14 and over 60 free. There will be no charge for car parking and proceeds from the admission will be donated to Kinross JAC (Junior Agricultural Club).



Stuart Dawes  
photo: Quality Meat Scotland

Hilton of Aldie is an ethically run family business that puts animal welfare and free range farming at the forefront. It has woodland that would cover 13 football pitches with varied wildlife nesting throughout the farm. It rears beef and lamb, has a small herd of pygmy goats together with ducks, chicken and even golden pheasants. It has

strong links with the community, this event supporting local organisations including KLEO, Kinross JAC, and many more. So put on your wellies and come on down to the farm! A very warm welcome awaits you.

For further details telephone 01577 840111, go to the website [www.farmerdawes.co.uk](http://www.farmerdawes.co.uk) or email

[Rebecca@farmerdawes.co.uk](mailto:Rebecca@farmerdawes.co.uk)



Rebecca, Stuart and Colin Dawes (and Pan and Jazz the collies) invite you to Hilton of Aldie on Open Farm Sunday

photo: Quality Meat Scotland

- \* Meet the farmer & his animals
- \* Sheep shearing demonstrations
- \* Local/community stalls
- \* Sheep dog demonstration
- \* Feed the animals
- \* Spinning & weaving
- \* Bouncy castle
- \* RHET children's activity
- \* Tractor display with Kinross JAC
- \* Meet the pygmy goat herd
- \* Birds of prey with Hoots Forever home
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## portmoak festival 28 june ~ 2 july

Portmoak Festival returns to basics this year as it was proving impossible to justify the costs involved with the marquee. All the main events are therefore in Portmoak Hall and we will still have the regular favourites such as the Pudding Club, Cream Teas, and the Jazz Night (with the Batchelors of Jazz).

The Art Exhibition this year is devoted to work by the children of the local school who have been busy doing pictures reflecting the Scottish Year of Food and Drink. The younger ones are working on the Teddy Bears' Picnic, the middle years on still life with fruit, and the older ones are doing portraits incorporating fruit and vegetables (look up Guiseppe Arcimboldo). Their work will be on display in the Hall, with local craft work being demonstrated in the afternoons as well.

The Festival opens in Portmoak Hall at 2pm on Sunday 28 June and Cream Teas will be served that day from 2pm to 4pm. Also on the Sunday this year, the Jazz Night will take place in the Hall from 8pm to 11.30pm. Tickets for the Jazz night may be bought at the shop in Kinnesswood or call Elizabeth on 01592 840655.



*Festival regulars The Batchelors of Jazz*

Cream Teas are also available from Monday to Thursday from 2pm to 4pm, with the Pudding Club at 6pm to 8pm.

Outwith the Hall, football still features in the Festival with the junior event at the school on Tuesday evening and the adult one on Thursday. There is a quiz in the Well Pub on Tuesday at 9pm and if you haven't yet had a chance to see the refurbished Wash House in Scotlandwell, it will be open on the Tuesday afternoon.

We are, as always, looking for anyone who would like to help in any way, particularly this year to set up the Hall on the Saturday, clear up again on the Friday, and provide puddings for the Pudding Club. Please email us on [prtmkfestival@googlemail.com](mailto:prtmkfestival@googlemail.com) and someone will get back to you.

For additional information, please visit the website [www.portmoakfestival.org.uk](http://www.portmoakfestival.org.uk) You can also follow us on Facebook: Portmoak Festival

We look forward to welcoming you all to this year's Festival.

## Kinross Hockey clubs merge

An inaugural dinner was held at Loch Leven Larder on Friday 15 May to celebrate the merger of the Kinross Ladies' Hockey Club and Kinross Men's Hockey Club.

Kinross Ladies Hockey Club was founded in 1974 and celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2014. The club now has two ladies teams and over 40 members and can probably claim to be one of the most successful small-town clubs in Scotland, with its first team playing in the national Championship League, which is normally dominated by the big-city clubs.

The men's club was formed in 2004 and celebrated its tenth anniversary in 2014. The men have two teams and 35 members including several playing at International Masters level.

Kobras is the home for junior hockey in Kinross, with coaching and competitions for boys and girls aged 6-16. From a standing start less than ten years ago, Kobras has grown rapidly and now has 110 registered players. A third weekly training session was recently added to cope with demand. The club has teams at U10, U12, U14 and U16 levels competing in district and now national competitions too. There is a strong schools programme, with close links to Kinross High School and Dollar Academy. A growing number of Kobras are playing at district level and some are in development programmes for Scottish international youth teams.

Kinross Hockey Club is looking for more members, regardless of ability. Anyone interested is invited to come along on a Tuesday night at 7.30pm at KGV, The Muirs for a game of mixed hockey.

*For more on the recent achievements and activities of the Hockey Club, see page 76.*



*Dougie Ogilvie and Gail Nelson, presidents of the Men's and Ladies' Hockey Clubs that have now merged*



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# portmoak festival 28 june ~ 2 july 2015

	Sunday 28th June	Monday 29th	Tuesday 30th	Wednesday 1st July	Thursday 2nd
hall	Grand Opening of Exhibition 2pm	Art Exhibition Monday to Thursday 2pm - 4pm 6pm - 8pm			
		Cream Teas Margaret Paton Glass Owls	Sunday to Thursday 2pm - 4pm Norma Smith Fabric Owls		
		Sylvia Harrington Card Making	Happy Hookers Crochet Anna Garner Felt Soap Pebbles		
Tickets	Jazz Night 8pm - 11.30pm Tickets £12	Pudding Club Monday to Thursday 6pm - 8pm Fruit Puddings School Puddings Men's Night Death by Chocolate			
	Church Family Service 10 am	Wash House Scotlandwell Guided tours 2pm - 4pm Junior Football Challenge Portmoak PS 6.30pm Pub Quiz The Well Inn 9pm			
other venues		Adult Football Portmoak PS All abilities welcome. 7.30pm			

The prizewinning villages of Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell are well worth a visit, especially if you are a visitor to the area.

We invite you to explore all the corners of our villages displaying flowers, tubs and hanging baskets. Admire the many 'in-bloom' gardens in Kinnesswood and follow the teddy bear trail. Take a walk down to the Historic Wash House and the Well Garden in Scotlandwell and check out the bicycles around the village on the way.

## Councillor Giacopazzi

### Local Boundary Commission for Scotland

This is an independent statutory body which keeps under review the number of Councillors in Scotland and the ward areas they represent. Its proposal to reduce the number of Ward



8 Councillors from four to three, and to reduce the size of the ward accordingly, was debated at the meeting of Perth & Kinross Council on Wednesday 13 May. The proposal would exclude Glenfarg from the ward (which mostly currently follows the boundaries of Kinross-shire), together with the area from the A91 northwards into the Ochils. In practice these parts would join Almond and Earn Ward, based on Bridge of Earn.

Given the expanding population of Ward 8, your Councillors considered the proposal ill-judged and Council Leader, Ian Miller, having consulted with myself and Councillor Cuthbert, put a strongly worded motion to the Council which was approved.

I spoke for the motion in these terms: "Provost, at one stroke of a bureaucrat's pen, the ancient County of Kinross-shire could be dismembered along the line of the A91 – 350 years of history, gone at a stroke" etc. So the Council has objected, but the Commission, which is independent, will reach its own conclusion. What we are asking for is that Kinross-shire should retain its traditional boundaries as far as possible. We shall see.

### Travellers' Site at Mawcarse

The application for the stables slightly east of Mawcarse junction to be converted to a travellers' site was originally rejected at a meeting of the Development Management Committee, on a motion which I proposed, by nine votes to four. I was concerned that the site was rather too close to houses at Mawcarse junction and that there might be friction between members of the settled and of the travelling communities. This, alas, has been the history of the controversial site at

Crook Moss by Crook of Devon, a subject which crops up at every meeting of Fossoway CC.

The owner of the Mawcarse site, however, launched a successful appeal, receiving consent for two pitches on the site. Permission for five pitches was sought, but HSE objected on the basis of a high pressure underground pipeline running through part of the site.

Throughout, I was conscious of the history of the Greenacres site which sits between the M90 and the Kelty Road, which started with seven pitches but has grown like topsy, much of it without prior planning consent. It was obtained in retrospect. The Greenacres site, which was praised by the Reporter in the recent appeal for its neatness, seems to me to be sufficiently far from housing to prevent any conflict.

At any rate, the consent to the Mawcarse site came with a number of conditions relating to screening of the site and treatment of effluents. I shall look forward to hearing that these conditions have been met.

In view of the Reporter's decision, Ward 8 members will be questioning the fitness for purpose of the Council policy, contained within the Local Development Plan, under which the consent was granted.

### Milnathort Town Hall Refurbishment

With the receipt by the Town Hall Committee of £20,000 from the Gannochy Trust, a Perth based charity, the way is opened for the charity of which I am a Trustee, the Arthur and Margaret Thomson Trust, to release the £150,000 which has been pledged. The Committee is now working on accurate costings of the undertaking, which should commence shortly. Regular users of the Town Hall have been advised accordingly. I think I can speak for everyone in the village (indeed, we are classed as a 'large village' apparently) in expressing our keen anticipation of seeing the renovated hall. Also, well done to the committee for having the vision and the tenacity to bring the project to this point.

*Councillor Joe Giacopazzi*

## Fair Trade success for Kinross

A group from Kinross Parish Church selling Fair Trade produce and gifts through 'Traidcraft' had a turnover of more than £11,000 in the past year, smashing their previous record of over £8,000 and becoming the second-highest seller of Traidcraft in Scotland.

One of the organisers, Isobel Watt, said: "A huge thank you to everyone who has helped us make the wonderful amount of £11,444.49 this year. Whatever you buy, whether large or small, it all counts. We are indebted to all the Traidcraft team at Kinross Parish Church and to all the churches, cafes and other outlets throughout Kinross-shire for their continued support in stocking our tea, coffee and other goods."

This year the team has also been able to send a donation of £300 from Kinross Parish Church to the Fair Necessities Appeal, which the UK Government will double. The money is to "help some of the poorest families in the world grow more, earn more and eat more."



*Members of the Kinross Parish Church Traidcraft team*

# New angle for Boathouse

“You could walk in wearing wellies or a ballgown and feel welcome.” That’s the vision Julie McGrattan has for The Boathouse – the café/restaurant down by the fishery pier – when it reopens on 27 May under the management of Julie and her partner Jason Barker.



*Julie and Jason,  
new managers of the Boathouse*

Julie is a dynamic lady, full of great ideas for the Boathouse. She is passionate about good quality food and excellent service, and these will be the hallmarks of the new Boathouse. She’s delighted with the staff she has found for the new venture: “We have a fantastic chef, Fausto, who is Italian, plus a wonderful pastry chef.”

Julie is inspired by our rural surroundings, and this has influenced the menu, which will use locally sourced produce as far as possible, with the emphasis on freshness and seasonality: “We won’t be serving raspberries in November!” she says.

The Boathouse will be open from 10am to 10pm, five days a week (Wednesday to Sunday).

The menu wasn’t quite finalised when I spoke with Julie a week or so before opening, but daytime offerings are likely to include interesting salads, pizzas with a twist, burgers and sharing platters. All bread is cooked fresh to order. Light breakfasts will be available throughout the day.

The possible evening dishes on offer sound mouth-watering. A starter could be Wild Mushroom Crostini, served with a drizzle of truffle oil on toasted ciabatta, or Tiger Prawns cooked with garlic, chilli and coriander. A likely main course is Chargilled Ribeye of Scottish Buffalo, or Lobster Ravioli, served with butter and caper sauce.

Vegetarians will be well catered for. Jason is vegetarian and, knowing how limited the choices are in many restaurants, he is keen to ensure the Boathouse’s meat-free offerings will be more imaginative. The Chef’s Own Courgette Parmigiana, topped with parmesan shavings and served with aubergine and tomato salad, on the draft menu, certainly sounds good!

Julie has diligently researched wines to come up with a lovely selection of modestly priced bottles to complement the high quality but relaxed dining experience she and Jason are striving for. For Prosecco fans, this will be available by the glass. Barista coffee is the highly regarded Illy brand.

Such is the focus on excellent customer service that the waiting staff are receiving tuition from the butcher, fishmonger and other food suppliers to ensure they have an in-depth understanding of the ingredients used. This integrated approach extends to liaising with neighbouring Historic Scotland personnel; Boathouse staff have had an outing to Castle Island so they can advise visitors on this key local attraction.

The Historic Scotland shop, where visitors buy their tickets for Lochleven Castle, occupies part of the Boathouse premises, and Julie and Jason have already opened up a traditional sweet shop right next to the Historic Scotland facility. Ideally located for visitors waiting for the ferry, the shop stocks an amazing array of temptations, plus delicious Luvian’s ice cream. When the Boathouse is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, sandwiches and hot drinks will be available from the sweet shop.



*The sweet shop at the Boathouse*

There is a nod to the Boathouse’s origins in a comfortable, sofa-furnished area by the main entrance where fascinating memorabilia relating to the history of fishing on the loch is on display. The décor throughout is fresh and modern with quirky, imaginative touches, such as lights made from tuna cans!

Delicious food, a great ambience and excellent service would be enough of an enticement, but the icing on the cake at the Boathouse is, of course, the stunning view over the loch, which can be enjoyed from indoors or while dining al fresco on the decking. Cheers!

ET



*The view from the Boathouse*



## Councillor Barnacle

*Cllr Barnacle was unable to attend the Full Council Meeting of 13 May 2015 where the Boundary Commission Ward Proposals were to be discussed as he was on vacation, but sent the letter below to his Council colleagues. The letter here is slightly abridged.*



Dear Colleagues

### Full Council Meeting 13 May 2015

#### Paper 10 Boundary Commission Ward Proposals

It is my understanding that the Commission's proposals include the outrageous option of dividing the current Kinross-shire Ward and reducing its number of Councillors from 4 to 3. This appears to be proposed in the interest of voter parity on ward numbers and a projected reduction in voter numbers, rather than any interest in maintaining local identities.

As you should be aware, Kinross-shire has been a county since 1685 and merged with Perthshire in government reorganisation during the 1970s. The current Ward reflects the shire's historic boundaries with the addition of Glenfarg, whose services and school catchment lie in Kinross-shire. There is a strong sense of local identity that will be broken by this proposal.

I understand that the other boundary changes proposed are minimal for PKC with the exception of the Kinross-shire Ward. I also fail to understand the voter projections given the level of proposed and ongoing development taking place resulting from our Local Development Plan and Tayplan.

I would argue that there is a strong case for maintaining PKC numbers at 41 (good to have an odd number in the unlikely event of a close political vote), retaining the current Kinross-shire Ward boundary and 4 Councillors. I sincerely hope you will adopt this position in your response to the proposals and support my local Ward member colleagues who I understand share my concerns about this proposed change. I will be interested to learn of the period for public consultation thereon, being certain of a strong community objection from Kinross-shire folk to this latest attempt to ignore their historic boundaries and identity.

Kind regards

**Councillor Mike Barnacle**  
**Independent Member for Kinross-shire**

*On return from vacation Cllr Barnacle told the Newsletter:*

"I am pleased to note that PKC unanimously supported the position of the local members on this matter. I am grateful to Cllr Cuthbert for his background work on this matter."

## News from the Health Centre



Loch Leven Health Centre, Muirs, Kinross

### Cervical Screening Awareness Week (CSAW)

15 - 21 June 2015

Cervical Screening Awareness Week (CSAW) is a UK-wide initiative led by Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust. The week aims to highlight the importance of cervical screening (smear) and how attending a screening invitation can help to prevent cervical cancer.

In the UK, 22% of women still do not attend their cervical screening, so raising public awareness of cervical cancer prevention is a priority. Public knowledge and understanding of issues such as cervical screening, the causes of cervical abnormalities and cervical cancer and treatment is generally low.

Cervical screening is NOT a test to find cancer. It is a screening test to detect abnormalities (pre-cancer) at an early stage in the cells in the cervix.

Around 3,000 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer in UK each year. Regular cervical screening provides a high degree of protection against developing cervical cancer and is offered free on the NHS. It is estimated that early detection and treatment through cervical screening can prevent up to 75% of cervical cancers from developing in the UK. Not going for cervical screening is one of the biggest risk factors for developing cervical cancer.

Invitations are sent out every three years to all women in Scotland between the ages of 20 and 60 years. On receipt of an invitation, please telephone the Health Centre on 01577 862112 and ask for an appointment with one of our Practice Nurses or a GP for a cervical smear. Please take up your invitation to attend your cervical screening test, it saves lives.

Further information is available from the following sources:

Jo's Trust: [www.jostrust.org.uk](http://www.jostrust.org.uk)  
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## KADAC member in the media

If you happened to watch the recent programme on BBC2 'How Scotland Works' you would have seen Kinross and District Art Club (KADAC) member **Christine Cargill** taking part in last year's Open Water Swim across Loch Lomond.

Christine and her husband Ian decided when they retired that every day was to be a chance to live life to the full and at the same time give back something to others less fortunate. The death of two dear friends prompted them to direct their energies to do sponsored swims (Christine) and sponsored marathons (Ian and their two sons) in London, Manchester, Cumbria and various Scottish locations to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Care. Their efforts attracted the attention of the BBC who featured them in a programme about seniors with active and energetic lifestyles.



*Active fundraiser Christine Cargill*

Christine is also known locally for her vibrant landscape paintings, which are on sale at Le Jardin and Dobbies and also at the Pitlochry Festival Theatre. All profits from these go directly to CHAS. Always interested in art, Christine was able to apply her artistic talent to her job as a primary teacher on the Isle of Arran. On her retirement and moving into this area, she joined Kinross and District Art Club in 2013. She attended two art courses at The Pitlochry Theatre and found her niche in painting in acrylics. Of the club, Christine says, "I was apprehensive at first about painting in front of people, but everyone is so friendly and helpful and the variety of work done by everyone is an inspiration. I really enjoy the weekly sessions."

A hip replacement operation last year has not inhibited Christine in any way and her next big challenge will be another sponsored entry for The Great Scottish Gas Swim at Balloch, Loch Lomond, on 29 August, when she hopes to raise more funds for Macmillan.

Details of how to support Christine will be posted on the KADAC website, [www.kadac.co.uk](http://www.kadac.co.uk)

*For more about KADAC, see page 51.*

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## Loch Leven Community Library

Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross

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### Pre-school Story Time

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### 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.

Tickets, £3.50, must be booked in advance from the library.

This film is shown in conjunction with Milnathort Filmhouse.

## Volunteer Walk Leader

### Training Course

Live Active Leisure are continuing to develop their Health Walk programmes and are looking to recruit new walk leader volunteers to lead the local health walks.

Becoming a volunteer walk leader is a great way to be active in your community, meet new people and enjoy the outdoors as well as helping others to become more active.

The course, which is **FREE**, will run in Perth at the Dewar's Centre on **Friday 17 July**.

The aim of the one-day course is to help you gain the skills and confidence to lead safe, short, local health walks and is designed to establish a group of local people (over the age of 18) trained to promote and lead health walks on an on-going basis.

A health walk is a short, local walk usually lasting between 30 and 60 minutes and ½ to 2½ miles long. Once trained, you will join a network of over 6000 volunteers throughout the UK and be able to

- lead safe and enjoyable walking sessions for people of all ages and abilities, particularly those who are or have been inactive
- promote the health benefits of walking and motivate people to take up walking as a form of physical recreation
- help people tailor health walking to meet their individual needs.

Interested? For further information and application forms, please contact Colin Melville at Live Active Leisure on 01738 454628, email [camelville@liveactive.co.uk](mailto:camelville@liveactive.co.uk)

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# All rise... and head for The Court House

Few Kinross-shire residents can have driven past the town's former Council Buildings over the past year without feeling a twinge of curiosity, given the hive of activity that was evidently ongoing behind the familiar façade of this attractive local landmark. Happily, *The Court House Coffee Bar and Restaurant* has recently opened its doors for business, so now everyone can pop in for a coffee, lunch or – from Thursdays to Saturdays – an evening meal, to see for themselves the fruits of those long months of labour.



*The restaurant is partly in a rear extension, which bridges the main County Building and the former mortuary (now toilets!)*

As a food writer, I felt duty-bound to visit *The Court House* a couple of times during its first week (a tough job, but somebody has to do it). My first visit was to interview its co-owners Jerry Alexander (of Liberty Business Centres, who own the building) and Jamie Fraser (of Wild Packs Summer Camps, who recruit young adults looking for a great summer experience). My second foray was to sample one of the tempting wood-fired pizzas. I have to confess that my verdict was an unequivocal “guilty”... of being exceptionally tasty. Visitors to the restaurant cannot fail to be impressed by the subtle way in which the traditional features of this listed building (once home to the local Sheriff Court, police cells and mortuary) have been combined with modern touches to create a perfect fusion of old and new.

Jamie explains, “All the stonework that is visible throughout the restaurant interior is the original stone, which was hidden underneath plaster and modern surfaces. We were very pleased when we saw it!”



*The vault is available for private dining or meetings. The window grille was uncovered during renovation work*

Tucked away in the corner of the otherwise bright and airy eatery *The Vault*, a former prison cell, provides a ‘captivating’ small venue for an informal meeting or an intimate space for a party of up to 12 diners.

The original flooring had been too small for the extended floor space, so the wooden planks were recycled into characterful

table tops for the restaurant. The remnants were used to frame the attractive artwork displayed on the walls.

Upcycled seating (including several church pews), architecturally salvaged cast-iron radiators and a metal menu board (created from the side of a giant boiler uncovered during the renovation work) all add to the unique ambience. Accessed from patio doors at the rear of the restaurant is a self-contained garden dining area that gives younger diners space to run around. As Jamie comments with a smile: “Those are the original walls that used to hold in prisoners – now they’re holding in toddlers!”

As if this were not delightful enough, a suntrap at the side of the building accommodates numerous raised beds packed with herbs. Jamie is passionate about enhancing children’s connection with the food they eat, so youngsters attending parties at *The Court House* may well be invited to pick the herbs for their own pizzas.

Chef Roddy White was busy kneading pizza dough when we spoke. He described his cuisine as “modern Scottish”, and the restaurant’s menu reflects this. Choices include pizza topped with venison salami; deep-fried crumbed haggis balls, clapsnot potatoes and Drambuie sauce; and sharing boards of Scottish charcuterie including venison and boar. For vegetarian diners, a roast vegetable sharing board is also available – served with hummus and cashew nut pesto.



*The Court House owners, Jerry Alexander and Jamie Fraser*

Platters matter to Jerry and Jamie, who are both keen on emphasising the social eating aspect of dining more prevalent on the Continent than here in the UK. Their aim is ‘to serve food for hanging out’, and they hope to see people coming into *The Court House* with friends and family to chat all evening over a couple of bottles of Prosecco and a sharing board or two, without feeling under pressure to vacate their seats as soon as they’ve finished eating.

Feedback is also important to the co-owners. “It’s refreshing to hear what people think, even if it’s not all positive,” says Jamie. “If people tell us what they don’t like, at least we have the chance to fix it.” His experience of excellent customer service in the US makes him acutely aware of its importance to any business, but to hospitality in particular.

With *The Court House*’s central location placing it at the heart of the Kinross-shire community, the new business is eager to engage with local residents, and Jerry’s intention is for the doors to be open during local events such as the switching on of the Christmas lights. But before then a long summer stretches ahead, giving visitors from near and far ample opportunity to judge for themselves *The Court House*’s continental concept of social eating.

*Karen Elwis*



## Spring into summer with Hunters

Local butcher Iain Hunter and his wife Pamela were delighted to be asked by Quality Meat Scotland (QMS) to help launch the organisation's 'Taste of Summer' campaign.

With a handy prop ready in the form of the shop's beautifully restored traditional delivery bike, Pamela and Iain posed for promotional photographs.

As part of the campaign, QMS has published a new recipe booklet, 'Simple Summer Cooking', which is full of tantalising yet easy to follow recipes such as Chilli Basil Kebabs and Warm Lamb Salads. The recipes are all well balanced and healthy and designed to capture the taste of summer.

The free recipe booklet is available at around 300 Scotch Butchers Club shops, including Hunters of Kinross.

*For more news about Hunters, see page 86.*



*Pamela and Iain Hunter getting into the spirit of summer  
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## Come to Central and West Fife Show! Something for all the Family Saturday 6 June

There will be a strong focus on food at the Central and West Fife Show this month, with cookery demonstrations by Jenny Thomson from Courses for Cooks and the national heat of Young Farmers' Ready Steady Country Cook competition. The Food and Craft tent will also showcase local crafts and Scottish food producers, including Chillilicious and the Real Bread Company.

The public will, of course, be able to see a variety of animals including dairy and beef cattle, sheep, poultry, Clydesdale horses, ponies and show jumping.

The main ring entertainment includes Clydesdale Horse Turnouts, Terrier Racing and Fly Ball.

For children there will be a scarecrow competition, storytelling and the Glasgow Science Centre will be attending with their bodyworks on tour exhibition. Discover the science behind health and well-being!

Other attractions include tug of war, highland dancing, vintage tractors and a variety of trade stands featuring everything from tractors to toys.

A Companion Dog Show will be held, with classes ranging from pedigree puppies through to the waggiest tail. Entries are taken from 1.30pm on the day, with judging starting at 2pm.

Central and West Fife Show will be held at Hilton Farm near Kelty by kind permission of the Thomson Family on Saturday 6 June, 9am to 5pm. (KY4 0HF)

Admission fees: Adults £8 · OAPs £4 · Children under 14 free. Parking is free.

Further information is available from [www.westfifeshow.com](http://www.westfifeshow.com)



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# A lively and fun day in Kinross

## Loch Leven Half Marathon, Pipe Band Competition and Feel Good Fair

Kinross was buzzing with activity on 9 May as it played host to two major competitions and laid on a variety of entertainment and fun events, providing a fantastic day out for competitors, visitors and local residents.

The Loch Leven Half Marathon, Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest and the Feel Good Fair were organised and co-ordinated by Kinross Road Runners, Kinross & District Pipe Band, Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation and the Loch Leven Community Campus.

Kinross Road Runners welcomed 600 runners to the 32nd Loch Leven Half Marathon and after tackling a route around the scenic shores of the Loch, crowds cheered on the finishers at the campus. First through the finishing line was Edinburgh Athletic Club member Stuart Johnstone who completed the 13 miles in one hour and 14 minutes. Runner-up, 39 seconds behind was Lee Muir with Tom Wilson of Corstorphine, taking



*Tired but happy... through the finishing line*

third place. First Kinross Road Runner was Andy Laycock, in fifth place. The event was open to runners aged 18 and over, with all finishers each receiving a goody bag.

Not to be outdone, youngsters under 12 years old had their own Fun Run organised by the Swansacre Playgroup and this was very well attended. Swansacre also provided a bouncy castle and children's activities for all the youngsters too. The air at the campus was ringing all day with the Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest which had many bands from far and wide competing for a number of titles including Drum Majors Marching & Discipline, Grades 2 and 1, Open and finishing up with Massed Bands. The sound was wonderful and all of the bands looked fantastic in their finery. As part of the event there was a Feel Good Fair



*Raising funds for Teenage Cancer Trust*

organised by the campus, which included lots of wonderful stalls by local crafts, charities and community groups. There were a number of stalls both inside the Small Games Hall and out on the field including the Potager Garden, Helen O'Grady Drama, Portmoak Under 5s, Kinross Colts, Kinross Otters, Kinross-shire Time Exchange, Kinross Primary PC, PKAVS and there was even an 'Apprentice Style Challenge' for two teams of Aspire Youth Leader Groups from Kinross Parish Church. This, together with many crafts such as Woodwork, Skincare, Jewellery, Jams & Preserves, Glassware, Textiles, Celebration Cakes, Knitted Items, Ornaments and Hair Accessories made for a great afternoon. Add that to the wide variety of entertainment and activities on offer meant that the Runners and Pipe Bands competitors' friends and families, as well as the wider local population, had a fun-packed afternoon.

Included in the Feel Good Fair was Live Active Leisure who had a fantastic turn out for their Family Sports Activities. There were lots of different activities which were suitable for all ages and a lucky

dip with some fantastic prizes. There was balancing equipment, jumping, throwing, catching and rolling activities for pre-school aged children. For the older children there was football and some athletics equipment for the children to try out. It was lovely to see so many children and young adults taking part in sporting activities and having fun with their family and friends.



*Cheerful Helen O'Grady Drama reps*

Luckily the weather stayed nice throughout the day. Heartfelt thanks and gratitude go to all of the groups who provided volunteers for the day, including the Rotary Club, Ladies Circle and Round Table. Also a big thank you to everyone who came and made the day so enjoyable. We look forward to seeing you all next year!

*Gerry McGregor, LLCC*





## Portmoak ballot on Stephen's Field

Portmoak CC is conducting a ballot of the whole Portmoak community on the subject of 'Stephen's Field'.

In 2008 Portmoak CC entered into a contract with A & J Stephen whereby the CC would gain ownership of a field free of charge for community amenity use and an endowment of £5,000 when A & J Stephen obtained planning permission for a proposed development of ten houses. As part of the contract, A & J Stephen retained two acres of the field to use as a house plot.

A & J Stephen received permission for nine houses at Whitecraigs. The tenth house was intended for the 'retained plot' at Bishop Terrace, but the plot is currently not in the 'village envelope' in the Local Development Plan.

A ballot paper and letter explaining the situation has been delivered to every household in the Portmoak CC area, and the CC is asking residents whether or not they would like the CC to support the obtaining of planning permission for one house on the retained plot and/or its inclusion in the next Local Development Plan.

*See also page 38.*

### Portmoak Community Council How to proceed with Stephen's Field, Kinnesswood?

Please vote in the Community Council Ballot:

- on-line at [www.portmoak.org/ballot](http://www.portmoak.org/ballot)
- or
- use the Ballot Paper sent to you or available at Kinnesswood Shop.

**Closes Monday 8 June at 5pm**

[Open to residents of Portmoak – the villages of Kinnesswood, Scotlandwell, Wester and Easter Balgedie, Glenlomond and surrounding areas]

## Perthshire Creates launch event

Perthshire Creates – the new platform that is putting a spotlight on the area's creative talent – will be launched on **Thursday 11 June** at an event at Perth's Museum and Art Gallery from 7pm to 10pm.

Arts groups are being invited to attend and showcase what they do. This could mean putting on a digital presentation or perhaps a live performance. Get in touch with Perthshire Creates and let them know what you would like to do.

Perthshire Creates also hopes to create a calendar of arts events and a digital directory.

If you are involved in an arts group and want to find out more about linking up with Perthshire Creates, email [contact@perthshirecreates.co.uk](mailto:contact@perthshirecreates.co.uk)

## New conservation volunteers blog

PKC community Greenspace Rangers have just launched a new blog for the Perth & Kinross Conservation Volunteers where you can find out about:

- Wildlife initiatives
- Conservation projects
- Local volunteering groups
- Competitions
- Fun things to do
- Get walking

Community Greenspace is working with local communities to maintain, improve and support green spaces for all to enjoy. Find the blog at: [pkcvolunteers.wordpress.com](http://pkcvolunteers.wordpress.com)

## Road works – Broom Road

In order to permit BT works there will be a prohibition of vehicular traffic on Broom Road from its junction with The Muirs to its junction with the access road to number sixteen. This will take effect from 8 June for a period of four weeks. Pedestrian and vehicle access to premises will be maintained.

## Former Kinross High School pupil publishes second novel

Former Kinross High School pupil, Catriona Child, has had her second novel published.

Swim Until You Can't See Land, which is partly set in Kinross, is a blend of contemporary Scottish fiction and historical fiction. It charts the relationship between two women born sixty years apart – professional swimmer Hannah Wright and Marièle Downie, a wartime spy in occupied France. It was inspired by Catriona's love of swimming (she was

a competitive swimmer for many years, including for the Kinross Otters) and the stories her Granny told her about her experiences during WW2.

Catriona has been described by the Edinburgh Evening News as "one of the brightest prospects among a thriving breed of fresh Scottish writing talent".

Swim Until You Can't See Land can be bought through Catriona's publisher, Luath Press, or from Amazon.

You can read Catriona's blog at: [catrionachild.wordpress.com](http://catrionachild.wordpress.com)





## 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.

### Kinross-shire Roll of Honour

#### June 1915

2 June	David Fernie
25 June	George Davidson
28 June	George P Westwater
28 June	William Scott-Moncrieff



### The Military Cross

First awarded in January 1915, the Military Cross recognises "*gallantry during active operations against the enemy.*"

Amongst the first batch of recipients was 2nd Lieutenant, (temporary Captain), Christopher W Wilson of the Royal Flying Corps Special Reserve who had survived an air collision in 1914 in which two other officers had been killed. He had also been mentioned in despatches by Sir John French in August 1914.

Wilson had been the tenant in **Tillyochie House** to the west of Kinross for a short while before the war. Later promoted to the rank of major, he was also awarded the Air Force Cross (AFC).



Tillyrie Red Cross Hospital, Milnathort.

### Tillyrie Auxiliary Hospital

In April 1915 Captain Robert M Reid made available to the Red Cross his newly built house at Tillyrie, near Milnathort, to be used as an Auxiliary Hospital.

A Hospital Committee chaired by Walter G Montgomery was formed to equip the hospital with furniture, including 51 beds, 42 of which were for patients.

Amongst those who may well have spent time recuperating here were the war poets Siegfried Sassoon (1886-1967) and Wilfred Owen (1893-1918), who are known to have visited the Thistle Hotel in Milnathort.



### The sinking of the Lusitania

On 7 May 1915, the Cunard liner RMS *Lusitania* was hit by a torpedo launched from the German U-boat U20. Hit without warning off the south coast of Ireland, the liner sank within twenty minutes with the loss of 1,201 men, women and children. Of these, 128 were American citizens.

On 15 May 1915 *The Kinross-shire Advertiser* expressed its disgust at the latest German outrage:

*"At last German warfare has passed to the despicable sinking of unarmed boats, culminating in the dastardly destruction of the Lusitania – a crime that outvies in infamy and barbarity the other murders at sea of which Germany has been guilty."*



## Launch of Community Watch

A system to help tackle crime and promote safety in rural parts of Perth and Kinross was launched in Kinross on 30 April.

Community Watch has developed from a pilot scheme, known as Rural Watch, which started in Highland Perthshire in October 2014. It is now being rolled out to Kinross-shire, Strathallan, Strathearn, Strathmore, Blairgowrie, Glens, Carse of Gowrie, Almond, Earn as well as continuing in Highland Perthshire.

One of the main aims of Community Watch is to improve the flow of information between the local community, Police Scotland, the local authority and other partner organisations. Sharing information and advice can help prevent crimes, making the gathering of information simpler and help link together a community spread across a wide geographic area. Community Watch works by members of the community signing up to the system and choosing from a list of options for the type of information they would like to receive. When a message is posted to the system, those who have selected the relevant criteria will immediately receive an email. Chief Inspector Mike Whitford, Commander for Perth and

Kinross at the time of the launch, said: "Communities can receive e-mails on crime in their area along with valuable crime prevention advice which could cover anything from fuel or machinery thefts, wildlife crime, vandalism or reports of suspicious activity. In addition, communities will also benefit from information from several other agencies all with the aim of community safety. We are proud to be part of this initiative and its continued success and would urge those living in rural Perth and Kinross to register for this service."

Partner organisations in the scheme are: Perth & Kinross Council, Police Scotland, Neighbourhood Watch, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Scottish and Southern Energy, Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA), National Farmers Union (NFU), Scottish Gamekeepers Association, Air Ambulance, Transport Scotland and BEAR Scotland.

People who are already registered with Neighbourhood Watch will automatically receive messages from Community Watch. Those who were members of the pilot scheme, Rural Watch, will automatically be moved over to Community Watch.

You can join Perth and Kinross Community Watch by visiting [www.pkcommunitywatch.co.uk](http://www.pkcommunitywatch.co.uk)



At the launch of Community Watch at Kinross Police Station on 30 April, from left: Cllr Michael Williamson; Sgt Amanda Nicolson; Cordelia Menmuir, SEPA; Kate Maitland, NFU; Roddy Ross, Safer Communities PKC; Cllr Douglas Pover; Ewan Baird, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Chief Inspector Mike Whitford

## Round up of Police News

**Dangerous youth behaviour:** Overnight on 13 May, youths were seen to be climbing on buildings in the **Swansacre** area of Kinross where some damage was caused to a satellite dish. Apart from the damage caused, this is extremely dangerous behaviour. If any children are seen climbing on roofs, please contact the police immediately.

**Vandalism:** Damage caused recently by vandals smashing roof tiles at the Children's Hospice information centre at Kinross has been estimated at £250. On the weekend of 16/17 May, **Arngask Primary School**, Glenfarg, was the subject of graffiti, with blue spray paint used on walls.

**Security:** At about 0445 hours on Sunday 17 May, the alarm activated at the **Muirs Inn**, Kinross. CCTV footage shows two males wearing dark coloured hooded tops and carrying rucksacks acting suspiciously.

**ATM fraud:** Beware: a pinhole camera and skimming devices, aimed at acquiring card details and customer PIN, have been found on bank machines in Perth & Kinross.

**Sheep on roads:** There have been some complaints about sheep on roads. Farmers and owners are asked to ensure that perimeter fencing is in good order.

**Death of Iain Bell, retired Superintendent:** A former senior police officer for this area has died at the age of 58. Iain Bell was in charge of Tayside Police's Western Division prior to his retirement, and for several years was responsible for coordinating the policing of T in the Park when it was at Balado.

**Chief Inspector Mike Whitford**, who has been the area commander for Perth and Kinross since March 2013, moved to a new role in Dundee in May.

## Police Scotland – local community

**Telephone 101 for non-emergencies**

Community officers for Kinross-shire are:

**PC Sadie Allan, PC Rhiannon Lorimer,**

**PC Nicholas Schembri and PC James Wilson.**

Email: [taysidekinrossshireCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:taysidekinrossshireCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk)

Community Sergeant, Kinross-shire: **Sgt Geoff Goodison.**





# 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

**In attendance** at the AGM and May meeting held on Wednesday 6 May 2015 were: CCllrs D Colliar, W Freeman, M Blyth, M Scott, G Thomas, B Davies and D West; P&K Cllrs J Giacopazzi and D Cuthbert, a police representative and nine members of the public.

CCllr I Jack, through illness, attended the meeting only to provide the Treasurer's Report.

**Apologies** were received from P&K Cllr M Barnacle.

## News from the Annual General Meeting

### Chairman's Report (D Colliar)

The past year has been a mixed year for the CC with some successes and some disappointments. First let us look at the achievements: completion of the roundabout on Station Road proving a great success in assisting traffic flow. The news of a new Primary School within the next 2 years. Good progress on the Town Hall project and Town Clock now working. Liberty Business Centre nearing completion. Mill Street car park completed. High Street improvements started which hopefully when completed will be successful. LED street lighting improved to the north of the Muirs. Success of DRT scheme for west Kinross-shire; hopefully the scheme can be extended to include a wider area in future. Refurbishment of the War Memorial. There have also been many successful events from local groups of volunteers working hard to entertain and improve the appearance of the town. I will not attempt to name them all in case I miss some but thank them all on behalf of the CC and wish them all the best for the future.

Now for the disappointments: still awaiting progress on the old High School site and Lathro Health Centre site. The loss of public access hours at the Community Campus and Library along with increasing charges for usage. The move of T in the Park from Balado to Strathallan. This is a major blow to the economy of Kinross-shire as they provided trade to many local businesses and gave generous financial support to Kinross-shire Fund to distribute among local organisations and to Rachel House Hospice.

During the year the CC lost three valued members due to illness and work commitments and I would like to thank them all for all their work over the years and wish them well for the future.

Finally, I thank all members of the CC for their work and dedication over the past year and our four local PKC Councillors for their regular attendance and assistance and to all members of the public for their attendance and questions, this is invaluable to the CC.

### Treasurer's Report and Accounts

CCllr Jack advised that the Council Grant had been cut and the CC are now only allowed to hold a balance of £700.00. In each year the monies received are topped up to this figure. The Treasurer explained the figures as recorded in the accounts. The "other income" was in relation to the wreaths for the Remembrance. It was noted that we did not receive payment of the wreath for the ACF and that this was written off. The Secretary's expenses totalled £114.95 and "other expenses" included repair to the laptop. The accounts have been reviewed and signed by Ross McConnell and will be signed by the Chairman once adopted. The approval of the accounts was proposed by CCllr West and seconded by CCllr Colliar.

### Appointment of Office Bearers

Chairman - CCllr W Freeman (proposed by CCllr West, seconded by CCllr Thomas). Vice Chairman - CCllr West (proposed by CCllr Freeman, seconded by CCllr Thomas). Secretary - CCllr Scott (proposed by CCllr W Freeman, seconded by CCllr Colliar). Treasurer - CCllr Jack (proposed by CCllr Colliar, seconded by CCllr Blyth). Planning - CCllr Freeman and CCllr Colliar to continue reviewing planning applications.

## News from the May Meeting

**Co-opted Member:** David Mackenzie was introduced to those present. Mr Mackenzie's application was approved by PKC. CCllr West proposed his co-option to the CC and was seconded by CCllr Freeman. This was carried. It was noted that there are still two vacancies. CCllr Scott and Colliar mentioned that they had handed out applications to interested parties.

**Declaration of Interest:** None.

**Police report:** The Police representative provided an update on recent youth calls which included Kinross Parish Church, Junction Road, Kinross Primary School, Station Road and Millbridge. Incidents included: damage to windows at properties in Gallowhill Road, Sandport and Devonvale Place; theft at Dobbies Garden Centre and attempted break in to Bayne's Bakers and a Hairdressers.

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Recent scams included roofing contractors and the sale of chainsaws. The Police ask that anything suspicious should be reported to them. Ensure that you are fully aware of the work to be carried out by the contractor or the goods being purchased before any money is exchanged. Do not give your banking details etc by email or over the phone unless you are fully aware of the source.

Mention was made to the two recent accidents on the High Street. It was also reported that lorries are parking on the pavement.

Amanda Nicolson, the Community Coordinator, is to arrange for representatives of CCs to meet with her and our local Community Sergeant to discuss any ongoing issues.

**Railway walk:** Replacement of the bin has taken place. Mrs Brady mentioned that one further along the walk also requires attention.

**Newsletter Fund disbursements:** A meeting of KCCNL has been arranged. The exact balance of funds will be available for this meeting.

Kinross in Bloom request funding of £3,000 to cover purchase of new planters from the Health Centre to Koronka and the Park and Ride and to replace rotting sleepers at the Day Centre with planters and tables and chairs. The total funds required for this project are 17K. The organisation has approached other sources for funding. It was suggested that they contact the Arthur Thomson and Margaret Todd Trust; the next Board Meeting is 25 June. A further suggestion was made that they obtain the majority of funding and then return to us. It was agreed in principle to contribute towards this project, but to postpone a decision on this until we are clear on what funds are available to spend.

Orwell Guides submitted a thank you letter in response to the contribution received towards the purchase of chairs.

Civic Trust: Update received from Prof Munro in relation to their application for funds towards the expense of publishing a book. He hopes to have the book completed this summer.

KLEO: Update received from in relation to the funding received towards the purchase of a trailer to be used for both transport and storage of market stalls.

Aero-Space: Update received in relation to this application. A suggestion was made and agreed that a new application be submitted.

**Kinross CC website:** The Administrator, Pauline Watson, was present and provided a report. CCllr Colliar stated that he was concerned to see that there was no mention of the CC on the website documentation, the only reference being to the Partnership. Mrs Watson confirmed that this can be adjusted.

She continued that the website had now been operating for 16 years and was visited from Australia, Canada etc. She provided further statistics, e.g. 400 Kinross-shire businesses on the site; photo album used well. The website and Newsletter liaise on a number of issues, such as the Yellow Pages. The CC agreed that the website is invaluable and that the annual financial assistance of £500 requires to continue to be paid towards the upkeep. CCllr Colliar explained that owing to the CC financial position they were unable to settle this sum. In past years this funding has been made from the Newsletter and paid over direct to the website. However it was suggested and agreed that in line with our current policy an application should be lodged. It was agreed that an application should be submitted for consideration at the next CC meeting.

#### Future of Kinross buildings

- **Former High School:** Persimmon are currently discussing three sites (former High School, Lathro and Milnathort) and flooding issues in relation to the Milnathort site. An application should be submitted shortly.
- **Lathro, GS Brown:** A number of objections have been received and a resubmission appears imminent.
- **Primary School:** Cllr Cuthbert provided an update.
- **Regeneration of High Street:** There has been a delay due to acquiring materials, however the contractors believe they can complete on schedule. An open meeting is to be held in the Church Centre, 1pm-3pm each Wednesday, allowing for both an update on the works and comments. Cllr Cuthbert added that he believed more workers would be on site as they journey down the High Street. The contractors are co-operating with the local businesses as much as possible in the circumstances.

**CC election:** All CC members (should they wish) have to stand for re-election on 5 November 2015. The nominations close at 4pm on 24 September. Should there be more nominations than required then PKC will arrange a postal vote. It was questioned if this was the only method of voting. Cllr Cuthbert is to investigate.

#### Planning applications submitted to PKC

15/00490/FLL 2 Seaforth Drive: erection of a fence.  
15/00534/FLL 22 Muirpark Road: alterations and extension.  
15/00548/FLL Land west of Easter Coldrain Farm: modification of permission 12/00737/AM (erection of two dwelling houses): change of house type at Plot 1.  
15/00549/FLL 12 Talla Park: alterations to house.

**Application approved by PKC:** 14/00950/FLL New Mains House, Balado: deletion of condition 3 (occupancy restriction) of planning permission 08/02451/FLL for the erection of two dwelling houses.

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### Reports from Ward Councillors

**Former High School site:** Cllr Giacopazzi commented on the length of time that has passed in relation to this site and the submission of a revised application. It was to be hoped that this delay means that any future application will meet the aspirations of the community.

**Millbridge Hall:** Work to the trees has been completed. Cllr Cuthbert added that any treatment would appear to be minimal.

**Campus grass cutting:** Cllr Cuthbert reported that the grass at the kerb is to be cut every two weeks.

### Correspondence

**TAYplan** Proposed Strategic Development Plan (2015), TAYplan Proposed Action Programme (2015) and TAYplan Equalities Impact Assessment (2015): Documents available online - Deadline is 3 July.

**Regional Transport Strategy** Refresh 2015-2036 is currently in its consultation phase until 8 May.

**Off-Street car parks** (variation): Copy notice to be published in the press regarding an additional parking area to be added to the PKC (Off-Street Car Parks) Order 2015 as the area of land at Kinross which it occupies has been redeveloped.

**Scottish Rural Parliament 2016:** Invitation to host.

**Planning Training** at campus on 21 May. CCllr Freeman has indicated an interest in attending this.

**CC election timetable** received from PKC.

**Broom Road:** Details of a temporary traffic regulation order in order to permit BT works. CCllr Colliar asked if the bollards were to be removed in Sunnypark to allow the flow of funeral traffic. Cllr Cuthbert will look into this.

**Bus services:** Changes to timetables for certain Stagecoach buses. (*As published on p. 14 of May 2015 Newsletter.*) It was noted that the last bus time from Perth has been changed. CCllr Colliar stated that this will impact on people travelling to Perth to the cinema.

**Provisional Premises Licence:** 21-25 High Street

**Campus charges:** Mr Boland would welcome feedback regarding the charges. The CC will ask for statistics of usage over the last four years both for campus usage and the leisure facilities.

**BT kiosks:** BT replied that the kiosks were sited on private land and that the CC should look into this. It was confirmed that these lands would be Council owned. CCllr Davies suggested the use of one for a defibrillator.

### Other Business

**Fountain:** Providing power to the fountain is being considered, however it was mentioned that to maintain flowing water is expensive.

**Motorway roundabout:** A suggestion made that white dashes be painted on to signify two lanes.

**Memorial seat for Jack Wilson:** Planters have been placed at the County Buildings. It was suggested that the seat could be sited adjacent to the War Memorial. CCllr Colliar will arrange this.

**War Memorial:** It was mentioned that vehicles are being parked on the [civic space] paving stones. It was suggested that some form of kerbing be placed around the area. CCllr Colliar will speak to Michael Morgan on this matter.

**Trees:** CCllr Jack raised a question in relation to overgrowing trees in Station Road opposite the bypass.

**H46:** Mrs Brady enquired if there was any information in relation to H46 and the proposed access. Cllr Cuthbert had not heard anything in this regard. It was commented that it would be logical for access to be taken from Gallowhill Road. Cllr Giacopazzi will look into this.

**The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will be held on Wednesday 3 June 2015 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.**

### Agenda for the Meeting on 3 June

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

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

Kinross CC minutes are posted on the webpage:

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

### Vacancies on Kinross CC

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

For further information and application forms, please contact Secretary, Margaret Scott, by email at [mbs21@btinternet.com](mailto:mbs21@btinternet.com) or telephone 01577 862945, or Chairman, Bill Freeman, 64 Muirs, Kinross, telephone 01577 865045, or email [billywhiz3.freeman@vergin.net](mailto:billywhiz3.freeman@vergin.net)



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## Milnathort Community Council

**Attendance:** CCllr Hamilton, Chair, welcomed CCllrs Bennet, Cottingham, Pettinger, Smith and Thomson to the Annual General Meeting and May meeting held on Thursday 14 May 2015. Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs Giacopazzi and Robertson, and eight members of the public.

**Apologies** were received from CCllrs Halford and Milne-Home, and from PKC Cllrs Barnacle and Cuthbert.

### News from the Annual General Meeting

**Chairman's Annual Report:** The Chair read out a brief report:

During the past year we have discussed the 31 planning applications submitted in our area; this is up from the 24 the year before. We have only objected to a few, and these objections were treated as no more important than any from a private individual. Currently PKC has agreed a trial whereby comments from CCs undergo greater scrutiny by the Planners, and if deemed appropriate, they will draw CC comments to the attention of the Development Management Committee (DMC). Hopefully, in the future CCs will become statutory consultees, and this should ensure that our opinions will be given due weight when taken into account. There are small signs of this from neighbouring CCs.

We continue to be an excellent conduit for local issues, and try to ensure that PKC Councillors follow through on issues raised.

The CC's commitment to our parks and paths has continued with a new picnic bench for Donaldson Park, and ongoing path weed control.

We were successful in helping to block the appeal about refusal of permission for provision of a private water supply to the Ochil Hills former Hospital site for a development of 35 houses; and it looks likely that the development will go ahead, with a mains water supply, as PKC has agreed to reduce the affordable housing contribution required.

Thanks to my fellow Community Councillors, our Minute Secretary and to the PKC Councillors for all their hard work. Finally, I feel that I have done my stint as Chairman and will therefore not be putting myself forward for re-election at the October elections. I understand that neither Patrick Milne-Home nor Dorothy Thomson will be putting themselves forward, and so some fresh blood will be required.

**Treasurer's Report:** CCllr Bennet summarised the accounts for 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015:

Opening Balance	£562.16
Total Income	£700.00
Expenditure Total	£691.18
Cash in Bank	£8.82
Accounts Outstanding	£0.00
Expected Closing Balance	£8.82

She advised that PKC now tops up each CCs account to reach a maximum of £700 at the beginning of each financial year, rather than the previous practice of adding £700 to each CC's budget.

### Contributors

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**Election of Office Bearers:** The Chair proposed that all members should hold their current office until new elections in October 2015. CCllr Thomson seconded the motion.

**Date of next AGM: Thursday 12 May 2016.**

### News from the May Meeting

**Police Report:** PC Rhiannon Lorimer presented a brief report. There were no crimes or youth calls reported in Milnathort since the last meeting. She reminded people to enjoy the outdoors responsibly, in particular to respect the needs of local people, to co-operate with those working in the countryside, to drive carefully, and to keep dogs under control. She also briefed on the Community Watch initiative (*see page 25*) and that those wishing further information should contact Sgt Amanda Nicolson, tel 01738 892943 or email to: Perthkinrosscommunitywatch@scotland.pnn.police.uk

CCllr Pettinger raised again the issue of cars being parked fully on the footpath outside the Chemist's shop in New Road, stating that he had personally witnessed two cars parked there; he had noted the registration and details of one vehicle, and PC Lorimer asked that he pass on the details to PC Sadie Allan.

A member of the public also raised an issue of High School pupils walking in the roadway towards Milnathort during lunch breaks, and causing danger to both pedestrians and road users.

**Matters Arising:** CCllr Pettinger, Chair of the last meeting, updated members on matters arising:

- Copies of the presentation given by INEOS at the meeting held by them on 19 March 2015 still had not been received; he has written to the Director of INEOS requesting that copies be sent to MCC.
- A response has not been received from SSE about incidents of power fluctuations on 8 April 2015.
- He had been unable to attend the introductory Community Watch meeting held on 30 April, however CCllr Hamilton had attended.
- He has not yet followed up the telephone kiosk adoption initiative; but the MCC agreed that the kiosk at the Cross was still in operation, so no further action was needed.

CCllr Thomson corrected the form of display asked of shopkeepers for the Milnathort Festival during the first weekend in June 2015. Displays should reflect the theme 'Yesteryear'.

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### Planning applications submitted

The MCC considered the following applications:

15/00503/FLL Erection of 5 flats and ancillary works at 2-12 Wester Loan for Waverco Ltd. The MCC noted that this was a new application. Following discussion of the plans with members of the public, the MCC agreed to object on the following grounds: overdevelopment of the site, especially when considering that the site was fringed by listed buildings; insufficient off-road parking provision; loss of daylight to houses to the west; and road safety issues, given the narrow roadway in Wester Loan and the one-way system in Back Loan.

15/00732/FLL Change of use of flat and garden ground to café and outdoor seating area (Class 3) (in part retrospect) at 19A South Street (Heaven Scent). No objections were raised.

### Planning applications determined

The CC also noted the following decisions by PKC:

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

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

15/00360/MP Development of erection of 35 dwelling houses on site of former Ochil Hills Hospital for Fossway LLP – approved.

14/02014/FLL Erection of a dwelling house at Tannerhall – approved.

**Proposed CC Boundary Changes:** Cllr Robertson updated the meeting on proposed boundary changes by the Boundary Commission, which if enacted, would split Kinross-shire and reduce the number of PKC Cllrs from 41 to 40. Cllr Robertson advised that so far, although PKC had objected to the proposals, the Councillors representing Ward 8 wished to encourage a firmer response showing their strong concerns about the consequences of splitting Kinross-shire areas, such as moving the areas north of the A91 and M90, including the Tillyrie area, into Bridge of Earn. He also advised that the proposals were for consultations with Councils until 19 May 2015, and that a public consultation would follow over 12 weeks between July and October 2015. He asked for a strong response to the public consultation, supporting Ward 8 Councillors' concerns.

**Landscape Designation LLA:** PKC Cllrs confirmed that use of revised designations had been accepted by PKC.

**Ochil Hills Hospital site:** The Chair advised that the developer had requested a recalculation of the affordable housing contribution by PKC. Cllr Pettinger asked for clarification about the document on the planning portal (reported at the last meeting), which suggested that the developer was seeking planning permission unlimited by time. P&K Cllrs advised that PKC could not grant permission in perpetuity, and also that further detailed planning was still to be provided to PKC by the developer.

**Travelling people site:** The CC noted that the objection by PKC to the site at Mawcarse had been overruled by the Reporter; the number of permanent caravans on site had been reduced to two with further permission for temporary touring caravans for travellers, but subject to conditions including the following: the applicant should submit a detailed plan for waste water disposal; and the site be screened from public view.

### New Matters and Correspondence

The Chair read out an extract from a letter sent by a member of the public forwarding concerns about an incident in

**Donaldson Park** on 4 May when she and her small dog had been frightened by an unruly golden Labrador, which was off a leash and had jumped up at her and her dog (which at this stage she had picked up). Unfortunately the owner of the Labrador dog, a lady, could not be identified. Following discussion, the CC noted that following consultations with experts, dogs could be exercised off the leash, but it was the responsibility of dog owners to keep full control of their animals. Cllr Giacopazzi agreed to ask PKC to provide appropriate signs for the park, advising owners of their responsibilities when exercising animals.

The Chair advised that Brenda Lackie, **CC Liaison Officer**, PKC had retired, and that Pam Rogalski would take on the role.

The Chair also noted that PKC had accorded more weight to a **CC's reservations** about planning applications, citing recent comments by Glenfarg CC about a development proposal to replace a hotel in the village.

The Secretary drew attention to **TAYplan**. (See page 4.)

CCllr Bennet thanked PKC for erecting **signs** near Kinross-shire Community Woodland near Burleigh castle, but also noted that not all riders had paid heed to them. She also queried the state/legitimacy of a designated **footpath** – MTH/127 – in the vicinity of the Standing Stones near the A911; the path was believed to be an old coffin barrow path leading to the cemetery in the old Orwell Parish Churchyard. A barn/shed had been erected near the path and the track north of the barn has been ploughed away into the field. Cllr Robertson agreed to raise the issue with PKC officers.

CCllr Cottingham drew attention to a **Planning Training Meeting** for CCs to be held on 21 May. CCllr Pettinger advised that he would try to attend a further session in Perth on 24 June.

### P&K Councillors' Comments

Cllr Giacopazzi advised of the following:

A footpath from Mill Steadings northwards towards the A91 had been provided by the developer.

The Gannochy Trust had donated £20,000 towards the Town Hall refurbishment, thus freeing access to the £150,000 donated by the Thompson Trust. Work will be carried out in two phases, beginning with the kitchen.

PKC would be converting houses in Bridgefauld Road from electricity to gas heating, commencing in July 2015.

He had met with PKC Greenspace Ranger to discuss the state of the footpaths near Burleigh Castle.

The new barber's shop in New Road did not require further planning permission as it had previously been retail facilities.

**The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will take place on Thursday 11 June 2015 in Orwell Church Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.**

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## Portmoak Community Council

**In attendance** at the AGM and May meeting held on Tuesday 12 May 2015 were: CCllrs B Calderwood (Deputy Chair), R Cairncross (Secretary), R Williamson (Treasurer), S Forde and T Smith; Ward Cllrs D Cuthbert; and W Robertson and 14 members of the public.

**Apologies** were received from CCllr M Strang Steel (Chair).

### News from the Annual General Meeting

#### Chairman's Annual Report

The CC received the Chairman's Report for 2015:

We have had a year in which we have had notice of a number of impending significant changes in the landscape of Portmoak; and of opening consultations on longer term planning. So replying to consultations and making sure our point of view is heard, if not listened to, has been a feature in 2014 and will continue to be, not only in 2015-6, but beyond as well.

Our year opened with the formal opening with celebrations of the inter-Balgedie path by Nicky Doll of Easter Balgedie and Christine Cameron of Wester Balgedie. That highlights a major outstanding issue for your Council, namely the construction of a safe pedestrian route from Scotlandwell to the Hall. PKC officials understand the need and are sympathetic. There was a helpful meeting on site but the topography is difficult. The matter remains under review and your Council will keep trying.

We have made rather better progress with the A911. The Minister of Transport passed our request for some diversionary signage on the M90 to discourage HGVs from using the road to his civil servants where it got lost despite reminders! With a change of ministers we shall have to start with that again. But we are to get additional traffic signs at West Bowhouse; not what we were asking for but better than nothing and, as you will hear later, PKC are going to propose a 20mph limit not just for the roads around the school but for the whole of Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell. It is to be hoped that this will make the narrow pavements in both villages safer to use.

These and other road matters have been pushed forward by Bruce Calderwood. The resurfacing of the South Loch road has continued and we look forward to the time when we can drive down the A911 with some sparkling cats eyes to guide us - still promised but not yet delivered. But no sooner do we get warning signs on the New Gullet Bridge, than someone drives into the old one. Repairs are awaited.

We have had somewhat of a charm offensive from the police, embarrassed by their failure to attend most of our meetings

during the year. They have reorganised and we look forward to seeing more of them this year. One issue I mentioned last year was the under-reporting of road accidents, and they are now going to mention these in their monthly reports. They can, however, only report what they are told about, whether it is a road accident or some form of crime. No one, for example, reported to them quite a serious robbery from Wester Balgedie farmhouse last year. It is essential to report, even if you are disappointed at the outcome. The Police and others have just launched Community Watch to which I encourage everyone to subscribe. (*See page 25.*) It makes the reporting of non-urgent matters easier and I hope will be a well-used channel of two-way communication that will help both the police and the community.

Path maintenance is an ongoing task, undertaken by Tom Smith with the help of a group of volunteers. It is quite clear that PKC cannot be relied upon to carry out the necessary work although they can help with the provision of equipment, so there is always space for more volunteers! With the aid of funding from Paths for All and from PKC, we were able to engage contractors to carry out some quite major repairs to Michael Bruce Way, which we hope will last.

It is with regret that I have to report that your Council was constrained to make a formal complaint about PKC's handling of the withdrawn application to redevelop the Lomond Inn. The complaint was in two parts, one of which was upheld and the other was evaded on something of a technicality. I am afraid that this is just one example out of a number of PKC planning department's failures to operate a fully transparent process. These have given us and others, including some of our Ward Councillors, considerable concern.

As statutory consultees we have considered 38 planning applications in the course of the year and commented on 17 of them. In a few of these cases we have objected. The major planning issues, not all resulting from applications have been: **Lomond Inn.** The original application was withdrawn and new applications for demolition and for the construction of five houses on the site have recently been lodged. It is of course a sensitive site in the Kinnesswood Conservation Area. Your Council will be considering its response tonight.

**Levenglen.** Your Council made representations to politicians at several levels about the effects of the closure and the future of the site, in consultation with the Glenlomond Residents' Association. As is now known the site has been sold to a housing developer from Dundee and a planning application is awaited.



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**Stephen's Field, Kinnesswood.** Your Council has had further consultations with A & J Stephen over the course of the year. Messrs. Stephen are not prepared to hand over the field to the community until the condition in their contract that they receive planning permission for ten houses, and not just the nine already built, is met. The proposed site for the tenth house is controversial and you will shortly be receiving a ballot paper from your Council seeking the community's view as to how it should handle the issue. Portmoak's own referendum I hope will be a little quieter than another of recent memory!

**Local Development Plan.** We have supported the proposal that Portmoak be designated a Special Landscape Area under the current plan and made comments in response to the preliminary consultation on the new Local Development Plan. Discussion on this will begin in earnest towards the end of the year when PKC produce their Main Issues Report. It will be a major task for the new Council chosen in November. Despite the fact that the Scottish Government's Community Empowerment Bill largely ignores the existence of community councils as the elected representatives of their communities, there has been, and will continue to be, plenty of work to be done. I must thank my nine (including the Ward Councillors ex officio) colleagues on the Council for their hard work and support in dealing with the variety of issues which come before us. We shall shortly be circulating a pamphlet telling you what the Council does.

We all have to stand down as Councillors as at the beginning of November, for new nominees, (elected if there are more than eight) to take over. Not all of us will be seeking re-nomination so nobody should feel shy in having their name put forward. It is vital that there are at least four nominees, otherwise the Council will fold, just when its role in representing Portmoak's views on the new development plan will be crucial. Membership of the Council is an important and satisfying way of making a contribution to the life of our community.

*Malcolm Strang Steel, Chairman, May 2015*

### Treasurer's Annual Report

The Treasurer provided audited accounts for the year to 31 March 2015 and included a report and explanation of the funds in hand. At the year-end there was: £66.96 in the General Account and £416.92 in the Michael Bruce Way Account, giving a total of £483.88.

### Approval of Annual Accounts

The accounts for the year to 31 March 2015 had been subject to independent examination and as such submitted for approval

by the CC prior to their submission to Perth & Kinross Council. The accounts were duly approved and the Treasurer instructed to submit them to Perth and Kinross Council and to obtain the funding grant for the year to March 2016.

The full Income and Expenditure of the CC's accounts can be found on the CC website.

### Office Bearers for 2015-16

The following office bearers were appointed for the year 2015-16 (These are subject to the appointment of a new Council from November 2015.) *Chairman:* CCllr M Strang Steel (proposed by CCllr Smith and seconded by CCllr Forde). *Secretary:* CCllr Robin Cairncross (proposed by CCllr Smith and seconded by CCllr Forde). *Treasurer:* CCllr R Williamson (proposed by CCllr Cairncross and seconded by Cllr Smith).

**Date of next AGM:** 7pm on Tuesday 10 May 2016 at Portmoak Primary School.

### News from the May Meeting

**Attendance:** As for the AGM, plus PC Rhiannon Lorimer.

**Apologies:** CCllr Malcolm Strang Steel.

**Closure of Leven Glen Nursing home, Glenlomond:** The developer and his appointed architects were making progress and will report at the June AGM of the Glenlomond Residents Association. The owners of the new development currently shared 30% of both common assets and running costs of the Glenlomond site.

**Portmoak Cemetery:** PKC have yet to confirm possible alternative plans for the cemetery, which was now approaching capacity.

**Police report:** PC Rhiannon Lorimer was welcomed. General advice for enjoying the outdoors was noted as was further advice on avoiding scams. There had been no crimes, incidents nor road traffic issues over the past month. The CC received and thanked the police for a report updating progress with vehicular thefts in Portmoak over the past two years. The importance of maintaining records showing serial numbers of vehicles or other identifying markers was emphasised. The CC noted the Commander's Bulletins of 16, 23 and 30 April and of 6 May.

The Chairman and Secretary had attended the launch of "Community Watch" in Kinross-shire. (See page 25.)

**Treasurer's report:** Apart from £250 spent for equipment for the Michael Bruce Way, there has been no income or expenditure. At the end of the month therefore the bank balances stood at £66.96 in the General Account and £166.92 in the MBW account, giving a total of £233.88.

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**Planning – New applications**

15/00464/FLL Former Causeway Cottage, Scotlandwell: Modification of permission 09/00936/FLL, erection of dwelling house, change of house type. Decision: No comment or objection.

15/00562/FLL Greenhead Farmhouse, The Arnot Estate, Leslie: Erection of a wind turbine access and associated works. Decision: No comment or objection.

15/00565/FLL Land 200m south of Springfield Farm, Wester Balgedie: Erection of a dwelling house. Decision: No comment or objection.

These were the unanimous decisions of the CC.

15/00506/CON **Former Lomond Inn**, Main Street, Kinnesswood: Demolition of buildings and 15/00505/FLL **Former Lomond Inn**, Main Street, Kinnesswood: Erection of five dwelling houses and associated works. The CC had secured an extension to the consultation period to allow it to take into account comments made at this meeting. In a full discussion, when views of the public were sought, it was apparent that the community present were against the application as submitted. Matters identified included:

*In General:* There was an acceptance that if the old Inn or its successor could not function as an inn or public house or restaurant then residential housing would be considered. However, the application was not of a high standard and the Design Statement had not fulfilled what was required. It was unfortunate that the application did not, as was required, include elevations across the development site from Main Street to show the development in its setting, nor any drawing or montage showing the development to include views from Main Street. (The CC had requested that this omission be rectified.) It was noted that the anticipated report of the Conservation Officer had yet to be lodged on the PKC website. There was a need to clarify whether, in line with the Local Development Plan (LDP), the designated garden ground lying outside the settlement boundary could be included in the development.

*Demolition of the core building which formed the original inn:* The case for doing so was not made and, in line with the Policy HE3B of the LDP, there had to be a presumption in favour of its retention. There was a strong view that the original inn could be retained (less the more modern additions of dining room, bar and entrance). Flexibility in design could enable preservation and the costs for doing so could be met in part through cross-subsidy from the development of other properties on the site.

*The proposed housing development of five houses:* There was a widely held view that these proposals did not, as was required by the LDP, preserve or enhance the character or appearance of the conservation area - in particular the loss of the iconic Inn central to the streetscape of the village was significant. Specifically: the proposed buildings were large

and not in scale with the surrounding properties; in layout they did not reflect the character of nearby properties; further, they would occlude valued views of Loch Leven from the Main Street; and their bright appearance could be unsympathetic to the conservation area.

The CC would take these points into account when confirming its objection to the application.

**Planning – Tayplan**

**Call for Representations on proposed Strategic Development Plan 2016 - 2036:** The CC noted the detailed reports and determined that it would make no comment.

**Roads report**

- **Build-out illumination:** There had been no progress. Cllr Wille Robertson would pursue the matter.
- **Consultation on proposed 20 mph speed limit – Main Street, Bruce Road and Buchan Avenue, Kinnesswood:** PKC have responded that there is now an opportunity under the Smarter Choices Smarter Places (SCSP) project to include the entire village of Kinnesswood, along with Scotlandwell, in a 20mph limited trial. As a result the original 20mph report for Kinnesswood has been withdrawn and both villages will be included in the larger SCSP report. The community are to be consulted on these proposals shortly.

**Paths report:** CCllr Tom Smith confirmed that the brush cutter had been commissioned. The group were now pursuing an approach to secure funding for path maintenance in the coming year. Tom reported that the group would welcome more volunteers. 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 on-line or by completing a paper ballot return.

**Ward Councillor Reports:** The following were raised:

- PKC had approved the proposal for three years to allow T in the Park to proceed at Strathallan Castle.
- The Full Council would meet shortly to give initial consideration of the advance notice of the Boundary Commission 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. Glenfarg CC had expressed an interest in remaining within the Kinross-shire Ward. Kinross-shire Ward Councillors would raise their concerns with PKC.

**Matters notified to the Secretary and from the floor**

- **PKC's Election Timetable for CCs:** New members for the CC would be welcomed. An election would be exceptional and would only occur were there more than eight applicants for the CC's places.
- **Withdrawal of Stagecoach Bus Services:** The CC noted these were: 201 (late Friday Service) and 203 (Sunday only Loch Leven Circular).
- **Post Office:** new mobile post office timings at Kinnesswood are: 12:15-13:15 (Monday and Wednesday); and 10:30-12:00 (Tuesday and Friday).

**The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will take place on Tuesday 9 June 2015 at 7pm at Portmoak School.**

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## **Fossoway & District CC**

**In attendance** at the AGM and May meeting were: CCllrs T Duffy (chair), K Borthwick and Alastair Lavery; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, D Cuthbert and W Robertson and five members of the public (MoP).

**Apologies** were received from CCllrs S Morrison, A Cheape and Graham Pye and P&K Cllr J Giacomazzi.

### **News from the Annual General Meeting**

#### **Chair's Report**

The elected members of the CC are: Kevin Borthwick, Trudy Duffy, Alistair Lavery and Sandy Morrison. The co-opted members are: Angus Cheape and Graham Pye.

During the year Rod Paterson resigned due to relocation out of the area. The CC wishes to record its thanks to Rod for his contribution over the years.

The CC has had another very busy year with eleven scheduled meetings, numerous additional meetings and an increasing volume of correspondence. The main issues during the year have been:

**Travellers' site at Crook Moss:** The majority of the planning conditions have not been met despite frequent representations to the Planning authorities by the CC, members of the community and all the local councillors. The priority issues for the community are noise and foul drainage. The current position is that the occupants have been given six months to implement the conditions or consideration will be given to revoking Planning Permission. The Planning Department is, in their words, robustly monitoring the situation.

**Police Service:** A regular Commander's Bulletin has been introduced which is informative and useful. The attendance of a police officer at CC meetings has understandably been reduced because of restructuring.

**Fossoway Church car park:** No further contact has been made by the Church regarding progressing this matter.

**Lambhill site:** There has been considerable discussions throughout the year, between members of the community, local councillors and the CC with the Planning Department regarding the operation of the site. The latest position reported is that planning approval is being withdrawn for the operation in its current form.

**Glen Quey Quarry:** The planning application was refused and an appeal has been made against refusal which has not yet been determined.

**Wind turbines:** Supplementary guidance has not yet been produced by Perth & Kinross Council.

**AGLVs:** A replacement policy has been produced and there are ongoing discussions regarding some designations e.g. Devon Gorge.

**Bus Investment Fund:** The application was successful and the service has been introduced. A new booklet is being produced which I understand will include some new areas to be covered.

**Blairingone War Memorial:** Agreement has been reached and a site prepared for its relocation which should take place this year.

**Devon hydro scheme:** Discussions are at a final stage regarding the route of the pipeline.

**Crook Moss community acquisition:** The current landowner has been contacted and has agreed to a meeting with the community to discuss the future use and protection against undesirable development. A meeting will be arranged after the AGM.

**Station Road adoption:** Progress is being made.

**Local Development Plan:** The CC submitted a response regarding issues and possible sites. The response included the responses which had been made by the community in respect of the previous LDP together with some other items. The development of the field between the Crook Moss and the A977 to the north of the Village Hall for light industrial and housing was included provided a roundabout was built at the T junction opposite Fossoway Garage.

**A977 mitigation measures:** Cllr Barnacle has been continuing with other councillors, the CC and members of the public to call for traffic mitigation measures. The volume of traffic continues to increase and there was yet another tanker accident recently. The CC has suggested that all future developments impacting on the traffic level on the A977 should be the subject of a levy for traffic mitigation measures or the construction of mitigation measures.

**The Community Empowerment Bill** is progressing through the Scottish Parliament. Once enacted this will provide for increasing involvement in various matters by the CC.

**CC Members:** There is an urgent requirement for more Community Councillors which will be exacerbated by retirements at the elections in November. New members are welcome from all sectors and age groups who reside within the Fossoway and District area, i.e. Blairingone, Powmill, Rumbling Bridge, Crook of Devon and Cambo.

There has, as usual, been a significant number of planning applications, issues which the CC has been consulted on, increasing correspondence and a large number of meetings to attend.

Thank you to my fellow councillors for their support and for the very significant efforts they have made in dealing with their portfolios and attending external meetings. Many thanks also to our local Councillors Barnacle, Cuthbert, Giacomazzi and Robertson for their significant support and assistance to the CC on numerous matters. The local MP Gordon Banks has also provided considerable support and assistance to the CC.

#### **Secretary's Report**

Once again it has been a very busy year for the CC, as we strive to be as actively involved in as many community issues as we can. In my position as secretary I have to deal with all the day to day correspondence, and phone calls that comes our way, and also attend several meetings throughout the year. As I said last year, I have to do my best to handle this as it happens and not let it build up. However this has not been easy to cope with this year as work commitments have made it more difficult to keep up.

This year the correspondence has levelled off, and is very similar to last year. Over the past year I have dealt with 1137 (1137 last year) incoming emails, and have sent out 551 (585 last year). The unfortunate thing about the incoming emails is that 133 of these were spam. All of which, come from the PKC email address, not our own one. I also ran off 2042 prints (1828 last year) 1405 before the laser printer, and 637 after, for the correspondence, minutes, and agendas, etc.

Trudy and I also set up a CC Facebook page, in an effort to inform and involve more of the community in the CC's activity. We post the minutes of our meetings on the page, any information which the community may be interested in that has come to us from PKC, and also give out any information we receive from other community groups. The page is also a forum where you can get in touch with us to let us know about issues you may have concerns with. So far the page has been

a great success. We now have 94 “likes”; these are people who will receive our posts. Although we will still post all the minutes on the notice boards, I’m not sure how many people stop to look.

Again the number of Spam emails I received is annoying to say the least. Looking at rubbish, like “attending conferences in London at a cost of £325 per person” is time consuming. We still have a problem with emails received from the council. The amount of worthless drivel at the end of each email normally takes up more printing space than the message. Also if the email has been sent to all the PKC CCs then quite often all the email addresses are at the top as well. What this means is I have to spend time editing before I print to cut down the amount of paper I use.

I will continue to lobby PKC in an effort to have these issues addressed and streamline the process, but so far these efforts have been in vain.

Trudy thanked Kevin for all his hard work.

### **Treasurer’s Report**

The annual accounts were approved and signed off.

The closing cash balance for the year was £257.69. Major expenses during the year included £205.10 for accommodation and £144.20 for secretarial expenses. In order to reduce printing expenses, the CC has purchased a laser printer for £142.80. This will be a permanent asset of the CC to be used by whoever is the secretary, and as well as reducing the cost of consumables supports double sided printing allowing further savings in paper costs to be made.

In line with new PKC guidelines, ongoing funding for the CC will be capped at £700.

The Chair thanked Kevin for taking over as Treasurer on Rod’s departure from the CC.

### **Confirmation of Office Bearers**

The Office Bearers all resigned from their current posts, and new post holders are as follows:

Sandy Morrison, Chairperson (proposed by T Duffy, seconded by A Lavery). Kevin Borthwick, Secretary (proposed by T Duffy, seconded by A Lavery). Graham Pye, Treasurer (proposed by K Borthwick, seconded by T Duffy).

The following posts are not formal offices, so were not covered at the AGM: Alastair Lavery, Planning; Graham Pye, Minute Secretary; Trudy Duffy, Vice Chair and Deputy Secretary; Angus Cheape, Deputy Planning.

**Date of Next AGM: 3 May 2016.**

### **News from the May Meeting**

**Declarations of Interest:** None.

**Police report:** PC Nick Shembri attended the meeting, and gave the report. There were no reported crimes in our area in the last month. However, individuals have been selling chainsaws/generators in the Perth & Kinross area – on one occasion, further enquiry is to be made after a member of the public contacted the police and the person concerned was traced. If you are offered goods being sold in this fashion, make sure you are aware of what you are buying before any money is exchanged. The persons carrying out scams are finding more ingenious ways of making you part with your money – remember banks will never ask for details of your account over the phone. Make sure you research a company to which you are divulging your details and ensure they are genuine before making any payments.

**Rumbling Bridge hydro scheme:** There is now a solution to the pipe run issues through Rumbling Bridge village and

progressing with legal, design, financing etc. No certainty it will proceed to construction but a major hurdle cleared.

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

**Crook Moss travellers’ site:** Noise from generators on the site continues to be a problem. All noise issues should be reported to the Environmental Health Dept at PKC and possibly ask for a statutory nuisance check. Cllr Barnacle reported that he had contacted Eddie Jordan, the Enforcement Officer, regarding the broken fence and litter which is an eyesore, but was told focusing on new problems would mean giving the residents of the site more time to comply with conditions. He was also told that the travellers were looking to have an electricity supply installed.

**Glenquey Quarry:** An appeal against the refusal of the planning application has been lodged, and the DPEA will be making a site visit on 7 May. Alastair will attend the meeting to represent the views of this community.

**Lambhill chipping plant:** The site was refused planning permission, and an enforcement notice will come into force on 8 May. Cllr Cuthbert reports that, although it was suggested that a stop order should be issued, PKC legal department would not do this due to a possible financial risk to the council. It would seem that there is reluctance for the council to take any enforcement action on large applications for the fear of being sued. An appeal to the Scottish Government has been lodged by the applicant, but as the refusal was under delegated powers, the decision should come back to PKC.

**Landscape Areas – Kinross-shire:** The LLAs have now been adopted, but unfortunately the Devon Gorge and Cleish Hills were not included. There will be no further opportunity to make any changes until the public consultation stage for amendments to the Main Issues Report. Cllr Barnacle still wants to raise the issue again with officers in a bid to try and have these sites added.

**A977 Defects and Mitigation Measures:** Cllr Barnacle reported that there didn’t appear to be any political will to spend any money on the road, and he intends to call a meeting with Cllr Kellas, Cllr Giacomazzi, and others to look at a business case for mitigation measures. It was also reported that speed reactive signs displaying the actual speed drivers were doing would replace the current slow-down signs. This is to happen in this financial year.

**Waulkmill play area:** The CC was contacted by a local resident regarding an incident in the refurbished park, where a boy unfortunately broke his leg on the basket swing. They said that PKC had already been notified about concerns the swing was too low, and that the swing had been raised the day before the accident, but it would appear not to have been by enough. PKC checked the site the following day, and the swing was raised further. Cllr Robertson will ask Stephen Kane (PKC Landscape Architect) for a report to clarify the situation, and will report back to the CC at the June meeting.

**CC Membership:** The CC made an appeal to the public, to encourage people to put themselves forward to become members. When the election takes place in November, two of our current members will be standing down, and this means there will be only four of the current team standing again for re-election. There are 8 places available on the CC, and we will be making every effort to try and fill all the seats. If you feel this is something you would like to do, or if you know someone who would be interested, then please get in touch with the secretary: fossoway.cc@gmail.com



## Community Council News

The timetable for the CC election this autumn is that nomination forms will be available from July, with nominations to be submitted between 27 August and 24 September, and the votes being counted, if an election is required, on 6 November.

**Bollards opposite Crook Village Hall:** We're awaiting a report from PKC Roads Department on how the safety of this section of road could be improved.

**Lambhill Forestry Project:** The CC received a response to our question about access during works and the Forestry Commission will continue to investigate the no man's land where the large ditch is to try and improve access, but hopefully ground conditions should improve over the summer months as grass cover establishes.

**Crook Moss Community Involvement:** A sub-committee meeting is to be arranged in due course.

**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 is currently being examined.

**Gritting and snow clearance:** We've received a response from PKC to our comments about this which stated that the A977 is a category 1a road which is treated between 5am and 10pm 7 days a week. There should be no noticeable difference in road conditions where the A977 crosses into Clackmannan at Blairingone; if anyone can provide any more concise details of this being the case please let the CC know. The response also stated that the maximum speed that vehicles should be doing when gritting should be 30mph, again if this appears not to be the case then please let the CC know the details and we will pass it on to the council. Cllrs Barnacle, Cuthbert, and Robertson will ask for 24h gritting to be carried out on the A977, considering the number of accidents involving HGVs and also the number of HGVs using the road during the night.

**Powmill Bridge fence:** Cllr Robertson reports that the bridge railings would not be repaired for some time, but the wooden fence would be fixed soon. Kevin reported that the fence had already been repaired.

**Footpath signage in Fossoway area:** The situation is still ongoing.

**Unpaid work team:** Kevin contacted the team about undertaking road sign cleaning in the Fossoway area, but it would be unlikely to happen due to health and safety issues.

**Station Road adoption:** Cllr Barnacle reported that there was no further funding available from the Education or Environmental Services departments, and that more information is required from the Village Hall Committee to see what they are proposing to do. Currently depending on the hall situation the cost per household will be £398.00 +Vat, or £427.00 +Vat.

**Perth & Kinross Community Watch:** See page 25 for details. The CC recommends that people should register to receive the e-mail information. Stay Informed, Stay Safe!

**Burst water main, Aldie Road:** Cllr Robertson contacted Scottish Water and PKC to inform them about the leaking pipe at the A977 end of Aldie Road, and will report back to the CC at the next meeting.

**Flooding, Aldie Road:** A MoP contacted the CC regarding a section of Aldie Road that was constantly flooding, and because of this in poor weather flood water was running down his unsurfaced road. The CC contacted Cllr Robertson, who contacted Garry McConnell of the roads department, who came out to assess the problem. Garry then cleared the problem and dug an offset to allow the water to drain away.

All this was done in less than 24hrs. The MoP and the CC wish to thank Garry for the speedy response.

**Boundary Commission:** There will be a full council meeting on 13 May where the council will propose that the boundary for the Kinross-shire ward should remain unchanged. The local councillors will prepare additional information to be added to the council's response. The commission propose to reduce PKC numbers by one councillor, from 41 to 40. This would be lost in the Ward 8 Kinross-shire. The Ward 8 boundary would shrink in size using the M90 and A91 as boundary lines. This would transfer around 1300 electors into ward 9. In theory this could put half of Carnbo, and possibly parts of Milnathort, and all of Glenfarg into Ward 9.

**Meetings attended by CC:** Kevin and Graham attended the meeting to launch the Community Watch scheme.

**Planning matters:** 15/00545/AML Erection of dwelling house (matters specified by conditions on permission 14/01486/IPL). Land 300m north east of former Craigend Farm, Powmill. No comment made.

**Correspondence:** All the correspondence was available for viewing: Details of a PKC funding alert is available to anyone interested. This is a 13 page bulletin detailing funding options available in the Perth and Kinross area. For more information contact the CC at Fossoway.cc@gmail.com

### 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, Lambhill Chipping Plant, Local Landscape Areas, A977 Mitigation, Waulkmill Play Area, CC membership, Bollards opposite Crook Village Hall, Lambhill Forestry Project, Crook Moss Community Involvement, Flood Risk Assessment, Gritting and Snow Clearing, Powmill Bridge Fence, Footpath Signage, Unpaid Work Team, Station Road Adoption.

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

**The Next Meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place on Tuesday 2 June 2015 at 7.30pm in Moubray Hall, Powmill. All welcome.**

Fossoway & District CC minutes are posted on the website

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

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

## Cleish and Blairadam CC

Cleish and Blairadam CC meets every other month.

**The next meeting and AGM will take place on Monday 1 June 2015 at 7.30pm in Cleish Village Hall.**

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

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# Club & Community Group News



## Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation



### KLEO at Farm Open Day, Sunday 7 June

Come along to the Farm Open Day at Hilton of Aldie! A fun farm day out for all the family! KLEO is involved in the coffee, tea and home baking tent but there is a lot more to do! See page 9 for more information.

### Gig at the Boathouse, Friday 19 June, 7pm Who is going to support Big Country?



Local bands Coaltown Daisies, Full Circle, GillyShack and The Michigans will compete live in front of an audience and a panel of judges on the decking outside The Boathouse. The winner of the evening will be the support act



for Big Country on Saturday 21 November! Hog roast, food and drink available. Entry fee: £5 (adult), £3 child (under 18).

Tickets for Big Country (Saturday 21 November at the Community Campus, £27) and Gig at Boathouse (£5 and £3 child) are for sale through our website [www.kinrosswinterfestival.co.uk](http://www.kinrosswinterfestival.co.uk), Milnathort Post Office and the Macbeth Currie Solicitors and Estate Agents in Kinross. Buy your tickets now! For more information about the festival visit [www.kinrosswinterfestival.co.uk](http://www.kinrosswinterfestival.co.uk)

### Be part of the Kinross-shire's Winter Festival

This year we're hoping for an inspiring festival again, and we'd love you to be involved! We'd particularly like to encourage local groups and businesses or individuals to organise events or activities that could be part of the festival. This can be a Halloween event, a Santa's grotto, Christmas concerts, film showings, dinners, ceilidhs, events at the festive street market or other festive celebrations. We can promote the events in the festival's brochure in the events calendar or as a special feature. For more information please e-mail [info@kleo.org.uk](mailto:info@kleo.org.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 Harry Campbell. 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 our website at:

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

or e-mail [info@kleo.org.uk](mailto:info@kleo.org.uk)

or call 01577 863107.

### Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme



The **Annual General Meeting** for KVG&ROS will be held in the Kinross Church Centre at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 3 June** and we would welcome anyone interested to come along. We have invited Ms Jackie Doe, Project Manager, Perth and Kinross Healthy Communities Collaborative, to give us a short talk on the work that she does. As in previous years we will end the evening by having time for an informal chat with each other over a cup of tea.

We have also planned a stall at the **Open Day** at Hilton of Aldie Farm near Crook of Devon to be held on **Sunday 7 June** between 11am and 3pm. We will be having a "Guess the Teddy's Birthday" competition. The teddy was donated by Dobbies and we would like to thank them very much for their kindness in supporting our Group. Please come along to learn about our organisation.

### Friends of Loch Leven Community Library



Following our successful family day earlier this year, in which over 300 people came to join in our celebration of Robbie Burns, we have now finally completed our constitution, which was signed off by the committee in April. The next step is to agree a working plan with Perth and Kinross Council which is currently in draft consultation. With six new volunteers and eight members, we can then begin our training.

We have a **public meeting** planned at the campus for **Monday 1st June** at 1pm when new volunteers can meet the committee and hear how our plans are progressing.

Seeing the enthusiastic support from those at the event in January has certainly strengthened our resolve to press ahead with our aim of providing a voluntary library provision within Loch Leven Community Campus on the PKC closure days. For further details, please get in touch with Richard Scott, 07999 510500.



## Kinross Radio Model Flying Club

We're coming home.....

In the nearly 20 years that the Kinross Radio club has been around, I don't think that we have ever come to the centre of Kinross to show off our models to the people of the town from which we take our name! Well, that's about to change ...

On **Saturday 6 June** from 10.30am to 3pm KRMFC will hold a static display slap bang in the centre of town. We have been given permission from PKC to set up just outside the Cooperative on the paved area next to the roundabout. It's hoped that if the weather holds we will have a great display of some of the models that we fly: these will include Petrol and Nitro planes, Helicopters, Quadcopters and hopefully Turbine Jets.

We will also be selling raffle tickets; the winner of the draw will win a full day at the club and can fly Helicopters and Planes for the day free of charge.

We would like to meet as many of the people of Kinross as we can, so if you have 5 minutes to pop down then please do, even if it's just to take a look and say hello.



See models used by KRMFC in Kinross town centre on Saturday 6 June

The next day (**Sunday 7 June**) we will have the club training models on standby at our flying site, just in case our static display has whetted your appetite. If you think you would like to have a go, then come along to the club and we will let you experience flying these models first hand free of charge. If you want to take the hobby up then there will be plenty of advice available on the day.

2015 has been great for the club so far; the good weather has allowed us to get on top of the grass cutting and the site is looking pretty good. We have had our local examiner Pat Baxter at hand to take one of our club members through their Bronze Certification. At under 16, young Mark Blakey impressed Pat and passed at the first attempt.

We have also been contacted by Alisdair Stewart from the Kinross-shire Partnership, with a view to supporting Aero Space Kinross in the future. A small display was put on at the Green Hotel at the Partnership's recent AGM, with a Helicopter and a small Quadcopter putting on a show.

The club numbers are swelling but there is plenty of room for more! Please take a look at our website if you want to know more: [www.krmfc.com](http://www.krmfc.com). You can find the link to our Facebook page there too.

Billy Dunn, KRMFC Club Secretary  
07730 009858

## Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

Need to get out and blow the cobwebs away? Want to meet new people? Longer, lighter days, spring flowers and bird song are here – the perfect time for walking, and the best way to improve your general health and fitness. Whether you're new to walking, returning to walking or a regular walker, try out a walk or two to see if you'd like to join us. You will be made very welcome.

**Saturday 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. Total ascent 300m.

**Sunday 14 June:** Wallace Road, 6 miles. To celebrate our 10th anniversary, a rerun of K&O's first ever walk. Easy circular walk mainly on tracks and farm roads. Beautiful view over Bridge of Earn and Abernethy. Celebratory lunch to follow. 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 four 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 let contact know beforehand.) 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 beforehand – you will be very welcome.

**Tuesday 2 June – Limekilns & Charlestown.** Meet 10am at old Health Centre, Kinross or 10.30am at Promenade Car Park, Limekilns. Contact: Edna Burnett on 01577 862977.

**Tuesday 16 June – Newton of Falkland.** Meet 10am at old Health Centre, Kinross or 10.30am at Pillars of Hercules car park. Contact: Liz Douglas on 01337 827582.

**Tuesday 30 June – A Muckhart Meander.** Meet 10am at old Health Centre, Kinross or 10.30am at Muckhart Community Hall. Contact: Bill Bedborough on 01259 742491.

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## Kinross Parish Church

### Congregation Invests in Credit Union

Kinross Parish Church has invested £1,000 to support Perth and Kinross Credit Union and, in the recent church magazine, members of the congregation have been asked to consider investing themselves or helping as volunteers. The decision to invest in the Credit Union and commend it to the congregation arose from a request by the Presbytery of Perth to consider how best to support PKCU. It also ties in with the recent call by the retiring Moderator, Rt Rev John Chalmers, that "society must debate how to create a new system of more affordable credit to help those unable to access mainstream loans".

The Credit Union may be contacted at [www.pkcu.org.uk](http://www.pkcu.org.uk), tel 01738 624872 or at its office at 282 High Street, Perth.

### Madagascar Partnership

Kinross Parish Church has entered into a 12-month partnership with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)  focussed on their work in Madagascar. At the launch of the partnership on Sunday 19 April, Kevin Simpson, Head of MAF Scotland, delivered a touching and challenging sermon which highlighted how MAF, for example, help Mercy Ships bring life transforming medical help to people who would otherwise have no hope of benefiting from the level of care we in the West take for granted. One of our members - Jamie Hookham - is out there teaching English for six months with Africa Inland Mission.

Madagascar is the fourth largest island in the world. It is seven times the size of Scotland and is a beautiful place set in the Indian Ocean just off the east coast of Africa but has an interior which makes road transport very long and arduous. It is prone to tropical cyclones, torrential rains and flooding, which renders three quarters of the roads impassable for most of the year. Half of the population of 20m Malagasy people do

not have access to clean water supplies. The infant mortality rate is ten times that of Scotland.

MAF began operations in Madagascar in 1988. There are two aircraft based at the capital and 27 staff serving 46 locations on behalf of 70 partner organisations. When disaster strikes, MAF is right there with the likes of Red Cross, UN World Food Programme and WHO. MAF also helps local churches, Africa Inland Mission, Gideons and Wycliffe Bible translators bring the light of the gospel to places of darkness.

We pray that God will bless the MAF staff working in Madagascar and the partners they serve. We ask that many more Malagasy people will become Christians through reading scripture in their own heart language and by experiencing God's love. And we pray that, over the course of our 12-month partnership, God will sow small seeds of hope here in Kinross which will bear fruit in Madagascar for years to come.

There are lots of different ways we can each respond to this partnership effort. For example...

- Pray for the work of MAF in Madagascar using our special prayer diary
- Sign up for the free quarterly MAF 'Flying for Life' magazine
- Organise an awareness and fundraising event
- Ask MAF to send a speaker to your organisation
- Come along to support one of our special events\*

\* **Men's Breakfast:** "Frying for Life" ... **Sunday 21 June**, 7.30am at the Boathouse.

**Film Night:** "The End of the Spear" ... **Sunday evening, 1 November**, at the Church.

If you feel called to support our partnership in any way, please let me know.

Alisdair Stewart  
MAF Area Representative  
t: 07825 698613  
e: [alisdairstewart@yahoo.com](mailto:alisdairstewart@yahoo.com)

## Kinross & District Art Club

Photojournalist Willie Shand was the guest speaker at the Club's Annual Exhibition three years ago and he expressed an interest at that time in picking up the brushes himself and learning to paint. Working full time as well as travelling the length and breadth of the country gathering images and anecdotes for The People's Friend left him little time for a hobby. But during this past winter, now in semi retirement, he has been busy creating his first work of art, a painting in acrylics of the main street in Crook of Devon, his home village.

We invited him to show it to the club and members gasped in amazement and admiration as he brought in the 10ft wooden plank on which he has represented every building, every hedge and flowerpot along the street. It took him a few months and his profession as a surveyor has clearly had an influence

in the meticulous proportions and perspective which the painting shows. Willie has captured a moment in time and a piece of the history of Crook of Devon which will be appreciated by those who see it for years to come. He's a modest man, though, and it will take

some persuading to get him to display this unique work of art at our annual exhibition in the Parish Church in September!

For more information about our club, visit [www.kadac.co.uk](http://www.kadac.co.uk) or call Glenys on 07702 572664.



*An amazing piece of art: Crook of Devon depicted on a 10ft plank by Willie Shand (centre)*

## Kinross in Bloom

May and June are particularly busy months for our members. Our summer plants are delivered in plug form; these are then potted on into larger cells then planted out into our hanging baskets.

Our polytunnel is currently full of plants being fed and watered regularly, the baskets ready to be hung out and the remainder of the plants waiting to be planted out in the planters and barrels about the town. We do hope for a good display this year.

The 200 Club winners this month are:

1. No 37 Alison Lockhart
2. No 15 Beverly Dolan
3. No 39 Ruth McCalman
4. No 40 Alison McDonald

Well done if you are a winner.



## Common Grounds

"Sneaky Spring" was coined by Grannie, trying to persuade granddaughter that, yes, she did need her coat even if the sun was out. Well, weren't we glad of our friendly flames to warm us up in May when "Sneaky Spring" did its best to confound us over the seasons. Hopefully at the time of reading this, summer will have arrived! Looking forward to holidays or relaxing in the sunshine, we are happy to report that, despite a reduced storage capacity, our books are back with us. With a large stock to deal with, we are having a Clearance Sale: 50p per paperback, all in excellent condition. A great opportunity to stock up! While on the subject of relaxing, enjoyable occasions, our next Project Lunch is on Tuesday 23 June (details below) and we look forward to welcoming friends old and new – a date for the diary!

**Project:** Our project for May was the Balcraig Foundation ongoing project in Suswa, Kenya in the Rift Valley where 65/70 Maasai girls aged 13-17 having been rescued from Female Genital Mutilation are being looked after and educated. Our June project is Intercare who recycles quality GP patient returned medicines from over 1400 UK practices. These medicines would otherwise be sent to landfill or for incineration. Intercare offer long term support to health units in six of the poorest countries of sub-Saharan Africa – Cameroon, Ghana, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Tanzania and Zambia. Medicines must be fifteen months from expiry. As well as helping these countries there is the added benefit of helping NHS disposal costs and reducing the environmental impact of sending medicines to landfill. They are presently seeking support for new clinics in Tanzania and Zambia. 2014 was the 40th anniversary of Intercare.

**Project Lunch:** Our next Project Lunch in the Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort, is on **Tuesday 23 June** at 12 noon. Guest speakers will be David and Helen Lyth, recently returned from Uganda, who will be able to give us an update on the piped water project we supported earlier in the year at Kogere schools. Delicious homemade soup, bread, tray bakes and Fairtrade tea and coffee. Everyone welcome.

**Our website** address is now again [www.spanglefish.com/commongroundscharitycafe](http://www.spanglefish.com/commongroundscharitycafe)

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

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



## Potager Garden

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

**Lorna Jack's P5 class from Kinross Primary**

have made an enthusiastic start to their growing at the garden, planting out potatoes and onions, and early salad seeds.

The garden is **now open every day for visitors** to look around, and please sign our visitors' book, which is hanging in a pouch beside the shed, to let us know your views about the garden. **Children must be accompanied by an adult**, and dogs on a lead please. Rosemount Nursery pre-school group will be visiting us soon; if you would like to arrange a group visit, please contact Amanda.

We had an enjoyable day at the Feel Good Fair on 9 May, selling a wide variety of plants, and meeting new people from other areas who were supporting the pipe bands. It was a good chance to tell people about our work, and hand out leaflets, inviting visitors. Thanks to **Gerry McGregor, and the Potager volunteers** for a successful event.

I will be at the garden for **advice or plant sales** on Monday mornings from 10.30am to 12.30pm, or after 3pm on Thursdays, after the school visits. I recently took part in a gardeners' Question Time at **Auchtermuchty gardening club**, and would like to thank them for their generous donation to the garden funds.

We will be holding a **"Blooming Great Tea Party" for Marie Curie Cancer Care** at the garden on **Saturday 13 June**, from 10.30am to 12 noon. There will also be a raffle, plants for sale and a Phoenix card stall. Donations of home baking would be very welcome. We hope to see you there.

Amanda James, Convenor  
(01577) 840809, [amanda@tyafon.plus.com](mailto:amanda@tyafon.plus.com)

## Kinross Junior Agricultural Club

This month Kinross JAC had a couple of sport practices for the forthcoming district sports event. We had a great turn out at both, with a lot of new members coming along.

Kinross JAC also took part in the east big night out in which the district came second. Lynn Paterson, Angus Nelson and David Lawrie represented the club at Club of the Year but unfortunately didn't get through.

There was a beef stock judging meeting with West Fife at Classloch Farm, which again had a massive turn out.

Looking ahead, there is a Coffee Morning on 31 May with a raffle and tombola at Kinross Day Centre. On **Sunday 7 June** there is a **Farm Open Day** at Hilton of Aldie with a wide variety of things to do for adults and children.

For more information, look for us on Facebook by searching Kinross and District JAC.

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## Kinross-shire Reminiscence Group

Our AGM was held at the beginning of May and it was reported that quite a few topics had been covered over the year, including memories and photos of the Ochil Hills Hospital, a wedding theme with comparisons of etiquette and differing customs of past and present, humorous poems involving local personalities, especially in the WW2 Air Raid Precautions depot at Milnathort, and we also contributed to a discussion about Health and Social Care Integration.

We welcomed a speaker on the subject of Gallipoli, and he kindly donated a copy of "Trench Notes from the Front Line" to the group. We had a visit from a representative of Perth & Kinross Council, and also from an accordionist who entertained us with several different styles of music. Some members attended the DanceSing event held at the campus. Intergenerational meetings with senior pupils of Kinross High School took place with pupils giving a presentation on their Belgian/French Battlefields experience.

Senior pupils also set up interviews and photo sessions to record information about specific and personal memories of WW2.

We had a most enjoyable outing to the People's Palace, Glasgow, and viewed the special exhibition of the works of WW1 War Artist, Fred Farrell.

We are fortunate in having Nicole, a senior High School pupil volunteer, joining us. Jack, a previous pupil volunteer, has now gone on to further education. He received a Saltire Award for his commitment to the group. Volunteer Gordon has passed the MIDAS course to enable him to drive the minibus for our outing and visits. Gordon has also set up an online Facebook page for Kinross-shire Reminiscence Group. The group was involved in showcasing items of WW1 memorabilia at the library event "Kinross-shire Remembers the Great War" and an article about this appeared in the Age Scotland magazine "Advantage". Kinross (Marshall) Museum has a list of our memorabilia items that they may wish to borrow for future displays.

A review written by our PKC visitor appeared in the Council Newsletter, "Stronger Communities Better Lives". This was also published in the local Kinross Newsletter. The results of the photojournalism interviews and photographs were reproduced in a stunning publication, "Exploring Heritage, Community and Identity" and were shown on display boards in the library.

Our profile is being raised and people are getting to know about Kinross-shire Reminiscence Group. Hopefully we continue to grow and go from strength to strength. New members are always welcome. Do come along and join us.

**Further information:** E-mail Shona sfowler@pkc.gov.uk or Roseanne rgray@pkc.gov.uk or telephone 01577 867177.

### KATHY'S BREKKIE CLUB

Term time drop off at Kinross Primary School -  
walking or wet weather drive

7am - 9am

Campbell.kathy73@yahoo.co.uk

07527 485300

**£8.00 per session**

**Starting August 2015**

## Kinross-shire Day Centre

For eleven service-users, one volunteer and two staff, the highlight this month was our annual holiday. We had a beautiful sunny week in Whitby, a new destination for us but a very good choice. We were very amused to find ourselves in the middle of a Goth Festival but both sides enjoyed the cultural exchange! We had days out to York, Scarborough and Goathland, home of the TV show 'Heartbeat'.



*The Day Centre holiday included a visit to Goathland, the real 'Aidensfield' in the TV programme 'Heartbeat'*

At home, we have enjoyed two musical entertainments, by James Willie on keyboard, and a slightly different afternoon by the 'Disclaimers' who played accordion, harmonica and flute, but the singing was provided by our service-users themselves, who sang along lustily to many old favourites. Finally we would like to say thank you to the Milnathort lady golfers and the Ochil Golf League, both of whom have raised money for the Day Centre while enjoying their game of golf. If you would like to be involved with the Day Centre, as a service-user, a volunteer or as a supporter, speak to Nan Cook 863869.

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

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### SSAFA – Perth & Kinross Branch

We are the local branch of SSAFA – the national charity, which for 125+ years has been helping serving and ex-service men and women, and their families, in need. Eligibility is based on only one day's paid service.

#### Where are we?

Your local branch covers all the Perth and Kinross area, with a small office in Perth and a network of around 20 trained volunteers in the area, to look into cases with understanding and sensitivity.

#### What we do

We take action whenever there is hardship, or need. Our help and advice is totally confidential, and we help all ages. We work closely with other agencies and service charities, and help can vary hugely.

#### Contact

SSAFA, Queen's Barracks, 131 Dunkeld Road,  
Perth, PH1 5BT

Telephone: 01738 625346

Email: perth@ssafa.org.uk

## Kinnesswood in Bloom

Chris Palmer, a landscape architect from Comrie, has produced plans for the new area being planned between Lavender Walk and Mrs Clydesdale's bench. Kinnesswood in Bloom members are keen to take these plans forward and are now consulting with the neighbouring houses about the design. PKC has agreed to move the repeater road sign nearer to the village in order to improve the view.

The sewing/knitting group have been planning work with the Community Group at Portmoak School and have already made bunting for the "Teddy Bear's Picnic". Hopefully a couple of picnics will be in place by the Portmoak Festival. Some of the golfers are to be revamped for the summer and placed in front of the Golf Club.

Work parties have begun in earnest and nine people recently gave the Michael Bruce Garden a good spring clean.



## Recipe



supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

### Mini Strawberry Cheesecakes

As June arrives, try these delicious, individual baked cheesecakes.

- Base** 50g butter  
6 digestive biscuits, finely crushed
- Filling** 250g ricotta cheese  
50g icing sugar  
zest of one lemon  
juice of half a lemon  
one egg  
one egg yolk  
½ teaspoon vanilla extract  
150ml double cream
- Topping** 2 tablespoons strawberry jam, melted  
3 strawberries, halved

### Method

Heat oven to 150°C (270°F) and line a muffin tin with six muffin paper cases.

Melt the butter, stir in the biscuit crumbs until well mixed, then press as firmly as you can into the bases of each paper case. Chill them while you make the filling.

Beat the ricotta with the sugar, lemon zest and juice, whole egg, egg yolk and vanilla.

In another bowl, whisk the cream until it just holds its shape, then fold into the cheese mixture. Spoon evenly into the paper cases, right up to the tops, then tap the tin on the work surface to flatten the filling.

Bake for 30 minutes, then turn off the oven and allow to cool completely inside.

To decorate, top each cheesecake with one teaspoon of jam and a strawberry half.



A work party under the blossom in the Michael Bruce garden

Barrels have been planted and a new raised bed for vegetable growing installed beside the Picture Garden.

Oats are growing well at the school, more vegetables have been planted and the Garden Group are looking forward to using their new greenhouse.

If anyone would like to join us, please get in touch with anyone in the group.

### CLOCK & WATCH REPAIRS

All kinds of clock and watch repairs are continuing to be provided by Tudor House Antiques repairer, Fred Turvey. He was the main repairer and servicer for Tudor House Antiques, Milnathort for over 20 years.

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**Deadline for all Submissions**  
**5.00 pm, FRIDAY 12 June**  
**for publication on Saturday 27 June**

## Kinross Bridge Club



The Kinross Bridge Club autumn/winter season has now come to an end.

The Peter Stirling Championship Quaich for best individual over the season was the shared by Ray and Helen Cruickshanks.

At the end of season party night the winners were as follows:

	North – South	East – West
1st	Jean Toshack & Sandy Greenhill	Susie Ballantyne & Jessie Mitchell
2nd	Patricia Lowry & Catriona Marshall	Jock Taylor & Jim Marshall

We look forward to the next season, which starts on **Wednesday 9 September**. New members are always welcome. We meet in the Church Centre and start promptly at 6.45pm.

## Kinross Garden Group



Members and friends enjoyed the first outing of the season with a trip to Glendoick Gardens.

Our next outing is to Portrack House, Holywood, Dumfries, on **Thursday 11 June**. Contact Mrs C Rodger on 01577 863785 for details.



## Boys Brigade

The following awards were presented at the Company's Annual Display and Presentation of Awards held in Kinross Church Centre on Friday 15 May where Mrs Brenda Fraser was inspecting officer.

There was a good turnout of parents and friends who enjoyed a varied programme which highlighted the talents of the boys and girls within the company.

Perth Recreational Volleyball League Cup Winners:  
**Mark Cathro, Jack Watson, Aidan Smith, Robbie Mackessack, Lewis McKenzie, Michael Ferguson, Adam Sweeney**

### Battalion Awards

Ralston Drill Medal: **George Dick**

Midnight Hike: **Aidan Smith, Michael Ferguson & Fraser Barbour**

Pullar Inkstand (4 x 2 length relay) & Battalion Cup:  
**Jack Watson, Callum Jack, Amy Wilson, Claire Wilson**

Norrie Miller Shield (Best Swimmer): **Amy Wilson**

Scripture Search, Junior: **Claire Wilson**

Scripture Search, Senior: **Adam Sweeney**



*Recipients of President's and Queen's badges*

### Company Section Awards

Promotion to Staff Sergeant: **Billie McGregor, George Dick & Joshua Roe**

Best Youngster at Camp: **Andrew Beveridge**

Best Squad: 3rd – Squad 3 (2009 points), 2nd – Squad 5 (2041 points), **1st – Squad 1 (with 2208 points): George Dick, Michael Ferguson, Euan Thomson, Callum Jack, Claire Wilson & Thomas Caldwell**

Neale Trophy (Citizenship): **Billie McGregor**

Best Recruit: 3rd Sarah Tod, 2nd Elizabeth Cameron, **1st Andrew Clark**

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Best member (Melville Trophy): 3rd Amy Wilson,  
2nd Callum Jack, **1st George Milne**

President's Badges: **Mitchell Brown, Robbie Mackessack, Fraser Barbour, Douglas Mair**

Queen's Badge: **Andrew Duthie**

### Captain's Report

We held a very successful summer camp at Perth's twin town of Aschaffenburg where we were shown exceptional hospitality from their twinning committee and local Scouts. We look forward to meeting up with the Aschaffenburg Scouts when they come to Fordel Firs in August 2016.

The Company entered all national BB competitions - badminton, table tennis, chess, masterteam and five-a-side football.

In the Perth District Volleyball League our BB team won the League Cup. Two of our boys, Mark Cathro and Mitchell Brown, went on to win bronze medals at the Sainsbury's UK School Games in Manchester and are now being selected to play for the Scotland Junior Men's team.

At Battalion level we again won the three swimming trophies as well as winning the midnight hike and drill medal.

We also have a number of members who have gained their President's Badge, with one member gaining his Queen's Badge this session.

A number of members are working towards Duke of Edinburgh Awards with practice expeditions taking place in the near future, followed by the full expedition at Bronze and Gold levels.

We have also sampled indoor curling and ice skating as well as having a visit from Alisdair Stewart who gave an illustrated talk on the work of the Mission Aviation Fellowship, challenging members to raise funds to purchase a drum of fuel.

We have also been fortunate to be the first local BB Company to receive special BB editions of the Gideon Bible.

Members are looking forward to an adventure based summer camp at Kinraig where they will sample a range of outdoor activities including kayaking, mountain biking, hill walking and rock climbing.



*Best member, George Milne*

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## Compassion Corner

I wonder how many people think of being compassionate towards themselves? So many people here in Kinross are busy doing things for other people but forget about being kind to themselves.

Dr David Hamilton\*, who lives not far from here, has devoted his life to teaching people how to be well and healthy in their minds as well as in their bodies.

The funny thing is, it is simple to do and is absolutely free. Pharmaceutical companies would prefer we didn't preach this. I say simple, but I am very aware that it is not easy. Not easy because it does take a daily discipline and most of us fall by the wayside on that one. So it has to become a habit and practised every day. Here are a few habits everyone and anyone could adopt:

**Habit 1. *Change your thoughts to change your mind.***

Everyone has some negative chit-chat going on in their heads; mostly we don't even notice it because it is so habitual: "I'm not good enough/ clever enough/ funny enough/ slim enough/ strong enough" and so on and so on. A good question to ask is "What would I rather be thinking than this?"

**Habit 2. *Awareness.*** Start to notice the patterns of your thoughts and emotions. Are they helpful?

**Habit 3. *Gratitude.*** Make a list of five or ten or more things to be grateful for everyday. Notice how complaints and whininess shrink away to insignificance. Also notice how your mood changes.

**Habit 4. *Each day, pay someone - anyone - a compliment.*** Pay yourself a few of those as well.

**Habit 5. *Breathe!*** You would be amazed to know how many people simply ignore the importance of breathing in a conscious way. Mindful or meditative breathing for some few moments every day makes a world of difference in more ways than I can tell you but you will delight in your discoveries.

One reluctant client of mine said, "I really didn't want to start and then I didn't want to stop."

Five simple but not easy 'habits' that might just change your life. How's that for a free gift?

Jo Middlemiss

*Jo is an active member of the new Kinross-shire Time Exchange. For more information about this exciting new venture, please visit: [www.kinross.cc/time-exchange](http://www.kinross.cc/time-exchange)*

\*David Hamilton, PhD: "I Heart Me, The Science of Self Love" (Hay House UK – 2013)

## Portmoak Gala in days gone by

The Portmoak Gala is a relatively modern community event, which has mainly taken place in Scotlandwell over the last two decades.

Gala highlights have always included a Royal Party, a Parade, a Crowning Ceremony and of course all the usual fun and games in the course of an afternoon on The Well Green. The Gala Queen and her attendants are chosen from pupils of our local Portmoak Primary School.

Pictured below in 2002 enjoying the occasion are Gala Queen Victoria Bale (11) in the centre, with attendants Holly McConnell (6), Louise Carruthers (8) and Gregor Kyle (12).



The Royal Party used to head up the procession, seated in a trailer pulled by a tractor – they have now progressed to being chauffeured in a classic car!

There were previous galas of a fashion held in Scotlandwell in the 1900s, however, we guess these festivities were halted during the war years and simply never restarted. We believe it had apparently been run by Bishopshire Horticultural Society, and a procession with pipe band marched down from Kinnesswood to the playing fields at Scotlandwell (now the Wellside Park development). I'm sure this would have been a spectacular sight and sound!

If anyone has any memories or photos of previous Portmoak Galas then we would love to hear from you. We can be contacted via email: [portmoakgala@gmail.com](mailto:portmoakgala@gmail.com)

*For details of this year's Gala, please see page 10.*



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## Kinross & District Rotary Club

The office bearers for the next Rotary year were confirmed at the club's AGM in April, when Cliff Megginson was elected as the incoming President for year 2015/16.



Members learned more about the business background of the last member to join the club, when Phil Dean spoke about his career in architecture, which ranged from his involvement in the conversion of a former dock in Liverpool to the Merseyside Maritime Museum, to community projects in the Shetlands. Phil has been running his own business in Kinross-shire since 2009.

Within a week, the club had grown again when the General Manager of the Green and Windlestrae Hotel Group, Kevin Keenan, was inducted into membership.

One of the objectives of the Rotary movement is to provide humanitarian assistance wherever it is needed in the world, and that is exactly what Kinross Rotarian Barry Davies did when he travelled with six other Scottish Rotarians to an orphanage at Nyumbani in Kenya. While there, they worked on a project which provided schooling and support to children, many of whom had Aids, or had been orphaned as a result of the disease. Barry provided an update on his visit with an excellent illustrated presentation.

Last month, we featured the winners of the local round of the Rotary sponsored Primary School Quiz. That winning team from Kinross Primary School then went on to compete in Burntisland in the next round against the winners from Fife Primary Schools, won again, and have now qualified for the North of Scotland final, which will be held in Aberdeen.

### CALLING CYCLISTS!

As reported in the last Newsletter, the club is organising a relay cycling event to raise funds for Teenage Cancer Trust.

**The Magic Roundabout Cycle Road Relay** takes place on **Saturday 6 June**, 9am to 7pm. Teams of between four and eight people are invited to enter this endurance cycle event which will take place on safe, quiet country roads in Kinross. The target is to complete as many laps as possible in ten hours and have fun! One lap is 4.1 miles. The entry fee per team is £40. For more information and/or a joining pack, please contact:

Derek derekrcopeland@hotmail.com 01577 208275  
Barry barrydavies57@btinternet.com 01577 865004

### CALLING ALL ROWERS!

On **Saturday 15 August**, there will be 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, which was won by Kinross Colts. Each team of five will comprise four rowers and one cox, with at least one member being female. All participants must be over 16 years of age. Enquiries to Mike Thomson: email: mike.thomson3@yahoo.co.uk telephone: 07880 792763.

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

## Inner Wheel Club of Kinross and District



### Spring Meeting Reports

The guest speaker of the club in mid April was Sally Hadden, who, as a former Executive Director of Girl Guiding Scotland, spoke with great knowledge and experience on how Guiding has changed in uniform and badges, as well as developing activities that are now fully appropriate to the 21st century. Club member Elsa Sinclair announced that the winner of the Scottish Quiz Competition held over the winter was Doreen Blanche, who clearly showed a great knowledge of Scottish history and culture. Well done, Doreen!

In May the Club held its AGM, with yearly reports from office-bearers and approval of the accounts. Charity money was allocated to various worthwhile organisations, the main ones being Military Combat Stress, Autism Scotland and the CLIC Sargent fund for children.

Finally, the club heard a short talk by Alison Reid on the 19th century Scottish writer Robert Louis Stevenson, which explored how he is commemorated in Edinburgh, the city of his birth.



LA LECHE LEAGUE  
INTERNATIONAL

### NEW! La Leche League meetings in Kinross!

St Paul's Church, Meeting room, The Muirs, Kinross,  
Scotland, KY13 8AY.

La Leche League will meet once a month in Kinross for friendly, relaxed mum-to-mum breastfeeding support and chat. There will be informal chat for the first half hour then a group discussion about a breastfeeding related topic.

Plenty of time for answering all your questions.

We welcome any mums (and mums to be) who are interested in breastfeeding.

La Leche League is an international charitable organisation founded to give information and encouragement, mainly through mother-to-mother support, to all women who want to breastfeed their babies.

If you are a mother or are going to become a mother who wants to breastfeed, whatever situation you find yourself in, we are prepared to support you. We provide research-based information and guidance as well as a warm and caring listening ear.

Our Mission is to help mothers worldwide to breastfeed through mother-to-mother support, encouragement, information, and education, and to promote a better understanding of breastfeeding as an important element in the healthy development of the baby and mother.

Children all very welcome.

**For more details and next meeting contact:**

**Hannah Dalgety (LLL Leader, Kinross)**  
**07886 859461**

**www.lalechefifetayside.weebly.com**

Find us on facebook: 'La Leche League Fife and Tayside'

### Discover Loch Leven Website

To discover the myriad things to see and do in Kinross-shire and its neighbouring counties, visit  
**www.visitlochleven.org**

### Club Correspondents

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

## Kinross-shire Fifty Plus Club

The collection at the May meeting for Scottish Air Ambulance realised the sum of £230.

The next club meeting will be on **Thursday 4 June** when the speaker will be **Mrs Jo Middlemiss** on "Ethiopia".

### Away Days

**Thursday 11 June** The Kelpies

**Thursday 25 June** Marshall Lodge - picnic

The coach leaves from opposite 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:** There is an outing to Pitlochry Theatre on **Saturday 27 June**. The Earnside Coach will leave the Green Hotel at 12.15pm. **Contact: Edith Oswald on 01577 865731.**

**Annual Outing:** This is on **Saturday 8 August** to Ayr Flower Show. Seats are still available. **Contact: Pat Crawford on 01577 862962.**

### Friday Walkers in June

**5th** Circular walk in Devilla Woods, near Kincardine.

**19th** Down Water of Leith: Slateford to Botanic Gardens.

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

### Friday Hill Walkers in June

**12th** Arbroath Jacky 0830

**26th** Corrie Fee David 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).

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## Kinross Museum

### Historic Kirkgate Guided Walk

**Sunday 21 June, 2pm – 4pm**

As the Museum's contribution to Perth and Kinross Archaeology Month, we invite you to join us on a walk round the Kirkgate Park in Kinross which forms part of a designed landscape created by Sir William Bruce in the late 17th century. There will be a special focus on the Old Kirkgate Churchyard, the subject of a recent survey.

The walk, which lasts for two hours, will start at 2pm on Sunday 21 June from the Watchtower by the churchyard where car parking is available and where there will be a small exhibition on the history of the Kirkgate. It is easy walking on paths and grass with steps into the churchyard.

If you would like to let us know you are coming then contact the Museum or David Munro: phone 01592 840203, e-mail davidmunro@kinaskit.co.uk



Learn about the history of Kirkgate Park on a guided walk with Kinross Museum

## Kinross Circle Dancing

Do you love dancing? Circle Dancing is fun and it's easy. No need to book, just come along:

Millbridge Hall, Old Causeway, Kinross

Tuesdays, 11.30am – 1.30pm

**June dates: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

Free refreshments Cost £4 (pay as you go)

### What is Circle Dancing?

Circle Dancing is community dancing in a circle.

No partner or experience needed. The dances are easy and fun, some are lively, and some are gentle and reflective, dancing to music from around the world. There is no audience and everyone of any age or ability can join in. Circle Dancing is fun and very sociable.

### If you'd like more information, please contact:

Rose 01334 657896

Lynne 01259 742173

Email: rose.cross@tesco.net

Web: www.cscd.org.uk

Facebook: Central Scotland Circle Dance

## Portmoak Hall 100 Club

### April Draw

1st	No 117	Sue Abbot-Smith, Scotlandwell
2nd	No 70	Callum Robertson, Easter Balgedie
3rd	No 20	Nora Austin, Kinnesswood



## Loch Leven Community Campus

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8FQ

Website: [lochlevencommunitycampus.org](http://lochlevencommunitycampus.org)

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Tel: 01577 867119 Email: [GMcGregor@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:GMcGregor@pkc.gov.uk)

### 2015 Programme of Events at the Campus

**Film Book Night (Gone Girl), Thursday 11 June.** See Library News, page 17.

**Fife Craft Association Craft Fair, Saturday 13 June.** Please note, this event has been **CANCELLED**. FCA are currently looking for new members. Please see [www.fifecraftassociation.org](http://www.fifecraftassociation.org) for further information.

**Antiques, Vintage, Retro and Collectors Fair, Saturday 20 June:** 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.

### Further Events in 2015

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

### Workshops and Classes at the Campus

#### Happy Hookers! – Crochet Classes

There will be a new course of Basic Crochet Classes on Monday nights, 7pm-9pm starting on Monday 10 August running for eight weeks with instruction from Sandra Farrer. The course is £40 and places must be booked in advance. Sandra will also be running a course of Intermediate Christmas Crochet Classes on Wednesday nights, 7pm-9pm, starting on Wednesday 12 August running for eight weeks. This course

is £50 and places must be booked in advance. This course is suitable **only** for those who are confident in crochet stitches ss sc dc hdc and tr, and able to follow basic patterns. Please contact Sandra Farrer on 01337 868754 / 07523550014 or [sandra\\_farrer@yahoo.com](mailto: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 in heading).

#### 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 in heading).

**Further details on all of the above classes will be in the next Newsletter.**

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.

## Milnathort and Kinross Allotments Association

[www.milnathortandkinrossallotments.org](http://www.milnathortandkinrossallotments.org)

Has Spring arrived yet? It's been a bit chilly at the time of writing in May, with even a touch of frost on some early mornings. Everyone's keen to get planting out their precious seedlings. Come on, weather! Hopefully by the time you're reading this it will be warmer. The past few months have been busy for us, with work started on the construction of the rainwater harvesting roof, the sensory garden pathways and general upkeep of the site. In February we were very pleased to hear that our application to Keep Scotland Beautiful for a £250 grant, from the Tesco plastic bag charges, had been successful. We are one of 200 Scottish charities to benefit from this fund. This money has been put to great use in repairing and patching our rabbit fence.

More good news followed in May at the Perth and Kinross Council Securing the Future Awards where we were awarded Silver in the category of Promoting Sustainability. These annual awards recognise the great work that Perth and Kinross Council staff do in and for the community. Huge thanks to



Tracey Ramsay for not only nominating us for the award but more importantly for all her hard work in helping us get going as a group and her continued support. Our thanks to Diane Cassidy for all her help and support too.

Our community garden is starting to be used more. Amanda James has been working with Kinross High School, the Beavers and Little Seedlings along with others who come and do their own growing. Please do get in touch if you would be interested in using an area to grow your own. The community garden is intended to be a resource for the whole community to enjoy, so please drop in and feel free to have a seat and enjoy the area.

Keep an eye on the website for news and events (see heading) or get in touch by email: [mkaachair@gmail.com](mailto:mkaachair@gmail.com)

Happy growing!

Miranda

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## Town Twinning Association of Kinross and District

### The Four F's of Twinning

Twinning members are gearing themselves towards their visit to Gacé this July with three of the four "Twinning F's" ticked off. You might ask, "What are the four F's of Twinning?" Well, they are quite straightforward: Ferries, Flights, Friends and Families.

The only problem for this year's visit is that only three of the "F's" have been ticked off. Flights and ferries are booked and friends from across the channel are looking forward to renewing "Auld Acquaintances", but the one missing component this year is "families."

What has happened to families in and around Kinross-shire who are missing out on the twinning experience? Twinning is based on family links and this is the one component which has been weakening over the past few years with fewer and fewer families engaging in the fun that is Town Twinning.

Kinross & District Town Twinning Association is one of the oldest established within the local area

and this year celebrates 40 years of twinning links with our Normandy neighbours in Gacé.

Why are local families not engaging in what is a wonderful experience? That is the question that is puzzling the Kinross Twinning Committee who continue to promote the twinning experience within our local area.

Let's hope that families sign up to support twinning over the coming couple of years to revitalise our forty-year-old links.

## Kinross Camera Club

The season has now finished for the summer after a practical night, which was held to help less experienced members get to grips with various aspects of their cameras, and presentations from the Treasure Hunt. Only two teams finished this and both gave well produced tales of their exploits. The winning team was made up of John St Clair, Bill Paton and Alison Bradley. Our Annual Dinner was held at the Thistle Hotel and a pleasant evening was had by all.

The main prizewinners were: League: Advanced & Monochrome Prints: Stewart Niven; Foundation Prints: Dallas Key; and Projected Image: Richard Dibley.

The Annual awards went to: Advanced & Monochrome Prints: Stewart Niven; Foundation Prints: Dallas Key and Projected Image: David Sharman.

The Greer & Fortune Quaich was won by Sylvia Wilson and the most improved photographer was Linda Reid.

This brought a very successful season to an end but anyone wishing to join us in September can contact out Secretary at: dallrskey30@yahoo.co.uk



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### Visit to Gardens at Dowhill, near Cleish

If you are reading this on the day of publication, you might just have time to join us for our visit to the beautiful gardens at Dowhill on **Sunday 31 May** at 2.30pm. The cost 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.

If you would like to attend, please call Alistair Smith in advance on 01592 840215 or email [info@kinross-shirecivictrust.org](mailto:info@kinross-shirecivictrust.org)

### Other Events for 2015

**Best Kept Village Competition:** It's that time of year again when communities need to be thinking about sprucing up the villages and hamlets of Kinross-shire.

Judging will take place this year on 28 July and the judges will be in the villages and hamlets at some point during that day.

All villages and hamlets should have received their entry form, but if you haven't, please contact Patty Fraser on [patty@cleish.net](mailto:patty@cleish.net)

We look forward to seeing some lovely villages this year. Please remember it's as much about the neatness and tidiness of your village as it is about the quantity of flowering plants displayed.

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



*Families wanted!  
Support twinning and enjoy the wonderful  
twinning experience...*

## Dobbies Community Champion

I am continuing to be very busy with community activities, with **High School pupils visiting** to grow vegetables in a bed at the allotments, and visits to the store planned for **Kinross Beavers and Rosemount Nursery**.

I have also donated plants and seeds to **Swansacre Playgroup**, for the children to grow some summer flowers and easy vegetables, and have projects in the pipeline at **Milnathort Primary** and **Balwearie High School** in Kircaldy.

**The next Little Seedlings meeting** will be on **Sunday 7 June at 11am**, when we hope to meet at the allotments, weather permitting, and plant out some vegetable plants, having sown the seeds at the last meeting. We will be learning about different growing spaces, and salads etc which can be grown quickly and in containers. If you would like to join us, please leave a message for me at the store, and **bring along an unusual small container to sow lettuce seeds in** (top about 10cm across at minimum.)

Also, don't forget our **Family Fun day at the store on Sunday 31 May**, from 11am to 3pm, with mini sporting activities and crafts for children, face painting and a tombola in aid of the Kinross-shire Day Centre. Cyclists from the **Dobbies 150th anniversary cycle race** will also be visiting en route to Dundee, so please come along and cheer them on their way. You can also make donations for the cycle tour, for the Day Centre, in the store.

For any community growing enquiries, contact Amanda at Dobbies, (01577) 863327, or at [community.kinross@dobbies.com](mailto:community.kinross@dobbies.com)

Amanda James

## Kinross High School

I hope you have enjoyed reading about the activities in some of our subject departments this year. It is always of interest to me exactly how much of a diverse experience the young people of Kinross High School enjoy. My thanks to those departments who have grasped this opportunity; hopefully there will be more from some others in the next school year.

We are again in the midst of exam season and I am delighted to report that all is going well, at least from an organisational standpoint. Our pupils are turning up and under the guidance of our Chief Invigilator the team is ensuring that papers are there to be completed appropriately. As always, some pupils have reported exam papers which were easier than anticipated, and some have reported finding the papers harder. Again, as always, I have a strong suspicion that the amount of studying done is the key factor in all of this. Of course we now await August results, but it has been reassuring to hear teachers, invigilators and pupils experiencing business as usual!

Within KHS we are planning for next session as the exams are ongoing. As regular readers know, we live in a constant cycle of examining our curricular offerings, our timetable and our service to the young people. Consequently, we are always embarking on several new projects for the new session.

Of course the most significant new aspect for next session will be our new Headteacher. Mrs Sarah Brown has both the honour and the task of fulfilling that role for the foreseeable future. She is currently the Headteacher at Firrhill High School in Edinburgh and will bring a wealth of experience to the role. I have spoken with her recently and have tried to give her a sense of that role and I know that she is excited to be taking up the post. I also believe that she will do well in the post as she is full of ideas and certainly wants to see improvements in our school. I am certain she will achieve this desire and hopefully she can enjoy the same level of support in doing so that I



feel I have had from all of the different members of our local communities. I look forward to watching the school on this next part of its journey from a safe distance called retirement. Last year at this time I shared with you one of our new developments for this session, namely the arrangements for our asymmetric week. We have nearly completed the year using this new concept and recently we have been doing some evaluation. Generally pupils, parents and staff have agreed that this has been a positive change for Kinross High School. All recognise the added time that pupils in the Senior Phase have enjoyed in all of their subject choices and the many benefits arising from this. The majority have seen a variety of benefits from our earlier finish on a Friday. These range from academic benefits, social benefits through to leisure and health benefits. The lengthier days of Monday through to Thursday have seen some become a little more tired and there is a suggestion that we might look at the placement of our interval in relation to our later lunchtime. It has been suggested that we should allow our new Headteacher to be part of any decisions regarding changes and consequently a timescale of October has been placed upon these considerations.

I know that you have been kept up to date with our charity efforts in respect of our nominated charity Teenage Cancer Trust elsewhere in the Newsletter but I just wanted to say a few words. It never ceases to amaze me how far our young people will go in their efforts to support others who might not be just as lucky as ourselves. Once again the pupil body of Kinross High School has worked hard and hopefully enjoyed the experience of raising a fantastic sum of money for the charity. Once again they have been imaginative in their efforts and at all times the classroom work of the school has continued virtually unaffected, that is if you discount your class being populated by Cowboys, Indians or the Spice Girls even!

Well done to all.

R H Keatings

## Kinross High School

### Parent Council

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Mrs Sarah Brown has been appointed as Headteacher of Kinross High School and Campus Leader for Loch Leven Community Campus. She will take up her new post on Monday 10 August and the Parent Council look forward to welcoming her. (See also KHS report by Mr Keatings.)

Of course, this new appointment has been made because of the retirement of our current Headteacher, Mr Dick Keatings. We at the Parent Council would like to extend our thanks for the many visible and invisible things Dick has done for Kinross High School. We have seen how many Parent Council meetings he has attended after school hours and have greatly appreciated his open, approachable and constructive manner. We wish him well for his retirement.

Primary 7 pupils from our feeder primary schools will be joining Kinross High School after the summer break and many events are organised for pupils to ease this transition. Parents may have questions and KHS has organised an induction evening to provide information for parents and pupils and to help ease any anxieties. This will take place on Tuesday 9 June at the School.

School blazers will be on sale at the induction evening on Tuesday 9 June. Blazers cost £49. People who encounter



KHS pupils often comment on how smart they look and we encourage parents to continue to support high standards of uniform wearing. Details of the school uniform, and a great deal of other useful information, can be found in the School Handbook. P7 pupils will receive a copy and a link can also be found on the Home page of the school website: [www.kinrosshighschool.org.uk](http://www.kinrosshighschool.org.uk)

**The Parent Council AGM** will be held on **Monday 15 June** and a schedule of meetings for the new school session will be agreed then. These meeting dates will be added to the School website in the Parents' area.

Any parent or guardian of a KHS pupil is welcome to join the Parent Council. Contact the Clerk if you are interested. Even if you cannot commit the time to join us, if there is ever a general issue you would like raised about the school, please contact the Clerk with details and it can be discussed. Specific issues relating to individual pupils should always be raised directly with the school in the first instance.

From next session, KHS 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).



## Portmoak Primary School

### Dalguise Trip

P7 once again joined the rest of the Kinross High cluster for the residential trip to Dalguise, 20-22 May. This is an opportunity for children to mix with the other P7s who are going to be in their secondary classes, as well as a time to enjoy some of the activities on offer there such as abseiling, canoeing, the giant swing and Jacob's ladder. This remains a popular and successful event in our transition calendar and we have already booked for our P6 pupils for next year.

### Ardroy Trip

P6 enjoyed travelling across to the West Coast to Ardroy again for their residential excursion from 8 to 11 May. This trip is a great bonding experience and allows children to experience lots of adventurous and environmental activities. The Splosh and archery were two of the popular choices this year as well as the Labyrinth.

### Orienteering

Portmoak had a very productive outing at the Kinross-shire orienteering championships, taking 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize at the Lendrick Muir event. This led to a record number of pupils being invited to travel to Scone for the P&K event. Unfortunately our run of luck was not to hold for the Scone event, but all pupils were a credit to the school.

### P7 Transition Arrangements

As well as the group cooking sessions with our community link worker, Pat Doran, all of P7 travelled to KHS for a session of cooking with the Home Economics department on 8 May. They will have two days at KHS on 11 and 12 June. We have also enjoyed German all year with Mrs Johnston from KHS and a one-off lesson here from Mrs Price from the English department. Mrs Hickman and Mr Ferguson also visited to speak to pupils.

### P1 Transition Arrangements

Our new recruits have already started their transition programme as well. Nursery pupils from five different nurseries have enjoyed their Portmoak pre-school picnics and have two afternoon visits and a trip to Sports Day still to look forward to.

### Euroquiz

A team of Portmoak P6 pupils represented Perth and Kinross at the Scottish Parliament. Here they are pictured in the members' seats in the debating chamber ready to start.



Portmoak P6 at the Scottish Parliament

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](http://www.portmoak.com) or following us on twitter @PortmoakPS. Thank you,

Louise Gordon, Headteacher



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Saturday 27 June

## KINROSS SUMMER FAYRE

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Sorry no dogs allowed

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## Milnathort Primary School

### Parent Council

Our next meeting is on **Monday 15 June** at 7.30pm in the Community Campus, Conference Room 1. All are welcome.

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## Kinross Cavaliers Basketball Club

Kinross Cavaliers Basketball Club is thriving, teaching children from the age of nine basic to advanced basketball skills. Most coaching sessions consist of a warm up, some fitness training, basketball skills and, at the end of each coaching session, there is an opportunity to play a couple of short basketball matches.

Older players, who show commitment to the club, sometimes have the opportunity to assist with some coaching. Rachel Walker and Fiona McKenzie have been members of the club for a few years, and have been regularly assisting with coaching the younger players, as well as participating in the training sessions. Both girls hope to become more involved in coaching and are using their time with the Cavaliers, working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Awards.



*Rachel and Fiona with three of our younger players, Olivia Bell, Olivia Reed, and Iona Mackie*

Ella Doherty is home from her trip to Andorra, where she competed for the Scotland Under 12 Girls basketball team. The T.I.M. Pirreus Tournament was tough, with around 30 League 1 Spanish teams competing, but Scotland played well, had a fantastic tournament, and finished fourth in the competition. Follow the team's journey at [basketballscotland.co.uk](http://basketballscotland.co.uk), development squad, U12 girls.

Ella would like to thank Robert Purvis and Caledonia Washroom Services for their kind contributions towards helping her proudly represent her country in Andorra.



*Ella Doherty represented Scotland U12s in Spain*

The coaches at Kinross Cavaliers focus on fitness and having fun, and learning new basketball skills. If you are under 14 and are interested in basketball or would like to give basketball a try, just come along to the Campus any Tuesday from 6.00 – 8.00pm.

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

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## Summer Volleyball

Summer is here and it's time to get outside to brave the elements for some park volleyball. Every "dry" Monday evening on the grass area behind the campus, open, free volleyball sessions will be held from 7pm till 8.30pm with beginners and newcomers welcome.

Park volleyball is gaining in popularity with more and more "fun games" taking place outdoors. The court size and net height are exactly the same as indoors whereas beach volleyball is played on a slightly reduced court size.

Lunchtime and after school volleyball is continuing on Wednesdays at Kinross High School with a number of new pupils being attracted to this popular sport. A number of pupils from S1 to S3 will be participating in a Perth & Kinross Volleyball Festival at Bell's Sports Centre at the end of May. Kinross club members are also gearing up for this year's Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament on Perth's North Inch over the first weekend of June. Around 100 teams will gather from afar as USA, Faroe Islands, Belgium and Italy. It is 30 years since the first Scottish Open Tournament took place in Perth, then organised in total by members of Kinross Volleyball Club. It is no surprise that this format has grown in popularity to become the largest attended tournament in the UK volleyball calendar.

## Kinross Curling

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### Kinross Curling Trust shortlisted for award!

Trustees were delighted that the Trust was shortlisted for the Ice Diamond Award, one of the 2015 Scottish Curling Awards organised by the Royal Caledonian Curling Club.

The Ice Diamond Award is given to a volunteer or group of volunteers who have contributed to the development and/or promotion of the sport of curling.

The award winners are decided by RCCC members; voting took place in early May and the results will be announced on 25 May, while this Newsletter is at press.

### Images of Kinross-shire

Photographs can be downloaded free of charge from the [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)

### Photo Library

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

## **Kinross Bowling Club**

The bowling club opened on 18 April on a bright but chilly afternoon with a full complement of existing members plus four new members playing eight ends of bowls before retiring to the clubhouse and enjoying some sandwiches and tea, plus all the lovely homemade scones and cakes provided by the ladies.

Since then we have played several friendly games, firstly against Bridge of Earn at Kinross (won by us), then against Orwell at Orwell (beaten by one shot). A game against Menstrie was cancelled due to the Menstrie green being flooded. We played a friendly against Dollar at Dollar (beaten by one shot again!) and were beaten by Glenfarg at Glenfarg. All the friendly games have been played with a great atmosphere and enjoyed by all.

The Scottish Ladies competitions have started, with our ladies triples playing at Bridge of Allan on Sunday 10 May. They enjoyed a good win and progress to the next round at Dunblane on 16 May.

The County Ladies Pairs played at Dollar on 13 May and are through to the next round on Wednesday 27 May at Cambus. Good luck to both teams.

The Scottish Ladies Pairs will start on Saturday 16 May at Tillicoultry. Good luck to them.

Gents Scottish Competitions start on Friday 22 May.

Good luck to all.

Our Ladies Open Pairs will be held on Sunday 9 August this year. If anyone is interested in playing in this competition, please contact Sheila Rennie at 01577 864727.

If you would like to come along and try bowling you would be made very welcome, male or female, any age group. We have a qualified coach in the club who can put you on the right road. Contact George Rennie on 01577 864727.

## **Kinross Table Tennis Club**

Fancy giving table tennis a try? Played before and want to improve? Want a new way to get more active or meet new people? Then come along to Kinross Table Tennis Club.

We have started a new table tennis club in Kinross. It is at Loch Leven Community Campus on Tuesdays from 5pm to 6pm. Table Tennis Scotland Coach Pat Duffy is at each session to offer coaching if wanted and the club is open to all from age 10 upwards. At the moment the membership is 50/50 adults and children.

Table tennis is a sport which all ages and abilities can play, so come along and have a go. Bats are available if you don't have one, so all you need are comfy clothes and trainers. Club membership is currently free, and the cost for each session is only £1 at present. The club is presently open during school term time only. For more details contact Elaine Cormack on 07545 138436, or just turn up on a Tuesday.

### **Need Equipment for a Community Event?**

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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.

## **Kinross Road Runners**

### **Tay Ten, 5 April**

Ten Kinross Road Runners took part in this year's Tay Ten, which took place in Perth. Allan Kemp was first KRR in a time of 1:02:49. Jillian Gordon was first KRR female and ran a course record time of 1:04:35.

### **Hoka Highland Fling, 25 April**

Three KRR members took part in this year's Hoka Highland Fling Ultramarathon.

This event takes place over the first 53 miles of the West Highland Way from Milngavie to Tyndrum. Andy Johns was first Kinross home in a time of 9 hrs 21 mins 7 secs. Second was Allan Kemp in 9 hrs 50 mins 21 secs. Gill Lopez finished in a time of 12 hrs 37 mins 3 secs.

As well as the three individuals, KRR also fielded two teams in the race, the first of which comprised Graham Kemp, Scott Strachan, Martin Hill and Peter Hookham, who finished second male team overall in a time of 7 hrs 58 mins 12 secs. Peter Edgerton, Ken Chalmers, Wendy Grieve and Alison Robertson completed the course in a time of 9 hrs 48 mins 55 secs.

### **London Marathon, 26 April**

Jillian Gordon, John Beveridge, Sarah Hutt and Anne Wilson all headed south to represent the yellow and blue of Kinross Road Runners in the one and only London Marathon. Jillian Gordon was first home in a superb time of 3:00.29 and finished in the top 100 women. Sarah Hutt was second KRR, running a PB of 3:37.20. John Beveridge came in with 3:42.30 on the clock and Anne Wilson ran a sublime time of 4:03.35 to finish 27th place in her category. The atmosphere of the event obviously brought out the best out of each of them.

### **Loch Leven Half Marathon, 9 May**

The Loch Leven Half Marathon is the highlight of the Kinross Road Runners year. A huge proportion of the membership help to organise what is a very popular race within the running community. The race got fantastic feedback and there were also some very impressive performances when the race got underway.



*The Loch Leven Half Marathon is very popular with the running community*

Stuart Johnston won with a time of 1:14.00. First female was Nicola Duncan running a seriously fast 1:19.46. Andy Laycock was first KRR male in a time of 1:20.09. David Scott (1:27.51) was second and Angus McCulloch (1:30.12) was third.

Jillian Gordon was first KRR female in 1:27.13. Wendy Grieve picked up second KRR ladies prize.



## Kinross Otters

Midland District Distance  
Championships

Olympia Pool, Dundee

1 – 3 May

The annual Midland District (Tayside) Distance Championships took place at the Olympia Pool in Dundee over the first weekend in May. Events of 200m and above were Championship events and under this they were classed as “time trials” with no medals awarded. The Otters sent 9 of their best swimmers who won 6 medals, got 8 top three placings in the short races and broke 5 club records. Not a bad weekend’s work! It was **Iona Crawford** (14) who shone most brightly for the Otters. She won two silver medals in the 200m Breaststroke (2.52.61) and 200m Freestyle (2.19.31), setting club records in both and taking a huge 6 seconds off the former. She



came first in her best event of 100m Breaststroke in 1.19.07 taking a quite astounding two and a half seconds off her own club record set in February. **Iona** came second in the 100m Freestyle (1.03.86) and although she only came fourth in the 400m Freestyle, she broke yet another club record to record 4.57.72.

The only gold medal of the weekend came as **Amy Broadhurst** (14) won the 200m Butterfly in 2.56.04. She was also second in the 100m Butterfly in 1.15.61.

**Jack Muncey** (11) secured a silver medal in the 200m Backstroke in 2.41.42 and was second in the 100m equivalent (1.17.62) and third in the 100m Freestyle in 1.09.17.

**Conor McCormick** (15) showed that he is now improving rapidly again by having a very third weekend. He won bronze medals in the 200m Breaststroke

(2.44.30) and 400m Individual Medley (5.09.65) and came third in the 100m Breaststroke (1.14.61) breaking his own club record and third in the 100m Freestyle (58.49).

**Ruth Ritchie** (12) also came second in the 100m Freestyle in 1.13.54.

### Premier Division Update

Well done to our **Premier Division team** who secured third place at the latest league meet in Dundee on 25 April against very strong and competitive Dundee City Aquatics and Menzieshill teams.

### Success out of the Pool

Congratulations to **Sarah Coutts** who recently won the Scottish Primary Schools X-Country Championships and to **Ruth Ritchie** who has been selected for the Scotland Girls’ Netball team. Well done also to **Ruth McPherson** who has secured her place in the Scottish National Youth Orchestra. It is truly amazing how much local talent we have in the Kinross area.

### World Class at Loch Leven Leisure!

Congratulations go to **Stephen Milne** from Perth City who trains with the top Otters every Wednesday night at Loch Leven Leisure pool as part of the Perth and Kinross Squad. He convincingly qualified for the World Championships in Kazan, Russia, in August 2015 at the Olympic Pool in London by maintaining his British number one status in another impressive sub-15 minute 1500m Freestyle race. All at the Otters wish him all the very best.



Left to right: Amy Broadhurst, Ruth Ritchie, Amy Hardie, Jack Watson, Rebecca Mitchell, Duncan Crawford (foreground), Conor McCormick and Iona Crawford

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## Kinross-shire Cricket Club

### Wet weather, new artificial and disability cricket festival



The 2015 season has got off to a resoundingly wet start, with only four of the planned 12 matches being played due to rain. The 1st XI have still to play a league game and the wet conditions put paid to our early junior cup campaigns. The U13s and U15s both faced this year's respective Scottish cup favourites in their first round matches and suffered disappointing losses after losing the toss and having to contend with not only the strongest sides but also the worse of the batting conditions. Both teams did their level best but sadly there will be no Kinross-shire sides in the Scottish Cup finals this season.

The Sunday XI did manage a match against Dollar CC although few who played will have thawed out by the time the Newsletter is printed. On a very cold and wet Sunday afternoon Kinross-shire batted first and scored a very respectable 199 for 4 with Scott Weir (76), James Ross (48no) and Darwin Douglas (38) all performing with the bat. Dollar got off to a steady start but when their skipper was caught in the deep when on 48 of a team total of 86, they found runs difficult to come by. James Ross was the star bowler, taking his first 5-wicket haul of the season with figures of 5 for 13 off 6. Dollar finished on 132 all out, giving the Sunday XI a fine win.

The club are delighted to announce that our grant application to Sportscotland for the installation of a new artificial wicket has been approved and the pitch is scheduled to be constructed in early June. The grant of £8900 covers almost the full cost of the building works and pitch construction. The new surface should be ready for matches from the middle of June. Given the wet weather so far this season, an all-weather surface will make a significant difference to the club and should see many more games played. The club will be hosting a "New Wicket" event during June and a fuller article will appear in next month's newsletter.

The final big news for June is the announcement of the first Kinross-shire Cricket Club **Disability Inclusion Cricket Fun Day** on **22 June**. This event will see a full disability cricket match and a number of cricket related activities taking place around the ground. The club is working very closely with P&K cricket development and Scottish Disability Sport to create a benchmark event that will see players and participants from across P&K and wider circle come together for a day of sport and fun. The event is being sponsored by local company Ogilvie Ross and the club would like to thank all the organisers for their help and support for the event.

Home fixtures in June are as follows:

Wed 3rd	Mid-week v Dunnikeir	6pm
Thur 4th	U15 v Perth Doocot	6pm
Sat 6th	1st XI v Perth Doocot	1pm
Wed 10th	Mid-week v Broomhall	6pm
Sat 20th	1st XI v St Modans	1pm

Full details of all club events can be found on our website, [www.kinrosscc.co.uk](http://www.kinrosscc.co.uk)

### Newsletter Deadlines

A list of future deadlines can be found on our website  
**[www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org)**

## Milnathort Golf Club

### Ladies Section

Competitions for this playing season are underway, despite the inclement weather we are experiencing.

The Opening Greensome was played on 30 March with a good turnout of members playing through not so good weather conditions. Wednesday 15 April was the first of our Charity Matches when we were pleased to donate the proceeds to the Kinross-shire Day Centre.

Our Monday and Wednesday weekly competitions followed with the results as given below:

20 April, first of the SLGA competitions: Catriona Marshall gross 92 – nett 72: Patricia Lowry gross 93 – nett 72: Maria Duncan gross 104-nett 72.

22 April, Montgomery Medal Rnd 1: Catriona Marshall gross 83-nett 63, Margaret Fleming gross 95 – nett 66, Nancy S. Brown gross 102-nett 66.

On 27 April sadly our 2 Ball Open was cancelled due to extremely bad weather conditions.

4 May, Montgomery Medal Rnd 2: Margaret Johnston gross 99 – nett 70, Rhona Wilson gross 89 – nett 71, Maria Duncan gross 104 – nett 72.

11 May 9 hole Qual. Stableford: Christine Dick 16 stableford points, Lorna Robertson 14 points.

11 May 18 hole Stableford: Deirdre Calderwood 34 stableford points, Sandra Ritchie 32 and Barbara Dowie 30.

Our Coronation foursomes Stableford Qualifier on 6 May was won by Mya Robertson and Maria Duncan. Congratulations to them both. They will go on to represent MGC in the next round.

**WEDNESDAY 22 JULY is our SENIOR LADIES OPEN, a very popular event in our calendar, which for the first this year will be a 2 BALL competition. Entries for this are currently being received, £12 per couple. Phone 01577 864069.**

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## Kinross Rugby Club

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### Junior Section

On Saturday 16 May, the Kinross minis (P1-P7) had their end of season funday and awards at the KGV. Scotland and Edinburgh player Grant Gilchrist was in attendance to present the awards, and also joined in some of the fun games at the start.



*Kinross minis with Grant Gilchrist (Edinburgh & Scotland)*

The sun was shining, and with some 70 kids and parents in attendance, the day went well and was a fine ending to another magnificent season for the junior section of the club. The junior section continues to grow and each week we regularly have over 60 at training, with some 80 registered from P1-P7.

Working with the club development officer, Chris Pacey, our team of dedicated coaches train the boys and girls to a high standard and we represent the club across Scotland, playing games in locations from Stonehaven to Melrose and many others in between.

In addition to having a fun day, with rugby based games, then parents/coaches v kids matches and a mums' match followed by a

BBQ, the end of season awards were also issued.

*Season 2014/15 Award winners were:*

Primary 3 – Player of the season: Henry Silcock

Primary 4 – Player of the season: Thomas Munro; Outstanding Contribution awards to: Ben Smallwood and Kieran Todd; Most Improved: Stuart Pritchard.

Primary 5 – Player of the season: Angus Hunter; Outstanding Contribution awards to: Ramsay Scott, Thomas Charity and Jamie Morton. Most Improved: Jamie Smith.

Primary 6 – Player of the season: Struan Bennet; Outstanding Contribution awards to: Fergus Warder and Samuel Allen;

Most Improved: Finlay Steel.

Primary 7 – Player of the season: Ben Normile; Outstanding Contribution awards to: Andrew Clark, Finbar Dumbreck and Kai McLean; Most Improved: Callum Shah.

Team of the year went to the P5 squad, who have been unbeaten this season and as a squad since they started in P3. This amounts to three seasons unbeaten, having played some 220 or so matches, for a combined duration of 35 hours! Not only do they play to a very high standard, but regularly have excellent numbers at training, show massive respect to the coaches, fellow players and opposition. They are regularly praised by other coaches and parents on the standard of play and discipline.

This season the P5 squad have won tournaments at Melrose, Kinross, Perthshire, Mackie, Livingston, Dunfermline and festivals at Hillfoots. With one further tournament at the end of May, in Edinburgh, hopes are high for a further win.

At all ages, the club plays at a very high standard, with the P3s (playing touch rugby) recently coming runners up at the recent Perthshire tournament. At P4 and P6, they have played many fantastic matches this season, however have struggled at times due to lack of squad numbers. P7 will now be ending their minis careers and towards the end of the season have played some magnificent rugby and put in some strong performances. We wish all boys and girls moving onto the midis best wishes in their continuing rugby careers.

Many thanks to all concerned with the junior section of the club, in particular all parents who volunteer and give up their weekends.

Looking towards next season, the club is looking forward to fielding a strong S1 team (midis), and continue to field regular teams at minis level. The minis train each Saturday morning from 10.30am (August to April, weather permitting), at the



*Kinross P5 squad with Scotland player Grant Gilchrist*

KGV playing fields in Kinross, and welcome both boys and girls from age 5 (and in primary 1) upwards to those in P7. We are always seeking new players and for further information, please contact the Kinross RFC Youth Convenor, Martin Scott, on [martin.scott@macegroup.com](mailto:martin.scott@macegroup.com)

The senior section established their position in the Caledonia Region Division 2 after some good wins this season. The club are always keen to attract new players to strengthen the team.

For further details on the seniors or any other section of the club, please visit the club website.



## **Kinross Hockey Club**

### **A new era!**

On 21 April 2015 Kinross Ladies Hockey Club and Kinross Hockey Club (men's and Kobras) dissolved their clubs and formed a new club called Kinross Hockey Club. This union is positive, proactive and entirely focused on the survival and growth of hockey in the Kinross area. Last August the ladies celebrated their 40th anniversary and the men their 10th. With solid histories and great members, the future bodes well for the new club.

A quick moment to reflect on the past season's achievements: The ladies first team relished the challenge of the national championship league, finishing fourth overall, but an earlier finish to the season with no cup competitions entered this year. Congratulations to first team player of the year Lynn Paterson and top goal scorer Vicky Carver.

The ladies second team played out their last two league games, unfortunately losing 1-4 to St Andrews Uni 4s (Katy Robson scoring) and then drawing 1-1 with Grove Menzieshill 3s (Kirsty Dunn scoring). This left them in fourth position in Midland Division 2. Disappointment also reigned in their Knock Out Plate run where a tight semi final against St Andrews Uni 4s finished in a 1-1 draw, so penalty strokes ensued, the end result a 2-3 defeat (Kirsty scoring in normal play and Sally Montford the only one to put away her penalty flick). Reaching the League Cup Plate finals was a great achievement – results on the day were: 1-3 defeat to Wanderers 2; 2-0 win against St Andrews Uni 4s; and finally a narrow 2-3 defeat to St Andrews Uni 3s (scorers on the day one apiece Sally, Kirsty, Wendy Symington and Jenny Thoms). Congratulations to second team player of the year, Lindsey Knight, and top goal scorer, Jenny Thoms. The ladies would also like to congratulate Sally Montford on her achievement as Young Player of the Year.

The men play in the East District League 3. The 1sts play in Division 1 and finished in ninth place after 22 league games with a thrilling 3-3 draw against Grange Development. The 2nds play in Division 3 and finished in seventh place. Congratulations to Ian Clark, who was voted Players' Player of the Year; to Stuart Smith, the club's Most Improved Player of the Year; and Young Player of the Year, Cameron Banks. Congratulations to the 1sts top goal scorer, Chris Robson, with 12 goals, whilst Dougie Ogilvie scored 16 for the 2nds. The competitive playing season has now closed and we commence fun summer mixed hockey training on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm to keep the hockey fitness at peak. If you fancy dusting off your stick or trying a new sport, now is a great time to come and try.

Whilst we create a new website, information can continue to be found at [www.kinrossladieshockeyclub.co.uk](http://www.kinrossladieshockeyclub.co.uk) and [www.pitchero.com/clubs/kinrosshockeyclub](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/kinrosshockeyclub)

*See also article on page 10.*

## **Kinross Kobras Junior Hockey**

Three Kobras teams took part in a Dunfermline Carnegie Tournament recently at the start of a series of four tournaments over the next few weeks.

The U10s came third in their group with a total of three wins, one draw and two losses. David Leslie and Iona Sands scored some great goals and Alyssa Weir was very strong in defence. The U12s had some tough games, and despite some great goals from Angus Montford, Bart Kuijpers and Fraser Banks, they could only manage one win in their matches.

A young U14 team came fourth out of their six-team group with a couple of good wins over Cala and Kelso. Some great goals, including one from Angus Montford, strong midfield play and resolute defence all played their part and sets us up for the next few tournaments.



*The U14 Kobras team*

Training is getting busier as the weather improves, but places are still available for those who want to give hockey a go at KGV AstroTurf pitch, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

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## Kinross Tennis Club

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

Club coach Alessia has our juniors working hard whilst having fun at our Tuesday and Friday coaching sessions. There are some spaces left in this block, so if your child is 5 to 16 years old and interested, please contact Siobhan at [kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com](mailto:kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com) for further information. Details will be issued shortly for our **summer camps** due to take place in the weeks commencing 6 July and 10 August.

The juniors are starting their Road to Wimbledon campaign and competing in the Perth & District U14 league. Competition is tough but coach Tony is very encouraging and the team of Samuel Wong, Jack Muncey, Jordan Doig and Lewis Carlisle are steadily improving. Defeats so far 0-12 v Blairgowrie; 2-10 v Kinnoull (a great win for Samuel Wong); and 3-12 v Perth.

The gents' and ladies' Tennis Tayside league matches are underway. The ladies in division one again were narrowly defeated by Scone (3-5.5) and Kinnoull (3.5-5.5), but bagged our first win against Falkland 1 (6-3). In the ladies 4-player league, wins have been notched against St Andrews (8-0), Craigmuir (6-2) and Duffus (8-0), so a great start to the season. The gents unfortunately are not faring so well. Player availability has meant the 6-player team has conceded two matches so far, and the 4-player team has played just the one scheduled match, losing 1-7. Are you keen to get back into tennis and could help out the league teams? We would love to hear from you.



Our first social tournament of the year was the David Wangerin tournament. Sixteen members waited out the hailstorm before battling on court for the coveted title which was justly claimed by Susan Malcolm and Finlay Young. The tennis teas consumed afterwards whilst fondly remembering David seemed to also go down very well – no surprises there! We hosted a Quorn Family Tennis Cup competition on Sunday 17 May as part of an LTA initiative to get U10s on court competing with an adult family. The competitors battled the wind but had great fun, with David Jennings and Fraser Duguid eventual winners. Local member Louie Parsons and his dad Simon finished a very creditable third. Well done!

We will be hosting a **mini red (8U) tournament on Sunday 14 June** as part of the STH tournament circuit. The tournament will be refereed by Alan Russell and is always very popular and great fun for the kids, but it would be really great if more of our own club members signed up – please don't be shy! Details and sign up information can be found on the LTA website under tournament code NSC15S5360.

Club nights continue on Wednesdays at 6.30pm and Sundays at 10.30am and the **Thursday afternoon social session at 1.30pm has resumed and is open to non-members** too, so why not pop down and join in? Adult coaching can also be arranged subject to demand, so please let us know if you are interested.

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

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# News from the Rurals



**POWMILL** – President Sharon Buchanan welcomed members to the meeting on 15 April. Members and guests enjoyed an extremely interesting talk on the Kinross-shire Day Centre and the varied activities and services which they provide for our local senior citizens.

Competitions:

A Spring Arrangement	Mary Wilson
A piece of Costume Jewellery	Elsie Johnston
Garden Gem	Margaret Broomfield

**CARNBO** – President Molly White welcomed members to the Annual General Meeting.

The new committee is: Molly White (President), Jay Hutchison (Vice President), Susan Malcolm (Secretary), Margaret Eadie (Treasurer), Dorothy Fyffe, Ann Petherick, Sandra Turnbull, Josephine Paterson and Linda Band.

The Paterson Rose bowl for the annual flower of the month competition was won by Josephine Paterson. Joint runners up were Linda Band and Margaret Forrester.

The Daniel Vase for monthly competition was won by Josephine Paterson. The runner up was Christine Dawson.

Competitions:

A small sewn article	Josephine Paterson
Flower of the Month	Molly White

**GLENFARG** – President Margaret Scott welcomed members and visitors to the AGM and last meeting of the session.

Ursula Stewart showed the members how to make felt, using hats and flowers as her demonstration models. Sylvia Wall gave the vote of thanks.

Alison Morris and Dorothy Morris from Cleish WRI and were the tellers for the vote and Mrs Scott handed over to Margot Moran, the new President.

Competition winners:

Fatless Sponge	Margaret Scott
Article in Felt	Sheena Chisolm
Flower of the Month	Margaret Scott

**CLEISH** – President Mrs Alison Morris welcomed twenty-two members and two tellers from Glenfarg to our May AGM. After business the new committee was announced and we then enjoyed a delicious supper.

*Points Prize trophy winners:*

1st	Lizzie Glennie
2nd	Margaret Nelson
3rd equal	Anne Bayne and Alison Morris

*Flower of the Month prize trophy winners:*

1st	Lizzie Glennie
2nd	Betty Robb
3rd	Dorothy Morris

**BISHOPSHIRE** – President Norma Smith welcomed everyone to the business meeting.

The new committee was voted in: Norma Smith (President), Joanne Cowan (Secretary), Janette Gardiner (Treasurer), Avril Rogers (Vice President), Margaret Paton and Anna Garner (Members). Thanks to our two tellers from Blairadam, Betty Young and Andrea Moyles.

The following trophies were presented:

First:	Joanne Cowan
Joint Second:	Norma Smith and Margaret Paton
Best Trier:	Marion Sutherland

The Curtis Quaich for knitted item went to Maureen Miller and the hats were donated to the Loving Hands Charity.

The members all enjoyed a Beetle Drive followed by supper. Thanks to everyone who has provided the wonderful suppers throughout the year.

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# Out & About



## Loch Leven NNR



What a strange spring this is turning out to be. We've had warm and pleasant spells of weather, times of torrential rain and even a heap of snow. I certainly would not expect to see snow on the hills or Loch Leven almost back at its winter water level at this time of year. Fishermen reported seeing Gannets during one of the storms near to the Castle Island. These birds appear occasionally inland here on the loch. Maybe because of this odd weather they were pushed off their migration route.



*Mallard ducklings feeding in the shelter of the harbour*

Nevertheless, the march of spring does not stop. There are lots of broods of Greylags and Mallards about the loch. The loch has been covered with Swallows and Sand Martins feeding before heading to where they breed. Almost all of the spring migrant visitors have been seen but I'm still waiting to hear a Cuckoo. The loch side is full of birdsong. The scratchy song of the Sedge Warbler is very obvious right now as is the melodic song of the Blackcap.

Thanks to everybody who attended the Burleigh Mini BioBlitz on 26 May. The results and photos from the day will be

published on the blog. There are a lot of articles and beautiful pictures published on the blog on a wide range of subjects. Please go on and have a look. Simply put 'Loch Leven NNR Wordpress' into your internet search engines to find it.

A reminder to you all is that there are various events coming up, not least **Discovery Day on Sunday 14 June**. (*As shown on the front cover, and see page 4 for more information.*) Also, **Burleigh Botany** is being led by Steve and Liz on **Tuesday 16 June** from 6pm to 8pm to look at the flora in the area. If you want to attend this event, please call the office on **01577 864439**. Keep an eye on the posters in the hides around the reserves for other events.

Many thanks to the volunteers this month, who have once again been very busy. A fine new wooden pond-dipping platform has been built at Burleigh and the bird screening has been replaced. We have also planted some willow stumps along the loch shoreline to improve the habitat for ducklings this spring. The insect surveyors have been out and about, stoically surveying even when the weather is not ideal. They were rewarded with a couple of early Large Red Damselflies. These insects normally emerge in the second half of the month.

Keep an eye out for Red Squirrels around the trail. There are good numbers all about. The best place is along the golf course section or around at Levenmouth. There is a nice big dog Otter along the River Leven Cut being spotted by the regular visitors but successfully avoiding posing for the cameras. It's worth making an early start when all is quiet to see these mammals.

I hope everyone has got their potatoes in by now. Hopefully the weather will improve and we'll be having barbecues, sitting in the garden as the Swifts scream above you.

Jeremy Squire, Reserve officer

## Farming

### The meaning of pink bales

It's a wee while since I have written a column from myself. In April I profiled Iain Campbell and am delighted that so many folk enjoyed reading about Iain's lambing.

It's thanks to lots of practice through this Newsletter column that I now write articles for a leading quality assurance organisation and a farming magazine. The extra income helps to make ends meet and makes much better use of my skills than more traditional options – I'm not a great shearer or tractor driver so I'd be very poor if I had tried these.

Writing is great if it's raining outside and it keeps me up to date with news and events that I otherwise may not get to see or hear about from the sheep fank at Bankhead.

Over the winter I wrote a series of articles on rotational and paddock grazing practices used in New Zealand. The Kiwi farmers are incredibly advanced in grassland management and they have found that moving ewes and lambs on to fresh pasture regularly can massively improve growth rates. They take this seriously and will go as far as to divide their fields into grazing lanes with electric fences and move sheep and water troughs daily.

With many farmers anxious to improve growth rates and profitability without the use of expensive inputs such as extra fertiliser or supplementary feeding, the practice is starting to take off in Scotland. Grass is the cheapest and best feeding for a lamb so it makes a lot of sense for us to try this out. Over the last two seasons I have sold 69% of the lamb crop by Christmas. If I can use the grass more efficiently this year, then I hope to sell a higher percentage of lambs by the end of this year.

The New Zealanders may farm in a kinder and warmer climate but they do face many of the same challenges as us. Today I just noticed pink silage wrap is available from the local farm shop in addition to black and pale green. When you buy a roll of pink wrap the company makes a donation to Breast Cancer research. The New Zealand farmers requested the pink wrap for their bales to help raise funds for more research into the disease. So if you see a stack of pink bales in Kinross-shire, you will know that farmers here are helping the charity by doing the same.

Fiona



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Well, well, another month past, and we seem to be going backwards with the weather. Some days sunny and warmish, ither yins awfa dreich. It's jist fair unsettled and cauld for May. Maybe by the time you read this it might be a bit warmer and more summer like? It probably will have had an effect on breeding birds and may even have finished off some early chicks like lapwings, although the parent birds will brood them if it gets really wet. We will see the effects later on in the season. Although the lapwings on the reserve have had over fifty nesting attempts, the failure rates have been quite high, so it looks like it has had some effect.

Swallows are now nesting again in our courtyard passageway above the toilets (more on them later) and on the good days when the sun is out and the flies are swarming, at least they have a ready made supermarket on the doorstep – well, courtyard – pre-packaged, ready to eat. Bonus: stops us eating them accidentally when we inhale.

Talking about swallows and house martins etc, or any bird's nest at this time off year, we have had a few reports about nests being destroyed by people getting roofs fixed and scaffolding being installed to do so by contractors. Please remember by law it is an offence to destroy a nest if it is in the process of being built, or is in use. It is an active nest and you are committing an offence under wildlife laws and as such you may be liable to prosecution if found guilty of wilfully or recklessly destroying the said nest or nests. In ither words, gonnæ no dae it, or else the polis nicht chap yer door and ask whit's gawn on if they get wind of it. These birds are under enough pressure at this time of year, and in the case of swallows and martins are in decline so please put up with the wee bit mess and save future generations for your kids or grandkids to enjoy. They are, after all, one of the sounds of summer. Ta very muckle – wee rant ower.

Improvements continue on the reserve and around the centre by our volunteer team. New planting etc is underway, new fences "fair nacktytoosh by the way", must drive you crazy cutting all the shapes out with the jigsaw though, but hey they seem to be fairly sane so far! Back to the toilets, so to speak. Have you seen the film "Salmon fishing in the Yemen"? Well I went key fishing in the urinals! One of our regulars dropped his house keys down the pipes one weekend and I, selfless sowl that I am, had to go and fish them oot. Did get a bite eventually and recovered them intact, if perhaps a wee bit minging. Quick wash did the job though! Sorted. Job's a good un – happy customer. We have since rectified the problem by placing nice mats in the bottom to stop it happening again.

The summer (I use the term loosely, due to the current weather) events are being added to all the time so if you would like to find out more, please look at our website, phone for details or ask staff when you are in.

Think that's it again for this month,  
Ta ta,

Colin

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## Weather



### April Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall	49.4mm = 1.97inches
Heaviest rainfall	8.2mm (11th)
Total sunshine for the month	217 hours
Sunniest day	10.7 hours (23rd)
Maximum temperature average	12.85 °C
Highest temperature	19.9°C (23rd)
Minimum temperature average	-1.36°C
Lowest temperature	-6.9°C (26th)

#### Advance statistic for May

Rainfall on Sunday 2 May was 25.4mm = 1inch.

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Contact telephone no. 01577 862670

#### Burleigh Castle, Milnathort

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

In the care of Historic Scotland.

#### Balvaird Castle

A late 15th century tower on an L plan. Refined architectural details. View exterior only. Near Gateside and Glenfarg. Grid ref NO 169 115. Historic Scotland.

#### Elcho Castle, near Bridge of Earn

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

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

# Gardens Open

More information about these gardens  
can be found on our website,  
[www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org)  
Leisure info also on [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)  
and [www.visitlochleven.org](http://www.visitlochleven.org)



## Special Days Open in June under SGS

Located between Scotlandwell and Auchmuir Bridge, **Greenhead Farmhouse** at **Greenhead of Arnot** is the most local garden holding a Special Open Day under Scotland's Gardens Scheme in June. The south facing garden combines a sense of formality in its symmetrical layout with an informal look of mixed herbaceous borders planted "cottage" style. There are roses, fruit and a small vegetable plot. The garden is open on **Sunday 14 June**, 2pm-5pm. Admission is £4, with Perth College Alzheimer project benefiting. Homemade teas and plant stall available. Dogs on leads welcome. KY6 3JQ.

Also on **Sunday 14 June**, the garden at **Bonhard House, Scone**, by Perth, is open from 10am until 4pm. This is a five-acre traditional 19th century garden with mature trees, lawns, rhododendrons, azaleas, hollies, ponds, kitchen garden, pinetum and more. Sensible shoes should be worn. Admission £3.50 (Freedom from Fistula benefits). Partial disabled access. Homemade teas available. PH2 7PQ.

On **Sunday 21 June** admission fees to **Culross Palace Garden**, a National Trust for Scotland property, will go to SGS beneficiaries. The garden has been created to a typical 17th century design, with vegetables, culinary and medicinal herbs, soft fruits and ornamental shrubs. There will be stalls selling fruit and veg grown at Culross. Cream teas available. Partial disabled access. Opening hours 11am-5pm.

Gardens at **The Bield, Blackruthven**, by Tibbermore, are open on **Saturday 27 June**, 2pm-5pm. The grounds are extensive, with lawns, clipped hedges, flower meadow and a large collection of specimen trees. There is a walled garden with a wide variety of fruit trees, glasshouse and healing garden. Admission is £5 and includes tea or coffee and home baking. Charity is Southton Smallholding. There is full disabled access, a plant stall and dogs on leads are welcome. PH1 1PY.

Some lovely village and walled gardens are open in **Strathmiglo** on **Sunday 28 June**, 1pm-5pm. Parking is available at the village hall where tickets and maps are provided. Homemade teas will be available at the village hall throughout the afternoon. Admission is £5 (20% to Cystic Fibrosis Trust, 20% to Macmillan Cancer Support, remainder to SGS beneficiaries.) Partial disabled access.

## 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 **Parkhead House gardens** in Perth (1 Jun-31 Aug).

See the SGS website or guide book for more details.

## Scotland's Gardens Scheme

SGS, a registered charity since 1931, organises the opening of hundreds of gardens, ranging from formal castle gardens to small cottage gardens, to raise money for charity. 60% of entry fees to gardens in this scheme benefit SGS's charities: The Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland, Gardens Fund of the National Trust for Scotland, Maggie's Cancer Caring Centres and Perennial. 40% of entry fees goes to a charitable cause chosen by the garden owner. For more information, see the book "Scotland's Gardens 2015 Guidebook" or the website [www.scotlandsgardens.org](http://www.scotlandsgardens.org)

## Gardens and Houses to visit

There are many fine gardens (and houses and castles) to visit within easy reach of Kinross. A number of these, all in Fife, are National Trust for Scotland (NTS) properties: **Falkland Palace** and gardens, **Hill of Tarvit** mansion house and estate, **Kellie Castle** and gardens and the **Royal Burgh of Culross**, including the palace and gardens. NTS also has a garden in Perth, **Branklyn Garden**, which will be of interest to plant lovers.

A half-hour drive from Kinross, privately owned **Scone Palace** and gardens are open to the public. The beautiful formal gardens at **Drummond Castle, Crieff** are open from May to October.

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

## St Ronan's House Garden

**Sunday 21 June and Monday 22 June**

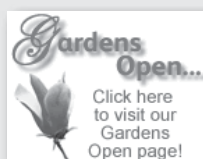
St Ronan's House garden will be open on Sunday and Monday, 21 and 22 June. It is a small peaceful garden, in the centre of town with elements of topiary, orchard, woodland and meadow! The catmint should be in full glory!

Admission is £4 and includes tea and cake (proceeds to Tieve Parish Church restoration fund).

So you can enjoy the peacefulness fully, we will limit the numbers in the garden at any one time, so please book ahead for a time slot by telephoning 01577 861033 or emailing [moirahookham@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:moirahookham@hotmail.co.uk)

*(St Ronan's is not part of Scotland's Gardens Scheme)*

### • Gardens info on our website •



More information about gardens open can also be found on our website, [www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org)



## Congratulations



Aileen **COOK** of Kinross is delighted to announce the engagement, on 12 May 2015, of her daughter **HAZEL** to **SCOTT GRAHAM**, son of Alan and Margaret Graham of Methven, Perthshire.

**FINLAY SCOTT** of Dalqueich was 1st in the Practice Chanter Under 13 class at the Perform in Perth Music Festival in March, winning the Perth & District Pipe Band trophy. Finlay attends Craigclowan School in Perth.

*Finlay Scott with the  
Perth & District Pipe  
Band trophy*



**LOCH LEVEN'S LARDER** has won the 'Best Retailer Initiative' award at the Greats Gift Retailer Awards 2015. This was in recognition of their "Cinderella's Gone Missing" event in November 2014, when children were invited to help Prince Charming and other pantomime characters search for Cinderella, taking part in festive crafts and family games along the way.

The Greats Awards are UK-wide, so the Wester Balgedie shop was competing against national chains and boutiques across the country.

Staff from the Larder attended a ceremony at the Savoy Hotel in London in early May to pick up the trophy.

Loch Leven's Larder won the 'Best Non-Specialist Retailer of Gifts' award at the same event last year, and was shortlisted in that category again this year.



*Emma Niven (owner), Emma McCallum (retail manager) and Katie Gilmour (merchandise buyer) collect an award for Loch Leven's Larder at an event at the Savoy Hotel, London*

**HUNTERS OF KINROSS** have won two awards in the 2015 Scottish Craft Butcher awards: a Gold award for their Breakfast Pie and a Silver award for their individual mince round. Almost 300 products from butchers shops across Scotland were submitted for evaluation by a team of experts. This is not the first award for Hunters' Breakfast Pie; it won a Gold award at the 2014 World Scotch Pie Championships. Hunters awards are shown in the photograph at right.

## Thanks



**LOCHEND FARM SHOP** has raised over £26,000 for the **Children's Hospice Association Scotland** since the Farm Shop opened. The money has been raised from their 'book drop' scheme. Lochend Farm Shop is grateful to everyone who has supported this.

**SCOTLANDWELL IN BLOOM** would like to thank everyone who supported their Plant & Bake sale at the Well Country Inn on Saturday 9 May. The sale was a great success, raising over £800 for in-bloom funds – hopefully we will be able to buy some new tools and of course, put them to good use in the coming weeks! This event would not take place without the support of Ronnie and Tanya and their staff (Well Country Inn), and we are very grateful to them not only for hosting the event, but for their fantastic donations of home baking and plants. We are of course also very grateful to everyone else who donated goods for sale, be it home baking, plants or handicrafts. There was a lovely atmosphere to the event, and locals took advantage of the opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours over coffee and cake, giving a real 'homely' feel to the event. Thanks also to Clare and Sue for their 'square' quiz and to everyone (too numerous to mention) who not only donated goods, but who also gave of their time preparing for the event and manning the stalls on the day.

**Thanks!** This year's Christian Aid Week addressed one of the greatest injustices of our time: discrimination against women. Women do two-thirds of the world's work, earn one tenth of the world's income and only own 1% of the world's property.



Sincere thanks to all those who supported our response to this injustice through **Christian Aid Week 2015**. A team of 30 volunteers walked the streets of Kinross and raised a total of some **£4500**. This marvellous response will go a long way to help transform the lives of impoverished women in the world's poorest countries.

The people of Kinross have once again been very generous, and we extend our most grateful thanks to all contributors on behalf of those you have helped - but will never meet.



*David Winton and Iain Hunter with the latest Craft Butcher awards won by Hunters of Kinross*

# Kinross-shire Churches Together



## Kinross Parish Church of Scotland

*Following Christ | Spreading the Word  
Serving the Community*



10 Station Road, Kinross KY13 8TG (Charity no SC012555)  
Church website: [www.kinrossparishchurch.org](http://www.kinrossparishchurch.org)  
Church E-mail: [office@kinrossparishchurch.org](mailto:office@kinrossparishchurch.org)  
Church office and church open: Mon-Fri 10am-12 noon.  
Church Office: Tel. (01577) 862570  
Minister: Rev Alan D. Reid MA, BD Tel: (01577) 862952  
Ordained Local Minister:  
Rev Margaret Michie Tel: (01592) 840602  
Session Clerk: Jaffrey Weir Tel: (01577) 865780

**Events listed below are in the church unless indicated otherwise.**

### Regular Services and events

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

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

**Tuesdays:** 10am: Pram Service.

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

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

**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 31** 18.30 Joint 'Digging Deeper' Service with Orwell and Portmoak at Kinross Parish Church: 'Job – The Suffering Believer'.

#### June

**Mon 1** 8am Silent Meditation.

**Tue 2** 2.30pm Service at Whyte Court.

**Thu 4** 7.30pm Guild Presbyterian Council meets at Kinross Parish Church.

**Sun 7** 10.30am Morning Service includes an all-age Quarterly Communion, with Junior Church and Jam Pact starting at the Church Centre and then joining the rest of the congregation for Communion.  
6.30pm Evening Communion: a more 'traditional' service.

The retiring collection at both Communion Services will be for Motor Neurone Disease Scotland (SC002662).

**Sun 14** 6.30pm Joint 'Digging Deeper' Service at Orwell church: 'Psalms – Singing the Lord's Song'.

**Thu 18** 9pm Late evening service of Compline.

**Sat 20** 8.30am Prayer Breakfast (names in advance to church office).

**Tue 23** 8pm Bible Study and Prayer Meeting, church centre.

**Sun 28** 10.30am Morning Service, including Junior Church prize giving.

12.30pm Picnic at Kirkgate park, organised by Kinross-shire Churches Together.

6.30pm Joint 'Digging Deeper' service at Kinross: 'Ecclesiastes'.

## Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

**Church of Scotland** (Charity number SC015523)

Locum Minister - Rev Duncan Stenhouse

Telephone: 01577 866992

Email: [duncan.stenhouse@btinternet.com](mailto:duncan.stenhouse@btinternet.com)

Website: [www.orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk](http://www.orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk)

### Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:

10am Portmoak Church,

11.30am Orwell Church.

All children welcome. Crèche available during Sunday Services.

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

**Prayer Meeting** held 30mins before each service.

**Service at Ashley House:** first Thursday of the month at 2.30pm.

### Morning Prayers at 9am

Each Thursday at Portmoak Church New Room.

Each Friday at Orwell Church.

**Messy Church:** Saturday 27 June in Portmoak Moss for a family afternoon out, from 4 to 6pm.

### Dates and events for your diary

**7 June** Joint service in Orwell Church at 10.30am.

No service at Portmoak Church.

**14 June** Communion service in both churches.

Everyone welcome

**Church office & shop** open Mon – Fri. 10am until 2pm.

29 South Street, Milnathort KY13 9XA.

Christian cards, gifts, bibles and books for sale. Printing and copying facilities available. Recycling for ink toners, stamps & batteries.

Donations of food can be made for the local Foodbank.

Contact the Office 01577 861200

[orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com](mailto:orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com)

## St James' R C Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Father Colin Golden Telephone: (01577) 863329

<b>Mass Times</b>	Saturday Vigil	7.00pm
	Sunday	9.30am

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

## 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.*

## Churches Together

### Fossoway, St Serf's & Devonside Church

Church of Scotland (Charity number SC013157)

Minister: Rev Lis Stenhouse Telephone: (01577) 842128  
Email: lissten@sky.com  
Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie Telephone: (01592) 840823  
Email: brianj.ogilvie1@btopenworld.com  
Session Clerk: Mrs Janet Harper Telephone: (01577) 840225  
Email: aclassicsoul@aol.com

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

#### June

**Sun 7** Morning Worship, followed by refreshments.

**Sun 14** 9.45am Morning Worship.  
3pm Shorter Celebration of Holy Communion  
followed by afternoon tea.

**Sun 21** 9.45am Morning Worship.

**Sun 28** 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 5 June, 9am in the Church Hall.

**Film Evening:** In the Church Hall, Friday 5 June, 7.30 - 9.30pm. *Join us for a film, a cuppa and a blether, and even some popcorn.*

### Cleish Parish Church of Scotland

(Charity number SC003168)

Minister: Rev Lis Stenhouse  
Telephone: (01577) 842128  
Email: lissten@sky.com  
Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie  
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Email: brianj.ogilvie1@btopenworld.com  
Session Clerk: Gordon McMillan  
Acting Session Clerk: Neil Maclure  
Telephone: (01577) 864826  
Email: neil.maclure19@gmail.com

Website: [www.cleishchurch.org](http://www.cleishchurch.org)

**Sunday Services** 11.15am

#### June

**Sun 7** 11.15am All-Age Morning Worship. Refreshments served in Village Hall.

**Mon 8** 3.15pm 'Messy Church' in Village Hall.

**Sun 14** 11.15am Morning Worship followed by a congregational lunch in the Village Hall.  
3pm A joint Communion service to be held in Fossoway Church, followed by afternoon tea served in the Elizabeth Wilkie Hall.

**Sun 21** 11.15am Morning Worship.

**Sun 28** 11.15am Morning Worship. Junior Church meets in Village Hall.

All welcome



### St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion)

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AY Telephone: 01577 864299

Email: [office@stpaulskinross51.plus.com](mailto:office@stpaulskinross51.plus.com)

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

Fr David Mackenzie Mills, Rector Telephone: 01577 863795

Email: [frdavidkinross@gmail.com](mailto:frdavidkinross@gmail.com)

You can also find us on Facebook

[www.facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalchurchkinross](https://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

(Except 3rd week) 2.30pm Midweek Holy Communion.

(3rd Wednesday) 12.30pm Lunch, Meditative Reflection and Holy Communion.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion.

#### Thursdays

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*

#### June Services and Events

**Sun 7 Pentecost 3** 8.30am Holy Communion.  
11am Sung Eucharist.

**Sun 14 Pentecost 4** 8.30am Holy Communion.  
11am Sung Eucharist.

**Sun 21 Pentecost 5** 8.30am Holy Communion.  
11am Sung Eucharist.

**Sun 28 Peter & Paul, Apostles**  
8.30am Holy Communion.  
11am Sung Eucharist.

**Everyone welcome at all services**

### Kinross Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross

Website: [www.kinrossgospelhall.info](http://www.kinrossgospelhall.info)

Sunday	10.30am	Breaking of Bread
	12.15pm	Sunday School
	6.00pm	Prayer Meeting
	6.30pm	Gospel Meeting
Monday	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
	8.15pm	Bible Study



# Playgroups and Toddlers

## Milnathort Babies & Toddlers

**Orwell Church Hall, Milnathort  
Friday 9.30am-11.15am**

A relaxed and friendly group  
Healthy snacks, tea & coffee  
Children from birth to 3 years  
(5 years if attending with younger sibling)  
Great fun for the kids, mums, dads and carers!

### PLACES NOW AVAILABLE!



To join in the fun  
call 07745 804539  
Email [milnathortbt@gmail.com](mailto:milnathortbt@gmail.com)  
Or find us on Facebook



## GLENFARG BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We meet in the newly refurbished village hall, Greenbank Road, Glenfarg on Wednesdays, 9.30-11.30am.

Healthy snack for children, coffee/tea & biscuits for carer  
Role play, jigsaws, physical toys and arts and crafts  
Friendly support for all carers  
First session free, £2 thereafter (£1 for additional children)

Contact Donna Smith on 07535 595430 or just come along!

## LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

**Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross**

**Session times (term time only)**

Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.15, Fridays 9.30 - 11.15

Contact Sylvia Flynn 07793 005732,  
[sylviaastewart@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sylviaastewart@hotmail.co.uk)

All Mothers, Fathers, and Carers are welcome to attend, with children aged birth to 5 years if accompanied by a younger sibling who shall be 3 years old or younger.

## PORTMOAK UNDER 5s

Portmoak Hall – between Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell (only 10 mins from Milnathort and Kinross)



We are a friendly and relaxed playgroup welcoming children aged 2-5. We offer a wide range of activities including arts and crafts, dressing up, outdoor play and stories. We also on occasion arrange outings, parties and have special visitors who come to the playgroup!

Babies and Toddlers (birth - 3yrs), Tues 9.45am - 11.15am.  
Sessions are £1.50 for first child and 50p for each additional child.

Playgroup (2yrs onwards), Mon & Fri 10am – 12noon.  
£4.50 per session.

Contact Jan Leach (Play leader/Manager)  
07753 421448

Email: [portmoakunderfives@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:portmoakunderfives@hotmail.co.uk)  
or find us on Facebook

## SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

21-23 Swansacre, Kinross  
Kinross-shire Playgroup Association  
Aka Swansacre Playgroup  
Reg Scottish Charity No SC017748



**Tel: 01577 862071 Mobile: 07592 392235**

*We provide a warm, friendly and stimulating environment in which children can learn and develop through play.*

**Playgroup:** Children from age 2 years welcome.

Tue to Fri 9.15am - 12 noon, Fri 12.30pm - 3.15pm

**Inbetweeners:** Mon 9.15am - 11.45am with Lunch Club afterwards. Children from the age of 3 years welcome.

**Rising Fives:** Tues & Wed 1pm - 3.15pm with Lunch Club beforehand. Complementary to preschool Nursery.

**For availability or more information, please contact:**

Jen 07852 208220, [enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com](mailto:enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com)  
or Playgroup on telephone numbers above.

### Baby and Toddler Group – Thurs 12.45-2.45pm

Ante-natal to pre-school. Fun for children; coffee and chat for the parent/carers. For more information, please contact Playgroup on 07592 392235.

The premises are available to hire for Private Functions. For more information, please contact Tracey 07557 051894 or the Playgroup on 07592 392235.

## LOCHLEVEN TWOS CLUB

**Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross**

**Thursdays 9.45 to 11.15am (term time only)**

A relaxed, friendly group for children from about 18 months to pre-school with their parent/carers. Play and pre-school activities, with a variety of toys. A snack is provided, plus coffee and tea for parents/carers. Younger siblings also welcome.

Contact Kristina Kooijman on [kristelkooijman@gmail.com](mailto:kristelkooijman@gmail.com)  
or 07990 430078 for further details,  
or find us on Facebook: Two's Club Kinross

## MONTGOMERY TODDLERS

Every Thursday 9.30am to 11am (term-time only)

The Gospel Hall, Montgomery Street, Kinross.

Contact Christina Smith 01577 840733 or 07792 260509

## FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

**Glenbank Cottage, Powmill**

Partner-provider for P&K Education



Places available for 3-5-year-olds and Rising Fives  
Sessions 9.30am - 12.45pm Monday - Thursday,  
9.30am - 12.30pm Fridays

Contact Pat Irvine 07703 177766 or  
[www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross](http://www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross)

## Private Nurseries and Childcare

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

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

# Notices



## 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](mailto:info@kinross-shirecivictrust.org)

Come and see our "Fifty shades of Greyhounds"

## Greyhound Rescue Fife's 8th annual dog show sponsored by



show held indoors  
Free parking

Tickets at the door or from  
the G.R.F. Kennels Price £4  
Accompanied children  
under 16 free  
Entry for each dog  
in all classes £1

Sunday 31st May 2015  
At Caldwell's Farm,  
Collessie, Fife, KY15 7UY.  
Doors open 11:00  
First Class 11:30

[www.greyhoundrescuefife.com](http://www.greyhoundrescuefife.com) email: [ferniejimmyf@aol.com](mailto:ferniejimmyf@aol.com)

## GLENFARG VILLAGE FETE SATURDAY 13TH JUNE 2015 1.30PM - ENTRY FREE WALLACE PARK GLENFARG



WILD WEST THEME - FANCY DRESS PARADE  
BROKEN LANCE WESTERN RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY  
BEER SALOON - CANTEN - BUCKING BRONCO  
HOT AIR BALLOON - PERTHSHIRE BRASS  
FAIRGROUND RIDES - KIDS LUCKY DIP - BURGERS  
CRAFT STALLS - BOTTLE STALL - SUMO WRESTLERS  
KINROSS VAULTERS - CLYDEBUILT PUPPET THEATRE  
LOTS OF OTHER ATTRACTIONS FOR ALL THE FAMILY

## THE KINROSS HUB A CAFE FOR CARERS

Monday 1st June 2015

Health & Social Care  
Integration meeting

Stephanie Cameron PKAVS  
(Community Engagement Worker)  
Talk & Discussion

Speakers will be at 10.30 am

The hub cafe is  
an informal  
meeting place to  
chat over a cuppa  
with other carers,  
cared for and  
family  
members.



St. PAULS CHURCH HALL  
KINROSS  
1st MONDAY of EVERY MONTH  
10am - 12noon

Contact Gail Boath  
or Annette Bond  
Tel. 01577 867306 / 01738  
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## Milnathort filmhouse saturday film



## The Book of Life

Sat 6th June 3pm  
Milnathort Town Hall

Find out more & reserve your tickets at

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

The Book of Life (PG) FAMILY MOVIE 3pm, doors open 2.30pm.  
Tickets available door or reserved on our website. Adult £5 (OAP &  
Student concession £3), Child £3, Family £15 (2 Ad, 2 Ch)

Pocket money tuck shop

big screen movies



CINEMA  
FOR ALL



## The Gaelic Society of Perth

The Society will hold their annual Gaelic Service on **Sunday 7 June at 3pm** at the Congregational Church, Kinnoull Street, Perth. The Rev. Donald Michael MacInness will lead the service. Refreshments will be provided after the service.

## Tackling Ebola in Sierra Leone



Talk by

**Dr Roger Alcock**

**Friday 19 June**

**at 7.30pm**

Cleish Village Hall

Roger was in the first wave of NHS volunteers including doctors, nurses and paramedics deployed to Sierra Leone in November 2014. His talk will highlight and discuss some of the challenges and situations faced by the team.

Tickets £5. All proceeds to Save the Children.

Phone 07899 794031 for tickets.



## KINROSS SUMMER FAYRE

**Saturday 27 June**

**12 noon – 4pm**

Come along and enjoy the fun!

### ‘CARNIVAL CELEBRATE’ SUMMER FAYRE...

This year’s theme will be ‘A Celebration Carnival’. There will be loads of Game stalls, activities, St Johnstone’s Football Stadium, Live Active, BBQ, Raffle, Bouncy Castles, Fun zone, Mr Whippy ice cream, Face painting, Hair Extensions, Nails, Glitter Tattoos, Home baking. We also have lots of stalls selling exciting items.

Sports for All with St Johnstone’s Football Stadium.

Face Painting • Glitter Tattoos

Hair Extensions • Nails

Fun Zone • Bouncy Castles.

Kinross Primary School

Station Road

Kinross

KY13 8TG

01577 867272

Sorry - no dogs allowed



## Mobile Post Office, Kinnesswood

Mondays and Wednesdays 1215 – 1315

Tuesdays and Fridays 1030 – 1200

## 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

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portmoakgala@gmail.com



## Home-Start Perth CHARITY ABSEIL

**Saturday 4 July**

Dundee Dental Hospital



For further details or to book a place,  
telephone 01738 638847

## The Michael Bruce Trust

### Service of Commemoration

**Sunday 5 July**

Each year, on the first Sunday of July, the Michael Bruce Trust holds a service of commemoration to celebrate the life and work of ‘The Gentle Poet of Loch Leven’.

The 2015 service will be held at 6.30pm on Sunday 5 July in Portmoak Parish Church. The service will be led by the Rev Duncan Stenhouse and our special guest speaker will be a distinguished former Moderator of the Church of Scotland, the Rev Professor Iain R Torrance, Dean of the Chapel Royal in Scotland and Dean of the Thistle. All are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served after the laying of a wreath on the Poet’s grave by Trust Chairman Professor David M Munro, MBE.







**Loch Leven Community Campus  
The Muirs, Kinross  
KY13 8FQ  
[www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk)**

**Community Learning & Development  
Adult Learning  
Free local and friendly support with:**

**English as a Second Language**

Would you like to improve your ability to:

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"I can enjoy books now"

"I feel more confident"

"Filling in forms is less scary"

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**BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

**If you would like further information  
regarding any of the tuition please  
contact:**

**Roseanne Gray**

Loch Leven Community Campus

Email: [rgray@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:rgray@pkc.gov.uk)

**Tel: 01577 867177**

**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](mailto:perth@thebikestation.org.uk)

Website: [www.thebikestation.org.uk](http://www.thebikestation.org.uk)

**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](http://www.vaperthshire.org)

If you would like to promote your **Organisations Volunteering Opportunities** please hand your information into reception for attention of: Tracey Ramsay (Community Capacity Building Worker)

Blank profiles are also available for your use if required. These are in the organisation folder at the VIP alternatively follow this link:  
[www.pkc.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=22228&p=0](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=22228&p=0)

The Volunteer Information Point has been organised and supported by Partners of the Kinross-shire Community Learning and Development Group.



For further information please contact Tracey Ramsay 01577 867177 or email [Tramsay@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:Tramsay@pkc.gov.uk)

**Kinross Community Council Newsletter Ltd  
Charitable Grants**

All profits from the Kinross Newsletter are transferred to a charitable company and given away to local good causes.

Local groups and individuals may apply to the charitable company, Kinross Community Council Newsletter Ltd (KCCNL), for grant funding. Decisions on disbursement of funds are made by Kinross CC at its monthly meetings.

Applications must comply with the purposes of KCCNL. These purposes, further information and an application form are available from the website [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)

Applications can be made on line or by downloading a form to fill in.

If you do not have internet access and would like a form, or if you have any queries, please telephone CCIr Barry Davies on (01577) 865004.

**Children's Hospice  
Association Scotland**



**Are you a book lover or have an interest in collectibles and bric-a-brac?** If so we are looking for you to help in our charity book shop in Kinross. We have vacancies on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays and we would love to hear from you if you could spare a few hours on any of those days. We would also be interested to hear from you if you could help occasionally to cover absences and holidays.

Our retail team is friendly and welcoming and volunteering with CHAS is a great way to meet new people, to learn new skills and to make a huge difference to the lives of the families who use our services.

For further information contact Will McLean on 01577 865005 or email [willmclean@chas.org.uk](mailto:willmclean@chas.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](mailto: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](http://www.plusperth.co.uk)  
Tel: 01738 626242  
77 Canal Street, Perth



PLUS is a member-led local charity and social movement which gives hope and opportunity to those affected by disadvantage; in the main to those with experience of mental ill health and substance misuse.

The PLUS office is open Mon-Fri 9.30am – 4pm  
for mental health signposting and enquiries.

### 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.



## 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](http://www.hopepregnancy.co.uk)

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre  
40 St John Street, Perth, PH1 5SP

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

email: [hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com](mailto:hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com)

Helpline 01738 621174

We are a Scottish Charity SC037103

## 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.

### 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](http://www.kinross.cc) or go to [www.pkc.gov.uk](http://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.)

## Healing Rooms Kinross and Loch Leven

Every Thursday from 10.30am -12 noon  
at the Orwell and Portmoak Church Office,  
29 South Street, Milnathort, KY13 9XA.

Trained volunteers from different churches will pray for your healing, physical, spiritual or emotional. Totally confidential.

No charge.

No appointment needed, but if preferred appointments can be arranged through the contact details on the website  
[www.healingrooms-scotland.org](http://www.healingrooms-scotland.org)



THE  
TALKING  
DONKEY

Every Friday 11am - 2pm  
@ The Millbridge Hall

For further information, or if you want to be involved please ring  
07766 515 950 or 07771 696 830

The Cafe where  
everything is  
**FREE!**

 Soups 

 Snacks 

 Hot Drinks 

 Cold Drinks 

 Home-cooked lunches 

All brought to your table by our friendly staff

The Talking Donkey is a Christian venture so there  
will always be people on hand to offer

**Prayer For Any Need**



## 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:

**9 & 23 June**

No appointment is necessary as the surgery is a drop-in service. For complex issues a further appointment may be necessary. Perth CAB can help you – our advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent. Contact us: Advice line 01738 450580; Appointment line 01738 450581.



## Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

### Benefits Advice in Libraries (BAIL)

Benefits specialist Sarah MacLean will be available at Loch Leven Community Campus Library on the **second and fourth Wednesday of each month** between 2pm and 4pm. Alongside the provision of general benefits advice Sarah can help with the following:

- Completing both paper and online benefit application forms;
- Conducting checks to see if clients are receiving everything they are entitled to, i.e. discounts for fuel, etc;
- Providing advice and support in instances where an application is refused or awarded at a lower level than expected.

Please note: Sarah is available **by appointment only**. To make an appointment, please call 01738 450599.



## Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

### Debt and Money Advice Service

Perth CAB has a team of specialist debt advisers who can help you deal with your debts.

- Do you feel trapped in Debt?
- Don't want to open letters or answer your own phone?
- Are you losing sleep at night?
- Is debt affecting your life?

#### We can help you to:

- Find realistic and practical solutions for your own situation
- We can help deal with your creditors and negotiate on your behalf
- Help you manage your money better

"After seeing the CAB debt adviser, I could sleep at night again" - a quote from a relieved client.

**Our advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent.**

Talk to a specialist debt adviser today on 01738 450 590, TEXT us on 07535 836 817 with your name and number and we will call you back, or alternatively email [zworkman@PerthCAB.casonline.org.uk](mailto:zworkman@PerthCAB.casonline.org.uk)



## Mindspace Counselling Service

Mindspace Counselling Services are now able to offer counselling to adults and young people aged 11+ at The Loch Leven Health Centre on Mondays and Tuesdays. We offer counselling to people who are facing a wide range of difficulties or challenges such as: bereavement or loss; isolation, anxiety or depression; stress of work or in the home; difficulties in friend, family or intimate relationships; confused feelings.

If you are interested in this service you can self-refer via email to [info@mindspacepk.com](mailto:info@mindspacepk.com), by telephone on 01738 631639 or by visiting our website at [www.mindspacepk.com](http://www.mindspacepk.com). You can also be referred by your GP.

Mindspace also offer counselling to adults (18+) at their offices in Perth. For more information visit our website at [www.mindspacepk.com](http://www.mindspacepk.com)



## Homes for cats wanted

Fife Cat Shelter, a Scottish Registered Charity, is always looking for homes for rescued cats.

Cats can be visited, by appointment, at Causeway Cattery, Scotlandwell.

Contact Rhona on 01383 830286.



## Perth & Kinross School Term Dates 2014-15

Term	Start	End
Summer	Tue 21 Apr 2015	Thu 2 July 2015

## 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  
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CleishCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk  
**Milnathort:** Chair: Bruce Hamilton (01577) 830616  
MilnathortCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk  
**Fossoway & District:** Secy: Kevin Borthwick (01577) 840845,  
fossoway.cc@gmail.com  
**Portmoak:** Chair: Malcolm Strang Steel (01592) 840459,  
PortmoakCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

## Portmoak Community Councillors

Robin G Cairncross	01592 840672
Bruce Calderwood	01592 840423
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Malcolm Strang Steel	01592 840459
Richard Williamson	01592 840538

[www.portmoak.org](http://www.portmoak.org)

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Moorend, Waulkmill Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross, KY13 0UZ

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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 3 & 17 June:

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 11 & 25 June:

Milnathort	South Street	0930 – 1130
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For more information about mobile library services, visit:  
[www.pkc.gov.uk/mobilelibrary](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/mobilelibrary) or phone 01577 867205.

## Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers

**Linda Freeman**

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## Kinross Community Councillors

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## Member of Parliament for Ochil & South Perthshire Constituency Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh MP

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## Perth & Kinross Council [www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk)

**Customer Service Centre** Tel: 01738 475000  
(Mon to Fri, 8am-6pm)

**Out of Hours Emergencies** Tel: 01738 625411  
(Roads, flooding, environmental health and dangerous buildings)

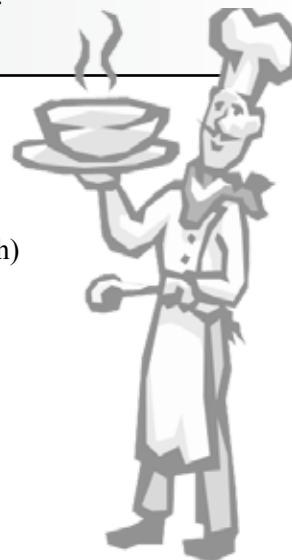
**Clarence** (for non-emergency road and lighting defects) Tel: 0800 232323

**Registrar** Tel: 01577 867133  
The Registrar is normally in Kinross only on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Loch Leven Community Campus

**Film shows • Cards • Dominoes • Art Class  
Daily Papers • Chiropody • Trips • Exercises**

## Weekly Programme

<b>Monday</b>	Exercise Class	11am	Bingo	1.30pm (except 8th)
	Dominoes, cards & other Games			1.15pm
	"Stride for Life" Walking Group			2pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Relaxation Class	1.15pm	Games	1.15pm
	Singing group with Alex Cant		1.45pm	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Morning Worship	10.45am		
	Dominoes, Scrabble & other Games			1.30pm
	Fantastic Fun Quiz	1.30pm		
<b>Thursday</b>	Art Class	1.30pm	Film Afternoon	1.30pm
	Dominoes, Scrabble, cards etc		1.30pm	
<b>Friday</b>	Dominoes, Games and Filmshow	1.30pm		
	Bingo		1.30pm	



## Additional Events for June

<b>Annual General Meeting</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2nd</b>	1.30pm
<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3rd, 17th</b>	1.30 - 2pm
<b>Chiropody</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4th, 25th</b>	9.45am - 1pm (phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)
<b>Library Trip</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4th</b>	
<b>BIG FANTASTIC prize bingo with a twist</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>8th</b>	1.30pm
<b>Magical Mystery Day Trip &amp; Lunch</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9th</b>	10am
<b>Food from around the world</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10th</b>	noon
<b>Live music Rab &amp; Lyndsey</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11th</b>	1.30pm
<b>Barge Trip</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>12th</b>	10am

There will also be other activities that are yet to be organised!

**Annual General Meeting will be held on 2 June at 1.30pm**

**All interested parties are welcome. Agenda includes approval of accounts and appointment of committee.**



**Coffee Bar open to the public 8.30am - 4pm, Older Adults Lunches Daily**

Our activities are open to everyone - please feel free to come in and have a great afternoon.

**Phone: 01577 863869 Fax: 01577 863869 Email: kindaycent@tiscali.co.uk**

## LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



### Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

Mon - Fri: 9.00 am - 6.00 pm  
Saturday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm  
Tel: 862422

### Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

Mon to Fri: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm &  
2.00 pm - 6.00 pm  
Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm  
Tel: 862219



**Sundays: The nearest open pharmacy is  
Asda, Dunfermline**

## Perth Samaritans

Need to talk? We'll listen.

Contact us by

**phone** on 01738 626666 or 08457 909090

**Email** us jo@samaritans.org

or **visit** us at 3 King's Place, Perth, PH2 8AA

**Mondays** 1630 - 2130 **Thursdays** 1630 - 1900

**Wednesdays** 0830 - 1100 **Fridays** 1000 - 1630

**and** 1930 - 2130 **Sundays** 0800 - 2130

**No pressure, no names, no judgment.**

**We're here for you, anytime.**

## Grants and Funding Websites

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

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

## 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.

**Wardrobe tinted mirror doors £40**  
Set of 4 sliding wardrobe tinted mirror doors complete with top and bottom tracks. Each door is 76cm x 222cm (30" x 87.5") and the set fits an opening 300cm wide (118"). Available for collection.  
Seller Details: Ken Paterson 01577 862816  
ken.paterson34@gmail.com

**Highchair £25**  
I have 2 brand new compact highchairs for sale. The chairs feature a large tray with cup holder and wipe clean seat plus a five point harness and folds for storage. Suitable for children up to 3 years. Will sell together, £45.00 or separately.  
Seller Details: Pam Shedden  
pamelashedden@hotmail.com

**Kinross High School Boy's Blazer £20**  
Description: As new, 36" chest size  
Seller Details: David Munro 01577 862126  
d\_g\_munro@hotmail.com

**4m DIY Aluminium Scaffolding Tower £120**  
Light Weight, easy and quick to erect. Suitable for indoor or outdoor use.  
Seller Details: Mike Hughes 01577 840385

## 100th Birthday and Diamond Wedding Anniversaries

Do you know a Perth & Kinross resident who is celebrating their 100th or 105th+ birthday?

Do you know a Perth & Kinross couple celebrating their 60th, 65th or 70th wedding anniversary?

PKC would like to help celebrate the special occasion. PKC can arrange delivery of a basket of flowers or for a local Councillor to present a basket of flowers to the person or couple on their special day.

Tel: 01738 475051 Email: CivicServices@pkc.gov.uk

## Newsletter Deadlines 2015

Please note, deadlines are on a **FRIDAY**. More deadlines for the months ahead can be found on our website.

In very rare circumstances it may be necessary to change a deadline at short notice. Check Newsletter website for latest information: [www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org)

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
July	Fri 12 June	Saturday 27 June
August	Fri 17 July	Saturday 1 August

## Blythswood Care

Sainsbury's Car Park

(if car park is full, van will park nearby, e.g. Park & Ride or Ochil View)

**Monday 8 June**

**between 10.30 am and 10.55 am**

Further details from 862258

## Situations Vacant

Please see Newsletter vacancies below and the advertisement for the Court House restaurant on page 19.

### INTERNSHIP Marketing

Kinross Community Council Newsletter is seeking someone to assist with an advertising project over summer 2015.

This will suit a student studying marketing or a similar subject. It is an unpaid post but any expenses incurred will be covered. If interested, please contact Eileen Thomas on 01577 863714 or email [editor@kinrossnewsletter.org](mailto:editor@kinrossnewsletter.org)

### ASSISTANT EDITOR required for

#### Kinross Community Council Newsletter

We are looking for a computer literate person with good typing and word processing skills who is proficient in spelling and grammar. Attention to detail is important. Knowledge of, and enthusiasm for, the community activities taking place in Kinross-shire is desirable.

Work would be from your own home or office on your own computer. The work is expected to take around 20 hours per issue and there are eleven issues per year. Most of the work would take place over the course of one week for each issue. Good rate of pay. If interested, contact Eileen Thomas, Editor, on 01577 863714 or email [editor@kinrossnewsletter.org](mailto:editor@kinrossnewsletter.org)

## UPDATE Milnathort Town Hall RENOVATION

Please note that all regular classes will be running as normal up to the summer school break.

Milnathort Town Hall is not taking any ad hoc bookings for the period between now and the end of October. However we are happy to help you plan your winter by taking bookings from our reopening after the October holiday school break 2015. Just get in touch through our facebook page 'Friends of Milnathort Town Hall'.

Stage 1 of our renovations will run throughout the summer, to re-open after the October holiday school break 2015. The hall, kitchen and toilets will all be upgraded We'll keep you posted here with updates!!

Many thanks,  
The Milnathort Town Hall committee





# Diary

*A more extensive and regularly updated  
Diary of Events can be found on [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)*

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