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## Editorial

The Newsletter team and board of directors have recently carried out the annual review the Newsletter (for April 2014 to March 2015) and are delighted to report that sales of copies have gone up 3% on the previous financial year.

Many thanks to our readers and of course all the local businesses who support the Newsletter by advertising with us. The Newsletter would not exist without these businesses. It is because of the shops, trades and services who advertise with us that we can publish news from clubs, societies, notices of what's on and keep everyone up to date with local issues. Readers, please, in turn, support the local trades and services and let them know you saw their advert in the Newsletter! Thanks also to the various outlets that stock the Newsletter.

All profits made by the Newsletter are returned to the community in the form of grants to local good causes, given out by Kinross CC. A little over £10,000 will be added to the charitable account this year from the Newsletter.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributes to the Newsletter, but particular thanks to **Fiona Turnbull** and **John Buchanan**, farming correspondents, and **Rita Wilson**, who supplies the weather report for Kinross, as they are not performing a duty for a particular organisation, but giving their talent and time freely to inform, educate and entertain us.

We were sad to lose two long-serving members of the Newsletter team in the Newsletter working year referred to: Malcolm Smith, who supplied the Carnbo weather report for over 29 years, who died in April 2014, and Julia Fulton, who helped process the Newsletter submissions for nine years and went on to new employment last summer.

Next month we will be joined by new Assistant Editor, Joyce Horsman, and summer intern, Amber Douglas. Thanks to all who expressed an interest in these posts.

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## Abbreviations

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CC: Community Council  
Cllr: Councillor  
CCllr: Community Councillor

## Notice to Irresponsible Dog Owner

I, like many of our fellow citizens, was delighted when the owners of their dogs uplifted their dog's 'poo' by bagging same. This made it safer for children etc to play in grass areas, and one didn't drag it into one's house on the soles of their feet.

Imagine my surprise when clearing the area at the rear of my garage recently to find two bags full of dog 'poo' lying on the ground having been thrown over the 6' fence by one, or possibly two, irresponsible dog owners. A number of dog walkers pass my home, on the footpath on the north side of Springfield Road, and I respectfully ask that the owner(s) responsible refrain from this despicable action in the future.

K D Scott

13 Maree Place, Kinross

## Pebble Border Terrier Rescue

Dear Editor, Please may I use your column to get a message of heartfelt thanks to the two very kind young ladies who rescued my very naughty Border Terrier pup, Pebble.

On Friday 5 June she ran off during a walk and ended up at Burleigh Sands car park, where she was spotted. Luckily the rescuers later saw me while I was searching for her and we were reunited.

I'm sure she would have loved to spend the evening with them, as she looked quite happy sitting on the back seat of their car, on the way to the Police Station. Luckily the two young ladies saw me searching, so Pebble did not end up in Police custody!

If possible, could they please get in touch so we can thank them properly.

Also, thanks to Sara Morrison who mentioned Pebble on Facebook.

Susie Clark

25 Burleigh Road, Milnathort, KY13 9SS

Tel: (01577) 864796

## Thanks for help with car fire

On Wednesday 10 June my MG caught fire on my drive. This was a traumatic occurrence but was also a heart warming one as passers-by stopped and, using their own fire extinguishers, tried to put out the fire until the police and fire service arrived. I have managed with the help of Laurie, my daughter, and social media to identify John Radcliffe, but have been unable to find the other two. I would like to thank them and replace their extinguishers.

Also a big thank you to Kinross Fire Service and Kinross Police. It could have been so much worse without everyone's help and support.

Anne Traynor

65a Muirs, Kinross

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## Response to Ken Miles'

### June Letter

Mr Miles criticises me 'in particular' (his words) for what he perceives are failures in the Kinross town centre improvements. Initially opposed to the principle of improvement, he now criticises the manner of its execution. He is, of course, entitled to his opinion.

What he is not entitled to do is single me out for 'blame' in matters relating to the current, admittedly, slow moving, improvements in Kinross. It is a matter of record that all four Ward 8 Councillors support the current works in Kinross; indeed, it was Councillor Robertson who moved for approval

of the relevant paper at the Development Management Committee meeting and which I seconded.

In logic, this leads me to surmise that Mr Miles' criticism of me alone for works which are supported by all the Councillors, has some other motivation. What? Is it personal? I don't think so, as I hardly know him. What, then?

Could it be that by singling me out for criticism he is making a proxy attack on the SNP, my party? Given my understanding that Mr Miles has been a supporter of the Labour Party in Kinross, is his attack on my integrity mere a disguised attack on my politics? Newsletter readers are entitled to come to their own conclusions.

Councillor Joe Giacopazzi

## Memories of Kinross Town Hall

Each time I pass the Kinross Town Hall in the bus which takes me to Perth, I remember the times I spent in it.

Soon after moving from Hertfordshire to Kinross-shire 50 years ago, I was invited to join the Kinross RNLI Committee. This proved to be a stroke of genius as it meant I made new friends in a new area.

We put on an annual fundraising event in the Town Hall, usually a concert. I remember the East Fife Male Voice Choir entertained us more than once. On one occasion it was a Clothes Show Through the Ages.

When I became chairperson, I used to practise speaking from the stage to make sure everyone, even at the back of the hall, could hear me!

On one occasion we were invited to an RNLI event at the coast – was it the launching of a new lifeboat?

On another occasion we were invited to the AGM in Edinburgh where some of us were presented with long-service badges

by a relative of the Prime Minister, Sir Alec Douglas-Home. When I retired from the committee I was presented with a beautifully handcrafted RNLI plaque, engraved with a message of thanks for my 25 years' service. This still hangs with pride in my lounge and I still exchange Christmas cards with one member of the committee.

From then on my secretarial skills were used on numerous committees from Perth to Dunfermline. Having been a verbatim reporter before I married in 1954, I usually became secretary and only gave up when my hearing made it difficult for me to follow everything which was going on.

I became involved in badminton – my first love, political committees, hall committees, community councils and three newsletters, two of which I still help to produce.

Being a Scot, speaking with an English accent, it has been quite a journey!

Mary Smith (née Stuart)

Maryburgh, Blairadam



Kinross Town Hall was used as a venue for many events. This photograph (c.1966) shows the audience for *Have a Go*, a popular quiz hosted by Wilfred Pickles and broadcast on the radio. The town's Provost of the time, Rosamund Beveridge, can be seen in the centre of the front row.

Photo courtesy of Kinross Museum





## High Street environmental improvements

*Monthly update by Ross Fletcher, Perth & Kinross Council*

As all residents and businesses in Kinross will be aware, the Environmental Improvement works in the High Street are now well underway. The first phase of the works, which involve the footways between Station Road and Avenue Road, is programmed to be substantially complete by the end of June with the contractor also moving down the High Street and working on the larger areas of footway between Avenue Road and Burns Begg Street in June and July.

In early July the contractor (Rainton Construction) is also programmed to commence works in the carriageway. These works will involve laying a new asphalt surface as well areas of natural stone paving. Road closures will be required to protect road users and site

operatives, ensuring that the works can be carried out safely. The road closures will be implemented sequentially, commencing south of the Burns Begg Street junction and moving up the High Street as required. During any road closures, vehicular access to the High Street will be maintained as much as possible by using local diversion routes. Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times. The diversion for 'through traffic' will be via the Kinross Relief Road.

Rainton Construction will be contacting all businesses in advance of these road closures to discuss logistical requirements and how the traffic management can be planned to best accommodate their needs. All businesses and residents in the High Street and surrounding area are encouraged to attend the drop in sessions that continue

to be held in the Day Centre every Wednesday from 1pm to 3pm to ask any questions they have about the proposed road closures or the works in general.

Perth and Kinross Council would like to take this opportunity to thank all local residents and businesses for their patience as these works progress. It is acknowledged that these road closures will cause disruption while works are ongoing in the carriageway, however local residents and businesses should rest assured that Rainton Construction and Perth and Kinross Council will endeavour to ensure that this disruption is minimised as much as possible. If anyone has any concerns or recommendations prior to or during these road closures, then they should use one of the contacts for the site team that have already been provided or attend a weekly drop in session.



*Artist's impression of the area outside the Town Hall after the environmental improvements*

## Councillor Giacopazzi

### Replacement Kinross Primary School

A complaint was raised at Kinross CC this month that the Council had not engaged in consultation with neighbours over the planned new primary school at Station Road. I responded that, as there were no actual plans as yet, there was little on which to consult. Also, as the responsible officials were experienced in promoting projects of this kind, they would be well aware of the issues which might cause neighbours concern.

I raised the question of the new school with Steven Crawford, Property Services Manager, at a meeting which I attended with Cllr Cuthbert. He confirmed the timetable for the £10 million plus project:

August 2015-May 2016	Design and Planning
May 2016-August 2016	Contract finalisation
August 2016	Construction begins
December 2017	School handed over

This schedule leaves sufficient time for neighbour consultation. A user reference group of parents, teachers, councillors etc will soon be set up to liaise with council officials and provide local input.

### Milnathort Steeple

I took the opportunity of the meeting with Steven Crawford to raise questions over the condition of Milnathort Town Hall steeple. The red sandstone of the façade has eroded to such an extent in some places that it is possible to see daylight through the wall! As the fabric of the town hall and steeple remain a Council responsibility, this will now go on a 'to do' list although Mr Crawford could not inform us of when repairs might be effected.

### Proposed Milnathort Conservation Area (CA)

Following two presentations by Alistair Smith of Kinross-shire Civic Trust to Milnathort CC, the CC decided not to support the proposal, as it was felt no justification had been given for the move. Also, it was felt that where householders can currently make a variety of changes under 'permitted development rights' (satellite dishes, solar panels, garden sheds, double glazing, tree cutting, altering paintwork etc), they would have to submit planning applications for these changes in a conservation area. The cost of a minor application is £204 and £402 for a full application; plus architect's fees. Nevertheless, the Civic Trust has asked the Council to include their proposals for a Milnathort CA to be included in the new Local Development Plan. Personally I welcome comments from the community on how it feels about the proposal. To date such comments as I have received have not favoured the creation of a Milnathort CA.



### Wester Balgedie Shared Use Path

'Shared use' refers to the fact that the path will be for pedestrian and cycle use. At the Enterprise & Infrastructure Committee meeting of 3 June I, as Vice Convener, introduced a paper relating to 'Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets', a Scottish Government initiative whereby £223,000 was granted to PKC towards the creation of paths and cycle ways. From this sum, the committee agreed to allocate £25,000 in the next financial year for the continuation of a shared use path on the opposite side of the road at Wester Balgedie from Dryside Road towards Toll House. Last year's work at Swansacre, Kinross, which provided a speed table, footway widening and a one-way system, was funded through the same scheme.

### Milnathort Issues

I reported the following to the CC. Firstly, Burleigh Road is to be resurfaced at the cost of £43,000 before next April, which is good news given its current patchy state. Secondly, at a meeting with Scottish Water officials, I learned that the upgrade to Milnathort's creaking sewage system is to proceed. There is no timetable yet. This will cause serious disruption at the Cross, where four-way lights will be in operation while a large attenuation tank is sunk into what is currently a flowerbed. The other tank will be placed in my garden off New Road. I have given permission for the work on my premises as it is essential to safeguard against flooding in the centre of the village; a case of short-term pain for long-term gain. Milnathort residents will recall that the most recent localised flooding in the village was due to the inability of the drains to cope with the result of a torrential rainstorm. Several householders suffered from sewage backing up the drains and contaminating their homes.

### Local Development Plan

The process of revising the 2014 LDP has begun. Daft, if you ask me, but this is decreed by Big Government. Concerns have been expressed over the possible inclusion of H46, the site in Kinross next to the M90, in the updated plan. In discussion with officers I learned that for any new area of land to be identified for house building in the revised plan, there would have to be a shortage of current viable building land. It does not appear to me that there is any such shortage.

### Flats at Wester Loan

An application to build five flats came before the Development Management Committee on Wednesday [10 June]. Following concerns which I raised relating to flooding, lack of parking and the finishings of the proposed block, the application was deferred for further discussion with the applicants.

*Councillor Joe Giacopazzi*

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## Diamond award is icing on the cake for Curling Trust

A local voluntary organisation has won a prestigious award in recognition of its success in securing the future of curling in the area.

Kinross Curling Trust was presented with the Ice Diamond Award by the Royal Caledonian Curling Club (RCCC), the governing body of the sport in Scotland, at the RCCC's 177th Annual General Meeting in Edinburgh on 13 June.

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. Kinross Curling Trust is a charitable company with around 400 members and eight trustees (directors). When the Green Hotel curling rink was at risk of closure due to the need for considerable investment in the facility, Kinross Curling Trust negotiated a long-term lease from the owners and set about raising the £1 million required to bring the curling rink up to standard. Almost half of this sum was from donations and loans from local curlers and community organisations, with the remainder

coming in the form of grants and loans from bodies such as sportscotland and the World Curling Federation.

The Trust directors have been running the curling rink, now known as Kinross Curling, since August 2013 and oversaw the extensive upgrade of the facility

during the summer of 2014. As their nomination statement said, "Kinross now has a bright, legally compliant, energy-efficient hall with excellent ice. The Trustees are successfully running the facility and have helped foster a great community spirit."



*Some current and recent trustees of Kinross Curling Trust with the Ice Diamond Award after the RCCC AGM. From left: Phil Barton, Ena Stevenson, Anne Malcolm and Bob Tait, Trust Chairman*



The Right Rev Dr Angus Morrison of Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church, who is this year's Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and Rev Alan Reid of Kinross Parish Church and chaplain to the Moderator, give us a twirl in the Royal Mile at the General Assembly in May.

*Photo courtesy of Andrew O'Brien*

## Curious catch at Loch Leven

There have been some fine catches of brown trout since the fishing season started at Loch Leven, but Willie the Ghillie's blog contained an intriguing entry for the period ending 10 June:

"Most interesting basket of the week undoubtedly goes to John Reid who was out fishing with Donald McGregor on a still pretty breezy Sunday. He had a 6 lbs 6 ozs trout which would have been notable enough in itself but he and Donald also had the distinction of netting a red squirrel whilst out fishing in the North Deeps. How it got there, nobody knows but there it was all of a sudden scampering along the gunwale of their boat before leaping back into the water. "Although squirrels can swim perfectly well, it was a long way from the shore and so John and Donald netted it, took it ashore where it was safely released."



*The red squirrel caught in Loch Leven by John Reid and Donald McGregor  
Photo and text courtesy of  
of Loch Leven Fisheries*

**Deadline for all Submissions  
5.00 pm, FRIDAY 17 July  
for publication on Saturday 1 August**

## Councillor Barnacle

### Review of the Local Development Plan (LDP) – Pre Main Issues Report (MIR) Submissions



Readers of the Newsletter may recall the abridged copy of my submission to Planning of 31/03/15 on the above in the May 2015 edition.

At the Member Officer Working Group (Planning Policy & Practice) on 08/06/15 we were provided with an overview of the submissions received to the LDP Call for Sites and Issues Consultation and I thought in this month's report I would provide readers with a brief outline of this.

A total of 272 submissions for the PKC area were made. In relation to Sites, over half of those suggested are not new and resurrect ones submitted for the previous LDP preparation. It is unlikely that the majority of these will be brought forward for consideration in the MIR, unless a shortfall in housing land supply occurred. This does not mean that future LDPs will not reconsider them as such supply reduces.

Of the 56 policies in the LDP, comments were made in relation to 43 of them and the following policies stand out as raising most issues, viz:

- PM4 Settlement boundaries,
- ED1 Employment and Mixed Use Areas,
- RD3 Housing in the Countryside (suggests a need to review Supplementary Guidance and provide clarity on brownfield land, steading conversions and redevelopment of farm buildings),
- RD5 Gypsy travellers' sites (comments all relate to Kinross-shire, where we have a particular problem, including my call for a review and that the policy should not apply in the Lochleven Catchment Area),
- ER1 Renewable and Low-carbon energy generation (policy deficit urgently requires addressing on wind energy with further policy/guidance on solar farms and preventing pollution incidents during construction of river hydro schemes).

As regards the sites submitted to PKC for Kinross-shire, which currently have not been given any support from PKC, the following is a brief summary, viz:

**Balado:** Three proposals (residential): 2.7 hectares west of Balado Crossroads, 1.8 hectares west of H51 in LDP and 3.4 hectares on E35 in LDP.

**Blairingone:** A residential proposal of 10.5 hectares (covering H74 in LDP and land to south of A977) with traffic calming.

**Cleish:** A residential proposal for six houses on 1.2 hectares at Nivingston Estate.

**Crook of Devon:** Four proposals (residential): 1.2 hectares of Church glebe land south of West Crook Way, a site east of the Village Hall with A977 traffic calming, a large 36-hectare site south of the current village boundary and a 20-house development on sloping fields to the north of Back Crook.

**Greenacres:** My request that the traveller site boundary in our current LDP be enclosed to prevent further retrospective expansion by securing landscaping and tree screening.

**Keltybridge, Maryburgh & Blairforge:** Four proposals for residential development: a small site west of Keltybridge, a small site north of Maryburgh, a 3-hectare site east of the B917 in Keltybridge and a 1.9-hectare brownfield site north west of Blairforge.

**Kinnesswood:** Two proposals – one for a single house to the east of Bishop's Terrace and the other the inclusion of Stephen's Field (6 hectares) into the Kinnesswood boundary as amenity/open space supported by Portmoak Community Council and myself.

**Kinross:** Five proposals (four residential and one employment/mixed use). Residential are: H46 (a lot of representations seeking its retention as open space/community woodland, including from myself), a paddock area at the northern end of same, a 5.5-hectare proposal to re-designate OP15 of LDP and a proposal to increase site H47 at Lathro westwards from 260 to 400 homes. The employment site is for 18 hectares of land west of the M90 and south of the A977, which continues to concern me.

**Milnathort:** A proposal for a new conservation area status. Three proposals for residential development: 0.3 hectares at Moss Road, 2 hectares at Auld Mart Road and 13 hectares across three sites at Perth and Burleigh Roads, redefining the eastern boundary.

**Powmill:** A proposal for a mixed-use development on a 6-hectare site south of the Aldie Road and east of the A977 to replace the existing LDP zoned sites H53 (Gartwhinzean) and E23 (Powmill Cottage).

**Rumbling Bridge:** A 1.5-hectare housing allocation proposal between Merryhills and the Nursing Home.

**Scotlandwell and Kilmagadwood:** Representations seeking to retain their recently established separate settlement boundaries, contrary to what I thought was the community view. Four residential development proposals: 1 hectare on the eastern edge of Scotlandwell, 0.9 hectare north of the current building line settlement boundary at Leslie Road, 1 hectare east of H54 (this may ensure only single-storey housing is permitted on both sites) and 1.5 hectare south of H54 and 1 hectare of community woodland.

Local members will be meeting with Planning Officers in late June/early July to discuss all of the above and the Overview Report in more detail. The document is now available on-line at <http://www.pkc.gov.uk/mainissuesldp2> and I understand it is the intention to submit a final Main Issues Report to PKC on 07/10/15 prior to a statutory period of further consultation. I will be considering, along with my colleague Councillor Cuthbert, organising some public meetings/presentations on the above, possibly in co-ordination with Community Council meetings in the late summer/early autumn but hope this Report helps and is informative meantime.

*Councillor Mike Barnacle  
Independent Member for Kinross-shire*

## Changes to speed limits agreed

Cllr Mike Barnacle reports that the following speed limits, requested by the community and local elected members, were agreed at PKC's Enterprise & Infrastructure Committee Meeting of 3 June 2015:

- **Maryburgh:** Provision of 30mph speed limit covering Maryburgh.
- **Hatchbank Road:** Extension to the 30mph speed limit on the U255 Hatchbank Road, Gairneybank.
- **Gairneybank and Gairneybridge:** Reduction of the current 50mph speed limit to 40mph at Gairneybank and extension of the 40mph limit south to Gairneybridge.



## Giacopazzi's scoops top award

Fourth generation family business Giacopazzi's of Milnathort has been named Scottish Local Retailer of the Year in an awards scheme organised by Scottish Local Retailer magazine. As part of the prize, Managing Director Joanna Casonato will travel to Las Vegas in October to take part in the world's largest convenience retail trade conference.

Joanna is the great-granddaughter of Italian immigrant Giuseppe Giacopazzi, who founded the business as an ice cream parlour in Milnathort's New Road in 1910.

The current shop, which underwent a considerable refurbishment last year, operates as a Nisa convenience store and is owned by Joanna and her husband Franck.

Editor of Scottish Local Retailer magazine, Kevin Scott, said of the refit: "... one look at the store they've created and it's clear to see this was money well spent.

"What's also clear is that they understand modern retail and what a convenience store must provide for its customers and its local community. Joanna and Franck's passion and attention to detail is evident in every aspect of the store and throughout their approach to the business."

As well as winning the top award, Giacopazzi's won the Best Refit award and Bread & Bakery Retailer of the Year.



*l to r: Kevin Mitchell (Japan Tobacco International), Franck and Joanna Casonato (Giacopazzi's), and Antony Begley of Scottish Local Retailer magazine at the awards ceremony held in the Grand Central Hotel, Glasgow*

## Portmoak cemetery concerns

Cllr Willie Robertson has written to the Convener of PKC's Environment Committee to request that a report be provided regarding the capacity of cemeteries in the local authority area.

Cllr Robertson writes: "The residents of Portmoak and Portmoak Community Council are very concerned to find out that ... the parish cemetery is almost at capacity.

"As a member of the Environment Committee I was surprised that this capacity issue was never made known to the committee.

"Would it be possible to have a report at the next Environment Committee highlighting which cemeteries are at or near capacity and what steps are being taken to address this."

The Environment Committee next meets in September.

## Kinross Show Call for Entries

Kinross Agricultural Show returns to its spectacular setting at RSPB Loch Leven on **Saturday 8 August** and Agricultural Society President Iain Campbell is calling for entries to be submitted as soon as possible. The deadline for entries is **Wednesday 15 July**.

Following last year's successful display, a poultry section with several classes has been introduced to this year's show.

There are, of course, the traditional classes for cattle, sheep, goats, horses and ponies.

The premium list and entry forms are available online at: [www.kinross-show.com](http://www.kinross-show.com)



*Do you want to be a champion at the 2015 Kinross Show? Get your entry in by Wednesday 15 July!*

The Flower Show includes an exciting range of children's classes including "Model Farm in a Seed Tray" and the ever-popular "Decorated Welly Boot Classes" along with the Flower, Fruit, Vegetable and Floral Art sections. Entries are accepted at the Flower Show Tent in the Show Field until 9pm on Friday 7 August and between 8am and 9.30am on Show Day itself.

For dog lovers, there is a Dog Scurry and a Companion Dog Show with nine classes ranging from pedigree dogs to cross breed and classes for the "Waggiest Tail" and "Most Appealing Eyes". There really is a class for every type of pooch! Entries are taken on the day of the show between 10.30am and 12.30pm.

As well as seeing the various animals, visitors to the show can browse the craft and Scottish Women's Institute tents and the various trade stands.

This year's main ring entertainment will be Terrier Racing. Other attractions include the Kinross & District Pipe Band and Vintage Tractor Display. The popular Children's Fancy Dress Parade will also take place in the main ring. This is open to all youngsters; entrants can be with or without a pony. Show ground entry is £10 for adults, £7 concessions and children under 16 free. Parking is £2 (entry through gate 3).

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# Sun shines on farmers and animals at Hilton of Aldie

Open Farm Sunday on 7 June was a phenomenal success, with 1100 visitors who all came to learn more about food and farming, which was fantastic to see. The whole purpose of the day is education and to encourage as many people as possible to get up close and see what goes on beyond the farm gate at Hilton of Aldie and to understand how their food is produced.

The event raised well over £1500 for local charities, putting the money back into our community around Kinross and also raising awareness for local groups.

We could not hold the event without the kind help of our neighbours, our local farmers, their dogs, machinery, the KLEO committee and many others who helped both before and during the day. Also to everyone who helped advertise the event or who used social media to pass the word around, a huge thank you.



*An excellent turn-out at Open Farm Sunday*

*Dawes Farming*



*Visitors found the sheep shearing fascinating*

We have uploaded some photographs to our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/dawesfarmer](http://www.facebook.com/dawesfarmer).

Please take a look, and if you took some photographs on the day and are happy to share them with us, please email them to [rebecca@farmerdawes.co.uk](mailto:rebecca@farmerdawes.co.uk)

*Colin Dawes  
and family*

*Photos: Eileen Thomas*



*Getting to know the animals...*

## Planned road repairs in Kinross-shire 2015-2016

### Overlay carriageway:

ZU236 Maryburgh – Keltybridge

ZU218 Nivingstone

u/c Swansacre to School Wynd/Piper Row, Kinross

### Plane off existing surface and resurface carriageway:

A977 Powmill to Rumbling Bridge junction

### Surface dressing:

ZU221 Gelvan – A977 to B9097

ZU221 Gelvan – A977 to A91

ZC494 Coldrains

ZC493 Cleishmills – B9097 to junction, Boreland Farm

ZC494 Aldies

### Drainage

B9097 Cleishmill to A977 (filter drain)

A977 Crook of Devon village (install side entry gullies)

### Patching and reinstatements:

B919 Mawcarse – Balgedie Toll

A911 Burleigh Road, Milnathort

A911 Between Milnathort and Kinnesswood

A977 From Turfhill to Balado

ZC413 Tillyrie to Stronachie

u/c Church Brae, Glenfarg to Candy Farm

B996 Kinross High Street

### Footway works, reconstruction:

A922 Springfield Road, Kinross (tree roots)

### Footway works (proprietary):

u/c Greenbank Road/Crescent, Glenfarg

u/c McWilliam Place, Kinross

u/c McBain Place, Kinross

### Road closures in July

There will be a number of road closures in Kinross-shire in July for the purpose of carriageway repairs etc. For details of these, see the notice on [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)

# Ten heavenly years

Heaven Scent, the popular multi-award winning café in Milnathort, has just had its tenth birthday!

The South Street coffee shop has evolved during that time, of course, with changes of seating, layout, décor and menu every so often. The most dramatic change, however, took place in March this year with the opening of 'Heavens Above', a suite of rooms upstairs which lend themselves to a variety of gastronomic and social activities such as a supper club, afternoon tea, business meetings or club gatherings.



*Taking the bored out of board room: Andrew Scott with games in the Study*

The rooms have been imaginatively decorated to suit various themes: the Library has faux bookcase wallpaper (and, incidentally, a great view of all the comings and goings at the Cross); the Drawing Room is elegant and traditional, while the Study is furnished with antiques and a large boardroom table.

This being the brainchild of energetic owner Andrew Scott, however, things get a little quirkier. The Study is supplied with a collection of board games so that delegates at business meetings can engage in fun team-building or a little gentle competition. Vintage curiosities such as antique scales or typewriters can be found dotted around the premises. And of course nothing is quirkier than the access to the Heavens Above stairway – through a giant fridge door in Heaven Scent! (The inspiration for this unusual connecting door can be found in *Victus*, a little book written by Andrew earlier this year, which gives an insight into the people, places and experiences that have motivated him, and the principles that guide him.)

The Drawing Room and Library are open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays for afternoon teas with a twist and mocktails, which are proving very popular.

Supper Club takes place in the Drawing Room on a Thursday. The menu, which changes weekly, is published on the Heaven Scent Facebook at the start of each week. Diners are welcome to bring their own bottle of wine.

The delightfully eccentric touches do not, however, distract from what is most important: quality of food and service.

Andrew is a supporter of ethical farming and uses quality meat with fully traceable provenance from Hunters of Kinross. He is proud of the wide range of gluten-free products his coffee shop offers, which are popular with customers.

The friendly staff are hugely important to the success of Heaven Scent and Andrew appreciates this. Two of the barista staff are at competition level.



*The elegant Drawing Room - perfect for afternoon tea*

Andrew doesn't just invest in his staff, however, but also the community. He and Heaven Scent's head chef recently ran a 'Ready, Steady, Cook' session and tutorial at Kinross High School. Heaven Scent also sponsors Milnathort Filmhouse and Kinross Cycling Club.

As well as Heaven Scent, Andrew has Kinnairds restaurant at Knockhill, runs catering business Scott Hospitality and is now offering his services as a consultant. No doubt there will be many more achievement for this tireless entrepreneur in the next ten years!



*Heaven Scent – a fixture in Milnathort after ten years*



## Saints Football Memories

### Memories are made of this

This innovative national project, now in its second year of operation, helps people living with Dementia by reviving memories of players, matches, goals and incidents from football matches in their younger days. It has attracted almost unprecedented levels of interest and involvement from fans and players alike.



The website [www.footballmemories.org.uk](http://www.footballmemories.org.uk) has seen contributions of stories from footballers, rock stars, film actors, journalists, politicians and ordinary supporters all across the country. The most famous ex saint, Sir Alex Ferguson, was one of the first to give his backing to the project.


If you fancy coming along, having a wee bite to eat, recalling old matches and incidents, as well as looking at old football photos and memorabilia then read on.

### How to get started

If you, or someone you know is living with dementia in the Kinross area, and you think that they might enjoy chatting about football in days gone by, find out about **Saints Football Memories** by contacting Dave Black at McDiarmid Park. Call 01738 459095 or e mail [dave@perthsaints.co.uk](mailto:dave@perthsaints.co.uk)

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## News from the Health Centre



### Be Sunsmart

#### Looking at ways to enjoy the sunshine safely



Whatever your age, the best way to enjoy the sun safely and protect your skin from sunburn is to use a combination of shade, clothing and sunscreen. Children and teenagers might need a reminder or a helping hand, but setting a good example yourself is a great way to help them learn and get into good habits.

When the sun is strong or you're at risk of burning:

- Spend time in the shade between 11am and 3pm.
- Cover up with a t-shirt, hat and sunglasses.
- Use a sunscreen with a protection level of at least SPF15 and 4 stars. Use it generously and reapply regularly.

### Shade

One of the best ways to protect your skin from the harmful effects of the sun's UV rays is to spend some time in the shade.

### Covering up

When there's no shade around, the best way to protect your skin from the sun is with loose clothing, a wide-brimmed hat and good quality sunglasses.

### Sunscreen

Sunscreens will not protect us completely from sun damage on their own. However, they can be useful for protecting the parts of skin we can't shade or cover. This is why we recommend using sunscreens together with shade or clothing to avoid getting too much UV exposure. For more information go to [www.cancerresearchuk.org/about-cancer/causes-of-cancer/sun-uv-and-cancer](http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/about-cancer/causes-of-cancer/sun-uv-and-cancer)

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# Skeins & Bobbins – a great addition to the High Street

There have been quite a few new businesses opening in Kinross-shire lately, which is great news for the community. A useful addition to Kinross High Street is Skeins & Bobbins, a yarn and haberdashery shop which also stocks cards, wrapping paper and hand-crafted gifts.

Skeins & Bobbins was opened in April by knitting enthusiast Morag Archibald, one half of the knitting duo ‘Lizzie Meg’, whose craft items are sold in the shop.

The shop is bright and welcoming: shelves are laden with an array of beautifully coloured yarns for knitting and crochet and there are piles of pretty patterned cottons in ‘fat quarters’, a cut of fabric ideal for patchwork and quilting. The shop stocks pattern books, knitting needles and all the accessories a crafter could need.

Even those who are not craft hobbyists will find the shop useful; we all need thread from time to time for repairs! Morag has a range of colours by thread-makers Gütermann, and also stocks

needles, zips, buttons and more.

The work of local crafts people is showcased at Skeins & Bobbins, with original watercolour paintings by Amanda Webster, Scarlet Goose home décor items, ‘Betty’ bags and jewellery by two local designers.

Running the shop is “a dream come true” for Morag. It came about almost by accident: she had worked in the previous shop at this location, Little Gems, and was given the opportunity to start her own business when the owner of Little Gems decided to give up. Morag finds that running Skeins & Bobbins has given her a new lease of life, as she has had to cope with considerable health problems.

Visitors to Skeins & Bobbins will enjoy a level of service belonging to a bygone



Skeins & Bobbins - yarn, haberdashery and much more besides

era: Morag enjoys meeting customers, is very knowledgeable about knitting and is happy to chat, give advice and order any craft and haberdashery items not already in stock, and all at very competitive prices.

“The best part of this job is meeting like minded people and sharing ideas about crafts,” says Morag, “and I get to choose the yarn for the shop!”

Skeins & Bobbins is not just a shop, however; various classes and workshops take place in the adjacent craft room.

Children’s classes run on a regular basis and are very popular. There are adult workshops in both knitting and crochet. A knitting club which was meant to be once a month now runs every Monday night due to popular demand! A crochet club began on 13 June and runs every second Saturday. Morag is also planning a programme of craft workshops during the summer holidays aimed at children aged 8 upwards.

Skeins & Bobbins is at 120 High Street, Kinross. Details of all classes and workshops are displayed on the shop door and notices are also placed on the shop’s colourful Facebook page, which is regularly updated.



The amazing selection of wool at Skeins & Bobbins

## Skeins & Bobbins Regular Events

### Monday Night Knitting Club

Every Monday 6.30pm-8.30pm Cost £5

### Saturday Crochet Club

Every second Saturday 2.30pm-4.40pm Cost £5

At both these clubs a 15% discount is offered on all yarn and haberdashery.

### Summer holiday workshops for ages 8+

Details of the holiday workshops will be displayed on the shop window and on Facebook. Dates to be confirmed.

## Primary Classes

Booking is essential. Bookings are now being taken for the next block of lessons. Each class costs £4. There is a reduced price if paying for the block up front. All children learn at their own pace and within their own capabilities. We find that knitting improves concentration, dexterity and numeracy skills. Above all, though, the class is fun!

**Autumn Term:** Classes restart on Tuesday 25 August and Thursday 28 August 2015.

**Winter Term:** Classes restart on Tuesday 27 October and Thursday 29 October 2015.



## Loch Leven Community Library

Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross  
Tel: 01577 867205 Email: lochlevenlibrary@pkc.gov.uk

### Opening Times

Sun & Mon closed Fri 10am-6pm  
Tue, Wed\* & Thu 10am-8pm Sat 10am-1pm  
\*On **Wednesday 8 July** only the library will not open until 11.15am.

### Regular Sessions for Young Children

No need to book, just come along:

### Bookbug Rhymetimes

Saturdays 10.30-11.00am Wednesdays 2.00-2.30pm

### Pre-school Story Time

Tuesdays 10.15-10.45am Thursdays 10.45-11.15am

### 'Record Breakers' starts in Loch Leven Community Library on Thursday 2 July to Saturday 22 August – and it's absolutely free to take part!

Are you ready for a challenge? Could you help us to break our record?

This summer we are challenging children aged 4-11 years to explore some of the astonishing real-life achievements and world records featured in the Guinness World Records Books. By reading six books throughout the holidays and collecting stickers, young readers will discover weird, wonderful and wacky records from around the world in six different categories: Cool Tech, Way to Go!, The Big Stuff, Animal Magic, People Power and Action! Adventure!

There will also be special Record Breaking stories and activities including:

<b>Wed 15 July</b>	11am – 11.45am	<b>Big and Small</b>
<b>Wed 29 July</b>	11am – 11.45am	<b>Superheroes</b>
<b>Wed 12 Aug</b>	11am – 11.45am	<b>Rocket Breakers</b>

To help us make a World Record, make your reading pledge on **Saturday 11 July 10.30-11.30am**. Activities and fun for all!

For further information and to sign up, please contact the library. All events are free, with pre-booking essential. Children under eight years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

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### Community Website

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## Lest We Forget Reflections on the Great War



Until 2018, the Kinross (Marshall) Museum will mount exhibitions to reflect what was happening 100 years ago. The display will change every few months. With kind permission of the Museum, we publish some excerpts from their current exhibition here. To see the whole exhibition, visit the Museum's display adjacent to the library at Loch Leven Community Campus during library opening hours.

### Military aviation

#### 'Per ardua ad astra' – Through adversity to the stars

Military aviation in Britain dates back to 1912 when the Royal Flying Corps (RFC) was created. It had both a military and a naval wing. The military wing comprised three squadrons, each commanded by a major.

In 1915 this military wing was expanded into brigades, each commanded by a brigadier-general.

By the end of the war, the RFC comprised 150 squadrons. Initially used for air reconnaissance on the Western Front, RFC planes, such as the Sopwith Camel, later went into combat action.

The naval wing, which had become the Royal Naval Air Service (RNAS), eventually reunited with the RFC on 1 April 1918 to become the Royal Air Force (RAF).

#### The origin of the RAF tricolour roundel

In order to match the identification markings of French allies and avoid 'friendly fire', the RFC officially adopted in 1915 the French cockade roundel. Applied to wings, fuselage and rudders, these markings were applied to British planes with the colours in reverse order, with blue outermost. This marking was later to be used by the Royal Airforce.

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## Police News and Appeals

### Robbery at Balado

Police Scotland is appealing for information after two men entered the home of a 76-year-old woman at Balado at 1.30pm on Wednesday 17 June and made off with personal belongings. The woman was shaken but unhurt.

One of the suspects is described as in his twenties, thin build, brown eyes, short brown hair with a goatee type beard, wearing a blue hooded top and blue jeans. The second suspect is described as being about 18 years of age, tanned complexion and wearing a grey/blue jersey top.

If anyone has information regarding this incident they should e-mail or telephone the local community policing team (see contact details, below right), or telephone Crime Stoppers.

### Rural Thefts

Overnight on Friday 5 June a number of padlocks were cut and removed from the gates leading to a deer enclosure at **New Fargie**, near **Glenfarg**. This has resulted in **seven deer going missing, apparently stolen**. Anyone with any information into this crime is asked to phone Police Scotland on 101 quoting CR/14332/15.

A shed was broken into at **Easter Balado Fisheries** at the weekend of 6-7 June and electrical items including a generator, strimmer and outboard motor were stolen.

More tools, this time four electric drills, were stolen from a garage in Vicar's Bridge Road, **Blairingone** overnight on Sunday 7 June.

Anyone with any information on these crimes should call Police Scotland on 101.

### ATM Fraud

In the last issue we mentioned that skimming devices had been discovered at bank machines in the Perth & Kinross area. Good work by the Criminal Investigation Department saw three men appear in custody at Perth Sheriff Court on 11 June for various linked offences.

### Don't Spoil Summer

Scottish Government and Road Safety Scotland (part of Transport Scotland) have launched their 2015 Summer Drink Drive campaign in support of Police Scotland's Summer Safety Campaign.

Michael McDonnell, Director of Road Safety Scotland, said: "Summer can be a time for getting together with friends and family, and many people go for a drink with colleagues after work on a sunny evening. Because this drinking is often unplanned, people may not have thought about the journey home.

"And many people don't realise that just one drink can put them over the legal limit.

"Evidence shows that even one alcoholic drink before driving makes you three times more likely to be involved in a fatal accident.

"It is estimated that one in eight deaths on Scottish roads involve drivers who are over the legal limit and, despite what many people think, eating food or a perceived alcohol tolerance don't reduce its effects.

"Even a small amount impairs your judgement and reactions so, the best advice is just don't risk it."

There has been a 17% reduction in drink driving offences in Scotland in the period January to March 2015 compared to the same period last year. This follows the introduction of the lower drink drive limit on 5 December 2014.

### Water Safety Warning

When the weather turns warmer it can be tempting to find somewhere nice to cool off. However, the temperature of our rivers and lochs remains very cold, with snowmelt still feeding some of our water systems. Every year there are serious incidents in Perth & Kinross related to water.

### Crime Stoppers – Telephone 0800 555 111

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

### Police Scotland – local community

#### Telephone 101 for non-emergencies

Community officers for Kinross-shire are:

**PC Sadie Allan, PC Rhiannon Lorimer and PC James Wilson.**

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

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



### Community Watch

Receive email alerts about criminal incidents in your area, crime prevention advice, flood alerts and much more by signing up to Perth and Kinross Community Watch. The range of information received can be tailored individually; each person signing up can choose which partner agencies they would like to receive messages from. Visit this website for more details: [www.pkcommunitywatch.co.uk](http://www.pkcommunitywatch.co.uk)

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# Community Council News



The Community Council News is based on draft minutes of local CC meetings. Full draft minutes are posted on local websites and notice boards. In addition, Kinross CC minutes are lodged in the community library. Please note, the Community Council News is not a verbatim reproduction of CC minutes. In particular, where there are two months' worth of reports, there will be a considerable amount of editing.

## Kinross Community Council News from the June Meeting

**Present** at the meeting held on 3 June 2015 were: CCllrs W Freeman (Chair), D Colliar, I Jack, D West, M Scott and D MacKenzie; P&K Cllrs D Cuthbert and J Giaccopazi and eleven members of the public.

**Apologies** were received from CCllrs Blyth, Davies and Thomas and P&K Cllrs Robertson and Barnacle.

**CC Member:** Mr Tom Stewart, having been approved by the Council, was unanimously co-opted on to the CC. His nomination was proposed by CCllr West and seconded by CCllr Colliar.

**Declarations of Interest:** CCllr Stewart in relation to the Gellybank Farm application and CCllr Davies in relation to Newsletter fund disbursement.

### Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

**Green Road/Sunnypark:** Cllr Cuthbert advised that he had been in contact with the Council regarding bollards but had not yet received a response.

**Co-option:** Cllr Cuthbert advised that we can co-opt one more person on to the CC. It was confirmed that if a vote is required at the election in November this will be via a postal process.

**War Memorial:** CCllr Colliar advised that he had met with Michael Morgan and Kinross in Bloom. The Council are to arrange for a row of planters to be placed around the perimeter which will stop cars from driving over or parking in this area.

**Police Report:** No Police present at the meeting. The Secretary mentioned articles from the Commander's Weekly Bulletin.

### Disbursement of Newsletter funds

**Kinross in Bloom:** CCllr Davies declared an interest in this application. The sum now being proposed is £2000. This was agreed.

**Aero Space Kinross:** Alisdair Stewart reported on this project. They are looking for a grant of £2,000 from the Newsletter Fund. The money will be utilised in publicising and promoting the project. The total cost of the building project is somewhere in the region of 6 million and there is no guarantee that this will proceed to fruition. The proposed building will be similar to a science centre with interactive experiences, simulations and experiments and hopefully will give children a head start in science, engineering and maths. It will also bring employment to the town and increase tourism. An approach has been made to the Council for £2,000 and Kinross-shire Fund invested £4,000. The charity is to be called Aerospace Scientific and they have applied to OSCAR for charity status. They plan to build the Centre on Kinross West site. They will approach major donors, funders, trusts, foundations, corporate sponsors etc for funding. An interest in this project has also been expressed by the UK Space Agency and they have NASA development contacts and support from Dynamic Earth and the Glasgow Science Centre. CCllr Colliar proposed the sum of £2,000 be granted. No seconder came forward. A counter proposal was made by CCllr West that once established they agree on a regular contribution to the Newsletter Fund. CCllr MacKenzie

added that he would like to see a written report with figures. Mr Stewart replied that a business plan was drawn up and Abertay Dundee Business School were engaged to carry out an independent assessment - they projected 106,000 visitors. All agreed that the big objective was in raising the money for a project of this size. CCllr Jack proposed that the £2,000 be awarded but as a repayment loan. This was seconded by CCllr MacKenzie. All agreed.

**Accounts** for the financial period to 31 March in relation to Kinross Community Council Newsletter Ltd were produced. The Directors and Secretary are C Watson, B Davies, M Scott, D Cuthbert, D West and the Company Secretary M Scott. C Watson is no longer a member of the CC and should be removed as a Director. Cllr Cuthbert, as an ex officio member of the CC, can continue as a Director. Following the CC election in November a review of Directors can take place. A suggestion was also made that non CC members should be accepted.

CCllr West also mentioned that donations of £11,189 were contributed to the fund by the Newsletter in this financial year and £32.00 interest received. The sum of £6,516 was contributed to local charities: Positive Choices, Kinross Table Tennis Club, KLEO, Kinross-shire Volunteer Group, Rural Access Committee, Loch Leven Diamonds and Orwell Guides.

There is at the present time on the ledger a balance of £32,631.00 but that figure is to be reduced by £2,000 following the recent payment that was approved to Kinross Primary School.

### Future of Kinross Buildings

**Former High School site:** Discussions still taking place in relation to flooding measures at the site in Milnathort. Once resolved a planning application should be resubmitted for all sites. It is believed that this will be amended to retain the old school building to the front of the site.

**Primary School:** A deadline for spending the money has to be met and the school should be completed by the end of 2017. The Council are consulting with the Parent Council and a trip is planned to look over schools with similar style and design. Test boring and soil sampling have been carried out. Comment was made as to where the children will play during

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construction. One suggestion provided was the adjoining Hayfield Garden. Cllr Cuthbert added that a User Group was yet to be formed and agreed that representation from neighbouring properties should be considered. A member of the public suggested that the CC should be included and added that other issues in relation to the construction were of concern; the access road was mentioned and whether this would be from Bowton Road or Station Road.

**CC vacancy:** There is one vacancy left for a co-opted member should anyone be interested.

### Planning applications submitted to PKC:

15/00669/IPL Land 250 metres south of Gellybank Farm: erection of 10 lodges (in principle). Mr John Stevenson asked to comment on this application. He advised the application was submitted on 21 April and that there were 15 objections. The grounds of objection range from the scale and setting of the Development, the visual impact from the south, noise, traffic safety, contravention of the Development Plan. CCllr Colliar stated that he had checked the information online this afternoon and that there were six letters on the website; one was neutral and two were from the same person. Some discussion followed in relation to the traffic use on this road. A survey was carried out some four/five years ago, the result of which was that the roadway was below the level for upgrading. CCllr Colliar added that the objections mentioned the lack of public transport; he pointed out that the DRT service is available in this area. Holiday chalets will also bring in tourists to the area. CCllr Colliar continued that this application was for Outline Planning Permission at this stage. If granted, a Planning Application would require to be submitted which would detail more information on what was proposed (e.g. style and size of chalets). At the moment there is not enough information to make an informative decision. It was commented that if the CC wish to object they have to refer to valid grounds. It was agreed that we should await a full planning application.

15/00803/FLL Land northwest of Hatchbank Farm: change of use from agricultural land to form garden ground and erection of dwelling house.

15/00792/FLL Land 60 metres south of Maresfield House, Balado: erection of a dwelling house and detached garage.

15/00795/FLL Land northwest of Hatchbank Farm, Hatchbank: erection of dwelling house.

15/00761/FLL Change of House type at Gellyburn Cottage: modification of permission 14/00317/FLL (erection of dwelling house and installation of sewage treatment plant and soakaways).

15/00776/FLL Gallowhill Cottage, extension to dwelling house.

15/00687/FLL Bridge House, Dalqueich: extension to dwelling house.

### Planning applications approved by PKC:

15/00473/ADV Royal Bank: display of advertisements.

15/00549/FLL 12 Talla Park: alterations to dwelling house.

15/00490/FLL 2 Seaforth Drive: erection of a fence.

10/01143/FLL Land 60 metres southwest of Crossroads Cottage, Balado: erection of 10 dwelling houses and upgrading of drainage infrastructure.

15/00534/FLL 22 Muirpark Road: alterations and extension to dwelling house.

**Application withdrawn:** 15/00355/FLL Former warehouse, Pier Road: erection of 2 dwelling houses and garages.

## Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllrs Giacomazzi and Cuthbert advised.

**Station Road:** Trees have been cut back.

**H46:** It was very unlikely that the previous decision would be reversed but there was no guarantee.

**Planters:** Not to be made available for Kinross. Funding could be sourced from other organisations such as the Arthur and Margaret Thomson Trust or the Community Challenge Fund.

**Swansacre:** Mention was made of the cost of the traffic planning measures carried out in Swansacre.

**Tourist chalets:** Construction of 16 planned for area at Findatie.

**Campus parking:** Copies of proposed amendments to the existing waiting restrictions on the access road and car park at the campus were circulated.

**Brown bins:** It was noted that a large number of properties in Kinross-shire do not have a brown bin. Any new builds do not receive this service. Only the green bins are covered under a statutory obligation. This was discussed at a recent Environment Meeting and the situation is being looked at.

### Correspondence

**CC Team:** Brenda Lackie, CC Liaison Officer for PKC, has retired. Christine Grant has been appointed as Senior Elections and CC Officer and will also act as the CC Liaison Officer. Pam Rogalski has been appointed as Elections and CC Officer and it is hoped to have a clerical assistant in post over the summer time. Support to CCs has not changed.

**TAYplan:** Period of representations closes on Friday 3 July. Cllr West added that there is only one reference to Kinross-shire in the documentation (i.e. the junction). Cllr Cuthbert advised that TAYplan has no relevance to Kinross-shire and that we should look at either Fife or Stirling.

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**Community Noticeboard:** Council confirm that they will ensure a board is included in the specification for the new bus shelter to be located at the site opposite Swansacre. However, if we consider it would be useful to provide a board in the shelter at the Montgomery Street junction we should let them know and they will arrange to include this in the shelter specification for this site too. It was agreed that a notice board be placed at the bus stop opposite Swansacre.

#### **Other Business**

**Facebook:** CCllr Freeman has introduced a Facebook page for the CC. He would welcome any suggestions for material to be placed on the site. The agenda for this meeting was added and future minutes will be uploaded. CCllr Colliar addressed the number of comments that were placed on the Facebook page Milnathort and Kinross Parents Group in relation to shops in the town and reference made therein to the CC. He suggested that two areas that could be investigated are the reintroduction of a rail line from Cowdenbeath to Bridge of Earn and the possibility of water sports on the Loch, such as canoeing, kayaking and windsurfing. Cllr Cuthbert answered that the latter was not feasible - a group he was involved with looked at this topic some time ago. The problem is that the Loch is protected.

#### **Complaints:**

- CCllr Scott raised a number of comments made by local residents in relation to overgrown trees and cracked wall in private land adjacent to Ochil View; parking at the entrance to Green Road and storage of items on the grass verge at Green Road.
- She also mentioned two unrelated and ongoing sagas in the town relating to anti-social behaviour and the method in which they are being addressed by the Council.
- Drains are blocked from Sutherland Drive/Springfield Road to Station Road.
- Bushes are growing wild in the Springfield/Gallowhill area.

**Travellers** are again accessing the old High School site. To move them on there should be another site available to accommodate them.

**Gritters on A977:** 24-hour cover is to be provided, however this will mean a reduction at some other location. CCllr Colliar asked that the A911 should not be abandoned and it was confirmed that it would be ploughed but not receive 24-hour cover.



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**Training meeting:** CCllr Freeman reported on this, which covered amongst others Development and Management Update, Summary High Hedges Legislation, Community Empowerment Bill, Social Media, Main Issues Report and Charrettes. He added that the key stage for the CC to get involved in the consultant stage is from October to December this year.

**The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 1 July 2015 at 7.30pm at the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.**

Apologies in advance from CCllr Jack.

#### **Agenda for the Meeting on 1 July**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of interest
3. Minutes of meeting of 3 June 2015
4. Police report
5. Matters arising from minutes of 3 June
6. Disbursement of Newsletter funds
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 (5 August 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.

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## Milnathort Community Council

### News from the June Meeting

**Present:** CCllr Hamilton, Chair, welcomed CCllrs Cottinham, Halford, Milne-Home, Smith and Thomson to the meeting held on 11 June 2015. Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and J Giacopazzi and three members of the public.

**Apologies** for absence were received from CCllrs Bennet and Pettinger and P&K Cllr Robertson.

**Police report:** PC Goodison, our community sergeant, presented a brief report. A vehicle obstructing pavement in Stirling Road has been removed and the owner traced. Nothing should obstruct the passage of wheelchairs and prams on pavements, and to do so is against the law.

The Chief Superintendent is positive about Police Scotland, and Perth & Kinross have found a better service of unusual resources, which improves the emergence services and outcomes.

A prescription drug is being invented to eventually produce a roadside kit to test for drugs as we have now for drink driving. A wheelbarrow was stolen in the area.

#### Matters arising

**Best dressed windows:** Prizes are being awarded to four outstanding windows reflecting 'yesteryear': Milnathort Agriculture (formerly Robertson's), the MB Salon, Davidson's Chemist and Heaven Scent, reflecting vintage agriculture, the flower show, vintage pharmaceutical and wonderful steam trains.

**Mains gas** is to be installed in Bridgefauld Road and is scheduled to happen in July 2015.

**Proposed CC boundary changes:** PKC and the CCs are against this and our Councillors are to keep us up to date.

**Dog control:** Signs are now up regarding dog control, and the lady frightened by an unruly dog in Donaldson Park has written to thank the Council for the prompt action.

#### Planning

MCC considered the following applications. No objections were raised.

15/00687/FLL Extension to dwelling house at Bridge House, Dalqueich.

15/00712/FLL Change of use and alterations of steadings to provide additional domestic storage and amenity space at Thomanean House for Alexander Harley Seeds.

The CC also noted the following decisions by PKC:

15/00240/IPM Variation of conditions 1 and 2 of permission to allow additional time for the submission of applications for the approval of matters specified in conditions, and the commencement of development, land at Pitdownies Farm, Manse Road, Milnathort, for The General Trustees of The Church of Scotland: application approved.

15/00472/FLL Installation of roof mounted PV solar panels, Blairfield, Milnathort: application approved.

15/00488/FLL Change of house type, site of Tarhill Farm, Kinross: application approved.

**Milnathort to Mawcarse cycleway strimming:** PKC have no funding for maintenance and turned down the request to remove the turf on the tarmac (at a cost of £1,000). However MCC have managed to arrange for strimmers and labour from the Unpaid Work Team in return for providing strimmer cord at a cost of £15.90. It was suggested this is extended to Tillywhally Wood where the main path is narrowing. Strimming will help, but some judicious use of weed killer may be necessary.

**Parking suspension:** 1-3 July in Stirling Road. The work will be repairing sunken drains. Parking will not be allowed between Mill Lade and Wester Loan during the work, and drivers are asked to park in Kays car park to help minimise the disruption to the area.

**Community Councillors needed:** There will be an election on 5 November 2015. Nominations close on 24 September. We will need several new members, as three of the present members are not putting themselves forward for re-election. If you feel you would like to help the community, please feel free to put a nomination forward for a place on your CC.

#### Perth and Kinross Councillors' Comments

Councillor Giacopazzi:

The gypsy travellers have had the PKC decision to refuse their application near Mawcarse reversed in an appeal to the Scottish Government. Two pitches are now allowed with conditions on sewage and generator noise. (A pitch is for one semi permanent dwelling and two towing caravans.)

Milnathort sewage upgrade: *See page 7.*

A dog waste bin is now in place on Ba' Hill. Dog owners are requested to take dog foul in plastic bags to dog waste bins and NOT to leave them in the countryside and pathways.

The Civic Trust has applied for Milnathort to be made a Conservation Village despite the strong rejection of the concept at MCC meetings.

Councillor Barnacle:

An overview of representation on the new Local Development Plan will be online shortly. Most sites are as before, so no new ones in Milnathort. On 7 October the plan will be out for consultation until December.

**The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will take place on Thursday 9 July in Orwell Church Hall at 7.30pm.**

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## Portmoak Community Council

### News from the June Meeting

**In attendance** at the meeting held on 9 June 2015 were: CCllrs B Calderwood (Deputy Chairman), R Cairncross (Secretary), R Williamson (Treasurer), S Forde and T Smith; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and J Giacopazzi; PC Jim Wilson and 13 members of the public.

**Apologies** for absence were received from CCllr M Strang Steel and P&K Cllrs D Cuthbert and W Robertson.

**New member:** By co-option, Dave Morris was welcomed as a new community councillor.

### Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

**Portmoak Cemetery:** PKC have yet to confirm possible alternative plans for the cemetery, which is now approaching capacity. The matter is being taken forward by Cllr Robertson.



*Portmoak Cemetery is now approaching capacity.*

### Police Report

PC Jim Wilson was welcomed to his first meeting and the CC received the monthly Police Report. The only reported crime since the previous meeting had been the overnight theft of a garden swing set from a garden in Scotlandwell. Police Scotland advised that they had launched both their 2015 Summer Drink Drive Campaign and a Road Safety Campaign. Speed monitoring could be anticipated. Residents raised two points:

- Parking immediately after the build-out in central Kinnesswood. This made it difficult for the increasing numbers of cyclists to use the build-out's by-pass provisions for cyclists; and
- The proposed two-year trial of 20mph speed limits within Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell to replace the existing 30mph limits.

There should be an opportunity shortly to explore these matters further with the Road Safety Officer at a future meeting of the Council.

PC Wilson was thanked for his report. The CC noted the Commander's Bulletins of 13, 21 and 28 May and of 4 June.

### Treasurer's Report

On the general account there has been no movement in the month leaving a balance at the end of May the same as at end April of £66.96. On the MBW account however we have received £325 in donations towards the upkeep of MBW following our appeal to members of the community. This has moved our balance from £166.92 at the end of April to £491.92 at the end of May.

### Planning Report

**New planning application:** 15/0000752/FLL Former Levenmouth Cottage, Scotlandwell: erection of a replacement dwelling house. No comment or objection.

### Progress with developments

- a) Lomond Inn 15/00505FLL & 15/00506/CON. The CC's comments had been submitted.
- b) Glenlomond. The Glenlomond Residents Association would meet shortly. The developer would be present to explain progress with his development plans.
- c) The following have been granted planning consent: 15/00449/AML Erection of 16 holiday lodges and associated works, Findatie; 15/00464/FLL Modification of permission 09/00936/FLL Change of house type at former Causeway Cottage; and 15/00562/FLL Erection of a wind turbine, Greenhead of Arnot.

### Roads Report

- Lost build-out illumination: two build-outs: There appeared to be no progress.
- Loose manhole cover and setting on the B920 at its exit from Scotlandwell. This situation was deteriorating.
- Absent road markings on significant parts of south Loch Road (B9097) and at the junction of the B9097 with the B920.

Ward Cllrs Barnacle and Giacopazzi would pursue these points with PKC.

The promised cats eyes along the A911 as it traverses Portmoak were eagerly awaited.

### Paths Report

Cllr Tom Smith confirmed that: some £350 had been raised to help support maintenance of the Michael Bruce Way (MBW); the frequency of cuts on the Peat Loan section of the MBW had been reduced; and that the new strimmer/bush cutter had been in action on both the MBW and the Dryside Road Path.

### Stephen's Field: progress report on the ballot

The CC had been advised that if the community was to support a planning application for the "retained Plot" (and/or its inclusion within the village settlement boundary/envelope) the application would have a good chance of being approved and transfer of ownership of remainder of the Field to the CC, with consequent ability to control what happens on it, would then proceed. The CC had sought, through a ballot of Portmoak residents, to determine how the community would like it to act in this situation. In the ballot it asked the question: "Would you wish the Community Council to actively support the obtaining of planning permission for one house on the "retained Plot" and/or its inclusion for development in the next Local Development Plan with a view to triggering the transfer of ownership of the field to the Community Council sooner rather than later?" Respondents were asked to indicate Yes or No.

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## Community Council News

While the CC had developed and agreed the content of the questionnaire, they had received assistance from the PKC Planning and Development Team in compiling it, in copying the ballot paper and in putting the survey on-line. PKC also provided an independent analysis of the results.

Ballot papers were hand delivered to everyone in the Portmoak CC area by volunteers from the CC. Extra copies were available in Kinnesswood Shop. The online ballot was also available from the Portmoak CC webpage. The ballot opened on 16 May and closed at 5pm on 8 June 2015.

Residents could vote by completing a paper ballot paper and putting it in a sealed ballot box in Kinnesswood Shop or complete the ballot online.

**Results:** A table summarising the results was circulated to Ward and Community Councillors and to the public attending the meeting. It will be placed on the Council's website. 134 people voted:

- 99 (74%) voted Yes; and 35 (26%) voted No.
- 48 (36%) voted online and 86 (64%) on paper. (The voting preferences were virtually identical for both groups.)

**Discussion:** several of the 13 members of the public present expressed the view that the resume on the ballot paper was not accurate and that accordingly the ballot was not valid and was indeed biased. This view was echoed by CCllr Dave Morris. The CC agreed to minute these concerns.

As was intended the CC would now report the outcome of the Ballot and the comments made on it to PKC and to A&J Stephen.

### SSE overhead wires at Wellside

CCllr Susan Forde reported that, in response to a request from the community in respect of the safety of both high voltage lines lying to the north and south of the Wellside development, SSE linesmen had recently assessed the lines and reported them safe and in accordance with national guidelines. As there remained concern the matter would be explored with the Health and Safety Executive.

### Election of New Community Council

A new Community Council for Portmoak will be appointed by PKC from November. Enquires from interested residents of Portmoak who might wish to become a community councillor are welcomed. Any member of the CC would be pleased to respond with information. Papers relating to nominations will become available from PKC over the summer. Elections are supervised by PKC and will only happen were there to be more than 8 nominees.

## Ward Councillor Reports

The following were raised by Cllrs Barnacle and Giacopazzi:

**Boundary Commission Consultation:** PKC had responded strongly to the Boundary Commission confirming its support for the retention of the current Kinross Ward. This in effect reflects the historic boundaries of the old County of Kinross-shire. The Boundary Commission's proposals would significantly shrink Kinross-shire.

**LDP:** A summary of responses to the recent "call for issues and sites" would be placed on the PKC website shortly. It is important to look at the proposed sites and issues that affect Portmoak. These would be taken into account in the preparation of the Main Issues Report, which is to be published for consultation later this year.

**Policy LDP RD52:** This policy concerns provisions for new gypsy travellers' sites. PKC was reviewing this policy to determine practical and appropriate ways for ensuring that it would be more effective.

**Road and path works** for years 2015/16 and 2016/17: A number of projects had been identified for Portmoak including: a new foot and cycle path at Wester Balgedie on the loch side of the A911 extending south from the bus stop to the Balgedie junction; traffic calming within Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell; patching and resurfacing of the A911, the B9097 and B919; and repair to the pavement outside the Shop in Kinnesswood.

Cllr Giacopazzi will review the absence of appropriate signage at both ends of the new Easter to Wester Balgedie pathway. Unfortunately many cyclists had not recognised it as a cycle path.

### Other Matters

**Bench in The Green, Scotlandwell:** To note offer from PKC Greenspace to replace/refurbish picnic tables/benches in The Green Scotlandwell. The CC would write in support of this offer.

**Footpath along the A911** from Scotlandwell to the Church and Village Hall: A resident raised difficulties encountered by parents with children attempting to walk this path. The CC were very much aware of this problem, have pressed PKC on several occasions both to recognise it and to support a solution. It would write again shortly to PKC.

**The next meeting of Portmoak CC will be held at 7pm, on Tuesday 14 July 2015 at Portmoak Village Hall.**

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## Fossoway & District CC

### News from the June Meeting

**In attendance** at the meeting held on 2 June 2015 were: CCllrs S Morrison, K Borthwick and Angus Cheape; Cllrs M Barnacle, D Cuthbert, J Giacomazzi and W Robertson and ten Members of the Public.

**Apologies** for absence were received from CCllrs Alastair Lavery, Graham Pye and Trudy Duffy.

**Declarations of Interest:** None.

**Police report:** PC Nick Rob Buchanan attended the meeting, and gave a report. There were no reported crimes in our area in the last month. There is a new Drink Driving Campaign running over the summer months. (*See page 22.*)

Kevin encouraged people to join the Perth and Kinross Community Watch Scheme.

**Powmill Bloom Group:** Several local residents have set up this group with an aim to improving the appearance of Powmill. They have identified several issues, some of which can be addressed by the group (tidying up, planters, planting bulbs etc.), whilst others would require outside help (old hotel site, two recent accident areas, the derelict house, and roadside verges.) The group is also concerned about the speed of traffic through the village and will be looking to see if anything can be done to reduce this. They would like to see the 30mph speed limit extended further up the Knockhill road. They also suggested possibly having a gateway feature as you enter the village to give Powmill more of an identity, and also make drivers aware they were now in a village setting and therefore should be driving accordingly. The CC and the local Councillors welcomed the idea, and offered to help in any way they can. The CC has also suggested several funding possibilities to help with the project. If any local resident wishes to get involved, please contact the CC and we will put you in touch with the group.

**Crook Moss travellers' site:** Noise from generators continues to be a problem. Cllr Barnacle reports that according to enforcement officers the acoustic barriers are now in place, and landscaping has begun. He has also reported the caravan which has appeared in the paddock area to the enforcement officers. Cllr Giacomazzi will check on the proper procedure for enforcement and will report back to the next meeting.

**Glenquey Quarry:** The DPEA made a site visit on 7 May prior to ruling on the appeal. Around 25 objectors attended. Details of the appeal can be found at [www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk](http://www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk) under reference PPA-340-2094. Alastair attended the site visit to represent this CC. The Reporter has now written to PKC asking for further written submissions from both parties in relation to the peat/blanket bog and the need for the proposal. Each party has to respond by 18 June; they then have a further 14 days from receipt of the other party's submission to comment further. It is hoped that PKC officers will support the original DMC decision, and send a robust and comprehensive response.

**Lambhill chipping plant:** The application will possibly be on the agenda of the upcoming PKC Local Review Body, who will be meeting on 30 June, and then on 28 July. PKC still refuses to place a stop order on works at the plant, even though the planning application was refused.

**A977 defects and mitigation measures:** Cllr Barnacle has continued to lobby PKC roads for a business case study on the A977 to justify further mitigation measures. PKC say there is no requirement for further spending on the road and

that their evidence suggests the road has not got busier since the opening of the new Clackmannan Bridge. However PKC have agreed that the speed warning signs on the road will be replaced with signs displaying actual vehicle speeds, and the villages will have the roadside drains replaced with the type that fit into the kerb in an effort to reduce road noise. Cllr Barnacle will keep trying for further measures, but there seems to be no political will.

**Waulkmill play area:** Cllr Robertson had asked Stephen Kane (PKC Landscape Architect) for a report into the injury received to a child on the basket swing. Stephen Kane replied that the swing had been installed incorrectly and this has now been addressed. He had also contacted the family of the injured boy and apologised for this unfortunate incident.

**CC membership:** The CC once again appealed to members of the local community to put themselves forward as Community Councillors. Several of the current council will be retiring in November and we need more people to fill their places. Anyone living in the area, and listed on the electoral register, can apply. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact a CC member or email Fossoway.cc@gmail.com

**Gritting and snow clearance:** Cllr Robertson updated the meeting on the local Councillors' request for 24/7 gritting to be carried out on the A977. He had a meeting with Stuart D'All (PKC roads), who said it was possible to offer 24/7 cover but it would have to be offset by removing a gritter from the service. This would mean it may take a bit longer to clear the roads. However in times of severe weather other gritters could be pulled in to aid road clearance. The consensus with the CC and the attending public was to agree with the proposal.

**Station Road adoption:** Cllr Barnacle reported that all funding options had been investigated, and that he had prepared a letter to go out to the local residents involved in the adoption scheme outlining the final cost and what each individual would have to pay.

**Burst water main, Aldie Road:** Cllr Robertson contacted Scottish Water and reported the leaking pipe at the A977 end of Aldie Road. Scottish Water said an area engineer would investigate the problem and report back. There has been no response to date.

**Boundary Commission:** At the full council meeting on 13 May the council proposed that the boundary for the Kinross-shire ward should remain unchanged. Local councillors reported that PKC sent a more substantial report against the proposed changes to the Commission. It may be a couple of months before PKC get a response.



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## Community Council News

### Matters Arising With No Update Since Last Meeting

**Rumbling Bridge Hydro Scheme:** Ongoing.

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

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

**Landscape Areas – Kinross-shire:** Opportunity to ask for change in the upcoming MIR.

**Bollards Opposite Crook Village Hall:** Awaiting a report from PKC Roads Department on how the safety of this section of road could be improved.

**Footpath Signage in Fossoway Area:** The situation is still ongoing.

### New Business

**PKC Planning:** Cllr Robertson had circulated copies of correspondence that showed that the PKC planners were taking input from CCs more seriously. The CC hopes that this will continue.

**Road works, Crook of Devon:** BT contractors have recently carried out road works in the centre of Crook of Devon, causing considerable inconvenience to residents and impacting local businesses. No notice of this work was given. Kevin raised this issue with both PKC's roads department and BT. PKC informed us that it was the contractor's responsibility to give notice of the works. BT apologised for the inconvenience and said that it would try to improve its processes so that contractors gave notice of works in future. Councillors will ask PKC to see if any procedures could be put in place to keep local communities informed of upcoming works.

### Community Council Business

**Meetings attended:** Sandy and Kevin attended the Planning Workshop meeting held at Loch Leven Community Campus. Sandy attended the Planning Users Forum in Perth.

### Councillors' Reports

**Mike Barnacle:** Reported that he asked Brenda Murray if it would be possible to get feedback about submissions that had been made to the Local Development Plan Call for Issues. It was reported that this would be put online by the end of June.

**Dave Cuthbert:** Nothing to report that had not already been discussed.

**Joe Giacomazzi:** Nothing to report that had not already been discussed.

**Willie Robertson:** Reported that litter picking on the A91 and A977 had been carried out. A MoP said it had not been done very well, and there was still a lot of litter lying around.

### Planning Matters

**15/00720/FLL** Change of use from agricultural land to form garden ground and public walkway, land west of Station Road, Crook of Devon. No CC Comment.

**15/00658/FLL** Modification of permission (13/00289/AML), change of house type, land opposite Devonbank, Crook of Devon. A modification of 13/00289/FLL. Since comments were needed by 30 May, this item was discussed by the CC before this meeting, and it was agreed that the CC would object on the grounds that it is contrary to Policy PM1B(c) of the Local Development Plan 2013 in terms of the design and scale of the building and in its scale relative to the plot size. We note the proximity of the building to the south boundary of the plot in particular. The design is contrary to 7.7.2 in its apparent 2-storey structure in a settlement of largely 1 and 1.5 storey buildings.

**15/00570/FLL** Erection of 4 dwelling houses, land 70m south east of Merryhills, Rumbling Bridge. A modification to 12/00252/IPL. There was considerable discussion regarding this application, but there were no planning policy issues which the CC could object on. The neighbour was advised to contact the developer regarding his concerns in respect of disturbing tree roots along the boundary and to point out that it would be the developer's responsibility if these were disturbed, and the trees subsequently collapsed. Therefore no CC comment.

**Correspondence:** All the correspondence was available for viewing.

**Brenda Lackie** has retired as PKC's CC Liaison Officer and her role has been taken over by Christine Grant. The CC would like to thank Brenda for her work over the years, and to wish her a long and healthy retirement.

**PKC Community Green Space** has set up a blog, where you can find out about wildlife initiatives, conservation projects, local volunteering groups, competitions, etc. You can also comment on the blog and leave feedback.

**Kinross-shire Winter Festival:** Although it's early, the festival is looking for people to get involved. Organise an event, promote your event, advertise. For more details see [www.kinrosswinterfestival.co.uk](http://www.kinrosswinterfestival.co.uk).

**Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland** are looking to engage at a local level with more communities in Perth and Kinross. If this is for you, see [www.chss.org.uk/2015](http://www.chss.org.uk/2015)

### Draft Agenda for Next CC Meeting

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

Matters arising: Crook Moss Travellers' Site, Glenquey Quarry, Lambhill Chipping Plant, A977 Mitigation, Gritting and Snow Clearing, Station Road Adoption, Burst water Main Aldie Road, Boundary Commission.

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

### There is No Meeting in July!

**The Next Meeting of Fossoway and District CC will take place on Tuesday 4 August 2015 at 7.30pm in Carnbo Village Hall. All Welcome.**

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## Cleish and Blairadam CC

### News from the AGM and June Meeting

**Present** at the meetings held on 1 June 2015 were: CCllrs R Kitchin, P Fraser, M Traylor, R Jeffrey, H Somerville, N Robertson, F McGregor and J Moore; Associate CCllr F Gillespie; P&K Cllrs D Cuthbert, W Robertson, M Barnacle and J Giacobazzi and 14 members of the community.

**Apologies:** none.

### News from the Annual General Meeting

**Chairman's report (Ron Kitchin, Chair):** At the last AGM the CC expressed its frustration at the apparent lack of interest and response from PKC officials when the views of the community were expressed.

We are therefore delighted to report a most pleasant change in attitude and a year of good cooperation from several departments within PKC, especially road and parks where their cooperation has lead to improved conditions throughout Cleish and Blairadam.

In particular we would like to record thanks to: Gary McConnell, Roads Engineer; Stuart D'All, Road Maintenance Partnership Deputy Manager; Dave Gillies, Road Maintenance Partnership Manager; Brian Angus, Project Manager, Perth Maintenance Section; and Daryl McKeown, Road Safety Officer.

Their diligence, understanding and actions have assisted our CC greatly in pursuit of our strategic objectives.

We are also delighted to see planners too are living up to their promise and are starting to take comments from CCs much more seriously. We must ensure this continues and welcome this renewed cooperation in our efforts to fully represent the views of people within the community of Cleish and Blairadam to the Council.

Grateful thanks must also go to our serving Councillors and all members of the CC without whose tireless support we would be unable to function.

**Treasurer's report:** A detailed statement of income and expenditure for the period 1/4/14 to 31/3/15 was given. Opening balance: £1,970.92. Closing balance: £901.34.

**Appointment of officers:** All community councillors have been re-appointed. There is to be an election for members of all CCs in Perth & Kinross in November. Our current Treasurer will not be seeking re-election at that time.

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### News from the June Meeting

**Crime prevention:** There was no Police Officer in attendance and hadn't been for some time.

Cllr Traylor reported on a meeting with Fife Police, and the greater presence in Blairadam to deter quad bikes etc on the foot paths. They have asked for local residents to report sightings either to 101 or by email to [gary.chrystal@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:gary.chrystal@scotland.pnn.police.uk)

#### Correspondence

- There are to be CC elections on 5 November 2015. All CCllrs will have to complete nomination forms and submit them by 4pm on 24 September 2015. Our CC needs six CCllrs but can accommodate up to eight.
- We received the review of the LDP (MIR) from Cllr Barnacle.
- Brenda Lackie (CC Liaison Officer) has retired. Her position has been filled by Christine Grant and therefore the CC support will not have been affected or changed.
- Cleish School: CCllr Fraser has agreed to speak to the school following a request from the pupil council.
- PKC Greenspace rangers: There is a link on PKC website.
- Cllr Cuthbert discussed the stile at the end of the millennium walk with PKC. This pathway is not a 'core path' and therefore PKC is not responsible for its upkeep. It is instead classified as an assented right of way.

**CC website and newsletter:** There are between 190-200 daily sessions (unique visitors). The two most popular pages are the weather and planning. There have also been requests for more printed C&B newsletters recently. It was agreed that a meeting of the various volunteers who distribute the newsletter should take place to confirm the actual number of householders in our area that receive it.

#### Village updates – Blairadam

There is further road deterioration opposite the Blairforge junction, and the white lines have all but vanished.

The speed limit lights are no longer working.

27a is continuing to frustrate local residents - it is still very much a derelict site, and it is reported that the education contribution hasn't been settled.

The speed limit change and resurfacing work is proposed to start in July.

#### Village updates – Cleish

Judging for the Best Kept Village is on 28 July.

There was a very successful sale and fete in the village.

The gate for access to the millennium walk for grass cutting has been fitted.



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### Planning

Proposed House at West Main (15/00375/FLL): Refused.

House at Dowhill: no objection by the CC.

Cleish Mains: Three objections have been lodged (including the CC).

House at Burnside, Benarty: CC objected to this application.

Stables and Arena at Nivingston: It was asked if the CC could object to this design of this application, in particular the site of the new stable block and arena. There are currently stables close to the existing development that the new stables could directly replace. In addition the new arena is excessive in size (normally arenas would be 20m x 40m unless needed for business use) and again could be sited closer to the existing facilities.

Boreland Farm: The steading building was demolished and all of the stone material taken away off site. PKC were notified and a stop notice was placed on the site by the Enforcement Officer. There was very strong opposition to this development by the community at the time of the application. There has been a blatant breach of the legal conditions imposed by PKC for the application. It was reported that despite the stop notice there had been work on the site that morning. There also has been significant development of several plots (one nearly finished) which haven't had Building Warrant granted yet. Four specific conditions in the Section 75 can't physically be met anymore.

Cllr Barnacle confirmed that in 2008 the Reporter refused the developers' appeal to allow them knock down the steading. He also reported that this developer has also breached planning conditions elsewhere in this area. The Enforcement Powers are somewhat limited by the Scottish Government, however. The Planning Officers would normally look at ways to 'normalise' an application, and therefore a new application is expected to be received from the developer. However there has been a clear breach of a number of strong conditions, including those of the Reporter, and Cllr Barnacle feels there should be a strong statement from PKC that this isn't acceptable.

The CC agreed that this cannot be allowed to be 'normalised' by accepting a retrospective or new application. It would bring the whole planning process into disrepute. It was agreed that the CC would write to PKC to strongly express the unanimous views of our community, in particular that this illegal behaviour by a developer is not acceptable, and in no way would we accept any effort to conveniently 'normalise' the site by accepting the resubmitted application by the developer.

There is a windfarm application outwith our area worthy of note - Greenknowes Windfarm at Glendevon has applied for five new turbines. There is a public exhibition on Wednesday at The Tormaukin.

There is an application for a 'chalet development' at Gellybank. Whilst is not within this CCs boundaries, there would be an impact on our local residents. Mr Smith explained the application from the floor - the initial application for ten lodges was reduced to eight to meet the PO4 mitigation as part of farm diversification. There have been nine objections from local residents and there is to be a Kinross CC meeting later in the week which will also discuss that application. The objections have been based on policies ED3 (rural and business diversification) and ED4C. There are several criteria in both policies that are clearly not met by this application. The local C road that passes through our area to the proposed site would be inadequate for the extra traffic.

Cllr Barnacle reported that he had previously attempted to mediate for a solution in the current access road, between the residents and the landowner. He withdrew from that mediation due to a difficulty achieving any positive communication. The road access is still an issue for the current level of use let alone any increase.

**Other business:** As for access from the landowner to allow us to fix the stile.

**The Next Meeting of Cleish and Blairadam CC will take place on Monday 3 August 2015 at 7.30pm in the Tabernacle Hall.**

Cleish & Blairadam CC minutes are posted on the website

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## Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation



### 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, 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 festivals 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)

### Come and sing 'The Pirates of Penzance'!

Join experienced choir leader Peter Rutterford as he guides you through an afternoon of choral discovery with Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera of 'The Pirates of Penzance'. We welcome all singers, whether experienced or beginners, to sing in the choir. The rehearsal is during the

afternoon. Just come along for a fun day and learn this well known comic opera before **performing it to your friends and family** in the evening. It takes place on **Sunday 15 November**; rehearsal from 2pm to 5pm and the performance is at 7pm at the Kinross Parish Church. Costs are £15 for singers and £10 for audience at the concert in evening. If interested in taking part, please e-mail your details to [info@kleo.org.uk](mailto:info@kleo.org.uk) or call 01577 863107.

### Festive Street Market

If you're a local trader, crafts person or community group you might consider a stall at the Festive Street Market on **Saturday 28 November** from 4pm to 7pm. While this market event will go ahead, we have not yet finalised our decision as to which location it will be held at. Like last year, stall fees are £30 for businesses and £15 for charities or community groups. No stall holder will be able to sell refreshments or catering unless by prior arrange with KLEO. For a booking form for this event, please e-mail [info@kleo.org.uk](mailto:info@kleo.org.uk)

### Other events at the Festival:

- **Day's Singing Workshop** with Irene Railley, Saturday 24 Oct, 10.30am-4pm, Kinross Parish Church.
- **Another Night On Broadway**, Friday 13 and Saturday 14 Nov, 7pm at the community campus.
- **Pirates of Penzance in a day**, Sunday 15 Nov, 7pm (for singers 2-5pm) at the Kinross Parish Church.
- **Kinross-shire's Got Talent** (Fri 20 Nov, 7pm at the community campus).
- **Big Country** (Saturday 21 Nov, 8pm at the community campus).
- **Choirs Together**, 16 Nov, 7pm at campus.
- **Festive Street Market**, 28 Nov, 4-7pm.

Tickets for Big Country are for sale through our website [www.kinrossmusicfestival.co.uk](http://www.kinrossmusicfestival.co.uk), Milnathort Post Office and Macbeth Currie Estate Agents. For more information about the festival, visit [www.kinrosswinterfestival.co.uk](http://www.kinrosswinterfestival.co.uk)

### Leven Voices

Leven Voices will have a summer stop but will start again on **Tuesday 15 September** with Horsecross Arts Tutor Alice Marra. Leven Voices is for anyone who just wants to sing and have fun! You can join in anytime. 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!

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*Last year's practice for Messiah in a day. This year it will be Pirates of Penzance in a day*

### Kinross Garden Group

Our June outing took us to Portrack House home of "The Garden of Cosmic Speculation" at Holywood, then a visit to Gardenwise Garden Centre in Dumfries. Both were new to all the members. A good day was had by all.

The July outing on **Thursday 9 July** is to Crathes Castle at Banchory. Mrs C Rodger 01577 863785.



### Need Equipment for a Community Event?

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

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[www.kinross.cc/equipment\\_hire/equipment.htm](http://www.kinross.cc/equipment_hire/equipment.htm)

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



## Kinross-shire Fifty Plus Club

The next club meeting will be on **Thursday 2 July** when the speaker will be **Carole Anderson on Age Scotland**.



**Away Days** – To be confirmed. Contact Mrs Muirhead. 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.

**Annual Outing:** This is on **Sunday 9 August** (not 8 August as previously stated) to Ayr Flower Show. The all-inclusive price is £37.00 (coach, entrance fee, high tea and tips). There are still seats available. The monies will be collected at the July Meeting. Contact: Pat Crawford on 01577 862962.

### Friday Walkers in July

- 3rd** The Pineapple at Airth and Dunmore Village.  
**17th** The Loch Ordie Walk from Dowally.  
**31st** Limekilns, Charlestown and Broomhall estate.

Contact: Ian Simpson on 01577 863691.

### Friday Hill Walkers

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| <b>July 10th</b> | Little Glenshee [no bus] | Bill    | 0830 |
| <b>July 24th</b> | The Knock                | Anne    | 0830 |
| <b>Aug 7th</b>   | Carleatheran Hill        | Richard | 0830 |

### Activities

The following are open to all members of the Club:

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

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

The following activities have finished for the season:

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

## Kinross and District

### Junior Agricultural Club

This month Kinross YFC have been busy with the field day at Inverdoet Farm, which we did well in, and with the east region stock judging, which was held at Cuthill Towers.

Kinross also went along to the Hilton of Aldie Open Farm day at which we had a stand to help promote the club, plus some members helped park the tremendous amount of cars that turned up.

With Highland Show week coming around quickly Kinross have been gearing up for it as we are hoping to do well in the stock judging.

Ahead of us this month Kinross YFC have east region golf competition held in Dollar and the east region rally in Kirkcaldy on 4 July.

Furthermore there is a **Coffee Morning on Saturday 27 June** at Kinross Day Centre, 10am - 12pm. All proceeds will be given to Rachel House.

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

## Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

It's the height of summer – wonderful for walking. Come out, enjoy yourself and meet new people. Whether you're new or 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. We've only one weekend walk this month – our planned Tentsmuir walk is cancelled due to the clash with the Open Golf at St Andrews.

**Sat 25 July: Pentlands/Flotterstone Circular.** 8 miles. Circular route from Flotterstone via Bonaly, Torduff, Clubiedean and Clencorse Reservoirs. Good tracks or roads, with not too many inclines.

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

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

## Kinross & Ochil Short Walks Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

Our Tuesday short walks are continuing throughout the summer. They are usually a maximum of 4 miles, 1½-2 hours, with an occasional day outing – we had a delightful trip to the Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh last month – 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 the contact person 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 14 July: "The Pineapple"**, Airth (cancelled previously due to torrential rain that forced us to retreat to a local coffee shop and abandon our walking plans). Meet 10am at old Health Centre, Kinross or 10.45am at "The Pineapple" car park.

Contact: Edna Burnett on 01577 862977.

**Tuesday 28 July: Harran Hill Wood, Lochore Meadows.** Meet 10am at old Health Centre, Kinross or 10.30 at visitor centre car park, Lochore Meadows.

Contact: Christina Roger on 01577 863785.



### 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 & District Rotary Club

Over the past month we have had some interesting speakers come to the Rotary club and we are looking forward to a range of talents next month. Just a couple of the highlights from May were as follows:



Visiting Rotarian and military historian George Sutherland gave an informative talk on the Gallipoli campaign of the First World War, its successes and failures and what it meant for the countries involved. He had some excellent images showing photographs of the time superimposed with recent images.

Kinross Rotarian Alistair Smith, co-author of the book *The Pioneering Flying Achievement of Preston Watson*, gave a talk on the achievements of this Dundonian aviation pioneer. Was it the Wright brothers or Preston Watson who first achieved powered flight? It's open for discussion...

Next month we are looking forward to several interesting speakers, including the inspirational Olivia Giles, founder and head of the charity '500 Miles' and fellow Kinross Rotarian David Birrell on his time living and working in Africa. Please contact the club Secretary at [secretary@kinross.rotary1010.org](mailto:secretary@kinross.rotary1010.org) for details of dates and times if you'd like to come along and hear any of our speakers. You don't have to be a Rotarian! Readers of the Newsletter will be very aware of events in Nepal over the past few weeks and the suffering, loss and

hardships currently being felt by the people of Nepal. The club discussed what meaningful contribution could be made to the relief effort and decided the provision of a Shelter Box, at the cost of £500, would be appropriate. The money was raised through various events of the previous year and was originally intended for 'local' emergencies. However, due to the folk of Perth and Kinross being lucky enough to live in a relatively safe environment and the ability of the club to quickly re-raise funds, we considered that this small contribution from the people of Kinross was appropriate. For more information on Shelter Box, what they are and where they go, visit [www.shelterbox.org](http://www.shelterbox.org)

The next big event the club involved with is the '**Mary, Queen of Scots – The Great Escape Boat Race**'. This will be on **Saturday 15 August** at the Kirkgate and will build on the success of last year. Why not get a group of five friends (older than 16 years) together and enter a team? Remember, one of the team needs to represent Mary! It was great fun and good a competition last year and the more teams we have the better. To register your team will cost £30 and all proceeds go to charity. There will be prizes on the day, food and drink available and activities for all the family. For more information, see poster below or contact:

sean\_bolton@hotmail.com  
or brian.timms230@btinternet.com

## Mary, Queen of Scots 'The Great Escape' - Boat Race

Saturday 15 August 2015 – 12pm

**Register your team now and come and join the fun at Kirkgate Park!**

Teams cost just £30 to enter with all proceeds going to charity. Teams consist of 5 adults (over 16 yrs) and one of the team **must be dressed as Mary!** There is a prize for the best Mary! The race is a timed out and back competition - races start at 12pm. The more teams the better! Prizes to be won. Food and drink available. Entertainment for the whole family. Bring a picnic, bring a BBQ – Make a day of it!



For more information and to register your team contact:

Brian Timms – [brian.timms230@btinternet.com](mailto:brian.timms230@btinternet.com) – 07880 503 288  
Sean Bolton – [sean\\_bolton@hotmail.com](mailto:sean_bolton@hotmail.com) – 07808 473 283

**Team registrations will also be available on the day!**



## Loch Leven Community Campus

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### 2015 Programme of Events at the Campus

**Antiques, Vintage, Retro and Collectors Fairs on Saturday 18 July and Saturday 15 August:** 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 12 Sep Fife Craft Association Craft Fair  
Sept (date tbc) Afternoon Tea Dance  
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 or 07523 550014 or sandra\_farrer@yahoo.com for details.

### Basic Sewing Skills Course

There will be an eight-week course of Basic Sewing Classes starting on **Monday 10 August** from **7pm to 9pm** with instruction from Maureen Prior. Cost of the course is £40 and places must be booked. The course will be 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. For more information or to book a place on the course, please contact Gerry McGregor (see heading).

### Recycled Crafts Course

This six-week course starts on **Saturday 27 June** (until 1 August). Classes are 11am to 1pm with instruction from Teresa Widd. The cost of the course is £30, payable in advance. You are encouraged to bring your own materials to use but materials can be supplied for a small charge up to a maximum cost of £10. Places must be booked via Gerry.

### Felting Workshops

We are hoping to start some regular Felting Workshops and would like anyone who is interested to contact Gerry.

### Further information

For more details on any of the events mentioned, please visit our Facebook page or go to our website (see heading). 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.

## Friends of Loch Leven Community Library

Thanks to all of you who have contacted us and are keen to volunteer and be part of our group. We are progressing our joint agreement with Perth and Kinross Council which will allow us to keep the library open on Saturday afternoon and all day Monday. By the time you read this, we will have met with the Libraries and Information Services Manager who is our liaison with the Council. One of the points that has come from earlier discussions is the need for three volunteers to be on duty at any one time; this means that we are looking to train up approximately 20 volunteers initially. We are probably halfway there! Training will be done in small groups and there is also the opportunity to take advantage of PKC's specialised training in both Risk Assessment and Health and Safety. Tracey Ramsay, our totally fantastic Capacity Worker, is guiding us along the legal requirements needed and the next few months promise to be quite busy. We are still keen to hear from you if you wish to be involved; all that's needed is a love of books and reading, keenness to be part of your local community and, as we discovered recently, a shared liking for cake!

For further details, please get in touch with Richard Scott 07999 510500.



## Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



The Club held its 22nd AGM on 10 June 2015 at the home of Moira and Alistair Smith of Wester Balgedie.

It was a special occasion, tinged with a certain sadness. The Club was started by Trixie and Joe Morrell who have had a lifelong interest in antiques and this was the 22nd year that Trixie had been the chairman. However, Trixie needed to put her time and efforts into other aspects of her life and she has stepped down as chairman. Ian Smith has gallantly taken on the roll.

A full programme of talks, discussions and an outside visit have been planned for 2015/2016 and a new member, Anne Thomson, will be joining the club when it resumes in September.

Trixie was presented with a bouquet of flowers and the members enjoyed the traditional AGM fayre of strawberries and wine.

Brenda Bird, Secretary

## Portmoak Hall 100 Club

1st	No 77	Louise Batchelor, Scotlandwell
2nd	No 1	James Gardner, Scotlandwell
3rd	No 45	Andrew Price, Kinnesswood



## Kinnesswood in Bloom

Kinnesswood in Bloom is raising funds on behalf of the Portmoak community to purchase and erect a bench in memory of Tom Buchan.



He played a vital role in the running of the Michael Bruce Museum, was a founder member of Kinnesswood in Bloom and was in every sense the heart of Kinnesswood and the Bishopshire. If you would like to make a donation towards the memorial bench, please contact any member of Kinnesswood in Bloom or leave a donation at the shop. Any funds remaining after the erection of the bench will be donated to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

To celebrate the Year of Food and Drink, Portmoak Primary School pupils have produced artwork which this year will be displayed in the hall for the week of the Portmoak Festival. Four of the images by P1-3 children will be displayed on a bag which will be for sale at the festival.

Kinnesswood in Bloom recently helped the children of Portmoak Primary School celebrate the opening of their new greenhouse. A Teddy Bears' Picnic was held on the playing field with the whole school dressed as animals and many bringing their own teddies. They had prepared their own picnic and enjoyed their own tasty treats. Emily, who won the greenhouse with her well-written story, cut a cake decorated with teddies and the teddies made by the Community Group at the school were set out for their own picnic.



*John, Adele and Margaret put the finishing touches to the opening of the green house and prepare for the teddy bears' picnic*

The picnics will be on display with a Teddy Bear Trail starting during Portmoak Festival Week and running all summer. Please bring your wee (or big) visitors to follow the trail, admire the gardens and find the answers to the family quiz.

There are plans to refurbish the bus shelter with some painting and repairs to the bench seat. A bench in the main street is also due to have some renovation work done.

The beginning of June has not been good for planting out and our hanging baskets may be late this year. On the plus side there have been some well-attended work parties and some areas are looking very good.

The "Best Village Competition" is being judged on Tuesday 28 July so we hope by then everyone will have had some lovely gardening weather and the village will be in tip top condition.

## Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

### Homemade Muesli Bars

These absolutely delicious muesli bars were made by the children of Portmoak Primary School for their recent picnic.

#### Ingredients

- ½ cup (125 ml) honey
- ¼ cup caster sugar
- 125g butter
- 3 cups rolled oats
- 1 cup toasted rice cereal
- 1 cup sultanas
- ½ cup chopped apricots, dates or choc chips
- ½ cup desiccated coconut
- ¼ cup pumpkin seed kernels, sunflower or sesame seeds

#### Method

Preheat oven to 180°C (160°C fan). Grease and line a tray (31 cm x 22 cm) with baking paper.

Combine honey, sugar and butter in a saucepan over medium heat. Cook, stirring, for 2-3 minutes until butter melts and sugar dissolves. Bring to the boil and cook for 2 minutes or until syrup thickens slightly. Remove from heat.

Combine remaining ingredients in a large bowl. Pour over the hot syrup and stir to combine.

Spoon into prepared pan and press firmly to make sure the mixture will stick together.

Bake in oven for 15-20 minutes or until golden.

Cool and then refrigerate until well chilled and cut into 24 slices (about 2cm x 6cm).

## Kinross-shire Day Centre

It's been a very busy month! We had our AGM; a good opportunity to say thank you to the committee, staff and volunteers who all work so hard to make the Day Centre so successful. We have also had a "Body Shop" party, enabling our ladies to see the latest products and try a hand massage. On 13 May, some ladies from Cupar Circle Dance group came to run a short workshop, which many of our service-users were able to join in, and we all enjoyed the varied music and a little bit of information about each dance. We also went to see the film "A Royal Night Out", which brought back many memories of where we were on VE day.

The warmer weather has encouraged us to take the minibus out to St Andrews, to Cairnie fruit farm and Crail. It's always a great boost to morale to have a change of scene, especially at the coast.

We now have some raised beds at the allotments at Dobbies and we have planted them up with flowers. Dobbies have adopted us as their local charity this year and we joined with them at their family fun day on the 31 May. Thank you to our faithful supporters who helped with face painting, other kids' activities, tombola, treasure hunt and cake stall.

If you would like to help us with occasional fund-raising activities, please give your contact details to Nan Cook on (01577) 863869. It's usually only once or twice a year but it makes an amazing difference in raising our profile within the community. Our special thanks go to the Dobbies staff who took part in the cycle ride between all the local stores as part of their marathon anniversary tour round Britain.

## Compassion Corner

### Everyone is somebody

Recently I came across this anonymous poem:

I kept looking for somebody  
To solve the problem,  
And then I realized,  
I am somebody.

Have you ever had a problem that you thought you couldn't solve? Was your first thought to get someone else to solve your problem for you? Often, we don't recognise our own gifts and talents. Perhaps we may lack confidence in our own abilities so we look to other people to solve our problems for us. However, if we learn to trust our inner strength, we often find that we have the answers we need and we can solve our own problems.

Psychologists have been studying what makes an effective, happy and balanced person. Studies have shown that an emotionally intelligent person – someone with what used to be called common sense – has the following characteristics. They are:

- Self aware
- Good managers of their feelings
- Able to make decisions
- Can manage stress
- Take personal responsibility for their actions
- Can identify with others' feelings
- Good communicators
- Work well with others
- Deal with conflict

Doubtless you will recognise some or all of these in your self but also notice that you are stronger in some than others. The good news is that we can all be good at all of these things, although many choose not to be. It just takes awareness, a little practice, an open mind and a willingness to change. They say that one sign of madness is to keep doing the same thing and expect a different result. Take a little time after you read this article. Write out all the qualities that you think you have that other people might not see. Then beside each quality write how you might use that quality to help yourself or another.

There is another way that you can use you and trust your inner self in problem solving. It's called the "Steven Spielberg Syndrome". Steven Spielberg always knew that he wanted to bring pleasure to millions by making wonderful pictures. He knew what he could do but he was also very aware of what he could not do. So he gathered around himself all the people who had the strengths he did not have. He was not a lighting expert, he did not know how to use a hand-held camera well, and he did not have a perfect eye for design and colour. These "weaknesses" did not stop him from making his films because he sought out and found the people who could do these things. He recognised his strengths and weaknesses and put both to good use. What is stopping us from doing the same thing?

It is the strong man who asks for help; the wise woman who can admit that she doesn't know something; the brave person who admits loneliness; and the humble person who can admit to making a mistake. So when you are looking for somebody to solve your problems just remember YOU ARE that SOMEBODY!

*Jo Middlemiss*

## The Kinross-shire Civic Trust

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

website: [www.kinross-shirecivictrust.org](http://www.kinross-shirecivictrust.org)

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### Planning

The planning committee of Kinross-shire Civic Trust meets regularly to examine planning applications for Kinross-shire and to comment where appropriate.

The Perth and Kinross Development Plan is currently under review. This is a very important part of the planning process that has implications for everybody in Kinross-shire as it designates areas for development, e.g. large housing site allocations, land for employment use etc.

The knock-on impact of additional housing, for instance, puts greater demand on school and medical facilities to cope with the expansion in population. New development also increases traffic volumes. In this way new development will impact on the whole community beyond the boundaries of sites chosen.

The process allows for everyone to engage and have their say and the next major step is the preparation of a Main Issues Report (MIR). This, in effect, is a draft plan and again at this point the public can engage and make comment or object to proposals. This document is likely to be published in the autumn.

It is important for members of the community to acquaint themselves with the process and have their say in how Kinross-shire should develop.

Kinross-shire Civic Trust will be following the process closely and making submissions at every available stage.

### Visit to Gardens at Dowhill

A good number of members and friends enjoyed a visit to the gardens at Dowhill on 31 May. The beautiful lawns, borders, ponds and woodland are a testament to the hard work of Pippa and Colin Maitland Dougall over the last thirty years. The Trust would like to thank them for making us welcome. The gardens were open under the Scotland's Gardens Scheme, which helps to raise funds for the garden owners' nominated charity, in this case the Motor Neurone Disease Association, to which the Civic Trust was pleased to make a donation.

### Remaining Events for 2015

**Best Kept Village Competition:** The judges will be in the villages and hamlets at some point during the day of Tuesday 28 July. We look forward to seeing some lovely villages this year. It's as much about the neatness and tidiness of a village as it is about the quantity of flowering plants displayed.

Any queries about this competition, please contact Patty Fraser on [patty@cleish.net](mailto:patty@cleish.net)

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

### KATHY'S BREKKIE CLUB

Term time drop off at Kinross Primary School -  
walking or wet weather drive  
7am - 9am

[Campbell.kathy73@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Campbell.kathy73@yahoo.co.uk)

07527 485300

**£8.00 per session**

**Starting August 2015**

## Dobbies Community Champion

31 May was a special day for us at Dobbies in Kinross, as we held a family event in aid of **Kinross-shire Day Centre**, and also welcomed the cyclists on the first day of our 150th Anniversary cycle tour of Britain. Our manager David cycled from Dunfermline to Dundee, and we are very proud of his efforts. **Our event raised £171**, plus donations and sponsor money, and I would like to thank everyone who took part, and Nan, Jean, Margaret, and Eilidh and Millie from the Guides, and Chloe the face painter for their help on the day.

As part of our 150th anniversary, we are also supporting the **Scottish Wildlife Trust**, and I am planning to organise a wildlife information and activity day at the store after the school summer holidays.

The July meeting of the **Little Seedlings Club** will be at 11am on **Sunday 5 July**, about "companion planting", and nature friendly pest control. The next meeting on **2 August** will have a seaside theme. Accompanied children aged 4 to 10 are always welcome to join us, for some learning and growing fun.

We will also be supporting the flower show at the Kinross Show on 8 August.

I was very busy in May with "Farm to Fork" visits by groups of children to the store, to learn about growing their own food, and healthy eating. These included Rosemount Nursery, and Kinross Beavers, and I also went out to the nursery at Kinross Primary, and Brownie groups in Muckhart and Kinross, to help them with their gardening badges. If your class or youth group would like to arrange a visit to the store, please let me know.

I have also started an exciting new project at the Department of Additional Support at Balwearie High School in Kirkcaldy, to help them to develop a new garden area, for learning and relaxation for the pupils. This will include a wildlife area, an outside classroom sitting area, and flower, sensory and edible growing areas. I have so far donated some large pots and vegetable plants and seeds, so they can start to grow some crops this term, and also some tools, bird feeders and easy gardening books. The construction and planting of the rest of the garden can hopefully be completed in the autumn.

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

Amanda James

## Kinross Museum

During the past month Kinross Museum has hosted events on 'Farming Life' and 'Life and work in times Past' for classes from Kinross and Portmoak Primary School. In addition, we have taken part in the Loch Leven Discovery Day and organised a walk in the Kirkgate Park as part of Perth and Kinross Archaeology Month.

Our survey of the memorial stones in the Old Kirkgate Kirkyard continues, as does our research and cataloguing of items gifted to the Museum. In recent weeks the Museum has had a steady flow of visitors and researchers.

If you have not yet visited Kinross (Marshall) Museum, why not drop by and see us in the Loch Leven Community Campus on a Thursday or Saturday when volunteers will welcome you to our Study Room and show you our exhibitions.



## Common Grounds

[www.spanglefish.com/](http://www.spanglefish.com/)  
[commongroundscharitycafe](http://commongroundscharitycafe)



May/June has seen the start of many volunteers taking a well-deserved holiday but it has left our pool of willing helpers severely drained, so much so that we had to reluctantly keep our doors closed on 27 May. Our apologies if you made the effort to support us. With the holiday period looming, we really would appreciate any help readers could offer. Most volunteers are part of a pool and only assist in the coffee shop as and when it suits them. Apart from the charity work abroad, Common Grounds fills an important role in the lives of many of our customers by giving a friendly welcome and stimulating chat.

Could you share some of your time with us? It would provide that vital help and maybe offer you new opportunities in return. Students over 16 would be welcome too and volunteering contributes towards achieving the Duke of Edinburgh and Saltire awards, as well as being a worthwhile addition to any CV and developing useful life skills. (Contact details below.) When out enjoying the summer sun (hopefully), do refresh yourself with our Fairtrade drinks and tasty home baking..... not forgetting to pick up a good read to enjoy later. Remember, you would make a difference.

Project: Our projects for July and August will be chosen at our Volunteers' meeting in late July, so details of them next month.

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

**Bowton Road, Kinross**

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



Now the weather is warming up in mid June, the plants (and the weeds) are all growing well at the garden, and the **school children have planted vegetables** in most of the L-shaped beds. They have been enthusiastic helpers, and will return after the summer holidays for a harvest and tasting session.

We have been pleased to welcome Davie, Jackie and Joan as new volunteers on a Monday morning, and they worked hard to help to tidy the garden in time for our "**Blooming Great Tea Party**" in aid of **Marie Curie Cancer care**. Thank you to all the volunteers, and those who attended for an enjoyable party in the garden. We sold a wide variety of plants, and **raised £145 for Marie Curie Cancer Care**. Thank you also to the gentleman from Drum who recently donated to us some beautifully labelled fuchsia plants

**Visitors are always welcome to the garden during the day**, with children being accompanied by an adult, and dogs on a lead please. Please sign our visitors' book which is hanging beside the shed door. We are also there on **Monday mornings** from about 10.30am to 12.30pm for plant sales or advice about your garden; do join us for a cuppa!

If you have any ideas or questions about the garden, please contact Amanda James, Convenor, on [amanda@tyafon.plus.com](mailto:amanda@tyafon.plus.com) or (01577) 840809.



## Kinross in Bloom

The AGM was held in the Church Centre, Kinross, on 3 June. It had been a good year for the group with recognition in particular due to the watering teams who looked after nearly 60 hanging baskets (some supplied by KiB, some council supplied) as well as the many barrels and containers in the town, stretching from Loch Leven Health Centre to the Park & Ride and round to Koronka.

The Chairman was thanked for all his efforts and the Treasurer provided a report on the accounts for the year. Continued support from Kinross locals as members of the 200 Club still manages to give four prizes each month and ongoing sponsorship of hanging baskets and planters is appreciated. The audited accounts were duly signed off. There is no change to the committee for 2015/16 with the following members approved and seconded: Chairman: Derek Lawrence, Vice Chair: Marion Todd, Secretary: Iain Todd, Treasurer: Aileen Sorbie.

The end of June saw the summer flowers planted out in their baskets, barrels and planters, including begonia, verbena and petunias. Thank you to the Round Table who did the heavy work in lifting the baskets into position around town. Several barrels have deteriorated and been replaced and, due to the town centre regeneration, some of the barrels and planters have been repositioned for this year. Kinross in Bloom are also working with PKC to gain funding for new planters for the town centre once the building work is completed.

The Kinross in Bloom pick-up truck will be seen around town under the command of one of our volunteer drivers carrying out the watering. Volunteers to help with watering, planting or fundraising are always welcome.

**Should you wish to sponsor a basket or barrel to mark a special occasion, for a friend or your business,** it is not too late for this year; our treasurer Aileen Sorbie will be only too pleased to hear from you. Her phone number is 01577 861477. Sponsorship rates are £20 for Baskets and £30 for barrels.

### 200 Club winners for June:

- |                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. No 71 Fiona Todd  | 2. No 84 Jean Simpson  |
| 3. No 21 Ms L Fowler | 4. No 1 Norma Anderson |

Congratulations to all our winners.

Our **next meeting** is on **Wednesday 12 August** at 7.30pm in the Church Centre, Kinross.



## Kinross and District Art Club

Painting *en plein air*, much favoured by the French Impressionists, is always a challenge in our variable Scottish climate. And challenging it was in June when sixteen intrepid club members set off to paint in the grounds of Dowhill House near Cleish. Some sat outside in weatherproof gear and sketched; others took photographs before making a retreat to their cars to turn these into watercolour paintings. But all agreed it was the finest location to inspire their efforts. Dowhill House was built in the 18th Century and remodelled in the 19th. Beyond the grounds lie the ruins of Dowhill Castle, the late medieval residence of the Lindsays of Dowhill. The house, home to our generous hosts, Mr and Mrs Maitland Dougall, enjoys extensive gardens set off by the iconic outline of Benarty Hill and some magnificent old trees. There are nine linked ponds, enjoyed by resident swans and waterfowl. The garden is open to the public annually in May when its blue poppies and woodlands carpeted with bluebells and primulas are a delight to the eye, particularly that of the artist!



*Dowhill House, visited by KADAC members recently*

The club takes a break from its weekly sessions from May through to the end of August. But painting continues as we prepare for our annual **Art Exhibition** in the Parish Church. Opening Evening is **Wednesday 9 September**, with guest speakers Keith and Elizabeth Adam of historic Blair Adam House and the exhibition continues on Thursday and Friday from 1pm to 8pm and Saturday from 10am to 4pm. The exhibition is one of the venues in Perthshire Open Studios, an annual event across Perthshire and Kinross-shire, which this year has 15 venues in this area, known as the Turquoise Route. A Taster Gallery with examples of all the art on offer will be open during the event at Kinross Property in the High Street. The Turquoise Route is being generously sponsored again this year by local property developers, The Seventy Group. For more information, visit [www.kadac.co.uk](http://www.kadac.co.uk) or ring Glenys on 07702 572664.



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## Kinross High School

By the time you are reading this the school session of 2014-15 will be drawing to a close. At our Awards ceremony on the last evening of the summer term the highlights of the school year will have been revisited and the many successes celebrated. We will have said some goodbyes and to a great many people we will have said thank you. In this, my final article, I would like to do something similar for our wider community.

Perhaps the standout highlight of our year is once again the amount of money raised for our nominated charity Teenage Cancer Trust. Our final total will be in excess of £12000. This is indeed a magnificent effort. It is a testament to the amount of work and effort our pupils put in to organising the various events and also a measure of the generosity of our school community.

There have been many highlights coupled with many excellent academic performances this year. Our Award winners will appear in the next issue of the Newsletter when the full list will be published as usual. As for the highlights, perhaps these are best enjoyed in the words of our young people and those associated with them. Why not ask one of them? I predict they will cover musical, sporting, academic and social stories. All important. All worth hearing first hand.

Next, some goodbyes. We are sorry to say farewell to long-standing staff member, Mrs Rintoul. She has worked in the English department for a number of years supporting and stretching many pupils. We wish her well in whatever she may do in the future. We have, of course, waved off another batch of senior pupils with our good wishes for their futures. It is never easy to let the seniors go and our outgoing S6 pupils have been a credit to themselves during their time in KHS. Their recent Prom exemplified this. 100 of them along with 25 staff members attended the Prom at Queensferry Hotel. The evening was a triumph of good behaviour and good times. It was testament to all who attended and organised the event. I was beyond proud of all them on that night.

Finally, I'd like to take the opportunity to say some thank yous.



Our Parent Council work hard in gathering and presenting the views of the parent body. It has been a pleasure to work with the various parents who have been part of this group over the last nine years. Their interest and concern for the school is heart-warming. Their support has always been appreciated and I know that they will continue to be a real asset to the school.

Thanks also to our partners in the many businesses – large and small – from the area who support the school in such a large number of ways. We are grateful for your advice, your involvement and your interest. Keep the work experience placements coming!

Some last thoughts as I, too, come to the end of my time at Kinross High School. I have been part of the KHS family for 14 years, the last nine as Rector. These years shared with the communities of Kinross-shire (and beyond) have been exciting, interesting, occasionally frustrating but always rewarding. We have a good school and I am proud to have been given the chance to contribute to maintaining and improving standards. I have worked with many fine young people on a daily basis. I have enjoyed leading many excellent teaching and support staff who have ensured, and will continue to ensure, that success is ongoing. I have also enjoyed the contact with our wider parent body. No school always gets it right but most parents have agreed that we try our best to do so.

So, what of me? Well, retirement can be many things. Recently I have been telling people that I am going to take seven days to do what I currently try to squeeze into two. I do not intend to retire from this job to undertake any other. My time with formal education has finished. I think I can look back on my career with a certain amount of pride and pleasure. I now intend to commit more time to my wife, garden, dog and my golf. Not necessarily in that order. I wish each and everyone associated with Kinross High School the very best for the future and I thank you for making my time here such a pleasure.

RH Keatings

## Kinross High School Parent Council

Clerk: Jennifer Sneddon 0794 667 9815

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With the summer holidays here, it's a quieter time for the Parent Council. It's a time of transition in many ways too: for the pupils leaving their various primary schools and preparing to move up to the "big school", no doubt with a mixture of eagerness and nervousness; for the senior pupils leaving KHS and moving on to the next stages in their lives, which will undoubtedly take them in many different directions; for our retiring Headteacher, Dick Keatings, moving towards well-earned opportunities that retirement brings; and for our new Headteacher, Sarah Brown, preparing to take the helm at KHS. The Parent Council wishes them all well.

With around 200 new S1 pupils coming into the school next term, perhaps some of their parents might consider supporting them by joining the Parent Council. Any parent or guardian of a KHS pupil is welcome to join. Information is available on the KHS website. 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.

The Parent Council is currently looking for a new clerk. It is an interesting role, which is paid, and which may provide a route back into employment for someone who has not worked formally for a while. Being able to use word processing and email, and good organisational and communication skills, will be useful for this position. If you think you might have the skills to take on this interesting role, please check out the job description which can be found on the KHS website in the Parents area and also on the Community Council website. *(See also p. 95 of this Newsletter.)*

The Parent Council AGM took place on 15 June. Minutes of this and other Parent Council meetings and further information can be found on the KHS website in the Parents area. At the AGM, current office bearers of the Parent Council were re-elected for the 2015/16 school session and remain: William Nicholls (Chair), Kay Mitchell (Vice Chair) and Allan Miller (Treasurer).



## **Portmoak Primary School**

### **Health Week**

The first week of June was Health Week at Portmoak Primary. This included sports day on 1 June and a whole school sponsored walk on 3 June. The walk was organised by the children's Community Committee to raise funds for the Michael Bruce Museum in Kinnesswood. The museum needs the support of the local community to help continue to preserve this important historical building, which dates to the early 1700s. Michael Bruce, "The Gentle Poet of Loch Leven", lived in this cottage with his family. The school uses the museum as a local resource for learning about how people lived in the past. The roof is in urgent need of repair and the Michael Bruce Trust needs the support of our community at this time.

Our sponsored walk was along The Bruce Way and the sun came out for us, as you can see from the photos below.



*Portmoak Primary's sponsored walk along  
The Michael Bruce Way*



On Friday 5 June children supported the World Wildlife Fund's 'Wear it Wild Day' by donating £1 to come to school "dressed to express their wild side". Wildlife populations have declined by 52% since 1970. WWF is working to address the growing threats to our natural world. All donations went to WWF.

The children also prepared healthy food in each class to take outside and have a picnic as part of the One World Picnic on Friday afternoon. This was linked with Kinnesswood in Bloom's teddy bears' picnic and launch of the new greenhouse. Emily Warburton in P6 had won a greenhouse for the school in a competition run by Moto Services, so she also gave a reading of her winning short story at the picnic.

### **Netball**

We have been awarded an Awards for All grant to procure netball equipment for schools across the cluster. Our newly formed school netball team acquitted themselves beautifully at the Kinross-shire tournament lately, losing only one game to Milnathort, who went on to win the tournament. Watch this space for news from our netball team as they grow and develop next year.

### **School Sport Award**

We recently applied for an award in Sport from Sport Scotland and were pleased that we were granted a Bronze Level award in recognition of all of the sporting opportunities that we offer children at Portmoak.



### **Cricket**

Some super cricket was played at the Kinross-shire tournament on 22 May with all three teams, the Portmoak Bears, Lions and Tigers, all being a credit to the school. We took second and third place at the Kinross-shire event this year and the Tigers and Bears then went on to Perth for the regional finals on 4 June. Both teams were tied for fifth place in the P&K event and a very high standard of cricket was in evidence throughout the day.



*Portmoak Primary cricketers at the Kinross-shire tournament*

### **Sainsbury's Vouchers**

Thank you to those members of the community who have been handing and posting in Sainsbury's active kids vouchers to the school. These have really increased the amount that we are able to spend on sports equipment in the coming months. 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.

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## **Fossoway Primary School Parent Teacher Association**

### **Round up of the PTA year**

The PTA is a committee of parents and teachers that provides financial help and community spirit to the school. Some of the events and fundraisers we've done this year include:

- School Halloween disco for the children
- Christmas shopping night in the Crook of Devon Village Hall
- Christmas hamper raffle and open afternoon
- 80s disco
- Car Washes in October and April
- Quiz and Mini Auction
- Spring Tidy Up of school grounds

The fundraising is essential to boost the budget which the school is allocated and we are proud to be able to help contribute to and provide for the nursery, the school and its pupils with things such as: trips and travel contributions,

iPads, SMART boards, outside play area items, sports items such as netball and basketball equipment, audio visual equipment, early years and upper school reading schemes and much more.

### **Fossoway Primary School Sports Day & BBQ**

It was energy and fun all the way at Fossoway's Sports Day, which kicked off with a colourful parade of pupils in their House teams (Leven, Devon, Queich and Gairney) followed with races for P1-7 children.

A barbecue followed for all families and staff with an afternoon of cricket, skipping, football and fun in the school field. A great time was enjoyed by all.

Before we know it, it'll 'back to school' time and the PTA will 'have the kettle on' to ease all Fossoway School and Nursery parents back into the school routine in the Crook of Devon Village Hall on Tuesday 18 August from 9am.

Have a lovely summer until then!

Elaine Melville

(on behalf of Fossoway PS PTA)



*A day at the races! Fossoway Primary School pupils take things in their stride at the Sports day and BBQ...*

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## Fencing

**Rhys Barbour**, a first year pupil at Kinross High School, beat the best fencers in Scotland to become the Under 13 Boys Foil Scottish Fencing Champion. This latest win caps the end of a successful season where Rhys also became the Foundation for Scottish Fencing Series champion.



*Rhys Barbour (second from left), Under 13 Boys Foil Fencing Champion*

Rhys trains at West Fife Fencing Club at Queen Anne High School in Dunfermline. The club meets three nights a week Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. WFFC welcomes fencers from the age of six upwards. We have a broad range of abilities within our membership, from absolute beginners to members of Great Britain and Scottish squads. You don't need any equipment, as all equipment is provided for those who need it. Your first night is free and club fees are £19 per month.

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## Milnathort Golf Club

### Ladies Section

Since my last report we have continued to face extremely poor weather conditions, however, Milnathort lady golfers have played on. Below are the results from our weekly competitions:

Mon 18 May, Stark Quaich Round 1: Lindsay Kidd gross 101 nett 75; Deirdre Calderwood gross 102 nett 78.

Wed 20 May, Daily Mail Foursome Qual: Elspeth Caldwell and Fiona Smith nett 70.5; Runners-up Sue Jones and Margaret Mitchell 72.5. Elspeth and Fiona will represent Milnathort in the next round.

Mon 25 May, SLGA Qualifier: Mary Barrie gross 102 nett 68; Elspeth Caldwell gross 87 nett 70.

Wed 27 May, 18-hole Stableford: Mary Barrie 41 points, Cath Ferrier 34 points. 9-hole Qualifier: Maria Duncan 22 points, Alice Mee 18 points and Sadie Ganley 18 points.

**SENIOR LADIES 2 BALL OPEN, Wednesday 22 July:**  
Entries are still being received. Phone 01577 864069.

## Kinross Tennis Club



With the Wimbledon Championships starting on 29 June and Andy Murray again providing us with inspiration, the tennis season is now in full swing, so, no time like the present to pick up your racket and join us at KTC for a game. We have coaching sessions, social tennis on weekdays and weekends plus league matches for adults and juniors; something for everyone at all levels of ability.

### League Matches - Tennis Tayside

Sadly our Men's team scheduled to play in Division 3 of the league have experienced difficulty in providing a team this year to fulfill all of the fixtures; as a consequence, we have been forced to withdraw from the Division for 2015.

Our Ladies team, playing in Division 1, have had a tough start to the season; they have so far won one out of six matches played and currently lie fifth in their Division.

We have, as in previous years, entered in a team in the Men's 4-Player League.

Record to date: played 4, won 2 and lost 2.

### Perth & District Junior League

The Perth & District Junior 14 and Under League is now finished for this season. The juniors have competed well in all of their matches, most of which have been extremely close. They have not always enjoyed the success that their play deserved, drawing one but losing three of the four matches played. The team is young for the age group, which bodes well for next season.

### Mini-Red Tennis + Competition

KTC hosted a mini-red (ages 8 and under) regional tournament on 14 June. This was well attended with a number of participants from Kinross. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all of those involved.

### Coaching

We continue to place considerable emphasis upon junior coaching. Summer tennis camps are being run from 6 July to 10 July and 10 August to 14 August.

Mini/Midi (ages 5-10) at 1030/1230. Members £6 per day, non-members £8 per day.

Junior (Ages 10-16) at 1300/1500. Members £6 per day, Non-members £8 per day.

Junior coaching at all levels will also be available from 21 August to 6 October.

Places are still available for all sessions.

To book junior coaching and camps, please contact Siobahn Macleod at [kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com](mailto:kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com) or Gail Nelson, 89 Lathro Park, Kinross, KY13 8RU.

### Club Championships

We are now requesting members to sign up for the senior and junior club championships, matches to be played during July and August, with finals day for Seniors taking place on Sunday 13 September and Juniors Saturday 29 August. In addition, the Mini Red, Orange and Green club championships will take place on Saturday 22 August.

### Non-members/Visitors

Sands the Ironmongers are able to provide access to the tennis courts for a small fee.

**Further Information** on Kinross Tennis Club can be found on our website: [www.kinrosstennisclub.org.uk](http://www.kinrosstennisclub.org.uk)

## Kinross-shire Cricket Club

### Funding Award

The club is delighted to announce that our application to the **sportscotland** Sport Facilities Fund to build a second artificial wicket and expand the existing pavilion with the addition of a second changing room and disabled toilet facilities has been approved with an award of £23,599. **sportscotland** made the award based on the work the club does to promote cricket to all sectors of the community from under 7 kwik cricket, women's cricket, disability teams, community events and a very full junior and senior cricket programme for all ability levels.

Club Chairman, John Ross, said: "We have been working with **sportscotland** for just over a year to find the most effective funding routes to help us achieve our long term aims of being the best junior development club in Scotland and I have to congratulate the fundraising team and the club management for all their efforts in securing this award."

Work will start in June to install the new senior and junior artificial wickets, with the pavilion extension following in July/August.

In addition to the **sportscotland** award, the club has raised over £20,000 from local business sponsorship, fundraising events and donations. The development programme is a major part of the club's 160th Anniversary celebrations and it will see the club firmly established as one of Scotland's most dynamic and forward thinking clubs.

### Junior Successes

Early June saw the **Kinross-shire Primary Schools cricket tournament** take place at the Community Campus. All of the Kinross-shire Primary Schools took part, with over 250 children playing from the P4 to P6 age groups. Although slightly windy, the weather stayed fine and the event was a huge success. The club has links with all the primary schools and it was very encouraging to see so many club players participating for their schools. The tournament was closely fought, with the top four teams all recording 100% wins in their four matches. The tournament winner was decided on cumulative runs total and **Arngask** were named champions with **Portmoak** claiming the second and third spots and **Kinross** fourth. All the teams then went on to the Perth & Kinross area finals, which was won by the favourites Craigclowan School with Arngask finishing a very creditable fourth overall.

The club U10 kwik cricket team has been playing in the various Tayside festivals and has continued to record excellent wins, the highlight being three out of three games at Meigle cricket club.

Several players from the kwik cricket team made their hardball debuts during June as the U11s played Perth Doo'cot in a double header at home and away. On both occasions we fell a little short, but as this was the debut for most of the team the club can be very encouraged by the level of play against a much more experienced team. Special mention to Under 11 captain William Silcock who recovered his first 25 run mandatory retirement in the match at Doo'Cot Park. At U11 age group cricket player retires on scoring 25 runs and William achieved this in only seven overs.



### Senior Cricket

The weather continues to hamper our weekend league season with only two matches being played in the five weeks leading up to writing this article. St Andrews University Staff visited the Larder ground and found themselves on the wrong end of some excellent batting from Kinross-shire skipper James Ross (69), All-rounder Cuan Taylor (81) and wicketkeeper Chris Sale (31) as KCC posted a very respectable 218 for 9. In reply, SAUS never really got into the chase as they were bowled out for 181, with James Ross proving just as effective with the ball as he was with the bat, taking 4 for 30, including a hat-trick, the first in the senior club for almost 10 years.

The following weekend saw a very depleted 1st XI team make the trip up to Stoneywood Dyce. Stoneywood were relegated from the premier division last season and made it clear they intend to return to top-flight cricket for the 2016 season. Sadly

the team were on the wrong end of a serious batting onslaught from the Aberdeenshire side's two paid overseas players as they knocked up 342 for 5.

In reply, KCC only managed 50 all out. Few teams enjoy the trip and at least we can take some comfort in the fact we scored one of the highest totals against them this season. By the middle

of June the club are mid table in the division one title race with the hardest game behind us.

The mid-week team has managed a couple of games. The first was against Dunnikeir or "The Pakistan B Team" as they are fondly known. Kinross-shire batted first and scored a respectable 113 in our 20 overs. Peter Ross top scored with 56, supported by Chris Sale with 31. Any thoughts of a close game were soon dismissed as the Dunnikeir openers smashed 79 runs in the first 5 overs and then brought the winning total up in the 11th over. Two heavy losses in two matches but two totally different sides, as Dunnikeir showed their class without the need to intimidate the lesser side.

The second T20 against Broomhall saw Kinross-shire return to better form as we knocked up 170 for 7 with 13-year-old debutant Durness Mackay-Champion top scoring with 47, supported by James Ross with a quick fire 45. Slightly older than 13 debutant John Silcock added a very handy 31 in quick fire order. In replay, Broomhall were making progress until Harry Clark took a spectacular one-handed diving catch on the boundary. Broomhall struggled after this and finished on 148 all out.

### Disability Cricket

The club is hosting an inclusive disability cricket festival on 22 June. A full report will appear in next month's Newsletter.

### July Home Fixtures

Sat	4th	1st XI v Dundee High School	1pm
Wed	8th	MWL v Fife Squires	6pm
Sat	11th	1st XI v Stoneywood Dyce	1pm
Mon	13th	U13s v Falkland	6pm
Wed	15th	MWL v Largo	6pm
Thu	16th	U11s v Falkland	6pm
Thu	30th	U11s v Perth Doo'cot	6pm

Full details of all fixtures can be found on the club website, Facebook and Twitter sites.



## Volleyball

A total of one hundred and three teams from as far afield as the USA, Faroe Islands, Belgium and Italy all converged on Perth as it became the volleyball capital of Britain once again for the sport's biggest tournament in the UK on the Inch's 35 grass courts.

The Kinross Men's team competed in division one alongside Polish side Jedziemy, Belgian side Dust and Italian side Nonni Volanti.

At the end of the Saturday competition the Poles and Belgians qualified for the triangular finals with Old Team Fife scraping the final space. Kinross, Mets, and the Italian side Nonni Volanti found themselves in the consolation group for Sunday's games. After losing their first game on Sunday to Mets, Kinross then faced the Italian side with Kinross player Carlo Fiorentini guesting for the side from Genoa. Despite losing the first set 25-17, Kinross fought back to take the second set 25-11 but it was the Italians who triumphed, winning the third set 15-12.



*The Kinross McDuvell's mixed team*

The Kinross mixed team played in mixed division two playing as McDuvell's Marauders. Their opening game was against Blockback Mountain from Dundee and the Kinross side scraped through 27-25; 26-24. Kinross then lost their next match against Edinburgh University but got back on the winning trail with a thrilling three setter against Hazlehead Heroes (25-18; 19-25; 15-7). This was enough to see Kinross qualify for the Sunday competition but they lost all three games against Glasgow's You Shall Not Pass, Linlithgow Hornets and Peebles VC.

Free outdoor volleyball continues on the grass at the rear of the campus on Monday evenings from 7pm till 8.30pm, weather permitting. New members are welcome to come along and join in the free fun sessions.

## Athletics

**Laura Muir** of Milnathort achieved the "biggest win" of her career in June when she won the women's 1500m at the Oslo IAAF Diamond League in a time of 4:00.39.

Laura ran with the pacemaker from the beginning and managed to maintain her lead as the other runners closed in during the last 600m. "I heard them coming as the crowd got louder but I managed to keep on running and win my first ever Diamond League. I think this is the biggest win of my career," Laura said.

## Orwell Bowling Club

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I can't believe we are so far into our bowling season already and overall the weather hasn't been too bad. As this is our 125-year club anniversary we are holding all our friendly games at home and so far we have only lost on one occasion, against Strathmiglo. We have a fiercely fought but wonderful annual competition against Maitland, Edinburgh, and this year saw Orwell victors for the Quaich with a score 123-67, so well done.

A big thanks to our club sub-committee for all their fund raising throughout the year to make these home games and celebrations work and to members for their ongoing support.

The Ladies have held their Open Pairs competition at the start of May on a glorious day. The winners were L Gordon & S McKinnon from Strathmiglo. Runners up were I Kennedy & C Mulligan from Lochore & Crosshills. Third and fourth equal were S Fullerton & S Menzies from Orwell and A Hutchison & S Rennie from Kinross. A big thank you to everyone who helped make this a success and to our sponsors on the day, **Binn Skips**.

The T & J Reekie mixed pairs club competition was won by Sandra Fullerton & Jim Whittet.

Orwell is a friendly club who would welcome anyone along to try bowls. We have equipment to borrow so no excuse! It is suitable for all ages and great for families. Please feel free to come up and watch and maybe even participate.



### Keen to get fit? Then play rugby in Kinross



Kinross RFC are your local rugby club, and run a friendly, welcoming environment for the entire family. We are recruiting now for new players of all ages and abilities.

**We start training in July for adults and secondary school age and end August for primary school children.**

**Training Times**

**Minis – (Primary School) Saturday 10.30am – 12noon**

**Midis – (Secondary School) Tuesdays 6.30pm – 8.00pm**

**Adults – Tuesdays & Thursdays 7pm – 9pm**

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## Kinross Hockey Club

Our competitive season is now finished until late August but during this period we will be playing mixed hockey every Tuesday night from 7.30pm to 9pm – all are welcome and it's just for fun!

This year we launched our Pitch In campaign – a campaign to enable us to raise the funds to lay a new pitch on the existing site at KGV. The target is a very hefty £180,000, which will cover the laying of a new surface, or carpet, as the old one is at the end of its functional life.

Of this £180,000, we plan to raise approximately £36,000 ourselves with the remainder coming from various grant awarding bodies such as Perth and Kinross Council and the King George V Playing Fields Committee.

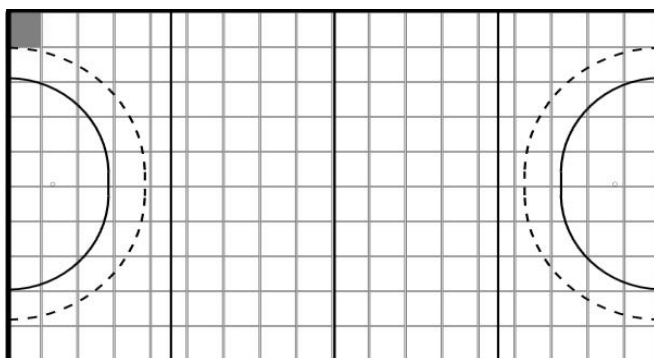
Our pitch totaliser below breaks down our task into £1000 squares, covering the area of the pitch. The grey shaded square shows our progress to date and we look forward to filling in more squares as quickly as possible.

As you can see, we have already started fundraising and combined with our donations so far, we can report the following:

Event	Amount Raised
Business Donations	£120
Over 35s Tournament	£339
Inaugural Dinner	£469
Ladies Quiz Night	£348
Kobras Tournament Bake Sale	£370
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,646</b>

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## Kinross Kobras Junior Hockey

It has been a busy few weeks for the Kobras, with tournaments in Perth, Dundee and Edinburgh.

At the Perthshire Hockey Club tournament, the U12s finished third with a few good wins against strong competition and the U10s gained some good experience, which they put to use a couple of weeks later at the Grove Menzieshill tournament where they came out winners against some strong Dundee and Perth sides.

The U14s played in the National U14 Hockey Festival in Dundee. This brought teams together from all over Scotland and we ended up playing against teams from Inverness, Aberdeen, Borders as well as some regular opponents from Dundee and Edinburgh. It took the team a while to get into the swing of things; they lost their early games but came back strongly to win against Granite City Wanderers and nearly beat Watsonians 1sts, one of the strongest junior teams in the country. The Grove Menzieshill tournament also featured an U16 mixed competition and the Kinross team played some great hockey to draw with Grove and beat Madras, coming top in this section. With one tournament left, the teams have been getting stronger and stronger so will hopefully have a great time at the Inverleith tournament in Edinburgh.

Training winds down at the end of June to give the coaches a well earned rest but will restart in August at the usual Tuesday and Thursday times.



*The winning U10 team from the Grove Menzieshill tournament: from left, Finlay McColl, Iona Sands, Zoe McColl, David Savage, Louis Parsons and David Leslie*

## Kinross Amateur Football Club

Our Annual football tournament will take place on **Saturday 1st August** at the Myre Park. The teams playing this year are Kinross AFC, Lomond Vics AFC, Letham AFC (Perth) and Finnieston Park AFC (Glasgow).

The tournament kicks off at 11am and finishes with presentations at 5pm.

There will be a beer tent, BBQ, Bouncy Castle and raffle prizes. Everyone welcome for a fun day out for the family.

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## Kinross Otters

**Hearts Novice Meet,  
Musselburgh Sports  
Centre**



The Otters sent a thirteen strong team of young and inexperienced swimmers to the Hearts Novice Meet in Musselburgh on 10 May and they most certainly did not disappoint. They completed 41 swims, achieved 34 personal bests, got twelve top six finishes, eight top three finishes, five winners and they won the relay against some of the top clubs in Scotland! Impressive.

Setting his stall out as a potential star of the future was ten-year-old **Murray Pritchard**, who simply destroyed all that was put in front of him in some very powerful performances across three strokes. He was first in the ten-year-old Boys 50m Butterfly (44.82 secs), 50m Backstroke (42.13 secs) and 50m Breaststroke (50.05 secs).

Also performing admirably was 11-year-old **Jack Brisbane**, who won two gold medals in the 50m Butterfly (46.31 secs) and 50m Breaststroke (51.73 secs) in the 11-year-old Boys category.

Not to be out done for the girls, ten-year-old **Helen Hamilton** was second in the 50m Freestyle (39.61 secs) and third in the 50m Breaststroke (51.69 secs) in the ten-year-old Girls races.

Worthy of mention also is **Emily Cumming** (9), who was second in the Girls 9 and under 50m Freestyle in 41.85 secs.

To wrap up the meet, the Otters Mixed 6 x 25m Relay Team produced an excellent display to strike gold once again against some of the biggest clubs in Scotland. The team consisted of **Jack Brisbane** (18.28), **Emily Cumming**

(18.85), **Mia McKenzie** (11 yrs, 20.94), **Cailean Thomson** (9 yrs, 20.94), **Helen Hamilton** (18.51) and **Murray Pritchard** (16.23). The longer term future at the club looks rosy!

### Scottish National Open Championships 2015

**Tollcross, Glasgow, 25 – 28 June**

These championships are the pinnacle of swimming in Scotland. No self-respecting top swimmer misses this event, which takes no account of age or any other factor but pure speed. Congratulations to **Iona Crawford**, **Cameron McCloskey**, **Conor McCormick** and **Ola Stanton** as the only Otters to qualify for these Championships. We wish them all the best.

### Leagues Update

The Otters' Premier Division team travelled to the Olympia Pool in Dundee for round 3 on 23 May and came a very

respectable third again, just a couple of points shy of Menzieshill/Whitehall, who seem to have the edge on them this year. The Premier team have now consolidated their third position in the league overall ahead of Carnoustie and Forfar but behind Dundee City Aquatics and Menzieshill. It is difficult to see them moving either way.

The Otters' First Division team hosted the third gala of the year at Loch Leven Leisure on 16 May. Unfortunately, they came last and, rooted to the bottom of the league, they are going to need a miracle to escape relegation.

### Congratulations

Kilgraston School swimming gala took place at Kilgraston School in May and the Otters were well represented and did very well. Senior Champion was **Annabel Simpson**, under 14 Champion was **Daisy Foniciello** and under 11 runner up was **Anna Smallwood**.



*The young Otters team at the Hearts Novice Meet*

## Kinross Swimmers

Now that the better weather is supposed to be here, some of the more enthusiastic amongst us have started open water swimming. Brrrr, waaay too cold for me! But we will have a club outing to Lochore shortly once (if) the water gets a little warmer and hopefully we'll make a day of it as our summer outing with a barbie as well. Still looking to organise a trip to the outdoor, but heated pool, at Stonehaven, which has just opened for the season.

Coming up, Ginny is doing her timings for this quarter, last session in June, which should give swimmers a baseline to measure their performance. Good for swimmers, but very helpful for any triathletes.

New swimmers are most welcome to come along and as usual we continue to meet every Tuesday evening at the pool at Loch Leven Leisure Centre for a pool start at 8 until 9pm



where our intention is to improve the stroke, stamina and style of those attending so that any other swimming is more worthwhile, effective and enjoyable. We welcome anyone looking to improve their swimming for whatever reason, all we ask is that you can complete four lengths. Experienced swimmers looking for a friendly but directed extra session are especially welcome

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# Out & About



## Loch Leven NNR



Summer has not really happened yet: nearly July and the weather still looks like May. Some things, like Yellowflag Iris, are up to three weeks behind! This glorious yellow flower is normally abundant around the reserve but very slow coming out this year. Other things, like Tufted Duck, are bang on time. There are lots of nests out on St Serf's, so fingers crossed for a bumper breeding season. We've already seen a good scattering of Mallard and greylag broods, and Mute Swan Cygnets can be seen in all quarters. Plenty of Starling juveniles are about too. We've also seen our first Shoveler ducklings. There are no signs yet of our Lesser Butterfly Orchids but lots of Northern Marsh. There are good colonies along the path edge at Carsehall.

Vagrant birds have been few and far between but oddities have included Lesser Whitethroat, Arctic Terns, a pair of Garganey and a Marsh Harrier. Walking around the loch, you'll probably notice large flocks of geese around. I'm often asked if these are geese that have not gone back north for the summer. They're actually failed or non breeding Greylags. Some have come up from England. These birds drop their flight feathers and graze on safe accessible grass and aquatic plants around the loch. Once they have regained their flight, they head back to where they came from. We've had ringing recoveries from Yorkshire and south of Edinburgh. Alongside the huge moulting flock of Mute Swans (that can number 600) it is quite a wildfowl spectacular.

Discovery Day was a great success. The weather sat on the fence most of the morning while we were preparing often looking like it would pour down with rain but as noon approached the threat eased and by 2pm the sun was out! All the activities were well received. Particularly popular was the fly-casting with SANA and the bird ringing with the Tay Ringing Group. The bird ringing gave everyone a chance to look at birds up close and some lucky children were

many hundreds of thousands passing over it. We decided to replace it because it was rotting in places. We have also hit that time of year when Himalayan Balsam is growing around the reserve. We'll be busy the next few weeks pulling and treating this invasive plant in order to protect the plant communities around the loch shore.

We're rolling out a brand new event this year. Neil and I have been on a



*Fly-casting was a popular activity at Discovery Day*

even given the chance to assist releasing the birds back into the wild. A big thanks to all who attended and everyone who assisted on the day. An estimated 500 people came. Hopefully we'll be doing the same next year. There are lots of pictures on the **Loch Leven Blog**.

There has been a sterling effort from our volunteers again this month. You may well have noticed that we have rebuilt the boardwalk at Burleigh. It has survived floods and storms and

cycle leadership course. We're joining Sustrans in a '**Really Wild Cycle**.' This is family orientated event. We have two of these cycle rides, taking place on the **Friday 10 July** and **Tuesday 28 July** from 10am until 4pm. Please book your place by phoning the office on **01577 864439**.

My potatoes are just poking through now at last. I'm just off to water them. I might manage a crop by November!

Jeremy Squire, Reserve Officer

## Weather



### May Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall	110.4mm = 4.41 inches
Heaviest rainfall	25.4mm (3rd)
Total sunshine for the month	199.9 hours
Sunniest day	10.8 hours (28th)
Maximum temperature average	14.61 °C
Highest temperature	16.8°C (26th)
Minimum temperature average	2.46°C
Lowest temperature	-5.5°C (1st)

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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.

### Tick Tock

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**FRED TURVEY**



## RSPB Loch Leven



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

Hiya, folks! Another month down the line and summer has shown us a pickle glimpses but no the full-blown thing as yet. Will it happen? Who can tell?

Breeding season is going past now, although the swallows in the toilet tunnel still have chicks in the nest. I guess by the time you read this they will be fledged and sitting around on the wires, screaming for food. Some of the ducks on the loch are now going into moult or eclipse plumage, so will look a bit tatty for the next wee while as they replace old worn feathers for new ones before the autumn comes along. A pair of rarer ducks, Garganey, have been showing frequently on the flood, although the male is now also going into eclipse.

Some of the summer migrants are still singing away in the reserve woodland. A crazy song thrush is also serenading us almost daily from one of the larch trees at the back of the centre; the poor sowl sharely hisnae fund a girlfriend yet. Usually, once they do, they belt up a bit. I sure wish it would hurry up and fund a wummin!

The shop has a few offers on, with Easy Clean Seed Feeders 2, 4 and 6 port varieties with 25% off and Buggy Nibbles reduced by the same amount until 14 July. Other new products are expected in during July as well and, yes, the Christmas cards and diaries will be comin in as weel!

**The Summer Holiday Events** kick off from **Friday 26 June**.

**The Summer Holiday Wildlife Challenge** runs daily from 10am to 4pm. This self-led weekly themed event starts in "The Hive", that's the classroom tae you and me, then heads off round the reserve. Scorecards are £3 plus normal reserve charges for non-members. This one is a drop in event.

**Woodland Warriors Holiday Club** begins on **Monday 6 July** from 10am until 3.30pm; survival skills, den building, fires and awe that kindae stuff. Led by our education staff and suitable for kids 8+ only, it costs £20 per day or £80 per week for non-members or £16 and £64 for members. It also runs from 10am to 3.30pm.

**Saturday 18 July** is **Giving Nature a Home Day** from 10am to 12.30pm. Learn what you can do to help give nature a helping hand where you live, build feeders, minibeast mansions, mini wildlife gardens etc. Booking essential, costs £12 non-members and £10 for members.

For full details on these events or to book places on the bookable events, please phone on the usual number 01577 862355.

Now then, a call to action! The European Parliament will soon be debating the current wildlife laws applicable to all countries in that zone. It appears that the present laws may be vastly weakened under the present proposals, which could do catastrophic damage to our British wildlife if the proposals get the go ahead. If you care about your wildlife, please go on to our website under [rspb.org.uk/defend-nature](http://rspb.org.uk/defend-nature) and add your voice to show you support the present laws and don't want them weakened. Thanks.

Finally, we say goodbye to Tommy, our Assistant Warden, who has moved on to take up a new post as Warden of the Nene Washes down in Cambridge after working at Loch Leven and our Kinnordy reserve for the last 18 months. (Jees! That wiz quick. Didnae think we wur that bad, like.) We wish him good luck and a big thanks for all the fantastic work he has done in his time here. And all with a smile.

Till next month, ta ta,

Colin

## Farming



Well, I was certainly wishing that I hadn't mentioned the weather being so nice in my last article, as it deteriorated almost from the minute I had written it! April started off really well and it was shaping up to be an early spring but things suddenly turned cold and windy, slowing down the growth of grass and cereal crops. Our only field of barley for this year was sown on 23 April and it was 17 days before you could see the tiny plants through the ground and in rows across the field. Quite often, it can be seen after just a week, especially when it's sown in late April. It has also meant that the cattle have been very late in being turned out to the fields, although, since last year was such a good growing season, most farmers have at least had a good supply of feed so have been able to cope OK with having the animals inside for longer that hoped.

With the exception of cold and the resulting lack of growth, it has been a reasonable spring here at Backward Farm. Lambing went as smoothly as could be expected and the lambs are growing well, considering the low temperature. I think what will have helped is the fact that other than for a few days at a time it hasn't been too wet, so the lambs have been dry most of the time. It is when the weather is cold, wet and windy that wind chill can really take its toll, causing hypothermia in very young lambs but also slowing down growth in bigger lambs and reducing ewes' milk supply as they use up more energy just keeping warm.

The cows are calving away slowly but steadily and there are just a few left to calve. They are mostly outside now and have been enjoying the warm, sunny weather of the past few days, and are no doubt hoping it will continue, as am I.

We have baled our first field of silage, probably about ten days later than I might have expected due to the cold, but it ended up quite a good crop and it gave a cautious start to the season to our Jurassic baler and wrapper. It was a bit of a scrapheap challenge to prepare it for the season's work once again as I started to dismantle various parts to be refurbished or replaced back in February. It was all reassembled about a week before it was needed, so it was just as well grass growth was slow. It seemed to do its job and everything worked as it should, so I must have put everything back on the right way round and in the right place – relief! We replaced our really old baler at the end of last season with a newer model (just as my wife Helen has often threatened to do with me) and its work is about to start, so hopefully it will behave itself. I am unfamiliar with its workings but no doubt I will learn about it as things go wrong (as they always do with round balers) and it is in principle just the same as the old one but with a number of 'improvements'. Time will tell.

Wish me luck,

John

### 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.

# 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 July under SGS

The nearest garden open under SGS in July is **Hollytree Lodge** at Muckhart, Dollar, FK14 7JW. It's a mature garden with unusual trees and shrubs; also herbaceous borders, a small Japanese garden, a wildlife pond, wildflower meadow and cordoned apples and pears. The garden is open on **Sunday 12 July**, 11am-5pm. Full disabled access, dogs on leads welcome, cream teas available, plant sales. Admission is £4 (Coronation Hall, Muckart receives 20% and The Prince's Trust Scotland 20%). Hollytree Lodge is off the A91 down the small lane directly opposite the Inn at Muckhart entrance. Parking available for disabled only, otherwise please park in the village. Hollytree Lodge is also open by arrangement up until 30 October.

Entry fees to **Falkland Palace and Garden** near Cupar will benefit SGS charities at a special open day on **Sunday 26 July**, 1pm-5pm. The palace is a superb example of Renaissance architecture and garden enthusiasts will appreciate the work of Percy Cane, who designed the gardens between 1947 and 1952. The open day will be dedicated to the herbs grown in the physic garden, inspired by Mary Queen of Scots and planted with 16th century herbs. Admission: £12.50, concessions £9, family £29.50, NTS members free. Partial disabled access.

The gardens at **Gean House**, Tullibody Road, **Alloa**, are open on **Tuesday 28 July**, 2pm-5pm. The gardens extend to seven acres. Cream teas are available in Gean House, which is an early 20th century Arts & Crafts style mansion. Admission is £4, children free. Scottish Society for Autism receives 40% of entry fees. No disabled access. FK10 2EL.

## 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);
- **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)

## Local Attraction Opening Times

### Lochleven Castle, Castle Island, Kinross



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Contact telephone no. 01577 862670

### Burleigh Castle, Milnathort

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

In the care of Historic Scotland.

### Abernethy Round Tower

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

#### • Gardens info on our website •



More information about  
gardens open can also be  
found on our website,  
[www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org)



## News from the Rurals

**MILNATHORT** – All members were welcomed to this, our May meeting and Annual General Meeting. After business was read, voting papers were submitted and a new committee formed.



Competitions:

Arrangement in a Cup and Saucer	Jean Paterson
Summer Drink	Grace Drysdale
Flower of the Month	Grace Drysdale

**BISHOPSHIRE** – President Norma Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting on 11 June, the hottest day of the year so far.

Our speaker, Jenifer McWilliam, spoke about “A Japanese Experience”. Jenifer is a well-known crafter of handmade lace and was invited to spend two weeks demonstrating her craft in Japan. Her experiences and anecdotes provided a very entertaining evening for our members.

Competition:

Japanese Item	Norma Smith
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We are now on our summer break and will resume meetings on Thursday 10 September.

**CARNBO** – President Molly White welcomed everyone to the June meeting.

After business she introduced our speaker, John Helliwell, who gave a talk on the work of Mary’s Meals and a slide show of a recent visit to a new project in Malawi. It made us all realise how well off we all are.

A vote of thanks was given by Elizabeth Campbell.

Competitions:

Flower of the month	Sandra Turnbull
Favourite Jug	Anne Petherick

The next meeting will take place in September.

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Contact **Eric or Fiona McNeil**

**01577 863000**

For free advice

## Congratulations



**ISHBEL McFARLANE**, daughter of Irene and Gordon McFarlane, Burnbrae Farmhouse, Kinross, and **TOMMY HERBERT** of Wicken, Cambridgeshire, were married at Kinross Parish Church on 30 May 2015.



*Ishbel McFarlane and Tommy Herbert, married at Kinross Parish Church on 30 May*

**JIM** and **GRACE DRYSDALE**, East Netherton Farm, Milnathort, celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 2 June 2015. They were married at Portmoak Church in 1955.

**KINROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL QUIZ TEAM** won the District 1010 (North and East of Scotland) Rotary Club Primary Schools Quiz Competition held in Aberdeen on 6 June. The team members were given a personal prize each and the school was awarded £500.

**GIACOPAZZI'S** of Milnathort has been named Scottish Local Retailer of the Year. *See page 12 for more.*

**HEAVEN SCENT** has been awarded a 2015 Certificate of Excellence by TripAdvisor. The Milnathort café received ratings of 4.5 out of 5 by visitors.

## Thanks



**JIM** and **GRACE DRYSDALE**, East Netherton Farm, Milnathort, would like to thank family, friends and Orwell & Portmoak Church for the beautiful cards and gifts, and Milnathort SWRI and Perth & Kinross Council for the lovely baskets of flowers, received in celebration of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 2 June 2015.

# Kinross-shire Churches Together



## Kinross Parish Church of Scotland

*Following Christ I Spreading the Word  
Serving the Community*



10 Station Road, Kinross KY13 8TG (Charity no SC012555)  
Church website: [www.kinrossparishchurch.org](http://www.kinrossparishchurch.org)  
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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.**

### Our regular Sunday Service is at 10.30am.

During the summer school holidays there is no Junior Church but there will be children's activities for part of the service in the meeting room.

### Special Events and Services

*For full details of events see our website or contact the church office.*

#### June

**Sun 28** 10.30am All-age Morning Service includes Junior Church prizegiving.  
12.30pm Picnic at Kirkgate Park by Kinross-shire Churches Together.  
6.30pm Joint 'Digging Deeper' Service with Orwell and Portmoak at Kinross Parish Church: 'Ecclesiastes'.

#### July

**Sun 5** 10.30am Morning Service is followed by an informal Communion.  
**Mon 6** 8am Silent Meditation.  
**Tue 7** 2.30pm Service at Whyte Court.  
**Thu 16** 9pm Late evening service of Compline.  
**Tue 28** 2.30pm Service at Causeway Court.

### Family Week: Polar Explorers Monday 3 – Friday 7 August

The main sessions will be from 10am to 12 noon at what was Kinross Parish Church but will become a land of ice and snow.

If possible, please register children in advance. Forms available at [www.kinrossparishchurch.org](http://www.kinrossparishchurch.org) (in 'News and Activities') or from the Church Office (contact details above).



Kinross Parish Church

## 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.

### Dates and events for your diary

**5 July** Joint service in Portmoak Church at 10.30am.  
No service at Orwell Church.

**5 July** Michael Bruce Commemoration Service, 6.30pm, Portmoak Church.

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.*

## **Fossoway, St Serf's & Devonside Church**

**Church of Scotland** (Charity number SC013157)

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Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie Telephone: (01592) 840823  
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Session Clerk: Mrs Janet Harper Telephone: (01577) 840225  
Email: [aclassicsoul@aol.com](mailto:aclassicsoul@aol.com)

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

### **July**

**Sun 5** 9.45am Morning Worship, followed by refreshments.

**Sun 12** 9.45am Morning Worship.

**Sun 19** 9.45am Morning Worship.

**Sun 26** 9.45am Morning Worship.

**Café Refresh:** Every Thursday, church hall, 2-4pm. *A social time enhanced with tea, coffee and cakes.*

### **House group:**

Please contact Fred Aitken for details, 01577 840833.

### **Parents/Carers and Toddlers Group:**

We are having a break for the summer and will resume on Friday 4 September at 9am in the Church Hall.

**Film Evening:** In the Church Hall, Friday 3 July 7.30 - 9.30pm. *Join us for a film, a cuppa and a blether, and even some popcorn.*

## **Cleish Parish Church**

**Church of Scotland**

(Charity No: SC003168)

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Please visit our website: [www.cleishchurch.org](http://www.cleishchurch.org)



**Sunday Services** 11.15am

### **July**

**Sun 5** 11.15 am All-age Morning Worship.  
Refreshments served in Village Hall.

**Sun 12** 11.15am Morning Worship. Profession of Faith and Baptism.

**Sun 19** 11.15am Morning Worship.

**Sun 26** 11.15am Morning Worship.

All welcome

(Junior Church does not meet during July)

## **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)

## **St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church**

*(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion)*

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

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

Children are equally welcome to stay in church during the service or go to the Meeting Room for Sunday School and everyone is particularly invited to stay together during our monthly 'Whole Church' services.

We predominantly use the 1982 Liturgy on Sunday mornings but create experimental devotion for special events throughout the year. If you would like to give us a try, we look forward to meeting and greeting you and hope that you might enjoy becoming part of this faithful family of Christ.

### **Mondays and Wednesdays**

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

### **Wednesdays**

(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**

3.30pm – 4.30pm (apart from 9th) Rector's Hour in the Church Office (in the old black tin hall), if you would like to see a member of the clergy for any reason.

*All welcome*

### **July Services and Events**

**Sun 5 Pentecost 7 (Proper 14)**

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

**Sun 12 Pentecost 8 (Proper 15)**

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Whole Church Sung Eucharist.

**Sun 19 Pentecost 9 (Proper 16)**

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

**Sun 26 Pentecost 10 (Proper 17)**

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!

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## 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)  
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## SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

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*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 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



## PORTMOAK GALA DAY

Saturday 27 June

As always there will be plenty of family fun events, stalls and attractions, so please come along and join in the fun.

**Crowning of the Gala queen will take place at 2pm,** following the parade from the Church. Come join the parade. Stalls are available for the day – please contact us if you would like to reserve one. To make the day successful we would like to see lots of people attend. Help on the day will be greatly received and also to set up the evening before/take down the day after.

Donations always appreciated for baking, tombola and bric-a-brac stalls.

Contact Michelle Robertson

07857 636466

portmoakgala@gmail.com

## MUNDUFF HILL (PORTMOAK HILL RACE)

Saturday 27 June

This race will take place during the Gala on 27 June, starting around 3.00pm. The race goes from the Well Green up onto Munduff Hill and return. Entry is £5 per runner; pre-register or enter on the day. Can anyone knock the current champion off the podium?

Contact Michelle Robertson

07857 636466

portmoakgala@gmail.com

## Portmoak Festival

28 June – 2 July

For festival information, see the June issue of the Kinross Newsletter or visit [www.portmoakfestival.org.uk](http://www.portmoakfestival.org.uk) or look for Portmoak Festival on Facebook

## 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.

## Orwell Old Folks Association Annual General Meeting

Monday 6 July

Orwell Old Folks Association will be holding their AGM on Monday 6 July at 7.30pm in the Guide Hall kitchen in Church Street.

We would extend an invitation to all who may have any interest in what we do to attend and also to anyone who may feel they could help out as a Committee member. This is a very worthwhile group doing what we can to offer a couple of events each year for the over 70s who live in the parish.

## Orwell and Portmoak Church Guild

### Strawberry Tea

on

Wednesday 22 July

in Orwell Church Hall, Milnathort

2pm – 4pm

Cake and Candy Stall

£3 pay at door All welcome

## 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
August	Fri 17 July	Saturday 1 August
September	Fri 14 August	Saturday 29 August

## Carnbo Village Hall 25th Anniversary Party on Saturday 25 July

The Carnbo Village hall committee wishes to extend an **open invitation to all of the readers of the Kinross Newsletter** to come along to our party celebrating the 25th anniversary of the opening of Carnbo Village hall.

This is a family event open to all ages and will involve music, entertainment, competitions and displays (e.g. how to shear a sheep).

The party will start at 2pm on 25 July at Carnbo Village Hall. The official welcome will take place at 3pm (no speeches) and a hog roast will be served from 4pm onwards. The committee is hoping for a good turn out and hopefully we will have to order a hippo rather than a hog!

This is a **free party** where teas, coffees and a limited range of soft drinks will be available but BYOB. There will be a raffle to raise funds for the hall.

The official part of the day will be at 6pm but if there is a demand the party will continue thereafter on an "informal note".

To assist us with numbers, could readers who definitely intend to attend, please email the village hall: [carnbovh@gmail.com](mailto:carnbovh@gmail.com). Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on 25 July.

## Bishopshire Horticultural Society

Ninety-fifth Competition

**Saturday 15 August**

Portmoak Hall, Scotlandwell

Admission: Adults £1, Children free

Schedules available from: Sylvia Herrington 840519; Janette Gardiner 840352; David Martin 840216; Eleanor White 840681; Shelagh Goudie 840200

**Doors open 1.30pm**

Opening Ceremony and Presentation of Prizes at 2.15pm

## Dr Donald Duncan Bequest Committee

The above Committee have, for many years, provided Grants for educational purposes for persons whose parents were resident in Kinross at the time of their birth and who have received some of their education in the County of Kinross. In recent years, the Committee have followed a policy of providing awards only for University Degree Courses. The Committee also have followed the policy that once one award had been received, no further awards would be given.

The Committee has, for the last two years or so, been prepared to consider a more flexible approach to awards. The Committee will in future consider applications not just for University courses and will contemplate making more than one award in certain circumstances. Awards will still only be granted, though, for educational purposes.

Application Forms can be obtained from Andersons LLP, Solicitors, 40 High Street, Kinross KY13 8AN.

## Ceilidh Dancing

Come and join us from 2 till 3 every Monday in the Guide Hall, Milnathort, and learn to ceilidh dance. You don't need a partner and it is all very informal and great fun.

All proceeds go to the Scouts and Guides.

Just come along – the more the merrier. No age limit.

## THE KINROSS HUB A CAFE FOR CARERS



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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## Community Networking Opportunity

Kinross-shire Community Learning & Development Partnership invites local community groups and voluntary organisations representatives to attend a networking morning.

**Thursday 20 August 9.30am for 10 till 12.30pm**

This event will be held at

Loch Leven Community Campus  
The Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8QF



- \* To identify training priorities and support needed in the area
- \* To find out what other groups and resources there are in the area
- \* Talk about volunteering in the area, share experiences and knowledge
- \* Explore how we can work together

To book your place at this event please contact:

**Tracey Ramsay** [tramsay@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:tramsay@pkc.gov.uk)  
01577 867124  
Senior Community Capacity Building Worker  
or  
**Paddy Andrews** [PaddyAndrews@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:PaddyAndrews@pkc.gov.uk)  
01577 867171 CLD Clerical



## Mobile Post Office, Kinnesswood

Mondays and Wednesdays	1215 – 1315
Tuesdays and Fridays	1030 – 1200



## Children's Hospice Association Scotland CHAS Retail Volunteer Drivers



Could you support the CHAS shops in Kinross as a volunteer driver? It's a busy role - driving and loading the van, dealing with the public and collecting and delivering donations. You'll need a full UK Driving Licence and you have to be over 25 years of age. For further information contact Will McLean on 01577 865005 or email [willmclean@chas.org.uk](mailto:willmclean@chas.org.uk)

**CHAS Donation Drop Off Point at 3 High Street Kinross**  
Despite the traffic calming works, summer business is booming at our Kinross charity shops but we are urgently in need of summer stock. To avoid the congestion outside the shops, you can drop stock off at the CHAS Office, 3 High Street, Kinross, where there is ample parking. Opening hours at 3 High Street: Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.  
Thank you for supporting CHAS - Scotland's only hospice care for children.

## 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 CCILr Barry Davies on (01577) 865004.



### Welcome to the Kinross-shire Volunteer Information Point

**Located in the Loch Leven Community Campus Library Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8FQ**

Here you can find information about **Volunteering Opportunities** available in Kinross-shire.  
Take your time and see what is available. You will also find leaflets in the folders explaining where you can go for further help such as Voluntary Action Perthshire [www.vaperthshire.org](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)



**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:

- Talk to friends and neighbours
- Understand what people say to you
- Give information
- Talk on the phone
- Fill in a form
- Apply for a job

### Adult Literacy & Numeracy

**Reading Writing Spelling Numbers**

"I can enjoy books now"  
"I feel more confident"  
"Filling in forms is less scary"  
"I passed my driving test"

### BOOKING ESSENTIAL

**If you would like further information  
regarding any of the tuition please  
contact:**

**Roseanne Gray**

Loch Leven Community Campus  
Email: [rgray@pkc.gov.uk](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)

## Free Energy Saving Advice Freephone 0800 512 012

Free, impartial advice on energy efficiency in the home, sustainable transport choices, small-scale use of micro-renewables etc. Advice to individuals, communities and small businesses.

## Springwell – Wellbeing Support Team

**Inclusion \* Wellbeing \* Recovery**

*Supporting positive mental health in Kinross-shire  
and Strathearn for adults from 16 onwards*

We support people to improve the quality of their life and wellbeing, be more involved in their community, help them achieve their ambitions and manage their mental health. We support people how to improve their social contacts, be more active, access education or voluntary opportunities or work. The support and activities we offer are flexible and can change and develop over time, depending on what people need and benefit from.

For more information or an informal chat please phone  
Charlie Wilson 01577 867320, or  
Email [charleswilson@pkc.gov.uk](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.)

## The Newsletter on Facebook

We use our Facebook page to announce:

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

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

[www.facebook.com/kinrossnewsletter](http://www.facebook.com/kinrossnewsletter)





THE  
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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

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 Soups 

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 Home-cooked lunches 

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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:

**14 & 28 July**

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

**Kinross:** Secy: Mrs M Scott (01577) 862945  
KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk  
**Cleish & Blairadam:** Secy: Patty Fraser (01577) 850253,  
CleishCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk  
**Milnathort:** Chair: Bruce Hamilton (01577) 830616  
MilnathortCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk  
**Fossoway & District:** Secy: Kevin Borthwick (01577) 840845,  
fossoway.cc@gmail.com  
**Portmoak:** Chair: Malcolm Strang Steel (01592) 840459,  
PortmoakCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

## Portmoak Community Councillors

Robin G Cairncross	01592 840672
Bruce Calderwood	01592 840423
Susan Forde	01592 840128
Thomas Smith	01592 841160
Malcolm Strang Steel	01592 840459
Richard Williamson	01592 840538

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

## Perth and Kinross Councillors Kinross-shire Ward

**Councillor Mike Barnacle** (Independent)

Tel/Fax (home): 01577 840516.

Email: michaelabarnacle@gmail.com

Website: mikebarnacle.co.uk

Moorend, Waulkmill Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross, KY13 0UZ

**Councillor Dave Cuthbert** (Independent)

Tel (home): 01577 861681. Email: dcuthbert@pkc.gov.uk

8 Highfield Circle, Kinross, KY13 8RZ

**Councillor Joe Giacomazzi** (Scottish National Party)

Tel (home): 01577 864025.

Email: jgiacomazzi@pkc.gov.uk

38A New Road, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XT

**Councillor Willie Robertson** (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

Tel (home): 01577 865178. Email: wbrobertson@pkc.gov.uk

85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13XA

## Mobile Library Service

**Visiting on Wednesdays 1, 15 & 29 July:**

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 9 & 23 July:**

Milnathort South Street 0930 – 1130

For more information about mobile library services, visit:  
[www.pkc.gov.uk/mobilelibrary](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/mobilelibrary) or phone 01577 867205.

## Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers

**Linda Freeman**

Tel 01577 865045. Email: linda.freeman\_64@btinternet.com

## Kinross Community Councillors

Margaret Blyth	6 Muir Grove	
David Colliar (Chair)	10 Rannoch Place	864037
Barry M Davies	60 Lathro Park	865004
Bill Freeman	64 Muirs	865045
Ian Jack (Treasurer)	Burnbrae Grange	863980
Margaret Scott (Secy)	21 Ross Street	862945
Gareth Thomas	50 Muirs	863714
David MacKenzie	12 Torridon Place	07703 820051
David West	9 Leven Place	07824 313974

## Member of Parliament

**for Ochil & South Perthshire Constituency**

**Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh MP**

Email: tas.mp@parliament.uk

Telephone: 020 7219 5588

House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

## Member of the Scottish Parliament for Perthshire South & Kinross-shire

**Roseanna Cunningham MSP**

Constituency office:

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Telephone: 01738 620540

Email: Roseanna.Cunningham.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

## Members of the Scottish Parliament for Mid Scotland and Fife Region

All MSPs can be contacted at the following address:

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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
	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	
	Saints Football Memories		1.30pm	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Morning Worship	10.45am		
	Dominoes, Scrabble & other Games			1.30pm
	Fantastic Fun Quiz	1.30pm (except 15th)		
<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 July

Tai Chi	Wednesday	1st, 29th	1.30 - 2pm
Chiropody	Thursday	2nd, 23rd	9.45am - 1pm
	(phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)		
Library Trip	Thursday	2nd	1.30pm
Barge Trip	Monday	13th	10am
Singer “ Pearl “ from Select Entertainment	Wednesday	15th	1.30pm

There will also be other activities that are yet to be organised!



**Coffee Bar open to the public 8.30am - 4pm, Older Adults Lunches Daily**

Our activities are open to everyone - please feel free to come in and have a great afternoon.

**Phone: 01577 863869 Fax: 01577 863869 Email: kindaycent@tiscali.co.uk**

## LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



### Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

Mon - Fri: 9.00 am - 6.00 pm  
Saturday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm  
Tel: 862422

### Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

Mon to Fri: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm &  
2.00 pm - 6.00 pm  
Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm  
Tel: 862219



**Sundays: The nearest open pharmacy is  
Asda, Dunfermline**

## Perth Samaritans

Need to talk? We'll listen.

Contact us by

**phone** on 01738 626666 or 08457 909090

**Email** us jo@samaritans.org

or **visit** us at 3 King's Place, Perth, PH2 8AA

Mondays	1630 – 2130	Thursdays	1630 – 1900
Wednesdays	0830 – 1100	Fridays	1000 – 1630
and	1930 – 2130	Sundays	0800 – 2130

**No pressure, no names, no judgment.**

**We're here for you, anytime.**

## Blythwood Care

Sainsbury's Car Park

(if car park is full, van will park nearby, e.g. Park & Ride or Ochil View)

**Monday 13 July**

**between 10.30 am and 10.55 am**

Further details from 862258

## Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com

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.

**Ladies Bike £40**  
Phantom Integra (purple).  
Seller Details: David Beaumont 01577 863553  
dwbeaumont@hotmail.co.uk

**Mahogany dining table £50.00**  
Round dining table, 115cm diameter, extends to 173cm long.  
Good condition.

**Meredew light oak wardrobe £200.00**  
Large double wardrobe (h2.1m x w2.0m x d0.55m) with shelves & drawers, in excellent condition, see photo of matching dressing table for style/colour. Assembly instructions included.  
Seller Details for above items: Jim Marshall 01577 864482  
jim.marshall6@btinternet.com

**Oxford Reading Tree - Stage 7 £20**  
As new set of 7 books, Biff, Chip and Kipper stories, set includes Group/Guided Reading Notes, Red Planet, Lost in the Jungle, The Broken Roof, The Lost Key, The Willow Pattern Plot and Submarine Adventure. These are the books used at Kinross Primary. I purchased them in advance of my children reaching stage 7 and it was a great help in progressing their reading.

**Oxford Reading Tree - Stage 9 £20**  
As new set of 7 books, Biff, Chip and Kipper stories, set includes Group/Guided Reading Notes, Green Island, Storm Castle, Superdog, The Litter Queen, The Quest and Survival Adventure. These are the books used at Kinross Primary. I purchased them in advance of my children reaching stage 9 and it was a great help in progressing their reading.  
Seller Details for above items: Jackie Miller 07753 844485  
j.miller1@btconnect.com

## 100th Birthday and Diamond Wedding Anniversaries

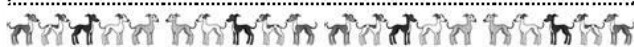
Do you know a Perth & Kinross resident who is celebrating their 100th or 105th+ birthday?

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

A Big thank you to everyone who helped make  
Greyhound Rescue Fife's  
8th Annual Dog Show such a success  
*See you all next year for number 9*



**Can you give A Greyhound A Home**  
www.greyhoundrescuefife.com  
contact us to arrange a time to come along  
and see our "Fifty shades of Greyhound"  
to find your perfect hound  
Mob: 07826244765  
Phone: 01577 850393  
email us on femiejimmyf@aol.com



## Situations Vacant

In conjunction with www.kinross.cc, the Newsletter is pleased to publish local situations vacant. Please go to the kinross.cc website before applying to **check whether a position is still available**. (Go to www.kinross.cc then click on 'Local Adverts' and choose 'Situations Vacant').

### Full time Kitchen Supervisor, Heaven Scent

19 South Street Milnathort KY13 9XA.

The award winning Artisan Coffee Shop Heaven Scent and Heavens Above seeks a Kitchen Supervisor to join our busy team. Experience essential, although training will be given. Successful candidate will be passionate about food with the initiative to help introduce new recipes for daily specials and home made soups.

The job requires the ability to prepare short order cooking as all of our meals are prepared freshly for our customers. You must be able to work as part of team as well as using own initiative.

To apply please email info@scotthospitalityservices.co.uk

### Schools Worker (part time/term time only)

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre, Perth

A vacancy exists for a paid part time, term time only schools worker. The main role of the position is to deliver lessons in high schools in Perth and Kinross on unplanned pregnancy and development of the foetus. The lessons are already established and linked to the schools PHSE curriculum. A teaching qualification is not required but the post requires a PVG check.

Applications to be made by letter by 10 July.

*Note that Hope is a Christian based organisation and acceptance of the Christian ethos is a Genuine Occupational Requirement in terms of the Equality Act 2010, Part 1, Schedule 9.*

Phone 01738 621174 or email hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com for an information pack.

### Part time Clerk, Kinross High School Parent Council

The main requirements are good general education to Standard grade or equivalent, good organisational and communication skills, experience of general administrative duties, and proficiency in the use of MS Office (word, email & distribution lists).

The role holder is not required to be a parent of a pupil at Kinross High School.

Applications should be made to Bill Nicholls, Chair of KHSPC, by email on billnicholls61@btinternet.com

### Part time Office Coordinator, Kinross Parish Church

12 hours per week over 3 weekday mornings.

If you have previous office experience, good IT skills, excellent organisational and communication skills and enjoy working with people we would love to hear from you. You will have responsibility for managing the team of office volunteers, providing administrative support to users of the office. Informal enquiries, job description and salary details available from Alice Getley (863395) alice.getley44@btinternet.com or Alison Brown (861113) dollarbrowntak@aol.com. Closing date for applications (CV with 2 referees) Monday 29 June 2015 at 12 noon to dollarbrowntak@aol.com or Alison Brown, 15 Mavisbank, Kinross KY13 8QR.

### Part time Nanny/Mothers Help, Lucinda Pears, Cleish

From September, for baby boy and 6 year old girl. Three days a week, 12.30 to 6.30pm (during term time). Previous experience essential. Some evening babysitting too.

Please contact: lucindaandlara@icloud.com

### Part time secretarial work, Mark Thornber, Crook of Devon

Two hours per day, three days a week (incl. Wednesday and Friday afternoons). Employer is paraplegic and needs someone to input information into the computer. Applicants must have keyboard skills and be computer literate. Reasonable rate of pay for suitable person.

Please phone between 9am and 12noon on weekday mornings. 01577 840966.



# 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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Sat	27	<b>Summer Fayre, Kinross Primary School</b>	80
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Thu	2	Fifty Plus Club meets (and has activities throughout month)	42
Sun	5	Little Seedlings Club meets	51
Sun	5	Michael Bruce Trust Service of Commemoration	80
Mon	6	Woodland Warriors Holiday Club at RSPB Loch Leven begins	70
Mon	6	Orwell Old Folks Association AGM	80
Mon	6	Kinross Tennis Club Junior Summer Camp begins	60
Mon	6	Knitting club meets weekly at Skeins and Bobbins	18
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Tue	28	Really Wild Family Cycle with SNH	69
Wed	29	Superheroes: library activity	21

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Mon-Fri	3-7	<b>Family week, Kinross Parish Church</b>	77
Tue	4	Fossoway and District CC meets	36
Mon	10	Crochet course and sewing skills course begin at community campus	46
Mon	10	Kinross Tennis Club Junior Summer Camp begins	60
Wed	12	Rocket breakers: library activity	21
Wed	12	Intermediate crochet course begins at community campus	46
Wed	12	Kinross in Bloom meets	52
Thu	13	Osprey Walk with SNH	
Sat	15	Bishopshire Horticultural Society 95th Competition	83
Sat	15	Antiques, Vintage, Retro and Collectors Fair	46
Sat	15	<b>Mary Queen of Scots Great Escape Boat Race</b>	45
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Tue	25	Primary age knitting classes resume at Skeins & Bobbins	18
Sat	29	Junior championship finals at Kinross Tennis Club	60