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Editorial

Planning issues have been in the news in the last month. An application by Persimmon Homes for 300 houses at Lathro Farm was successful. Councillors Cuthbert and Giacobazzi write about this in their columns (see pages 4 and 7), as does the Civic Trust on page 44.

The shared space in Kinross High Street came to national attention when a blind reporter made a short film for BBC Scotland News about how difficult it is for people with disabilities to negotiate these spaces, which are a relatively new planning concept.

This Newsletter contains several reports from local bloom groups who have won awards in various local or national competitions and we congratulate them. Whether prize-winners or not, however, all our local bloom groups deserve appreciation for their excellent work in making our settlements more attractive places to be and adding to our community spirit. Thank you, all!

Note to Contributors

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

Readers use the Newsletter to find local trades and services, and our loyal advertisers support the community by enabling us to publish local clubs' reports and essential community information free of charge. Readers, when answering an advertisement, please say you saw it in the Newsletter. Thank you.

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Health representation relevant to you

The Perth & Kinross Integration Joint Board was formed in April 2016. It is tasked with integrating Health and Social Care Services in Perth & Kinross. This also involves working with communities, individuals and third sector organisations to ensure people have an experience of care and support that connects them with their own families, friends and community support networks.

This is an introduction to your Community Representatives on the Integration Joint Board. They are: Ann Gourlay, Sue Cole, Bernie Campbell and Maureen Summers.

These people are YOUR voice in this time of change and challenges. The ladies are getting to grips with the business of the board and some of the intensive transformations being worked through to pull services closer together. They are meeting as a forum prior to the formal meetings to ensure topics that need attention or clarification can be raised. The historical papers are available to view online. Upcoming papers appear one week prior to each meeting. Look for Integration-Joint-Board on the website www.pkc.gov.uk

The next meeting is 4 November. These are open to the public for observation. If you have concerns, contributions, views and would like to attend the forum or be kept up to date with the issues the representatives are raising, please get in touch. There is space for more representation from the Kinross-shire area to help support your representatives with more in depth knowledge of your local issues. If you are interested in helping with this, please get in touch:

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Elizabeth Smith MSP for Mid Scotland and Fife

As parliament made its way back from recess I was pleased to see school governance reform appear high up the political agenda.

For most, "school governance" doesn't mean a lot and is probably dry enough to cure a bout of insomnia. However, in practice it is hugely important and means greater parental involvement in education. Devolving power to head teachers and parents can help tailor education to the needs of each learner. Studies have shown that schools with strong leaders and a clear sense of mission and ethos perform better.

The shackling, one-size-fits-all comprehensive state education system run exclusively by local authorities has had its day. It was founded on the mistaken policy commitment whereby equality of opportunity and uniformity were seen as one and the same thing and able to deliver better results – they have not.

We must lean on schools who have forged a path out of mediocrity and into excellence. Buddying up high achievers with those seeking to improve can develop new ideas and best practice. This type of cross-cooperation is what has defined Scottish education in the past and could help define its future as we look to reduce the current attainment gap. On this note it is important that the Scottish Government is accessible and open to suggestions. In the past, Ministers have been reluctant to hear criticism or advice, which more often than not has led to ill-thought out policies.

Therefore, focussing on the outcome, not the process, will be important. This is achieved by giving schools the room to breathe and the freedom to express their individual values and character. Greater control over budgets, recruitment and management can transform underperforming schools. Therefore, I look forward to working with the government on their new, albeit loosely defined, proposals.

The Education Minister also referenced his desire to see new "educational regions" created. This is an interesting idea but one that should be treated with caution. The last thing we need is an extra layer of bureaucracy for teachers to navigate or, even worse, a centralised service operating on top of local authorities. I would encourage the Government to clarify these plans to ensure that the goal of local control is not trumped by "educational regions".

As ever, I welcome the feedback of constituents and can be contacted at the Control Tower, Perth Airport, Scone, Perth, PH2 6PL or telephone 01738 553990 or email Elizabeth.Smith.msp@parliament.scot

Elizabeth Smith MSP

Councillor Barnacle

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My website has recently been updated.

See: mikebarnacle.co.uk

Councillor Mike Barnacle
Independent Councillor for Kinross-shire



New barber in Kinross

A new barber's shop has opened in Kinross. "Mark's Barbers" opened on 24 August at 149 High Street in premises which were formerly a barber's shop.

Mark Hunter is an experienced barber who in recent years has worked in Falkirk and Callander. Mark lives in Powmill and is delighted to have the opportunity of opening a business in Kinross.

The spacious interior, decorated in calm, neutral tones, has a comfortable sofa for waiting clients. The opening hours are 9.30am – 5pm Monday to Saturday with late night opening until 7pm on a Thursday.



*Mark Hunter at work in his new barber's shop
(The Newsletter would like to express sincere thanks to client
Graeme Lemmon for his patience during photography!)*

Roadworks at Blairingone

There will be roadworks at Blairingone for two weeks, starting on 17 October. There will be stop/start traffic management.

There will be prohibition of vehicular traffic on the A977 at Blairingone from its junction with the private access to Whitegates Cottage to the Clackmananshire Council sign a distance of 1.35km or thereby. Pedestrian & Emergency Vehicle access to premises will be maintained.

ANDERSONS 'GET VIEWING' OPEN NIGHT

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Councillor Cuthbert

Local Government Boundary Commission Scotland (LGBCS)

Council ward boundaries across Scotland have been agreed, following Ministers' decisions on recommendations from the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland.

The good news is that Kinross-shire will remain intact and there will be four Councillors representing the ward.

The bad news is that the Council's North Perth ward will be reduced from four Councillors to three.

This is somewhat ironic as North Perth has the highest levels of deprivation in Perth and Kinross and the Scottish Government's rationale for reducing overall Councillor numbers was to allow an increase in the number of Councillors in areas of high deprivation.

Planning developments in Kinross-shire

On 25 August, permission was granted for 91 dwelling houses on the site of the former Kinross High School in Kinross.

I attended the meeting where this application was discussed and put forward a motion that the application be deferred until a parking survey and a conservation report was done. This was supported by Councillor Robertson, however it was overturned by the rest of the committee.

On 14 September, the committee gave permission for 300 dwellinghouses to be built at Lathro Farm to the North of Kinross.

Prior to the meeting, I raised questions about the impact on infrastructure to officers who negotiated an agreement with the developers which states: *"No part of the development shall commence until a Section 69 Agreement (Local Government Act 1973) has been agreed between the applicant and the Council for a financial contribution towards a road improvement scheme that mitigates the impact of the proposed development on the local road network."*

This was announced to the Committee and I think goes a little way to resolving the issues I have with infrastructure.

However, I have raised the question of the more general impact on infrastructure with the powers that be, as it is my view that you cannot keep adding new houses in Kinross-shire and leave the infrastructure unchanged.

Watch this space and I will update you, as and when anything changes on this.

As a final point, I was pleased to hear at the meeting that the request made by your four Councillors that the affordable housing to be built on the Lathro Farm site be social rented housing has been met.

The latest figures show that there are 5.7 families waiting for each social rented house and there is a shortfall of some 119 social rented houses in Kinross, so the additional 75 social rented houses will go some way to help this situation.

Action Partnerships

I wrote about Locality Community Planning Partnerships in February. These have been renamed Action Partnerships and they are moving ahead rapidly now. The first meeting of the Kinross-shire and Almond and Earn Action Partnership will be on 6 October.

The purpose of these Action Partnerships is to create an Action Plan for the area they serve.

This will be arrived at by the Action Partnership identifying the priorities for their area.



The scope of the Action Partnerships is undefined and will include: Health and Social Care, Public Realm Infrastructure, Early Years Services, Children and Family Social Care, Education Services, Economy & Employability and Community Safety, amongst other things.

The theory is that the Action Partnership Action Plan will feed into the Community Planning Partnership Plan for the whole of Perth and Kinross.

This Plan is then to be delivered by so called "Outcome Delivery Groups" made up of: PKC, NHS, IJB, Police, Fire, Perth College, Scottish Enterprise, SEPA, SNH, Transport Scotland, Visit Scotland, etc, etc, not to mention the third sector and, most importantly in my view, Communities.

I am working hard to try to ensure that these will not become talking shops but will become real vehicles for change.

Review of Community Campuses and Charging Arrangements

The Council have decided to carry out a review of the Hub Community Campuses, including the Loch Leven Community Campus in Kinross.

The key objectives of this review are to: Improve community use of campuses and increase associated income; Review the demand on the wider school estate allowing facilities to be closed; Remove perceived barriers for community users; and Improve efficiency and reduce operating costs of Campuses resulting in a £180k saving.

I attended a briefing session for Councillors on this issue last week and spent an hour downloading some of my concerns on the way that Community Campuses work currently and I thought I would share some of these with you!

These are listed below:

- The booking system is very convoluted and gives preference to the school and Live Active Leisure over community users.
- Hiring accommodation is expensive for community groups.
- The exclusive food and drink contract awarded to Tayside Contracts is causing issues for community groups who are moving from the campus because of it.
- Live Active Leisure have an exclusivity clause in their agreement which permits them to refuse bookings from groups who offer competing services. This is, in my view, untenable.
- Access to rooms is difficult for those infirm on their feet and requires a long walk sometimes with heavy equipment.
- The most popular times for performances is at weekends. Booking rooms at these times requires special permission and has additional costs.
- There is a very short list of rooms available for hire. The original concept was that the whole school would be available for community use.
- Use of campus facilities during the school working day (7am to 5pm) has been restricted to school use. These hours are, in my opinion, excessive.

I hope that this review comes up with some sensible changes, which make it more of a community asset.

Councillor Dave Cuthbert
Independent Councillor for Kinross-shire

Deadline for all Submissions
5pm, FRIDAY 14 October
for publication on Saturday 29 October

Councillor Giacopazzi

Shock! Milnathort and Kinross separate

Following the decision of the Development Management Committee to consent 300 houses at Lathro Farm, the two settlements will continue to be separate. This outcome, which will please folk on both sides of the Queich, is down to the fact that the fields between Milnathort and Kinross are prone to severe flooding. The land on which Persimmon's 300 houses are to go, on the other hand, are well above the flood plain and are at no risk whatsoever even with climate change.

While some existing residents may be less than happy at the prospect of such a sizeable expansion of Kinross, seeing it as a threat to the rural character of the area, it is central government which orders local authorities to bring forward Local Development Plans identifying land suitable for house building. This is to satisfy the housing needs of an increasing Scottish population. Currently, around 15,000 houses a year are built in Scotland, against an identified need for 25,000 to keep pace with demand. A continued shortfall in the supply of housing will cause a shortage, resulting in higher prices and even homelessness. It is to give our young people a chance to reach the first rung in the housing ladder that new sites have to be identified and consented.

In respect of Lathro, only four neighbours objected. The Civic Trust's objection was partly based on the fact that the Development Plan only suggested 260 houses for the site. The Head of Planning stated that the figure was only 'indicative' and that since the 40 houses suggested for the field next to Forth Wines could not be built (flood risk), they could be reallocated to the Persimmon site.

The **good news** is that 25% of new houses at Lathro are to be affordable social housing for rent provided by a housing association. This type of housing is in short supply (and high demand) in Kinross, and its construction is something I welcome. So, I believe, does Kinross CC.

The concerns which Cllr Cuthbert and I raised at the planning committee meeting related to the capacity of the roads to cope with the traffic which the additional homes will generate. In a last minute announcement we learned that, in addition to a substantial school levy, Persimmon had agreed to fund improvements to the roads infrastructure. We also learned that the project could take up to ten years to complete, a build out rate which will help the schools absorb the new pupils more easily.

The builders are committed to providing a fifty acre (20 hectare) area of woods and parkland between Kinross and Milnathort with bridges across the Queich burn. It is not known at this time when the work will commence.

Milnathort expansion

A consultation event was held by the developers of the Pace Hill site in Milnathort Town Hall. This site was approved for housing development in the 2004 Kinross Area Local Plan, the forerunner of the current Local Development Plan. The plan envisaged 50 houses while the builder now proposes 80. No application has been lodged at this time, so in the absence of detail, little can be said.

House of Commons Speaker in Kinross

At the invitation of our local MP, Tasmina, the campus hosted pupils from eleven other secondary schools in Perth and Kinross to hear John Bercow MP speak and answer questions.



In person John Bercow is a very articulate speaker and a man of considerable charm, somewhat belying his stern television image when keeping the House of Commons in order.

He answered questions on his views on Britain's nuclear deterrent. He approves of its retention so long as others have theirs. On Brexit, he declared himself a 'remainer', while fully respecting the democratic outcome of the referendum. He thought that, in a parliamentary democracy, the use of the referendum should be restricted. His comments on Donald Trump are best not repeated word for word. I think it is enough to say that if he were in America, he'd be voting for Hilary.

The meeting lasted fully an hour and a half. I think the young people who filled the hall to capacity must have been impressed by Mr Bercow's ability and his willingness to answer their questions with honesty and courtesy.

See also Kinross High School report, page 67.

Traffic Issues

Complaints about excessive speed on the roads are frequently raised at Community Councils throughout Kinross-shire. One particular area of concern is on a stretch of the B9097 between junction 5 of the M90 and Crook of Devon and concerns motorcyclists who have been 'clocked' at over 100 mph. Such is the strength of feeling expressed at Cleish CC that I raised the matter with Chief Inspector Pettigrew and Chief Superintendent Anderson at a meeting of the Community Safety Committee on which I sit. As a result the Police have promised to site the safety camera van on the B9097 on Knockhill race days when the problem happens and to have cars patrolling too.

I also learned that the new Chief Constable is in favour of local communities being encouraged to check traffic speeds through their villages using speed guns supplied by Police Scotland. This is something which did happen in our county until the previous Chief Constable stopped it.

It is worth mentioning that **the speed limit on Junction Road**, Kinross (between the Park and Ride and Bridgend) has been raised to 40 mph, which drivers using the road will accept is a more realistic speed for the character of the road.

School bus, Portmoak to Kinnesswood

As part of its annual review of school transport, the Council withdrew the private coach which took primary children from Scotlandwell to Kinnesswood, allocating seats on the 201 service bus instead. Leaving aside the lack of consultation, the move has created grave concern to the parents of Primary One and Two children in particular who now drive their children to school; an undesirable situation given the lack of dropping off spaces at Portmoak school.

Following a meeting between Ward Councillors and parents, my colleagues and I requested that the Council reinstate the previous arrangement. To date the Council has declined our request, justifying its decision on the grounds that the journey is a short one and that the children are met at Portmoak school by a member of staff and escorted off. The Ward Councillors will continue to represent the concerns of parents.

Councillor Joe Giacopazzi

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Kinross Show – more results

Some results from the Kinross Show on 13 August that were not in the September issue are:



Interbreed Beef Champion: R Dick, Mains of Throsk, Stirling.
Reserve: David McKerrow, Freuchie.

Any Other Pure Bred Champion: A Myluis, Newport on Tay.

Dairy Cattle Champion and Reserve: J & I Wilson, Ceres.

Overall Sheep Champion: C Malone & K Millar, Cardenden.

Clydesdale Horse Reserve: R H Black, Ladybank.

Shetland Pony Best Overall Miniature & Best Young Handler:

Donna Lochtie, Tillycultry.

Sheep Young Handler: Melissa Weir, Milnathort.

Art & Craft Best Display Table: Val's Tablet. (Val Rougvie, Milnathort).

Flower Show

Best Exhibit in Floral Art: Fiona Alexander, Milnathort.

Best Single Rose: Jane Smith.

Outstanding Exhibit for a child under 8 years: Finlay Rutherford, Duncricvie, Glenfarg.

Outstanding Exhibit for a child 9-14 years: Isla Kinns-Brown, Blairadam.

Overall Best Exhibit in Flower Show: Robert Barnfather, Kinross.

Programme for Wellbeing Fair

Friday 7 October 11am – 3pm

Loch Leven Community Campus

See poster on page 12 for more information.

When	What	Where
11am – 11.45am	'Leaves on the Track' – a drama performed by Naomi Breeze about the impact of crime on individuals, families and communities.	Activity Space (on the 'street' beside dining area)
11.45am – 12.30pm	Information Stalls including local community groups and support organisations from health & social care.	ICT Meeting Rooms (just off the library)
12.30pm – 1pm	Wellbeing show – a performance from a community drama group supported by Naomi Breeze.	Activity Space (on the 'street' beside dining area)
1.15pm – 3pm	Café fun with 1960s music from 'The Sabres' and tea, coffee, juice, traybakes.	Assembly Hall (half way down the 'street')

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Tue, Wed & Thu	10am-8pm	Sat	10am-4pm

(Saturdays 1-4pm staffed by volunteers)

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Pre-school Story Time

Tuesdays 10.15am-10.45am. Thursdays 10.45am-11.15am.

Parents, grandparents or guardians and toddlers will be made most welcome at these free, open sessions.

Stay and Play

Wednesdays 2.30-3.30pm. Fridays 11.15am-12.15pm.

Pop into the library where you can meet other parents, have a coffee, chat, read a magazine or just relax while your child plays. Toys provided. Family friendly. These sessions are suitable for pre-school children and their parents or guardians.

French Storytelling, First Saturday of each month

French themed story-time for 4-8 year olds, 11.30am-12pm on the first Saturday of each month. This project aims to support the 1+2 approach to modern languages, where every child has the opportunity to learn a modern language from P1 onwards. Contact the library to book your free place.



Sale of Withdrawn Library Books

The library now has an ongoing sale of withdrawn library stock, both fiction and non-fiction. So pop along and pick up a bargain; Fiction 50p or three for just £1.

Culture Perth Kinross is a Scottish Charity SC046353 and we welcome all donations. *Every penny you can give lets us do more in Perth & Kinross.*

Latha Gàidhlig / Gaelic Day. See pages 53 & 60 for more.

For further information on any of the events listed, or to book a place where required, contact the library. See header for contact details.



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Kinross-shire Community Sport Hub

The Kinross-shire Community Sport Hub was launched with a very well attended event on Saturday 17 September at the campus. Sport sessions were put on by the member clubs to give everyone the opportunity to try something new and fun. Commonwealth Games table tennis star Gillian Edwards came along to inspire the next generation of sports stars and she kindly signed autographs and joined in with the sessions.

Grateful thanks go to Andersons LLP for their continued support in running the hub, Kinross Rotary Club for providing volunteers for the event, Live Active Leisure for providing the venue, the Young Sport Ambassadors at Kinross High School, Cath Devanny from Active Schools and Gerry McGregor the campus events manager who all contributed greatly to the day. Gerrold Kuipers

from Kinross-shire Cricket and Dallas Key from Kinross Camera Club took lots of fantastic photos to capture the day, which was very much appreciated. And of course, thanks must go to all the local clubs that are members of the hub that participated in the event. It was a fantastic collaboration of sport and the local community working together to make the launch of the hub such a success.

The winner of the hub's treasure map competition is Lucy Thompson from Kinross who wins a £20 Sainsbury's voucher. Thanks to everyone who entered this.

The young designer of the hub's logo competition, Anna Pakravan, from Fossoway PS, also attended the launch and she was delighted to see her design as the new hub identity.

We've had a great start to the new sport hub and we look forward to providing more opportunities to get local people more active. Thanks to everyone that supported the launch event. Check out the hub's Facebook page for more photographs from the day. www.facebook.com/KinrossCSH And finally ... there's still time to tell us how we can improve local sports, activities and facilities by completing the online survey at <http://pkc.KCSH.sgizmo.com/s3/>



Left: Commonwealth Games table tennis star Gillian Edwards was the special guest at the Sport Hub launch



Right: The climbing wall was very popular



Left: Trying out netball Below: Baton twirling lessons



*Kirsteen Ross,
Sports Development
Officer (Community
Sport Hubs)*

Rare golf poster to aid local museum

A limited edition golf poster generously donated to Kinross Museum has been put up for sale to help support the running of the museum.

The 2013 Dunhill Links Championship poster is signed by Darren Clarke, Open Championship winner and 2016 Ryder Cup Captain. It is described by museum volunteers as "in mint condition and very rare".

Anyone interested in making an offer for the poster should send an email to: golfposter@kinrossmuseum.org.uk

Money raised from the sale of the poster will be used to help the Kinross Museum with essential running costs. The Kinross Museum is staffed and run entirely by volunteers and is located within the Loch Leven Community Campus.

For the regular Museum report, see page 63.



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The signed Dunhill Links Championship poster

HALLOWEEN LANTERN WALK AT TULLIBOLE CASTLE

Saturday 29 October

Supported by the Rotary Club of Kinross & District

Visit Tullibole Castle for a family-friendly lantern walk on Saturday 29 October to celebrate Halloween. With music from films we all know and love, follow the magical light trail, explore the woods, enjoy the lit up moat and get lost in Tullibole's Witches Maze! With selfie stops throughout, be sure to dress up and enter the Tullibole Castle Halloween competition for the best dressed family! You'll need strong shoes/boots and a torch/lantern and we'll provide you with a map guiding you around our illumination pathway. The proceeds will be distributed by the Rotary Club of Kinross & District.

Times: 6pm, 7pm or 8pm.
Please allow up to one hour for your visit.
£10 family ticket (2 adults, 2 children)
£5 one adult, one child

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Hunters represent trade at TV charity

Staff from Hunters the Butchers in Kinross took part in various fundraising activities in September to help raise funds for Scottish Television's Children's Appeal.

Iain Hunter, Conner Stuart and David Winton wore kilts at work in exchange for donations to the charity. In addition, Iain and Conner took part in the Royal Bank of Scotland Kiltwalk for the Appeal, which helps to relieve poverty amongst Scottish children.

Representing butchers and farmers from all over Scotland, Iain and Conner attended a live television broadcast to present a cheque for £15,000 to TV host and Children's Appeal supporter Lorraine Kelly. Trade organisation Quality Meat Scotland had organised fundraising by butchers and farmers for the Appeal. Over £600 was raised by Hunters the Butchers through friends' and customers' donations.

Hunters are grateful to The Kilt Company of Kinross for the loan of kilts.

Right: Iain Hunter wearing a Loch Leven tartan kilt while fundraising for the STV Children's Appeal



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Poppyscotland issues urgent call for volunteers to bring poppies to Kinross



Kinross may be poppy-less this Remembrance Day if more volunteers aren't found in the run up to the Scottish Poppy Appeal.

Each year, five million poppies are carefully handcrafted by disabled veterans in Poppyscotland's factory in Edinburgh. To ensure these poppies reach communities across Scotland, the charity relies on a network of dedicated Area Organisers who organise collections and manage volunteers or 'Poppy People'.

But, as a result of Area Organisers moving home, retiring from their voluntary roles, or sadly passing away, there is now a greater need for new Area Organisers than ever before.

The leading charity, which provides life-changing support to the Armed Forces community in Scotland, is now urgently calling on a volunteer or volunteer group to come forward and lead the Scottish Poppy Appeal in their local community as an Area Organiser.

If an Area Organiser isn't found in Kinross, not only will poppies not be available but the charity may see a considerable drop in donations of up to £2.3k. This could result in a loss of funding for vital services to the Armed Forces community at a time when many desperately need help and support.

Isla Campbell Lupton, Volunteer Development Manager at Poppyscotland, said: "Our volunteers are at the heart of everything we do at Poppyscotland. Their support for the Scottish Poppy Appeal means we can make a positive

difference to our Armed Forces community. Without them, we simply wouldn't be able to run the Scottish Poppy Appeal every year.

"We have a network of 460 dedicated Area Organisers across Scotland, but Kinross is an area where, despite our best efforts, we've been unable to recruit volunteers. We are now urgently looking for Area Organisers to step up and ensure that locals can continue to sport their red poppies with pride.

"By simply having someone holding a collection tin, we can raise 50 times more than a stand-alone tin in a shop. With a team of volunteers, the charity can raise more in one day than having un-manned collection tins over an entire fortnight.

"As an Area Organiser, you will be a part of a very special team that helps to raise millions of pounds for Scotland's Armed Forces community. Our ex-servicemen and women in Scotland urgently need our support."

An Area Organiser ensures that poppies are available for sale in their local area. With assistance from Poppyscotland, an Area Organiser will gather together a team of volunteer collectors and together they will distribute poppies to

outlets and schools. Depending on the size of an area, they may also organise street, supermarket, event or house-to-house collections.

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Three generations commemorate sacrifice at The Somme

A three-generation party based on the King's Own Scottish Borderers (KOSB) Association has just returned from a pilgrimage to commemorate the centenary of one of the most tragic battles of WWI.

A group of KOSB veterans, current soldiers from its successor battalion in the Royal Regiment of Scotland – 1 SCOTS – and school pupils and staff from Queen Victoria School (QVS), Dunblane, visited The Somme battlefields in France from 31 August to 5 September to mark the 100th anniversary of the battle. The children are all sons and daughters of servicemen and women.



Cpl Richard Howard, aged 23 years

The 39-strong group, including George and Jackie Sutherland of Tillyrie, spent five days at the battlefields, seeing just where the soldiers of the KOSB laid down their lives, and visiting their graves and memorials. Included in the party was Liz Howard-Thornton, the great granddaughter of Cpl Richard Howard, killed during the attack on Faffemont Farm near Combles carried out by 2 KOSB on 3 September 1916. They took 187 casualties in one hour.

Liz said: "We walked the ground of that attack, up the bare slopes to the old farm site, precisely 100 years to the minute after they did, and where Richard fell. That was incredibly emotional – we were all in a terrible state, especially when the pipes started us off with the Regimental march! What those young men did for us, and the freedom we have today because of it, must never be forgotten."

Liz planted a lovely metre-high, engraved wooden cross on the edge of the woodline in commemoration.

Lt Col (Retd) Andy Middlemiss, from Kinross, a former career officer in the KOSB of 34 years service all over the world, and one of the trip's organisers, said he believed it had served a valuable purpose. "Everyone associates The Somme with 1 July and 'Going Over the Top' but actually the battle lasted 141 days," he said. "The courage and sacrifice of the British, French and Colonial troops must never be forgotten. On the first day, our 1st Battalion took 548 casualties in an hour and a half, and effectively ceased to be a viable Battalion. We wanted to see the actual soil where our forebears fell in such terrible numbers, and we wanted to commemorate their memory on this trip."

Gordon Ross, who served with the Gordons Pipe Major at QVS Dunblane said: "The children who came with us are not much younger than many of those who fell, and it was really moving for all of us. We mustn't forget that it would have been horrendous for those on the homefront too. The worst bit was probably the not knowing, and the length of time it took to get any news."

Lieutenant Calum Duncan, son of Kenny, Captain at Milnathort GC, leading the party from 1 SCOTS said: "The Somme is one of our main battle honours, and for today's



The KOSB regimental crest

Jocks to walk precisely in the footsteps of the 1916 Jocks was incredibly special. We must learn from what happened; we wanted to honour our forebears and, most importantly, we must talk about it in the future."



Calum Duncan telling the group about life as a young officer in 1916

After four and a half months hard fighting, with appalling casualties, both from sickness and combat, the battle ceased, mainly due to the appalling winter in France that year. Hundreds of thousands had already paid the ultimate price with their lives. The KOSB lost over 3500 killed, and thousands more badly wounded or sick.

For Brigadier Allan Alstead, a former Commanding Officer of the KOSB, this pilgrimage was a powerful tribute to those who fell: "It is important to remember that these men of the KOSB, and thousands of others on both sides, showed incredibly bravery in terrible conditions, so the conclusion of our trip was an act of commemoration at the huge Thiepval Memorial, with four pipers, three wreaths laid, prayers and readings. It was really powerful to be there, to remember, and to see what was lost in human sacrifice. For all of us, the young school children, the serving soldiers from 1 SCOTS, and us 'Old and Bold', this was a trip of a lifetime. We are really grateful to Legion Scotland for helping us fund this trip, with a generous grant from their WWI Commemorations Fund."

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Article supplied by Lt Col (Retd) A Middlemiss



Andy Middlemiss with KOSB friend, John Handling of Perth and Kinross Council, with a German Mauser rifle found at the farm

News from the Health Centre



Influenza Vaccination for Adults

The autumn seems to have come round quickly again and we have therefore made plans for the annual flu campaign. As in previous years, the flu clinics will be on a Saturday, and will run from 9am until 1pm.

The dates of the clinics are as follows:

Monday 3 October
Saturday 22 October
Saturday 29 October
Saturday 13 November

Appointments may now be booked with reception. *Please do not wait for a letter to be sent to you inviting you to make an appointment. If you are eligible you may make your appointment now.* Clinicians will visit the residential and nursing homes as usual to administer the vaccination.

We would encourage all those in the following groups to come for a flu injection:

Over 65s	Those aged 65 and over on 31 March 2017 (Born on or before 31 March 1952)
Those aged 6 months or over in clinical 'At Risk' Groups	Chronic respiratory disease and asthma that requires continuous or repeated use of inhaled or systemic steroids or with previous hospital admissions. COPD including chronic bronchitis and emphysema Chronic heart disease Chronic kidney disease: kidney failure or transplant, nephritic syndrome Chronic liver disease: cirrhosis, chronic hepatitis Chronic neurological disease Diabetes Immunosuppression Asplenia or dysfunction of the spleen
Pregnant women	Pregnant women at any stage of pregnancy
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Unpaid carers and young carers	Those who, without payment, provide help and support to a partner, child, relative, friend or neighbour who could not manage without this help. This could be due to age, physical or mental illness, addiction or disability. Young carers are those under 18 who carry out significant caring tasks and assume a level of responsibility for another person which would normally be taken by an adult.

Please note that patients who do not fall into these categories or who have no other clinical reason for receiving the flu vaccination will not be given the vaccination.

Influenza Vaccination for Children

GP practices are responsible for vaccinating children aged 2 - 5 who are not at school. Children must be aged 2 or above on 1 September 2016. The vaccine is administered via a nasal spray rather than an injection and appointments may now be made at Reception. If your child is at primary school, the vaccine will be administered there.

Pneumococcal Vaccination for over 65s

Patients who have just become 65, or will be 65 by 31 March 2017, are eligible for the pneumovax vaccination. This vaccination is generally only required once and can be administered at the same appointment as the flu vaccination.

Shingles Vaccination

The shingles vaccination is available for all those aged between 70 and 79, except for those aged 74 and 75, i.e.

those born between 2 September 1940 and 1 September 1942. Those aged 80 on 1 September 2016 are no longer eligible.

Eligibility can be checked at www.immunisationscotland.org.uk/vaccines-and-diseases/shingles.aspx.

Special clinics are taking place on Monday 3 October and Saturday 22 October for those who wish the shingles vaccination. The flu vaccination can be given at the same appointment. Those who have previously had the shingles vaccination do not need another.

Public Holiday

The Health Centre is closed on **Monday 3 October** for a public holiday. There will be no appointments or clinics other than pre-booked flu or shingles appointments. In the event of a medical emergency please phone 111 and you will be connected to NHS24 and the Fife Primary Care Emergency Service.

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Council officers will contact businesses directly by email, over the phone and in person to ask them to participate in the survey. The results, which will be discussed and analysed by an economic expert panel, will be shared with everyone who participates. The closing date for the survey is Friday 21 October.

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Lest We Forget Reflections on the Great War

Until 2018 there is a rolling exhibition at the Kinross (Marshall) Museum on the Great War, telling of some of the events and people of 100 years ago. The museum display is adjacent to the library at the community campus.



First World War Timeline 1916

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Sometime between Monday 15 and Monday 22 August, a shed within a garden of a property in South Street, **Milnathort**, was broken into and a black and purple BMX bike stolen. Ref: CR/022910/16.

On 20 August two distinctive pots of red and blue line marking paint were stolen from a trailer parked in Muirs, **Kinross**.

Between Tuesday 23 and Friday 26 August, a container was broken into at Bankhead Farm, **Fossoway**, and reels of copper were stolen.

Sometime during the evening of Sunday 21 August and the early hours of Monday 22 August a large wooden gate and fixing post sitting at the entrance to the car park at **Vane Farm** were damaged. It is likely to have been struck by a motor vehicle. A small section of dry stone dyke adjacent to the gate was also damaged.

A wheelbarrow, used as a planter at Powmill Bridge, **Powmill**, was removed between 6pm on Thursday 1 September and 2pm on Friday 2 September.

Between 1pm on Tuesday 6 September and 2pm on Wednesday 7 September, a wood chipper was stolen from outside a property in Benarty Road, Blairadam. Ref: CR/024287/16.

During the weekend of Friday 9 September, a quantity of red diesel was stolen from a tractor which was parked within the car park belonging to Powmill Milk Bar, **Rumbling Bridge**.

Overnight on Friday 16 September, a beacon light was stolen from the roof of a red Great Wall Steed pickup motor vehicle whilst parked in Main Street, **Glenfarg**.

*If you have information on any of the above, please contact Police on **101** or Crimestoppers on **0800 555111**.*

Police Scotland Survey

Police Scotland consults with the public every year on what their priorities are for policing in their community. In 2016 the consultation process is online and will be open all year. Take the survey at: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/8LMB9WX

Cycling on pavements

There have been complaints of children cycling on pavements in the town centre. This is hazardous for pedestrians, particularly when exiting from a shop or domestic dwelling which has a doorway directly on to the street.

This is a reminder that cycling on pavements, unless it is officially designated for cyclists (and there would be signage to indicate this) is illegal. Rule 64 of the Highway Code and S129 Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 refers.

Police Scotland – local community

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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. Please note, the Community Council News is not a verbatim reproduction of CC minutes. Where there are two months' worth of reports, there will be a considerable amount of editing.

Kinross Community Council News from the September Meeting

Present at the meeting held on Wednesday 7 September 2016 were: CCllrs Bill Freeman (Chair), E Thomas (Secretary), M Blyth, J Bryson, D Colliar, B Davies and D MacKenzie. CCllr Thomas Stewart joined the meeting during Matters Arising. Also in attendance were: P&K Cllrs D Cuthbert and W Robertson; and four member of the public.

Apologies were received from CCllrs I Jack, M Scott and D West; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and J Giacomazzi; and the Police.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Police Report: No Police present. Sgt Amanda Nicolson is making enquiries about cut-out figures; when she has more information she will come back to the CC. The Commander's bulletins were noted.

Strategic Master Plan: Peter Marshall (PKC Strategy & Policy Manager, Planning & Development) has turned down the invitation to attend a CC meeting for now at least, because he is due to meet the ward councillors on 20 September to discuss the LDP. The subject of a "Vision" is on the agenda. He might meet with some or all of the CC at a future date.

Kinross-shire ward councillors are keen to have junction 7 (M90) upgraded. This would help to remove some traffic from the A977 (Muir's and Springfield Road) through Kinross. This will become worse when the Lathro Farm site is developed. The possibility of an upgrade has been mentioned to PKC's head of Development Management but because junction 6 is coping at the moment, Transport Scotland is not interested. Cllr Robertson suggested an upgrade of junction 7 could be funded, partly at least, from developer contributions. If a fund is started, it could be added to from other sources. CCllr Bryson suggested there should be an economic appraisal. Persimmon's application for 300 houses at Lathro Farm is due to go to the Development Management Committee on 14 September and has been recommended for approval. CCllr Thomas asked the ward councillors how this could be, when the LDP stated only 140 houses on this site up to the year 2024. Cllr Cuthbert said it was unlikely that the Council would be allowing all 300 before 2024.

The councillors will report on their meeting with Peter Marshall to the CC at the CC's October meeting.

Hearing Loop: CCllr Bryson sent a more detailed request to PKC's Barbara Renton. This included reference to the Equality Act. However, no response has been received. Ward councillors to chase up.

Provost's Lamp: Cllr Robertson reported that this had been blown down in gales. Mrs McBain's son-in-law is trying to repair it but is having difficulty sourcing spare parts. CCllr Thomas has photographs of the lamp prior to damage if that would help.

Fun Fair: Cllr Cuthbert reported that the Fun Fair at the Kirkgate Park was licensed. He will check whether the CC should have been consulted on the licence application.

Overgrown hedges: CCllr MacKenzie had received a message from a member of the public with concerns about overgrown vegetation at a particular location. Cllr Robertson told him the email address of the council officer who should be contacted.

Play Park upgrades: Community Greenspace officer Dave Stubbs had sent some further information following his attendance at the August meeting:

Lathro Park Play area: The long grass section is planned because the grass is poorly drained and pernicious weeds can be spot treated to give the wildflowers the best chance. In the worst case, a short grass regime can be reinstated once the bulbs have flowered in the Spring. The proposal includes four items of play equipment, targeted at the younger age group, and includes a sand digger and sand pit, swing unit with cradle and flat seats and a roundabout. New furniture will be one bin and one seat. The bin can be used for dog waste.

Green Park play area: Mr Stubbs will keep a note of the comments made and will use these to inform the design process in due course. The developer contribution from Persimmon is £45k. A member of the public had made a further suggestion to the CC's Facebook page re Green Park. The Secretary had forwarded this to Mr Stubbs.

Myre: CCllr Bryson had submitted the information required to Mr Stubbs.

Davies Park: Cllr Cuthbert has received a letter re Davies Park and has asked officers to have a look at it and report back.

Bowton Road: A member of the public mentioned that there is a new small play area at the end of Bowton Road.

Toilets at the Pier: Cllr Robertson reported on a meeting that he and Cllr Cuthbert had had with representatives of Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), Historic Environment Scotland (HES) and Kinross Estate Company (KEC) to see if these organisations and PKC might work together to find a solution to the need for public toilets at the pier. Sheila Best from PKC Environment Service and Barry Davies from Kinross CC were also present. SNH and HES warned that they have limited financial resources available for such a project. KEC has earmarked land that could be used and will set it aside. Ms Best said that finance from PKC's Comfort Scheme could assist with running costs. Cllr Robertson said TRACKS could help to source funds. Cllr Robertson intends to allow six weeks for representatives to consult with their own organisations and will then call another meeting. 250,000 people per year use the Heritage Trail. The castle attracts 12,000 visitors per year.

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Julie McGrattan and Jason Barker, proprietors of the Boathouse restaurant were present at the CC meeting. Ms McGrattan recapped on the problems they have experienced with high numbers of visitors to the trail, loch and castle looking for toilets (see minutes of August meeting) and other facilities. She puts bins in the car park, empties them and gives out dog waste bags at her own expense. She said that the infrastructure for visitors is just not there; visitors go to the castle, get back in their cars, then leave. She suggested that if there were better car parking facilities, visitors might leave their cars and explore the town. Cllr Robertson agreed that the car park is the next big issue and needs a better entrance. It is possible to have a dog waste bin located on private land.

The question of ownership of the land was raised, with CCllr Colliar stating that part of the car park area was once common land.

HES will proceed with their application for a staff welfare facility; this is quite separate from any public toilet project.

Cllr Cuthbert said ideally a visitor centre should be planned. Ms Shepherd of Mandy's Hairdresser was present; she said that a lot of visitors come into her shop asking for information. She would be willing to stock bus timetables etc. She suggested a large map in the centre of town would be useful. (There used to be one adjacent to the phone box at the PO sorting office.)

New Primary School: CCllr MacKenzie reported that work will resume in earnest in October. The CC received a message of thanks from local resident Dr Scott for taking forward to PKC his and other residents' concerns about the possible effects of the additional pedestrian access in the School Lane. Double yellow lines are to be painted at Emslie Drive and Douglas Crescent where they have junctions with Station Road.

Queen's tree, Queen's Crescent: CCllr Colliar explained that a few years ago it was agreed that a cherry tree should be planted in Queen's Crescent to replace the one (now missing) originally planted by the Queen, and also another one on the opposite side. The cost is about £30 each, and a plaque up to £150. He suggested funds come from the CC bank account. There was no objection. October would be an appropriate time to plant and it would be good to do it this year, to mark Her Majesty's 90th birthday. CCllr Colliar will contact R Brough of PKC.

Town Centre Regeneration: The Secretary reported the following:

The CC received a response from Willie Young (PKC Environmental and Consumer Services) to its letter requesting the prompt reinstallation of a **light controlled crossing** in the High Street. His team is working on a design and researching funding sources with a view to taking the proposal to the November meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee.

A vehicle struck one of the **granite bollards**, causing considerable damage to the stone setts. Cllr Robertson reported the damage to the Council.

BBC Scotland News made a short film in August featuring a **blind reporter** trying to negotiate the shared space in Kinross. This can be viewed on Facebook and has been shared on the CC and Newsletter Facebook Pages.

Shortly before this meeting the CC received a copy of a letter by **Mr Ken Miles** to the Leader of the Administration of PKC listing Mr Miles' concerns about the redesigned High Street. He has also submitted to PKC **133 letters** signed by local residents expressing concern over the redesign.

There followed some discussion.

Cllr Cuthbert said that Mr Young is looking into various concerns raised by the ward councillors but Council officers appear unwilling to take measures that are seen as reversing the shared space concept.

Ms Shepherd said that she observed the BBC filming. At one point the cameraman had to abandon his camera and rush into the middle of the road to stop a speeding car from colliding with the reporter. She says police cars regularly travel through Kinross High Street over the speed limit, which is meant to be 20mph in the central part of the High Street. Some community councillors suggested ramps or bumps at each end of the 20mph zone to slow cars down.

Other problems mentioned during discussion were: indiscriminate parking; no indication of priority at junction with Burns Begg Street; lack of reflectors on granite bollards; dead trees beside Co-op. In relation to parking, Cllr Robertson said we have been let down by PKC Enforcement and Police. Cllr Cuthbert said the Kinross regeneration project has won a silver award within PKC. The project has also been shortlisted for a regeneration award in the Herald Property Awards for Scotland 2016. CCllr MacKenzie reported that minutes of the 'Perth Connect' group record PKC's Jim Valentine claiming the Kinross shared space is a success.

It was agreed that Cllr Robertson would write to the Police regarding their vehicles speeding through the town.

It was agreed that the Secretary would draft a letter to the Chief Executive recording the CC's concerns and suggestions regarding the redesigned High Street. It is hoped that additional measures to make the space safer could be included in the proposals going to the E&I Committee in November. The Secretary will also invite Willie Young to take part in a site visit with representatives of the CC.

Planning Applications Submitted to PKC. No comments were raised by the CC on these:

16/01289/FLL Change of use, alterations and extension to form microbrewery: former public convenience, Muirs, Kinross.

16/01390/FLL Extension to dwelling house, 21 Montgomery Street, Kinross.

16/01384/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house: 16 McBain Place, Kinross.

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16/01257/FLL Erection of a dwelling house, land 60m SW of Balthie Farm, Hatchbank.

16/00983/FLL Erection of a dwelling house, land 70m NW of Gellybank Farm, Kinross.

16/01465/FLL Extension to dwelling house, 85 Lathro Park, Kinross.

16/01425/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house, 1 Lethangie Cottage, Kinross.

Planning Applications Determined by PKC

16/00259/CON Demolition of buildings, former Kinross High School, 8 High Street, Kinross. Approved.

16/00255/FLM Erection of 91 dwelling houses and associated infrastructure, former Kinross High School, 8 High Street, Kinross. Approved.

16/01098/FLL Change of use and alterations from office/storage to beauty centre (class 2), Websters Development, 14 High Street. Approved.

16/01247/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house, 21 Hatchbank Road, Gairney Bank. Approved.

16/01006/HH 4 Balado Wynd. Reduce height of hedge. Planning officer concluded that the trees and shrubs did not meet the definition of a high hedge as defined by the High Hedges (Scotland) Act and therefore could not serve a High Hedge Notice.

Planning Correspondence and other Planning Matters

- **Planning workshop:** The presentations given at the Planning Workshop attended by some of the community councillors on 22 June are now available on the PKC website.
- **300 houses at Lathro Farm:** This application is recommended for approval at the Development Management Committee meeting on 14 September. See above (Strategic Master Plan) for discussion.
- **Beaufield:** Cllr Cuthbert said that application 16/01996/FLL (8 houses on land 110m SE of Beaufield, Balado) is also recommended for approval at the Development Management Committee meeting on 14 September.

Miscellaneous Correspondence: A summary of mail received between the August and September meetings had been circulated to community and ward councillors prior to the meeting and was available to view. A few were mentioned, including:

Community Volunteer Awards: Cllrs Freeman, Blyth and Davies will attend.

Action Partnerships: Cllrs Davies and MacKenzie will attend a forum of Kinross-shire CCs on 27 September. From that forum, one community councillor will be elected to go on to the Action Partnership, which will meet on 6 October.

Poppy Scotland: A new organiser is required for this area. A representative would like to come to talk to a CC meeting. Invited to October meeting, though availability to be confirmed. The organisation has also been invited to put an article in the Newsletter.

Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors

Parking: Cllr Cuthbert reported that the former High School has now been fenced off and is no longer available for public parking. The parking survey awaited by the ward councillors has now been completed but not yet distributed to councillors and will now have to be redone!

Campus review: Cllr Cuthbert reported that PKC's Education service is going to carry out a campus review. [See p. 4.]

Speedwatch: Cllr Robertson referred to the successful trial of this (volunteers monitoring the speed of traffic) in Crook of Devon a few years ago. However, when the single Police service took effect, the Chief Constable at the time did not want it. However, the new Chief Constable may be more amenable. Cllr Robertson will suggest trialling it in Kinross-shire.

Other Business

Funding for Primary School: Cllr Bryson thanked Cllr Cuthbert for a suggestion he had made regarding funding, which has enabled Kinross Primary School to purchase many more iPads.

Kinross-shire Fund: Cllr Colliar reported on a recent meeting he attended. Grants are to be awarded to Crook and Drum in Bloom and a Blairingone pre-school group. There will be efforts to raise more money for the Fund.

Remembrance Sunday: Cllrs Colliar, Blyth and Freeman will meet in late September to make arrangements.

Pothole: Cllr Stewart reported a huge hole at the entrance to Chance Inn Farm. The councillors are aware of it.

Grass cutting: Cllr Davies wondered why the public grass areas to the south of the road running alongside the school (i.e. the areas adjacent to Burnbank B&B and the Health Centre) are not cut as often as the verges around the school.

High School pupils/shop/litter: Cllr MacKenzie suggested the CC ask the head teacher of KHS what is being done to stop children going to the shop outwith intervals. Cllr Davies has been monitoring litter since the new shop at Lathro opened. He thought it had not been too bad, although pizza boxes do not fit in litterbins. A member of the public commented that litter has been very bad around the skate park. Another said that the language used by some of the children is terrible.

KCCNL grants: Cllr Davies has received some enquiries since the grants have been advertised again.

Verges around heritage trail: Cllr Robertson has been chasing up maintenance work, which should be happening this week [first week of September].

The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 5 October 2016 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

Agenda for the Meeting on 5 October

1. Apologies
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Minutes of Meeting of 7 September
4. Police report
5. Matters Arising from Minutes of 7 September
6. Kinross Strategy/Vision
7. Town Centre Regeneration
8. New Primary School
9. Planning Matters
10. Miscellaneous Correspondence
11. Reports from P&K Councillors
12. AOCB
13. Date of Next Meeting (2 November)

Note: Members of the public are welcome to contribute to discussion at CC meetings, but if wishing to address the meeting on a specific issue, please advise the Secretary in advance and supply a copy of any relevant documentation.

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Milnathort Community Council News from the September Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 8 September 2016 were: CCLrs Kevin Heneghan (Secretary) and Elyse Kirkham, Craig Williams, Steven Young, Campbell Lawson and Lisa Cartwright; P&K Cllrs D Cuthbert and J Giacopazzi; and eight members of the public. The meeting was chaired by CCLr Young. Minute taker: Stephen Bolland.

Apologies: CCLr D Baudains and P&K Cllrs W Robertson and M Barnacle.

Hearing loop: The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and highlighted that a loop sound system was in use for people with hearing aids. There were difficulties in the town hall with hearing people speak and that it was hoped that future meetings could be held in the church hall (to be confirmed).

Vacancy: As communicated in a previous CC meeting, CCLr Brian Cook had resigned for personal reasons and this had left a vacancy. The chair proposed that Stephen Bolland be co-opted in the position which was accepted unanimously by the community councillors present.

Police Matters: There were no police in attendance and no matters to highlight from their report. Relevant police matters are published on Facebook and the website, and paper copies of CC communications are available in the church shop and primary school. A member of the public raised concern about speeding cars in Back Loan and the risk to children crossing to the park. CCLr Giacopazzi sits on the Community Safety Committee and will raise the issue with the roads department to see what could be done about it. Elyse Kirkham will also write to the roads department and the police on behalf of the CC.

Public toilets: CCLr Barnacle said that specific details would be required on the reasoning behind the suggestion that the Thistle Hotel was not a suitable venue for the Comfort Scheme. Members of the community should contact the CC with any specific issues related to the provision of public toilet facilities in Milnathort. The issue of public toilet provision had also been brought up at the Kinross CC meeting and it was thought that the subject should be considered for inclusion in the strategic plan for Kinross-shire. In the meantime, Elyse Kirkham will look at a list of places people could use should the Comfort Scheme venue change.

The **overgrown path** at Burleigh Castle has now been cut back.

Gate at Jessie's Park: PKC consider this a high priority and will inspect the area to see what can be done. CCLr Robertson to follow this up.

Pace Hill: A second 'open-day' was held the previous day but no formal plan has been submitted for approval. Whilst there are still a number of concerns around this development it was agreed that we should wait until a formal plan had been submitted before raising further concerns or objections. The public are encouraged to make the CC aware of their views on this development. Campbell Lawson to form a planning sub-group to look at this.

With regards to the area of woodland adjacent to the proposed development, Elyse Kirkham had identified that it was Stewart Milne Holmes that owned this and that they may be willing to donate it to the community. This option has still to be considered but in the meantime the CC will submit a Tree Preservation Order to PKC.

Planning applications submitted: Erection of a dwelling house at land 70m SE of Hattonburn Lodge, Milnathort; Alterations and extension to dwelling house at 5 Tillyrie Mains, Milnathort; Erection of a dwelling house and double garage at land 30m NW of The Grange, Mawcarse. No comments.

Siting of 14 storage containers at yard in Stirling Road. (Ref. No: 16/00601/FLL) A local review has requested and residents are encouraged to submit their views through the PKC planning website and also to the CC. It was agreed that the CC would lodge an objection.

Planning applications determined: Erection of dwelling house (matters specified by conditions - 14/01109/IPL) at land 70m SE of Hattonburn Lodge, Milnathort; Extensions to dwelling house at 18 Tillyrie Mains, Milnathort.

Milnathort Old Folks Association: Dorothy Thomson gave an overview of the work of the Milnathort Old Folks Association which was established in the 1960s and was now at threat due to the resignation of some long serving volunteers. The group are looking for volunteers to assist with their summer bus trips and Christmas lunch. The CC will publish this on their Facebook page, on their website, in their newsletter minutes, and Elyse Kirkham is more than happy to speak to the committee with some ideas.

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Dogs in Donaldson Park: There has been a suggestion that the play area within Donaldson Park should be fenced in to prevent dogs fouling the immediate play area. The fence would have one or two gates for access. A similar consideration should be made for Jessie's Park. Cllr Giacopazzi will approach PKC about this.

Out of catchment pupils: A member of the public raised concerns about the number of out of catchment placing requests being granted at Kinross High School. There are seemingly a large number of pupils from Fife who started S1 with additional support needs. Concerns were raised about how this would impact the wider school and whether the additional support department and resources were being stretched.

Defibrillator: It has been suggested that a public defibrillator is made available within the village. Kevin Heneghan will look into the options.

Invitations: Members of the CC have been invited to attend the Best Kept Village Awards and also the Community Volunteer Awards.

Dog fouling in the Thistle Hotel car park will have been captured on the hotel's CCTV system and this recording will be used if the issue persists.

The **pavement build-out** on South Street has been postponed due to power issues.

Mausoleum: PKC are looking into the broken tiles at the Horn of Thomanian Mausoleum.

Roadways: There will be a four-week road closure between Path of Condie and Tillywhally starting on 3 October. Access will be maintained with diversions in place.

Comments/Questions from the floor

Concern was raised over the plans for the **changing rooms** in Donaldson Park. As no formal plans have yet been submitted it was agreed that no comment could be made at this stage. When formal plans are submitted the community are encouraged to comment on the PKC planning website and share their views with the CC.

Perth & Kinross Council Ward Councillor Update

Cllr Cuthbert invited two community councillors to a meeting about local action partnerships. Kevin Heneghan and Campbell Lawson to attend.

Cllr Giacopazzi said that the speed limit on Junction Road in Kinross would be changed to 40mph. He also informed the group of proposals to designate Loch Leven as a Ramsar Site. A Ramsar Site is a wetland site designated of international importance under the Ramsar Convention established by UNESCO.

The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will take place on Tuesday 13 October 2016 at 7.30pm in Milnathort Town Hall. (To be confirmed.)

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Portmoak Community Council News from the September Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 13 September 2016 were: Cllrs M Strang Steel (Chair), R Cairncross (Secretary), S Forde, D Morris, T Smith and C Vlasto; Ward Cllrs D Cuthbert and J Giacomazzi; PC Judge; and 11 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs B Calderwood and A Robertson; Ward Cllrs M Barnacle and W Robertson.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Boulders restricting passage of essential agricultural machinery on the Dryside Road at Muirs of Kinnesswood: PKC consider this a matter for the police to resolve.

Year of History, Heritage and Architecture 2017: a Portmoak Project. The CC would provide a letter of support before the end of September.

Trailhead sign in church car park. The Living Lomonds Landscape Project had secured permission from the Church of Scotland to erect this sign. The CC would be given around four days towards the end of September to comment on its content.

Edinburgh Airport: Consultation on Design Envelopes for possible route positioning. The CC had submitted its comments.

Bus Transport in Portmoak: Issues affecting parents and children who had no longer access to a school bus service and now had to travel to Portmoak School from Scotlandwell by the 201 service bus had been well set out. It was recognised that walking to school from Scotlandwell raised safety issues and that PKC, despite long term requests, had been unable to resolve these. Wider community issues, which had caused inconvenience as a result of rescheduling the 201 service bus together with the introduction of a revised new school bus service to Kinross High School, were also recognised. It was unfortunate that so many parents from Scotlandwell were now using car transport, increasing congestion around the school. The matter would be pursued by Ward Councillors with PKC officers.

PKC Review of Community Campuses and Charging Arrangements: This Review had been commissioned: to improve community use of campuses and increase associated income; to enable review of the wider school estate and to allow facilities to be closed; to remove barriers for community users; and to improve efficiency and operating costs of campuses. The CC recognised the wide community usage of Portmoak Village Hall and also its own need along with other groups to meet in Portmoak School. While the Loch Leven Campus was popular it was situated at a distance from Portmoak. It did not see that its usage would be improved

by the withdrawal of community access to Portmoak Primary School. It would respond to the consultation accordingly.

Portmoak Moss: Jeff Gunnel from the Portmoak Community Woodland Group was welcomed and reported on an ongoing programme of work to improve the Moss. The Moss was a raised peat bog and in an earlier phase of work the water table across it had been successfully raised. While this had had many benefits a consequence was the need to remove the risk "Bog Burst" at the margins. Using a number of engineering approaches the bog borders were now being re-contoured and strengthened. Steps and pathways would be repaired. Jeff Gunnel also drew attention to a Woodland Group open event "Apple Day" on 2 October. [See p. 43.]

Police Report: PC Judge was welcomed and made the following comments:

- A programme of community speedwatch across PKC was being implemented.
- On the B9097 the matter of speeding motor cycles was acknowledged and was being monitored.
- The problem of inconsiderate parking in and around the school at Kinnesswood was being monitored.
- Police Scotland youth volunteers would give advice on the responsible use of fireworks.
- New arrangements for rural policing were under development.
- Theft of quad bikes was a particular risk. Prevention measures were advised.

The CC reviewed a number of these problems (see Roads Report below). PC Judge was thanked for her attendance. The Commander's Bulletins of 11, 18 and 25 August and 1 September were noted.

Treasurer' Report: No in-month change. General account at end of August: £671.40. MBW account: £919.40.

Planning: New applications

16/01423/FLL Land 50m NE of The Chalet, Lochend Farm, Scotlandwell. Erection of a dwelling house, ancillary accommodation and farm office. No CC comment.

16/01417/FLL Loch Leven's Larder, Wester Balgedie. Siting of a storage container for a temporary period (in retrospect). No CC comment.

16/01193/FLL Garden Cottage, Back Dykes Road, Kinnesswood. Alterations and installation of windows. No CC comment.

Planning: Progress with Developments

Former Lomond Inn. A decision by PKC's Development Management Committee was anticipated. A number of new amendments to the current application had recently been added. It was the CC's view that together these did not

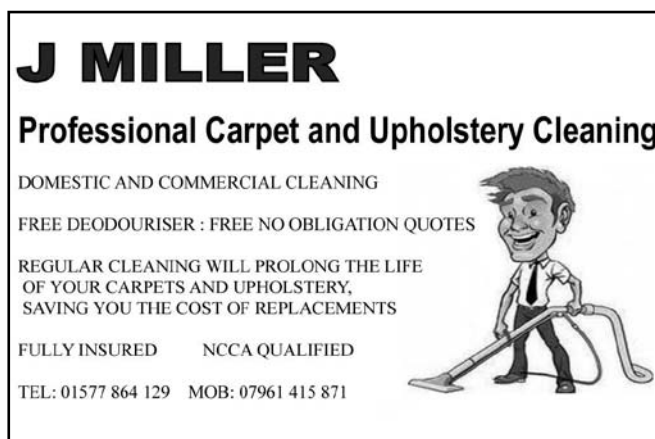


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reflect any material change. It will write to PKC to confirm that these amendments did not alter its already stated objection. Separately the CC had pursued a formal complaint on PKC's decision to withhold conservation officer reports. The response was in its view unsatisfactory. The CC was now seeking under Freedom of Information (or analogous planning provisions) all conservation information held on record referring to applications relating to this development. *Glenlomond*. Substantial clearance of the site had been completed. A planning decision was awaited.

Roads Report: Cllr Calderwood had circulated the September CC Roads Report. The following refer:

B9097 (South Loch Road): A resident confirmed that speeding was a significant problem but was not confined to motorcycles. The road was inherently unsafe. He believed there was a good case to reduce the speed limit on a substantial part of this route to ensure in particular safe entrance and exit from RSPB Loch Leven and other residences. There were three blind summits but only one had been adequately marked. Increased HGV usage was a further matter and he expressed concern that any HGVs should be re-routed from the A911 through the villages of Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell to the B9097 south loch road. The CC noted that this matter was the subject of a PKC Road Safety Action Plan which covered the whole of the B9097 from Crook of Devon across the M90 and into Portmoak. This was anticipated shortly.

Road safety issues A911 Scotlandwell footpath to Church and Hall and within Main Street Kinnesswood. Safe pedestrian passage on the footpath alongside the A911 to the Church/Hall from Scotlandwell and onwards to Kinnesswood was a CC priority to resolve. Temporary restrictions narrowing the road in Kinnesswood appeared to have a beneficial effect. A PKC Road Safety Action Plan was anticipated shortly. Ward Councillors and officers would review the matter at a meeting on 20 September.

Consultation 40mph Speed Limit (A911) Wester Balgedie. The CC noted the proposal to extend the 40mph limit from Wester Balgedie towards the direction of Milnathort to include entrances from Loch Leven's Larder. The CC would write in support of this.

20 mph pilot projects for new limits within Kinnesswood, Scotlandwell and Easter Balgedie. PKC have yet to confirm whether these pilots are to proceed or not. If the answer is yes then further evaluation would be needed in respect of Portmoak before any decision to introduce them was made.

Paths Report: The Paths Group had been hard at work clearing bracken on the Michael Bruce Way (MBW) and on Dryside Road. The benefits of all the hard work to improve

drainage on the MBW will yield dividends. There was concern that the old Dryside Road, a core path, past Springfield and Lomondmuir Farms was impeded by a poor gate and stile as well as vegetation overgrowth. The matter would be explored by the CC.

George Lawrie (TRACKS) reported that:

- he had recently been looking into potential paths between The Green at Scotlandwell and the Church. A report would go to PKC's Brian Cargill;
- Sustrans would look at placing advisory signs warning against cycling on steep sections of the new path coming down from Benarty to RSPB Loch Leven;
- drainage problems on the new path between Easter and Wester Balgedie could be a "silting problem" and would be looked at as soon as the crops were out of the field concerned.
- new signage relating to the Living Lomonds Landscape Partnership routes is in hand; and that
- TRACKS was fully committed for the next three years.

Arrangements at Whitecraigs and Stephen's Field consequent on the departure the developer. The Chairman summarised a constructive meeting with John Stephen, Managing Director of A & J Stephen. A full report had already been circulated to CC members. Key points were:

(1) arrangements had been agreed in principle between A & J Stephen and PKC that the latter will assume responsibility before spring 2017 for the maintenance of the "redundant" plots of land arising from completion of phases 2 and 3 of the Whitecraigs development; and (2) the intention of A & J Stephen to transfer to the ownership of Portmoak CC, Stephen's Field with pedestrian and vehicular access. To allow this to happen and to meet the 2008 conditional contractual requirements A & J Stephen will seek planning permission in principle for a single dwellinghouse on the "Retained Plot" at the northwest side of the Field. Their intention is to do so within the next six weeks.

Ward Councillor Reports: Cllr Cuthbert alerted the CC to a forthcoming meeting of the Kinross-shire CCs Forum to discuss the introduction of "Locality Community Planning Partnerships" or "Action Partnerships." Cllrs M Strang Steel and R Cairncross will attend.

Brown Signs – Tourist Scotland Information. A resident raised the question of the rules and regulations for the erection of such signs. Current practice appeared inequitable. Cllr Cuthbert would investigate.

The CC learned that in the recent **"Take a Pride in Perthshire"** competition: Scotlandwell in Bloom won the category *"Wee Village"* and a Gold Medal; while in the category *"Small Village"* Kinnesswood in Bloom won a Gold Medal.

The CC has since learned that in the national **"Beautiful Scotland"** competition Kinnesswood in Bloom won both the class award *"Small Village Trophy"* and a Silver Gilt Medal.

Congratulations to both villages and our thanks to the efforts of so many in securing these achievements.

The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 11 October at Portmoak Village Hall.

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Fossoway & District CC News from the September Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 6 September 2016 were: CCllrs A Cheape, T Duffy and G Kilby; P&K Cllrs D Cuthbert, J Giacomazzi and W Robertson; and ten Members of the Public (MoP).

Apologies: CCllr Graham Pye; Cllr Mike Barnacle.

Declarations of Interest: CCllr Duffy declared an interest in the planning application for a house on land 40m west of Devonlade. CCllr Cheape declared an interest in planning application 16/01373/PN.

Police report: No Officer present. There was one incident to note, received via Perth and Kinross Community Watch, which was the theft of a number of copper reels from Bankhead Farm, Fossoway between 23 and 26 August.

A977 Defects and Mitigation Measures: Work has been done to repair the road between Crook of Devon and Balado. Ongoing is the work between Rumbling Bridge and Crook of Devon; an earlier repair there left the road with patches that were too high. This now has to be scraped off and redone. Cllr Cuthbert reports that mitigation measures continue to be worked on, which will include gateway features for all the villages, and that there is money in the budget for this to go ahead.

Rumbling Bridge Hydro Scheme: The Community Benefit Group have had initial meetings and sent the following resolution to the CC: A community group shall be established for the purpose of disbursing any income received from the Rumbling Bridge Hydro Scheme and any other income received from similar sources for the communities covered by Fossoway and District Community Council.

The community group shall be a subsidiary group of the CC appointed by Fossoway and District CC. The group shall remain in existence indefinitely or for the period determined by the CC.

The initial membership of the sub-group shall comprise of:

Independent Chairperson: John Wheatley

Community Councillor: to be nominated by the CC

Members: number to be determined by the CC.

The members of the sub-group, with the exception of the Chairperson and the Community Councillor, will all stand down after six months or whenever the CC finds this appropriate. A review of the membership shall then take place to ensure diversity and representation from all parts of the community. Existing members will be eligible for re-appointment.

The initial group will be responsible for carrying out the community engagement exercise and for preparing the draft terms of reference, operating procedures etc, for approval by the CC.

The resolution was unanimously approved by the CCllrs present. The currently assembled group will initially concentrate on creating policies and procedures for the group to follow, and then it may be appropriate to repopulate the group with members who are representative of the wider community.

Approval for connection to the grid is expected by 9 September and there are plans for an opening event around 28/29 October. Cllr Cuthbert advised that that an agreement with a different local group should be made, so in the case of this CC folding, Hydro funds would be transferred to the local group and not to PKC.

Crook and Drum Growing Together: CCllr Duffy reported that the group had been successful with their application for a grant to the Kinross-shire Fund, and an award of £600 has been approved. This will go towards autumn and spring planting. Cllr Cuthbert suggested using a turf cutter when planting bulbs on the green space in the middle of Crook of Devon. Representative of Powmill in Bloom informed the meeting that Powmill had achieved fourth place in the best kept village hamlet and has requested criteria with the aim to improve next year. It was also noted that the Powmill in Bloom group had lost a bench, four various containers, a wheelbarrow, and a bicycle. Despite the disappointment of these items being taken, they are determined to carry on and looking to recruit new members.

Dunning Glen: CCllr Duffy had contacted Cllr Robertson with her concerns regarding the bridge at Dunning Glen, as there appeared to be further damage to the wall of the northern part of the bridge, and more parapet stones missing. Cllr Robertson has reported this to both the Police and PKC. PKC advised the use of motion sensor cameras but highlighted that these maybe stolen. The bridge structure is safe and work will be carried out to repair the bridge in due course. This cannot go ahead until late spring as due to it being a historic building only lime mortar can be used and this will not set in colder temperatures.

Sports Hub: There was a meeting of the Hub where the launch event (on 17/9) was discussed and finalised. CCllr Kilby reminded the meeting that there was a consultation survey in progress and this could be completed on line. Fossoway CC has links to this on their Facebook page and there are also paper copies if required. [See also p. 11.] Cllr Barnacle has also requested a meeting for various local sports and community groups within Fossoway, with the view of setting up a sub group to the larger Sports Hub and to look at how the sports field in Crook of Devon can be best used. This is to take place on 21 September.

Bollards Opposite Crook Village Hall: Awaiting a report from PKC Roads Department on how the safety of this section of road could be improved. Cllr Giacomazzi will attempt to get a report for the next meeting.

Blairingone War Memorial: Awaiting report from Cllr Barnacle regarding second opinion.

New Business

Soul Survivor: This event was recently held at Lendrick Muir and although some neighbours were notified, the music from the event was heard over a wide area. CCllr Duffy asked if an entertainment licence would be required for such an event. Cllr Cuthbert advised that for the reported size of the event a licence would be required; however Lendrick Muir may have this in place to cover any events held there.

Naemoor Road-Path to School: A MoP reported that this path had become seriously overgrown. CCllr Kilby passed this on to local members, and Cllr Cuthbert raised the issue with PKC. It has been reported that this has been dealt with.

Dog Waste: MoP had contacted CCllr Duffy highlighting issues with dog waste not being cleared away by some dog owners. This was confirmed at the meeting by other MoPs who were dismayed that some would bag the dog waste then leave it hanging on trees and fences. It was suggested to form a 'poop patrol' however due to lack of members on the CC CCllr Duffy felt this would not be achievable at this time. A reminder to be responsible will be added to the CC Facebook page.

DRT: CCllr Duffy provided updated DRT booklets as there have been recent changes to bus timetables and the area covered by DRT has increased slightly. It was noted that service 23 is now running three hourly having previously been two hourly.

Councillors' Reports

Cllr Giacopazzi confirmed that he was making enquiries into the dip in the road by Devonshaw Cottage, Powmill, which is resulting in HGVs being taken towards the cottage, and why the vehicle activated sign in the same location is still not working.

Cllr Robertson informed the meeting about the Community Planning Action Partnership for the Almond and Earn ward. This will involve the Police, Fire service, Health, PKC and Community Councils. **Cllr Cuthbert** has arranged a meeting on 27 September for all the Kinross-shire CCs.

Planning Matters

CCllr Duffy sought to clarify the position of the CC regarding which planning applications the CC would comment on due to the current shortage of CC members, and the role of the CC in regards to planning. For example if it's an extension to an existing property then the CC will not be seeking to make any comments. However if the application is for major, larger, contentious applications, or where conditions are set and have not been met, the CC may wish to comment if appropriate. Applications will be considered on merits.

16/01313/FLL Erection of a dwelling house, land 40m W of Devonlade, Main Street, Crook of Devon. *Comment date has passed. The CC was not able to comment on this application because of the absence of a quorum. Nine objections.*

16/01129/FLL Alterations and extensions to dwelling house at 8 Mossend Green, Powmill. No CC comment.

16/01373/PN Erection of an agricultural building, land 200m SW of Broomhill Peat Gate, Crook of Devon. *Agricultural shed on the site of a contentious planning application for a house. Already approved by PKC.* No CC Comment.

16/01369/FLL Erection of a fence at 2 Briglands Stables, Rumbling Bridge. No CC comment.

16/01439/PN Formation and alteration of a forestry track, land 200m SW of Barnhill Farm, Powmill. No CC comment.

16/01401/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house, Lynnwood, Main Street, Crook of Devon. No CC comment

16/01460/FLL Alterations to dwelling house, Ardallie House, Main Street, Crook of Devon. No CC comment.

16/01352/FLL Change of use of agricultural shed and yard to general storage and distribution (class 6), Lambhill, Blairingone. *Comment date 16 September. Highly contentious planning history. An earlier application to change use was refused, a decision upheld by the local review body.* Object on grounds of PM1 and EP8.

16/00620/FLL Erection of 4 dwelling houses and garages, land 70m SE of Merryhills Rumbling Bridge (approved). No CC comment.

Correspondence: All was available for viewing. A list of funding opportunities has been posted on Facebook.

Other Business

Carnbo Speeding: A MoP highlighted their concerns regarding speeding vehicles travelling through Carnbo with pets being killed. A speed survey was carried out around 10 years ago where the average speed was found to be 52mph; she feels this has now increased. Speed signs are obscured from overgrown hedges and hedges beyond the village towards Clackmannanshire are in need of cutting back to provide adequate vision when exiting side roads and drive ways. It was also suggested that Carnbo should have a village gateway as well as the villages along the A977. Cllr Robertson acknowledged more enforcement is required and has recently written to the new Chief Constable asking him to consider the reintroduction of the Community Speed Watch Scheme. Cllrs and the CC are to write to PKC to request the monitoring of speeds through Carnbo takes place.

Electricity: CCllr provided information regarding who to contact when there are power cuts. There is one central number 105 that can be dialled and your call will be directed to the relevant supplier.

Safety Barriers: MoP asked why the safety barriers were still in place opposite the village hall where a car had previously hit the wall some weeks ago. The wall has now been repaired but the barriers remain and are causing a visual obstruction when exiting Station Road. Cllr Robertson will chase this up.

Draft Agenda for Next CC Meeting

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

Matters arising: A977 Mitigation, Rumbling Bridge Hydro Scheme, Crook and Drum Growing Together, Dunning Glen, Sports Hub.

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

The Next Meeting of Fossoway and District CC will take place on Tuesday 4 October 2016 at 7.30pm at Blairingone Primary School. All Welcome.

Fossoway & District CC minutes are posted on the website

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Cleish and Blairadam CC

News from August Meeting

The meeting on 1 August 2016 was attended by seven CCllrs; P&K Cllrs W Robertson and J Giacomazzi; and 13 members of the community.

Apologies: P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and D Cuthbert.

Co-option: It was agreed unanimously to co-opt F Whalley to the CC for his valuable assistance with local Planning matters.

Correspondence: The retrospective application for the Boreland Steading has been refused.

Finance: There is now a balance of £700 after PKC funds received.

Speeding B9097: Gregor Forbes, who lives in a cottage on the side of the B9097, explained his concerns about speeding on the B9097. He has been in communication with the road safety department and Police Scotland for 2 years, without any acceptable response.

He has personally deployed a 24hr speed detection device. During that period there were nine vehicles travelling in excess of 90mph and countless HGVs exceeding their restricted speeds. He has many videos of speeding motorbikes, travelling too fast to even detect their licence plates and has measured many travelling between 80 and 100mph using a radar gun.

He has consulted with many residents between Drum and the M90 along the B9097 and has received overwhelming feedback confirming the problem and highlighting the dangers that we all are concerned about.

We agree that we are all disappointed with both the Police and PKC's response (or lack of).

Mr Forbes reported that there is currently a National Operation to tackle this issue of speeding motorbikes – in other regions unmarked police motorbikes are being used with great success, along with newer hand held laser speed detectors that work at far greater distances. There are also other options, including cameras, rotating speed reduction signs, regular detector vans etc.

Cllr JG suggested it is more of a Police matter than the Council. Cllr WR did write to the senior police officer (A Nicholson) about this; she replied that they try to deploy their resources but have limited budgets. The CC feel that this answer isn't satisfactory. We shouldn't all have to wait until a fatal accident before anything is done. It is a regular occurrence, and incredibly dangerous with motorbikes regularly in excess of 100mph, on a road which also hosts cycling races.

It was also pointed out from the floor that similar dangerous

driving and riding is occurring on the B996 at Blairforge.

Planning Applications: Ancillary residential accommodation at Hillview: a self contained annex / log cabin which is a resubmission. Local residents would like to object to this, as it is contrary to HICP.

Cleish Mains Cottage: Double garage for a motorhome. This is behind a large hedge, is well hidden and no neighbours have voiced any concern.

Kirkdale, Cleish: An extension of an existing garage to create a new carport. The Chair (RK) declared an interest in this and so could not be part of any discussion. No neighbours have voiced any concerns and it will be well hidden from view.

Planning Decisions: Boreland Steading has been refused. The CC are conscious that the current building site isn't an answer to anyone – neither the neighbours who have moved into their new homes, nor the local community who are still concerned about this project.

Dwellinghouse at Blairadam (30m North of Tearloch House): approved.

Parkview, Boreland: extending the garden into the field: approved.

Blairfordel Farm required a retrospective application to be submitted by 30 June 2016. Cllr WR will follow up whether this has been submitted.

Website: There are several options to update and upgrade the site. The CC asks all local residents to register on the BT Openreach site for faster broadband service.

Blairadam Update: The B996 junction has holes at the road edges where the newly laid tarmac has sunk. There is an overall poor quality of finish after the recent top dressing. Cllr JG will follow this up.

There are several bins at Greenacres that haven't been emptied for some time. Cllr WR to investigate.

There are new 30mph speed signs at the North end of Maryburgh. It was reported that the 20mph pilot scheme is currently delayed until the end of the year, and is due to be initially trialled at Wester Balgedie. Cllr WR will bring this up again with the roads dept.

The local bus services will be restricted. Elderly residents have expressed concern and asked if the dial-a-bus service will be extended. Cllr WR will investigate further.

Cleish: Congratulations to Keltybridge and Maryburgh for their best kept Hamlet award.

The Next Meeting of Cleish and Blairadam CC will take place on Monday 3 October 2016 at 7.30pm at Cleish Village Hall.

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Portmoak Community Woodland Group

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We are celebrating another bumper crop of apples in the community orchard by holding an 'Apple Day' on **Sunday 2 October**. Last year's event was a great success so we've invited the apple expert back, namely Andrew Lear from Bankfoot. Andrew will spend the afternoon helping everyone to identify apples from their gardens. All you have to do is to bring apples and a twig with some leaves on it and he'll try to work out what variety it is. If you bring enough apples we can help you turn them into juice, using Andrew's apple press. Remember to bring containers, although freshly pressed apple juice is so delicious it's tempting to drink it on the spot.

There will be plenty of other refreshments as well, from homemade toffee apples to baking by Kinross High School Team 2 World Challenge pupils. They are hoping to raise some funds towards their expedition to Madagascar next year, so they'll be looking for donations. The rest of the event is free.

If you don't have any apples of your own, please come anyway. You can explore the community orchard and sample some of the wide variety of apples and even some of the pears, if they are ripe. We'll also have some fun and games for the bairns. The orchard is just across the road from the Portmoak Church car park in Scotlandwell and the event begins at 2pm.



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I have recently been involved in making a number of donations of plants and bulbs to local groups under our scheme called 'Get your Community Growing'. These groups include Kinross Rainbows, Fossoway pre-school, BUD in Duncricvie and Glenrothes High School.

At our September meeting, the **Little Seedlings Club** dug up potatoes and tasted peas and tomatoes which we had grown at the allotments. We learned all about seeds, and how they are spread. The next meeting will be on **Sunday 2 October at 11am**. Please book online if you would like to come along; website details are above. Children must be accompanied by an adult during the sessions.

Our local charity, Swansacre Playgroup, have held several fundraisers at the store. As always, we are grateful to our customers who are very generous to charities collecting in the store.

From October, we start our three months of fundraising for the Dobbies national charity, **Teenage Cancer Trust**. This starts with our **Christmas preview evening** in the store on **Thursday 6 October, from 5 to 9pm**. Tickets are only £1, providing drinks and nibbles, a competition to win a hamper worth £50, a tombola, product tasting, and demonstrations of planting and ideas for Christmas preparations. We are also pleased to welcome popular local musicians the Sabres to get the event going with a swing.

Customers will also receive a voucher to spend on the night, for a reduction of £10 off sales of £50. We look forward to welcoming you to this event. Tickets can be bought in advance or on the night.

Watch out for details of Santa's arrival at the store in the November Newsletter. There will also be details on Ladies Night, which will be on **Thursday 1 December**.

For any fundraising or community gardening enquiries, please contact Amanda James on 01577 863327 or by email at community.kinross@dobbies.com.

Friends of Loch Leven Community Library (FOLLCL)

FOLLCL are a group of independent volunteers who staff Loch Leven Community Library on Saturday afternoons from 1pm until 4pm. We have had a very successful first three months, with a growing number of library users coming along as the community is becoming more aware of our opening hours. Why not come along and see for yourself?

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The Local Development Plan (LDP) is, in essence, a document by which all development proposals are measured in order to establish if planning applications comply with the agreed parameters set out in the LDP.

The LDP is revised and updated but only with due process being undertaken.

Part of that process gives the right for any person or group to have their say in the finally agreed content of the LDP.

The process of compiling the LDP, then agreeing the content and adopting it, can last years.

Once adopted, it becomes a statutory instrument, i.e. controlled by law – a kind of rule book for development.

As such, all development is meant to comply with the policies and agreed allocations set out clearly in the LDP.

These policies are guided by the principles set out by Government to take account of issues of sustainability, which is meant to be a key matter in every planning decision.

This includes issues such as ensuring adequate schooling, health facilities, roads infrastructure and also proper account and regard for the environment.

However, yet again Perth and Kinross Council (PKC) has in practice failed to adhere to the LDP and given consent for 300 houses at Lathro in response to a planning application lodged by Persimmon Homes.

This follows on from another recent Persimmon approval of 91 homes (instead of 70) at the former Kinross High School site.

The Lathro site has an allocation in the LDP for 260 houses **but only 140 were to be built up to 2024.**

The build rate indicated by the developer means **all 300 will be built by 2024 – a 114% increase in delivery above that stipulated in the LDP.**

KCT has been active in responding to the processing of both of the planning applications, voicing their concern in regard to these breaches of the LDP.

The procedures that resulted in both of the approvals are also questionable in relation to information being presented to elected councillors.

The Trust considers that PKC is applying the LDP wrongly and has evidence that confirms this to be the case.

PKC are interpreting the allocated housing figures agreed in the LDP as “indicative” or, as Cllr Giacomazzi is recorded as interpreting them, as a “suggestion”.

The reality is that the figures are set for good reason and in order to ensure developments adhere to a sustainable plan as opposed to some random number cobbled together to suit developers’ interests.

When asked how such disregard for agreed policies can continue, elected councillors regularly express the view that in practice PKC is run by the unelected officials who control the process to a degree well beyond what can be seen to be a healthy situation.

That said, it is also the role of elected councillors to have an understanding of the LDP and to seek to uphold it in the public interest.

The Trust will be seeking further clarity on this very important issue with a view to lodging a complaint with PKC and potentially exposing the matter to further scrutiny at the highest level.

Kinross-shire Day Centre

Summer is drawing to a close but not before we took advantage of a sunny afternoon for a trip to Aberdour beach with its café and ice-cream kiosk. This is becoming one of our favourite outings and it’s not too far away.

We have also had our last barge trip of the season but that, too, is sure to be back on the programme next year.

We have also been to the Black Watch Museum in Perth to see the “weeping window” of poppies. They are really lovely, very moving, and it must have been incredible to see the whole display at the Tower of London.

We have again been entertained by our talented locals, the Sabres, and also by Ian Grindley on piano. Thank you to them; they and their music are much appreciated.

We also had a special surprise party, organised by the staff for Nan, who has worked at the Day Centre for 25 years. For once, Nan was speechless! It was lovely to have a large number of service-users there to offer their congratulations and thanks for all that Nan has achieved over the years.

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

For the regular Day Centre programme, see page 102.

Kinross & District Inner Wheel

Over the summer break members enjoyed an outing to Pitlochry Festival Theatre to see ‘Carousel’. This was an excellent production with wonderful singing and acting and, of course, a very sad ending. Whilst there, we caught up with some of our friends from Kinross Day Centre who were also enjoying an afternoon at the theatre.

In August, the highlight was an afternoon tea held at the home of one of our members. This was an opportunity for our members to socialise and, at the same time, raise funds for the charities we support throughout the year.

In September, at the first meeting of the new session, members were welcomed by new President Doreen Blanche. Our speaker for the evening was Kinross Rotary President, Malcolm Wood, who gave a very interesting and entertaining talk about the growth and expansion of his family business, Ivan Wood & Sons Ltd. Established in 1970, the family-run business in Ballingry are importers, processors and suppliers of fresh fruit and vegetables to some of the most prestigious hotels and restaurants in Scotland.



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Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club

The monthly meeting is on **6 October**, when the speaker will be Dr Hepburn on 'Scottish Bank Notes'.



Notices: Annual subscriptions of £3.00 are due at the October meeting.

Away Days

13 Oct North Berwick.

27 Oct Three Glens.

Bus leaves the Green Hotel at 9.15am. Contact Mrs P Crawford, 01577 862962.

Friday Walkers

7 Oct Letham Glen, Blacketyside and Silverburn Park.

21 Oct The Autumn Walk in Pitlochry. (9am)

Walks continue to leave from the Green Hotel. Contact Ian Simpson, 01577 863691. **NB:** The walk on 21 October leaves at 9am.

Friday Hill Walkers

14 Oct Loch Skiach Bill 8.30am

28 Oct Alyth Jock 9.00am

Activities

Activities are open to all members of the club. Line Dancing, Crafts, L.U.S.T. and Keep Fit resumed in September. Bowling and Fly Tying resume in October.

Craft Group meets Wednesday at 2pm in Millbridge Hall. Contact Elizabeth Smith, 01577 861387.

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

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

Keep Fit class meets every Tuesday at 2pm in the Masonic Hall. Contact Val Oswald, 01577 864020.

Carpet Bowls: Meet Monday at 2pm in Millbridge Hall. Contact Helen Duncan, 01577 863638.

Fly Tyers meet each Monday in Millbridge Hall. Contact Ian Campbell, 01577 830582.

Kinross Garden Group

Our September outing, and the final one of the season, took us to Melrose and then to Sir Walter Scott's home at Abbotsford. We visited both the house and the gardens then went onto Galashiels. The weather was mixed but the day was enjoyed by all.



The first meeting of the new season starts on **Thursday 13 October** in Millbridge Hall, Kinross, at 2pm. Doors will be open from 1.30pm for payment of membership fees.

Our speaker will be Alison Wilson of Brightwater Holidays and her title is 'Life at Brightwater'. If you have moved into Kinross-shire over the past few months you are very welcome to come and join us for talks and slideshows associated with horticulture in a light hearted way. Contact Caroline Anderson on 07790 048101.

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Kinross and District

Town Twinning Association



To celebrate the 750th anniversary of the 'Treaty of Perth', Provost Liz Grant hosted a special supper on Sunday 21 August in the historic St Johns Kirk. All twinning officials from Perth and Kinross were invited to attend.

Kinross and District was represented by chairperson Jeannie Paterson and secretary David Munro. Local councillor Willie Robertson was also in attendance.

Provost Grant welcomed everyone with a reminder that, over hundreds of years, many people from Perth and Kinross, and indeed Scotland, had left their homeland and emigrated to many parts of the world in an attempt to better themselves and their families. Also, throughout history, many people from around the globe have made Scotland their home and this exchange of cultures has benefited everyone.

The Reverend John Murdoch of St Johns Kirk said grace before a wonderful meal from Milnathort's Heaven Scent was served to those present.

Entertainment followed in the shape of the Blackford Fiddlers who played a range of folk and Scottish music. They were followed by local male tenors Liam Bonthron and Kenneth Maciver who sang a selection of Scottish songs. Perthshire Brass concluded the evening with a lively selection of rhythmic music, concluding with Auld Lang Syne.



Left to right: Councillor Willie Robertson, chairperson Jeannie Paterson and secretary David Munro

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Weekend Walks

Sunday 9 October: Glen Artney, 8 miles.

Easy, steady, walk on good tracks into Glen Artney and return, hopefully seeing and hearing deer rutting.

Sunday 23 October: Glen Ogle, 6.5 miles.

Circular walk beginning with short (but quite steep) climb to join path on old railway track. Return through glen beside burn. Picturesque views, impressive railway viaduct and two old stone bridges on the military road.

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

For further details of where to meet us, or for general enquiries, please call our group secretary, Ann Eve, on 01577 863887.

Tuesday Short Walks

For those who are new to walking or want a shorter walk, come and join us on our Tuesday morning walks. These are usually a maximum of 4 miles (1½-2 hours) followed by a sociable visit to a coffee shop, farm shop or pub for refreshments.

Tuesday 11 October: Blairadam Forest.

A delightful circular walk through mixed woodland past the remains of the two Blairbathie pits and the recently restored Lochornie Burn bridge.

Tuesday 25 October: Alva Glen.

A gentle climb up Alva Glen with its spectacular waterfalls, into Woodhill Wood and return past the site of St Serf's Church and the Johnstone Mausoleum.

For further details of where to meet us, or for general enquiries, please contact our walks leader, Edna Burnett, on 01577 862977.

Kinross-shire Time

Exchange

Our recent coffee morning was another good opportunity for members to get together and share ideas with newcomers about how we can best support one another. We now have over 50 members with a good variety of talents and skills which folk are ready and willing to share.

Recent exchanges have included shopping, painting, gardening, sewing, trips to the train station, sorting books for sale and simply going out for coffee and a chin wag. One new member who thought she had nothing to offer is prepared to send out birthday cards to our members, many of whom now live alone. But since then, Georgina has been admitted to hospital so we'll be sending her a card and hopefully be a help to her when she gets back home.

There are now regular opportunities for our members and friends to get together for a coffee and chat at St. Paul's meeting room between 12.30 and 1.30pm on the second and fourth Thursday of every month. The dates for October will be **Thursday 13 October** and **Thursday 27 October**.

If you would like more information about us, please do come along or just give us a call on 07469758984.



Kinross Camera Club

kinrosscameraclub.org.uk

The new season is now underway. This year we have lined up a wonderful selection of well-known and very talented photographers as part of the 2016/17 syllabus along with the usual mix of club competitions, social events and informal club evenings. New members are welcome at any time of the year to 'test the water' and meet the club. We are a friendly bunch with a wide range of abilities who share a common interest in all genres of photography.

Our meetings are held in the Church Centre, Kinross, **every Thursday at 7.30pm**. Whether you are a complete beginner or seasoned pro, the club has something to offer all standards of photographer. For more information, please contact Alison Rutherford at alison.rutherford1@live.com or visit the club website.



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Kinnesswood in Bloom

To keep everyone up to date on the new area, 'Benarty View', we recently secured a 15 year lease and we have made an application for the last amount of funding. Once this is in place we can go ahead and obtain bids for contractors. It will probably not start until the beginning of 2017.

Work continues on a weekly basis to weed and tidy garden areas and also our monthly meetings to plan for the future. The school grounds group from last year were able to harvest their crops of onions, tatties and beetroot. The different varieties of tatties resulted in 33kg in weight. There was a great deal of maths work in adding the five lots of tatties and dividing among the children involved. Everyone took home a goodie bag with potatoes and onions in it. The school was left with a big bag of tatties and are planning to make soup and beetroot cake. We look forward to seeing the pictures.



The school grounds group with their harvest

Our Kinnesswood trail and quiz sheet was enjoyed by many people and seven children submitted completed forms. They all received a small gift.

Kinnesswood in Bloom were represented at the 'Take a Pride in Perthshire' awards in Perth on Thursday 8 September. We won **gold** and also received a certificate for taking part in 'Beautiful Scotland'.

Five people travelled to Aberdeen to the Beautiful Scotland Awards on Wednesday 14 September. It was held in the Beach Ballroom and was a very glamorous ceremony.



Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

Beetroot Cake

Ingredients

2 teaspoons lemon juice	135g beetroot, boiled and grated
310g plain flour	1 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons bicarb of soda	400g caster sugar
50g cocoa powder	250g melted margarine
4 eggs, beaten	2 tablespoons honey
125g milk	2 teaspoons vanilla extract

For the frosting

3 tablespoons cream	75g cream cheese
1 teaspoon vanilla essence	450g icing sugar

Method

Grease a 33cm x 23cm baking tin. Preheat oven to 180°C/ gas mark 4. Sprinkle lemon juice over the beetroot.

Combine flour, salt, bicarbonate of soda, caster sugar, cocoa powder, melted butter, eggs, honey, milk and 2 teaspoons vanilla in a large bowl. Stir in the beetroot. Beat well then pour into prepared dish. Bake for about 40 minutes. Cool.

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Club Correspondents

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Kinross Beavers

The beavers returned from their summer holiday in August with stories of their summer travels, which ranged from Wales to Australia.

It has been a busy start to the term, with the first night back seeing the beavers attempting four bases; knots, biscuit towers, teamwork activity and wrapping each other up in toilet roll to make mummies!

We have tried to get out as much as possible this term before the darker evenings return. The beavers have started working on the newly launched Scottish Thistle Award. They spent one evening learning about, and taking part in, some traditional Scottish playground games. We also went to the Kirkgate Park for a nature scavenger hunt as the beavers worked in small groups searching for a variety of natural objects including leaves, pine cones and stones.



The Beavers who left this month to move up to Cubs

On Friday 9 September we said good bye to Oliver, Jessica, Johan, Rhys, McKenzie, Jamie, Ruaridh and Kyle as they moved to Cubs. We hope they have taken a lot from their time in beavers and wish them all the best. Enjoy Cubs!

Boys Brigade

A new session for local boys and girls started back with a fun 'Minion Olympics' where youngsters competed in a round robin of 12 activities. The Company welcomed new leader Dale Coldwell to their ranks and he really entered into the Olympic spirit.



A bit of the Olympic fun night

There are a number of spaces in all three sections for boys and girls who want to have fun as well as earning badges and learning new skills on a Friday evening.

Our Anchor Section is for boys and girls in primaries one, two and three and meets on a Friday evening from 6pm till 7.15pm at the Church Centre. Our Junior Section is for boys and girls in primaries four, five and six and meets from 7pm till 9pm on Fridays. Our Company and Senior Sections meet from 7pm till 10pm.

Five senior members are due to attend their Queen's Badge completion course at Carronvale this October. A number of Company Section members are attending a "build your skills" course run by Perth Battalion which will see them well on their way to gaining their President's Badges, allowing them to start work on their Queen's Badge.

Four seniors completed their Duke of Edinburgh gold practice expedition, walking from Taynuilt to Rannoch Station in preparation for their final expedition and award.



The Duke of Edinburgh gold expedition practice setting out from Taynuilt

A number of Battalion activities are planned in the near future with badminton, quiz, dodgeball and swimming due in the next couple of months. Anchors and Juniors are having a barbecue games night at Bankfoot.

The Company met up with the Aschaffenburg Scouts who hosted them in Perth's twin town two summers ago and a fun evening barbecue at Fordell Firs saw the two groups, along with Kinross Scouts, enjoy renewed fellowship.



Presentation by Aschaffenburg Scout leaders to our BB leaders



Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation



The Kinross Farmers' Market!

The Kinross Farmers' Market will take place on **Saturday 29 October** from 9am until 1pm in the High Street on the wider pavements at the old Town Hall. The market is a great place to buy high quality, fresh food from local producers and artisan traders, shop at the High Street's established businesses and meet friends in our vibrant community atmosphere. We look forward to seeing you all there!



Vibrant, colourful, exotic - see what you can find at Kinross Farmers' Market!

Leven Voices

Leven Voices has started again with Horsecross Arts Tutors Emma Neck and 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) and 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!

Kinross-shire's Winter Festival

KLEO would like to celebrate all local events that are happening in November/December in Kinross-shire. The Festive Street Market (26 Nov), concerts and numerous other events and festive celebrations will be organised by local community groups and businesses over this period. With a festive Winter Festival brochure which will be distributed door to door in Kinross and Milnathort, KLEO is hoping that all these events get all the support they need from the local community.

Tickets for Winter Festival events now available!

- **Latha Gàidhlig / Gaelic Day.** See programme below left.
- **Oidhche na Gàidhlig / Gaelic Concert** with Maeve MacKinnon & Band and others. **Saturday 29 October**, 8pm, Milnathort Town Hall. Tickets £8 and £6 concession.
- **'That Lovin' Feeling'** by Lucy Duffy and crew. **11 & 12 November**, 7pm, Community Campus. Tickets £7 and £5 concession.
- **The Coaltown Daisies and Black Cat Jook Band.** **Saturday 12 November**, 8pm, Milnathort Town Hall. Tickets £8 and £6 concession.
- **Talent Showcase.** **Sunday 13 November**, 3pm, The Thistle, Milnathort. Tickets £5 and £3 concession. Under 16s free.
- **Winter Festival Comedy Night with Bruce Fummey, Billy Kirkwood and Vladimir McTavish.** **Friday 18 November**. 8pm, Milnathort Town Hall. Tickets £10 and £8 concession.
- **Lights Out by Nine & Dirt Road Blues.** **Saturday 19 November**, 8pm, Community Campus. Tickets £12 and £10 concession.
- **Choirs Together Concert.** **Sunday 20 November**, 7pm, Community Campus. Tickets £5 and £3 concession.

Tickets for festival acts are for sale through the website www.kleo.org.uk or Macbeth Currie Estate Agent & Solicitors (Kinross) and The Shire (deli in Milnathort).

Festive Street Market

This year's Festive Street Market and Light Up Kinross event will take place on **Saturday 26 November, 4pm-7pm**, at the High Street of Kinross. Like last year there will be a great variety of stalls and entertainment! If you are a local trader, crafts person or community group you might consider a stall. For a booking form for this event, please e-mail info@kleo.org.uk

For more information about KLEO events go to www.kleo.org.uk or e-mail info@kleo.org.uk

Disathairne 29 An Dàmhair / Saturday 29 October



10.30am Bookbug

A special session featuring Gaelic songs, rhymes and stories for early years with a Halloween theme!

11am & 2pm Beginners Gaelic Class for adults

11am & 2pm Dannsa Ceum Scottish snap dancing

11.30am The Real Coldilocks Story

A modern, bilingual, Gaelic take on this traditional story suitable for age 4-8 years.

1pm Big Gaelic Beasties

Learn about some of the greatest Big Beasts of traditional Gaelic storytelling lore, the Water Horse, the Uillek, King of the Otters and the Five-headed Giant! (suitable for P4 age group +)

3.30pm An Introduction to Gaelic Singing

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Credit Union welcomes 1000th member

Perth and Kinross Credit Union has welcomed its 1000th member – Barbara Buda from Kinross. Barbara received 1000 pennies (£10) credited to her account.

Perth and Kinross Credit Union is an ethical financial cooperative which offers loans and savings facilities to its members. Membership is open to anyone living or working in Perth and Kinross.

The Kinross branch operates from the St Paul's Episcopal Church on the Muirs, Kinross, and is open every Tuesday, 10am until 12 noon.



1000th member Barbara Buda with Kinross branch volunteers



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Kinross in Bloom

Here we are at the beginning of October, and our baskets and planters are still producing blooms.

Some of the baskets are a bit wind-blown, but by and large they still look quite nice, and we still get some favourable comments from the public.

This has been a very busy year for the "Bloom" in that all the old wooden half barrels have been replaced with new planters which fit in well with the regenerated High Street, and bring some colour to the town. To do this we had to apply to various funders for help, and were successful enough to add the Church Centre to our "to do" list, and it now boasts a new and colourful front, with patio chairs and tables for customer use.



The new containers of flowers at the Church Centre

Our small committee was helped by High School pupils, some members of Boys Brigade and local ATC who filled planters with gravel and compost and planted flowers, and of course our own committee, to the detriment of both secretary and chairman, who succumbed to some heart problems and landed up in Ninewells Hospital. Both are now fine, but taking things easy.

Near the end of August, we had a visit from the judges for Take a Pride in Perthshire Association, and they were extremely pleased with what they saw around town, and at the annual presentation evening on 8 September, Kinross in Bloom were awarded a GOLD MEDAL in the Small Country Town category, a well deserved award for all our hard work over the past year. We share it with all our helpers, the High School pupils, Boys Brigade and ATC and especially all our volunteer waterers who continue to carry out their duties with a smile. To finish off the evening our chairman and secretary, Derek and Iain, were presented with an Outstanding Achievement Award, by Provost Liz Grant, a great surprise to both.

The committee are proud of their achievements, but having been at it for years, we could be doing with some new, younger blood, with new ideas to continue our good work. Should you be interested, please get in touch. Secretary's telephone number is 01577 208110.

As already mentioned, our committee is very small, and the area we try and cover gets bigger year by year, which makes watering duties by our volunteer drivers longer and longer, so an extra meeting was held to discuss the problem. Our proposal for next year is to cut the number of hanging baskets to sponsored only and to concentrate on the town centre as far as is possible. The new planters will not be affected by this proposal. Again we can always do with extra volunteer drivers for our watering buggy over the summer months, so if you can spare an hour or two, please get in touch.

Our Treasurer Aileen is presently making up the new list for our 200 Club. There is still time to take part; it's only £1 per month. Contact Aileen on 01577 861477.

Kinross & District Rotary Club.

August was a busy month for the club. As a service organisation, we were again pleased to support the Kinross Show on 13 August by manning the public entrance gate and car park. A busy and enjoyable day in good weather.



This was followed by the **Mary, Queen of Scots –The Great Escape Boat Race** on Sunday 28 August at Kirkgate Park. Once again the weather was kind with nine teams taking part. The Boat Race was supplemented by a BBQ, bouncy castle, face painting and a tombola, resulting in just over £1000 being raised for charity.

After some very competitive racing, the winners of the race were the **Loch Leven Lardarses**, completing the course in just over four minutes. In comparison, the slowest time was over eight minutes. There were joint winners of the prize for the best dressed Mary; Gay Smith of Kinross Complete Amateurs Football Club and Natalie Smith of CIA Cleaning, who were identically dressed. A huge thank you to all sponsors and supporters of this event.

Whilst enjoying a very successful day, the driving force behind the event and compère, Barry 'The Voice' Davies, was unable to attend due to illness. Again a huge thanks to George Lawrie for taking over the compère duties at such short notice.

At the club's regular meetings which take place at the Kirklands Hotel on Monday evenings at 6.30pm, members have enjoyed talks about Perth and Kinross Credit Union, recently established in Kinross, and the accountancy experiences of one of its members, George Sutherland. Club members were also challenged to a quiz based on the UK Citizenship test with very interesting results.



The August monthly breakfast meeting

Our recently introduced monthly breakfast meeting continues to go from strength to strength with nine associate members (a new category of membership introduced to the club) joining. The first three (Jo Middlesmiss, Archie Hipwell and Gray Smith) were welcomed by president Malcolm Wood at the breakfast meeting on 16 August.

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you'd be happy to share with others?

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Our next breakfast meeting will be on **Tuesday 18 October**. Why not come along to the Kirklands Hotel at 7.15am for 7.30am, meet some new people and find out more about associate membership of Rotary?

To find out more about Rotary breakfast meetings, contact George Lawrie by email at gt.lawrie@gmail.com or by phone on 01577 862168. For any general enquiries about Rotary, contact the club secretary, Brian Timms, by email at brian.timms230@btinternet.com or by phone on 01577 864215.

Late breaking news: Back due to popular demand, Tullibole Castle is once again going to hold its **HALLOWEEN LANTERN WALK!**

Join us for this family-friendly lantern walk on **Saturday 29 October** to celebrate Halloween. With music from films we all know and love, follow the magical light trail, explore the woods, get lost in Tullibole's Witches Maze and the lit up moat! With selfie stops throughout, be sure to dress up and enter the Tullibole Castle Halloween competition for the best dressed family! You'll need strong shoes or boots and a torch or lantern and we'll provide you with a map guiding you around our illuminated pathway.

The Rotary Club of Kinross & District will be supplying stewards for the event and serving light refreshments. Don't worry if you can't find your torch glow sticks, glow bracelets and glow necklaces will be available to purchase. Time slots are as follows: 6.00pm, 7.00pm or 8.00pm. Please see main notice on page 12 for more details or go to: www.facebook.com/Tullibole.Castle

Circle Dancing in Kinross

The two circle dancing classes are back in full swing after the summer holidays. The Tuesday class is full and has a waiting list, and the Wednesday class is growing weekly. We are delighted to have been able to welcome eight new people since the Autumn term began. This activity is proving to be very popular indeed, and folk are coming from all parts; from Gateside to Rosyth and from Burntisland to Tillicoultry.

If you do not know anything about circle dancing why don't you come along on a Wednesday morning at 10am for a free taster session. We would love to meet you. Alternatively you are welcome to phone me, Lynne Barlow, on 01259 742173, or email lynne244@btinternet.com

Our half term break will be on Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 October.

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Kinross & District Probud Club

New president Ruary MacLeod presided over a well-attended opening meeting of the 2016/2017 Season. Members anticipated an interesting talk to be given by Ian Low, the head guide at Hopetoun House, called 'Where there's life, there's Hope'.

However, before the speaker gave his talk, the club stood in silence in memory of two members who passed away during the summer break. Malcolm Mason and Ian Harvey will be remembered and missed.

Ian Low then took over and introduced us to the Hope family (now better known as Hope town) and to the vital part that the Hopes played in Scotland's history.

The Hopes first came to prominence during the reign of Mary Queen of Scots and continued until the present day from commoner to an earldom.

The Hopes' interests ranged from ship building to lead mining. At one time they controlled all gold, silver and lead mining in Scotland. When the infamous Darien project went into bankruptcy, the Hopes agreed a solution with the banks. The earldom was granted in 1903 together with land and Hopetoun House became the family seat. Good works continued when the second Earl gave money for the building of the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

The family continued with military careers, including the battles of Trafalgar and Corunna.

The wide scope of activities of the Hopes, both personal and public, showed that the title of Ian Low's talk was most appropriate. Jim Ferrier gave the vote of thanks.



Broke Not Broken: Kinross Food Bank

It has been a busy few months and we have been amazed at how many people have been through our doors, both to look for help or to offer it. We have received 1,075.02kgs of food through our drop off point in Sainsbury's alone, and in turn we have given out 822.48kgs of food to people in crisis.

We are open on Tuesday and Thursday, 10am-2pm, to clients, and we have started to open on a Friday (10am-2pm) to welcome food drop offs, or any one from the community who wants to come and see what we are doing, to offer help, or to people interested in volunteering.

Our big news is that we have been nominated for Kinross Community Volunteer Awards. TWICE! Imagine our delight! We will be using our keynote speech to talk about the project and highlight some of the statistics we have gleaned over the last few months. We have given out 84 adult parcels and 37 children's parcels over the last three months since we opened The Beacon.

We have managed to help a few service users get crisis grants, and hope to work with our community to help in other ways. Our referral agent list is growing too, which means more people who need help can get vouchers.

We are also looking now at our premises and ways of using the garden to provide some fresh produce through the year. With the help of our volunteers we hope to use the space around The Beacon to create a small allotment and a peaceful garden space. If anyone would like to offer their expertise or any equipment, plants or seeds, we would be very grateful. Look out for us at the Farmers' Markets with our collecting buckets, and at the Christmas Fayre and Light Up Kinross. Come over and say hello!



Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



We got off to a grand start for our new season with a return visit from Graeme Cruickshank. His subject this time was 'The Inventive Genius of James Sandy'.

We were fascinated to learn of the wide scope of James Sandy's talents. He was born in 1766 in Alyth and despite not one, but two accidents when young, which damaged both legs and left him a permanent cripple, he was interested in, and knowledgeable about, his feathered friends, music, sketching and mechanics. He even created a mechanical arm for a local neighbouring farmer. Sandy appears to have been entirely untrained but multi-talented. After inheriting some wealth from his father, Sandy married late in life at age 52, living only a further 19 days. His wife gave birth to a son who was acknowledged as Sandy's some ten and a half months later.

Thanks to our host Elsa and her helper Diana.

Kinross-shire Ladies Circle

www.facebook.com/kinrossladiescircle

Hello, ladies! Now that the kids are back at school or if you are new to the area and now the nights are beginning to draw in, maybe it's time for you to find something new and interesting to do. Ladies Circle is open to anyone aged 18-45 who likes to mix fundraising and socialising. We have lots of outings including comedy nights, dances, craft making, theatre trips and regularly sampling the wares of the local hostellers! Over the past few weeks we have enjoyed a takeaway night, trip to the cinema and dinner and drinks at Jock's Bar, Kirklands and Heaven's Above.

Here's a wee look at what's coming up over the next few weeks.

20 Oct 7.30pm. **New Members Night.** Kirklands for cocktails.

29 Oct 8.00pm. Halloween. Location to be confirmed.

10 Nov TBC. RYPZE – Trampoline – Jump on Board. Edinburgh.

Our diary of events keeps growing, so look out on our Facebook page for more information. Should anyone want to come along and join us to see what we get up to, then please contact us on kinrossladiescircle@gmail.com



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'A great night' seems to be the unanimous verdict for our return visit to the Raj Mahal for a charity buffet evening. 39 of us enjoyed excellent food, attentive service and warm hospitality.

A game of Irish bingo started the proceedings with the winner, David Chalmers, rising to the challenge of claiming his prize with a joke and this set the fun atmosphere.

Aileen Watt deservedly won the Indian themed word search as she not only was among the first to finish, but generously went to help fellow rivals to complete theirs.

A second Irish bingo saw Robin Douglas winning and John Pleass the prize for being in the lucky seat. As a true gentleman he gifted the bouquet of flowers to a lovely lady sitting nearby.

A huge thanks to the Raj Mahal for their generous donation, to Linda Freeman for the word search and also for contributing to the prizes, along with Jacky and David Chalmers and to John Colebourn for dealing with the tickets/money side of things.

Lastly but most importantly, many, many thanks to the friends and volunteers who came along; no support, no success! £350.50 was raised so it certainly was a successful evening!

Project: Our project for October will be our annual "Emergency Relief" charity which will be chosen at the Volunteers' meeting on Tuesday 27 September.

Project Lunch: Our next project lunch is on **Tuesday 25 October** at 12 noon in the Guide Hall, Church Street, Milnathort. The guest speaker will be Belinda Macdonald from The Uphill Trust who we supported with a donation in July this year. Belinda will be able to give us up to date information on the school and pupils in Uganda after her visit in September. The talk will be followed by a lunch of homemade soup, bread, tray bakes and fairtrade tea/coffee. Everyone welcome.

Our opening hours are still 10am – 1pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at the Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort. Contacts outside of opening hours are Elspeth Caldwell (Convener) on 01577 863350 and Linda Freeman (Secretary) on 01577 865045.

Kinross & District Art Club

www.kadac.co.uk



The annual exhibition in the parish church was another success for the club, with around 300 visitors attending over the three days of the show and 46 works of art being sold. Thanks to everyone who came to see the paintings and crafts, many of whom commented on the quality and range of work on offer.

The Exhibition was opened by Adam Winski, local jeweller and clock maker, who gave an informative and entertaining talk about the history of his family business. In the photo, taken by club member Stewart Niven, Adam is being thanked by Chairman Doug Hague. Doug was also thanked for his service to the club now that he and his wife Dora have decided to move South to be near their family.



Adam Winski being thanked by Chairman Doug Hague

Painting sessions at the club have resumed on **Tuesday and Friday afternoons** at the Millbridge Hall and this term's programme includes demonstrations by two separate Perthshire artists. These sessions will be held on **Tuesday 4 October** and **Thursday 14 October**. These sessions are open to visitors if you let us know in advance via our website. More information on the club is also available online.

Kinross-shire Historical Society



By now, members should have received their copy of the programme of talks for the coming winter. As usual it is a good blend of topics and speakers, some local and some from further afield which should provide really interesting evenings over the next few months.

Membership costs remain the same: £6 for under 60s, £5 for over 60s and free for under 18s. The cost covers six talks and tea or coffee at the end of each meeting. New members will be made welcome and visitors are also welcome to any meeting at a cost of £2 each.

The Committee would be grateful if members could pay their annual fee before the first meeting to avoid queueing in the cold at the start of the first evening.

Our first speaker is the ever-popular **Willie Shand** giving another of his wonderful talks, a photographic visit to Argyll with history, legends and tales. Not to be missed! The Committee looks forward to seeing a full house of members and friends on **Monday 17 October** at the Parish Church for 7.30pm start.

For the Society's full programme for the season, see p. 96.

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What's Happening at the Campus

Car Boot / Indoor Table Top Sale, Sat 1 October: PLEASE

NOTE: THIS EVENT IS CANCELLED.

Kinross Hub, Carers Café, Monday 3 October. Chat over a cuppa with other carers, cared for and family members, 10am – 12 noon on the first Monday of the month at the Activity Meeting Space. The guest for October will be Andy Little from Scarf who will give a talk on energy, commencing at 10.15am prompt.

Kinross Wellbeing Event, Friday 7 October, 11am-3.30pm. This FREE event will be a day full of entertainment, fun activities and information about wellbeing. Local music band 'The Sabres' have reunited and return again to entertain you with their 60s style café. Naomi Breeze is also back to do another one of her brilliant drama productions called 'Leaves on the Track' looking at the impact of crime. [See also programme on p. 8 and poster on p. 12.]

Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair, Saturday 22 October. There will be a large selection of stalls with a wide range of antiques and collectables. Buying, selling and valuations given. Do come along – the fair is getting bigger and better each month! Admission 9.30am - 3.30pm with entry fee of £1 per person.

Gaelic Day (Latha Gàidhlig), Saturday 29 October / Disathairne 29 An Damhair. Celebrate Gaelic language and culture at this FREE event. Start off with Bookbug at 10.30am with a special session featuring Gaelic songs, rhymes and stories for early years with a Halloween theme! At 11am and 2pm you can attend Beginners Gaelic Class for adults or again at 11am or 2pm why not give Dannsa Ceum - Scottish Step Dancing a try? Then at 11.30am listen to The Real Goldilocks Story - a modern, bilingual, Gaelic take on this traditional story suitable for age 4-8 years. There will also be Big Gaelic Beasties at 1pm where you can learn about some of the greatest Big Beasties of traditional Gaelic Storytelling lore: the Water Horse, the Urisk, King of the Otters and the Five-Headed Giant! (suitable for P4 age group +). Finally we round off with An Introduction to Gaelic Singing at 3.30pm. For more information, please contact Gaelic@pkc.gov.uk or call 01738 476495. [See also poster on p. 53.]

Classes and Groups at the Campus

Happy Hookers! Christmas Crochet Course, 11 Oct to 22 Nov. The cost for the seven-week course is £60, which includes wool and hooks supplied. This course will be suitable for those who are confident in crochet stitches ss, sc, dc, hdc, tr and are able to follow basic patterns. Working through selected Christmas patterns of tree ornaments, angels, bells, snowflakes and decorations, there will also be help given for any patterns you wish to make yourself. Places are limited and **must** be booked. For more information or to register your interest and request a booking form, contact Sandra Farrer on 01337 868754 or 07523 550014 or email sandra_farrer@yahoo.com

Daisy Foundation Birthing is a practical, educational and supportive journey through pregnancy and birth. Six-week courses are held on Monday evenings. For more information, see www.thedaisyfoundation.com and to join the class in Kinross, contact Natalie Young at Natalie-young@thedaisyfoundation.com

WeightWatchers meet on Wednesdays at 6.30pm. Contact Sandra Griffin on sgriffin@weight-watchers.co.uk or 0345 677 7788.

Spark-2 is a supportive project for activities and recreation. Are you an adult with a disability? Would you like there to be more for you to do in Kinross? Spark-2 has activities such as Boccia, Indoor Kurling, Technology (iPads etc), Crafts or just a blether! Come along and tell us what YOU would like to do. For more information, please contact Roseanne Gray on 01577 867216.

If you would like to see anything in particular or have an idea for an event, please contact Gerry McGregor to discuss options.

1st Kinross Brownies

1st Kinross Brownies held a tea party for friends and family and raised £125 for The Teapot Trust, a charity which provides art therapy for children in hospitals. Kirsty Edwards, also of Kinross, presented the girls with a certificate and their hostess badges.



1st Kinross Brownies after gaining their hostess badges

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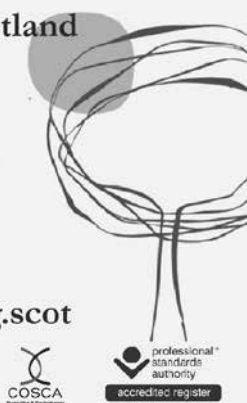
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The Museum exhibition 'If it wasna for the weavers' was finally completed in September with the addition of two splendid pieces of linen work made in Fossoway Parish in the 19th century that were kindly gifted by Margaret Carling of Milnathort.

Also on display are two exciting new items on loan from the Dempster family. One is the medal presented to Andrew Downie by the Scottish Skating Association when he won the speed skating championship held on Loch Leven in 1929. The other is a missing diary that was compiled by David Marshall between 1851 and 1855. Two Marshall diaries covering the periods 1849-50 and 1859-64 were discovered some years ago in the attic of a house in Kinross and were given to the Kinross-shire Historical Society.

These volumes provide a fascinating insight into life in Kinross-shire in the mid 19th century.



The 1929 speed skating championship medal

A rare golf poster has been generously donated to the Museum and the owner is happy for it to be sold to raise funds to help support the work of the Museum. [See article and photo on page 12.]

If you have not visited the Museum's exhibitions in the Loch Leven Community Campus recently, do drop by and view our new displays on the weaving industry in Kinross-shire, memories of the Great War and recent acquisitions.

Portmoak Film Society

The new season got off to a flying start with our first audience giving *The Lady in the Van* a fantastic 86% 'excellent' rating. The theme of the refreshments afterwards was scones and teacake to reflect one of the scenes of the film.

On **Saturday 8 October** we're showing one of the greatest Westerns of all time, *The Searchers*, directed by John Ford and starring John Wayne. It is set in mid-nineteenth century Texas with stunning cinematography. Since its release, it has come to be considered a masterpiece, and one of the greatest and most influential films ever made. It was named the greatest American western by the American Film Institute in 2008. In this revered Western, Ethan Edwards (John Wayne) returns home to Texas after the Civil War. When members of his brother's family are killed or abducted by Comanche, he vows to track down his surviving relatives and bring them home. Eventually, Edwards gets word that his niece Debbie (Natalie Wood) is alive, and, along with her adopted brother, Martin Pawley (Jeffrey Hunter), he embarks on a dangerous mission to find her, journeying deep into Comanche territory. The film starts at **7.30pm in Portmoak Village Hall**. All are welcome. Entry is £5 and we serve tea, coffee and cakes after the film.

For further information go to www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk

Please mention The Newsletter when answering advertisements

Scotlandwell in Bloom

At the Take a Pride in Perthshire Awards Ceremony held in the Salutation Hotel, Perth, on Thursday 8 September, Scotlandwell in Bloom was awarded a Gold certificate in the Wee Village category and also a Gold certificate for the overall Wee Village category. The judges were well impressed with our wee village, so a huge thank you to all the in bloom team, helpers and supporters; no matter how much or how little you have contributed, remember: **it's the little details that are vital; little things make big things happen!** SiB extend their congratulations to the 'bloomers' in Kinnesswood on their success in the competition too.



Elaine Carruthers and Stuart Byers with Scotlandwell in Bloom's trophies at the Take a Pride in Perthshire Awards

And just to keep you up to date, our 'several years old' hand-crafted bench has now been restored to its former glory by Matt Hogg and is back in its pride of place in the Well Garden – grateful thanks to Matt for all his hard work.

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

August Draw

1st	No 19	Clare Abbott Smith, Scotlandwell.
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Fossoway & District Horticultural Society

Fossoway & District Horticultural Society held their annual Flower Show on Saturday 20 August at Crook of Devon.

The Show was opened by John Wheatley who also presented the trophies. Nicole MacGregor presented John Wheatley with a gift.

The Society would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors, everyone who gave donations, attended and exhibited at the show.

Trophy Winners:

Ramage Dawson Cup (most pts)	Mr R Wilkie
President's Shield (runner up)	Mr G M Harley
Bob Wilkie Cup (Pot Plants)	Mr R Wilkie
Moir Cup (Cut Flowers)	Mr R Wilkie
David De Boer Cup (Gladioli)	Mrs S Lamont
Drummond Trophy (Sweet Peas)	Mrs H Turnbull
G A & G Kendrick Cup (Vegetables)	Mr R Wilkie
Vida Young Trophy (Best Exhibit, Vegetables)	Mr G M Harley
J M Fraser Cup (Open Section)	Mr D Forrester
Stalker Cup (Baking, Preserves & Industrial)	Miss F Purves
Barden Trophy (Baking)	Miss F Purves
Miss Pirie Cup (Industrial)	Mrs E Johnston
Nicolson Black Jug (Preserves)	Miss F Purves
Stewart Rose Bowl (Floral Art)	Mrs A James
Mabel Ross Trophy (Article in Wool)	Mrs E Johnston
Liz Wilkie Trophy (Best Exhibit, Industrial)	Mrs K Massey

Children's Sections

Ramage Dawson Cup (most pts overall)	Maeve Rose Pakravan
The Aldridge Cup (under 10 years)	Isla Campbell
J M Fraser Cup (over 10 years)	Maeve Rose Pakravan
Spinningdale Trophy (Article in Wool)	Anna Pakravan
Good Yarn Trophy (Writing)	Bailey Fawsitt

Special Prizes

Best Exhibit, Pot Plants	Mrs M Wilson
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Seamab School

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The beginning of September marked Seamab's first ever golf day, hosted by Muckhart Golf Club. The event raised just under £3000 to support the children in our care.

The day started promisingly, with clear skies and sunshine, as the 14 teams of golfers arrived at the clubhouse to register and enjoy their bacon rolls. They were greeted by a clubhouse festooned with our sea changer characters. They featured on balloons, bunting, banners and even the goody bags handed out to every participant!

No sooner had the golfers made their way onto the course for the shotgun start, than the heavens opened and they found themselves faced with driving rain and wind for the whole 18 holes. There were still smiles all round though, and the golfers made the best of the difficult conditions. Some made an early visit to the bar to buy refreshments to sustain them, and then headed back out into the rain!

All were very pleased to finish up and come back to a well-earned buffet and hot drinks. Some scorecards had to be re-written as the conditions had caused the originals to disintegrate altogether! There was much hilarity to discover that everyone's goody bag contained a handy plastic poncho (albeit five hours too late!).

After the prize giving, and a very generously supported silent auction and prize draw, the golfers were treated to musical entertainment by Jed Milroy. Everyone then headed home exhausted but having had an excellent day, not least because they had raised such a fantastic amount to support the children who live and learn at Seamab.

Plans are already underway for 2017's event, with club captain Andrew Smith announcing on the day that Muckhart Golf Club will very generously offer use of the course and clubhouse again next year.

We'd like to say a sincere thank you to all the teams, sponsors and donors of items for the goody bags, silent auction and prize draw. There are far too many to list here, but we have been bowled over by the generosity shown by all of them.

The golf day is just one of a range of fundraising events and activities coming up for Seamab. We already have proposals for a race night and a music event, as well as runners taking part in the Great Scottish Run and Scottish Half Marathon in coming weeks.

Our sincere thanks to Scott Walker, who took on the scary sounding Total Warrior (a combined run and obstacle course involving fire, mud and icy water!) in Edinburgh on 10 September, raising £145. I think everyone can agree that he really went the extra mile to raise funds for the charity!

If you'd like to find out more, or get involved in any of our forthcoming fundraising activities and events, or if you have an idea of your own, we'd be delighted to hear from you. Please get in touch with Susie Williamson, Fundraising Manager, on 07823 413470 or by email at swilliamson@seamab.org.uk

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Kinross High School

The first term at Kinross High School has been enjoyable with an international feel. We have received visitors from Traunstein in Germany, Gacé in France and from Brick Towers College in Buenos

has been a busy period for everyone, it has also been incredibly productive. Near the beginning of this term, 89 of our sixth years stayed at Dounans Outdoor Centre by Aberfoyle for the school's annual sixth year weekend. This two

by the camp's instructors as well as around a dozen members of staff who joined us at various points during the weekend. Our Friday night was marked by an inspirational talk from Jamie Andrew, the author of 'Life and Limb'. Jamie tragically lost his limbs in a mountaineering accident but has since continued to push himself to his limits. This was an incredibly moving and memorable part of the weekend, which has taught us all a lesson or two. When we returned and the dust had settled after an amazing weekend, it was now the job of sixth year to focus on the annual charity. Every year, we decide on a charity for the school to raise money and awareness for. However, after a round of voting, we as a year group decided it would be better if we were to support two charities: firstly, Team Jak, a Livingston-based charity that aims to provide a warm and comforting alternative to hospitals for cancer patients in the form of Jak's Den, and secondly, Médecins Sans Frontières.

Robbie and Georgia



Kinross High School pupils with John Bercow and Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh

Aires. Some of our senior pupils have also travelled to Belgium as part of our annual Battlefields Tour.

We were also delighted to be invited to host, on behalf of Perth and Kinross, a visit from John Bercow, Speaker of the House of Commons, and Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh MP.

I have asked Georgia White and Robbie MacKessack to share their view of the first term and their message is below.

Sarah Brown

Head teacher and Campus Leader

Message from Head Boy and Head Girl

School has been back for five weeks now and we are very happy with the way it has been going. Over this term, all sixth years have been working hard both at their studies and helping with the running of the school. And whilst this

night camp gave us the opportunity to take part in a number of activities. From archery to team building, we were led



Sixth year pupils visiting Dounans Outdoor Centre, by Aberfoyle

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Portmoak Primary School

Staffing update

Miss Rennie left Portmoak at the summer at the end of her probation year and I am sure you will join the staff and pupils in wishing her well as she leaves us to take up a permanent teaching post in Clackmannanshire. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Jillian Bell as our new probationer teacher. Mrs Bell is teaching P4/5 this year.

Mrs Fraser will be teaching on Fridays in Mrs Bell's class and delivering Religious and Moral Education once a week to each class. We welcome Mrs Kirsty Barnacle to the staff. She was appointed at the end of last term to provide Mrs Woods' management day out of class, so will teach P6/7 on a Wednesday.

Mrs Alison Hughes will be teaching every class on a Tuesday. She is currently working on French with an element of drama in all classes. Mr Ainsworth will still be teaching PE to all pupils every Friday. All musical instructors are staying on for the new session, but not all have space for new pupils. Classes being offered a chance to be tested for learning a new instrument will be contacted directly. Pupils entitled to free school meals (P4-7) can also apply for an exemption from musical charges.

Mrs Davies, Mrs Welsh, Mrs Williams and Ms Gibbon are all returning as our classroom support staff. Mrs Davies is currently supporting Mrs Clark in the office due to Mrs Greenshields' absence.

We were sorry to see Mrs Dunnett, our Pupil Support Teacher, leave us at the summer as her hours at Kinross Primary had been increased. She is ably replaced by Mrs Jennifer Milroy who already supports Cleish and Milnathort Primaries.

Coffee and a catch up

We had a very good turnout for this year's first chance to come along for a 'biscuit and a blether' in our August coffee and a catch up session. This was an informal chance to chat to Mrs Woods and me, along with various parents, including representatives from Friends of Portmoak, our Parent Council.

Roald Dahl dress down day

On Tuesday 13 September we supported Roald Dahl's children's charity by having a dress down day. There was a parade of outfits in the hall, and we had lots of fun dressing up as our favourite Roald Dahl characters. Primary 2/3 invited parents and friends along to a Roald Dahl assembly later in the month.

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Getting out and about

In term one so far we have already had a Primary 6/7 trip to Pormoak Hall for open studio to see artists Julie Close and Dick Crighton. Primary 5/6 have been out on a farm visit with RHET. Primary 1/2 have been out exploring Kilmagad Woods and Primary 4/5 have started swimming lessons.

Ladies Night at Portmoak Hall

Please save the date for this year's shopping and pamper night: **Friday 11 November**. This is a really super evening which raises a substantial amount of money for the benefit of our school. [See page 97.]

Another award for Portmoak Primary

I was in Perth recently picking up another trophy to add to our cabinet. This time it was from Perth and Kinross cricket development awarding us the best school to club link for our work with Kinross-shire Cricket Club. Thanks to all those in the club who have given up their time to support our cricket teams, especially Ken for the time he has spent with our after school club.



*Calum Porter and Finlay Clark accepting
best club-school link cricket award*

Well done Kinnesswood in Bloom too

Congratulations to our green fingered friends from Kinnesswood in Bloom for their recent success at the 'Beautiful Scotland' awards ceremony in Aberdeen and 'Take a Pride in Perthshire'. Their work at our school was part of the assessment for both organisations. We certainly think the school is looking fabulous and would like to say a big huge **thank-you** for all their hard work. [See also page 51.]

Bags to school

If you have any rag bag donations (clothing, textiles, curtains) to add to our 'bags 2 school' collection we would be very grateful. Community donations have a big impact on the amount of money we raise through this. The next date is 9am on **Friday 28 October**. Donations can be dropped off here or at Buchan's garage.

And finally...

Thank you for reading our news. If you have time or expertise that you would like to share with our school, then please get in touch.

Kind regards, Louise Gordon, Headteacher



Kinross Road Runners

With the nights drawing in, we have now moved on to our winter training programme; what a thought! We meet every Tuesday and Wednesday evening at 7pm at the Medical Centre car park in Kinross for a varied programme of speed work, hill reps and trail runs and we meet for an informal run at 9am on Sundays.

The club has around 100 members of all running abilities so, if you're new to the area, or new to running, please come along and join us as it really does help keep you motivated, especially during the winter months.

August and September have been busy months in the race calendar with a wide range of races of all distances and terrain. Here are some of the highlights.



Knockhill Memorial Race, Thursday 11 August

There was a very good turnout of club runners at this annual event held on the Knockhill Racing Circuit. The first Kinross runner home was Andy Laycock who won the 1st MV50 prize in a time of 21.30. He was closely followed by David Scott and Scott Strachan in times of 22.17 and 22.47 respectively. Anne Wilson won the 1st FV60 prize.

Touch of Tartan Half Marathon, Saturday 13 August

Sarah Hutt was the sole club runner in this event around Perth in glorious sunshine and she put in a good time of 1.44.40.

Lomond Hills Race, Sunday 21 August

Four brave club runners took on this tough race through the Lomond Hills in near perfect conditions. Well done to Scott Strachan, Lynn and Neil Hunter and Norman Smith for finishing this challenging course and congratulations to Norman for winning the MV80 prize.

Barry Buddon Half Marathon, Sunday 28 August

This was one of the club championship races so we were guaranteed a strong entry on a very flat course winding its way round the military training base near Carnoustie. Congratulations to Andy Laycock in the medals again as 1st MV50 in a time of 1.18.58. Other strong performances included Allan Kemp 1.22.24, David Scott 1.24.29 and Scott Strachan close behind on 1.24.41. The first Kinross ladies home were Judith Dobson 1.38.49 (also a prize winner in her age category), followed by Linda Palmer 1.53.55 and Val Findlay 1.56.41.

Gateside Gallop, Wednesday 31 August

This is a great midweek race of just over four miles. It features in our off-road championship so is always a favourite with the club. The race starts by the entrance to the park in Gateside and climbs steeply up onto the slopes of West Lomond, then back down again for a wonderful spread of tea, sandwiches and cakes in the village hall. Congratulations to Mairi Boyle for winning second place in the ladies section in a stunning time of 28.52. Our other club prize winner was Norman Smith in the MV80 category. Well done, Norman.

Simon Wake Comrie Hills Race, Sunday 11 September

This is one of the few relay races around and involves teams of five runners covering lovely terrain around Glen Lednock with some tough legs on the ridges either side of the glen. The club entered two relay teams and both teams came home with trophies. Andy Laycock, Judith Dobson, Sarah Hutt, Billy Webster and Allan Kemp were the first mixed team.



The mixed team at the Simon Wake Comrie Hills Race

Our second team of Stewart McKilroy, Norman Smith, Katie Chalmers, Anne Macintyre and Jillian Gordon were the first mixed vet team home. Well done, all! A special mention must go to Jillian Gordon who stepped in at the last moment to run the last leg, balancing her considerable baby bump with ease.

Other Events

Club members have taken on other formidable challenges over the past few months including Amanda Rennie and Wendy Grieve who completed the 42 mile Devil of the Highlands route along the West Highland Way from Tyndrum to Fort William; Andy Johns who completed The Lakeland 50; and Gill Lopez who did the 36.5 mile Speyside Way. Hats off to you all!

Path of Condie Half Marathon, Saturday 29 October

This is the third and final race of the year organised by the club and, so far, we have nearly 100 entries for this very 'hilly half'. Entries are still open so, if you fancy taking on a challenging but very scenic local half marathon route, then this is the one for you. Details can be found on the club website.

We are very pleased to see quite a few new faces over recent months and even more pleased to see them now as club regulars. It would be great to see this trend continue and you will be made very welcome at any of the club training sessions; just come along and try it out.

Newsletter Deadlines

A list of future deadlines can be found on our website
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The season has started well. We have over 35 local clubs using the facility and most have several competitions that members compete for during the season.

On 17 September the **Opening Bonspiel** was won by the rink skipped by Blair Melville with Susan Scougal, Jane Drysdale and Maureen Wilson.

Beth Farmer, one of our junior curlers, had a great trip in the summer - spending time out in Canada with other exceptional junior curlers on a training camp. She was supported by funds from the Matt Murdoch Scholarship.

Some of the great events at Kinross this season are noted below. For more information, email the ice team (see header).

Club Championship: 16 local clubs compete between 21 and 23 October.

Business Challenge: Local businesses and small organisations can join in one of four sessions to qualify for a grand final in February. This is a great chance to curl with colleagues and customers.

Over 40s bonspiel: 13-15 January 2017. A weekend bonspiel for rinks from across Scotland and further afield.

If you have never curled and would like to find out more, please visit the rink. You could take the opportunity to get on the ice for our **Try Curling** dates. Sessions are one hour long and cost £3. You will receive a soft or hot drink and membership of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club. To find out more and book a place, please contact Claire Milne, Curling Development Officer on kinrossdev@royalcaledoniancurlingclub.org.

Where are we? The rink can be found behind the Green Hotel. The entrance is down Green Road and is well signposted. Come along and find out more about the wonderful sport of curling at one of the finest curling venues in Scotland.



Kinross Curling Club

The crashing of rocks, the plaintive call of the skip, the creaking of knees; yes, the sounds of autumn are with us again. Flocks of brightly coloured curlers are returning to their winter playgrounds, circling the icy ponds in search of a tempting draw here, a tasty double there, washed down with a reviving drink or two.

Kinross men celebrated the return to their natural habitat with an opening bonspiel, won by the rink of Iain Cormack, president Steve Kinninmonth, Denis Sweeney and John Milne. Early games in the competitions which occupy the first half of the season are also now underway, and we shall see who secures the richest pickings in due course. However, it's never too late in the season for any fledgling curlers to come into the nest.

The first fund-raising event to support our 350th anniversary celebrations in 2018 takes place in October, with a **Race Night** at Kinross Golf Club on **Friday 28 October**. Tickets should be on sale by the time this article appears, so look out for publicity around the ice rink and around town.

For information on the club, check out our Facebook page or get in touch with the secretary at blairmelville@tiscali.co.uk

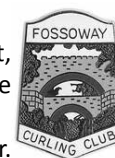


Fossoway Curling Club

With the rink having been re-opened since August, Fossoway members have been itching to get the new season started.

Our opening bonspiel is on Sunday 25 September.

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



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Kinross Otters

Leagues update

The most intense battle seen for many a year continued on 27 August at Olympia Pool in Dundee, as the **Otters' premier division** team sought to win the match to keep themselves in contention for the title against Menzieshill/Whitehall. This 'must win' match was a tall ask as it was Menzieshill's home match.

However, the Otters proved once again what a talented and determined bunch they all are as they scraped a win by just 3 points (out of 160 odd). The Boys' Captain, **Cameron McCloskey** (18), led by example by simply destroying the field in the 100m backstroke. Cameron broke the club record by a huge chunk of over 2 seconds in 1.03.21. Prior to 2016, this was the oldest club record, standing for 14 years but has now been broken three times **this** year.

Roll on 24 September, again at Olympia, for the last and decisive match, with both teams sitting on 18 points. Winner really does take all in the search for the best team in Tayside! The **Otters' first division** team finished off their campaign in far flung Montrose on 10 September with a superb third place, which left them in a comfortable fourth position overall out of five, where they have been all season. This is a great result, as they should have been relegated at the end of last season but for a lucky technical, last minute, reprieve.

Midland District Sprints, Olympia Pool, Dundee, Sunday 4 September

This meet seeks to identify the fastest of the fast in Tayside. It is an extremely popular, and particularly competitive, meet. As such, the Otters could only manage three medals despite some excellent swims, personal bests and the like. **Iona Crawford, Rebecca Mitchell, Murray Pritchard** and **Zosia Stanton** all made finals but could not break into the top three.

Fortunately for the Otters, they have a swimmer who is fastest of the fast much further afield than Tayside! **Ola Stanton** (13) is the most nationally decorated Otter ever and remains utterly dominant in the breaststroke in Scotland. She did not disappoint as she broke her own club record in the heats of the 50m breaststroke by 0.71 secs in 35.71, qualifying quickest, and then again in the final, easily winning the gold medal in 35.42. She can go much quicker with more competition as she proved in the National Age Group finals this year. That is a long course event (50m pool instead of 25m), where times are always slower as the swimmer is not getting the benefit of an extra push off the wall. Ola's long course time is 34.67 and, after using conversion tables, this puts her short course converted time around 33.77!! Even at 35.42, this places Ola as the quickest 13-year-old girl in Scotland and the sixth best in Britain (her conversion time places her way out as a very clear number one).

Things got a little tougher in the 50m Freestyle, where Ola came up against freestyle specialist **Iona McLeod** from Dundee City Aquatics. Iona is sort of the 'Ola equivalent' at freestyle and she was determined to make up for her trouncing in the breaststroke. In the heats, Ola smashed her own club record by a huge 1.24 secs in 28.02 and did it again in the final in a quite amazing 27.81 secs. However, this was only good enough for the silver medal as Iona covered the distance in 27.20 secs! How cruel to be the second quickest in Scotland and third quickest in Britain and not be able to win your local championships? This says a lot for the standard of

the top swimmers in Scotland and Tayside.

The 100m Individual Medley requires the swimmer to be good at all four strokes. This is actually quite rare and these two superb swimmers are just that. This race followed the same pattern with Ola smashing the club record by 1.69 secs in 1.11.62 to claim silver, while Iona won in a lightning 1.07.37 to claim British number one spot in that, too.

The highlight for many on the day was the appearance of local hero and Rio Olympic silver medallist, **Stephen Milne** from Perth City, who previously graced these championships so wonderfully. See our Facebook page for the many photos of our swimmers with Stephen.



*Some of the 14 strong Midland District Sprints Team:
from left to right: Iona Crawford, Emily Cumming, Rebecca Mitchell,
Helen Hamilton, Amy Hardie, Zosia Stanton, Amy Broadhurst and
Ola Stanton*

Community Sport Hub

The new Kinross-shire Community Sport Hub (CSH) was launched at the Community Campus on 17 September with all the founding clubs in attendance and they provided tasters of what they had to offer. This area based CSH connects Loch Leven Community Campus, local primary schools, sports centre and a number of club facilities and supports the development of local sport clubs and organisations that use these facilities. Community sport hubs are a Sport Scotland 2014 Commonwealth Games legacy project.

The idea behind a hub is for all organisations and parties interested and involved in sport within a facility or a locality to work together to share good practice, expertise, knowledge and resources and to become stronger together. Community sport hubs provide the medium for a unified voice for improving sport and widening sporting opportunities in the local community through a collective identity. A CSH is community focussed and community led; it's where community sports are developed, as well as developing the community through sport.

The absolutely superb logo for this new organisation was designed by our very own Otter, **Anna Pakravan**, and was chosen from over 200 entries. It can be seen on the front cover of last month's newsletter. The CSH's new secretary is also our very own vice chair, **Amanda Reid**. The Otters certainly are doing their bit!

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Milnathort Golf Club

Ladies Section

Who can believe this is for the October edition of the Kinross Newsletter? Where has our summer gone? Here are the August results from Milnathort Golf Club Ladies:

Monday 1 August: Montgomery Medal, 1st Karen Allan nett 69, 2nd Gillian Pemberton nett 74.

Wednesday 3 August: 9 hole stableford, 1st Elma McCulloch 16 points, 2nd Elspeth Buchan 16 points; 18 hole stableford, 1st Deirdre Calderwood 34 points, 2nd Gillian Pemberton 34 points.

Monday 8 August: Stark Quaich (4), 1st Karen Allan nett 70, 2nd Jackie Sneddon nett 73.

Wednesday 10 August: 9 hole stableford, 1st Betty Brannan 17 points, 2nd Elspeth Buchan 16 points; 18 hole stableford, 1st Gillian Pemberton 42 points, 2nd Margaret Mitchell 36 points.

Monday 15 August SLGA (5); 1st Deirdre Calderwood 75 nett, 2nd Maria Duncan 77 nett.

Wednesday 17 August: Stroke Play Sweep 18 hole, 1st Kirsty Flockhart nett 67, 2nd Betty Brannan nett 73.

Monday 22 August: Montgomery Medal (6), 1st Deirdre Calderwood nett 71, 2nd Gwen Tate 73.

Wednesday 24 August: 18 hole stableford, 1st Elspeth Caldwell 38 points, 2nd Deirdre Calderwood 38 points; 9 hole stableford, 1st Betty Bolton 17 points, 2nd Beryl Harley 16 points.

Monday 29 August: Breakthrough Cancer Brooch, 1st Fiona Smith nett 71, 2nd Gwen Tate nett 72.

Ladies Open Saturday 27 August: 1st Gwen Tate nett 67, Rhona Wilson nett 71.



Kinross Golf Club

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The **Ladies Open** took place on Saturday 10 September, where a field of 51 took part in a stableford competition played on the Bruce course. Thankfully the weather remained dry, with some sunshine. The Revie Memorial Trophy was presented by Lady Captain, Ann Smith, to **Betty Brannan** who was the overall winner with 37 (BIH) stableford points.

Silver Division winners: 1st Wendy Lau, Kinross, 37pts, 2nd Lindsey Sabin, Bonnybridge, 34pts (BIH), 3rd Carol Watson, Bonnybridge, 34pts, 4th Audrey Thomson, Kinross, 33pts, 5th Maureen Richardson, Muckhart, 32pts.

Bronze Division winners: 1st Alexis Crawford, Milnathort, 36pts, 2nd Linda Christie, Muckhart, 31pts (BIH), 3rd Evelyn Jackson, Milnathort, 31pts, 4th Kath Stewart, Muckhart, 30pts (BIH).

A number of 'nearest the pin' prizes were awarded, as well as cash for 2s. A big thank you to all who helped make the event a success, everyone who took part, and all who kindly donated prizes.

The **2016 Ladies Club Championship** was won by Ann Smith, runner up Lyn Murray. The handicap club championship was won by Jennifer Simpson, runner up Betty Brannan.

The **Gents Scratch League** team has made it to the Perth and Kinross Scratch League Final where they play Blairgowrie over the PGA Course, at Gleneagles. The **Junior Scratch League** team has also made it to their final where they play Muckhart over the Kings Course, at Gleneagles. The **Gents Caledonian League** team has finished top of their division and are now playing in the final of the League Champions Playoff against Dollar at Forfar. All Finals are being played in September.

The **end of season dance** takes place on **Saturday 8 October** from 8 till late. The entertainment will be by the band 'Xpression' who also provide an impressive audio visual show. Meals in the clubhouse can be booked and will be available up until 8.30. Tickets cost £6 and can be obtained from Lyn or her bar staff.

Ladies Night diary date: **Friday 25 November** for a Michael Buble tribute evening.

Calling all Crafters; the club is planning a Christmas Craft Fayre. Members, friends or family interested in setting up a stall should contact Lyn on 01577 862237 to discuss further. For more information about golf and social memberships and other club activities, check out our website or pop into the clubhouse.

Rallying

Blair Brown (21) of Kinross crashed out of the John Mullholland Rally of Ulster just over one mile from the finish line of the final stage.

Blair said: "I am totally gutted as we had been going so well and a podium position was possible. We've looked at our in-car footage and we know where we went wrong. On a positive note I've learned masses at this event and really enjoyed it".

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Ladies' Report

The season has now begun in earnest. Training is going well, thanks to Gurdial and Ali, and we would love to see new players come and join - Wednesday evenings 6.30pm until 8.00pm at KGV. No matter how long it is since you have picked up a stick, you will be more than welcome.

Our pre-season training games took the form of a charity tournament at Meadowmill Sports Centre in Tranent in aid of Macmillan and other cancer

charities. Despite our best efforts, we didn't make the final, but a fun day was had by all, albeit we decided green is not the colour of choice for us for "strips" another year!

We also had a very successful pre-season club day, with Amy doing a fantastic job of organising – even getting the sun to shine on us – and, in the process, raising £500 for club funds. The annual Midland Bell Trophy kicked off the season for our seconds. With a fantastic mix of players, our new Captain, Wendy, loaded with every conceivable thing a player or team

could need, including a tray bake, took on her first games of the season. The day was describes as "a baptism of fire", albeit one that everyone thoroughly enjoyed, drawing one game and losing the other 2-0. League fixtures start in earnest for our seconds on Saturday 17th, against Grove III at home – please come along to KGV and support.

Our firsts are again playing in the Championship Division A, which I'm sure will give them some exciting and challenging games. Their first of the season is also Saturday, away to Clydesdale Western Ladies 2nds. It will be a hard fought game to start their season.

Good luck to both teams in the season ahead.

Men's Report

The 1sts have played two league games with a depleted side losing to Grange 5ths 5-1 before bouncing back to beat Grange 6ths 9-0; a tremendous result with a full strength 1sts.

Training is on Tuesdays, 7.30pm to 9pm. We are a friendly club and welcome all, whether complete beginners or experienced players. We are also very proud of our ability to bring youngsters forward and we have players in the 1st team ranging from 14 to 56!



Kinross Ladies Hockey Club in their green charity outfits

Kinross Kobras Junior Hockey

The hockey season is back in full flow with juniors training on a Tuesday and Thursday evening at KGV. The first junior tournament of the new season took place in Dundee at the end of August where five Kobras teams took part; two at U10, two at U12 and one at U14. It was a great experience for the players, all of whom gained confidence and experience as the tournament went on. At every age group there were some good wins and some great goals; the one I remember most clearly was a reverse hit from Andrew Clark. Bart Kuijpers and Tom Munro got good experience in goal and continue to develop as fine goalies.

As well as the usual 6.30-7.30pm sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays, a later session 7.30-8.30pm on Thursdays has restarted to give the older Kobras additional coaching to prepare them for adult and district level hockey.

Four Kobras (and former Kobras) have been selected to play in the Midland District teams at U18 Boys (Cameron Banks, Arthur Morris and David McIntyre) and U16 Boys (Alex

Wilson). Girls' trials are currently ongoing and hopefully a few Kobras (and former Kobras) will be selected in these as well.



The U14 team at the Dundee tournament

Community Website

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

Discover Loch Leven Website

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

Kinross Colts

The Kinross Colts continue to grow with yet more new squads forming. The current total number of kids in the Colts is now around 180 with age groups from kids born in 1998 to 2011.

Here are some updates from some of the squads:

2003 Colts

The 2003 squad recently received sponsorship from Sidey. The cheque for £500 was presented to us at the Myre by Christina Bell and Sean from Sidey. The squad would like to say a massive thanks as this has allowed them to purchase new away strips and footballs for our first full season as a team.



Christine Bell and Sean from Sidey presenting a cheque for £500 to the 2003 squad

2005 Colts

The 2005s started back after the summer break by taking part in the AM Soccer Cup at St Andrews. The venue at St Leonards School was fantastic with amazing pitches and lots of new teams to test themselves against. A great day was had with them all receiving their winners' medals at the closing presentation.

We would also like to thank local company **The Barn Hairdressing & Blowdry bar** for sponsoring and supplying their new Adidas rain jackets. These are going to come in very useful for the winter season.

The 2005s are looking to add more players to their squad over the winter season in preparation for the transition to 11-a-side football next summer, so if there are any kids out there born in 2005 that would like to come along and meet the team, please email kinrosscolts@gmail.com for further information.



The 2005 squad at St Andrews

2006 Colts

The 2006s are in their second year of 7-a-side football in the Fife Soccer 7s development league. They are looking to add more players to their squad, so if there are any kids out there born in 2006 that would like to come along and meet the team, please email kinrosscolts@gmail.com for further information.

2007 Colts

The 2007s are having a great season playing their first year at 7-a-side football in the Fife Soccer 7s development league. The squad is about to take delivery of new strips very kindly sponsored by local company **Glendevon Energy**. The team will share a picture of the new sponsored strips in the next edition of the Newsletter.

2009 Colts

Kinross Colts 09s have been raising money for winter training jackets and the British Heart Foundation by staging a Sponsored What? All of our 23 players are completing an individual challenge. So far players have bagged a Munro, cycled round Loch Leven, been silent for an hour every day, washed the dishes for a week and Kenzie even gunged himself! The lads chose the British Heart Foundation following the tragic death of a 13-year-old footballer at a recent training session in Lanarkshire. If you or your business would like to make a donation, please contact Scott on 07799 644567. Please contact kinrosscolts@gmail.com if you wish any further information on the club or are interested in getting involved. Also check out our Facebook page Kinross Colts FC Juniors for all our up to date news.



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Kinross Ruby Club

The Minis section played their first games of the season on 11 September in a warm and sunny St Andrews. Around 250 children from P3 to P7 gathered, full of enthusiasm and determination to put the first few weeks of training to good use. Against teams from across east Scotland, they achieved some notable wins, maybe a few losses, but had lots of FUN! Our main event, the Kinross Minis Tournament, takes place on **Sunday 2 October**, with around 500 children attending, as well as their accompanying parents and supporters. Please note that **ALL visitors are advised to park away from the KGV, and parking restrictions around Springfield Road and the Muirs junction will be in force.** We would urge everyone to come down and support our local children.

Training continues for the Midis section on a Tuesday and Thursday night. It is great to see some new faces amongst the old hands. School fixtures are due to start this month, and the boys are certainly ready for it.

Training for Minis (P1-7) takes place at 10.30am on Saturday morning at the KGV Playing Fields. Training for S1-6 takes place on Tuesday and Thursday (S4-6) evenings from 7pm to 8.30pm. For any enquiries, call Morven on 07740 589647.

Some of our older players showed that they were able to row, as we took part in the Mary Queen of Scots Boat Race on 28 August.



Below is a picture of four of our players of 50 years and over, showing it is never too old to put a purple top on.



Some of the club's 50+ players: Kelman Chambers, Tom Bennett, Iain Stewart and Martin Bell

Kinross Rugby is a small club within the area and has been playing rugby for the past 35 years. It prides itself by putting a team out every Saturday but as you can imagine it is getting harder and harder due to the small community and very few jobs available in the town. Many of the lads aged over 18 work away from Kinross and Milnathort, which often includes working on Saturdays, or they go on to further education where they leave the area and only return during holiday seasons. This, of course, reduces the number of potential players not just for rugby but other sports within the area. Our youth section has continued to thrive year on year with the help of the parents and volunteers involved and we encourage youngsters to play rugby at all age groups.

The reason for this article is to highlight to the community that there is a rugby club in the town and we are trying to encourage more players, new and old, to come down and train so we can continue to put a senior side out every Saturday. Currently we have been creating ties with other rugby clubs, which has helped Kinross Rugby put a team out every week.

Going forward as a rugby club we would like potential over 18 players to attend training to keep the club going for the next 35 years. We train at the KGV behind The Muirs pub every Tuesday and Thursday, starting at 7pm.

The next few games are:

1 October	Away to Grangemouth Stags RFC
8 October	Home to Blairgowrie RFC
15 October	Home to Panmure RFC
22 October	Away to Falkirk 2nd XV RFC
29 October	Home to Kirkcaldy 2nd XV RFC

If you fancy getting involved with the club, be it playing or helping out, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us.

The clubhouse is a great facility for any functions or events, be it a birthday party or disco, quiz night or even a body shop party. If you need a venue to hold a meeting, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Contact us:

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The Rugby Club boat race team, l to r: Stretch Adams, Martin Bell, Andy Williams (as Mary), Steve Wilcox and Murray Hunter

On 10 September we played Crieff & Strathearn RFC where we only had 16 players available which meant that both Coach and Assistant Coach took to the field due to injuries. The team put out a gutsy performance which produced three tries in the process.

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Kinross Volleyball Club

Trip to Belgium

Some club members travelled to De Haan in Belgium in August to play in their annual pre-season tournament. They took on the fun team name of 'McDuvel' after the famous Belgian beer.

With sun splitting the sky, wind was the only problem on the Saturday where the Kinross side struggled to cope in their opening fixture against VST Lions Turnhout and were soon five points adrift. Although they rallied, they lost out narrowly to the more experienced Belgian side. They then played Koninklijke Mortsel Volleyball Club and again the Belgian side proved too strong for the Kinross side. The Kinross team recorded their first win in the final game of Saturday defeating the Duvel Lovers in a close fought match. With the wind dying down, Sunday's games started with a match against The Mongolian Guys. What a storming first set it was, with the Mongolian side pipping Kinross 25-24 to win the first set. The Mongolian side went on to win by two sets to one. Final game of the day saw Kinross take on the champions elect Op't Gazon. Kinross played their best volleyball against the eventual winners with John Cameron playing the game of his life. The Kinross side was unlucky to lose out by two sets to one.

Although returning having had little success on the field, the Kinross Club can be proud of their performances against more experienced opponents. The players are now looking forward to the start of the new season in September when the Perth and District league starts with the league cup competition.



The McDuvel team at De Haan: back row l to r: David Munro, Mitchell Brown, Luke Versmeersh, Ruari Souter & Tamara Modebadze. Front row l to r: Pascal Melgers, John Cameron and Derek Denhoff

Volleyball is back with a bang!

With the magnificent summer of Monday evenings and outdoor volleyball, we are now back indoors with the Perth District Volleyball League starting with League Cup competitions at both recreational and premier levels.

The Kinross club has two Premier League sides (Scotrange and Kintronics) along with three recreational league sides (Kinross Juniors, Kinross BB and Mongrels).

Kinross currently hold both league cups from last season with premier league side Scotrange hoping to retain the trophy once again. The recreational league cup was won by Kinross

High School and they are replaced this season by a Kinross junior team, reflecting the rise in numbers of junior boys and girls attending club training sessions on Monday evenings at the campus.

Congratulations are due to youngster Jack McKelvey, who not only won a bronze medal at the UK school games in Loughborough with the Scotland East Boys team, but was also voted the 'Best Libero' in the whole UK. This earned Jack a prized 'Golden Mikasa' volleyball.

Scottish volleyball's junior national league gets back underway in October with Kinross boys again making up most of the team of under 18 boys.

The under 16 junior national league starts after Christmas and it is also hoped to have a girls' team joining this prestigious national competition as well as our boys' team, who had a remarkable first season last year. They finished as super league runners up and losing cup finalists.

A number of junior players will be attending a regional development day in Edinburgh as part of Scottish volleyball's roll out of top class coaching for juniors in an attempt to raise the profile of the sport and spot future talent.

The club participated in the local sports hub launch at the Kinross campus. At this event, we showcased the fun that can be had for both male and female in a world sport which unusually has as many female players as male players; most other sports having by far more male players than female players.



Jack McKelvey with his prized golden ball



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Kinross Tennis Club

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Club championship results

Congratulations to all our 2016 club champions.

Results are listed below. In each category, winners are listed first with runners-up second:

8U Mini Red: Ben Ruiz, Oliver Jackson; **9U Mini Orange:** Ciaran MacLeod, Ben Ruiz; **10U Mini Green:** Oliver Ruiz, Ciaran MacLeod; **12U Singles:** Fraser Banks, Oliver Ruiz; **12U Doubles:** Logan Carlisle and Oliver Ruiz, Fraser Banks and Ciaran MacLeod; **14U Singles:** Lewis Carlisle, Samuel Wong; **14U Doubles:** Lewis and Logan Carlisle, Samuel Wong and Fraser Banks; **18U Singles:** Jordan Doig, Lewis Carlisle; **Ladies Singles:** Gail Nelson, Yvonne Blyth; **Gents Singles:** Mauro Salmi, Finlay Young; **Ladies Doubles:** Gail Nelson and Sharon Middleton, Siobhan MacLeod and Yvonne Blyth; **Gents Doubles:** Richard Green and Finlay Young, Mauro Salmi and Oliver Hill; **Mixed Doubles:** Rosie Goudie and Mauro Salmi, Gail Nelson and Jordan Doig.

Junior coaching

The autumn term block comes to an end on 4 October and then the coaching will move indoors to the campus. As usual, at this time of year, we will be offering 40 minute mini tennis coaching sessions on Tuesdays, with 6 years olds and under at 5pm, 8 year olds and under at 5.40pm and 10 year olds and under at 6.20pm. The first block is seven weeks long, running from **Tuesday 25 October until Tuesday 6 December**. Members and non-members are welcome. Contact kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com for further information.

Leagues and tournaments

The Tennis Tayside and Perth and District summer leagues have all now finished, with promotion in some of the early season competitions being offset by relegation in the later ones. It is hard trying to decide in January which leagues to enter teams into when we don't know which players will be available by the summer. However, we'll do our best again next year to find a mix which suits our likely team members and gives an enjoyable competitive experience.

Meanwhile, by the time you read this, we will hopefully have had better weather for our rearranged social tournament on 25 September than we had when it was rained off in July. We are also hoping to have welcomed along some new faces to the tournament as a result of our presence at the launch of the Kinross-shire Community Sport Hub on 17 September. The outdoor competitive season may be over but club nights continue on Wednesdays at 6.30pm and Sundays at 10.30am and the Thursday afternoon social session at 1.30pm. Floodlights permit evening play until 10pm and, weather permitting, there is still great tennis to be had over the winter months, so why not pop down and join us?

Members are reminded that the **AGM** is due to take place on **Thursday 24 November** in the KGV clubhouse. Please mark the date in your diaries now and plan to come along and support your hard-working committee.

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



Badminton Club

After a successful AGM the new committee members are as follows: President, Bill Macdonald; Vice President, John Mahoney; Secretary, Rory Cooper; Treasurer, Bill Macdonald; General committee members, Lori Kellett, Liam Morris, Craig Armstrong; High School representative, Callum Buchanan.

We would like to welcome new members Lori Kellett, Craig Armstrong and Callum Buchanan onto committee whilst, at the same time, thanking Stephen Ross and Denis Sweeney who have both stepped down from the committee after varying years of service.

It was decided that the annual subscriptions were to be £60 for adults (paid in two separate instalments), and £30 for intermediates and students. Nightly fees were decided at £3 a night, and £6 if the player is not a member. However, if they are wishing to join, their first night is free.

Our junior club has been up and running for a few weeks. Current coach Grant Watters is doing a brilliant job and we would like to see more children in the area taking advantage of the opportunity to get some coaching and develop their personal game. His sessions are well structured, interesting and fun! So, if there is any interest, feel free to get in touch (details below). Junior sessions run on a Thursday night 6-8pm.

As always, for more information check out the club's Facebook page, or contact our secretary, Rory Cooper, by email at rorycooper4692@googlemail.com. **New members of any ability are always welcome.**



Kinross Swimmers

We've had a good few varied sessions recently and that variety is going down very well. This is being reflected in the numbers in the pool which remain at a goodly number despite the usual dip that we experience at the end of summer.

Swimming in a club setting is proven to be much more beneficial than solo swimming as it encourages you to push your own boundaries as you swim in a social setting. Without realising how hard you are working, you tend to try harder and swim longer, moving well beyond your comfort zone with no conscious effort. The end result is you feel much better with all those good endorphins coursing through your body, and it's got to be better for you than an hour lounging on the sofa. It's cheap too. You'll have no problem sleeping after a good session, I promise!

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

For further information please either contact us on Facebook (Kinross Swimmers) or get in touch with Ian Shepherd by email at shepherd_ian@hotmail.com or on mobile 07944503074.



Kinross-shire Cricket Club

Junior Awards

The 2016 Junior Awards were held at the campus on Monday 12 September with over 130 players and parents attending. Club chair, Kirsteen Ross welcomed everyone and outlined the 2016 season and the club's many achievements. The club competed at all junior levels and our Under 15s were in the national finals for the eighth time. The Junior Awards were then presented.

Kwik Cricket Bronze Certificates: Twinkle Memhi, Adam Gibson, Joe Bentall, Jack Devanny, William Carmichael & Kieran Caldwell

Bronze Trophy Winners: Runners Up: Joe Bentall & Kieran Caldwell. Winner: Adam Gibson

Kwik Cricket Silver Certificates: Rory Clark, Ella Forbes, Rory Palin, Sukhi Mehmi, Fergus Bain, Alistair Haney, Blair Gallagher, Bobby Shearer & George Irvine

Silver Trophy Winners: Runners Up: Rory Clark, Blair Gallagher & Bobby Shearer. Winner: Ella Forbes

Kwik Cricket Gold Certificates: Sophie Normile, Charlie Pearson, Ava Miles, Angus Bain & Seamus Nesbit

Gold Trophy Winners: Runner Up: Angus Bain. Winner: Charlie Pearson

Inter-Cricket Certificates: Ben McLachlan, Naomi Clarke, Alisha Mehmi, Cecily Douglas, Fraser Gallagher, Sophie Palin, Finlay Clark, Calum Porter, Millie Roe, Ellis Tooley & Henry Silcock

Inter-Cricket Trophy Winners: 3rd Place: Fraser Gallagher. 2nd Place: Calum Porter. 1st Place: Alisha Mehmi.

2016 Wee Stramash Team Winners

Titans

Batsman Award: Henry Silcock, Lewis Bentall & Bart Kuijpers

Bowlers Award: Alex Turlik, Henry Silcock & Ellis Tooley

Batsman of the Year: Alex Turlik

Bowler of the Year: Joe Jennings



Lightnings

Batsman Award: Andrew Hynd, Calum Porter & Ross Telfer

Bowlers Award: Calum Porter, Lewis Bentall & Nicholas Miles

Batsman of the Year: Nicholas Miles

Bowler of the Year: Andrew Hynd

Buccaneers

Batsman Award: Ben Normile, Oliver Roe & Douglas Young

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Batsman Award: Lewis Dall, Bruce Smith & Ben McLachlan

Bowlers Award: Oliver Wilson, Bruce Smith & Fraser Gallagher

Batsman of the Year: Finlay Clark

Bowler of the Year: Finlay Clark

2016 Wee Stramash Batsman of the Year: William Silcock

2016 Wee Stramash Bowler of the Year: Joe Jennings

Under 11 Awards

Spirit of Cricket: Naomi Clarke & Fraser Shepherd

Most Improved Player: Sophie Palin

Bowler of the Year: Finlay Clark

Batsman of the Year: William Silcock

Fielder of the Year: Henry Silcock

Under 13 Awards

Spirit of Cricket: Joe Jennings

Most Improved Player: Nicholas Miles

Bowler of the Year: Andrew Hynd

Batsman of the Year: Alex Turlik

Fielder of the Year: Ben Normile

Senior 1st Cap Awards: Oliver Roe, Ander Hynd & Joe Jennings

2016 Junior of the Year: Oliver Roe

The 2016 Junior Season has closed and indoor training starts again on Monday 24 October at the campus.

Seniors

The Senior Season drew to a close with the Last Man Stands finals on 18 September and a full report on the senior season and award winners will be in next month's Newsletter.



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BISHOPSHIRE – President Norma Smith welcomed everyone back after the summer break. Members had done well in the Kinross Show; trophy for most points went to Mary Nisbet. We also scored highly in the Vaughn Nash Competition and the Delights of Perthshire competition, which had been judged at the conference held in Perth in early September.

Thanks to Emma and Chrissie from Kinross High School who gave us a presentation on their World Challenge Project in Vietnam and also to Louise Sutherland who shared her experiences helping at both schools and an orphanage in Vietnam.

Competition winners:

Raspberry Jam	Norma Smith
Holiday Photo with Caption	Mamie Wallace

GLENFARG – President Margot Moran welcomed members to the first meeting of the new session and introduced the speaker, Mr Scott Paterson. He spoke on "Wildlife in your Garden", a truly excellent description of the animals and birds that inhabit our gardens, sometimes almost unseen. His descriptions of the birds and their songs were especially well received.

Competition winners:

Bird Ornament	Jeannie Black
Jar of Marmalade	Alison Harrison
Flower of the Month	Helen Quartermaine

CROOK OF DEVON – President Alice Johnson welcomed members and visitors to the first meeting of the new season. She congratulated and thanked the members who had entered the individual and community work at Kinross Show; all did very well. Alice then introduced Mary Wilson who made some beautiful floral arrangements, at the same time giving us a lot of useful and helpful information. Mary also included some very effective water features with flowers.

A vote of thanks was given by Isabel Mehan and all the members endorsed her thanks.

As this was an Open Meeting and we had visitors, we did not have any competitions this month.

CLEISH – President Mrs Helen Buchanan welcomed twenty-six members to our first meeting after the summer. She thanked and congratulated all the participants and prizewinners in the Perth Show and the Kinross Show.

Mrs Beth Pringle was presented with the Jamieson Trophy for the member gaining most points in the Kinross Show.

Before business she welcomed our speaker for the evening, Gair Forbes, and we enjoyed an interesting and informative illustrated talk on the vital emergency service work carried out by Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance (SCAA) based at Perth.

A vote of thanks was given by Vice President Mrs Lizzie Glennie.

Competition winners:

Favourite Postcard	Helen Buchanan
Three Empire Biscuits	Fiona Hipwell
Flower of the Month	Heather McDougall

MILNATHORT – At our September meeting, President Jean Paterson welcomed members back after the summer break and a special welcome to new members. Then business was read.

We were then introduced to our speaker for the evening, Professor David Munro of Kinross (Marshall) Museum, who gave a very interesting and fascinating talk and slide show of the history of Kinross including the local industries of cutlery, parchment and weaving, and the museum which began after local man, David Marshall, left his collection of books and artefacts to the people of Kinross over 100 years ago. The museum has had a few homes since then and is now housed in the community campus library.

Competition winners:

Flower of the Month	Nan Paterson
Melting Moments	Grace Drysdale
Old Photographs	Grace Drysdale

CARNBO – Our summer outing on 10 September was a lovely trip to the Royal Yacht Britannia. We all enjoyed exploring the yacht in the sunshine at Ocean Terminal then finished off with lunch at Loch Fyne Fish Restaurant.

President Jay Hutchinson welcomed all members and guests to the September meeting. All reports were given and congratulations to all who entered at Kinross Show. Carnbo retained the Aldridge Sealy Trophy for the Institute with most points and the Benarty Trophy for runner up in the Community Competition.

Josephine Paterson - Stewart Cup; Linda Band - Arnot Lea Trophy; Frances Drysdale - Group Rose Bowl; Josephine Paterson - Paterson Rosebowl.

At the Handcraft & Housewives Conference, the Carnbo entry for the Perthshire Delight competition was commended. This was sixth out of 20 so well done to Jay, Josephine, Sheila and Molly. Frances Drysdale was 3rd in Floral Art; Jay Hutchinson, 2 x 3rd for Art, and Jay also won the Chairman's choice for her entry of 500 words. Susan Malcolm was in the final five out of 120 for Aldi's shortbread competition. Well done to all!

Our speaker for the evening was Paula Baine from the charity Playlist For Life. This charity was founded by Sally Magnusson after witnessing the effect of music on her late mother's dementia. We had a short film showing the effect a personal playlist had for one family. It was very emotional to watch the change for that particular family. Josephine Paterson gave a vote of thanks.

Competition winners:

Flower of the Month	Jessie Stirling
Favourite Song & Why	Jay Hutchinson

The next meeting is on 17 October at Carnbo Hall at 7.15pm. All welcome.

There will be a **Coffee Morning** at Carnbo Hall on **Saturday 22 October**, 10am-12 noon with the usual stalls.

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Out & About



Loch Leven NNR



I'm writing this report from sunny Shetland. I'm up visiting Craig on Noss NNR for my autumn holidays, and helping them pack down the island after another successful season. With visitor numbers as high as they've been since 1992, he must be doing something right! Check out his Birds of Noss Facebook page to see what we've been up to.

The weather in Kinross-shire has yet again been a mixture of sunshine and showers with the rain getting in the way of work on occasions. We are now enjoying something of an Indian summer.

On 13 September the Pink-footed Geese returned to Loch Leven. This really does herald the start of autumn properly. Last year the national total exceeded 550000 birds. Hopefully Loch Leven will contribute significant numbers to the total again. There have been lots of Greylag Geese present for a while around Loch Leven for months now. These birds are local breeders that have finished moulting and are now heading for the fields to feed on spilt grain. They will quite often feed alongside the Icelandic Pinkfeet. We have an early morning **Goose Watch** on **Sunday 16 October** at Kirkgate from 6.45am. If you would like to come along, please phone the office to **book your place** on 01577 864439.

It's been a good month for birds around the reserve. Numbers of duck were nearly reaching their peak, with counts of nearly 10000 Tufted Duck, 1000 Pochard, 1500 Mallard, 500 Gadwall, 300 Shoveler and 6000 Teal present. We've also enjoyed a good spell of passage migrant waders. We've seen decent numbers of Ruff, Ringed Plover, Common Sandpiper, Black-tailed Godwit and Dunlin and also seen scarcities like Green and Wood Sandpiper, Turnstone, Bar-tailed Godwit and Knot. The latter three normally are seen along our coastlines and are irregular visitors to the loch. Other rarities seen include American widgeon and Black Tern. We've seen American widgeon the last three years on the loch but it's the first time we've seen a Black Tern since 2009.

As there are so many birds about at this time of year, non-motorised access to the water is restricted to just off the Kirkgate. This means the flocks of migratory wildfowl can feed in safety and without disturbance before they move south as the autumn goes on.

We've been busy around the reserve. We are right in the middle of our grass cutting. We hope to get it finished by the beginning of October. After that, we'll be out fencing.

The council will soon start upgrading the trail. Some parts are the best part of ten years old and require some work. We'll keep you updated with how the work is getting on.

Can I thank everybody for their patience regarding the hide strengthening work at Factory Bay. The gabion baskets have been put in to stop the hide, which has won many design awards, from washing away.

Gus is out and about enjoying life as an intern. He's regularly out botanising and looking at invertebrates around the reserve. You'll often find him with his head in the moth trap first thing in the morning. Keep an eye on his updates on the blog or on the Scotland's National Nature Reserves page on Facebook. The kind people at Visit Loch Leven also retweet Gus's and my tweets on Twitter about Loch Leven news.

Jeremy, Reserve Manager

Gardens Open in October

The following private gardens are open by arrangement in October. All have many varieties of trees and spectacular autumn colour.



Open by Arrangement

Briglands House, Rumbling Bridge, KY13 0PS. Mrs Briony Multon. Tel 01577 840205. or email: briony@briglands.com

Dowhill, Cleish, KY5 0HZ. Open by arrangement throughout the year. Mr & Mrs Colin Maitland Dougall. Email pippamd@icloud.com

Hollytree Lodge, Muckhart, FK14 7JW. Liz and Peter Wyatt. Tel 0797 3374687 or email elizwyatt@aol.com

Further information about these gardens, and many others open for charity in Scotland this month, can be found in the Scotland's Gardens guide book, or on the website www.scotlandsgardens.org

Local Attraction Opening Times

Lochleven Castle, Castle Island, Kinross



This semi-ruined 14th century castle is set on an island in beautiful Loch Leven, within a National Nature Reserve.

Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned here in 1567. She miscarried twins and was forced to abdicate during the year she spent here before dramatically escaping.

The property is reached by boat, operated by Historic Scotland and departing from the fishery pier, where there is parking and a Historic Scotland shop. There are no public toilets on the pier, only on the island. No water supply for drinking. Hand sanitiser available for hand-washing. The boat is not equipped to carry passengers in wheelchairs. Dogs are not allowed. There are picnic benches on the island.

Phone 01577 862670 for sailing times. Advance booking possible. Waiting times can be longer in peak months if not booked in advance. Access times for 2016:

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

Balvaird Castle

A late 15th century tower on an L plan. Refined architectural details. View exterior only. Near Gateside and Glenfarg. Grid ref NO 169 115.

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 all year Wed to Mon. In the village of Abernethy.

RSPB Loch Leven

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



September is half gone already as I write and tis time for Pinkfoot geese to return from northern climes as they duly did, with the first arrivals back on the reserve on Friday 16th. Only around 50 or so were seen but it's a starter for the several thousands to follow. It is also a sign that Autumn is well and truly here, although so far it has been fairly mild and positively balmy some days; bonus. Summer migrants are still passing through at time of writing, Greenshank etc, and we have had some impressive Osprey numbers with a peak of twelve one day, all sitting about on fence posts on the reserve.

The anti-predator fence has been completed by the contractors, and our volunteers have been doing some finishing off with new screens being built and erected alongside the hides where the bunding had to be removed. The wetland has also had a lot of vegetation control done and is looking very spruce for our returning geese.

Kate, our new Assistant Retail Manager, is now our ex assistant manager as her hubby has had to move up to Inverness with work, which would have proved a bit o' a long trauchle to work every day so she has had to follow him up to the Heilans. Thanks to her for all her short but sweet efforts and guid luck in the future. Our other new assistant Becky has been promoted to Kate's job; good luck to her in her new position.

The café has also retained its Gold Food For Life award for another year. Well done to them and it also means you get top quality food when you visit, which you always did only now it's official again!

Upcoming events for October are:

Introduction to Birdwatching on Saturday 1st: A day-long course for anyone interested in gaining confidence identifying Scottish birds. Led by local expert Scott Paterson, explore the reserve and build your skills with this celebrated local expert. (He didnae ask me to write that, it's jist true; he knows his stuff.) Booking essential. Costs are members £35, non-members £45 per person.

Can your family survive in the wood? On **Saturday 8th** we are doing **Family Bushcraft** from 10am until 12.30pm. Come along and learn outdoor skills with one of our staff. Booking essential once more. Costs are RSPB member family £16, non-member family £20. Individual prices also available for non-family participants. Contact the reserve for more information.

The popular **monthly Nature Tots** is on **Wednesday 12th** from 10am until 12 noon. This month's theme is Hedgehogs and hibernation. Booking essential: £3 members and £6 non-members per family.

Warriors, ready! Those of you of a certain age might remember that saying from a certain TV programme fae years back. Quiz ower – back tae business. For a whole week during the school holidays the **Woodland Warriors Holiday Club** is running from Monday **17th** to Friday **21st** from 10.30am until 3.30pm daily. Your kids will be experts in forest skills. Booking essential: costs £20 per day, £80 per week per child non-member and £16 and £64 for members.

Last, but not least, **Wednesday 19 October** from 6.30am until 8.45am it's **Dawn Goose Watch** time. Join our wardens for the annual spectacle of thousands of Pink-footed Geese taking off from night-time roosts on the loch. Booking essential: costs £8 members, £11 non-members, breakfast included.

That's it again then. Ta ta,

Colin

Farming



Harvest has been a very stop-start affair up until now, but a more settled spell of weather is allowing the combines to roll and the balers to follow. Cereals have been slow to ripen as it has been quite cloudy recently and from what I have been hearing, quality isn't that spectacular, again a symptom of a lack of sunshine over the past few weeks. The variable weather makes it difficult to bale the straw in good condition, which is important for the livestock farmer. The straw is what is left after the cereal crop (barley, wheat or oats) has been processed by the combine harvester and is used mainly for bedding the animals but also for feeding to them when they are in the sheds over the winter months. If it is baled dry, the bales are lighter, so easier to work with and the straw is loose and fluffy making the daily winter job of bedding the animals a pleasure. A good bale of straw also lasts longer than a bad one, so you need fewer bales.

However, the pressures at harvest time mean that sometimes fields need cleared quickly to make way for the next crop and when the large "bouts" of straw left by modern monster combines get wet they can be very difficult to dry out so it can be very tempting to bale it up in less than ideal conditions, just to get the job done. Many farmers have a machine for bedding the animals which takes the hard manual work out of doing the job, but even these bedding machines work best when the straw is in good order. There are also the health issues to think of, as clouds of mouldy "stoor" which come off poor quality straw are no good for man or beast.

Here at Backward Farm our own barley is nearly ripe having had help from some "liquid sunshine". This is a chemical called glyphosate which speeds up the ripening process of cereals and kills off problem grass weeds at the same time, which means we can harvest our crop two or three weeks earlier and in better, more even condition than if we had to wait for it to ripen in its own time.

The ewes and lambs have all been weaned and we have sold some lambs, although they have been slightly slower to grow than hoped over the past few weeks. We have also separated out older ewes which we won't breed from again, mainly due to them having bad udders, sore feet or a lack of teeth. I wonder if it would be possible to invent dentures for sheep? It would certainly be a lifesaver for some of our older ladies. Maybe I am needing to implement a strict brushing regime for them.

John

Weather



August Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall	69.3mm = 2.77 inches
Heaviest rainfall	18.1mm (2nd)
Total sunshine for the month	146.3 hours
Sunniest day	9.8 hours (16th)
Maximum temperature average	18.54°C
Highest temperature	23.4°C (16th)
Minimum temperature average	7.67°C
Lowest temperature	-0.2°C (9th)

Congratulations



Former Kinross High School pupil, **GARETH HUTCHISON**, who is 17 years old, gained his Private Pilot's Licence (PPL) over the course of three months (June – August) at Tayside Aviation in Dundee. This allows Gareth to fly solo and with passengers. He will begin his commercial pilot training in October at Tayside Aviation in conjunction with a degree from Middlesex University London in BSc (Hons) Professional Aviation Pilot Practice. Gareth plans to apply for a commercial airline job upon graduation.



Gareth Hutchison has gained his Private Pilot's Licence

LAURA MUIR of Milnathort has won the Diamond League title by finishing second in the 1500m in Zurich on 1 September. The previous week she was first in the Paris Diamond League race, beating her own British 1500m record by recording a time of 3:55.22. This was over two seconds faster than her run at the London Anniversary Games in July, when she broke Dame Kelly Holmes' 12-year-old British record for this event. Laura came seventh in the 1500m at the Rio Olympics this summer.

EILIDH DOYLE (née Child), originally from Kinross, was placed second overall in the Diamond League women's 400m hurdles at the end of the season in September. Eilidh came eighth in the final of the women's 400m hurdles at the Rio Olympics this summer and won a bronze medal as part of the GB women's 4 x 400m relay team.


Bloom Groups: See reports by Kinross in Bloom, Scotlandwell in Bloom and Kinnesswood in Bloom for their successes in recent assessments. Congratulations and well done to you all.



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Wed 6.30pm - 7.15pm



Mon 7.15pm - 8.00pm



Wed 7.15pm - 8.00pm



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Thanks



Thanks from Eilidh Doyle

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all the residents of Kinross and the surrounding area for all the support and good wishes they have given me throughout the year.

It always gives me a huge boost to know that I have that support behind me.

I am now taking a much needed break from the track before preparation begins for next season when I hope to compete indoors and during the summer at the World Championships in London.

I hope that in the future we can meet, so I can thank you personally.

Kind regards,

Yours in sport,

Eilidh Doyle (née Child)

and family

Gill, Catriona, Jamie, Iona and I would also like to thank everyone for the local support given to Eilidh. It's great to know everyone is behind her and we have long since lost count of the number of people who have offered their good wishes and support.

It makes us feel even more proud of what Eilidh has achieved and we really appreciate it.

Thanks again to everyone,

Ronnie Child

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Collection at Kinross Show: The total proceeds of the collection at Kinross Show on 13 August 2016 by pipers for Rachel House Children's Hospice, Kinross, amounted this year to £280.00. Once again this is marvellous support from the local community for this wonderful hospice in our midst. Our grateful thanks to all who donated and to Kinross-shire Agricultural Society for allowing us to make the collection.

Robin Webster MBE, MStJ

Secretary, St John Perth & Kinross

I would just like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came along to the EGM of **Orwell Old Folks Association** and volunteered for the committee to take the Association on to a new future. I would also like to thank the committee who have supported me over the years and wish those, like me, who have 'retired' all the very best for the future.

All good wishes to the new committee as they come together to plan and take things forward. It is a very worthwhile and rewarding venture to be associated with.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to all the people who have come along and enjoyed the trip and the Christmas party and been so wonderfully grateful. It has been a real pleasure being part of this group.

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Events listed below are in the church unless indicated otherwise.

Regular Services and Events

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

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

Tuesdays: 10am Pram Service (except school holidays).

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

Fridays: The Brigade, church centre.

Anchor Section 6 - 7.15pm, Junior Section 7 - 9pm, Company section 8 - 10pm (Contact: David Munro 862126).

Saturdays: 10am -12noon 'Coffee Stop': coffees, cakes and book sale at church centre most Saturdays.

Other Events and Services

October

Sun 2 10.30am: Morning Service, with informal Communion at 11.45am.

Mon 3 8am: Silent Meditation.

Tue 4 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.
7.15pm: Guild, church centre: 'Hercules the Bear' - Maggie Robin.

Thu 6 7.30pm: Thursday Group, church centre: 'A Summer on Ice'.

Sat 8 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (names in advance to church office).

Thu 13 7pm - 8.30pm: All Friends Together.

Tue 18 7.15pm: Guild, church centre: 'Traidcraft' - Karena Jarvie.

Thu 20 9pm: late evening service of Compline.

Tue 25 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.

Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church Church of Scotland (Charity number SC015523)

Minister - Very Rev Dr Angus Morrison
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Website: www.orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk

Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:

10am Portmoak Church,
11.30am Orwell Church.

All children welcome. Crèche available during the 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 30 mins before each service.

Service at Ashley House: first Thursday of the month at 2.30pm.

Morning Prayers at 9am

Each Thursday at Portmoak Church New Room.

Each Friday at Orwell Church.

Messy Church meets in Portmoak Hall on **Saturday 22 October** from 4 - 6pm, on the theme of 'Harvest'.

Dates and events for your diary

- 2 Oct** Joint service in Orwell Church at 10.30am. No service at Portmoak Church.
- 4 Oct** The Guild meets in Orwell Hall at 7pm. Very Rev Dr Angus Morrison talks about his moderatorial year.
- 18 Oct** The Guild meets in Orwell Hall at 7pm.
Speaker from RSPB.
- 28 Oct** Oasis Ladies' Group meets in Portmoak Church New Room at 10.15am - 'Flower Arrangements' with Janice.
- 1 Nov** The Guild meets in Orwell Hall at 7pm. Project evening with speaker from Christian Aid.

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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.



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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. 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.

Tuesdays

(1st & 3rd of the month) 12.30pm Open, simple soup lunch, led meditation and Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament. (Meeting Room).

(2nd, 4th & 5th of the month) 11am Informal Holy Communion service (Church).

Thursdays

10am for 10.15am Thursday Morning Study Group (please check venue details on our website).

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

Other special services and events will be advertised on our website.

October Services and Events

Sun 2 HARVEST SUNDAY

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Whole church Sung Eucharist.

Sun 9 PROPER 26

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 16 ST LUKESTIDE

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist with an invitation to Ministry of Healing.

Sun 23 GIFT SUNDAY

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Lay-led Service of the Word.

Sun 30 SEA SUNDAY

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist, Preacher: The Reverend Tim Tunley.

7.30pm All Soul's Eve: a recording of Faure's 'Requiem' by candlelight.

Everyone welcome at all services

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Church of Scotland (Charity number SC013157)

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Our church is a very warm and welcoming place situated in the Crook of Devon, a small village about 6 miles from Kinross. Come and join us, we would love to meet you.

Sunday Services at 9.45am. All are welcome.

October

Sun 2 9.15 - 9.30am A Time of Prayer.

9.45am Morning Worship. Join us for our All

Age Harvest Thanksgiving service followed by

Refreshments including bacon rolls and Traidcraft Stall.

Sun 9 9.45am Morning Worship.

Sun 16 9.45am Morning Worship.

Sun 23 9.45am Morning Worship.

Sun 30 9.45am Morning Worship.

Café Refresh

Every Thursday in the Church Hall, 2 - 4pm. Join us for a friendly blether with scrummy home baking, teas and coffees. *All are welcome.*

House group

Wednesday evenings 7pm. Please contact Debbie Hil for details, 01577 842268.

Parents/Carers and Toddlers Group

Friday 7 October at 9am in the Church Hall.

Film Evening

Friday 7 October 7.30 - 9.30pm in the Church Hall.

Please join us for the film, a cuppa and a blether and even some popcorn.

St James' R C Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Father Martin Pletts Telephone: 01577 863329

Mass times

Saturday Vigil 7.00pm

Sunday 9.30am

Weekday Masses

Monday 7.00pm

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10.00am

Please look out for information on other parish activities and any changes to weekday Mass times in the Sunday newsletter.

Kinross Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross

Website: www.kinrossgospelhall.info

Sunday 10.30am Breaking of Bread

12.15pm Sunday School

6.00pm Prayer Meeting

6.30pm Gospel Meeting

Monday 7.30pm Prayer Meeting

8.15pm Bible Study

Cleish Parish Church**Church of Scotland**

(Charity No: SC003168)

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Email: neil.maclure19@gmail.com Tel: 01577 864826Please visit our website: www.cleishchurch.org**Sunday Services** 11.15am**October**

Sun 2 11.15am **Harvest Thanksgiving**. All-age worship and Season of Giving. **Junior Church**.

Harvest Lunch served by the Guild in the Village Hall (in aid of Guild Projects). Traidcraft Stall.

Mon 3 3.15pm Cleish 'Messy Church' in Village Hall. All school-age children and their carers welcome.

Sun 9 11.15am Morning Worship.

Sun 16 11.15am Morning Worship.

Sun 23 11.15am Morning Worship. **Junior Church**.

Sun 30 11.15am Morning Worship.

7.15pm **Cleish & Fossoway Joint Choir Annual Concert**.

Mon 31 2pm **Cleish Guild - Fundraising Afternoon Tea**.

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WARDROPE – Jim and Arthur wish to convey their heartfelt gratitude to those relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy following the death of Robina (Ruby) Trotter, their mother, whether by telephone, card or in person and for attending the service at Perth Crematorium on Monday 22 August 2016 and her ashes interment at Kinross West Churchyard on Wednesday 24 August. They have also taken comfort from the way Rev. Alan Reid and Stewart Funeral Directors, Kinross, guided them through this sudden and unexpected tragic time in their lives.

BIRRELL – Alma, Michael, Gillian, Sarah and Valerie wish to thank sincerely all relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues of Robert's for their cards, letters and flowers received on their sad loss.

Special thanks to all who cared for Robert at Ninewells and PRI, Dr Sandra Smith, District nurses, Loch Leven Health Centre and Marie Curie nurse.

Thanks also to Rev. Alan Reid, and Rev. Margaret Michie for their visits and kind words at the service and to all those who attended the church and graveside. The sum of £1,118.07 was raised for Marie Curie. Special thanks to Jim Gibson for his tribute to Robert, which was greatly appreciated by all the family. Lastly, to Stewart Funeral Directors, Kinross, many thanks for your care and attention.

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Playgroups and Toddlers

Milnathort Babies & Toddlers

Orwell Church Hall, Milnathort
Friday 9.30am-11.15am

A relaxed and friendly group
Healthy snacks, tea & coffee
Children from birth to 3 years
(5 years if attending with younger sibling)
Great fun for the kids, mums, dads and carers!

PLACES NOW AVAILABLE!

To join in the fun
call 07745 804539
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Or find us on Facebook



GLENFARG BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We meet in the newly refurbished village hall, Greenbank Road, Glenfarg on Wednesdays, 9.30-11.30am.

Healthy snack for children, coffee/tea & biscuits for carer
Role play, jigsaws, physical toys and arts and crafts
Friendly support for all carers
First session free, £2 thereafter (£1 for additional children)

Contact Donna Smith on 07535 595430 or just come along!

LOCHLEVEN 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 Lynne Penny on babygaj@yahoo.com
or 07736 930923 for further details,
or find us on Facebook: Two's Club Kinross

PORTMOAK UNDER 5s

Portmoak Hall – between Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell (only 10 mins from Milnathort and Kinross)



We are a friendly and relaxed group welcoming children under 5 years and their parents/carers. 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 group!

Session times: Tues & Fri 9.45am – 11.30am.
Sessions are £2 per child (£1.50 for under 1s) and 50p for each additional child. A snack is provided.

For all queries please email
portmoakplaygroup@hotmail.com
or find us on Facebook

SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

21-23 Swansacre, Kinross
Kinross-shire Playgroup Association
Aka Swansacre Playgroup
Reg Scottish Charity No SC017748



Tel: 01577 862071 Mobile: 07592 392235

We provide a warm, friendly and stimulating environment in which children can learn and develop through play.

Playgroup: Children from age 2 years welcome.

Tue to Fri 9.05am - 11.50am

Inbetweeners: Mon 9.05 - 11.50am, optional Lunch Club afterwards. Children from the age of 3 years welcome.

Rising Fives: Tues & Wed 12.55pm - 3.10pm, optional Lunch Club beforehand. Complementary to preschool Nursery.

For availability or more information, please contact:

Lisa 07736 642070, enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com
or Playgroup on telephone numbers above.

Baby and Toddler Group – Thurs 12.45 - 2.45pm

Unfortunately this group is not on at present as there is no one to run it. Should anyone wish to volunteer to start the group up again, please contact Swansacre Playgroup.

The premises are available to hire for Private Functions. For more information, please contact Louise on 07926 600 0657 or the Playgroup on 07592 392235.

LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Session times (term time only)

Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.15, Fridays 9.30 - 11.15

Contact Debbie Kennedy 07545 339494,
debileighs@hotmail.com

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.

MONTGOMERY TODDLERS

Every Thursday 9.30am to 11am (term-time only)

The Gospel Hall, Montgomery Street, Kinross.

Contact Christina Smith 01577 840733 or 07792 260509

FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

Glenbank Cottage, Powmill



Partner-provider for P&K Education

Places available for 3-5-year-olds and Rising Fives

Sessions 9.30am - 12.45pm Monday - Thursday,
9.30am - 12.30pm Fridays

Contact Pat Irvine 07703 177766 or
www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross

Private Nurseries and Childcare

For private nurseries and childcare services, please see advertisements throughout the Newsletter.

To inform the Newsletter of any changes to Playgroup information, please send an email to: editor@kinrossnewsletter.org

Notices



Powmill Quilters Exhibition

Saturday 1 October

10am - 4pm

Moubray Hall, Main Street, Powmill FK14 7NW
(parking behind hall)

Entrance Fee £2 Refreshments for sale Sales Table

RAFFLE QUILT - tickets available at the exhibition - £1 each

All proceeds to Stroke Association/Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia UK

Hill of Tarvit Plant Sale and Autumn Fair

Hill of Tarvit, Cupar, KY15 5PB

National Trust for Scotland

Sunday 2 October

10.30am - 4pm

Admission to plant sale: £2.50 (children under 16 free). All proceeds to Scotland's Gardens Scheme beneficiaries.

A fantastic opportunity to purchase bare root and potted plants from an enormous selection. NTS also welcomes donations of plants prior to the sale and on the day.

House open at reduced entry fee, 1pm-5pm.

Garden Tearoom open 11am-5pm. Gardens designed by Robert Lorimer will be open (normal entrance fee applies).

The Thursday Group

This is a women's group meeting on the first Thursday of the month in the lower hall of the Church Centre at 7.30pm New members welcome. Contact 01577 863421.

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| 6 Oct | A Summer on Ice. Sean Bolton. |
| 3 Nov | How to Make a Holly Wreath. Marion McAvoy. |
| 1 Dec | Christmas Meal. |

Glenfarg Village Folk Club

The club meets at "Backstage at the Green",

Green Hotel, Kinross, on Mondays

Doors open 7.30pm Music starts 8pm

For more info, see: www.glenfargfolkclub.com

3 October: Open Stage, featuring four different acts. Tonight's performers are Faramach, Maggie Holland, Chris Sear with Gill Halliday and Adam Nosal. A varied programme. Members £6, non-members £9.

10 October: Bram Taylor. An experienced artiste with a wonderful, distinctive voice, Bram will entertain us with his relaxed manner and brilliant stage presence. Members £6, non-members £9.

17 October: Singaround. **NB: Venue is Loch Leven Suite, not Backstage.** "Colours" is the theme as Autumn brings wonderful changes to our countryside. All £3.

24 October: Top Floor Taivers. A quartet of young, multi-talented ladies who perform traditional and contemporary songs and tunes. They are award-winning Claire Hastings as lead vocalist, Tina Jordan Rees on piano, Grainne Brady on fiddle, and Heather Downie on clarsach. Members £6, non-members £9.

31 October: Fraser Nimmo; Coaltown Daisies. Fraser is a fine singer-songwriter, guitarist and old-school entertainer. Lynzy Moutter and Vivienne Bern provide a high energy performance and everyone will leave tonight with a smile on their face. Check out their brilliant zany website! Members £6, non-members £9.

Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com

www.foundationscotland.org.uk

KINROSS HUB THE CARERS CAFE

**Monday 3rd
October 2016**

**Scarf (Energy Talk)
(Andy Little)**

COMMENCING 10.15am PROMPT

The hub cafe is an informal meeting place to chat over a cuppa with other carers, cared for and family members.



LOCHLEVEN COMMUNITY CAMPUS
KINROSS
1st MONDAY of EVERY MONTH
10am-12noon



Contact Gail Boath

Tel. 01577 867306

Or Annette Bond

01738 567076



Music in Dollar

Season 2016 - 2017

All concerts are at the Gibson Hall, Dollar Academy. Ticket prices are £10 for non-members, with discounts for members and season ticket holders with free entry to anyone in full-time education.

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| Sat 8 Oct | 7.30pm. WILDINGS - a colourful blend of new and traditional Scottish music. |
| Sat 12 Nov | 7.30pm. SCOZZESI - male quartet. Songs from the worlds of opera, operetta and the shows. |
| Sun 29 Jan | 3.00pm. CUILLIN SOUND - flute, clarinet and bassoon. Including music performed to silent movies showing life in the Hebrides almost 100 years ago. |
| Sat 25 Feb | 7.30pm. RUISI STRING QUINTET - violins, viola and cello. Classical music by an award-winning quartet. |
| Sat 11 Mar | 7.30pm. POMEGRANATE PIANO TRIO - piano, violin and cello. Varied programme, including pieces by Beethoven and Rachmaninov. |

Music in Dollar is a not-for-profit organisation run by volunteers. For more information about Music in Dollar, or any of the artists performing in the new season, visit www.musicindollar.org.uk

The Gaelic Society of Perth

The Gaelic Society of Perth will hold their October Ceilidh at St. Matthew's Church Hall, Tay St., Perth, on **Friday 28 October at 7.30pm**. Come and hear some great Gaelic singers and instrumentalists. Janet and Mairead MacSween and John Howie, the Mod Gold Medallist, will all sing while Kathryn Speight will play the fiddle. Admission is £5 for Members and £6 for Non-Members - for an evening's entertainment plus refreshments!

Further information can be obtained from the Secretary on 01577 864589.

Also Gaelic Day in Kinross-shire run by Gaelic In Perthshire on 29 October - all day at the Loch Leven Community Campus with a concert in the evening at Milnathort Town Hall with Maeve Mackinnon and guests. A day of Gaelic language and culture - come and see what it is all about!

Kinross-shire Historical Society

Meetings are held at Kinross Parish Church, Station Road, Kinross, at 7.30pm. Membership entitles free entry to all six talks of the season. Membership: Adult £6; Senior £5; U18 free. Visitors: £2 per talk.



Programme for Season 2016-17

- 17 Oct** *In Argyll. Willie Shand.* A photographic visit to Argyll with a fine mix of history, tales and legends.
- 21 Nov** *Big Stories, Wee Places. Dr Nicola Cowmeadow.* The film about Kinross-shire and the background to filming it.
- 12 Dec** *A Scotsman in Monte Carlo. Prof David Munro MBE.* David Munro traces the origin of Scotland's links with the Principality of Monaco.
- 16 Jan** *Loch Leven: The Fishery Past and Present. Willie Wilson.* How Loch Leven has performed through some difficult environmental phases.
- 20 Feb** *Missing in Borneo. George Sutherland CA FCMI.* The discovery, investigation and identification of a historically important wartime aircraft wreck.
- 20 Mar** *The Way of the Wanderers. Jess Smith.* Travelling people, a guide to their origins and history in Scotland.

See also Historical Society news on page 59.

Carnbo Rural Coffee Morning

Saturday 22 October

10am – 12 noon at Carnbo Hall

Bottle stall, Cake & Candy, Sales Table

All welcome

The Combined Choir of Cleish and Fossoway Churches and Friends

ANNUAL CONCERT

An evening of choral favourites including

Haydn 'Nelson Mass'

Sunday 30 October

at 7.30pm

in Cleish Church

Tickets £5

(Available from choir members or at the door)



Cleish Guild

invite you to

Afternoon Tea in Cleish Village Hall

Monday 31 October

2 - 4pm

Guest Speaker: Dr. David Munro
'South with Shackleton'

The story of the explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton in this the 100th anniversary year of his epic escape after the sinking of the Endurance in Antarctica.

Bring & Buy Stall £4

All proceeds to Guild Projects
(Cleish Church Charity No: 003168)



Business Breakfasts

Open to all Kinross-shire Businesses

Local networking at its best

Kinross-shire Partnership is hosting another season of our highly successful Business Breakfasts at Loch Leven's Larder. It's a great opportunity for local businesses to meet each other, share business goals and talk about issues that affect us all. Please do come along, everyone is welcome whatever size your business.

October's business breakfast is being held on

Wednesday 5 October from 7.30am to 9am

at Loch Leven's Larder. We will be joined by the Kinross Fairtrade Group who will be talking about the campaign to make Kinross-shire a Fairtrade Zone. The talk will last for about 10 minutes and there will then be a brief Q&A session. Everyone will have the opportunity to introduce their business and explain what they hope to achieve across the autumn and winter season. Please bring your business cards and any brochures you wish to display.

The cost for listening to an interesting speaker, networking and enjoying a full Scottish breakfast, in beautiful surroundings is £15 per person or £10 for those who have joined the Partnership membership scheme. In response to feedback you can now choose whether to pay on-line in advance or by cash on the day - further details will be given when you book your place.

To book your place at one or more of the Breakfasts please email

Karen Grunwell, Kinross-shire Partnership Administrator at mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk

You can see more information about the work of Kinross-shire Partnership at:

www.kinrosspartnership.org.uk

www.visitlochleven.org

www.facebook.com/visitlochleven

www.twitter.com/VisitLochLeven



Skeins & Bobbins Primary Knitting Classes

120 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8DA

The knitting classes are aimed at the 8+ age group and follow a structured programme throughout the block. Suitable for complete beginners and improvers. All children work within their capabilities and we aim to provide a fun learning environment. Each child will knit and complete a project. Knitting improves concentration, dexterity and motor skills and gives a sense of achievement. Classes cost £4 per session (discount if paid in advance) and children attend either on a Tuesday or a Thursday 3.30 – 4.15pm. Places are limited.

Autumn-Winter Term 2016

Tuesdays:

25 Oct, 1, 8 & 15 Nov, break week, 29 Nov, 6 & 13 Dec

Thursdays:

27 Oct, 3, 10 & 17 Nov, break week, 1, 8 & 15 Dec

To book a place, please call into the shop or phone 01577

208107 or email: skeinsandbobbins@outlook.com

PVG Scheme Membership



TICKETS £5
INCLUDES
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Ladies NIGHT
FRIDAY 11TH NOV
PORTMOAK HALL
7 - 11PM

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TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM PORTMOAK PRIMARY OR KINNESSWOOD SHOP
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Floral Art Club

Thursday 27 October

Kinross Parish Church at 7.15pm

"A Fruitful Cellar" by Mrs Jane Gordon

Members and visitors welcome



Are you living with a long-term health condition?

We are a charity supporting those living with a long-term health condition in Perth & Kinross. We help people improve the quality of their lives and well being by providing information and running regular self-management courses, workshops and peer support groups.

One of our peer support groups is based in Kinross in the meeting room of St Paul's Church, Muirs. This runs on the first Thursday of every month, 1.30-3.30pm.

If you would like to come along and connect with others who understand the challenges of living with a condition, learn how to make positive changes to your life and have access to useful information, then please contact us for an informal chat.

All of our services are confidential, free and designed to be flexible depending on individual and community need.

Find us at:

Perth Business Centre/NCOC, 28 Glasgow Road, Perth, PH2 0NX

Tel: 01738440099. Email: Info@positive-choices.org.uk

We are a registered Scottish Charity SC031076

Empowering Lives, Improving Health

Looking for Contact Details?

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

Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support



Potager Garden, Bowton Road, Kinross

10.30am – 12 noon

Saturday 1 October

Raffle Plant Sales Garden advice available

Donations of raffle prizes or baking welcome



Circle Dancing



Fun and easy! Free taster class!

No partner or experience needed.

Steps are taught for all dances.

Every Tuesday (in term time) 10.30am - 12.30pm

£4 per session with free refreshments.

Beginners' Class

Every Wednesday (in term time) 10am - 11am

£3 per session.

Both classes take place at Millbridge Hall, Kinross.

For more information, contact Lynne Barlow, telephone

01259 742173 or email lynne244@btinternet.com



SMART Recovery

and Management Training Meeting

Open Meeting – all welcome

SMART Recovery will help you manage your recovery from any type of addictive behaviour including substances such as alcohol, nicotine or drugs, or compulsive behaviours such as gambling, eating, shopping, self-harming etc.

SMART Recovery will help you decide if you have a problem and how to manage it.

SMART Recovery 4-point programme:

- Building and maintaining motivation
- Coping with urges
- Managing thoughts, feelings and behaviours
- Living a balanced life

Held at: Millbridge Hall, Old Causeway, Kinross KY13 8DW

Tuesdays, 2pm till 4pm.

For more information, contact Richard on 01738 451594.

Milnathort & Kinross

Scottish Country Dancing Class

every Wednesday

at 7.30pm in Milnathort Town Hall

New Season started on 21 September 2016

New and Past Members welcome

For more information, contact Helen on 01577 861349 or

visit our website: milnathortcountrydancingblogspot.com

Kinross Meditation Group

7pm – 8pm Fridays

Meditation starts at 7.15pm, tea and coffee after

The Hall, St Paul's Church, The Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AY

Providing a space for quiet reflection, mindfulness and relaxation. This non-religious meditation group is open to all and aims to provide a safe environment to share and explore the many benefits of meditation. If you would like to learn meditative techniques and practise in a small friendly group, then please come and join us or get in touch. Starting at beginners level, no previous experience or skills required, just the willingness to learn together in calm and supportive reflectiveness.

Casual enquiries welcomed. For further information please contact us via our Facebook page (search Kinross Meditation Group) or call Naomi on 07515 271272.

No fees, though small contributions to cover cost of hall hire are welcomed.

Notices



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 or telephone 0131 5240300

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

PLUS Perth

www.plusperth.co.uk
Tel: 01738 626242
77 Canal Street, Perth



PLUS is a member-led local charity and social movement which gives hope and opportunity to those affected by disadvantage; in the main to those with experience of mental ill health and substance misuse.

The PLUS office is open Mon-Fri 9.30am – 4pm
for mental health signposting and enquiries.

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

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.



Blythswood Care collection in Perth

The charity Blythswood Care is no longer uplifting donations of second hand items in Kinross. The nearest uplift is in Perth, at Asda on Dunkeld Road. There will be collections there on the following Tuesdays, from 11.30am until 1.30pm:

4 October, 8 November, 6 December

Blythswood Care welcomes donations of: clothes, shoes, books, toys, blankets, bric à brac and small items of furniture. All soft furnishing must have a fire label with BS code BS7177 attached.

Regretfully Blythswood **cannot** accept: prams, pushchairs, highchairs, car seats, bikes, carpets, duvets, coat hangers, gas appliances, TVs, computer monitors, exercise equipment, wall units, electrical items and video cassettes.

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre

based in the centre of Perth

Offers free, confidential, non-judgemental advice and support to anyone facing a pregnancy related crisis.

In a safe, secure environment we aim to assist women (or couples) in making their own informed decisions about their future and support them through the process if they require it.

We offer confidential advice, free pregnancy testing, pregnancy crisis and miscarriage support, adoption advice and counselling for post abortion stress.

The office is open 10am to 2pm Monday to Friday and outwith those hours can be contacted on the office number 01738 621174.

On-line support and information can be obtained from our website www.hopepregnancy.co.uk

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre
40 St John Street, Perth, PH1 5SP
www.hopepregnancy.co.uk
email: hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com
Helpline 01738 621174
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.

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.

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.



Newsletter Deadlines 2016

Please note, deadlines are on a **FRIDAY**. More deadlines for the months ahead can be found on our website.

In very rare circumstances it may be necessary to change a deadline at short notice. Check Newsletter website for latest information:

www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
November	Fri 14 October	Saturday 29 October
December	Fri 18 November	Saturday 3 December



THE TALKING DONKEY

Every Friday 11am – 2pm
@ The Millbridge Hall

For further information, or if you want to be involved please ring 07766 515 950 or 07771 696 830

The Cafe where everything is **FREE!**

🍲 Soups 🍲

🥪 Snacks 🥪

☕ Hot Drinks ☕

🥤 Cold Drinks 🥤

🍲 Home-cooked lunches 🍲

All brought to your table by our friendly staff

The Talking Donkey is a Christian venture so there will always be people on hand to offer

Prayer For Any Need



Multiple Sclerosis Society Scotland

Perth & Kinross Branch of the MS Society are calling anyone affected by MS to come along to The Green Hotel, Kinross on the third Tuesday of every month from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Come along for a blether, a cuppa or just to get out of the house! Family, friends and carers are welcome too. For further information, please contact the Branch on 07552 368216, perthkinross@mssociety.org.uk or check out our website www.perth-kinross.org.uk or find us on Facebook: MS Society Perth&Kinross Branch.



Perth & Kinross School Term Dates 2016-17

Term	Start	End
Autumn	Tue 16 Aug 2016	Fri 7 Oct 2016
Winter	Mon 24 Oct 2016	Fri 23 Dec 2016
Spring	Mon 9 Jan 2017	Fri 31 Mar 2017
Summer	Wed 19 Apr 2017	Thu 29 Jun 2017

Holidays and In-Service Days:

Autumn holiday:	Mon 10 Oct – Fri 21 Oct 2016
In-Service days:	Thu 17 Nov and Fri 18 Nov 2016
Christmas holiday:	Mon 26 Dec 2016 – Fri 6 Jan 2017
In-Service and occasional holidays:	Wed 15 Feb – Fri 17 Feb 2017
Spring holiday:	Mon 3 Apr – Mon 17 Apr 2017 (Easter Sunday is 16 April 2017)
In-Service day:	Tue 18 Apr 2017
May Day holiday:	Mon 1 May 2017 (tbc)

Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers
Linda Freeman
Tel 01577 865045. Email: linda.freeman_64@btinternet.com

Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

Outreach Advice Surgery

The Kinross surgery is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at St Paul's Church Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

The next visits are: **11 and 25 October**

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.

Benefits Advice in Libraries (BAIL)

Benefits specialist Sarah MacLean is available at Loch Leven Community Campus to provide advice on all benefit related issues. Alongside general benefits advice, Sarah can help with: completing forms (including online), conducting checks to see if clients are receiving everything they are entitled to, and providing advice and support where an application is refused or awarded at a lower level than expected.

Sarah is available **by appointment only**. Appointments are usually offered on Wednesdays and Thursdays. To make an appointment, call 01738 450599 or email Andrew Scobie (benefits and debt administration) using the following: Andrew.Scobie@Perthcab.casonline.org.uk

Debt and Money Advice Service

Perth CAB has a team of specialist debt advisers. Advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent. To talk to a specialist debt adviser call 01738 450590 or email David Ogston (senior debt adviser) using the following email address: David.Ogston@Perthcab.casonline.org.uk

Scottish Mining Trust Holidays

Blair Castle, Culross

Charity number SC036188 Web: www.blaircastle.net

Subsidised holidays for retired miners and relatives

If you worked in the mining industry, or if you are related to a miner or someone who worked in the mining industry, you may be eligible for subsidised full bed and board holidays at Blair Castle in Culross.

Blair Castle is set in beautiful grounds with stunning views over the Forth Estuary. Excellent facilities: 28 well-appointed en-suite rooms, disabled accommodation, games room, quiet rooms, social lounges etc.

Call 01383 880307 or email charles@blaircastle.net to find out more and ask for an application form.

Find us on Facebook: Scottish Mining Trust Culross

Dollar Museum

Open from Easter to Christmas at the following times:

Saturdays 11am – 1pm and 2pm – 4.30pm
Sundays 2pm – 4.30pm

Access also possible by arrangement

Email: dollarmuseum@btconnect.com

Free entry. All welcome. Parking and disabled access.

1 High Street, Dollar, FK14 7AY

Mobile Post Office, Kinnesswood

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



Community Councils

Kinross: Secy: Mrs E Thomas (01577) 863714
KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Milnathort: Chair: David Baudains, davidpbaudains@gmail.com

Cleish & Blairadam: Secy: Patty Fraser (01577) 850253,
CleishCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Fossoway & District: Chair: Trudy Duffy-Wigman (01577) 840669,
fossoway.cc@gmail.com

Portmoak: Chair: Malcolm Strang Steel (01592) 840459,
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Mobile Library Service

Visiting on Tuesdays 11 & 25 October:

Milnathort	South Street	1215-1300
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Visiting every Tuesday

Glenfarg	Main Street	1130-1300
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Visiting on Wednesdays 5 & 19 October:

Powmill	Mill Gardens	0930-0950
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Fossoway Pre-school	Powmill	0955-1020
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Kinnesswood	Shop	1050-1120
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Portmoak	Community Hall	1125-1140
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Scotlandwell	Leslie Road	1145-1205
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Hatchbank	Road	1220-1240
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Cleish	Phone Box	1400-1415
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Crook of Devon	Inn, Main Street	1430-1530
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Carnbo	Main Road	1540-1610
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Milnathort	South Road	1620-1650
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(Mon to Fri, 8am-6pm)

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(Roads, flooding, environmental health and dangerous buildings)

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Registrar Tel: 01577 867133

The Registrar is normally in Kinross only on Tuesdays and Fridays at the Loch Leven Community Campus

Looking for a venue that can tick all the boxes?

Crook of Devon Village Hall

- ✓ **Space** We can seat up to 100 for a formal meal; 120 for meetings, theatrical performance, talent shows; 80-90 for discos, family gatherings, community events. We can even accommodate bouncy castles for that "all weather" children's party.
- ✓ **Car Parking** - ample parking for the hall.
- ✓ **Catering** - Kitchen with oven, dishwasher and microwave, plus a great serving area.
- ✓ **Stage** and back stage area for performances, costume changes, etc.
- ✓ Plus the usual facilities - toilets, disabled toilets, changing areas.
- ✓ We also offer chair and table rental for functions at home.
- ✓ **Weekly bookings** taken for activities, e.g. yoga, ballet, fitness classes, badminton, youth clubs.



For all hall bookings and enquiries, including our **special block booking rates**, please contact Jean on 01577 840543 or jeanshearer630@btinternet.com

Enquire

Are you looking for information about your child's rights to support in School?

If so, contact **Enquire**, the national advice and information service for additional support for learning.

Enquire offer: a confidential telephone helpline and online enquiry service, practical guides, fact sheets and newsletters, helpful materials for children and young people with additional support needs.

For more information contact: tel 0845 123 2303

Website: www.enquire.org.uk

Enquire is funded by the Scottish Government and managed by Children in Scotland



Welcome to the Kinross-shire Volunteer Information Point

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

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

If you would like to promote your **Organisations Volunteering Opportunities** please hand your information into reception for attention of: Tracey Ramsay (Community Capacity Building Worker)

Blank profiles are also available for your use if required. These are in the organisation folder at the VIP alternatively follow this link: www.pk.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@pk.gov.uk

La Leche League meetings in Kinross ...

First Thursday of the month, 10am – 12 noon



LA LECHE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL

St Paul's Church Meeting Room, The Muirs, Kinross

- Friendly, relaxed mum-to-mum breastfeeding support and chat.
- Informal chat and an interesting group discussion.
- Plenty of time for answering your questions.

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

For more details, contact:

Hannah Dalgety (LLL Leader, Kinross) 07886 859461

www.lll-fife-tayside.co.uk

Find us on Facebook: La Leche League Fife and Tayside

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 284 High Street, Perth.

Bike Station opening hours: Monday to Saturday, 10.30am to 4.30pm and late opening to 8pm on Wednesdays.

Weekly bike sales at Perth premises.

Tel: 01738 444430. Email: perth@thebikestation.org.uk

Website: www.thebikestation.org.uk

Children's Hospice Association Scotland

Volunteer Drivers and Drivers' Mate

We urgently require Volunteer Drivers and Drivers' Mates in Kinross. It's a busy role and no day is the same, however you will be rewarded by being part of a great team and will meet lots of new people!



Drivers for our shops will be 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.

Our Drivers' Mates are an essential support to our Drivers who will help with loading and unloading the van and support during deliveries. No driving licence required!

For further information, contact Sarah Stephen on 01577 864692 or email sarahstephen@chas.org.uk

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Film shows • Cards • Dominoes • Art Class
Daily Papers • Chiropody • Trips • Exercises

Weekly Programme for October

Monday	Exercise Class	11am	Bingo	1.30pm
	Scrabble, cards & other Games			1.15pm
	"Stride for Life" Walking Group			2pm
Tuesday	Relaxation Class	1.15pm	Games	1.15pm
	Singing group with Alex Cant		1.45pm	
Wednesday	Morning Worship	10.45am		
	Dominoes, Scrabble & other Games			1.30pm
	Fantastic Fun Quiz	1.30pm		
Thursday	Art Class	1.30pm	Film Afternoon	1.30pm
	Dominoes, Scrabble, cards etc		1.30pm	
	Balance & Strength Class		1.30pm	
Friday	Exercise Class		11am - 12pm	
	Dominoes, Games and Filmshow		1.30pm	
	Bingo		1.30pm	



Additional Events for October

Health & Wellbeing Information Point	Tuesday	4th	11am - 12pm
Sabres Concert	Tuesday	4th	1.30pm
Tai Chi	Wednesday	5th, 12th	1.30pm
Kinross Community Care Advice and Information	Wednesday	5th	11.30am - 12pm
Chiropody	Thursday	6th, 27th	9.45am - 1pm
			(phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)
Wear it pink (breast cancer awareness)	Friday	21st	1.30pm
Health and Wellbeing by Liveactive	Thursday	27th	all day
Library Visit	Thursday	27th	1.30pm
Hallowe'en Party	Monday	31st	1.30pm

The Day Centre will be CLOSED on Monday 3 October



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

Kinross Community Care Advice & Information

Financial and Welfare Rights
Occupational Therapy Accessing Services
Community Alarms Apetito Meals

Kinross Day Centre

every month, 11.30am - 12 noon

Wed 5 October, Thu 3 November, Tue 6 December



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Perth & Kinross a
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P & K Fair Trade Zone Group



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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.

Situations Vacant

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

Part time taxi drivers, A2B Taxis, Kinross

2 part time drivers required for busy Kinross based taxi company. Must be smart, polite and reliable. Vacancy 1: Weekend only. Vacancy 2: Monday-Friday occasional shifts mainly sickness/holiday cover. Full UK driving licence essential. Anyone interested in this position should call Bruce on 07743332327.

Assistant Shop Manager, Pillars of Hercules, Strathmiglo Road, Falkland, KY15 7AD

Pillars of Hercules is an organic farm near Falkland with a busy cafe and farm shop selling a wide range of organic foods. We require a confident person with previous retail management experience, good computer skills and the ability to acquire a solid stock knowledge. Your role would be supporting the manager with the running of the shop, ordering stock and generally developing the business. Knowledge of wholefoods would be an advantage. Hours are 40 per week over 5 days. Must be able to work weekends. Good hourly rate of pay on offer. Start date ASAP. To apply, CV with brief covering letter to post@pillars.co.uk.

Leisure Club Assistant, Green Hotel, The Windlestrae, Kinross

Reporting to the Health Club and Spa Manager, you will join our busy leisure club and become part of a successful team. You will need to ensure that all hotel guests and members of the leisure club are welcomed in a friendly manner and give them assistance during their stay. You'll be on reception, carrying out pool tests, keeping the leisure club clean and tidy.

Various duties and requirements of the post. 16 hours per week (shifts covering 7 days). Salary range £6.70 - £7.20 per hour. Apply initially with a CV please to LindsayRobertson@green-hotel.com.

Part time bookkeeper, Smartworks Chartered Accountants

Our client, who runs a number of local businesses is looking to employ a part-time bookkeeper for 3 mornings per week (15 hours).

Duties include posting sales and purchase invoices, bank reconciliation and payroll processing. Knowledge of the accounting software Xero would be helpful but not essential, as training will be given. This would suit an organised individual who is a competent and enthusiastic administrator.

Details and CV to info@smartworksca.co.uk

Conversation Café Tough Day?

What is the Conversation Café?

Informal 'get-togethers' for a positive chat about Wellbeing.

What are they for?

To get people speaking about Recovery and Wellbeing in all its many forms, looking at ways of moving forward, and sharing ideas and information.

Improving Health Breakdown Isolation Support Networks

Who are they for?

For everyone with an interest in improving their Wellbeing. These cafes support people moving forward on their recovery journey.

Where are they?

Every Tuesday, 6.50pm to 8.15pm,

Millbridge Hall, Old Causeway, Kinross, KY13 8DW

Contact Bryan Hill, 01738 474490 or 07771 541797 or

bhill@pkc.gov.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.

Provençal Cast Iron Gas Stove £215 ono

Cast iron gas stove with empty gas bottle and CO2 alarm.

Seller Details: Liz Flatt 07548 531013

Bosch Washing Machine £110

Very good condition.

Seller Details: Edna Burnett 01577 862977

ednaburnett@fsmail.net

Armchair and matching storage stool £100

Comfortable beige armchair, less than one year old and seldom used

Seller Details: Mike Thomson 01592 840353

mike.thomson3@yahoo.co.uk

Slow Cooker - 3 Litre Capacity £6

Tesco 3 Litre slow cooker, 180W, 3 Heat settings - used only a few times - in original box.

Seller Details: Rosalind Irving 01592 840359

rosalind_irving@yahoo.co.uk

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Publication Date: Saturday 9 November

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Publication Date: Saturday 29 November

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Map courtesy of the www.visitkinross.org

Funding Alert!

PKC regularly produces a huge list summarising funding opportunities for the voluntary sector. The list will be posted on www.kinross.cc or telephone the PKC grants helpline on 0345 60 52000.

If your organisation is seeking funds, look out for notices in the Newsletter for Kinross Community Council Newsletter Ltd Charitable Grants and the Kinross-shire Fund.

Diary for October

*A more extensive and regularly updated
Diary of Events can be found on www.kinross.cc*

Sat	1	Introduction to Birdwatching with RSPB	87
Sat	1	Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support at Potager Garden	97
Sat	1	Powmill Quilters Exhibition	95
Sun	2	Large rugby tournament at KGV (with parking implications)	77
Sun	2	Little Seedlings Club meets (Dobbies)	43
Sun	2	Apple Day with Portmoak Community Woodland group	43
Mon	3	Kinross Hub Café for Carers: talk on energy	95
Mon	3	Cleish and Blairadam CC meets	40
Mon	3	Kinross & District Rotary Club meets weekly	57
Mon	3	Glenfarg Village Folk Club meets weekly at the Green Hotel, Kinross	95
Tue	4	Kinross & District Art Club meets regularly	59
Tue	4	Fossoway and District CC meets	39
Wed	5	Business Breakfast , including talk on Fairtrade	96
Wed	5	Kinross CC meets	27
Thu	6	Fifty Plus Club meets	47
Thu	6	Dobbies Christmas Preview Evening, in support of Teenage Cancer Trust	43
Thu	6	Kinross Camera Club meets weekly	48
Thu	6	The Thursday Group: A Summer on Ice by Sean Bolton	95
Fri	7	Wellbeing Fair	8, 12
Sat	8	Family Bushcraft with RSPB	87
Sat	8	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: Local schools on holiday for two weeks	99
Sat	8	Portmoak Film Society: The Searchers	63
Sat	8	Kinross Golf Club end of season Dance	72
Sun	9	Kinross & Ochil Walking Group - walks throughout the month	48
Tue	11	Citizens Advice Bureau Kinross outreach service (also on 25th)	99
Tue	11	Portmoak CC meets	35
Tue	11	Christmas Crochet Course begins	60
Wed	12	Nature Tots with RSPB	87
Thu	13	Kinross Garden Group meets	47
Thu	13	Kinross-shire Time Exchange meeting (also on 27th)	48
Tue	13	Milnathort CC meets	31
Fri	14	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	1
Sun	16	Goose Watch with SNH	84
Mon-Fri	17-21	Woodland Warriors Holiday Club	87
Mon	17	Historical Society: Willie Shand illustrated talk on Argyll	59, 96
Tue	18	Kinross & District Rotary Club Breakfast Meeting	57
Wed	19	Dawn Goose Watch with RSPB	87
Thu	20	Ladies Circle New Members Night	58
Sat	22	Coffee Morning at Carnbo Hall	83, 96
Sat	22	Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair	60
Tue	25	Common Grounds project lunch	59
Tue	25	Kinross Tennis Club junior coaching block begins	81
Tue	25	Skeins and Bobbins Primary Knitting Classes begin	96
Thu	27	Floral Art Club: 'A Fruitful Cellar' by Mrs J Gordon	97
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Sat	29	Farmers' Market in Kinross	53
Sat	29	Latha Gàidhlig : Gaelic Day	53, 60
Sat	29	Halloween Lantern Walk at Tullibole Castle with Rotary Club	12, 57
Sat	29	Oidhche na Gàidhlig : an evening of Gaelic culture featuring Maeve Mackinnon	31, 53
Sun	30	Cleish and Fossoway Churches and Friends Annual Concert	96
Mon	31	Afternoon Tea at Cleish Village Hall with talk: South with Shackleton	96

**See also commercial adverts throughout the Newsletter for other events,
particularly in the run up to Christmas**