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## Editorial

### Poppy volunteers needed

In last month's issue, we published an appeal from Poppyscotland for a volunteer to take on organising the annual collection in the Kinross area. Just before going to press with the November issue, we received a message from the new organiser, Lynne Mckay, who said: "I've recently taken on being the area representative for the Kinross poppy appeal. My husband is a veteran with 22 years' service, so we know what a difference this appeal makes to lives.

"We will be collecting in **Dobbies** garden centre on **5/6 November**, **Sainsbury's** on **12 November** and on the **High Street** from **29 October**, as many days as we can. There are poppy tins and collection boxes in most participating shops now. We are very grateful to these lovely people.

"But... we are struggling with general volunteers. If anyone is able, even for as little as a half hour, to help, it would be appreciated."

If you would like to lend a hand with the poppy collection, please call Lynne on 01577 531076 or 07902 824106, or email [lynnemckay12@sky.com](mailto:lynnemckay12@sky.com).

### No January issue

A reminder to secretaries of local organisations: we do not publish a January Newsletter, so if there are any events in January that you wish to promote in the Newsletter, these would need to go in to the December issue (deadline: Friday 18 November).

### Note to Contributors

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

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### Abbreviations

PKC: Perth & Kinross Council

Cllr: Councillor

CC: Community Council

CCllr: Community Councillor

### About the Kinross Newsletter

The Newsletter has been informing and supporting the community for 39 years.

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

Any profits made by the Newsletter are given away to local good causes.

## Letters

### Earldom of Hopetoun

With reference to the Probus Club report on page 58 of the October 2016 issue, to clarify: the earldom was granted in 1703, when Charles Hope became 1st Earl. In 1903 John, 7th Earl, was elevated in peerage to Marquis with title of Linlithgow. (He sadly died just months later at the age of 48.)

Mrs Muir

The Sycamores

Muir, Kinross

### Response to letter on education by Elizabeth Smith

Scottish education's great strength is its inclusive and flexible system - comprehensive in the best sense - which "keeps doors open" right up to sixth year.

All children attend their local Primary school for seven years and transfer seamlessly to the Secondary with which there are close links. A broad choice of subjects and flexible "setting" by subject ensure that children have an education appropriate to their ability, age and stage throughout their development. This gives the greatest freedom and opportunity to learn.

In England, by contrast, children attend primary for only six years and then have to compete for places in a Secondary school. The stress caused to all pupils by the relentless competition/testing which 'closes doors' - and failure (or fear of it) is damaging to confidence and to the ability to learn.

Schools are an integral part of the community and in a democracy should be overseen by Local Authorities who are elected by the community, to serve the community, and are answerable to the community.

Education within schools is the responsibility of teachers who, in Scotland, are highly educated, well trained and skilled professionals.

Susan F G Forde

Causewayend

Main Street, Scotlandwell

### Kinross Young Wives Group 1970s

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## Elizabeth Smith MSP for Mid Scotland and Fife

In September, along with other MSPs, I was honoured to be named a Scottish Sporting Champion by the Scottish Sports Association. The SSA does a fantastic job in representing sports across the board with their membership ranging from the Scottish Football Association to the Scottish Aeromodellers Association.



Sport is central to our national psyche. Scotland's collective mood is regularly captured by the fortunes of what happens at Hampden or Murrayfield or, increasingly these days, following Glasgow 2014, many other sports. Therefore, getting it right at an elite and grassroots level is very important.

The benefits of playing sport are well known, but worth restating. Regular activity is not only good for your physical health, helping stave off inactivity related conditions, but also tremendously important for your mental health.

A recent study in the British Journal of Sports Medicine found that men and women who play golf tend to live longer. The ground-breaking research found that the benefits of golf increased as we get older. Helping improve balance and muscular endurance whilst also improving our cardiovascular health, golf covered almost every base. These physical benefits were also matched by psychological gains, with older people using the game to reduce the risk of depression, anxiety and dementia. Mark Twain's oft-quoted "Golf is a good walk spoiled" line has now been officially disproven.

As a result of these massive health and societal benefits, successive Scottish Governments have aimed to increase participation in sport. The legacy of the Commonwealth and Olympic Games has been focussed on driving up the number of those taking part. However, there are conflicting views on its success or lack thereof.

SportScotland statistics have shown that the overall number of people registered to sports clubs has risen from 706,764

to 768,212 since 2013/14. However, the Scottish Health Survey found that fewer children were doing more than the recommended 75 minutes of vigorous exercise per week since the Olympic torch was lit. Explaining these widely diverging results is difficult. One theory is that those who were already casually involved in sport have taken this interest more seriously and joined a club. My experience with cricket would appear to reflect this.

As President of the Scottish Women's Cricket Association, I am heavily involved in the grassroots game. Our role is to take the game to places it has never been. As a result, participation has increased by 17,000 in the past two years. Taking the sport to schools and encouraging youngsters and girls into the game has proven particularly successful. With this model in mind, it is clear that setting out good practice from an early age is important.

However, participation figures can be negatively impacted by parental safety concerns surrounding contact sport. Concussion in rugby is a particularly serious concern and I have raised this on several occasions with Nicola Sturgeon. Just last month I questioned her at FMQs on the creation of a standardised set of concussion guidelines. This is hugely important. Putting parents' minds to rest can help increase the number of youngsters taking part and I have encouraged the government to investigate this further.

Leading healthier lives will depend on our lifestyle choices. Sport is good for mind and body, but unless serious resources are devoted to coaches, playing fields and PE teachers, we will never shed our "sick man of Europe" tag. The challenge to the Scottish Government is clear and I would encourage them not to drop the ball.

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

**Elizabeth Smith MSP**

## Roseanna Cunningham MSP welcomes Age Scotland campaign

Age Scotland have launched a new campaign to encourage people to get active. The campaign, entitled *Let's get moving!*, is about encouraging older people to get active by telling the stories of what people from right across the country do to keep active. To get the ball rolling, Age Scotland launched the campaign at the Scottish Parliament and asked MSPs to say what they do to keep active.

Roseanna Cunningham, MSP for Perthshire South & Kinross-shire, said of the campaign:

"The benefits of even the simplest activity can never be overstated. Personally, I really enjoy walking and gardening and know that staying active is not about running marathons, it's as simple as getting out for a good walk. I commend Age Scotland for their campaign and wish them success in helping to get people active. A reduction in illnesses such as Type 2 diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure will not only be a benefit to public resources but will also help to improve the quality that people have in later life."

To find out more, visit [www.agescotland.org.uk](http://www.agescotland.org.uk)



Roseanna Cunningham MSP supporting Age Scotland's *Let's get moving!* campaign

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## Councillor Robertson

### Community Woodland, Burleigh

The paths through the community woodland at Burleigh were very overgrown so I asked if they could be cut back by people carrying out community service orders. This has now been done. The Community Payback team, led by Steve Bontrone of Perth & Kinross Council's Criminal Justice service, carried out the work early in October. They said that local people trying to use the paths thanked them for their efforts. They said they really appreciated these words of support. If you see things that could be done through the use of this team, please let me know.



### Speedwatch

I wrote earlier this year to the new Chief Constable of Police Scotland to ask him to consider relaunching the Community Speedwatch scheme, which was scrapped by his predecessor. He has now replied saying that he is actively looking at this scheme as a way of allowing communities to monitor traffic speeds.

The previous scheme was successfully trialled in Crook of Devon but was scrapped before it could be rolled out to other areas.

### Sunnypark Wood

Local residents were very concerned when some mature trees were felled in the Sunnypark Wood earlier this year. When I contacted the Council about this they said that the only way to protect the wood from future felling was to apply for a TPO (Tree Preservation Order) for the wood. This had to be done by the community council. This Kinross CC agreed to do. Perth & Kinross Council's planning department have now confirmed that they are putting a TPO in place to protect this important community asset. It is now illegal to remove or cut back any trees within the Sunnypark Wood without full planning consent.

### Junction 7, M90

With the granting of planning consent for 300 houses at Lathro Farm, I asked for a condition to be applied to the application that Persimmon Homes should help to fund the future upgrade of junction 7 on the M90. (When the 300 houses are built at Lathro it will put even more traffic pressure on the north of Kinross and on Springfield Road in particular.)

I was told that this was not possible as Transport Scotland would not support the upgrade of junction 7.

It was agreed, however, that Persimmon be asked to help fund improvements to the local road network and Springfield Road in particular. This has been added as a condition to their planning consent. Although welcome, this is not the best long-term solution for either Milnathort or Kinross.

**Councillor Willie Robertson**

## Church tower and clock restored

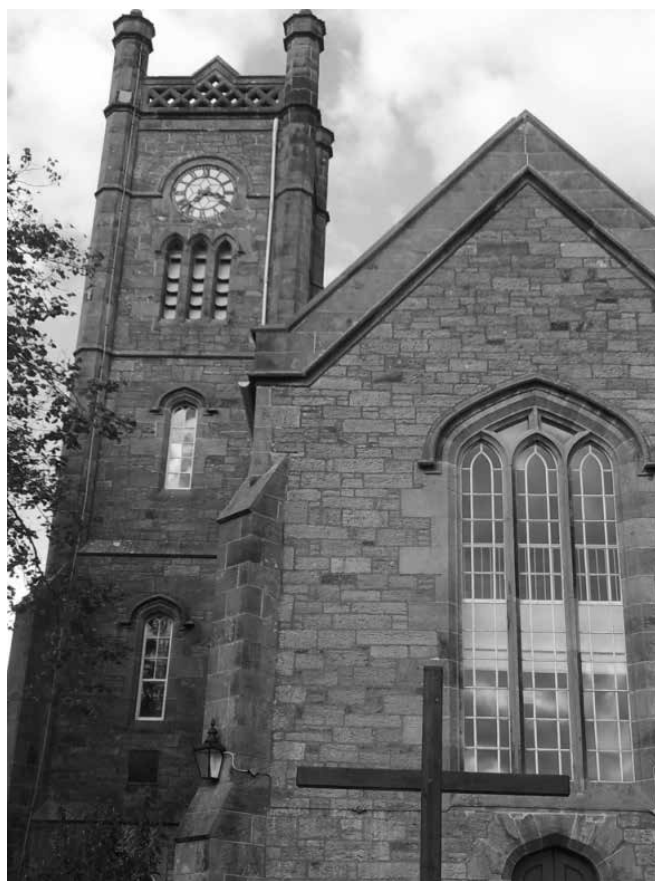
The public clock on the tower of Kinross Parish Church has been recently restored to full working order by the congregation, with generous help from the Arthur and Margaret Thomson Charitable Trust. Perth and Kinross Council maintain the day-to-day working of the clock but was not involved in the refurbishment.

Congregational Board member Gordon McFarlane said: "The church decided that the clock, dating from 1929 and in memory of local doctor David Oswald, merited restoration despite a price-tag of around £8,000, because of its importance to the wider community. That wider community benefit must have been recognised by both the Trust, which gave £5,112, and the Presbytery of Perth, which allowed us to retain £2,866 from our normal contribution to national church funds to help meet this special expense."

The clock was repaired by the specialist firm Smith of Derby Ltd.

The church tower is the highest building in Kinross and the four illuminated faces of the clock can be seen from all over the town. The masonry of the tower itself, with its elaborate top based on details from Cambridge's Kings College Chapel, was restored last year at a cost of around £25,000.

Kinross Parish Church dates from 1832 and was modernised internally in 2005. It is a Category B Listed Building.



*The restored clock at Kinross Parish Church*

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## Councillor Giacopazzi

### Kinnesswood & Scotlandwell Traffic Lights

If readers are surprised at the notion of traffic lights in these villages, then let me say, so am I.



The ball was set rolling by Portmoak CC's justified complaint about the problems caused by HGVs meeting head to head in the middle of the villages and the dangers posed by narrow pavements. The Council's Road Safety engineer worked up a scheme involving two-way traffic lights at Kinnesswood and three-way lights at Scotlandwell. Keeping my private misgivings to myself, I agreed that the scheme should go forward to the CC for discussion and public consultation. I feared that in the absence of residents making their voices heard, the scheme would go ahead by default.

I need have had no fears. The Portmoak CC meeting of 11 October was attended by seventy local folk. In my long years as a Community Councillor and now a Councillor, I'd never seen such a well-attended meeting; nor such a constructive one. The meeting was ably chaired by Malcolm Strang-Steel, who set a strict timeframe for questions and comments. Affected residents of Kinnesswood whose houses are on the main street gave accounts of damage to their properties occasioned by HGVs. Others spoke of the difficulties encountered by large vehicle meeting in the village, while some told of the narrowness of the pavements in both settlements.

Following an hour of discussion, the unanimous opinion of the public and of the Community Council was that the traffic light scheme represented a cure which was worse than the ill. Specifically:

1. Noise and pollution from vehicles waiting at 'red';
2. Incompatibility of traffic lights within a rural environment;
3. Increased traffic speeds through the villages;
4. Vehicles speeding up to 'beat the lights' on amber;
5. Longer journey times for local drivers crossing both villages;
6. 'Bunching' of traffic on the A91 when the lights turn green;
7. Difficulties for residents entering or exiting their driveways;
8. Long delays as the bin lorry collects waste;
9. Perceived threat to the future of the village shop and petrol station.

It was felt that, while the problem still needed to be addressed, it should be done in an incremental way with an emphasis on changing signage as far away as Kinross, to encourage drivers to make their journey to Fife using the M90 and the B9097 (lower Loch road). Other measures discussed included vehicle activated 'Slow Down' signs, 'gateway features' and speed limits. I have written to the Director of the Environment Service to convey the feeling of the meeting and to continue to seek more acceptable solutions to the problem.

I have now had a reply from the Director of the Environment Service agreeing that the scheme had 'certain downsides' and agreeing that Councillors should meet with officials to 'consider what might be other more proportionate and cost effective solutions'.

### What 'Brexit' means

Well, the politicians further up the tree tell me 'Brexit means Brexit'. It also means, according to the financial pundits, that growth in the UK economy next year will slow. The consequences for the **Council's Medium Financial Plan** were

discussed at the October meeting of the full Council which all Councillors must attend.

Now, what the plan looks at are the demands for extra Council spending brought on by the increase in older people and younger ones; we have an increase in both in Perth and Kinross. It also looks at inflationary pressures and any reduction in its block grant from Holyrood, which is precisely what the public sector expects now. Of course, as it is expected that the Scottish NHS and Police Scotland's budgets will be 'ring fenced', cuts will fall more heavily on Scotland's 32 Councils. By how much? The Council's Head of Finance thinks a 3% cut (£5,570,000) is likely for PKC.

So next month the **Budget Review Group (BRG)**, of which I am a member, sits for the first of ten meetings to discuss how to set the budget for 2017/18 in light of the expected reduction in funding. The BRG consists of the Council Leader, the Chief Executive, the Head of Finance, the three Heads of Service and four Administration Councillors. The reason I mention all this is because you, the residents of Kinross-shire, will, in some measure be affected. The Council must maintain spending on mandatory items e.g. teacher numbers, only cutting discretionary spending, such as grant funding to various bodies, the 'Third Sector'. On the one hand we face demands (for example) for increased subsidies on rural bus routes and to build more paths in the countryside while, on the other, our resources are reduced by central Government. Hey, ho, nobody said life was going to be easy.

### J7 of the M90 at Milnathort

As I've raised previously, there will be increased traffic through Kinross in future years as the 300 houses at Lathro and the houses at Pace Hill are built. To alleviate this, your Ward 8 Councillors will press for slip roads on the South side of Junction 7 at Milnathort. My letter to the Minister for Transport is shown here. I'm told by officials that it's a big ask but, if you don't ask, you won't get.

*Copy of letter to Humza Yousaf MSP, Minister for Transport*

Dear Minister

#### Junction 7, M90 Motorway, Milnathort

In 1970, when the M90 was being constructed, the Scottish Office did not proceed with the planned slip roads on the South side of the interchange, as an economy measure. As a result, drivers wishing to travel south towards Edinburgh from Milnathort, the A91 along the Clackmannanshire hillfoot towns or locations in Fife, must use the busy Junction 6 at Kinross. Equally, those heading north and wishing to travel or return to these destinations must do so again at Junction 6. In the past this was merely an inconvenience. However, as you will be acutely aware, there has been a significant growth in traffic levels since the early 1970's and this, in conjunction with the planned expansion of housing to the south of Milnathort, will greatly increase the volume of traffic from both the Perthshire and Fife geographies using inappropriate routes through Milnathort and Kinross to access the M90 at Junction 6.

I and my fellow Kinross-shire Councillors are united in the view that if we are to prevent the roads infrastructure of Kinross becoming saturated in the coming years, to the detriment of residents and road users, action must be taken to create southbound slip roads at Junction 7, Milnathort. We consider, as a group, this would not only satisfy local aspirations relating to improving journey times, helping to promote economic growth, improving connectivity between major routes and improving safety levels through reducing levels of through traffic on local roads but, also fits firmly with wider strategic transport objectives and national policy.

I look forward to your early reply on this matter.

Yours sincerely, Councillor Joe Giacopazzi

**Councillor Joe Giacopazzi**

## News from the Health Centre



The final Saturday flu clinic for 2016 is on **Saturday 12 November**. Appointments for any of the vaccinations below can be made for that date. If you or your children are eligible for one or more of these vaccinations please call Reception now on 01577 862112 to make an appointment. You do not need to wait for a letter of invitation.

### Influenza Vaccination

We would encourage all patients who are eligible for the flu vaccination to make an appointment if they have not already done so. Those eligible are those over 65 by 31 March 2017, those under 65 in one of the 'At Risk' groups, pregnant women, or carers.

### Childhood Flu Programme

GP practices are responsible for vaccinating children aged 2 to 5 years old. This is a nasal vaccine, not an injection. Children at primary school will receive the vaccine at school.

### Pneumococcal Vaccination

Patients aged 65 by 31 March 2017 are eligible for the pneumovax vaccination. This vaccination can be given at the same time as the flu vaccination. This is not an annual vaccination so only needs to be given once.

### Shingles Vaccination

The Shingles vaccine will be offered to those in the following age groups: those aged 70 on 1 September 2016 i.e. those born between 2 September 1945 and 1 September 1946 and those aged 76, 77 and 78 on 1 September 2016 i.e. those born between 2 September 1937 and 1 September 1940. Those who were eligible in previous years may still receive the vaccination unless they are now aged over 80. This vaccine can be administered at the same time as the flu vaccination so a separate appointment is not required. This vaccination is not an annual vaccination so only needs to be given once. When you book your appointment, please advise the Receptionist that you are eligible for the shingles vaccine as well as the flu vaccine.

## Bra recycling will help cancer research

Women in Perth and Kinross can now recycle their unwanted bras to raise vital funds for breast cancer research, while at the same time helping the environment by reducing the amount of material being sent to landfill.

New eye-catching pink bra banks have been installed at various recycling centres in the local authority area, including the Kinross Recycling Centre.

There are 32 Breast Cancer Now bra banks across Scotland. For every tonne of bras donated, £200 will go towards Breast Cancer Now's world-class research.

Through the partnership between councils and recycling specialists Nathan's Wastesavers, bras will either be upcycled into new materials - including carpets, purses and textiles - or start a new life on the other side of the world in developing countries.

## Kinross-shire Community Volunteer Awards

Partners from the Kinross-shire Community Learning and Development Group worked together with members of the community to organise the very first Kinross-shire Community Volunteer Awards event, which took place on Wednesday 28 September at Loch Leven Community Campus. The sub-group partners were from Time Exchange, Friends of Loch Leven Community Library, Broke Not Broken, PKAVS Volunteering Hub and Community Capacity Building (PKC).

The event was an astounding success and enjoyed by around 150 guests in attendance. The evening provided an excellent opportunity for the community to help celebrate with the many community volunteers to promote and showcase the breadth of excellent voluntary work that happens with Kinross-shire making it a Better Place To Live.

The event enabled the community to be involved in showing recognition to 25 individual volunteers and 11 community groups and organisations from the area. It was a celebration of achievement, which brought to life the fantastic voluntary work that people contribute their own time to make a difference locally.

Everyone has said what a fantastic night it was and hope there can be another event like it in the future. The sub-group will discuss this at the next meeting to see if this is possible; we have already thought perhaps every two years. If anyone is interested in sitting on the resourceful and volunteer sub-group, please get in touch with me to discuss.

Tracey Ramsay (Community Capacity Building Worker)  
Loch Leven Community Campus  
Muir, KY13 8FQ  
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I would like to take this opportunity to give a huge thank-you to:

- The Kinross-shire Community Learning and Development sub-group for all their hard work in making the evening a success.
- The Kinross Pipe Band young pipers who piped everyone through the door, which made the entrance extra special.
- Kinross-shire Partnership who donated £150. Thank you to them for helping with hospitality and certificates.
- PKAVS Third Sector & Volunteering Hubs for their contribution to the event expenses.
- Sainsbury's donated all the wine glasses.
- Also to everyone who supported the event and making it the success it was.

Tracey Ramsay  
Community Capacity Building Officer

For photographs of the Community Volunteer Awards Evening, see pages 12-13.

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## Lights Out By Nine & Dirt Road Blues

Come and enjoy a great concert by **Lights Out By Nine & Dirt Road Blues** on your doorstep on **Saturday 19 November** at the Community Campus! The show will feature a large part of their Edinburgh Fringe show performance "What the funk?" Lights Out By Nine will cover over five decades of sweet soul music, playing as many classic Soul and Funk tracks as possible. Fife based blues band **Dirt Road Blues** will kick the show off with some solid Blues & Boogie to get you warmed up. Tickets £12 and £10 concession available at Macbeth Currie Estate Agent & Solicitors (Kinross) and The Shire (deli in Milnathort) or [www.kleo.org.uk](http://www.kleo.org.uk)

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## Other events at the Festival:

- **'That Lovin' Feeling'** by Lucy Duffy and crew. **Friday 11 & Saturday 12 November**, 7pm, Community Campus. Tickets £7 and £5 concession. (See also p. 65.)
- **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 Billy Kirkwood, Viv Gee and Jay Lafferty and Vladimir McTavish. **Friday 18 November**. 8pm, Milnathort Town Hall. Tickets £10 and £8 concession. \* **STOP PRESS: Comedy Night SOLD OUT** \*
- **Choirs Together Concert. Sunday 20 November**, 7pm, Community Campus. Tickets £5 and £3 concession.

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



*Black Cat Jook Band*

## Festive Street Market and Light Up Kinross

The Festive Street Market will be a joint event again with Light Up Kinross on **Saturday 26 November**. The market will take place from 4pm until 7pm on Kinross High Street and the Light Up Kinross event will start at the market and will continue at 7pm. Like last year, there will be a great variety of stalls and entertainment!

We are looking for a lot of **volunteers** to help erect and dismantle stalls and do stewarding during the event. If you are interested in helping out, please let us know and e-mail [info@kleo.org.uk](mailto:info@kleo.org.uk)

For other KLEO activities, see page 47.





## Celebration of community volunteers

Around 150 people gathered at the community campus on 28 September for a celebration of those who give their time and skills to making a difference locally. Here are photographs of some of the groups or individuals who were recognised for their contribution to the community.

*See also article on page 8.*



These and other photographs can be found in the Photo Library on the community website [kinross.cc](http://kinross.cc)



## Celebration of community volunteers continued...



## Taste of farming for primary school pupils

Over 150 schoolchildren from the Kinross catchment area experienced a taste of farming in September thanks to a Food and Farming day set up by the Royal Highland Education Trust (RHET) Perth & Kinross and sponsored by the Scottish Government.

The Dawes Family kindly opened up the Hilton of Aldie farm gates for the event, which provided an educational experience for pupils by teaching them about elements of local farming and food production. The Dawes family are passionate about the subject and used to opening their farm to the public through Open Farm Sunday.

The day started with an excellent sheep dog demonstration from local farmer Alan Sim. Then pupils took part in six different workshops in line with the Scottish Curriculum for Excellence, from "milking" Daisy (RHET's life-size fibreglass cow) to handling a deer carcass.

The farmers-for-a-day also enjoyed spotting the queen bee in an observation hive, sorting potatoes, putting sheep through a handling system, making butter and playing spin-the-wheel to learn about the health benefits of red meat.

The animals on the farm were also a popular attraction, with Mickey the donkey, the pygmy goats and the five-day-old piglets amongst the favourites! Bron Wright, President of The Scottish Beekeepers' Association, said: "The hands-on approach provided by RHET gave the children a wonderful opportunity to experience close up, not only honey bees, but a variety of farm animals and farming practices too."

Alix Ritchie, RHET Perth and Kinross coordinator, explains: "Food & Farming Days provide an excellent

opportunity for children to learn about food production. I believe it is really important to teach children about where their food comes from and how it reaches their plates. The Food and Farming day wouldn't be possible without all of our volunteers and I am grateful to all of them, especially the Dawes family who hosted the event, for all their continued support in championing this cause."

*Rosemount Nursery School also visited Hilton of Aldie Farm recently. See p. 58.*



*Taking the classroom to the countryside: Arngask Primary School pupils learn about sheep farming and lamb production from Hilton of Aldie farmer Stuart Dawes and local RHET Volunteer farmer John Ritchie*

## Pupils enjoy science day with ASK

*Photos courtesy of Aero Space Kinross*

School pupils in Kinross enjoyed a thrilling flight-themed STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) day on 22 September organised by Aero Space Kinross (ASK).

The event for Kinross High School pupils and its seven feeder primary schools was sponsored by the Institute of Physics and supported by a raft of participants including St Andrews University, Glasgow Science Centre, Perth College, RAF, Vector Aerospace, British Gliding Association and The Scottish Gliding Centre.

Held at Loch Leven Community Campus with the full support of Kinross High School and its seven feeder primary schools, the event focused on the educational aspects of flight and astronomy, as well as providing children with a fun-filled day full of fascinating activities.



*Reaching for the stars! Counting down to blast-off in the rocket challenge*

From intriguing astronomy talks, to an inflatable planetarium, fast-paced wind tunnel experiments, a rocket challenge, teamwork sessions and a spectacular virtual glider simulator; the event provided children with an inspirational insight into the opportunities for learning and development within a flight-themed environment.

Sarah Brown, Headteacher, Kinross High School, said: "I am very grateful to Aero Space Kinross for providing a unique opportunity for our pupils to develop their skills for life, work and learning by working with STEM professionals as part of this event. Our pupils have enjoyed the day and have taken part in a wide range of practical and educational activities, based around the theme of flight."

*See also KHS report, page 52.*



Aero Space Kinross will be an iconic new family orientated aviation, astronomy and space flight centre in the heart of Scotland. It'll serve as an educational knowledge hub, visitor attraction and event venue, and ASK are currently seeking support in the creation of this uniquely themed centre.

Alisdair Stewart from ASK commented: "The STEM event was a foretaste of what we believe ASK can deliver for future generations. Our vision is receiving enthusiastic support from all quarters but we do not underestimate the challenge we face in achieving our goal of a permanent venue. Evidence of local support will be a vital component of our approach to funders and today's activities are an important step in that direction.

"While we work towards our longer-term plans, we will endeavour to find ways to deliver for the current generation. To that end I am delighted to announce the launch of a joint initiative between ASK and Kinross High School for pupils to build and subsequently fly an aeroplane."

For more information on ASK, see:

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



*The event focused on the educational aspects of flight and astronomy*





## Councillor Cuthbert

### Local Democracy at Work

I am a huge fan of local people having a say in what happens in their area.

I do my best to attend as many community council meetings as I can and often send documents on to them for their comment. A recent example of this was two concept drawings for Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell.

Portmoak CC, whose area includes Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell, raised the issue of pedestrian safety in the two villages with the four local councillors. Site visits were organised and officers were tasked with identifying potential solutions.

When drawings were submitted to us, we asked that they be shared with the community, so we could hear what people thought of them. These drawings came up at the recent Portmoak CC meeting which was attended by approximately 70 members of the public.

The proposal revolved around introducing traffic lights to both villages, thereby allowing the pavements to be widened. I was truly impressed at the debate which ensued; it was civilised, focussed and very well informed.

Whilst the concept of traffic lights was unanimously rejected by the meeting, I did come away with a plethora of ideas of smaller measures which could be implemented to help make the pavements in both Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell safer. They say that two brains are better than one; well in this case, 80 brains are even better.

### B9097 Route Action Plan

In this vein, on behalf of the four local members, I also recently circulated an Action Plan relating to the B9097, which runs from Blairingone past Vane Farm and Cleish to Drum. It is recognised as a fast road, with issues along it. Hopefully, this action plan will be discussed at the Community Council meetings in November and I would welcome as much feedback on the proposals as possible, so feel free to come along and give your views.



## Kinross and Earn Action Partnership

Finally, on this subject, and as mentioned in my previous articles for this Newsletter, five Action Partnerships have now been formed in Perth and Kinross.

These action partnerships have the task of identifying what the key priorities are in their respective areas for tackling inequalities and to create an Action Plan for dealing with them.

At the first meeting of the Kinross and Earn Action Partnership, we were asked three questions.

These were:

1. What is it like to live in the area?
2. What is working well?
3. What could be better?

Interestingly, the first two questions were answered fairly briefly. The third question on "what could be better?" raised 33 points, these being (in no particular order):

- Dissatisfaction with maintenance of council housing
- Affordable housing
- Stigma: Kinross a divided community (affluence)
- Empty buildings and sites lying unused
- Travel distance for specialist health services
- Disabled access
- Parking in Kinross
- Speeding
- Insufficient district nurse provision
- Education for less academic pupils
- Need for low-cost supermarkets
- Local Community Hub
- NHS/PKC engagement
- Activities and services for older people
- Footpath clearing and verge cutting at junctions
- More resources for Youth Work
- Commuters time poor for community work
- Adult Education
- Lack of venues and drop-ins for young people
- Campus facilities
- Links with other local authorities to support young people
- Wages for young people
- Low wage economy
- Footpaths linked up
- Safe cycle routes
- Better rural broadband
- Lack of local employment
- Cost of local and national transport
- Mental health provision
- Hospital services and ambulance times
- Home care services
- Timing of buses
- Planning decisions recognising local views

My understanding is that the Action Partnership will be asking for your views on this at a later date. However, I am interested in hearing what you think now.

So if you think there is something which was missed in the above list, please feel free to drop me an email on [dcuthbert@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:dcuthbert@pkc.gov.uk) and tell me about it.

**Councillor Dave Cuthbert**  
Independent Councillor for Kinross-shire

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## Councillor Barnacle

### Forward Planning

I and my fellow Ward Councillors met with Officers from Forward Planning in September to discuss the Main Issues Report consultation responses from Kinross-shire for Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2). The timetable for producing LDP2 has had to be revised. This is because Councillors cannot consider the proposed LDP2 until the next strategic development plan (Tayplan) has been examined by the Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals. The proposed LDP2 will not be considered by Elected Members until after the next Local Authority Elections and post the summer recess of 2017. This delay in the process will facilitate opportunity for further community consultations and I would particularly highlight the following:

### Parking

Council Officers are working on a draft parking survey for Kinross. If anyone has suggestions for land that could be used for additional parking, these would be welcome; not just in Kinross but other settlements also.

### Vision Statements

Local Elected Members would like to have these prepared for Kinross-shire settlements, especially a masterplan for Kinross and Milnathort that is long overdue. Forward planning say this will require significant resources to produce and will hold discussions on budgets etc with the Senior Management Team. In the meantime, the community might find the "Place Standard" tool interesting. (See [www.placestandard.scot](http://www.placestandard.scot))

### Potential for development in Fossoway

Housing at Blairingone – identifying a wide settlement boundary to include land to the south with a cap on 30 homes over the LDP period would give maximum flexibility for community and landowners.

Housing at Crook of Devon – a new housing development east of the village hall could assist with a roundabout at the A977/B9097 junction, which would be of community benefit, along with footway and crossing improvements, etc.

Rumbling Bridge – local Elected Members would like to see a pathway connection to the gorge alongside the northern edge of the Nursing Home, though to achieve this some roadside housing development may be necessary within an adjusted settlement boundary.



*Copy of an email sent to Brian Cargill and Daryl McKeown, PKC Roads*

Dear Brian and Daryl

I refer to two matters viz:

### 1. Pedestrian safety in Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell

Re your assessment on the above, presented to local members at our Ward meeting on 29 September; this was discussed at a packed meeting of residents at the Portmoak CC meeting on 11 October 2016. I would summarise from my notes the following:

- Almost universal opposition to traffic lights in either village
- Some scepticism as to whether or not build-outs are the answer, given sightlines
- Support for substantial village gateway entrances, along with consideration of 20mph speed limits along with "smiley" signs
- Consideration as to widening footpaths on one side of the road only, with a possible crossing point
- Changed priorities at Leslie Road junction in Scotlandwell
- Reconsider re-classification of the A911 and introduce signage that the road is unsuitable for HGV's, except for local access
- There was concern expressed that any scheme should not impact on the viability of the garage and shop in Kinnesswood

The presence of one of yourselves at the next CC meeting, when the B9097 action plan will also be discussed, could be helpful, if the CC agree?

### 2. A977 Speed Limit between Turfhill and Balado crossroads

As you are aware, both this stretch of road and the road between Scotlandwell and Auchmuirbridge receives repeated requests for speed limits, supported by local members, rejected by yourselves. I note your reply to Sandra Caldwell's email of the 4th instant re the A977. I wonder if you are aware that there are 3 **current** planning applications covering 26 houses on part of the West Balado site H51 in our LDP, along with 8 houses recently consented at Beaufield in Balado, that will double the size of the settlement, if approved (Case Officer, John Russell) so I suggest now is the right moment to re-examine your department's intransigence on this speed limit issue; in my view there is a strong argument for either a 40 or 50mph speed limit from west of Balado crossroads past the quarry exit and B road junction to the new Turfhill speed sign.

Kind regards

Councillor Mike Barnacle  
Independent Member for Kinross-shire

**Contact:** If any local resident wishes to get in touch with me about any of the issues mentioned above, please contact me using the details printed in this Newsletter (page 100.)

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

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### Hall Bookings

A list of halls and contact details can be found at  
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## Loch Leven Community Library

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### Regular Sessions for Young Children

No need to book, just come along:

#### Bookbug Rhymetimes

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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.

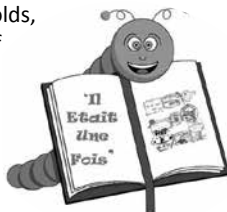
#### Stay and Play

Wednesdays 2.30-3.30pm. Thursdays 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.



#### IT Drop in Sessions



Need help with a specific task such as setting up an email account, completing online applications, using Microsoft Word, managing digital photographs?

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sessions may be just for you. **Thursday 3 November**, 2-4pm. Free session, but booking essential.

### CHRISTMAS BONANZA at THE SHOP AT THE GREEN

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### Book Groups at the Library

We currently have three book groups for adults running at Loch Leven Community Library.

**Crime book Group:** Once a month on a Tuesday evening, 6.45-7.45pm

**General Book Group:** Once a month on a Friday morning, 10.30-11.30am

**Café Book Group:** Once a month on a Saturday morning, 11.15am

### Book Week Scotland: Charlie, Meg and Me Friday 25 November, 7.30pm

Writer, photographer, and outdoor enthusiast, Gregor Ewing will be giving a colourful talk about his five hundred-mile walk following in the footsteps of Bonnie Prince Charlie after the Battle of Culloden when he was pursued through the Highlands and Islands of Scotland.

Accompanied by his collie, Meg, Gregor was the first person since the Prince himself to walk this route in its entirety.

Gregor spends much of his time walking Scotland's great trails, exploring remote countryside and simply running in the back country around his home.

Gregor's passion for the outdoors is matched only by his interest in history and he has spent his life in informal study of the events and people of Scotland's past. His two books, 'Charlie, Meg and Me' and 'Bruce, Meg and Me' reflect his interest in combining dramatic history with an adventurous outdoors experience.

Tickets for this **FREE** talk are available from the library or on Eventbrite via the library website (see header).

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



Gregor Ewing and Meg



### City of Culture soup recipe competition

PKC has launched a competition to find Perth's very own 'City of Culture' soup to celebrate the city's bid for cultural status. Using ingredients which represent and celebrate Perthshire produce, entrants to 'Zuppa! The Great Perthshire Soup Competition' must submit their own original recipes for judging.

The closing date for entries is 10 November 2016. For more information, visit: [www.perthcity.co.uk/zuppa](http://www.perthcity.co.uk/zuppa)

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## Inspirational Kinross-shire calendar

Kinross Parish Church has produced an A4 photo calendar for 2017 combining scenes of Kinross-shire with inspirational Bible quotes. This would make a wonderful Christmas gift (£6 plus 50p for envelope, if required).

The calendar is available from the Church Office, 10 Station Road (10am to 12 noon Monday to Friday) or telephone 01577 862570 or email [office@kinrossparishchurch.org](mailto:office@kinrossparishchurch.org)

The calendar will also be on sale at 'Christmas Crafts & Coffee' at Kinross Church Centre on Saturday 12 November. (See also p. 48.)



## Better Business Partnership: customer reviews now added

The PKC Trading Standards team have announced that the Perth Better Business Partnership (BBP) is now offering a feedback system to its members and their customers.

The Better Business Partnership is a trusted trader scheme operating in Perth and Kinross. It was created by Perth & Kinross Council, in partnership with Police Scotland, with the aim of helping traders comply with the law while improving consumer protection.

The feedback will be managed by Referenceline, who have provided reviews for a number of Trading Standards schemes throughout the UK for over ten years.

Businesses that are part of the BBP will register on the website. They can then invite their customers to leave feedback on their business.

To access the reviews left by customers, visit the webpage [www.referenceline.com/tradingstandards/perth](http://www.referenceline.com/tradingstandards/perth)

## Council staff return to city centre

PKC staff and elected members have returned to the Council headquarters at 2 High Street, Perth, following the building's extensive refurbishment.

The refurbishment was part of the Perth Office Programme, which aims to reduce the number of city centre offices occupied by the Council, saving money on leases and energy costs.

The majority of publicly accessed services in the city, including Council Tax payments, housing, licensing and parking, will continue to be provided at Pullar House, Kinnoull Street.

The privately leased Atrium was vacated in October and Blackfriars will be vacated by mid-December.

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## A Kinross-shire Men's Shed?

Men's Sheds are gaining in popularity in Scotland and are widely acknowledged as providing many benefits to those who attend and the communities in which they are situated.

The idea is part of Australian culture as well as many other countries where it has shown to improve Men's wellbeing and reduce isolation.

Men's Sheds are friendly environments that cater for men of all interests and serve as an important meeting place for men to socialise, share life experiences and skills.

Would you be interested in a Shed in Kinross-shire? A public meeting is being held at Loch Leven Community Campus at 7pm on **Thursday 10 November** to see some examples of other Men's Sheds – Carse of Gowrie – and discuss the way forward for the local area here.



## Roadworks: Leslie Road, Scotlandwell

For **one day**, on **2 November** to allow BT maintenance works, there will be no parking on both sides of the A911 Leslie Road from its junction with Bankfoot Park to its private access to the property known as Chapel House.

## Roadworks: South Street, Milnathort

In order to **construct a build-out**, a temporary traffic regulation order will apply to this road for **two weeks**, starting on **11 November 2016**.

The order will temporarily promote the suspension of parking and loading on both sides of the carriageway on the A922 South Street from its junction with Church Street to its junction with The Fairways.

## Roadworks: Cleish

**B9097 from A977 Crook of Devon to Mawmill Farm**

In order to undertake carriageway reconstruction works, a traffic regulation order will affect this road for **four weeks**, starting on **14 November**.

The order will prohibit vehicular traffic on the **B9097** from its junction with the A977 Crook of Devon to its junction with the private access to Mawmill Farm, a distance of 4.23 kilometres or thereby. Pedestrian and Emergency Vehicle access to premises will be maintained.

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## Cleish high-speed broadband one step closer

Residents in the Cleish area are being encouraged to register their support for a new high-speed broadband system. CleishNET, a small group of volunteers, is looking at the option of installing a closed wireless network which could bring speeds of up to 30Mbps and more to homes and businesses in the area.

CleishNET believes that a wireless solution provided by a specialist operator is the best option, but says that it can only happen if there is enough support from residents.

Neil Freshwater, who lives at Cockairney Feus and is involved with the project, said: "We hope to bring a service to Cleish which enables high-speed internet access. We have already seen the neighbouring exchanges of Kinross and Fossoway being upgraded to fibre while Cleish is left behind. Due to its small size of around 134 properties, and various technical issues, upgrading the Cleish Hills exchange is expensive and it is unlikely that anything will happen soon, despite government and BT targets nationally. So we've looked at what we can do ourselves and working with a local broadband provider to build a bespoke system seems to be the best current option." Community wireless broadband functions by using a very small receiver which is fitted to a property's exterior, creating a closed wireless connection to the nearest high-speed fibre mainline, instead of using cable from an exchange or cabinet. No phone line is needed and users can even operate their current house phone through the system. It is also expected that the monthly cost would be no more, or even less, than is currently being paid to the likes of BT.

Community councillor Fran Gillespie, who is also involved with CleishNET, added: "This is a real opportunity to bring fast broadband to Cleish sooner than people might think, but this is a community-led project which needs support from residents if it is to become a reality. Once we know that there is enough support in principle we can put together the detailed financial and logistic plans to get the ball rolling. This will also enable us to apply for a number of public grants that are available for such projects to help with installation costs." Not only would the new system help those on the Cleish Hills exchange, but CleishNET have said that those connected to nearby fibre exchanges, but still suffer slow speeds due to their rural location, could also benefit.

The registration survey and further information is available online at [www.cleishbroadband.weebly.com](http://www.cleishbroadband.weebly.com) or by contacting Neil on 01577 850321 or Fran on 01577 850248.

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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

18 Nov	End of Battle of the Somme
28 Nov	First German airplane raid on Britain

### Kinross-shire Roll of Honour November 1916

1 November	Thomas G Walker
13 November	James A Hay
27 November	William J Shearer

## Bogus workmen warning

PKC Trading Standards Service have had reports of bogus workmen cold calling at the doors of P&K residents offering to carry out various types of maintenance work, including gardening, on their properties.

Trading Standards strongly advise that residents DO NOT enter into contracts with people calling at their door. Often, once paid, the bogus workmen will disappear without doing any work. If they do carry out work it is often of very poor quality and costs the consumer even more to have the poor work rectified.

Often doorstep criminals prey on the most vulnerable people in society, often conning them out of thousands of pounds. To help particularly vulnerable residents, Trading Standards and Police Scotland run a Nominated Neighbour Scheme, where vulnerable residents do not have to interact with doorstep callers but direct them to a neighbour who will verify the callers' identity. Information can be found on the Police Scotland website or by calling 101 or the Councils' call centre on 01738 476476.

Residents can also protect themselves by putting a 'no cold calling' sticker on their door to try to deter the cold callers. Stickers can be obtained from the Council by contacting the call centre on 01738 476476

PKC Trading Standards' aim is to inform local residents about scams and bogus callers operating in the area.

If you have any information about scams and bogus callers please email Trading Standards at [tsintel@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:tsintel@pkc.gov.uk) with any details: scams, emails, lottery, doorstep callers, suspicious traders, vehicles used etc. Information provided, no matter how insignificant you may think it is, may assist current investigations and can provide essential intelligence. Unfortunately, this service no longer deals directly with consumer complaints or gives consumer advice. If you wish to make a complaint about a trader or wish consumer advice, this service is now provided by Citizens Advice Consumer Services 08454 04 05 06 [www.adviceguide.org.uk/scotland](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk/scotland) Follow Perth & Kinross Council at:

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# Police Box



## Recent Local Crime

Overnight on Thursday 22 September, the fishery lodge and storage shed at **Easter Balado Fisheries, Balado**, were the subject of a break in and property stolen.

Also overnight on 22 September, property including a generator, a tyre compressor and a strimmer were stolen from an insecure out building at **Meikle Seggie Farm, Milnathort**.

Sometime between 2pm and 6.30pm on Thursday 22 September, approximately 300kg of wheat was stolen from Arndean Farm, Blairhill, **Rumbling Bridge**.

Overnight on Monday 26 September, the rear number plate of silver Volkswagen Passat was stolen whilst it was parked in **Piper Row, Kinross**.

Between 9pm and 9.05pm on Tuesday 27 September, the Professionals Shop, **Kinross Golf Club**, Beeches Park, Kinross, was the subject of a break-in where a number of golf clubs were stolen. Police are particularly interested in tracing a male, approximately 5'8" tall, wearing all black clothing with a black hooded top and white writing across the front or back, who was seen to run from the shop at the time of the incident.

Overnight on Saturday 8 October a fence was vandalised at **Green Park, Kinross**. Ref: CR/027535/16.

Overnight on Sunday 9 October, a Skoda Roomster car in **Muir, Kinross**, was vandalised by having all four tyres slashed. Ref: CR/027599/16.

Between 11 and 14 October, the gate at the entrance to **Kinross House** was vandalised. Crime Ref: CR/027727/16.

Between 13 and 17 October, a flat was broken into in **High Street, Kinross**. Ref: CR/027962/16.

Overnight on 16 October a gate was vandalised at the waste water treatment plant near **Burleigh Sands, Kinross**. Ref: CR/027937/16.

Between 14 and 17 October, fuel was stolen from a road surfacing vehicle in **Greenbank Road, Glenfarg**. Ref: CR/027936/16.

Overnight on 17 October a car was vandalised in **Springfield Park, Kinross**. Ref: CR/28073/16.

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



## Incident Update

Police Scotland have announced that a 32-year-old male has been charged and a report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal in relation to a number of thefts and break-ins to premises that occurred between December 2015 and March 2016. The male is currently in custody and will appear at court at a later date.

The properties that were the subject of these crimes were: Almondbank Filling Station, Perth; Glendoick Garden Centre, Glencarse; G.S. Brown and Chestnut Tree, Glencarse; Brig Farm, Bridge of Earn; Heaven Scent, Milnathort and Inchmichael Garage, Errol.

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## Fairness Commission needs you!

A Fairness Commission has been established by the Perth and Kinross Community Planning Partnership to learn more about how people living in the area experience poverty and inequality in their everyday lives, and importantly, set out what needs to be done to ensure fairer futures for all.

If you'd like to find out more, or have something to share about poverty and inequality through either personal experience or observation, then contact the Commission by email on [fairerfutures@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:fairerfutures@pkc.gov.uk) or telephone 01738 476782.

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## Education Governance Review

The Scottish Government has launched a Governance Review of early years and schools education.

The review seeks views on questions such as who should take decisions on things that impact the education of our children and how funding for schools can be made fairer. It also asks about the support that teachers need to do their jobs and how this can be improved.

The Government wants to hear from every part of Scotland – from children, from parents, teachers, practitioners and the wider community. The review runs until 6 January 2017.

There will be an **Engagement Session** on **Tuesday 15 November**, 10am – 1pm, at the North Inch Community Campus. You can register for it at the webpage: [www.gov.scot/educationgovernancereview](http://www.gov.scot/educationgovernancereview)



# 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 October Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 5 October 2016 were: Cllrs B Freeman (Chair), E Thomas (Secretary), M Blyth, D Colliar, B Davies, I Jack and T Stewart. Cllr D MacKenzie joined the meeting during Planning. Also in attendance were: P&K Cllrs D Cuthbert and M Barnacle and four member of the public.

**Apologies:** Cllrs MacKenzie (arrived late, see above), J Bryson, M Scott and D West; and P&K Cllrs J Giacomazzi and W Robertson.

**Declarations of Interest:** None.

**Police Report:** No police present. Sgt Nicolson replied regarding cut out figures. A "Pop Up Bob" costs £190. She is checking data from other areas to see if these make a positive difference. The Area Commander's bulletins were noted.

**Hearing Loop:** No word back from PKC yet.

**Entertainment Licence consultation:** Cllr Cuthbert was told that Police, Fire, Planning and Environment Services are consulted and the applicant puts up a site notice for 21 days so any member of the public can object.

**Queen's tree:** Cllr Colliar reported on contact with PKC's Richard Brough, who offered PKC's services. Cllr Colliar will clarify whether PKC would meet the cost of supplying the trees.

**Action Partnership:** Cllr Cuthbert reported on a forum of Kinross-shire ward CCs held on 27 September. Cllr MacKenzie was chosen to represent them on the Action Partnership for Kinross-shire and Almond & Earn.

**Grass cutting at Burnbank:** Cllr Cuthbert thought the difference in cutting regimes between the north and south sides of the road may be due to different bodies carrying out the maintenance (Mitie and PKC).

**KHS pupil access to shops/litter:** The KHS head teacher had responded to the CC's query, saying: "Pupils at Kinross High School are expected to be on Campus during the school day. The only exception to this is if they are absent or have an appointment and have signed out of school. At break time pupils do not have permission to be off Campus and we have asked local retailers to support these arrangements. Pupils are free to make their own arrangements at lunch time and can freely leave the Campus at this time." Cllr Cuthbert

thought there was more litter in the Lathro area following the opening of the new convenience store. More bins are required. Cllr Davies pointed out that there is currently no bin at the skate park.

**Review of campuses:** Cllr Cuthbert said at the September CC meeting that PKC is seeking to make savings across the community campuses. An email had been sent to 17 P&K Community Councils on 8 September giving the opportunity to complete a questionnaire by a deadline of 21 September. Cllr Thomas wondered if this was the only public consultation. She had heard before the consultation deadline that the events manager at the campus had already been served notice of redundancy. The CC found this regrettable. It was agreed that the Secretary would write a letter to the Head of Education and Children's Services.

**Poppyscotland:** An article about the need for a new volunteer was placed in the October Newsletter. A volunteer had already come forward.

**Kinross Strategy or Vision:** Cllrs Barnacle and Cuthbert reported on a meeting the ward councillors had held with Peter Marshall (PKC Forward Planning). Mr Marshall will consult with PKC's senior management team regarding a budget for a new Kinross Strategy. A paper is due to go before the Enterprise & Infrastructure Committee regarding Kinross town centre. The possibility of inviting someone from PKC to visit the CC to give feedback on the CC's submission to the Main Issues Report was raised again. The CC will discuss this again at the November meeting.

**Town Centre Regeneration:** The Secretary submitted a detailed letter regarding the failings of the redesigned High Street to the Chief Executive. The Secretary also invited Willie Young to take part in a site visit. Coincidentally, the Scottish Parliament has begun considering a petition to the Petitions Committee requesting a moratorium on all shared space schemes until safety issues have been addressed. The Women and Equalities Committee at Westminster is also looking at this matter.

**New Primary School:** Site work will take place during the October holidays.

### Planning Applications Submitted to PKC

16/01523/FLL Erection of a garden building, 68 Montgomery Street, Kinross, KY13 8DU.

16/01444/FLL Extension to dwelling house, Southfield, 11 Montgomery Street, Kinross, KY13 8DU.

16/01565/FLL Erection of 6 houses and garages, vehicular access, open space and associated works, land 120m west of Copperbank, Balado.

16/01566/FLL Erection of 11 dwelling houses and garages, vehicular access, open space, drainage and associated works, land 60m west of Copperbank, Balado.

16/01560/FLL Erection of 9 dwelling houses, garages and associated landscaping, land to the south of the A977, Balado.

16/01580/IPL Erection of a dwelling house (in principle), land 60m north of Braeside Cottage, Kinross.

16/01543/FLL Erection of hot food takeaway, 2no flats and extension to retail shop, Costcutter, Green Road, Kinross.

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The CC discussed the three planning applications for houses at Balado. The applicant for two of the applications was present. Two Balado residents were present and expressed their concerns regarding the expected increase in vehicular traffic and the effect on safety as there is no pavement from the A977. After discussion it was agreed that the CC would submit comments, requesting that it be made a condition on consent of the three applications that a footpath and lighting from the A977 to Middle Balado House is enabled.

### Planning Applications Determined by PKC

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

16/01267/IPL Renewal of permission 13/01242/IPL (erection of a dwelling house) (in principle), 27 Alexander Drive, Kinross. Approved.

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

16/01269/FLL Siting of a welfare facility unit for a temporary period (in retrospect), Historic Scotland, Pier Road, Kinross. Approved.

16/01177/IPL Erection of a dwelling house and associated works (in principle), land 20m west of Gellybank Farm, Kinross. Approved.

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

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

### Planning Correspondence and Other Planning Matters

**Local Development Plan:** Due to delays with TAYplan, PKC's proposed LDP2 will probably not go to a Council meeting until after summer recess 2017. Following that, it will be published for public consultation.

**Beaufield, Balado:** Cllr Cuthbert informed the meeting that the application for eight houses (ref 16/01996/FLL) was approved at the DMC meeting of 14 September.

**Lathro Farm:** Cllr Cuthbert informed the meeting that the application for 300 houses (ref 15/01512/FLM) was approved at the DMC meeting of 14 September. He explained that since 40 houses allocated to the Forth Wines site could not be built due to flood risk, 300 dwellings at Lathro Farm was considered acceptable. (The LDP had stated a figure of 260 for the Lathro Farm site, 140 of which could be built up to the year 2024.) There will be affordable social houses for rent, in two or three places on the site. He also said that the new Kinross Primary School is the reason the developer was

given consent for 300 houses now rather than 140 up to the year 2024. Cllr Thomas asked why the Report of Handling states "the development is considered to comply with the current Development Plan". She suggested that it would be more accurate to say that it does not comply, but there are material considerations which make departure appropriate (i.e. the new school). Cllr Cuthbert replied that when the councillors make such points to the officers, they are told that figures in the LDP are merely "indicative".

### Miscellaneous Correspondence

A summary of mail received since the last meeting had been circulated to community and ward councillors and was available to view at the meeting. **KCCNL Special Resolution:** Andersons LLP had sent this to be signed by relevant community councillors.

### Reports by Perth & Kinross Councillors

**Cllr Cuthbert reported the following:**

He had been involved in trying to help the dance studio that had recently opened premises at **Kinross west**. PKC has provided a comfort unit until Scottish Water provides a water supply.

The **trees** that PKC had erroneously removed from the side of the **County Buildings** (Liberty Business Centre) will be replaced in the next two to three weeks.

A series of meetings involving relevant organisations has taken place regarding **youth anti-social behaviour** locally. The police will be focussing on preventing such behaviour in the run up to Halloween.

**Cllr Barnacle:**

**Councillors and Planning:** Cllr Barnacle praised the efforts of Cllr Cuthbert who had written to Nick Brian (PKC Planning) regarding developer contributions. Cllr Cuthbert suggested that Kinross-shire should have a developer contribution per house towards a general infrastructure fund, similar to a scheme for Auchterarder.

**Rural transport:** Following the recent reduction in bus services, he hopes the need for initiatives on rural transport can be stressed via the new Area Partnership.

**40mph zone:** Turfhill now has a 40mph zone.



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**Remembrance Parade:** CCLlr Colliar referred to the tradition whereby Kinross CC had provided two wreaths: one from the CC and one specifically commemorating ex-servicemen. It was agreed that one general wreath of commemoration by the CC is sufficient. He will organise the wreath and contact Mr Alexander of Liberty Business Centre regarding access around the war memorial.

**Community Awards:** CCLlr Colliar attended this event on 28 September and received an award for his voluntary work over many years. He expressed thanks to whoever nominated him and to the people at the campus who made the evening a success. He said it was good to see so many groups being given credit for what they do.

**Kinross CC Grant:** CCLlr Jack, Treasurer, informed the meeting that £438.09 'top up' has been received from PKC.

**The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 2 November 2016 at 7.30pm.**

**Agenda for Meeting on 2 November**

1. Apologies
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Minutes of Meeting of 5 October 2016
4. Police Report
5. Matters Arising from Minutes of 5 October
6. Town Centre Regeneration
7. New Primary School
8. Report from KCCNL Grants Meeting
9. Planning Matters
10. Perth & Kinross Fairtrade Zone
11. Miscellaneous Correspondence
12. Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors
13. Any Other Competent Business
14. Date of Next Meeting (7 December 2016)

**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 October Meeting**

In attendance at the meeting held on 13 October 2016 were: CCLrs Baudains (Chair), Heneghan (Sec), Kirkham, Williams, Lawson, Cartwright and Bolland; PKC Cllrs Giacopazzi and Barnacle and police.

**Apologies:** CCLlr Young, PKC Cllrs Robertson and Cuthbert.

**Police Matters:** PCs Karen Judge and Shona McGregor reported the theft of a generator from Meikle Seggie Farm, and asked members of the public to come forward with any information that might help with their enquiries. The Chair reported that vehicles are abusing the one-way system on Victoria Avenue. Lisa Cartwright reported that residents are being disturbed late at night by people knocking on doors, and throwing eggs and other objects at their homes. The police officers advised that they were taking this seriously and asked that residents should call 101 to report incidents. The police are also asking local shops not to sell eggs to youngsters, as they may be using them for this purpose.

**Provision of Public Toilets:** The Thistle Hotel offers the village "comfort scheme". After a brief discussion about availability of toilets, Mike Barnacle undertook to establish the level of funding provided by PKC. Alternative venues had been informally explored, but it was agreed that, as the only hotel, the Thistle was the most appropriate venue.

**Jessie's Park:** A gate has been installed.

**Speeding:** CCLlr Kirkham has reported issues of speeding on Back Loan to the Police and Roads Dept, and the matter has now been passed to the local Community Constable.

**Storage containers:** Members of the public had reported to the CC that four storage containers had been sited at the yard in Stirling Road, despite planning permission for 14 containers having been refused. Cllr Giacopazzi has asked PKC planning officers to investigate.

**Milnathort Old Folks Association (MOFA):** At September's meeting, Dorothy Thomson advised that the MOFA was facing closure due to the resignation of some long serving volunteers. The MCC published this on its Facebook page, website, in the minutes. As a result, The Boathouse at Loch Leven kindly offered to provide Christmas lunch to the members of the Association and to provide transport to and from the venue free of charge. Elyse Kirkham has advised the MOFA to contact the Kinross-shire Fund about the possibility of funding for their summer outing. Post meeting note: The new MOFA committee has decided not to accept the Boathouse offer but to continue providing Christmas lunch in our Town Hall.

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**Pace Hill Woodland:** Cllr Giacopazzi advised that he had raised the subject of protecting the woodland, and that the Perth Office of the Woodland Trust would be investigating.

**Dogs in Donaldson Park:** Cllr Giacopazzi advised that he was in discussion with PKC about fencing off the play area in Donaldson Park to prevent dog fouling.

**Defibrillator:** CCllr Heneghan advised that a defibrillator would cost around £1500. The MCC discussed suitable locations for a device. Kevin agreed to continue to research this.

**Best Kept Village:** Milnathort won the BKV award and the cup and certificate were on show at the meeting.

**Action Partnership:** CCllrs Heneghan and Lawson attended a meeting about forming Local Action Partnerships (LAP). David MacKenzie, Kinross CC, agreed to represent the Kinross-shire and Almond & Earn CCs. The LAP met on 6 October and a report is awaited.

**Pace Hill Development:** No planning application has been submitted yet. Concerns were raised relating to provision of suitable access, road safety, sewage and drainage, and bridge strength at the entrance to Wester Loan. Cllr Barnacle advised that although the Local Plan stated up to 50 houses, the numbers are merely indicative.

**Planning applications submitted:** none received

**Planning applications determined:** Alterations to 5 Tillyrie Mains and to Hilton of Burleigh House have been approved by PKC.

**Fairtrade:** Karena Jarvie, Chair, P&K Fairtrade Steering Group, informed the CC how to develop the principle of Fair Trade in local businesses and asked the CC to support Perth & Kinross becoming a Fairtrade Zone. The CC agreed.

**Communications:** Lisa Cartwright updated the CC on progress with communications/information provision. This included:

- working with "Broke not Broken"
- the provision of MCC Information Folders in the Community Campus Library and Milnathort Church Office - these contain information on how to contact us, minutes, agendas, meeting dates and how to access planning information on publicly available computers.
- Residents can keep up to date with MCC progress via Facebook, Twitter or website, by attending monthly CC meetings and Community Notice Boards.

On 28 September Lisa Cartwright and Stephen Bolland attended the Community Volunteers Awards; a wonderful evening celebrating and recognising the work volunteers do in the Kinross-shire area.

**Dog Mess:** A recurrent frustration in Milnathort. In June 2016 MCC used social media to gauge residents and dog owners requirements. Cllr Robertson and Lisa Cartwright have been working with the local dog warden to investigate whether additional bins and an increased dog warden presence would help improve matters. There were multiple requests from dog owners that a bin should be located at Webster's field. A map of Milnathort showing the location of every bin is being prepared for the MCC Facebook page and website. Local businesses provide free dog-waste bags.

Denis Hearsum, Animal Welfare Officer, PKC, has informed us that there are almost 40 dog-waste bins in Milnathort; he believes that this quantity is ample. Webster's field is private land so PKC cannot install bins there. PKC is gradually changing to dual purpose bins which can be used to deposit both litter and dog waste. He believes that the problem is that dog walkers do not use the bins properly. He asked for any information about offenders.

The Chair thanked Lisa for her major contribution to MCC business.

**Roadways:** On 7 November improvements to the zebra crossing on South Street will be undertaken. This will include construction of a build-out on the eastern side to increase visibility and shorten crossing distances. The work is expected to take 5-10 working days to complete. Temporary lights and parking/loading restrictions will be required to allow the works to proceed.

**Football clubhouse:** Brian Kenny presented proposals for Kinross Colts to develop a changing room facility and club building in Donaldson/Orwell Park. He showed plans and the MCC discussed these. There was a strong feeling that the building was too large and should be restricted to changing rooms only. There were also concerns about a proposed leasing application for the park. MCC agreed to ask the public in the MCC area to express their views on the development so that we can present a community view as and when a formal planning application is made. Accordingly, a survey canvassing the community's views will be published on the MCC website, Facebook page and Twitter account. A dedicated page to keep residents up to date with this potential application can be found on the MCC website.

### Perth & Kinross Councillors' Comments

Cllr Barnacle advised that further consultations on the Local Development Plan would be delayed until next year.

Cllr Giacopazzi advised that although PKC had made cuts of £7.9 million in its budget for FY17/18, further cuts could be expected.

**The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will take place on Thursday 10 November 2016 at 7.30pm at Milnathort Town Hall.**

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## Portmoak Community Council News from the October Meeting

**In attendance** at the meeting held on 11 October 2016 were: CCllrs M Strang Steel (Chairman), R Cairncross (Secretary), B Calderwood (Treasurer), D Morris, A Robertson and T Smith; Ward Cllrs M Barnacle, D Cuthbert, and J Giacomazzi; and in excess of 70 members of the public.

**Apologies:** CCllrs S Forde and C Vlasto; and Ward Cllr W Robertson.

**Approval of previous minutes:** The draft Minute of the meeting held in August 2016 was approved subject to:

- Item 3.3.8.1 should read, "It was noted that PKC agreed that there was an obstruction and would liaise with the police."
- Item 7.1 Police: should read, "Police Scotland volunteers will be visiting local shops to give advice on the sale of flour and eggs on the lead up to Halloween which can often see a rise in youth anti-social behaviour."

**Bus Transport in Portmoak:** Concerns about changes in arrangements for the school bus service to and from Scotlandwell together with associated changes to the service 201 bus had been acknowledged by Ward Councillors. A meeting with PKC Officials had been sought.

**Police:** The following amendments were accepted in respect of the Police report.

- Police Scotland is supportive of community driven speedwatch initiatives and the police involvement in such community initiatives is being formalised in guidance which is currently being drafted. Once the guidance is drafted, if communities are interested in Police Scotland supporting their local community speedwatch initiative, they can contact their local Community Co-ordinator.
- A new local policing model will be implemented in Perth and Kinross before the end of the year.

### Pavements within Kinnesswood

Ward Councillors explained that they had asked officers to consider how to ensure pedestrian safety on pavements within both Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell. The proposals circulated subsequently were preliminary, radical and designed to promote discussion. It was important to find out at this stage what the community thought before further work was undertaken. The introduction of 20mph speed limits within the Portmoak settlements was a separate matter and had yet to be determined.

There are approximately 3,500 vehicle movements each weekday on the A911 of which 16 are articulated HGVs, 32 other HGVs and 221 2-axle trucks or buses.

In Kinnesswood there were particular difficulties with HGVs meeting on Main Street where they frequently required to mount the narrow pavements to pass. This meant that they were passing close to the front doors of many homes. Houses were being damaged both from vehicles hitting rain water pipes and from vibration. Listed buildings were at risk. Further, pedestrian safety could not be guaranteed.

In considering the *traffic lights as proposed*. There was a unanimous view that these were not acceptable. This felt like a "heavy urban solution" where the costs outweigh the benefits. There would be significant problems in managing traffic flow over such a long stretch of traffic-light controlled single track. For example: would it be possible to gain ready access to and from some 32 properties; how would bulk

deliveries to these properties be effected. At busy times traffic would queue at either end and pass through in a convoy with as a consequence increased noise and traffic pollution in the vicinity of the lights. There was a real danger that the viability of the shop and garage would be compromised. The specific needs of emergency services and of large agricultural machinery would need to be assessed.

*Alternative solutions some of which together could form an acceptable package:*

- speed reduction to 20mph through the village, backed up with appropriate warning electronic signs.
- discourage drivers from accelerating to pass certain build-outs particularly at the periphery of villages.
- diverting HGVs as far as practicable from the A911 (this would require appropriate signage).
- build-outs at particular pinch points to safeguard pedestrians.
- escorts for certain large agricultural vehicles.
- possible railings to protect pedestrians.
- look at Fife to see examples of innovative solutions.

### Pavements within Scotlandwell

**Traffic light proposals.** Much of the analysis and the solutions replicated the findings already set out for Kinnesswood and have not been repeated.

However, the proposed traffic light solution being three-way was more complex. Like the Kinnesswood proposal it was unanimously rejected for many of the same reasons. Additionally it would mean: relocating bus halts particularly at the entrance to Well Road; easy entry and exit to the Well Inn could be compromised; and it could lead to traffic, once through the lights, speeding up through the village.

*Alternative solutions some of which together could form an acceptable package were also similar to those for Kinnesswood:*

- a 20mph speed limit through the village would be welcomed.
- HGVs should be discouraged from transiting the village (this would require a careful evaluation of relevant signage).
- reversal of road priority at the Leslie Road junction to reduce speed should be evaluated.
- villages should have a "gateway" signalling entry to a different area.
- reclassification of the B9097 to an A classification should be explored.
- a mini-roundabout about or a "shared space" arrangement did not find support.

It was noted that prolonging time along a route was likely to be an effective way of discouraging Sat Nav driven transit vehicles.

**Arrangements to improve the pavement leading from the village to the Church and beyond.** There were no specific proposals to consider at this time. It remains a priority for the CC to make progress with this problem. Ward Councillors had had preliminary discussions with PKC officers on the matter. Further work would now be undertaken by PKC looking at options to provide an improved and safe pedestrian route from the village up to the Church Hall and beyond.

It was recognised that this was a separate matter from the proposal for traffic lights with pavement improvements within the village. It would be helpful to have a coherent solution that addressed both issues.



### Car Parking within Scotlandwell and Kinnesswood

The problem of very limited car public parking within both Scotlandwell and Kinnesswood was recognised and had been raised by Ward Councillors at their recent meeting with PKC officers. The CC was invited to make the case for such parking and to suggest possible sites. It was noted that the need for parking is not necessarily governed by the same considerations in the two villages.

It was confirmed that there will be a meeting on 27 October of officials, ward councillors and local representatives to consider specific car parking issues around Portmoak School.

### A Strategy and Vision for Portmoak

The CC was working towards a statement setting out a Strategy and Vision for Portmoak on which it would consult. This would be useful in communicating our priorities to PKC and other national bodies. To that end it had gained preliminary and positive experience with a tool for garnering opinion across the community: "Place Standard." It would now approach other Portmoak groups to take their views and from their input work toward a Portmoak Vision and Strategy.

### Reports

**Police:** There was no Police Report. The Commander's Bulletins of 15, 22 and 29 September and 6 October were noted.

**Treasurer:** There was minimal in-month change. The General Account at the end of September was £671.40, while the Michael Bruce Way account was £919.51 giving a total of funds on hand of £1,590.91.

### Planning:

#### New applications:

16/01506/FLL Craigard, Main Street Scotlandwell. Replace windows to front and side elevations with PVCu widows of a similar colour and style. CC view – no comment.

#### Progress with Developments:

- a) **Former Lomond Inn.** PKC's Development Management Committee would consider the application at its meeting on 19 October.
- b) **Glenlomond.** Substantial clearance of the site had been completed. PKC's Development Management Committee would consider the application at its meeting on 19 October.

**Roads:** CClr Calderwood had recently circulated an updated CC Roads Report and key matters from that had already been discussed. PKC had also just circulated proposals for a B9097 Action Plan (South Loch Road). This will be discussed at the November meeting of the CC. The CC had written to support

proposed plans to introduce 20/30mph speed limits on (U243) Dryside Road from Wester Balgedie past Glenlomond to the Fife Border.

**Paths:** The Paths Group will monitor how their hard work over the summer stands up to the worst of the winter weather. A programme of future work was in preparation which will include improvements to the Dryside Road between Easter Balgedie and where it joins the road to Glenlomond.

### Arrangements at Whitecraigs and Stephen's Field consequent on the departure the developer

CC representatives had met with Bishopshire Golf Club to review the extensive and tall mainly cyprus hedge that bordered the core path leading from the A911 up to Stephen's Field. As this may in due course become the responsibility of the CC it was important to know the views of the Golf Club. It was agreed that the way forward was for the CC to secure specialist advice on options for its management.

### PKC Ward Councillor Reports

Cllr D Cuthbert: reported on the establishment of the Kinross-shire, Almond and Earn Action Partnership which had recently held its first meeting. The Partnership has a small budget and will address "local inequalities." The Kinross-shire Forum of Community Councils had appointed a community councillor to the new Action Partnership. This will ensure a direct link between community councils and the Partnership. He also reported on work with the police looking at a variety of strategies to moderate speeding.

Cllr M Barnacle: reported that because of delays in the parallel Tayplan Programme the timetable for publishing LDP2 had slipped and it would not now be published until the autumn of 2017. He explained that the four Kinross Ward Councillors had secured a commitment to include a report on the existing Kinross-shire infrastructure capacity and its ability to support planned growth. The result would be included in a report to accompany LDP2.

Cllr J Giacomazzi: explained that PKC had identified how it would sustain finances over the medium term (three years). However, since the Brexit referendum it was now apparent that a number of adverse financial pressures would lead to an estimated short fall of an additional £5.7M. It was not currently clear how this is to be managed.

### Other Business

Report of Kinross Forum meeting on **Action Partnerships** and of a first meeting of the Kinross/Almond and Earn Partnership. CC representatives had participated in a meeting of the Forum of Kinross-shire CCs and recommended a representative to the new Action Partnership for Kinross-shire, Almond and Earn. It was anticipated that there would be more frequent meetings of the Forum to ensure effective dialogue between the new Partnership and community councils.

Request sought to support the whole of Perth and Kinross as a **Fair Trade Zone**. The CC agreed to support the proposed Perth and Kinross Fair Trade Zone.

**The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 8 November in Portmoak School.**

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- on the website [www.portmoak.org](http://www.portmoak.org)

## Fossoway & District CC News from the October Meeting

**In attendance** at the meeting held on 4 October 2016 were: CCllrs T Duffy, G Kilby and G Pye; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, D Cuthbert and J Giacomazzi; and 10 Members of the Public (MoP).

**Apologies:** CCllr A Cheape; Cllr W Robertson.

**Co-option of new CC member:** The CC welcomes Jennifer Donachie as a new member. Proposed: CCllr Duffy; Seconded: CCllr Pye.

**CC roles:** Now that we have one new member of the CC it is possible, and necessary to avoid some duplication of roles, to identify the responsibilities of each of the current CC members:

Trudy Duffy: Chair and Data Controller;

Graham Pye: Treasurer, Vice-chair and Minutes Secretary  
Jennifer Donachie: Secretary and Planning (Proposed: CCllr Duffy; Seconded: CCllr Pye)

Graham Kilby: Facebook and Community Liaison/Initiatives  
Angus Cheape: Kinross-shire Fund

**Declarations of interest:** None.

**Police report:** Unfortunately no officer was able to be present at the meeting. There were two incidents to note, received via Perth and Kinross Community Watch: 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; Sometime between 2pm and 6.30pm Thursday 22 September, approximately 300kg of wheat was stolen from Arndean Farm, Blairhill, Rumbling Bridge.

**Minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes were amended to correct the planning reference number for the application at land west of Devonlade, which should have been 16/01313/FLL rather than 16/01352/FLL. This was also corrected in the Declarations of Interest.

**Crook Moss travellers' site:** Cllr Barnacle received an email from one of the residents asking for a meeting, which was held at the Village Hall, Cllr Cuthbert also attended. The site occupants stated their desire to integrate with the community and raised some concerns about rubbish disposal and water and power connections, which Cllrs agreed to help them with.

**A977 defects and mitigation measures:** Councillors had a meeting with the Roads department. Currently the department is trying to recruit an engineer to do the planning for the possible mitigation measures. The 40mph speed limit signs between Balado and the M90 have now been erected. Cllr Giacomazzi has been pursuing the problem with the dip in the road by Devonshaw Cottage, Powmill, but this is not yet fixed, and neither are the speed activated signs. It appears that there is some confusion as to whether these types of signs are the responsibility of the highways department or the street lighting department.

**Speeding through villages:** Speeding traffic is an ongoing problem throughout the area and efforts from this CC and our local councillors do not appear to have achieved any significant results. Perhaps the time has come to create a Community Partnership with the Police and PKC to try and address this issue. Cllr Cuthbert suggests that we try out "Police Cut-outs" at the entrance to villages where speed monitoring is already planned to take place and see if they have any effect. It's also possible that the new head of Police

Scotland may look favourably on Community Speed Watch schemes, and Councillors will be pressing for this.

**Rumbling Bridge hydro scheme:** The scheme is now operating and generating power, with last minute adjustments being made to optimise output. The official opening is on 28 October. On 29 October there will be an open afternoon centred on the Crook of Devon Village Hall.

The Community Benefit Group is due to hold its next meeting on Friday 7 October. A community engagement exercise will be taking place to determine what sort of grant applications will be received.

**Crook and Drum Growing Together:** A planting day will be held on the morning of 15 October.

**Powmill in Bloom:** A recent work party has done some planting and new planters have been created. The next planned activity is to improve the road verge outside the Milk Bar.

**Dunning Glen:** Cllr Cuthbert has spoken to Sgt. Amanda Nicholson. The Police have been collecting car numbers at the site.

**Sport Hub:** The hub was officially launched on 17 Sept. Consultation has been held to assess local requirements, and this will be reviewed at the next meeting on 27 Oct.

A meeting of various local sports and community groups within Fossoway was held on 21 September, to set up a sub-group to the larger Sports Hub and to look how the sports field in Crook of Devon can be best used. There was a good level of interest from the existing clubs in the area. Cllr Barnacle adds that Sadie Watson of the Parents' Council has suggested a survey in Fossoway to assess demand for sports in this area.

**Station Road adoption:** Cllr Barnacle reports that PKC issued a notice of intention to adopt the road on 10 August. Two objections have been received. PKC can in fact proceed with the adoption in spite of objections, however this does not change the finance position, and as the objectors are unlikely to be willing to pay their share, the contribution from the other frontagers may have to increase, but VAT will not be payable.

**Blairingone War Memorial:** Cllr Barnacle has received opinions that it would be possible to move the memorial without damage, although it would require a skilled mason to do it. If finance is the issue, then perhaps some funds might be available to help. Cllr Barnacle will contact Profile Projects once more.



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**Safer Route to School – Drum:** A report on addressing the traffic problems with the B9097 will shortly be issued, that might help with this problem.

**Ivy Cottage, Powmill:** No update.

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

### Community Council Business

**Meetings attended:** CCllr Kilby attended a meeting of the Sports Hub (see above); CCllr Duffy attended a meeting to determine CC representation on Community Action Partnerships. Cllr Cuthbert explained that the aim of the partnerships is to address inequalities in the area. Inequalities covers a wide range of topics, including bus services, ambulance attendance times, speeding traffic, etc. Issues collected will be fed into the plans for NHS, PKC, Police, etc, across the area.

**CC bank account:** As previously explained the CC needs to open a new bank account in order to obtain online access. The account will continue to be with the TSB and the signatories will be CCllr Graham Pye and CCllr Trudy Duffy. All other attributes of the account will remain the same.

### Councillors' Reports

**Cllr Cuthbert** points out that tomorrow's full council meeting will be discussing the financial plan which is likely to contain very bad news.

**Cllr Giacopazzi:** Nothing not already reported above.

**Cllr Barnacle** notes that progress on the new Local plan has been delayed, due to the late arrival of the Tay Plan, until later next year. This allows more time to organise a coherent local response to the plan.

### Planning Matters

16/01119/FLL Extension to dwelling house and alterations to garage to form ancillary accommodation at The Farmhouse, Easter Muirhead Farm, Blairingone, Dollar. No CC comment.

16/01450/IPL Erection of a dwelling house (in principle), land 30m northwest of Firs of Viewfield, Drum. No CC comment.

16/01473/FLL Renewal of permission 13/01816/FLL (change of house type), land 30m northwest of The Meadows, Vicar's Bridge Road, Blairingone. No CC comment.

16/01476/FLL Renewal of permission 13/01818/FLL (change of house type) at site 70m northwest of The Meadows, Vicar's Bridge Road, Blairingone. No CC comment

16/01477/FLL Renewal of permission 13/01817/FLL (change of house type) at site 70m northwest of The Meadows, Vicar's Bridge Road, Blairingone. No CC comment.

16/01544/IPL Residential development (in principle), land 50m north of Mellock House, Fossoway. Discussed by email before the meeting and agreed to no CC comment.

16/01551/FLL Erection of two dwelling houses, land 50m east of Naemoor Gardens, Rumbling Bridge. No CC comment.

16/01534/FLL Erection of a dwelling house (revised design), land to the rear of Vicar's Bridge Road Blairingone. No CC comment.

16/01588/FLL Erection of a dwelling house and shed, land 20m south east of Burnside, Vicar's Bridge Road, Blairingone. No CC comment.

**Correspondence:** All the correspondence was available for viewing: The A977 will be closed at Blairingone from 17 October for two weeks to allow resurfacing works to be carried out.

At the request of CCllr Duffy, PKC's Charles Haggart will conduct a traffic speed survey in Carnbo.

### Other business

John Anderson asked local councillors if they had any news about the Lamb Hill application, and were they aware of the level of public feeling about this. Cllrs confirmed that they were well aware of this.

### Draft Agenda for Next CC Meeting

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

Matters arising: A977 Mitigation, Speeding Through Villages, Rumbling Bridge Hydro Scheme, Crook and Drum Growing Together, Powmill in Bloom, Dunning Glen, Sports Hub, Blairingone War Memorial.

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

**The Next Meeting of Fossoway and District CC will take place on Tuesday 1 November 2016 at 7.30pm at Powmill Moubray Hall. All Welcome.**

Fossoway & District CC minutes are posted on the website

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

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

## Cleish and Blairadam CC

A report of the October meeting of Cleish and Blairadam CC can be found in the Cleish and Blairadam Newsletter and online at [www.cleishandblairadam.org.uk](http://www.cleishandblairadam.org.uk)

**The Next Meeting of Cleish and Blairadam CC takes place on 5 December 2016 at 7.30pm at the Tabernacle Hall.**

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# Club & Community Group News



## Kinross & District Rotary Club 40th anniversary celebrations



On 25 September the Rotary Club of Kinross & District became 40. To celebrate this notable event in the club's history, a very successful dinner was held in Milnathort Town Hall on 30 September. 68 members, partners, guests and friends attended this event. District Governor Roddy Duncan presented a certificate to club president Malcolm Wood, recognising the club commitment to the Rotary ideal of 'Service Above Self'. The guest speaker for the evening was Gordon McNally who gave an entertaining and thoughtful address as the club enters its next 40 years.



*President Malcolm Wood receives 40th Certificate from District Governor Roddy Duncan*

## Kinross in Bloom

We are well into Autumn now, and us "old bloomers" are looking forward to a well earned break now that the baskets have been taken down. Thanks to Kinross Rugby Club for their help. The planters have been cleared ready for the Winter planting. Polyanthus, Daffodils and Tulips are being nurtured at our polytunnel, ready to be planted out. The order for next Summer's plants has been sent, and all that is left to do is a general tidy up at our polytunnel area, and that's it for the winter.

It's been a busy year, replacing all the old half barrels, but we all agree that this year's display has been excellent, and well deserved of our GOLD award by Take a Pride in Perthshire Association, and we thank everyone who volunteered, no matter the size of their contribution.

Our 200 Club is up and running once again, and the winners for September and October are as follows:

### September

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| 1. 43 Mrs D Mcdiarmid | 2. 78 Dr M Weir     |
| 3. 62 Mrs A Porter    | 4. 14 Mr J Dryburgh |

### October

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| 1. 16 Mr T Duncan | 2. 79 Mrs J Whitfield |
| 3. 2 Mrs L Barr   | 4. 26 Mr I Hayles     |

Congratulations to all winners.

The celebration included the presentation of long service awards as follows: Neil Maclure and Alistair Smith (25 years), Alistair Morgan (35 years) and Stan Bayne, David Birrell, Bob Findlay, Derek Keen, Jim Paterson and Mike Thomson (40 years). The club also recognised the election of Stan Bayne, David Birrell, Derek Keen and Jim Paterson as honorary members. All of them are founder members of the club and are still actively involved in club activities.

## Santa's Sleigh 2016

Santa will be flying through the streets of Kinross-shire again this year. For the first time Rotary will be assisting Santa on his journeys. Dates and routes have still to be arranged with Santa, but, when finalised, these will be made known widely. If you are a charity, local group or sports club and wish to help Santa on his journey through Kinross-shire, please contact Barry Davies by email at [barrydavies57@btinternet.com](mailto:barrydavies57@btinternet.com) or by phone on 01577 865004.

For general enquiries about Rotary, contact the club secretary, Brian Timms, by email at [brian.timms230@btinternet.com](mailto:brian.timms230@btinternet.com) or by phone on 01577 864215.



## Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



Our October meeting was hosted by the speaker, Chris Walsh, who kept us enthralled as he recounted the story of the sinking of HMT Lancastria.

Cunard built the Lancastria on Clydeside and she started life as a passenger liner. However, being in New York in September 1939 on the day WW2 was declared, she was commandeered by the UK government, painted grey, and pressed into service as a troopship. She was bombed during enemy action on 17 June 1940 while over-crowded with services personnel and civilians. Though there were some survivors, the loss of life far exceeded the total losses of Titanic and Lusitania combined.

Chris and our hostess Marjory have been founding members of the Scottish group who have pressed for recognition of this 'forgotten tragedy'. A media blackout was imposed by Winston Churchill due to news the same day that France had capitulated to Hitler's Germany. Survivors were sworn to secrecy and many never spoke of it, even many years later. The families were never told how their relatives died. Due to the efforts of this group, medals were struck and presented, a monument has been erected in Clydebank and a memorial service held in St Nazaire this year. Governments of both political persuasions have consistently ignored this disaster for 75 years until a recent Chancellor of the Exchequer raised the issue in the House of Commons. A sad story but a very thought provoking evening. With thanks to Chris, Marjory and helper Gwyn.

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Workshop: Springfield Farm, Wester Balgedie

## Dobbies Community Champion

Our Christmas fundraising for the **Teenage Cancer Trust** got off to a good start at our preview event on Thursday 6 October. We are grateful to the Queich recorder ensemble and the Sabres for their great musical entertainment on the night.

Our next event will be on **Sunday 20 November**, when **Santa will be arriving** at the store at 11am! There will be free entertainment and children's activities, and lots of fun for all. Visits to Santa will be on a first come, first served basis that day. Then, in the run up to Christmas, he will be in his grotto at weekends from 12 noon to 4pm, and during the week before Christmas. Please book in store or online at [dobbies.com](http://dobbies.com) for these times.

Our **Ladies Night** this year is on **Thursday 1 December** from 5pm to 9pm. Tickets are only £1, with free drinks and food tasting, beauty and pamper sessions, Christmas demos, and music from **Bruce Davies** and **the Sabres**.


We will also have special cupcakes available for the Teenage Cancer Trust and a wish tree to which you may add your wishes for yourselves or others for Christmas and the coming year.

The Teenage Cancer Trust are also looking for more volunteers to help with the events at Dobbies. If you would like to find out more, please contact Amanda, see column at right or email [volunteers@teenagecancertrust.org](mailto:volunteers@teenagecancertrust.org).

My final **donation of plants** and growing items this year was to 'Letham's Blooming Lade' near Perth. A group of local people there have cleared rubbish and overgrown plants along the stream and planted bulbs, shrubs and perennials to encourage wildlife.

The **Little Seedlings** session on **Sunday 6 November** at 11am will be about bats and our **Christmas party** is on **Sunday 4 December**, at the same time. Please book your place for these events online at [dobbies.com](http://dobbies.com).

We look forward to meeting you at one or more of our forthcoming events. If you have any questions about community growing, please contact Amanda James at the store on 01577 863327 or by email at [community.kinross@dobbies.com](mailto:community.kinross@dobbies.com).



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## Teenage Cancer Trust seeks volunteers for two local fundraising events

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### At a glance:

We are so excited to have been chosen as Dobbies Garden Centres' Christmas Charity partner, and we need your help to make the most of this wonderful fundraising opportunity! Last year, with the support of lots of amazing volunteers, Dobbies managed to raise a huge **£170,000** to support young people diagnosed with cancer. This year we're hoping to raise even more money through this partnership to help us to reach and support more young people. Right now, for every young person we reach, there's another we can't.

Your local Dobbies store held a charity night on 6 October and will be holding **two more** fun, festive, fundraising events where staff will be busy raising funds for Teenage Cancer Trust. Can you lend a hand at one of them?

We need support at the following festive events for just a few hours:

- **Santa's Arrival – Sunday 20 November** (daytime event)
- **Ladies Night event – Thursday 1 December** (evening event)

**Location:** Your local Dobbies store, Turfhill, Kinross

**Responsible to:** Teenage Cancer Trust Regional Fundraiser

### What will I do?

- Support this fundraising opportunity at Dobbies
- Raise funds for Teenage Cancer Trust through bucket collections with Dobbies staff
- Help Dobbies staff to engage the public with our work
- Be a friendly and approachable face of the charity
- Bring your Christmas spirit!

### What will I gain?

- Support from a dedicated member of staff in your role
- Joining a friendly team in an exciting charity
- Helping Teenage Cancer Trust to reach more young people with cancer

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## Kinross & District Probus Club

### From party to party



The talk on Wednesday 21 September was given by Peter Reeve, a club member who was welcomed during the last session. His choice of talk gave us food for thought but all became clear when he revealed that, for a large part of his career, he had served in the Royal Military Police. He had been posted to different parts of the world, with different skills and responsibilities, hence a party for each posting.

In fact Peter's army career got off to a discouraging start when his first attempt to enlist was turned down by the recruiting sergeant on the grounds that he was too young. However, encouraged by his father who had also served in the army, he was accepted a year later.

The first 'party' was a posting to the training establishment where he trained in the various functions and responsibilities of the Military Police (Provost Marshall) including a period at the military prison. The re-offending rate from the prison was very little, which was a reflection of the harsh regime.

His next posting was to London, where his responsibilities included royal protection. This period also saw the army drafted in to cover emergencies during a shipping strike in 1970.

The next posting was to Germany where the MPs were attached to 20 Armoured Brigade. This was front line soldiering with large tanks deployed along the iron curtain and constant surveillance of Soviet Bloc movements. It was during this posting that Peter had an accident on his motor bike.

Next task was to learn how to ski and, for this, he was deployed to Bavaria before going to Norway where he took part in an unusual exercise to copy the Telemark raid which was carried out during the Second World War. Telemark was the site of a heavy water plant where deuterium was being developed by the Germans for the development of nuclear bombs. The raiding party had to swim 'naked' in the freezing water of the river. This required extreme stamina as one can imagine.

Further postings were made to South Carolina in the United States and to Canada where he visited the silver jade training area in Alberta.

Bill Scott proposed a vote of thanks for a most interesting talk which gave us an insight into a varied military career.

### Fife airfields

Our speaker on Wednesday 5 October was Mr Jim Miller, a qualified pilot who, from an early age, has shown an interest in aviation. His career began as an apprentice at the Royal Naval Air Station at Donibristle. Unfortunately, after six months, a

decision was made to close Donibristle. Jim transferred to Rosyth dockyard to complete his apprenticeship and thus missed his opportunity to have a career in the RAF. However, his interest in aviation continued, and his research into the history of aviation formed the basis of his talk.

James Tytler is thought to be a pioneer of flight in Scotland because of his interest in hot-air ballooning in the eighteenth century. He had a very varied career including a number of bankruptcies, at least five children and an addiction to alcohol which led to him drowning while under the influence. Various Scots experimented with non-powered flight using hang gliders and gliders. Preston Albert Watson conceived a method of controlling the lateral movement of a plane which was one of the difficulties encountered by the pioneers. His method involved a second wing fixed above the main wing which could be moved.

Unfortunately this became a trend and many of the early pioneering pilots were killed while test flying.

The turn of the century saw the growth of powered flight. Good landing grounds were needed and both the Army and the Navy became involved. Fighter planes, including sea planes, were developed during the First World War. Fields in Fife included Leuchars, Crail and Dunino. Others close to Fife included HMS Condor, Errol, Scone, Balado, Drem, East Fortune, RAF Turnhouse and Grangemouth. A Sea Base was formed at Woodhaven.

One of the more unusual bases was at Woodhaven on the banks of the Tay. This was on the site of the Mars ship which had served as a training ship for under privileged boys. Thus there was a readymade jetty to provide moorings for the Catalina aircraft which were crewed by a Squadron of Norwegian airmen.

A very interesting talk was well attended and well received.

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## Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club

The monthly meeting is on **3 November**, when the speaker will be Mr Eric Drummond on Tayside Mountain Rescue.



### Away Days

**10 Nov** Ocean Terminal.

**24 Nov** McArthur Glen & Almondvale.

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

### Friday Walkers

**4 Nov** The Pie Walk from Bridge of Allan to Dunblane and back.

**18 Nov** The Bonhard circular walk from Scone.

Walks continue to leave from the Green Hotel. Contact Ian Simpson, 01577 863691.

### Friday Hill Walkers

**11 Nov** Strathmiglo/Falkland loop Anne & Kate 8.30am

**25 Nov** Dunning Glen Jacky 9.00am

### Activities

Activities are open to all members of the club.

**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.

## Boys Brigade

Five members attended the Carronvale Scottish Headquarters Queen's Badge Completion Course. They are now looking forward to receiving the highest award in the Boys' Brigade at the Company's annual enrolment service in Kinross Parish Church on **Sunday 20 November**. A number of members are currently working towards their Presidents' Badge in preparation for starting work on their Queen's Badge.



Company Section members recently took part in the Perth Battalion Quiz which was held at Blairgowrie Parish Church. At a ten pin bowling away night, the highest scores were shared between George Milne and Rebekka Roe, with both scoring 104 points.

Junior Section members are preparing for the annual Battalion Unihoc competition at Bell's Sports Centre. Both sections are looking forward to the Battalion swimming gala, also in November. Company Section members are looking to retain the Dodgeball trophy they won last year with the competition again being held at Letham Kirk.

There are a few vacancies in the three sections, with boys and girls welcome to come along on a Friday evening to Kinross Church Centre.

Congratulations are also due to Alice Eade, the first Scottish girl to gain the Queen's Badge. Alice married in Italy last month and we wish her and her new husband every happiness.

## Kinross-shire Historical Society

### 'In Argyll' by Willie Shand



The Kinross-shire Historical Society's winter programme of talks got off to a wonderful start on 17 October with 'In Argyll' by Willie Shand. The illustrated talk, sometimes with a musical accompaniment, travelled around many parts of Argyll including through villages, hills, standing stones, castles, gardens, lochs, islands, harbours, by the sea and on the sea. The pictures blended into each other in a continuous progression with amazing skies, reflections and sunsets.

The photography was superb and the history and legends about each illustration, much from centuries long past and involving the clans, particularly the Campbells, who owned most of the land, was given in Willie Shand's usual humorous style.

David Walker gave the vote of thanks for a super evening. Many of the audience would know some of the places but not all, so it set a target of places to visit in the future.

*For the society's programme, see page 96.*

## Swansacre Playgroup

Tel: 01577 862071

Mob: 07592 392235



We're back in the swing of things after the October break and our playleaders Alison, Julia, and Ali are delighted to welcome all of the children back for Christmas term!

We continue to run a variety of sessions including our ever-popular playgroup for children from the age of 2, Rising Fives, for children who are in their pre-school year and Inbetweeners, focused on nursery-aged children. Both Rising Fives and Inbetweeners include an optional lunch club. Almost all sessions have spaces so if you'd like to get your child involved in the fun, please get in touch by telephoning one of the numbers above or emailing [enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com](mailto:enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com)

For more information on session times, please see the "Playgroups & Nurseries" section of the Newsletter (p. 93).

Unfortunately our Babies and Toddlers group is currently not running. We need volunteers to make this group happen so if you have a baby or toddler and you'd like to help with this, give us a ring.

### Dates for your diary

We'll be back at the KLEO Winter Market this year on **Saturday 26 November** with our famous **Countdown to Christmas**. Entry costs £6 and includes refreshments and activities for the kids as well as a chat with a very special bearded visitor. Our Countdown to Christmas is very popular, so make sure you book your slot to avoid disappointment. We'll be taking bookings from 1 November; either pop in to Swansacre or call us on 07592 392235.

We're also holding our annual Christmas shopping evening, the **Festive Stocking Filler Fair**. It's on **Friday 2 December** at Loch Leven Community Campus. For more information, or if you are interested in taking a stall at the event, please contact Hazel, email: [swansacrefundraising15@gmail.com](mailto:swansacrefundraising15@gmail.com)

*See also page 62.*

## Common Grounds

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October has been a month of busy preparation; working towards our final project lunch of the year, editing our reports for the AGM and beaver away on goods for our craft stall at the winter market. A full report of the first two items will be given in the December Newsletter but all the indications are that the year has been a success in fundraising. The craft stall will be well worth a visit on **Saturday 26 November**. You will find plenty of ideas for Christmas. All items are handmade, reasonably priced and a little different. It's a must for the diary and we hope you will come and see for yourself. Meantime, do drop in for a well-earned break. As always, you will be most welcome.

**Project:** Our project for October was our annual 'emergency relief' project which, this year, was ShelterBox. ShelterBoxes and kits contain items that transform shelter into a home, protecting families from burning heat, bitter cold, dangerous animals and disease. Contents of ShelterBoxes reflect the nature of the disaster and can include tents, tarpaulins, cooking sets, solar lights, tools, water purification tablets, in fact anything to help families who have possibly lost everything. ShelterBoxes can be transported quickly to areas most in need.

**Annual General Meeting:** Our AGM will be held on **Friday 4 November** at 1.30pm in the Guide Hall, Church Street, Milnathort.

Our opening hours are still 10am to 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 & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

Autumn and early winter can be wonderful seasons for walking. The air is fresh and the colours of the trees are spectacular. Explore new places, improve your mental and physical fitness and meet people. Whether you've never walked much, are returning to walking, or are a regular walker, come out with us to see if you'd like to join our very relaxed and friendly group. You will be made very welcome. We meet in Kinross or you can go straight to the walk start points given below (if you intend doing the latter, please let the contact person know beforehand). We operate car-sharing but it is not essential to have a car.

### Weekend Walks

**Saturday 5 November: Townhill Loch, 4 miles (followed by AGM at King Malcolm Hotel, Dunfermline).** Starting at the National Watersports Centre and walking on bridleways to the mining heritage park. Back via a woodland area, a short section of road walking, and the lochside.

**Sunday 20 November: Dunblane Allan Water Circuit, 7 miles.** A circular walk from Dunblane by the Allan Water to Kinbuck via Ashfield, returning past Crofts of Cromlix.

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 (approximately 1½ to 2 hours), followed by a sociable visit to a coffee shop, farm shop or pub for refreshments. We would be delighted to welcome anyone who would like to try walking with us.

**Tuesday 8 November: Ladybank Woods to Cairnfield Muir.** A delightful circular woodland walk with the possibility of sighting red squirrels.

**Tuesday 22 November: Abernethy Glen.** A circular walk through a lovely wooden glen above the Ballo Burn.

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

## Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation

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

### Kinross Farmers' Market on Sat 29 October

High quality, fresh food from local producers. 9am-1pm, Kinross High Street.

### Kinross-shire Winter Festival

See main article on page 11.

### Leven Voices

Leven Voices has started again with Horsecross Arts Tutor Alice Marra. It's for anyone who just wants to sing and have fun! Join in anytime. Sessions take place on Tuesdays, 7.30pm at Kinross Parish Church. You pay as you go (£4 or £3 conc) and there is a £6 registration fee which is used to pay for the hall for a 10-week period. Just come along, sing and enjoy!

For more information about KLEO events, see website or e-mail [info@kleo.org.uk](mailto:info@kleo.org.uk)



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## Fairtrade chocolate on menu at Kinross-shire Partnership Breakfast

Just as the sonorous geese fill the Kinross-shire skies early each October while making their way resolutely to their lochside winter quarters, so the area's entrepreneurial "larks" head – equally determinedly but overland – to Loch Leven's Larder for the first Kinross-shire Partnership Business Breakfast of the winter series.

So it was that Wednesday 5 October saw Chairman Alisdair Stewart welcoming attendees, including guest speaker Karena Jarvie from the Perth & Kinross Fairtrade Steering Group, to the customary stunning lochside venue for this month's networking event. Although the format had changed slightly (allowing guests to finish breakfast before the introductions began), the full LLL Scottish breakfast was of the usual fulsome quantity and exemplary standard.

After the last plate was cleared, networking facilitator Sid Grant invited the representatives from local businesses and organisations to introduce themselves and their product or service. The selection of services on offer was as eclectic as ever, ranging from the techy wizardry of cyber security to the delicate task of moving giant glass tabletops...

Rather than promoting their own operations, a couple of breakfasters chose to mention issues of importance to the local community, such as the work of *The Loch Leven Library Volunteers* – thanks to whom Kinross Library is the only one in the whole of Perth & Kinross still open on a Saturday afternoon. Also mentioned was the *Visit Loch Leven* steering group, which explores ways of attracting even more visitors to this beautiful part of Scotland.

One first-time breakfaster was the new sales and marketing manager of the Green Hotel Golf and Leisure Resort. The resort is planning a redevelopment programme, and she



invited constructive comments from local businesses and individuals as it embarks on its rebranding process.

When Karena Jarvie took the floor, she described the valuable work of Fairtrade in supporting producers in developing

countries by ensuring they are paid a fair price for their goods, have safe working conditions and use responsible environmental practices. As both Traidcraft Representative for the Kinross-shire area and Chairperson of the Perth & Kinross Fairtrade Steering Group, Karena explained that while Kinross-shire was the first Fairtrade County in Scotland, and Perth one of the first Fairtrade Cities, Perth & Kinross has not yet achieved Fairtrade Zone status – a situation that Karena and her colleagues are working hard to address.

While many local businesses already stock Fairtrade products, Karena encouraged others to follow suit – whether by stocking chocolate or Traidcraft sugar sticks, buying Bala Sport footballs for local teams, deciding to buy Fairtrade coffee and tea for staff and displaying the Scottish Fair Trade Forum sticker, or simply retweeting and sharing posts on social media. She stressed that every type of support, no matter how small, is appreciated.

Rounding up, Alisdair Stewart mentioned that as Perth & Kinross Council has withdrawn its funding for the Partnership, the 2016/17 networking breakfast series may be the last. However, he stressed that the directors would be doing their utmost to persuade KPC to change their minds so that they may continue the work of the Partnership in supporting economic growth and tourism initiatives in the area. Meanwhile, the November breakfast will take place from 7.30am until 9am on **Wednesday 2 November** at Loch Leven's Larder. To book your place, please email administrator Karen Grunwell on [mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk](mailto:mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk)

## Portmoak Film Society

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

If you weren't at our October film, you missed a treat of epic proportions: 'The Searchers', the classic western made in 1956 and directed by John Ford. It starred John Wayne in arguably his best role. The film never won an Oscar although it became one of the most influential movies and regularly hits top listings of the best films ever made. The audience appreciated the chance to see it and gave it an 83% 'excellent/good' rating.

On **Saturday 12 November** we're showing 'The Martian' starring Matt Damon as a botanist left on the red planet. Directed by Ridley Scott and considered his best film since 'Gladiator', it tells the survival story of a crew member abandoned on Mars after a space mission has to be aborted. The film got great ratings on its release in 2015, mainly due to the actor's incredible performance as the can-do, obstinate guy with attitude who is not going to let any odds get the better of him! A real feel-good film to beat the November blues.

Films start promptly at 7.30pm and there are hot drinks and themed refreshments afterwards. You can still purchase a season membership on arrival (or in advance from Stuart Mackenzie in Kinnesswood, phone 01592 840638), or pay £5 on the door. All welcome! For further dates and films in 2016-17, visit our website.

## Kinross Parish Church Craft Group

### Christmas Crafts and Coffee

The Craft Group of Kinross Parish Church are holding a **Coffee Morning** at the Kinross Church Centre on **Saturday 12 November** from 10am until 12 noon. There will be lots of hand-made gift ideas for Christmas on sale – come along for unique gifts! All proceeds go to help support Kinross Parish Church and its work in the wider community (Charity No SC012555).

The Craft Group gather in the meeting room at Kinross Parish Church on Wednesdays at 1.30pm for a couple of hours of social chat and crafting. They enjoy making all kinds of things – knitted animals, quilts, clutch bags, baby hand-knits, fabric dolls, cushions and much more. The group have also made a pulpit and lectern fall for use at weddings in the church, a brightly-coloured felt sign for the Sunday crèche room and, most recently, a pulpit fall for use during the Tuesday Pram Service. If you would like to join us, just come along or contact Margaret Clark on 01577 864167.

## Portmoak Hall 100 Club

### September Draw

1st	No 21	James Gardner, Scotlandwell.
2nd	No 38	Arthur Ogilvie, Kinnesswood.
3rd	No 84	Bill Michie, Wester Balgedie.



## Kinnesswood in Bloom

Last month left us in Aberdeen at the Beautiful Scotland Awards. A technical hitch has maybe left everyone wondering what happened next!

In the afternoon we received a Silver Gilt certificate from George Anderson of the Beechgrove Garden. In the evening, we dressed in our finery and headed to the Beach Ballroom for a splendid dinner and award ceremony. It was a lovely evening and it was amazing to see the projects which were taking place around Scotland. We were absolutely delighted to receive a fantastic glass trophy for 'Best Small Village in Scotland'.

Many thanks to all who have helped us achieve this; the gardeners of Kinnesswood, the many who support Kinnesswood in Bloom with kind words, coffee, ice cream and pancakes, the sponsors of our tubs and baskets and the many who donate to Friends of Kinnesswood. We felt very honoured to be nominated for the local volunteer awards and very delighted that John Nicol was nominated individually for all his voluntary work. (See photo on page 12.)



Kinnesswood in Bloom with George Anderson of the Beechgrove Garden (behind certificate) at the Aberdeen awards ceremony.

In the summer we decided to increase our recycling efforts in the village and Rory made an impressive recycling box. Janette regularly empties it and takes the articles to the church office in Milnathort.

Batteries are taken to the nearest supermarket, from where they go to a recycling centre. Spectacles are taken to a local optician and sent to Vision Aid overseas. An 11 year old boy from Zambia was struggling to see the blackboard. His eyes were tested by a Vision Aid volunteer and he was prescribed a smart pair of glasses. It will help him in his ambition to be a policeman. The ink cartridges are packed up and donated to different charities. This month it is Macmillan Cancer Support and next will be the MS Society. Stamps are sorted at the church office and the money raised goes to the World Mission or RNIB. We are very pleased with the amount going in the box and how well it is being respected as a village resource. You will see us round the village in the next few weeks, taking things in, emptying tubs and generally tidying up for the winter.

We have received our last bit of funding towards Benarty View, so watch this space for progress reports on this project.

### Sending photographs to the Newsletter

Contributors, if sending a photograph to the Newsletter, please send as a JPEG file and not embedded in a word document. Thank you.

## Recipe

### supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom Tomato Soup

#### Ingredients

- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 2 chopped onions
- 300g chopped carrots
- 500g diced potatoes
- 4 bay leaves
- 5 tbsp tomato puree
- 2 tbsp red or white wine vinegar
- 4 x 400g chopped tomatoes (or use your own)
- 500g passata
- 3 vegetable stock cubes
- 400ml whole milk

#### Method

Put the oil, onions, carrots, potatoes and bay leaves in a large saucepan. Fry gently till the onions are softened. Stir in the tomato puree, vinegar, chopped tomatoes and passata then crumble in the stock cube. Add one litre of boiling water and simmer for 15 minutes, then remove the bay leaves. Blend it till very smooth. The soup can now be cooled and chilled for a couple of days or frozen. To serve, reheat, stir in the milk but don't let it boil. This would be lovely to serve at your bonfire party.



### Club Correspondents

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



## Kinross High School



At Kinross High School we have been involved in a number of activities designed to inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers. We have been focusing on STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and developing curriculum pathways which include opportunities to study beyond traditional subjects and in partnership with industry. These pathways include the Science Baccalaureate (S6), Science Group awards (S4) and an accelerated learning programme DEC! for S2 pupils. We have also hosted a STEM day, which was developed in partnership with Aero Space Kinross (ASK) and have provided taster sessions for local primary pupils. Our first ever STEM day was organised by ASK and funded by the Institute of Physics. Throughout the school day on Thursday 22 September, pupils at Kinross High School were given the opportunity to explore interactive exhibits and displays from Glasgow Caledonian University, Air Service Training, Skills Development Scotland, Met Office, Mission Aviation Fellowship,

Vector Aerospace, British Gliding Association, Scottish Gliding Centre, University of Highlands and Islands, University of St Andrews, Royal Air Force and Glasgow Science Centre. Around 200 S2 pupils were given the whole day to properly explore everything on offer and also take advantage of the careers theming and advice offered by Skills Development Scotland and their invited guest graduate. Other pupils could drop in during breaks and free periods.

During the morning, ASK also created a taster session for 166 pupils from the seven main feeder primary schools. These pupils had time in the University of St Andrews Planetarium and enjoyed bottle rocket experiments with the University of Highlands and Islands.

Kinross High School is pleased to have formed a sustainable partnership with ASK and after the success of STEM Day, we hope to run a yearly event.

In the evening, ASK took the opportunity to undertake a public consultation and project update to a 'full house' in the Campus Lecture Theatre. We were

also privileged to hear from Professor Andrew Rae with a very enjoyable and informative talk entitled 'What Goes Up Might Come Down'.

Our science department are always keen to welcome pupils from our local primary schools to help develop enthusiasm within young learners for science activities. In the last year we have organised visits from, or trips to, most of the local primary schools and even a nursery.

On 5 October, P3 pupils from Milnathort Primary came to do some science at Kinross High School. They had been studying George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl and were keen to look at chemical reactions and dissolving. They came to the science laboratory and made slime, looked at nappy polymer dissolving water and a variety of fizzes, colour changes and pops. At the end of the day there was an explosion and a warning not to make their own medicines at home!

Sarah Brown

Headteacher and Campus Leader

See also report on page 14.



*Inspiring the next generation of scientists and engineers: Kinross High School pupils enjoy a day of science and technology*

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## Kinross Beavers

On 9 September the Beavers went on a sponsored walk from Burleigh Sands back to the Millbridge Hall. The heavy rain did not deter the Beavers and they had great fun including jumping in every puddle we came across! A grand total of £487 was raised. Well done to everyone who took part.

The following week we welcomed nine new Beavers to the colony: Ruaridh, Scott, Tom, Isla, Leo, Kelvin, Agnès, Rannoch and Lucas.

Congratulations to Oliver, Jamie, Rhys, McKenzie, Jessica, Johan, Kyle and Ruaridh who were invested into Cubs on Wednesday 28 September. I hope you have had a great time at Beavers and are looking forward to the next part of your scouting journey at Cubs.

New Lodge Leaders have been appointed this term following the departure of our previous Lodge Leaders to Cubs. Congratulations to our new Lodge Leaders Ben, Myles, Percy and Gregor.

The Beavers have enjoyed the last of the longer evenings and better weather this term. They have been outside having a games evening in the garden at the hall and they have also visited local woodland for an evening building dens. The Beavers also visited Fordell Firs near Dunfermline for an activity evening on Wednesday 14 September. They had great fun grass sledging and on the obstacle course, which covers some of the requirements of the Adventure Challenge badge.

On 30 September the Beavers visited Blue Watch at Perth Fire Station to learn how they

serve our local community. It was a great evening; I don't think I have seen the beavers so excited. This was added to when two of the engines were called out during our visit. Thanks to Blue Watch for showing us around.

The Beavers were put through their paces for our final evening before the October break as Fiona from Live Active came down to the hall for a keep fit evening. It was a very enjoyable evening although a few of the Beavers were rather tired by the end!

As you can see we have lots going on with the colony at the moment. If you would like the Beavers to help your community group, or if you are interested in volunteering with Scouting, please contact me on kinrossbeavers@hotmail.co.uk.

Daryl

1st Kinross Beaver Scout Leader



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## Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme



What a busy time KVG&ROS have been having recently. Over the last few months the number of journeys our volunteer drivers undertook went up from 995 in 2015 and 1024 in 2016 over six months. Lifts include taking service users to hospitals such as Ninewells and Kirkcaldy, trips to the Loch Leven Health Centre but also visits to the hairdressers, shopping, etc; all journeys that our service users would find difficult to make without our help. The first day of flu vaccinations at the Health Centre proved to be a very busy day: at one point there were four of our drivers and half the committee in the waiting room!

Six drivers and committee members attended the **Community Volunteer Awards Evening** in September and were delighted to receive an award on behalf of all the KVG&ROS volunteers. The Group Award was received by Chairman, Mike Thomson, Drivers, Margaret Arbuckle and Jean Beveridge and Treasurer, Liz Wilson. Ella Ward, assistant coordinator and driver, and Pauline Watson, secretary, also received individual awards. Thank you to those who nominated the group and individuals. It was a good evening. Congratulations to Kinross-shire CLD Group on the organisations and to all the individuals and groups who were presented with awards. It really did show how active the voluntary community is in the area.



Mike Thomson, Margaret Arbuckle, Jean Beveridge and Liz Wilson representing KVG&ROS at the Community Awards Evening

Earlier in the month, Chairman, Mike Thomson was presented with a cheque by the staff of **TSB Bank Kinross** for £100. Very many thanks to May Reid and Agnes Henderson; your help and support is very much appreciated.

The committee are now busy planning for the **Annual Burns Supper**, our main fundraiser of the year. The date is **Monday 16 January 2017** and the venue is The Windlestrae Hotel. It is always a great night with excellent, local, entertainers, this year including Tich Frier, Richard and Finlay Scott, and Jim Paterson, to name just a few. Tickets and full programme will be available shortly. This really is a date to put in your diary.

### Need Equipment for a Community Event?

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

Items are listed on [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) at:

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

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

## Potager Garden

Bowton Road, Kinross



We were very lucky to have a lovely sunny morning for our coffee morning on 1 October, and welcomed many new visitors, and raised **£250 for Macmillan Cancer Support**. Many thanks to all who helped with the event.



The Macmillan coffee morning was well supported

The gardening season is drawing towards a close, and we have made a good start with tidying up, with help from our newer volunteers, Jan, Peter and Ali, and Shona and Tracey. **We are very grateful for their help**, and hope they have enjoyed working with us over the summer. Our volunteer sessions will continue for a while on Monday mornings, weather permitting, and if you would like to visit the garden another time, or ask about plant sales, please contact Amanda as below.

**Our thanks** also go to **Hunters Butchers** and **Fossway Store** in Crook of Devon who have sold plants for us, and also to **Katharine Douglas of Smartworks Accountants**, who has examined our annual accounts. Thanks also to **Trish** who is helping us to develop our website. **The Boathouse Restaurant** have sold some produce for us, and continue to give us their used coffee grounds for composting.

We will be arranging our popular **Christmas wreath workshops** before Christmas; watch for information in the December Newsletter, or contact Amanda for details.

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



### Contributors

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## Portmoak Community Woodland

It's been one of the busiest autumns the Portmoak Community Woodland Group can remember - and we're not finished yet.

There was a successful apple identification day in our community orchard on 2 October with around 80 people coming along to have their apples identified by our popular expert Andrew Lear, aka appletreeman, from Bankfoot in Perthshire. Andrew also brought his apple press so we were able to turn bagfuls of apples into fantastic juice.



*Apple identification day in the community orchard*

Pupils from Kinross High School provided delicious teas and managed to raise £195 towards their trip to Madagascar next summer. They are going there with World Challenge, an organisation which sends teams of young people to developing countries to help with community projects or voluntary work. We also had a wonderful batch of toffee apples, made by Florence Thomson of Scotlandwell.

The weather was lovely but it was still nice to have a small marquee, provided by Scotlandwell in Bloom, as a focal point for all the activities. This included an interactive quiz for the children and saw them running up and down the orchard.

Meanwhile, over in Portmoak Moss, there has been a huge amount of work, with contractors 'profiling' the steep sides of the peat dome to prevent them collapsing as the bog becomes increasingly waterlogged. The funding was provided mainly by the Living Lomonds Landscape Partnership, with contributions from PCWG and Woodland Trust Scotland, who helped pay for refurbishment of the main steps. Observant walkers will have noticed that the contractors have managed to block the flow of water from the west end of the peat dome, which should also help the restoration project.

**Portmoak Moss** will be the venue for a **Bird Walk** at 9.30am on **Saturday 5 November** with Scott Patterson of 'Kinross ecology' and Perthshire bird recorder.

Since we last had Scott guide us round the Moss identifying all the birds we saw (and a few we didn't see), a lot has changed. The Moss has settled down since we took the trees off and mulched the top, which has made the whole thing much wetter. Some of the birds we see now were not in Scott's first survey, Snipe for instance. We definitely have more Green Woodpeckers and Owls. Whether you know the Moss or not, please join us starting at the Scotlandwell entrance. Boots and binoculars are all you need, on top of your outdoor clothing! For everything else, Scott or our Portmoak volunteers will be there to answer your questions. **Book your place** by giving Stuart a phone on 01592 840825.

## Kinross & District Art Club

[www.kadac.co.uk](http://www.kadac.co.uk)

Perthshire open studios artist **Alison Price** was the guest at a recent club session. Alison had everyone thinking 'out of the box' as she demonstrated how she creates impressive, colourful landscapes using acrylic inks as the medium and pieces of sponge to apply the ink onto board or paper. Her inspiration comes from areas that she visits, making sketches in situ and also taking photographs to refresh her memory back in her studio. Features such as ripples in the sand or tracks on a hillside are incorporated into her atmospheric images. Observing her at work in the Millbridge Hall, the large group of members present were impressed by the fluency of her work and the obvious pleasure she finds in creating it.

If you would like to come along and 'give it a go' do join us any Tuesday or Friday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm in the Millbridge Hall. For more information, see our website.

And finally, next year is the 50th anniversary of our club and we would like to gather together as many anecdotes as possible from former members. If you have a story to tell or a memory to share, please get in touch via our website.



*Perthshire open studios artist Alison Price*

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### Community Website

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## Kinross Museum

Loch Leven Community Campus  
[www.Facebook.com/Kinross.Museum](https://www.facebook.com/Kinross.Museum)  
[www.kinrossmuseum.org.uk](http://www.kinrossmuseum.org.uk)



In October the Museum's new exhibitions were opened at an event to which Friends, Volunteers and Trustees were invited. A new addition to the exhibition space is the celebrated Triptych 'They Were There' by the late Jack Moffat, former art teacher at Kinross High School.

The museum also held a workshop for an Adult Learning 'Reminiscence Group' and talks were presented to members of Glenrothes Heritage Group and Kelty Heritage Group as well as to residents of Cleish Parish meeting in Cleish Hall.

Fundraising efforts currently under way include the sale of a golf poster (see the Museum's Facebook page and website), a raffle to be drawn on 10 December and a 'Scottish Rivers and Lochs Quiz' compiled by George Shand.



Below: 'They Were There' by the late Jack Moffat

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## Rosemount Nursery down on the farm

Sharing Scottish Government's vision that every child should be able to play outside every day, Rosemount Nursery in Kinross promotes a play strategy to engage their children in creative and interesting ways in which to play and learn outdoors.

Most recently the children have benefited from a day on the farm. Supported by Farmer Dawes, the children were encouraged to take responsibility to feed the livestock and meet the newest arrivals at Dawes Farm at Hilton of Aldie. Louise Smart, head of the nursery, said: "We are very fortunate that others in the community share the vision to provide such wonderful outdoor experiences for our children."



Some of the Rosemount Nursery children on their visit to Hilton of Aldie Farm

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## Kinross-shire Villages & Architectural Awards

Kinross-shire Civic Trust held an evening event to celebrate the 2016 awards for the Best Kept Villages and to present an Architectural Award for a new build project completed over the last five years and is pleased to announce the results.

Devon, who the judges were very pleased to have back in the competition. Keltybridge and Maryburgh were the winner in the Best Kept Hamlet competition and drew praise from the judges for the obvious tidiness of the public areas showing a positive

and that they do go 'around the back' and make sure that it is not just the main streets that are being looked after. She added, "it is clear the very real sense of pride that is being seen in many of our communities for the local environment and the efforts that are being made to make the area attractive. Kinross-shire is an important tourist destination and playing a part in the upkeep of the villages benefits visitors and locals alike."



*Award winners with members of the Civic Trust committee*

### Best Kept Village Awards

2016 was the 50th Anniversary of the Kinross-shire Best Kept Village Competition and the Awards Committee was delighted at the entries received and that the ethos of the competition was being met by the communities of the competing villages. There were seven entries for 2016, three in the larger village category and four in the hamlet category.

For the Best Kept Village a panel of three judges inspected each settlement on the 26 July. They examined closely various aspects of how communities look after their local area, such as: the cleanliness and general maintenance of public areas; signs of community involvement such as flower beds and baskets; the upkeep of private gardens; the condition of play parks; presence of litter; and improvements made since the last inspection in 2015.

Milnathort took the Best Kept Village prize with notable improvements around the village centre and in the play park. A very close second was Kinnesswood, followed by Crook of

community involvement. In second place was Cleish, which has featured strongly over the years. Close behind these two came Powmill, returning after many years absence, and Wester Balgeddie, which the judges felt had taken great strides forward and was awarded the cup for the most improved village.

Mrs Fi Skinner, spokesperson for the judges, presented the cups and certificates and said that the judges had much enjoyed looking round villages

### Architectural Award

The importance of good quality design and construction in all buildings is also important. This was acknowledged in the Kinross-shire Architectural Competition, where three houses and two non-residential buildings were entered. The judges, Mr Tom Littlewood, Ginkgo Projects, and Mr James Troughton, Blair Castle, chose to commend a **Bird Hide** and **Visitor Viewpoint**. The structures are situated on the footpath around Loch Leven and had been commissioned by TRACKS (The Rural Access Committee of Kinross-shire). Both structures had been designed by Icosis Architects, Edinburgh, and the judges considered them to be practical, useful and sensitively designed.

Mrs Skinner presented the award on behalf of the judges and noted how good quality design blended into the landscape and enhanced the walking experience on the Loch Leven Trail.



*The Visitor Viewpoint on the Heritage Trail was commended in the architectural awards*

## Kinross Camera Club

kinrosscameraclub.org.uk

The season got off to a great start with a wonderful talk by Hunter Kennedy called 'Past and Present'. Hunter is currently the Scottish Photographic Society president and he covered the evolution of his photography from the days of film to his present day digital photographs.

This was followed by another great talk on landscape photography from Mike Bell. Mike is a regular contributor to Landscape Photography Magazine and shared some superb images from around the world.



It's good to see so many new members at the club this year and hopefully they may be tempted to enter their photographs into competitions later in the year. Our club night on Thursday 13 October was a chance for existing club members to share the story behind their entries into last year's competitions. It was a great opportunity to pick up hints and tips on what goes into making a winning photograph.

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](mailto:alison.rutherford1@live.com) or visit the club website.



*An early morning shot of Bowfiddle Rock on the Moray coast just before sunrise*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
Countdown to Christmas with Swansacre Playgroup  
Kinross Church Centre will be home to Swansacre's very own Santa during KLEO's Winter Market  
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## Loch Leven Community Campus

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**For events at the library, see page 19.**

### What's Happening at the Campus

**Gaelic Day (Latha Gaidhlig), 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 Beasts at 1pm where you can learn about some of the greatest Big Beasts 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](mailto:Gaelic@pkc.gov.uk) or call 01738 476495.

**Campus Craft & Gift Fair, Sat 5 Nov.** PLEASE NOTE, THIS EVENT IS CANCELLED.

**Kinross Hub Café for Carers, Monday 7 November.** The Hub Café is an informal meeting to chat over a cuppa with other carers, cared for and family members. Here at the campus in the Activity Meeting Space from 10am to 12 noon on the first Monday of every month come along for tea, coffee, advice and, each month there will be different guests visiting. This month will be Bocia and Games and will commence at 10.15am prompt.

### Kinross-shire Winter Festival at the Campus

**Lucy Duffy's 'That Lovin' Feeling', Friday 11 and Saturday 12 November.** Following on from her amazing previous productions, *One Night on Broadway* and *Another Night on Broadway*, Lucy Duffy and her cast of 16, selected from stage schools and youth theatre, return with a brand new Comedy Musical featuring over 20 hit songs from the 50s and 60s! Once again the production will be fully costumed with professional sound and lighting. Starting at 7pm on both nights, tickets are Adult £7 and Under 18s £5. Tickets are available from Gerry McGregor at the campus or from the sources listed on p. 11. Profits will be donated to charity and so far Lucy and her cast have donated over £6500! This really is a show not to be missed....

**Lights Out By Nine, Saturday 19 November.** Scotland's finest eight-piece live band, Lights Out By Nine play Soul Funk music with powerhouse Rhythm and Blues, and have a solid back catalogue of original material. Expect to hear the music of James Brown, The MG's, Motown, Parliament, Sly & The Family Stone, Average White Band, Prince and Barry White, to name a few. The support act is Fife based, blues band 'Dirt Road Blues', who will kick the show off with some solid Blues & Boogie - guaranteed to get you nicely warmed up! Just as well we have a nice big area at the front of the stage for dancers! Tickets are available from Gerry McGregor at the campus or from the sources listed on p. 11.

**Choirs Together, Sunday 20 November.** A great variety of local choirs and singing groups performing from 7pm with tickets £5 or £3 concession. See page 11 for ticket information.

**Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair, Saturday 26 November.** There will be a large selection of stalls with a wide range of antiques and collectables. There will be buying, selling and valuations given. Do come along - the fair is getting bigger and better each month! Admission 9.30am-3.30pm. Entry fee £1 per person.

**Swansacre Christmas Shopping Evening, Friday 2 December.** Come along from 7pm until 9pm and enjoy a relaxing evening Christmas Shopping from local businesses and artisans. Snap up some fabulous gifts for friends and family ... or yourself!

### Classes and Groups at the Campus

**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](http://www.thedaisyfoundation.com) and to join the class in Kinross, contact Natalie Young at [Natalie-young@thedaisyfoundation.com](mailto:Natalie-young@thedaisyfoundation.com)

**WeightWatchers** meet on Wednesdays at 6.30pm. Contact Sandra Griffin on [sgriffin@weight-watchers.co.uk](mailto: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.*

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## Kinross & District Inner Wheel

Our local Inner Wheel Club is a part of the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs of Great Britain and Ireland, which again is a part of International Inner Wheel. As an organisation we have three objectives:

- To promote true friendship,
- To encourage the ideals of personal service,
- To foster International understanding.

We certainly accomplished some of these at our October meeting held in the Green Hotel when firstly we welcomed a new member, Susan Teale, and then enjoyed a very interesting and informative talk given by our speaker, Claudette Hudes. Claudette is an American chemical engineer and a recent new member of Kinross Rotary Club. She spoke about her family background, her career and her eventual move to Kinross. Claudette and her family lived in many different parts of the States. Her first introduction to Rotary was as an 'Honour Student' aged 13.

She trained as a chemical engineer at Tampa University of South Florida and, after working for several companies in US, in due course moved to the Netherlands where she had a job with Dow Chemical as a production engineer. Having met her Dutch husband there they moved to Germany to work. Over the years they had often visited Scotland where they had both felt very much at home and eventually moved here where Claudette worked for SEPA. A fascinating life.

## Dollar Museum

Website: [home.btconnect.com/dollarmuseum/](http://home.btconnect.com/dollarmuseum/)  
Email: [dollarmuseum@btconnect.com](mailto:dollarmuseum@btconnect.com)

Dollar Museum is ramping up for the Christmas season. We are holding our annual **Book Sale** on **Wednesday 2 November** and **Thursday 3 November**. Please take the opportunity to recycle your summer reading and top up with new books for the long winter evenings! Book donations can be brought to the museum during normal opening hours on the weekend before the sale.

Our museum goods on sale make wonderful stocking fillers and presents for our friends abroad, particularly our 2017 Dollar calendar. We will also be participating in the **Dollar Christmas Fair** on **Saturday 3 December**.

We are open at weekends up till Christmas: 11am-1pm and 2pm-4.30pm on Saturdays and 2pm-4.30pm on Sundays.

You can still visit our 2016 exhibitions featuring Football in Dollar, Robert Burns in Dollar, Old Church Pewter, and the Story of a Ship in a Bottle made by a German in a Prisoner of War Camp in Glendevon during the First World War.

Our permanent displays include the History of Dollar, Castle Campbell, Dollar Academy, the Devon Valley Railway, the Japanese Garden at Cowden and Prehistoric items excavated in the local area.

Dollar Museum is a lively, award-winning visitor attraction. It is situated at the top of the Burnside, beside the Golf Club and at the entrance to the Mill Green and Dollar Glen.

Visit the Dollar Museum website for more information.

### Need to check something in an old Newsletter?

Consult our electronic archive at  
**[www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org)**

Issues from September 2006 to two months ago available



## Kinross-shire Day Centre

This month we have again enjoyed a variety of musical entertainments from our talented local volunteers. The Sabres brought along their new member, Drew, and we had a wonderful afternoon with them. We also attended the tea dance at the Wellbeing Fair at the campus, where, again, the Sabres were getting everyone's feet tapping with Sounds of The Sixties. Ian Grindley played the piano for us one afternoon too. Thank you to all the volunteers involved in our entertainment.

Our own staff treated us to a bit of a pamper one afternoon with a manicure, a foot massage and some welcome refreshments, all to the sound of relaxing music.

Finally, a date for your diary. We are having a **Christmas Fayre** on **Thursday 24 November** from 10am to 12 noon. We very much appreciate all the support we get from the community so drop in for a coffee, a raffle ticket, a look around the stalls and, most important, a chat.

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 Garden Group

The first meeting of the new season featured a very entertaining and informative talk from Alison Wilson and Ashley Atkins from Brightwater Holidays. Our next meeting is on **Thursday 10 November** in the Millbridge Hall, Kinross at 2pm. Louise Bustard from the Glasgow Botanic Garden will talk about '**My Inspirational Gardens**'. Please note that we will be taking numbers at this meeting for the Festive Lunch on 12 January 2017.

Membership fees are £10 for the year and £2 for visitors. If you are new to Kinross-shire and interested in meeting fellow garden enthusiasts you will be made very welcome. Doors will be open from 1.30pm. For more details, contact Caroline Anderson on 01577 864589.



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## Milnathort Old Folks' Association

The Association has been operating since 1958, organising events for older people living in the parish of Orwell. In recent years, this has meant arranging a bus trip in the summer and a Christmas lunch in the Town Hall.

There were some concerns that the group would be forced to close when several long-standing members of the committee decided to resign, but fortunately a plea to the local community resulted in a good turnout at the recent AGM and a new committee has been formed. We are very pleased to be able to let people know that the Christmas lunch is being planned as usual.

The Association has been extremely fortunate in the past to have benefited from generous donations from local businesses and we greatly appreciate the support that has been shown to our older people. As a new committee, we are hoping that this will continue and that we will be able to accommodate everyone who is eligible to participate in our events and would like to do so.

To this end, if you are an older person living in Orwell parish, or you know of someone who is, please let us know. (See invitation below.) We are anxious to ensure that everyone who would like to join in our festive celebration is given the opportunity to do so. Thank you for your support.

### Milnathort Old Folks' Association CHRISTMAS LUNCH

**Are you 70 or over? Do you live in Orwell Parish?**

If so, Milnathort Old Folks' Association would like to invite you to our annual Christmas lunch:

**Saturday 3 December**  
**Milnathort Town Hall**  
**1pm – 5pm**

Please come along and join us for good food, great entertainment and a visit from Santa Claus!

Transport can be provided for those who might otherwise find it difficult to get to the hall.

If you – or someone you know – would like to come along, please just get in touch with us as soon as possible so that we can add your name to our invitation list.

Contact:

Susan Britton, tel 07737 461293

email: [susanjbritton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:susanjbritton@yahoo.co.uk)

or Carole Anderson, tel 01577 863175

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## Seamab School

### Award winning partnership



Seamab's unique partnership with caring Edinburgh design agency StudioLR was honoured at the Institute of Fundraising's 2016 Scottish Fundraising Awards, where we were delighted to be named as winners of the "Best Partner Relationship (Corporate or Trust)" at a ceremony in Glasgow on 4 October.

We were introduced to StudioLR by one of the charity's trustees, with a view to creating a new brand. In the past, the charity had difficulty connecting emotionally with potential donors; for privacy reasons, we can't show the children's faces in promotional material or tell their specific stories. StudioLR took on the task of creating a new brand identity for Seamab, visiting the school and meeting with the staff and children to find out what Seamab means to them, and the things they would like to tell the world about what the charity does.

The outcome was the **Sea Changers** – a set of characters who give Seamab an endearing voice to tell their story. Entitled Free, Hope, Joy, Safe, Brave, Calm and Hug, the Sea Changers are designed to express all the things that Seamab strives to achieve for the children in supporting their physical and emotional recovery from loss, abuse, neglect and trauma.

Chief Executive, Joanna McCreadie, said: "We were delighted and surprised to win this award, given the strong competition and other deserving partnerships. It was wonderful to hear that the judges were particularly impressed by the ways in which our partnership with StudioLR has had an impact on the lives of our children."

Lucy Richards, StudioLR's Creative Director, added: "Our relationship with Seamab is very special indeed – winning this award recognises what we have achieved together over the past couple of years. I am really excited at the prospect of continuing to support one another well into the future."

### Thanks

We'd like to offer our sincere thanks to Becky Walker at Greengallery in Dollar, who chose to support Seamab as part of a Ladies Event at the studio in Dollar on 7 October. The generous shoppers visiting the gallery helped to raise more than £260! Becky continues to support the charity through the sale of Seamab's jute bags, which feature the Sea Changers, and is also planning future events. Keep an eye on our Twitter page at @SeamabScotland for news.

### Halloween Machines

If you're planning a Halloween party and would like to add a fun and quirky element, Seamab has slush machines and a candy floss machine which can be hired, with all funds raised from their hire benefitting the children. Contact the Seamab office on 01577 840307 or email [info@seamab.org.uk](mailto:info@seamab.org.uk) for more information and to make a booking.

### Wanted: shelving and cupboards

We're on the lookout for spare shelving and cupboards to help us keep the children's toys, games and musical instruments tidy at the school. If anyone in the Kinross area is clearing out their home or business and has something that might help with this that they'd be willing to donate, we'd be so grateful. Please contact Susie Williamson, Fundraising Manager, at [swilliamson@seamab.org.uk](mailto:swilliamson@seamab.org.uk) or on 07823 413470 if you can help.





## Kinross Rugby Club

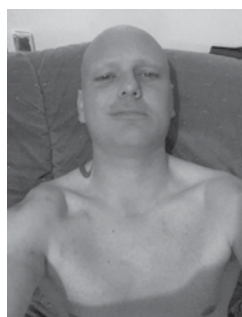
### Youth Section

Sunday 2 October saw Kinross RFC host the annual minis tournament. There was a great turnout from clubs across Scotland. Around 250 players put on a fantastic performance in the sunshine and a great time was had by all, children and adults alike. Thanks to all the parent helpers who made the day run so well, and to Jamie Montgomery for the use of Market Park as car park. Training for the minis section will recommence on Saturday 29 October. Midis training continues on Tuesday nights at the KGV from 7pm to 8.30pm.

### Adults

The senior team continues to fight every week to put a team out. Every week we manage to achieve this with thanks given to the hard work from some key people behind the scenes. This being so, we played Morgan 1st XV on 24 September that produced a one point win against a well drilled side. We managed this with pure determination, passion, and heart from the whole team.

A big well done to Tom Coll who raised a lot of money for Macmillan Brave the Shave and did his whole body.



*Before and after braving the shave:  
Tom Coll raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support*

### Scottish Autumn Internationals

Saturday 12 November, Australia, 2.30pm kick off.

Saturday 19 November, Argentina, 5pm kick off.

Saturday 26 November, Georgia, 2.30pm kick off.

The rugby club will be open for all these game so why not pop down for a pint and watch some international rugby? It's always a good atmosphere.



After the Georgia game we will be doing curry and a pint for £10. It's a good excuse to get friends and family involved. Get in touch on our Facebook page or email us to make sure there is enough curry for you.

### Fixtures

Saturday 5 November, away to Hillfoots RFC.

Friday 11 November, home to Falkirk 2nd XV RFC.

Friday 18 November, home to Howe of Fife 2nd XV RFC.

Saturday 3 December, home to Creiff and Strathearn RFC.



*The club house is a great venue for a variety of events.  
Please do get in touch to enquire about hiring.*

### Contact Us

If you fancy getting involved with the club by either playing or helping out, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us. The club house is a great facility for any functions or events, from birthday parties, discos, quiz nights or even a body shop party. If you need a venue to hold a meeting, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Email: [Kinrossrugby@gmail.com](mailto:Kinrossrugby@gmail.com)

Club House phone number: 01577 861773

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*Kinross Rugby Club - always looking for new members!*



## Kinross Volleyball Club

### Kinross Scotrange Volleyball Cup Winners

Perth and District Premier League teams met at Bell's Sports Centre on the last Sunday evening of September for their pre-season league cup competition. Last season's finalists, Team Fife and Scotrange, were both very much in contention for this season's trophy hunt.

Both Scotrange and Team Fife were involved in separate semi-finals which were closely contested. Team Fife needed a third set to seal their place in the final, winning 25-12; 23-25; 15-10. Kinross Scotrange cruised through the first set 25-14 but Dodgy Spikers staged a remarkable come-back from 15-23 down to take the score to 24 points each. It was a nervy finish with the Kinross side only just deserving the win, taking them to a repeat of last season's final.

Team Fife stormed to a 9-3 lead which progressed to 16-7 before Scotrange finally got off their marks coming from 18-22 behind to win the next seven consecutive points to win the first set 25-22. This seemed to knock the stuffing out of the Fife side as their play became error ridden. Scotrange showed no mercy, winning 25-14 to keep the silver cup in Kinross for another season.



*The Kinross Scotrange side with their trophy*

In the Recreational League Cup, Kinross Mongrels reached the semi-finals before losing out.

Eight Kinross-shire boys are involved in the Perth and Kinross under 18 boys team and they open the season in Edinburgh in mid-October. They also have to travel to Ayrshire and Aberdeen before having home games in December.

Coaching continues on Monday evenings from 8pm to 9.45pm. Sessions are open to all with new members being most welcome.



*Scotrange outside hitter Roy Munro hitting past a Team Fife block*

## Kinross Tennis Club

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

Our rearranged social tennis event on 25 September was a great success with stunning weather, a good turnout and lots of great tennis in a round robin competition. Congratulations to our winners Mauro Salmi and Cameron Hill!

Our presence at the launch of the Kinross-shire Community Sport Hub on 17 September was also another success, with coaching on the outside court as well as lots of interest from potential members who visited our stand.

We are well into Autumn, and Winter is coming up soon, but this does not mean the end of the tennis season! Many hardy souls are continuing to play with club nights continuing on Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm now we have floodlights on all three courts. Tokens for the floodlights are available from most committee members.

Sunday morning social tennis also takes place from 10.30am and there is a special session on Thursdays at 1.30pm most weeks. This is also open to non-members to come and try for a nominal fee.

Junior coaching will be offering winter indoor coaching again for members and non-members at Loch Leven Community Campus on Tuesdays from 5pm to 7pm in the small sports hall.

The first block runs through to Tuesday 6 December as follows:

Group 1 from 5pm to 5.40pm for ages 6 and under;

Group 2 from 5.40pm to 6.20pm for ages 8 and under;

Group 3 from 6.20pm to 7pm for ages 10 and under.

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The **AGM** will be held on **Thursday 24 November** at 7.30pm at King George V Rugby clubhouse in Kinross. All members are encouraged to come along to give their views and to hear of our plans for the forthcoming season. It's also a great opportunity for members to also have their say on how the club should progress in 2017.

**All members** are invited to our annual **Christmas dinner**. It will be held at Kirklands Hotel on **Thursday 15 December** at 7.30pm for 8.00pm. Maggie Byford is kindly organising this for us again so contact her if you want to come along, especially as places are limited!

New members are always welcome at the club. So, if you are new to tennis or you would like to get playing again, please contact Margaret Hamblin, on 01577 850252 or by email at [kinrossstennis@gmail.com](mailto:kinrossstennis@gmail.com)

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## **Kinross Kobras**

It has been a busy few weeks for the Kobras. The end of September saw six teams playing up at Kilgraston in a Midlands District tournament hosted by Perthshire Hockey Club. We are getting better at competitive tournament hockey and all players did a great job to secure some wins in their games.



*The Kinross boys from the Interdistrict tournament*

The same day saw the National Boys U16 and U18 championships. Four Kinross players were involved in this representing Midland District; Arthur Morris, Cameron Banks and David McIntyre at U18 and Alex Wilson at U16. The U18 team had a great tournament and came out champions. The U16s came in third winning half of their games.



*The senior team from Stirling Wanderers matches*

The period ended with matches against teams from Stirling Wanderers held at the KGV pitch in Kinross. The junior teams did well, winning most of their games. The senior kids had some close fought games ending with a full pitch game which ended up a 1 - 1 draw. This was a great introduction to full pitch hockey.

Next month sees more tournaments and matches before an indoor season starts at the end of November.

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## **Kinross Hockey Club**

### **Ladies' Teams**

How quickly the season goes by! As we enter November, we have only one month left of competitive hockey before the winter shut; although we don't stop training, we rely on the weather to do that!

It's been a bit of a mixed bag so far this year. Our firsts started their campaign this year with some really challenging fixtures; both Western seconds and thirds and Edinburgh Uni in three of the first four fixtures. Unfortunately, we lost all three of these games, but a victory against Haddington Ladies showed our real capability and we are looking forward to some more victories before the half way mark.

Our seconds have had a very frustrating season to date, with two fixtures being postponed and only playing two games since last month. Of those games, we've had one win and one loss, although both were closely fought games. Sadly, our impending game this weekend (15/16 Oct) has also become a victim of the weather, adding to the postponed fixtures.

The new team kit has arrived, and this weekend will be its first official outing; unfortunately not in Kinross, but in Edinburgh against the University. We can look forward to a new team picture in next month's issue.

With the winter weather descending, we are battling to train and play our home fixtures in Kinross as the pitch cannot cope with any heavy rain. Consequently we will be moving to play all our home games at a mixture of pitches, namely Dollar, Kilgraston and North Inch Community Campus. It is frustrating to be unable to play our home games in Kinross; it's a community club and part of the success of that comes from having a central point for the club. However we are delighted and very thankful that all three facilities have been able to accommodate us until such time as the new pitch is complete.

### **Men's Teams**

The mens 1st XI play in East District Division 1 captained by Gordon Balfour and vice captain Neil Wilson. Great to see so many youngsters playing for the firsts and scoring some spectacular goals; more on that next month.

The first game was lost 1-5 to Grange 5ths, but the following week they demolished Grange 6ths 9-0.

Next it was last year's league winners Edinburgh University 4ths where the team fought back from 0-2 down to draw 2-2. The last game saw a new sponsored strip by Soho Wealth presented to the team and a 7-2 win over Carnegie 2nds ensued.

The 2nd XI play in East District Division 3 captained by Simon Williams and vice captain Ralph Hepburn. Currently lying in third place after winning 6-1 against Edinburgh University 7ths, 3-1 against Peebles and losing 0-5 to Reivers.

Training is on Tuesdays from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. 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 first team ranging from age 14 to 56!

If you are interested in joining, go online and look up [www.kinrosshockey.org/join](http://www.kinrosshockey.org/join).





## Kinross Colts

The squads are all now moving to winter training in the darker nights at the floodlit astro at the campus. Most squads will be continuing to either play in outdoor football leagues at 7 or 11 aside or some of the younger squads are playing the indoor Futsal league over the winter months.

Here are some updates from some of the squads:

### 2007 Colts

The 2007s would like to say a huge thank-you to Glendevon Energy for their new match strips. Here they are getting presented with their new strips by Glendevon Energy's Managing Director, Hugh Wallace.



*The 2007 Colts with their new strips*

### 2009 Colts

The 2009s would like to say a huge thank-you to Lauriston Nursery, Kinross, for kindly sponsoring our first ever strip. The lads were so excited to receive them with their squad numbers on the back.



*The new 2009 Colts strips*

The Colts would also like to thank Ashley House whose donation allowed us to buy more training equipment.

Finally, a massive thank-you to MSR Roofing, the Thistle Hotel and everyone else for contributing towards our recent 'Sponsored What?' event. The exact total isn't yet known but is expected to be around £2000! The money will be used to buy winter training jackets but, more importantly, a defibrillator (AED) for the local community.

Please contact [kinrosscolts@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## Kinross Table Tennis Club

This is a weekly table tennis club led by professional coach, Pat Duffy, held every Tuesday at Loch Leven Community Campus from 5pm to 6pm. We welcome all ranges of abilities and ages (from age 10), whether you are the next Gavin Rumgay or just looking for a fun way to keep fit. We currently have eight table tennis tables at the campus and, with the rising number of people coming, are looking to acquire a couple more.

We recently showcased our club at the Kinross-shire Community Sports Hub Launch where we had the pleasure of the company of Gillian Edwards, the number one female table tennis player in Scotland. This event was a huge success! Join our club to open up new sporting opportunities. At the moment, three of our members compete in the Perth table tennis league, having already won various trophies and tournaments.

We are also considering creating a second club in the evening thanks to the popularity of our current one. If you might be interested in this, please don't hesitate to contact us for the latest information.

For up to date news and information about our club, follow us on Facebook. If you have any queries, contact Elaine or Jane on 07545 138436 or email us at [kinrosstabletennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:kinrosstabletennisclub@gmail.com).

**Deadline for all Submissions  
5pm, FRIDAY 18 November  
for publication on Saturday 3 December**

## Rallying

Junior rally driver Blair Brown (21) of Kinross left the 138. com Rally Isle of Man (15-17 Sept) with another notch in his motorsport CV having competed in all seven rounds of the DMACK Junior British Rally Championship 2016.

After a disappointing DNF at the Ulster Rally the previous month and knowing a podium position was out of his reach, Brown was aiming, above all else, to record a finish this time around.

For the final round Brown teamed up with Steven Clark (42) as co-driver and mentor. Clark said: "The Rally Isle of Man is regarded as one of the toughest rallies in the BRC calendar so to get to the finish was important to us. It wasn't really about times but we were happy with a few of them. It was more about exploring the car and trying different things so for that it was mission accomplished."

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## Kinross Curling

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Kinross welcomed a group of Swedish curlers in early October. They loved the wonderful hospitality experienced in Kinross. They played golf, curled and had a super trip to a local distillery. We are very pleased to report that they are already planning a return trip next year.

On 18 November Kinross welcomes a touring party of women curlers from the USA. You are very welcome to come along and support your local curlers as they provide excellent opposition.

**Kinross Curling School** was recognised at the Community Volunteer Awards ceremony at the campus in September for all the work that the volunteer coaches do, particularly coaching junior curlers. The certificate was collected by Maureen Aitken, Sheila Harley and Ena Stevenson. (See photo on p. 12.)

Kinross Curling recently played the first match of four in the Maxwell Trophy, a national competition, at Hamilton. We can report that the three rinks shared the points and now look forward to a home match v Forfar, before another home match v Murrayfield and the final away match in Kelso, on Friday 9 December.

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

**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 curling with colleagues and customers.

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

**Try Curling:** 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 out Try Curling dates. Sessions are one hour long and cost £3. You will receive a soft/hot drink. To find out more and to book a place, please contact Claire Milne, Curling Development Officer on kinrossdev@royalcaledoniancurlingclub.org

**Sunday 27 November:** 9.45/10.25/11.05

**Saturday 3 December:** 9.45/10.25/11.05

**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 Bowling Club

The bowling season has come to an end for another year, with the closing of the green on 2 October. The Gibson Triples was played on that day, a lovely sunny afternoon.

The presentation of prizes and buffet followed and was very well attended. The prize winners were:

	Winners	Runners Up
Tue Afternoon Hat Game	P R Grant	J Stewart
Wednesday Hat Game	J Stewart	P R Grant
Sunday Competition	I Henderson	P R Grant
Cowie Shield	C Matthews	P R Grant
Waddell-Ford	G M Rennie	P R Grant
G Smith Pairs (Mixed)	J Nelson & R Sneddon	J Mitchell & P R Grant
J Wallace Trophy (Men)	Jim Cousar	I Christophers
E Ford Comp (Ladies)	C Matthews	S Rennie
Barnes Trophy	S Rennie	J Stewart
Renton	G Rennie	S Rennie
Montgomery	I Christophers	R Moffat
Handicap	I Henderson	S Rennie
Snr S/Hand	S Rennie	R Moffat
Presidents (Men)	J Cousar	R Moffat
Gents Pairs	P R Grant & G M Rennie	I Henderson & R Sneddon
Mixed Pairs	S Rennie & I Christophers	C Matthews & J Cousar
Gibson Triples	J Nelson, P R Grant & Jim Cousar	
Bess Hunter (Ladies)	S Rennie	J Mitchell
Ladies Champion	S Rennie	C Matthews
Gents Champion	I Christophers	G M Rennie

Thanks to the green team for all their hard work on the green and surrounding areas. Also thanks to the ladies for keeping the club tidy and supplying baking etc throughout the year; all very much appreciated! And thanks to sponsors: **We Do Windows, Purvis Group** and **A & J Nelson**.

## Fossoway Curling Club

Our opening bonspiel was held on Sunday 25 September. Making a welcome return after a year out due to injury was Jimmy Johnson who subsequently won the competition. There's life in the old dog yet!

Our regular club competitions are now under way with the next big event, our pairs competition, being held on Saturday 29 October.

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 waiting. Coaching is available. Contact Alan on 01577 840695 or Willie on 01577 840405 for details.



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Our golf has reached the end of season. All competitions and matches have been completed and congratulations to all prize winners. Prize giving takes place **Saturday 5 November**. Gents 2016 major winners are: Club Champion, Scott Michie; Beveridge Cup, J D Marshall; Strokeplay scratch, A Jackson; Strokeplay handicap, J Scougall Jnr; Piper Cup, D Eastop; Centenary Cup, D Oliver; Seniors Cup, D Murphy; Summer Fourball, E Ross/C Ross; Beeches Park, R Caldow/A McGregor. Ladies 2016 major winners are: Club Champion, A Smith; Handicap Champion, J Simpson; Belle Sands Trophy, L Murray; Falconer Trophy, L King; Millenium Trophy, W Lau; Centenary Stableford, A Thomson; Millennium Cup, G Smith and A Thomson.

Congratulations to Club Captain Ken Scott who recorded a hole in one at the 16th on the Bruce course in the Lee McCormack competition. This has been made all the more memorable for Ken by receiving a Hugo Boss watch from the H1 Club, only available to golfers who record a hole-in-one in a qualifying club competition.

Unfortunately both the Men's and Juniors Scratch League teams lost out in their Perth and Kinross County finals at Gleneagles. Very well done to both teams in reaching the finals and best of luck for next season.



*Men's Scratch team before their finals match at Gleneagles*

Commiserations to our Seniors Caledonian League Team who played the Champion of Champions finale at Forfar. They lost 2.5 – 3.5 to Dollar Golf Club in a tight match. Congratulations to Dollar.

### Friday 25 November, 7.30pm, 'Bubl   and Bubbles'

Ladies, come along with family and friends for an evening of entertainment and fun with our Michael Bubl   tribute act. Tickets cost  10 per person and include a free cocktail on arrival. A 'scampi in a basket' supper (or vegetarian alternative) will be available up to 8.30pm at a cost of  5.50 per person and prosecco will be on sale at the bar. For tickets or more information, contact Lyn or her bar staff.

For more information about golf and social memberships and other club activities, check out our website, follow us on Facebook and Twitter, or pop into the clubhouse.

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

## Milnathort Golf Club

### Ladies Section

This is my final report of the season. We are now playing our winter league; 9 hole competition sweeps, Wednesday tee-off at 10am and Saturday at 1.10pm. If you are a lady member, come and join us. These competitions are for fun and, if you do not have a handicap, we will give you a playing one.

Our last results are as follows:

Monday 29 August: Breakthrough Cancer, Fiona Smith nett 71 and Gwen Tate 72.

Sunday 4 September: Montgomery Medal final, winner Gwen Tate nett 74, runner up Deirdre Calderwood nett, 75.

Ladies Club Championship won by Jackie Sneddon (Donaldson Cup), handicap section (Francis Millenium Trophy) Gwen Tate. Monday 5 September: Golf Foundation Brooch, Fiona Smith nett 76 and Jackie Sneddon nett 77.

Wednesday 21 September: 9 hole stableford qual (6), Edna Nelson 14 points and Margaret Hooper 12 points. 18 hole stableford, Betty Brannan 38 points and Gill Pemberton 36 points.

As I type this it gives me great pleasure to report that all our best wishes go with Fiona Smith and Jennifer Simpson who have qualified through a number of knockouts to represent Milnathort in the finals of the Daily Mail foursomes at Chepstow Golf Club, Wales. They have done exceptionally well to reach this stage.



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## Kinross Otters

### Premier league update

In the closest finish to any league that anyone could remember and, despite their best efforts, the Otters lost the premier league by the tiniest of tiny margins as Menzieshill/Whitehall became champions. Both teams entered the final league match in Arbroath on Saturday 24 September level on 18 points in joint first position. After some superb swims, both teams drew yet again on 183 points each, meaning that they topped the league on 23 points. After a nervous delay whilst the judges counted all the points from all league matches throughout the year, the Otters were extremely disappointed to be defeated by 834 points to 825! Despite the anguish, the Otters can be very proud of the team performance and team spirit that they showed over the year. Well done.

A message from **Simon Metcalfe** (Head Senior Coach): 'All the swimmers should leave with their heads held high and be very proud of their achievements. Many thanks to all the coaches and helpers that have assisted throughout the year. And finally a massive thank you to the team captains (**Iona Crawford and Cameron McCloskey**) on setting a brilliant example to the younger swimmers.'

As a measure of how hard everyone actually tried, and in an unprecedented record breaking spree, all four club relay records got broken at this one meet as follows:

Girls 4 x 50m Free Relay, Amy Hardie, Caitlin Steptoe, Iona Crawford and Amy Broadhurst, 02.01.7;

Girls 4 x 50m Medley Relay, Amy Hardie, Caitlin Steptoe, Iona Crawford and Amy Broadhurst, 02.19.25;

Boys 4 x 50m Free Relay, Euan Boyle, Conor McCormick, Cameron McCloskey and Euan Simpson, 01.47.33;

Boys 4 x 50m Medley Relay, Euan Boyle, Cameron McCloskey, Conor McCormick and Euan Simpson, 02.04.44.

A special well done to all those swimmers. It is anticipated that some of these records will stand for a very, very long time!



## Glenrothes Novice Meet

### Michael Woods Leisure Centre, Glenrothes Saturday 8 October

The Otters sent a large team of 20 to this novice meet held in the beautifully refurbished Michael Woods Centre in Glenrothes. They were treated to a wee chat with paralympic medal winner and channel 4 commentator Paul Noble. They got to ask questions and hold his heavy medals. It proved to be a great inspiration for all the swims that followed. Personal bests and medals were won all over the place. Unfortunately, the results were unavailable by deadline day. However, here is a lovely photograph of the whole happy team!



*The full Otters team from the Glenrothes Novice Gala*

## Well done to Simon

Well done **Simon Metcalfe** (Head Coach) for finally producing that rock and proposing to **Laura**. We all wish you well for your engagement and we'll be on the lookout for you on bended knee soon!

## AGM

A successful and well run club does not happen by accident. **Your club needs you.** Please come if you can. All welcome. **Tuesday 1 November**, 7pm at Milnathort Golf Club.

Many thanks to all those committee members standing down at the AGM. You have all worked so hard to make this the great little club that it is. This is especially true of **Jon Broadhurst**, our outgoing chair, who has guided the Otters' ship like a true captain (oh aar!). You will be missed.

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**POWMILL** – The first meeting took place on 21 September and was a Car Hunt organised by President Sharon Buchanan. The cars set off from the Moubray Hall and travelled up the A823 turning off towards Saline before turning left and heading towards Dollar, Muckhart and Rumbling Bridge. All along the route we had to solve puzzles and answer questions. An enjoyable evening was had by all. Back at the hall we enjoyed tea and goodies provided by Mary Wilson and Fiona Black.

Competition winners:

Wedge of Lemon Meringue Pie	Mary Wilson
An Animal Ornament	Fiona Black
Garden Gem	Janet Mitchell

On **Wednesday 16 November** at 7.30pm **Willie Shand** will give us one of his interesting talks and slideshows. Visitors are always welcome to join us: £2 towards your tea and goodies.

**CROOK OF DEVON** – President Alice Johnson welcomed members and visitors to the meeting and introduced Michael from Sainsbury's who gave us a very entertaining and informative talk on the background of Sainsbury's. He told us they are the biggest trader of Fairtrade products and about the support they give to local charities. He had also brought many items of food from the shop for us to sample.

A vote of thanks was given by Margaret Arbuckle.

Competition winners:

Floral Arrangement in a Teacup	Kim Massey
Flower of the Month	Margaret Arbuckle

**BISHOPSHIRE** – President Norma Smith welcomed members and 18 ladies from Cleish SWI.

Thanks must go to the ladies from Cleish who presented us with a quiz, a play, Murder Café, which had us all guessing 'whodunnit', and a baking demonstration on how to assemble a meringue roulade.

Bishopshire ladies provided an excellent supper and also a raffle with ten winners.

Competition winners:

Halloween Food	Margaret Paton
Halloween Mask	Marion Sutherland

**CARNBO** – President Jay Hutchison welcomed 29 members to our October meeting. After business, the trophies won by several members at Kinross Show in August were presented, along with the Sealy Shield, awarded to the Rural with the most points overall.

Lorraine and Nadia from Kirkcaldy then entertained us with a wonderfully refreshing and enlightening insight into their young business, 'Love Restored' which encompasses, amongst other things, all aspects of upcycling furniture – with paint!

Rosemary Hudson gave a vote of thanks.

Competition winners:

Flower of the Month	Mary Lapsley
A Recycled Article	Jay Hutchison

**CLEISH** – President Mrs Helen Buchanan welcomed twenty-six members and visitors to our October meeting.

She thanked the members who participated in and supported the Ruralympics final in Renfrewshire on 1 October 2016.

After business a group of Cleish SWI members performed a short murder mystery play known as Café Murder which was enjoyed by both the audience and cast.

A vote of thanks was given by President Mrs Helen Buchanan.

Competition winners:

Smoothie	Elinor Craig
Halloween Mask	Faye Gibb
Flower of the Month	Lizzie Glennie

**GLENFARG** – Chocolate is a subject dear to many women's hearts so Barry Batchelor's intriguing talk on the history, geography and manufacture of chocolate was more than satisfying. From its origins with the Incas to present day mixtures, members learned about the best and worst in the chocolate world and how to be fussy about choosing the best to eat!

Mrs Allison Messenger proposed the vote of thanks for an excellent talk.

Competition winners:

Flower of the Month	Vivien Hepplethwaite
Favourite Jug	Sheila Harley
Chocolate Muffins	Lynda Stuart

## Congratulations



**HUNTERS OF KINROSS** won success at the recent Scottish Craft Butchers Awards. The Kinross High Street master butchers achieved Gold awards for their Cumberland Sausage and Pork, Apple and Leek Sausage. Hunters also won Silver accolades for their Breakfast Sausage and Venison and Redcurrant Sausage.

*Iain and Pamela Hunter receiving the Craft Butcher awards at a ceremony in Carfraemill in the Scottish borders*



## Thanks



**Macmillan and Marie Curie: JESSIE MITCHELL** thanks all who supported her to raise £665.00 at the Coffee Morning. This is very much appreciated.

Thanks are expressed by several clubs in their reports, including **COLTS** (p. 75) and **POTAGER GARDEN** (p. 54).

### Looking for Contact Details?

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# Out & About



## Loch Leven NNR



We've had a fresh autumn with winds from the east for a prolonged period of time. The papers are full of stories of it being an Arctic winter. Let's hope winter will be kind and it's not as bad as the winters of 2010 and 2011.

We've been really busy around the reserve in the last few weeks. After being constantly rained off in September, we've finally got round to completing our mowing and lifting of grass around the reserve. We do all our own mowing with a cutter and we lift with a bailer. The better quality bails go to locals who have livestock. We like to get our species rich meadows cut in the autumn so they will be full of life once again next spring.

We've been enjoying the spectacle of the Pink-footed Geese for the month or so. We've been seeing many thousands coming in and out of the loch. Gus led a highly successful goose walk in October. A number of folk braved the chilly morning to see a couple of thousand birds lift from the Kirkgate plus witnessing the other wildlife of the loch waking up.

This was our only event recently. We had the ever-popular Fungi Foray with Richard Smith for the Fife Coast and Countryside trust. A total of 34 species were found.

We will be working out next year's events programme in December. We hope to have as diverse a set of events again next year.

In September Gus and Therese looked after a group of 60 P1 students from Kinross High. They were learning about the Biodiversity around Loch Leven. The activities included a Bug Hunt, Pond-dipping and Birdwatching. It is an important part of our work to engage youngsters about the natural environment and demonstrate why Loch Leven is such a special place. In the next couple of weeks, invitations will be sent to local schools to see who wants to get involved with the highly successful Trout in the Classroom. Gus can't wait to get his teeth into this one.

It's always this time of year we start to see more Red Squirrels. Many people have recently been reporting them from their Kinross and Milnathort gardens. Please report your sightings of Squirrels to the Saving Scotland's Red Squirrel website. Sadly there have been a couple of local road casualties, so be careful around the roads while these animals are dispersing from their natal sites.

**Access to water:** Anyone wishing to access the water should only go out from the Kirkgate around 200 metres. This is to protect the wintering birds on the site. For further information on why we restrict the access on the loch, please visit the Scotland's National Nature Reserves website.

Gus is filling the blog with wildlife sightings and news. Find this blog by looking up Loch Leven NNR wordpress in your search engine.

Last month I was writing the newsletter from Shetland, this month from my original home in Gloucestershire; the wonder of remote working these days!

Please go out and enjoy the marvellous changing season.

TTFN,

Jeremy Squire  
Reserve Manager

## Weather



### September Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall	75.2mm = 3 inches
Heaviest rainfall	12.2mm (9th)
Total sunshine for the month	80.3 hours
Sunniest day	6.3 hours (10th)
Maximum temperature average	17.64°C
Highest temperature	22.4°C (12th)
Minimum temperature average	7.8°C
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Hello, folks! Next Newsletter time again. Ye Gods, it's no lang since a did the last yin! Anyway, doon tae business.

As mentioned last time, the geese have duly arrived and although the first Goose count of the season has still to be done at time of writing, it would appear from reports etc we have circa 10,000 in the vicinity at the moment. That number will probably increase yet, although by the time you read this may have gone down a bit again as family groups go further south for the winter.

Our November **Dawn Goose Watch** event takes place on **Saturday 5 November** at the early start hour of 6.15am till 8.30am. Breakfast and a cuppa in the centre afterwards. Advance booking essential; contact the reserve for more information or to book.

Other birdy type stuff that's been happening? The winter migrants continue to increase as well as the geese (wee bit o' a rhyme there, no even meant!) with ducks and waders around in good numbers and varieties. A Little Egret appeared back on the flood at the third hide for a few days and Water Rail, a very tricky bird to see, has been showing well in the same area. The bird feeders have been getting heavier use once again from the local tit, robin and chaffinch population as well as the now resident Red Squirrels as the weather starts to get a wee bit colder.

Saffron Nicholson is also back working with us in the café. After a spell away doing other stuff her cheery face will also greet you in the shop a day or two a week as she is now working in both places. Confusin or whit? Hope she disnae pit bird seed in the coffee – that could be a new culinary experience! Nah! It'll awe be fine.

**Upcoming events** other than the above mentioned goose walk are:

On Saturday and Sunday **5 and 6 November** we are holding a **Christmas Market** with crafts, optics, kids events, café seasonal food and shop seasonal stuff to get you in the mood for the upcoming festive season. Nae good fightin it, it's gonnae happen, so go with the flow and enjoy! From 10am until 4pm both days – just turn up and join in.

**Wednesday 9th** is the **super popular Nature Tots from 10am until 12 noon** titled "Night time adventure". Huh? It's durin the day! Och weel, I suppose it will make sense when you get here. Booking is essential; £3 members, £6 nons per family.

On **Sunday 20 November** from 10am until 2pm we are holding another **Wildlife Writing Workshop** with author and poet Anita John. This has been a popular event on previous courses, with budding local authors enjoying it immensely, and is highly recommended. Prices £10 members, non-members £15. Tea/coffee provided. Let you inner creative self escape and book a place today.

We are now classed as a Scout friendly reserve, with a few groups having already visited. So, leaders, if you would like more information about what's involved, please contact the reserve to find out what you can do with your groups.

Think that's it again till next time. Enjoy the autumn!

Ta ta,

Colin

## Farming



Out & About

Did you help out on a farm at harvest time when you were a teenager or spend the October break from school picking tatties in the fields round Kinross-shire? Maybe you delivered milk on an early morning round with a dairy farmer who also pasteurised and retailed their milk from the farm? Chances are if you are over fifty then you were involved in some way and gained an understanding of the farming way of life but for the majority of younger folk getting past a farm gate isn't very likely and it does mean that farming is often misunderstood and probably not valued as highly as it once was. Thankfully the industry is getting better at communicating and many organisations promote farming and agriculture.

The Royal Highland Education Trust are a brilliant charity and offer school visits to farms and organise opportunities such as the recent Food and Farming Day at Farmer Dawes when 150 local children visited the mixed farm and participated in activities such as weighing lambs. Working with the farmer to work out the average weight and the daily live weight gain from birth is a great way to use maths in a practical setting and appreciate just how fast these lambs grow.

Farmers' Weekly is a popular magazine for UK farmers; it's full of interesting content and masses of classified ads. If I can't find my husband he's usually to be found in a quiet corner, reading from cover to cover. The magazine is passionate about promoting farming and runs an annual awards programme to recognise the best farmers from across the country. The fifteen categories cover every sector, from dairy to sheep to diversification, and the three finalists in each sector are a shortlist that have worked hard to achieve success and develop their business.

The Young Farmer of the Year award has two finalists from Scotland this year. I was fortunate to interview David Cooper, one of the finalists, earlier in the year. David moved to his farm in Cumnock, Ayrshire, at just seventeen years old. He came from a farming family in the south of England but moved up on his own to the farm, which had previously been an open cast coal mine. The farmhouse wasn't in a good state and neither was the land, but that didn't dampen his enthusiasm and he immediately set about a reclamation programme and stocked the hills with hardy Herdwick and Welsh Mountain ewes.

David has been in the farm for twelve years now and recently married. The flock has grown to 3000 ewes. He looks after it all on his own, including lambing singlehanded. The lambs from these wee ewes are ideal for the light lamb market; they are exported to Spain and Italy where smaller chops are a delicacy and highly valued.

Building the business was made more challenging as there were no fences left after the mining so David has laid over 40,000 metres of post and net in 12 years, coming up with a few innovations to make the job easier on his own. Added to that, his business was not eligible for any farm payments until last year, so the development of his farm business is a fascinating story. I really hope he wins and you can read all about his hard work and dedication in the national papers or see a good story about farming on TV!

Fiona

For more about the RHET Food and Farming Day, see p. 13.



# Kinross-shire Churches Together



## Kinross Parish Church of Scotland

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10 Station Road, Kinross KY13 8TG (Charity no SC012555)  
Church website: [www.kinrossparishchurch.org](http://www.kinrossparishchurch.org)  
Church E-mail: [office@kinrossparishchurch.org](mailto:office@kinrossparishchurch.org)  
Church office and church open: Mon-Fri 10am-12 noon.  
Church Office: Tel. (01577) 862570  
Minister: Rev Alan D. Reid MA, BD Tel: (01577) 862952  
Ordained Local Minister:  
Rev Margaret Michie Tel: (01592) 840602  
Session Clerk: Jaffrey Weir Tel: (01577) 865780

**Events listed below are in the church unless indicated otherwise.**

### Regular Services and Events

**Sundays:** 10.30am: Morning Service with Crèche 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.

**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

#### November

- Tue 1** 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.  
7.15pm: Guild, church centre: 'Scottish Natural Heritage: Loch Leven'.
- Thu 3** 7.30pm: Thursday Group, church centre: 'How to make a holly wreath'.
- Sun 6** 10.30am: Morning Service, with informal Communion at 11.45am.
- Mon 7** 8am: Silent Meditation.
- Sat 12** 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (names in advance to church office).

### Christmas Crafts and Coffee

**Saturday 12 November: Church Centre 10am – 12 noon**

A coffee morning organised by the Craft Group of Kinross Parish Church with lots of hand-made Christmas gifts to buy.

#### Sun 13 Remembrance Sunday

10am All-age Remembrance Service with youth organisations, followed by parade to County War Memorial for short service with two minutes silence at 11am.

11.15 Morning Service.

**Tue 15** 7.15pm: Guild, church centre: Beetledrive (£4 – open to friends).

**Thu 17** 11.30am – 2pm, Church Centre: All Friends Together.  
9pm: late evening service of Compline.

**Sun 20** 10.30am: Morning Service, with BB enrolment.

**Sun 27** 10.30am: Morning Service: Advent Sunday.

**Tue 29** 7.15pm: Guild, church centre: 'Scottish Night'.  
2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.

## Cleish Parish Church Church of Scotland

(Charity No: SC003168)

Minister: Rev Lis Stenhouse BD (Hons)

Email: [estenhouse@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:estenhouse@churchofscotland.org.uk)

Reader: Brian Ogilvie

Session Clerk: Neil Maclure

Email: [neil.maclure19@gmail.com](mailto:neil.maclure19@gmail.com) Tel: 01577 864826

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



**Sunday Services 11.15am**

#### November

- Sun 6** 11.15am **Morning Worship. Junior Church.** Tea and coffee served in the Village Hall in aid of Guild Projects. Traidcraft stall.
- Sun 13** 11.15am **Remembrance Sunday** Morning Worship. Congregational Lunch in the Village Hall.
- Mon 14** 3.15pm **Cleish Messy Church** in the Village Hall. All school-age children and their carers welcome.
- Sun 20** 11.15am Morning Worship. Junior Church.
- Sun 27** 11.15am Morning Worship. **Sacrament of Holy Communion.**
- Mon 28** 7.15pm **Cleish Guild** meets in the Village Hall.

All welcome

## Kinross Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross

Website: [www.kinrossgospelhall.info](http://www.kinrossgospelhall.info)

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|--------|---------|-------------------|
| 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       |



*The War Memorial for the First World War in Kinross Parish Church, listing the 55 names connected with that single church who died on active service in the First World War*

**St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church***(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion)*

Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AY Telephone: 01577 864299

Email: office@stpaulskinross51.plus.com

Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk

Fr David Mackenzie Mills, Rector Telephone: 01577 863795

Email: frdavidkinross@gmail.com

You can also find us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalchurchkinross

We aim to be friendly and welcoming to all age groups and hope our worship speaks to everyone who is interested in making a journey of faith.

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

We usually use the 1982 Liturgy on Sunday mornings but also enjoy trying out experimental worship for special events throughout the year. We will also be introducing a monthly service of Evensong from the Book of Common Prayer.

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.

The Church is open and available for anyone to sit quietly on days and times when you see our wooden cross displayed at the front of church with other information attached.

*Special services and events will be advertised on our website.*

**November Services and Events****Sun 6 PENTECOST 26 (PROPER 32)**

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

**Sun 13 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

8.30am Holy Communion.

10am Service of Remembrance, Kinross Parish Church, followed by the Act of Remembrance at the Cenotaph.

11am St Paul's-led Act of Remembrance with readings.

11.30am Whole Church Eucharist.

4pm Pastoral Thanksgiving Service to remember those who have died.

**Sun 20 CHRIST THE KING**

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist with Confirmation (Celebrant and Preacher: David, Primus and Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane).

**Sun 27 ADVENT SUNDAY (YEAR A BEGINS)**

8.30am Holy Communion (1662 Book of Common Prayer).

11am Sung Eucharist.

6pm Advent Carol Service.

**Everyone welcome at all services**

**Note: St Paul's Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday 4 December after the 11am Sung Eucharist.**

Do you have

**Photographs of Kinross-shire**

you'd be happy to share with others?

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

**Fossoway, St Serf's & Devonside Church****Church of Scotland** (Charity number SC013157)

Church Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross-shire, KY13 0UY

www.fossowaychurch.org.uk

Minister: Rev Lis Stenhouse Telephone: (01577) 842128

Email: estenhouse@churchofscotland.org.uk

Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie Telephone: (01592) 840823

Email: brianj.ogilvie1@btopenworld.com

Session Clerk: Mrs Janet Harper Telephone: (01577) 840225

Email: aclassicsoul@aol.com

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 30** 9.45am Morning Worship.

**November**

**Sun 6** 9.15 - 9.30am A Time of Prayer.

9.45am Morning Worship followed by Refreshments and Traidcraft Stall.

**Fri 11** **10.50am** Remembrance service with Fossoway Primary School at the War Memorial in the Crook of Devon.

**Sun 13** 9.30am Remembrance Sunday service at the Crook of Devon Village Hall.

**Sun 20** 9.45am Morning Worship.

**Sun 27** 9.45am Morning Worship, Celebration of Holy Communion.

**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.*

**messychurch@fossoway**

Friday 4 November and Friday 2 December at Crook of Devon Village Hall, 3.15 - 4.30pm.

**House group**

Wednesday evenings 7pm. Please contact Debbie Hill for details, 01577 842268.

**Parents/Carers and Toddlers Group**

Friday 4 November at 9am in the Church Hall.

**Film Evening**

Friday 4 November 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.

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## Churches Together

### Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

Church of Scotland (Charity number SC015523)

Minister - Very Rev Dr Angus Morrison

Telephone: 01577 863461

Email: angusmorrison3@gmail.com

Website: www.orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk

#### Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:

10am Portmoak Church,

11.30am Orwell Church.

All children welcome. Crèche available during 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 Orwell Hall on **Saturday 3**

**December** from 4 - 6pm, on the theme of 'Christmas'.

#### Dates and events for your diary

- 6 Nov** Joint service in Portmoak Church at 10.30am. No service at Orwell Church.
- 8 Nov** Kirk Session meets at 7.30pm in Orwell Church Hall.
- 15 Nov** The Guild meets in Orwell Hall at 7pm. Monica Stewart talks about her work as Rachel House Chaplain.
- 19 Nov** Christmas Bazaar: 10am to 12noon in Milnathort Town hall.
- 25 Nov** Oasis Ladies' Group meets in Portmoak Church New Room at 10.15am - craft morning making decorated flowerpots.
- 29 Nov** The Guild meets in Orwell Hall at 7pm. Jackie Sutherland talks about 'Gallantry Under Enemy Occupation'.

Everyone welcome

**Church office & shop** open Mon – Fri. 10am until 2pm.

29 South Street, Milnathort KY13 9XA.

Christian cards, gifts, bibles and books for sale. Printing and copying facilities available. Recycling for ink toners, stamps & batteries. Donations of food can be made for the local Foodbank.

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A list of future deadlines can be found on our website

**www.kinrossnewsletter.org**

## Obituary

### Maureen Kelly 1954-2016

On behalf of my brother David and myself, it is with great sadness to share that our sister Maureen passed away of a heart attack at her home in Newton Abbot, Devon, on Friday 12 August 2016. She was a beloved and devoted aunt to Jamie, Chloe, Chris Matt, Kirsten and Megan and a loving sister to David and myself.

Graeme Smith

### Kinross Christian Fellowship

Jesus said, 'I am among you as one who serves.'

Sunday morning service at 10.30am (refreshments and blether at 10am), Millbridge Hall, Old Causeway, Kinross.

Lively praise (children participate), reverent worship open to the leading of the Holy Spirit, prayer, ministry and solid Bible-based preaching and teaching. An all-round family service for families, which includes Sunday School. Communion every second Sunday, as is our evening service at 6.30pm; a time for praise, worship, sharing and joy in The Lord Jesus. (Followed by light refreshments and more blether.)

Everyone is welcome to either service or to both, so please come and, *taste and see that the LORD is good.*

Contact Peter on 01577 863509, for further information.

*KCF also runs the Talking Donkey café - see separate notice in the Newsletter. Additionally, the Friday evening Youth Group at the Millbridge Hall (Space) is also the responsibility of our Fellowship, and we are pleased to accept this privilege.*



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# Playgroups and Toddlers

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A relaxed and friendly group  
Healthy snacks, tea & coffee  
Children from birth to 3 years  
(5 years if attending with younger sibling)  
Great fun for the kids, mums, dads and carers!

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## SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

21-23 Swansacre, Kinross  
Kinross-shire Playgroup Association  
Aka Swansacre Playgroup  
Reg Scottish Charity No SC017748



**Tel: 01577 862071 Mobile: 07592 392235**

*We provide a warm, friendly and stimulating environment in which children can learn and develop through play.*

**Playgroup:** Children from age 2 years welcome.

Tue to Fri 9.05am - 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](mailto: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.

## 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  
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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](mailto:babygaj@yahoo.com)  
or 07736 930923 for further details,  
or find us on Facebook: Two's Club Kinross

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto:portmoakplaygroup@hotmail.com)  
or find us on Facebook

## MONTGOMERY TODDLERS

Every Thursday 9.30am to 11am (term-time only)  
The Gospel Hall, Montgomery Street, Kinross.  
Contact Christina Smith 01577 840733 or 07792 260509

## FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

**Glenbank Cottage, Powmill**

Partner-provider for P&K Education



Places available for 3-5-year-olds and Rising Fives  
Sessions 9.30am - 12.45pm Monday - Thursday,  
9.30am - 12.30pm Fridays

Contact Pat Irvine 07703 177766 or  
[www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross](http://www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross)

## Private Nurseries and Childcare

For private nurseries and childcare services, please see advertisements throughout the Newsletter.

To inform the Newsletter of any changes to Playgroup information, please send an email to: [editor@kinrossnewsletter.org](mailto:editor@kinrossnewsletter.org)

# Notices



## Oidhche na Gàidhlig

An evening of Gaelic language and culture featuring  
**Maeve Mackinnon**  
plus special guests Glè, Leven Voices & Martin MacIntyre  
**Saturday 29 October**  
Milnathort Town Hall  
starts at 8pm Tickets £8/£6 BYOB  
Tickets from Macbeth Currie Estate Agents, Kinross,  
the Shire in Milnathort or online at [www.ticketweb.co.uk](http://www.ticketweb.co.uk)

## The Combined Choirs of Cleish and Fossoway Churches and Friends Annual Concert

scheduled for Sunday 30 October 2016 in Cleish Church  
has been **CANCELLED**. Apologies for any inconvenience.  
It is hoped to hold a concert in late Spring 2017.

## Cleish Guild

invite you to

### Afternoon Tea in Cleish Village Hall

**Monday 31 October**  
**2 - 4pm**

Guest Speaker: Prof. 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)

## 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.

2016

3 Nov **How to Make a Holly Wreath.** Marion McAvoy.  
1 Dec **Christmas Meal.**

## Home Bru

**Friday 4 November**

at 7pm in Kinross Parish Church  
A concert by young musicians in Kinross  
Entry free

## Kinross Garden Group

2016/17 Season

**Thursday 10 November**

at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall, Kinross  
with Louise Bustard  
'My Inspirational Gardens'  
All welcome to join us

## Grants and Funding Websites

[www.pkgrantsdirect.com](http://www.pkgrantsdirect.com)  
[www.foundationscotland.org.uk](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk)

## KINROSS HUB THE CARERS CAFE

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016**  
**Bocia & (Games)**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016**  
**Christmas Party & Music**

**(No Carers Café)**  
**January 2017**

COMMENCING 10.15am PROMPT

The hub cafe  
is an informal  
meeting place  
to chat over a  
cuppa with  
other carers,  
cared for and  
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Contact Gail Boath  
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Or Annette Bond  
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## 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](http://www.glenfargfolkclub.com)

**7 November: Sandy Watt Quaich.** The Club's own annual song  
competition in which the aim of the performers is to provide a  
high degree of pure entertainment for the audience. So come  
and sing to make the audience laugh with joy or cry with sadness.  
Entertainment is the order of the night. All £3.

**14 November: Paul McKenna.** No, not the world famous hypnotist,  
but instead Scotland's world famous singer-songwriter and guitarist.  
We welcome him back to perform his exciting arrangements of  
both traditional and contemporary folk music. Members £6, non-  
members £9.

**21 November: Singaround.** With the approach of the Festive  
Season, let's prepare by having "Food and Drink" as our theme for  
the evening. All £3.

**28 November: Anthony John Clarke and Dave Pegg.** A first time  
visit to the club for these two brilliant artistes as a duo. One of our  
favourite men, AJC is joined by ex-Fairport Convention "Peggie"  
to give us a night to remember. Fun, laughter, brilliant songs and  
singing are all on offer tonight. We are extremely fortunate to book  
them during this, their latest tour. Don't miss this! Members £6,  
non-members £9.

## Perth and Kinross REMEMBERS

### First World War Conference

**Saturday 12 November**

10am – 5pm at St John's Kirk, Perth  
Admission £35

For more information go to website: [pkremembers.co.uk](http://pkremembers.co.uk)  
Organised by Culture Perth and Kinross



## Business Breakfasts

Open to all Kinross-shire Businesses

Local networking at its best

Kinross-shire Partnership is hosting another season of 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.

November's business breakfast is being held on **Wednesday 2 November from 7.30am to 9am** at Loch Leven's Larder.

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](mailto:mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk)

You can see more information about the work of Kinross-shire Partnership at:

[www.kinrosspartnership.org.uk](http://www.kinrosspartnership.org.uk)  
[www.visitlochleven.org](http://www.visitlochleven.org)  
[www.facebook.com/visitlochleven](https://www.facebook.com/visitlochleven)  
[www.twitter.com/VisitLochLeven](https://www.twitter.com/VisitLochLeven)

## Flutterby Fitness Pilates & Kinross 50 Plus Keep Fit Group Afternoon Tea

all proceeds to Macmillan Cancer Support

**Tuesday 15 November**  
 at 3pm in the Masonic Hall

Tea and delicious home baking. Cake and Candy.  
 Raffle. Traidcraft and Phoenix Cards.  
 Scarlet Goose Gifts. CHAS Cards and Diaries.  
 Entry by donation. All welcome.

## Kinross Parish Church Guild Beetle Drive

**Tuesday 15 November**

at 7.15pm in the Church Centre, Kinross  
 Members are invited to bring a friend  
 Tickets: £4 including refreshments

## Community Website

For contact details of community groups, hall bookings, job vacancies, leisure and visitor information and much more, visit [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)

## Friends of Loch Leven Community Library Annual General Meeting

**Wednesday 16 November**

Friends of Loch Leven Community Library will hold their AGM at the Loch Leven Community Campus on Wednesday 16 November 2016 starting at 7pm.

The Chairperson and Treasurer will give their annual report and the office bearers for the next year will be nominated by the committee.

Everyone is welcome to attend the AGM, in particular people who would like to learn more about FOLLCL or who would like to volunteer with the group. For further information, please contact Richard Scott, 01577 861795.

## Annual Michael Bruce Talk

This year's annual Michael Bruce Illustrated Talk will take place in Portmoak Village Hall at 7.30pm on

**Thursday 17 November**

Trust Chairman, Professor David Munro, will give a talk entitled "*Portmoak Revisited: the 1,000-year story of a Kinross-shire Farm.*"

Forty years after David Munro's 1976 unearthing of the Celtic cross-slab known as the Portmoak Stone, new discoveries have been made at the site of the former Portmoak Chapel that once stood on the old shoreline of Loch Leven.

Entry, in support of Trust funds, is £4 (Children £1) including tea and coffee after the event. All are welcome.

## The Gaelic Society of Perth

The society will hold their November Ceilidh at St. Matthew's Church Hall, Tay St., Perth on **Friday 18 November** at 7.30pm.

Come and hear some great Gaelic singers and instrumentalists. Katie Smith, Alistair Whyte and Callum Ross – all Mod Gold Medallists will be singing as will Fiona Ross! Mary Garrad will play the clarsach and Alistair Duthie will play the pipes. Admission is £5 for Members and £6 for Non-Members – for an evening's entertainment plus refreshments! All welcome. Further information can be obtained from the Secretary on 01577 864589, on our website [gaelicsocietyofperth.com](http://gaelicsocietyofperth.com) or like us on Facebook - we are Gaelic Society of Perth.

## All Friends Together

in Kinross Parish Church, 11am – 1pm

**Saturday 19 November**

This group is for adults with learning disabilities:  
 Fun, Fellowship and Food.

For more information contact Helena Cant,  
 tel 01577 862923.

## 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: [milnathortcountrydancing.blogspot.com](http://milnathortcountrydancing.blogspot.com)



## Milnathort Christmas Bazaar

Tired of trailing around shops? Sore eyed from surfing the net? Still wondering what to buy your nearest and dearest as that unusual present for the big day?

Fear not; help is on hand!

The place – **Milnathort Town Hall**  
The date – **Saturday 19 November**  
The time – **10am to 12 noon**

At the Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church Christmas Bazaar there will be a dazzling array of Christmas goodies on display, ranging from ceramics to calendars, Christmas cards, Christmas treats for the table and beautiful Christmas floral arrangements. All of these attractions, and more, from which to choose, as well as the always popular cake and candy and bottle stalls – not forgetting that welcome cup of tea or coffee when it's time for a seat and a chat with friends.

It looks like being a Christmas planning opportunity not to be missed!

## Kinross-shire Day Centre

### Christmas Fayre

**Thursday 24 November**

10am – 12 noon

Christmas gifts and cards      Tombola  
Raffle      Snacks, teas and coffees

## Floral Art Club Coffee Evening

at Kinross Parish Church on

**Thursday 24 November**

at 7.15pm

"It's Christmas Again" by Mrs Lilia Hoskins

Members and visitors welcome

## 'FYJO at Forty'

Join us for a special concert to celebrate  
**the 40th birthday of Fife Youth Jazz Orchestra.**

Featuring Richard Michael BEM, professional former  
FYJO members and today's young players.

**Sunday 27 November 2016**

at 6pm at Lochgelly Centre.

For more details and to order tickets, please call 07592  
374745 or visit [www.eastofscotlandjazzeducation.org](http://www.eastofscotlandjazzeducation.org)

## Perth and Kinross Carers Conference 2016

**Monday 28 November**

Dewar's Centre, Glover Street, Perth

Booking is essential. To register your interest in attending or  
to hold a stall, contact Kerry Donaghy, tel 01738 567076 or  
email [kerry.donaghy@pkavs.org.uk](mailto:kerry.donaghy@pkavs.org.uk)

## Community Christmas Celebration

organised by Kinross-shire Churches Together

**Sunday 11 December**

at 3pm in Loch Leven Community Campus.

Collection for refugee charities.

## Kinross-shire Visitor Information Points

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

## 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.



### Remaining Programme for Season 2016-17

- 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 46.

## 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.

- 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](http://www.musicindollar.org.uk)



## 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:

1, 8 & 15 Nov, break week, 29 Nov, 6 & 13 Dec

#### Thursdays:

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](mailto:skeinsandbobbins@outlook.com)

PVG Scheme Membership

# Milnathort filmhouse Christmas Night Out



## the Holiday

Sat Dec 10th 7pm Dinner & Movie  
with Heavens Above £26 (£24 conc)



## Christmas Eve Movie



Family Movie Arthur Christmas

Sat Dec 24th 3pm all tickets £4

### INFO & BOOKING

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



### Circle Dancing

Fun and easy! Free taster class!  
No partner or experience needed.  
Steps are taught for all dances.



Tuesday morning class - full

### Beginners' Class

Every Wednesday (in term time) 10am - 11am  
£3 per session.

Classes take place at Millbridge Hall, Kinross.

For more information, contact Lynne Barlow, telephone  
01259 742173 or email [lynne244@btinternet.com](mailto:lynne244@btinternet.com)

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

Using a team of volunteer drivers, who are paid out of pocket expenses only, we provide transport and befriending to people in need in Kinross and the outlying areas. Please contact our co-ordinator Ann Munro: 01577 840196 for details on the service we offer.

Current charges:

LLHC & Kinross venues	
Pick up Kinross & Milnathort	£3
LLHC & Kinross venues	
Pick up all other areas	£6
Kelty	£6
Dunfermline	£10
Perth, Kirkcaldy	£12
Stirling, Falkirk, Larbert	£15
Dundee, Edinburgh	£20
Glasgow	£25
Stracathro	£40



### 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](mailto:Info@positive-choices.org.uk)

We are a registered Scottish Charity SC031076

Empowering Lives, Improving Health

### 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.

### 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.

### Discover Loch Leven Website

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

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

## 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](http://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](http://www.healingrooms-scotland.org)

### PLUS Perth

[www.plusperth.co.uk](http://www.plusperth.co.uk)  
Tel: 01738 626242  
77 Canal Street, Perth



PLUS is a member-led local charity and social movement which gives hope and opportunity to those affected by disadvantage; in the main to those with experience of mental ill health and substance misuse.

The PLUS office is open Mon-Fri 9.30am – 4pm  
for mental health signposting and enquiries.

### 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](mailto: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:

**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](http://www.hopepregnancy.co.uk)

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre  
40 St John Street, Perth, PH1 5SP  
[www.hopepregnancy.co.uk](http://www.hopepregnancy.co.uk)  
email: [hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com](mailto:hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com)  
Helpline 01738 621174  
We are a Scottish Charity SC037103

### Kinross Recycling Centre

Bridgend Industrial Estate

Opening Times: **Mondays to Fridays 9am to 7pm**  
**Saturdays and Sundays 9am to 5pm**

Bras, 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](mailto: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

Please note, deadlines are on a **FRIDAY**. More deadlines for the months ahead can be found on our website.

In very rare circumstances it may be necessary to change a deadline at short notice. Check Newsletter website for latest information:

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

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
December	Fri 18 November	Saturday 3 December
February	Fri 13 January	Saturday 28 January





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
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:

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: **8 and 22 November**

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

**Deadline for all Submissions**  
**5pm, FRIDAY 18 November**  
**for publication on Saturday 3 December**

**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,  
PortmoakCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

**Perth and Kinross Councillors****Kinross-shire Ward**

**Councillor Mike Barnacle** (Independent)

Tel/Fax (home): 01577 840516.

Email: michaelabarnacle@gmail.com

Website: mikebarnacle.co.uk

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

**Councillor Dave Cuthbert** (Independent)

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

8 Highfield Circle, Kinross, KY13 8RZ

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

Tel (home): 01577 864025.

Email: jgiacomazzi@pkc.gov.uk

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

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

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

85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13XA

**Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh MP****Member of Parliament for  
Ochil and South Perthshire**

I hold regular surgeries in Kinross-shire.

For more information, general enquiries and for anything else I can help with, please do not hesitate to contact me using the details below.

Telephone: 01259 219333

Email: tas.mp@parliament.uk

Unit 4, Townhead Institute, 39 Drysdale Street, Alloa, FK10 1JA

**Mobile Library Service****Visiting on Tuesdays 8 & 22 November:**

Milnathort	South Street	1215-1300
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**Visiting every Tuesday**

Glenfarg	Main Street	1130-1300
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**Visiting on Wednesdays 2, 16 & 30 November:**

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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Mawcarse		1700-1710
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For more information, see [www.pkc.gov.uk/mobilelibrary](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/mobilelibrary) or phone 01577 867205.

**Kinross Community Councillors**

Margaret Blyth	6 Muir Grove	
Jonathan Bryson	4 Burnbank Meadows	(01577) 531141
David Colliar	10 Rannoch Place	(01577) 864037
Barry Davies	60 Lathro Park	(01577) 865004
Bill Freeman (Chair)	64 Muirs	(01577) 865045
Ian Jack	Burnbrae Grange	(01577) 863980
David MacKenzie	12 Torridon Place	07703 820051
(Vice Chair)		
Margaret Scott	21 Ross Street	(01577) 862945
Thomas Stewart	Gellybank Farm	(01577) 864603
Eileen Thomas (Secy)	50 Muirs	(01577) 863714
David West	9 Leven Place	07824 313974

**Portmoak Community Councillors**

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**Customer Service Centre** Tel: 01738 475000

(Mon to Fri, 8am-6pm)

**Out of Hours Emergencies** Tel: 01738 625411

(Roads, flooding, environmental health and dangerous buildings)

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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](http://www.enquire.org.uk)

*Enquire is funded by the Scottish Government and managed by Children in Scotland*

## 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](http://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. Poorer bikes are salvaged for parts. Bikes are refurbished by qualified expert mechanics and sold on to the public at affordable prices with a three-month warranty.

Donated bikes and parts are collected from all Perth & Kinross Recycling Centres, including the Kinross centre at the Bridgend Industrial Estate.

Bike sales are held at The Bike Station, 284 High Street, Perth, PH1 5QS, Tuesday to Saturday 10am – 5pm.

The Bike Station also offers a Repair Service, a Fix Your Own Bike facility and a Dr Bike mobile service.

Tel: 01738 444430. Website: [www.thebikestation.org.uk](http://www.thebikestation.org.uk)

The Perth Bike Station is an accredited Revolve organisation.



## The Newsletter on Facebook

We use our Facebook page to announce:

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

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

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



## Sending photographs to the Newsletter

Contributors, if sending a photograph to the Newsletter, please send as a JPEG file and not embedded in a word document. Thank you.

## Give a Greyhound A Home

Look on our Website

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



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★ **for rescued Greyhounds** ★  
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**Welcome to the Kinross-shire  
Volunteer  
Information  
Point**

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

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

If you would like to promote your **Organisations Volunteering Opportunities** please hand your information into reception for attention of: Tracey Ramsay (Community Capacity Building Worker)

Blank profiles are also available for your use if required. These are in the organisation folder at the VIP alternatively follow this link:  
[www.pk.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=22228&p=0](http://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](mailto:Tramsay@pk.gov.uk)



Film shows • Cards • Dominoes • Art Class  
Daily Papers • Chiropody • Trips • Exercises

## Weekly Programme for November

<b>Monday</b>	Exercise Class	11am	Bingo	1.30pm
	Scrabble, cards & other Games			1.15pm
	"Stride for Life" Walking Group			2pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Carpet Curling	11am		
	Relaxation Class	1.15pm	Games	1.15pm
	Singing group with Alex Cant	1.45pm		
<b>Wednesday</b>	Morning Worship	10.45am		
	Dominoes, Scrabble & other Games			1.30pm
	Fantastic Fun Quiz	1.30pm		
<b>Thursday</b>	Art Class	1.30pm	Film Afternoon	1.30pm
	Dominoes, Scrabble, cards etc		1.30pm	
	Balance & Strength Class		1.30pm	
<b>Friday</b>	Exercise Class	11am - 12pm		
	Dominoes, Games and Filmshow	1.30pm		
	Bingo	1.30pm		



## Additional Events for November

Health & Wellbeing Information Point

Tai Chi

Kinross Community Care Advice and Information

Chiropody

Trip to Royal Yacht Britannia

Christmas Fair

Library Visit

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1st</b>	11am - 12pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2nd, 16th, 30th</b>	1.30pm - 2pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>3rd</b>	11.30am - 12pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>3rd, 24th</b>	9.45am - 1pm
(phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>15th</b>	10.30am
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>24th</b>	10am - 12pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>24th</b>	1.30pm



**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

## 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.

## Kinross Community Care Advice & Information

Financial and Welfare Rights

Occupational Therapy

Community Alarms

Accessing Services

Apetito Meals

**Kinross Day Centre**

every month, 11.30am - 12 noon

**Thu 3 November, Tue 6 December**



**Get involved  
to help make  
Perth & Kinross a  
FAIR TRADE Zone**



P & K Fair Trade Zone Group



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## Situations Vacant

In conjunction with [www.kinross.cc](http://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](http://www.kinross.cc) then click on 'Local Adverts' and choose 'Situations Vacant').

### Part time female carers

Required to provide personal care to support elderly lady near Kinross.

Ideally to make midday and afternoon visit however can be flexible and can work within a team of other carers. Private employer. £10.41 per hour and should be part of the PVG (Protection of the Vulnerable Groups Scheme). Nursing or Caring Experience preferred and references required. Please email any application to [carolandakmiller@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:carolandakmiller@yahoo.co.uk).

### Part time personal assistant

To join a small team to provide personal care support to a gentleman with physical disabilities living in Kinross. Private employer. Hours of work: 11 hours per week based on a two weekly rolling rota. Weeks 1 and 2, 4 AM visits and half day either mornings or afternoons. Weeks 3 and 4, 4 AM visits and 3 to 4 evening tucks and half day mornings or afternoons. Flexibility to cover holidays and sickness essential. Hourly rate is £10.41. Must be part of the PVG (Protection of Vulnerable Groups) Scheme or be willing to join the scheme. Experience preferred but not essential. Closing date will be when sufficient suitable applicants have been received.

Please email your application to [SelfDirectedSupport@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:SelfDirectedSupport@pkc.gov.uk) quoting job reference number BE0410F.

### Part time personal assistants

Private employer looking to recruit a small team of part-time personal assistants to provide personal care support to a gentleman with dementia living in Kinross. It is essential the applicant can work as part of a team as 2:1 support is required daily. Approximately 15 hours per week (negotiable). Flexibility to cover holidays and sick leave essential. Support is required over four visits per day Monday-Sunday. £10.41 per hour. Must be part of the PVG (Protection of Vulnerable Groups) Scheme or be willing to join the scheme. Experience preferred but not essential. Closing date will be when sufficient suitable applicants have been received.

Please email your application to [SelfDirectedSupport@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:SelfDirectedSupport@pkc.gov.uk) quoting job reference number ST2009D.

### Bookkeeper, Giacomazzi Store, Milnathort

Required for two retail stores. Duties include checking, filing and paying invoices, posting invoices, bank reconciliation, processing payroll and preparing the VAT return. Knowledge of SAGE accounting/payroll package is preferred but not essential. Training will be provided. About 30 hours per week. Email CV and cover letter to [jgiacomazzi@gmail.com](mailto:jgiacomazzi@gmail.com)

## Wanted: Volunteer Treasurer Millbridge Hall, Kinross

A volunteer Treasurer is required for the above community hall. The work involved includes maintaining the account records, sending out regular invoices to hall users, paying accounts and banking cheques - in all around 10/12 hours monthly. A Committee Meeting takes place on the last Thursday of each month (apart from July and December) at which the Treasurer provides a brief report on the monthly intromissions. Although this position is unpaid, reasonable expenses will be reimbursed.

Please contact M Scott on 01577 862945 or [mbs21@btinternet.com](mailto:mbs21@btinternet.com) (or if you know any of the Committee please indicate your interest to them).

## Items for Sale

The Newsletter publishes items for sale listed on the [kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) website. If interested in purchasing an item, we suggest **checking the website for current availability** ([www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) then 'Local Adverts' then 'Classified Adverts'). If interested in selling an item, please list it on [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) and it will automatically be published in the next available Newsletter, subject to space.

### Wilkinson Sword

**Telescopic Tree Cutter £15**

Hardly used. 12 inch pruning saw extends to over 2.4m.

Seller Details: Rosalind Irving 01592 840359

[rosalind\\_irving@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rosalind_irving@yahoo.co.uk)

**Ski Poles £40**

Goode carbon fibre poles. 124cm length.

**Skis £190**

Fischer AMC carver skis and bindings. 164cm. Excellent condition. Bag included.

Seller Details for above 2 items:

Mike Hughes 01577 840385

[pat.mike@btinternet.com](mailto:pat.mike@btinternet.com)

**Yamaha Alto Saxophone £300**

Alto Saxophone (E flat) in very good condition with case and accessories. Cost £600 new.

**B Flat Clarinet £200**

In very good condition with case, music and accessories. Cost £400 new.

**Violin £45**

Beginners violin (China) with accessories and case. In good condition.

**Upright Piano £300**

Mornington and Weston mahogany piano with stool included. Both in good condition and recently valued between £300 and £500 at Edinburgh auctioneers.

Seller Details for above 4 items:

Anne Robertson 07714 654439

[anne\\_robertson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anne_robertson@hotmail.co.uk)

**Dining table and six chairs Free to a good home**

Large Stag limed oak extending dining table and six chairs. The table top is badly marked but still usable.

Seller Details: Justin Beveridge 07880 701225

[beaver1@talktalk.net](mailto:beaver1@talktalk.net)

**Fridgidaire Freezer £40 ono**

Under counter, four drawer freezer. Very good condition, hardly used.

Seller Details: Ella Ward 07801 181857

## 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](mailto:bhill@pkc.gov.uk)

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See also commercial adverts throughout the Newsletter for other events, particularly in the run up to Christmas