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## Editorial

For this issue a considerable number of the regular submissions for the Newsletter came in after the deadline, meaning extra long workdays for the editorial team to keep the Newsletter on schedule for the printers. This is a plea to regular contributors: please make your New Year's resolution to submit your Newsletter piece on time! (This comment does not apply to a small number of clubs whose meeting dates normally fall just after our deadline and for whom we have a longstanding arrangement for an extension, or to Community Councils meeting shortly before the deadline who need a little extra time to write up minutes and for whom we again have an arrangement for a short extension.)

There is no Newsletter at the beginning of January so the next deadline is 13 January for the February issue (to be published on 28 January).

We wish all our readers, contributors, advertisers and supporters a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



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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.

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

## Tullibole Castle's Halloween Walk

On Saturday 29 October, I opened the castle grounds for something a little different to weddings; a Halloween Walk!

I would like to thank everyone who came to Tullibole Castle's Halloween Walk and I am pleased to tell you that I have presented a cheque for £600 to Barry Davies of Kinross Rotary as thanks for their support with our Halloween Walk. The £600 will be distributed locally by them. *[See p. 43.]*

I hope to do this next year and have lots of new ideas as well as keeping the favourites.

I only decided to do the event in September when the Kinross Rotary asked to help so I am interested in hearing how we did in such a short time.

However, for starters I will:

- Make the carpark brighter;
- Improve the checking-in so more people can be in the marquee at a time;
- Have a two-way crossing at the bridge over the moat to avoid congestion;
- Make the maze easier to exit and drier under foot.

It's important to me to offer a fun night out for the family whilst at the same time using the historic or natural environment that Tullibole is lucky enough to have. I am incredibly proud of Tullibole and want everyone to enjoy it and what it's got to offer.

When I organised and built this family-friendly magical light trail, I wanted it to be a event that would benefit local groups and charities, so if your organisation would like to be involved, please let me know.

I cannot say much about my plans for 2017 but I hope the walk can be longer, have more lights, more stops and on more than one day.

And one last thing; a Queen Bohemian Rhapsody-style selfie sent in by Laura Smith has won the lunch for five at the Courthouse Restaurant in Kinross.

I welcome any feedback and suggestions for 2017.

Rhoderick Moncreiff  
Organiser, designer and builder  
of Tullibole Castle's Halloween Walk  
Tullibole Castle, Crook of Devon



*The prize-winning Halloween Lantern Walk selfie submitted by Laura Smith*

## Westminster Boundary Review 2018: Kinross-shire and Cowdenbeath

Readers will be aware that a review of ward boundaries was carried out recently and that, with your help, we managed to persuade the powers that be that Kinross-shire should not be split down the middle.

Well, there is now a new review being carried out, this time by the Boundary Commission for Scotland (BCfS) to look at the boundaries for Westminster parliamentary constituencies used to elect MPs.

The BCfS have come out with proposals which artificially force disparate communities together and force other strongly linked communities apart.

The BCfS has proposed linking us (and other parts of southern Perthshire) with central Fife in a 'Kinross-shire and Cowdenbeath' constituency.

The proposal pairs four rural wards from Perth & Kinross Council with four urban wards from central Fife, which include towns such as Kelty, Cowdenbeath, Lochgelly and parts of Kirkcaldy. The levels of population density and deprivation in central Fife are much higher, meaning that the issues of this half of the constituency would dominate the MP's time and would leave areas like Kinross-shire under-represented.

Moreover, since we began sending representatives to the UK Parliament in 1710, no Westminster constituency has paired Kinross-shire with Fife.

We believe that there is, however, an alternative proposal that would solve most of these problems and, importantly, lead to better representation at Westminster for both communities:

- We suggest that Fife is instead paired with Clackmannanshire (as proposed by the BCfS in its aborted 2013 review). The issues facing Clackmannanshire and Fife are much more comparable given their demography and their shared background as former mining communities.
- We recommend that Perth & Kinross is put in a local authority grouping with the Stirling and Falkirk council areas, which would allow for the creation of two entirely rural and two entirely urban constituencies (namely, 'Stirling City' and 'Falkirk'). This would make much more sense than the current proposals for three half-urban, half-rural constituencies.
- We support the current proposals of a 'Perthshire North' constituency but propose, in addition, a 'Kinross-shire and Western Perthshire' constituency that would pair the

remaining parts of Perth & Kinross with the rural parts of the Stirling local authority. The vast majority of these rural parts of Stirling Council were, in fact, in the historic county of Perthshire and there remain strong ties with communities in Perth & Kinross.

As mentioned above, the proposed changes to the Kinross-shire ward generated a huge volume of responses in the form of letters from you to the LGBCfS and, earlier this year, the Commission saw sense and reversed its decision. Your voice can and has made a difference.

We believe that it is vitally important that you voice your opposition to these proposals and we also hope that you will register your support for our proposed alternatives. We would therefore urge you to get in touch with the Commission by either writing to them at 'Boundary Commission for Scotland, Thistle House, 91 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh, EH12 5HD', by sending an e-mail to [comments@scottishboundaries.gov.uk](mailto:comments@scottishboundaries.gov.uk) or by using their on-line comments portal at [www.bcs2018.org.uk](http://www.bcs2018.org.uk) by Wednesday 11 January 2017.

Thank you.

Callum Purves, 54 Lathro Park, Kinross  
and

Cllr Dave Cuthbert, 8 Highfield Circle, Kinross

## Answer wanted on Export Tax

We, the undersigned, have written separately on three occasions to our MP, Ms Ahmed-Sheik, to ask her to clarify her position on the so called "Export Tax" given that the SNP are fond of asserting, falsely, that there is an Export Duty in effect on Scottish Exports and that some Scottish Exports, notably whisky, are attributed to England in UK Government figures. No reply has been received.

This is the same MP who is quoted in *the National*, the newspaper that supports an independent Scotland, as saying that "it's vitally important for all Parliamentarians to use their time constructively to stay in touch with the voters who elected them".

That may of course mean that she has in mind only those who supported her but on the assumption that in fact she means all her constituents, we would very much appreciate a clarification of her position on this so called "Export Tax".

Grant Simpson, 7 Newton of Classloch, Kinross  
and

Campbell Watson, 7 Gallowhill Gardens, Kinross

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## Councillor Robertson

### Traffic Modelling

Everyone will have seen the traffic monitors on the roads in various streets in Kinross and Milnathort. These were there as the Council are carrying out a traffic modelling exercise in both settlements. Once this is complete it will be possible for the Council planners and roads engineers to estimate the likely traffic flows from new building developments. When the Persimmon Homes application for Lathro Farm was being considered earlier this year, it was apparent that the Council had no way of telling the impact the cars from these 300 homes would have on the roads in Kinross and Milnathort. This was not a good situation. Hopefully once the traffic model has been completed councillors and planners will be able to consider planning applications with better information on the likely effect the traffic from the development will have on local roads.



### Lochburn Park Paths

I was asked some time ago if the muddy path linking Renton Drive to the Lochburn Park path could be surfaced. Hopefully by the time you read this, the path should be upgraded. Other link paths from the north Springfield estate to the Lochburn Park path will also be resurfaced at the same time if necessary.

### Red Squirrels

I have been trying for over a year to persuade Perth & Kinross Council to take measures to safeguard red squirrel populations in land under Council control. Populations of reds in places like The Knock in Crieff are being threatened by grey squirrels moving in their habitat. Greys compete with the native reds for food. The greys are also carriers of squirrel pox, which is deadly to red squirrels. Unfortunately the convenor of the Council's Environment Committee was against any action being taken. He was unhappy with grey squirrels having to be trapped and removed from red squirrel areas. Thankfully here in Kinross-shire we appear to have healthy populations of red squirrels thanks to them being protected by organisations such as SNH and local landowners.

### Linden Park

A planning application has been lodged for the land north of Linden Park, Milnathort. This land is recommended for

50 houses in the Local Development Plan. However the developers have applied for 80 houses on the site. This has raised concerns locally about overdevelopment of the site and the effect this number of houses will have on roads like Westerloan and North Street.

### Kirkgate Park

Even at this time, when water levels in Loch Leven are low, the path through Kirkgate Park from Kirkgate Cemetery to The Pier often is badly puddled. This forces the many people who use this path to walk on the grass, which is also often saturated in water. I have written to the Council to see if anything can be done to improve this path.



*The path in Kirkgate Park suffers badly from puddles*

### Christmas and New Year

Lastly, may I take this opportunity to wish all of you a very happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2017.

**Councillor Willie Robertson**



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## UK Parliamentary constituency boundaries review

The Boundary Commission for Scotland has announced its initial proposals for a review of the current UK Parliamentary constituency boundaries.

A public consultation on these proposals is now open until **11 January 2017**.

For further information and details of how to submit comments, visit the Boundary Commission for Scotland website.

*See also letter on page 3.*

## Councillor Cuthbert

### Kinross-shire Independent Councillors' Update

When I stood for election I promised that I would keep in touch. To do this, I have been writing regular articles which have been appearing in this excellent publication. However, I am conscious that not everyone gets to read it. So, Councillor Barnacle and I produced an update leaflet, which is being posted through doors as I write this. If you haven't got a copy, please let me know.



### Kinross Town Centre

The story of the Kinross Town Centre Regeneration continues. Your local members were told that a paper with proposals for the area was to appear at the November meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee. It didn't appear and we were told that this was due to the death of a child in Coupar Angus, investigation of which had diverted resources. We have been pushing for a site visit by the Head of Service and his team and we have been told that this will take place in December. Hopefully, following this, we will see rectification of some of the issues affecting the area (for example a controlled crossing point near the Co-op).

### Kinross Town Hall

I recently met with the father of the person who has bought Kinross Town Hall. I was really pleased to discover that they are local people, and have arranged for them to meet with all four Local Members to discuss the buildings and their future potential use.

### Planning

The Council never stands still and this is particularly true with respect to planning. Since my last Newsletter update, two important planning applications have come before the Council's planning committee.

The first of these was the **Former Lomond Hotel, in Kinnesswood**. Councillor Barnacle and I proposed a motion to refuse this application for the following reasons:

1. The proposal was contrary to Policy HE3A of the Councils Local Development Plan (LDP), as the Conservation Area Appraisal for Kinnesswood a) states the importance of maintaining the views from the Main Street to Loch Level and b) advises against development on the land to the west of the village. Therefore, there is a breach of Policy HE3A as the Appraisal is not being used to guide the form and design of the proposal.
2. The proposal was contrary to Policy PM1A, as the size of the buildings is out of character for this part of the village and therefore does not respect the character and amenity of the place.
3. The proposal was contrary to Policy PM4, as the proposal constitutes development outwith the defined settlement boundary.

This was supported by Councillor Giacomazzi, but unfortunately only one of the other Councillors on the committee voted for it, so the application was given consent. Secondly, an application for the **Erection of 13 houses at Glenlomond** was considered by the committee. This was given permission at the same planning committee as the Kinnesswood application.

In the pipeline is an application for 80 houses at **Land North of Linden Park Road, Milnathort (Pace Hill)**. This site is in the

Council's Local Development Plan (LDP) as H49 and is zoned as a potential housing site. However, the LDP specifies that the site should have 50 units on it and this application is for 80 units. I await with interest to see how officers treat this 60% increase on the indicative number of units.

### Review of Community Campuses

The Council is currently carrying out a review of community campuses. So far, I have attended a Councillors' briefing where I spent an hour downloading some of the issues locally. I was then asked to write down my thoughts, so that they could form part of the formal process, and finally I attended a lengthy meeting with the Head of Service and the lead on the review.

The two issues I raised, which I will highlight here, are the exclusivity contracts of Tayside Contracts and Live Active Leisure.

In principle, the exclusivity clause in the Tayside Contracts agreement means that any group holding an event at the Campus has to buy any food and drink they want to offer from Tayside Contracts. I understand the rationale for this, however the effect of it is that any local group wanting to have a meeting in the building cannot break for a tea or coffee unless it has been ordered in advance. The teas and coffees tend to arrive at the start of the meeting, so they have sat for an hour or so before they are drunk. The order also has to be big enough to ensure that it doesn't run out, which means that it tends to be expensive. The irony of this is that there is a kitchen in the community section of the campus, which as far as I am aware has never been used. It is my view that this exclusivity clause is putting local groups off from using the campuses.

The exclusivity clause in the Live Active Leisure contract allows them to block use of the campus by competing Leisure Activities. I am aware of a number of groups who have been refused in the past. These have included Zumba, yoga and dance classes. (These are some of the ones I am aware of, there may be others.) I struggle with this, as Tayside Contracts were paid £4,084,000 in 2015 by the Council to encourage people to be active. They also pay no rent when using campus facilities, whereas their competitors do!

**Councillor Dave Cuthbert**  
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## Councillor Giacomazzi

### Donaldson Park, Milnathort

**Background.** The Park consists of two areas; one for general recreational use, the other for use as a football pitch. The two parts, donated to the people of Milnathort at different times, are held under trusts set up by the respective donors long ago. The trustees are the head teacher of Milnathort Primary School, both Milnathort Councillors, the Church of Scotland minister and the bank manager. Perth & Kinross Council maintains the park.

**Proposal.** To achieve better utilisation of the pitch, the Kinross Colts propose to build a changing facility comprising showers, toilets and a meeting room. The Trustees have signalled their approval of the proposal and a lease is being drafted. The proposal is for a changing facility at what is described in the trust deed as a 'playing field'; so while the Trustees could hardly have refused to support the project in principle, they will do so in a way which least interferes with neighbours.

**History.** A previous club's facility fell into disuse and became a magnet for anti-social behaviour. The Kinross Colts have now applied for planning consent to build a new changing facility.

**Issues addressed.** At the November meeting of Milnathort CC, a number of pertinent issues were raised by Community Councillors and the public. The Kinross Colts were well represented by their club officials who answered numerous questions and, hopefully, gave reassurance to concerned residents. The following list of the questions is not exhaustive. Q? Why should a Kinross football team be using a pitch in Milnathort? A. Although the club is called the Kinross Colts, many of the players are from the surrounding area, including Milnathort. A suggestion was made that the club be renamed the Kinross-shire Colts.

Q? Where will the Colts' facility be built? A. To prevent disturbance to neighbours, the proposed facility would be built at the rear of the primary school, well away from houses on Church Street.

Q? Will people arriving for matches by car be entering the park, creating extra traffic down Church Street? A. No. Cars will park in the school car park. Players and spectators will walk through the school grounds into the park.

Q? Will continual use of the pitch degrade it? A. No. The Council strictly controls the number of games in order to preserve the surface.

Q? Won't the Colts' use of the pitch prevent other users from having a 'kick about'? A. The Colts will only be playing one game on Saturday and one on Sunday allowing plenty of opportunity for community use of the pitch.

Q? Are the Colts being given a lease over the whole park? A. No. Only the land on which the building will stand is being leased to the club with the rest of the park remaining under Council control.

Q? What if the Club obtains a licence to sell alcohol with possible bad behaviour as a result? A. It shall be a condition of the lease to the Colts that they will not seek a permanent licence.

Q? What will happen to the building if the Colts cease to exist? A. The Colts have undertaken to ring fence a sufficient sum in their accounts to meet the cost of an eventual demolition of the building should it become derelict.



**To conclude,** the proposal to erect a changing facility at Donaldson Park has been planned so as to have a minimal impact on neighbours and other park users. In bringing this new facility, the Colts deserve every encouragement. This thriving and active club exists to encourage the healthy pursuit of sport by local youth and plans to do so with private funding.

### South Street Zebra Crossing

Following numerous incidents of cars failing to stop with pedestrians already on the crossing, your Ward Councillors asked Roads Department to consider installing a 'build out' on the East side of the road to make it even more apparent to drivers if a pedestrian is about to cross. This has now been done and will hopefully address the problem. However, if drivers continue to put the safety of pedestrians at risk on the crossing, the registration number of any offending vehicle should be noted and reported to the police.

### Council Policy on 20mph limits

Communities across Scotland are clamouring for 20mph limits, often where these might be of little effect. Councils simply do not have the resources to meet the demand. Aware of the situation, the Scottish Government issued a Good Practice Guide to Councils suggesting criteria on which to decide the appropriateness of lower limits. The central message of the guidance is that '20mph limits should only be introduced where there are likely to be real benefits as a result'. The Council's new policy, which I proposed to the Enterprise & Infrastructure Committee, is closely modelled on the Government's guidance and sets out clearly where lower limits will be of benefit in Perth and Kinross.

*Councillor Joe Giacomazzi*



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## Giacopazzi's launch day success

The official opening of the Giacopazzi's Kinross store was a monster success! The Halloween themed launch on 29 October drew crowds eager to taste the delicious samples on offer or win one of the competitions.

The fun day started with Provost Liz Grant cutting a ribbon to declare the shop open. The Halloween themed decorations, along with staff dressed as witches, skeletons, ghouls, mice and more, created a party atmosphere and the fun continued with face painting and free balloons for children.

*Staff have been trained to make authentic pizza using ingredients imported from Italy*

Several of Giacopazzi's suppliers were on hand to offer a taste of their wares. These included healthy snacks from Bramik foods (the yogurt coated raisins are delicious!); sausages and bacon from award winning pork producers Puddledub; pakoras and bhajis from P.K. Foods; sausage rolls from Stuart's bakers & butchers; sausages and meats from Buffalo Farm and craft beers from Wine Importerts.

Also on offer were delicious sandwiches and slices of pizza, all freshly made on the premises. Staff have



*Pete Mitchell of Puddledub explains the ethos behind Puddledub farming and offers samples to taste*



*Giacopazzi's manager Joanna Casonato has her face painted as Provost Liz Grant looks on*

been trained to make authentic pizza using ingredients imported from Italy and cooked in specialist ovens.

Winner of the competition to win pizza for a year was Linda Johnstone. Ryan Davies, aged 3, won the carved pumpkin competition.

The Giacopazzi Kinross store is located at the former health centre at Lathro. At 3,000 sq ft it is similar in size to the Milnathort store, but with a different layout and an extensive 'fresh food on the go' section.

The launch day was such a success that Giacopazzi's are now planning to hold a similar event on 10 December on a Christmas theme, with more prizes to win, including a year's supply of ice cream.

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## Scottish personalities back campaign to provide 'Small Change for a Sea Change' to help some of Scotland's most vulnerable children

Author Ian Rankin, TV personality Carol Smillie, broadcaster Bryan Burnett and children's TV star Matthew McVarish have all backed children's charity, Seamab, in asking 'children' of all ages to share their memories of pocket money.



TV presenter Carol Smillie is backing the 'Small Change for a Sea Change' pocket money campaign

They have shared their childhood memories as part of Seamab's Pocket Money Campaign, which launched on 30 November, to raise funds for the charity's work with some of Scotland's most vulnerable children.

Seamab is based at Rumbling Bridge in Kinross-shire. The organisation helps children who have suffered trauma and loss to have a childhood in which they feel safe, accepted and happy and provides the support and opportunities that make it possible for them to heal, grow and learn.

Now, for the first time in its history, Seamab is launching a major campaign asking people to donate their monthly "pocket money" to help make a sea change in the lives of the children, and to share their pocket money stories on the microsite at [www.seamab.org.uk/pocketmoney](http://www.seamab.org.uk/pocketmoney)

The Pocket Money Campaign features the story of eight-year-old Jamie, a fictional child who demonstrates how Seamab helps children who have had experiences such as abuse, neglect, trauma and loss.

Every child is unique, but "Jamie" is typical of the children aged between five and thirteen who call Seamab home.

***"Jamie is eight. Before he came to Seamab, he'd had a really tough time. A lot of bad things had happened to him, and he believed they were all his fault.***

***Most adults couldn't stick with him. So he didn't think he'd be at Seamab very long. Jamie felt angry a lot of the time. He didn't get along with other children, and found it hard to trust adults."***

Seamab helps children like Jamie to believe in themselves, to trust and build relationships with others, and to make sense of what has happened to them.

Susie Williamson, Fundraising Manager at Seamab, said: "We're absolutely delighted that Ian, Carol, Bryan and Matthew have supported our Pocket Money Campaign by sending us their pocket money stories, and we hope the Scottish public will join in by sharing

Scottish crime writer Ian Rankin, best known for his Inspector Rebus novels wrote this of his pocket money memory: "My parents were very careful with money - they had to be, as there wasn't much of it around! I recall them seated at the kitchen table every pay-day, dividing the cash up, with some going to the summer holiday fund, some for Christmas presents, some for insurance policies, and so on.

"I think that rubbed off on me. In my teenage diary I would keep note of the albums I would buy if and when I got enough money, the price of each recorded next to it. But most of my pocket money went on boys' comics. At one point, I think I was buying four or five a week. They were cheap and full of adventures, and eventually I started making up adventures of my own..."

Susie added: "The donations of what is small change for the average adult will help us to provide the "sea change" in the lives of children like Jamie who



Seamab staff and supporters get behind the pocket money campaign

their own stories on the website [www.seamab.org.uk/pocketmoney](http://www.seamab.org.uk/pocketmoney), and donating their small change.

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## Remembrance Sunday in Kinross

A traditional Remembrance Sunday service took place in Kinross on 13 November, almost exactly 100 years since the end of the Battle of the Somme.

Kinross & District Pipe Band led the parade from the Parish Church to the war memorial. Members of youth organisations looked smart as they took part in the parade in uniform,

despite the cold, damp weather.

Fr David Mackenzie Mills, Rector of St Paul's Episcopal Church, and the Rev Alan Reid, minister of the Parish Church, led the service of remembrance. Two minutes' silence was observed, followed by a beautiful performance of the Last Post by the bugler.

Wreaths were laid by representatives of Perth & Kinross Council, Kinross Community Council, armed forces veterans, Lodge St Serf, Guide and Scout organisations, Boys' Brigade, the Air Training Corps and the Army Cadet Force.

*See also Thanks, page 86.*

*Kinross & District Pipe Band  
leading the parade  
photo: Gareth Thomas*



More photographs can be viewed in the Photo Library at [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)

## Councillors back Fairtrade status

Councillors from across Perth and Kinross are banding together to support efforts to achieve Fairtrade Zone Status for the whole area.

One Councillor from each of the 12 electoral wards has volunteered to act as a Fairtrade Champion or to pass on relevant information, promoting the benefits of Fairtrade to businesses and residents in their area, and acting as a link to their local Community Councils.

Buying Fairtrade goods supports producers in other countries by ensuring they are paid a fair price for their goods, have safe working conditions and use responsible environmental practices.

Perth and Kinross has a long history of supporting the Fairtrade movement. In 2002 Aberfeldy became the first Fairtrade Town in Scotland. In 2005 Perth became a Fairtrade City and Kinross-shire became Scotland's first Fairtrade County.

Karena Jarvie of the Kinross-shire Fairtrade Steering Group, also chairs the Perth and Kinross Fairtrade Steering Group, which brings together representatives who sell Traidcraft and support Fairtrade from across the area.

Karena said: "It is important that we work together across the whole area to emphasise the importance of using and selling Fairtrade and Traidcraft products. The group was very pleased to get an extremely positive response to our request for Councillors to be Fairtrade Champions in their wards. We now have Councillors in all 12 wards who have agreed to take on this role or to support the campaign by passing on information to their area.

"We now need the support of people and communities

across Perth and Kinross. Everyone can help by keeping up to date and sharing developments on our Facebook and Twitter pages, asking their local shop, workplace, school and church to buy and use Fairtrade products, and of course by choosing to buy Fairtrade products wherever possible."

The Fairtrade Champion for the Kinross-shire Ward is Councillor Willie Robertson.



*Some of PKC's Fairtrade Champions.*

*Back, from left: Councillors Robertson, Williamson, Simpson, Livingston and Laing. Front: Councillors Barrett and Wilson*

# Perth is the Place: Perth's bid to be UK City of Culture 2021

by Perth and Kinross Council

## Background: What is the UK City of Culture 2021?

UK City of Culture is a designation given to a city in the United Kingdom every five years by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. The winning city enjoys significant economic and social benefits. The UK City of Culture is expected to deliver a high quality cultural programme that builds and expands on local strengths and reaches a wide audience. It should create an economic impact and be a catalyst for regeneration as well as contributing to community cohesion and health and wellbeing. Cities submit a bid document to the Department of Culture, Media and Sport in April 2017. A shortlist is published and the final winner is announced by the end of 2017.

## What is Perth's bid about?

The bid is based on three key themes:

- **A great, green city**, celebrating Perth's place at the heart of a rural community
- **Connections**, emphasising the city's role as a meeting place and melting pot, as well as the rivers that link the area together
- **A city of light**, drawing on the city's heritage as a catalyst for creativity and ideas

## How can I get involved?

We are asking people across Perth and Kinross to tell us about culture in the area to help to inform our bid. Tell us on our social media accounts @perth2021 and on Facebook as Perth 2021 or find us at one of our forthcoming community roadshows.

We will take people's answers and suggestions and use them to build a programme of arts and cultural activity right across the Perth and Kinross area.

Meanwhile, we are looking for Pioneers – people involved in arts and culture locally – to be featured on social media and to help us put together a promotional film. If you would like to nominate a Pioneer, simply email [Perth2021@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:Perth2021@pkc.gov.uk) with their contact details.

You can also show your support on social media by following our Twitter feed @Perth2021 and liking our Facebook page Perth 2021. Upload a 'connected selfie' and help to spread the word that Perth is the place! Stay up to date with events and activities by visiting [www.perth2021.com](http://www.perth2021.com)

## What else will be happening?

- We have requested to loan the Stone of Scone - the iconic Stone of Destiny - for display in Perth.
- We have commissioned a 'digital tapestry' interactive visual display.
- We will be developing a Young Heritage Ambassadors programme.
- We will have a programme of cultural involvement in schools, including poster design, costume design and musical composition projects.
- We are redeveloping Perth Museum and Art gallery as an exciting new display space.
- We will be opening a new cultural attraction in Perth City Hall focussed on Perthshire's iconic modern Scots.
- We are refurbishing and extending Perth Theatre to restore the Edwardian auditorium and add a studio theatre and community space.

## Who is involved?

The bid is led by Perth & Kinross Council and includes input from Culture Perth and Kinross, Horsecross Arts and other local partners.

## Why bid?

Winning the bid would encourage visitors and give the city and the surrounding area a significant economic boost. Over one million people visited Derry/Londonderry during its City of Culture year and it is estimated that being UK City of Culture 2021 will deliver a

£60 million boost to Hull in that year alone. But the process of developing the bid is valuable in itself: it brings together people and organisations to create a cultural programme that will have a lasting legacy, regardless of the outcome of the bid.



## Roadshows and feedback questionnaire

We are keen to instigate conversations on the bid, in particular from non-traditional participants throughout Perth and Kinross; through encouragement of active participation via our friendly roadshows to draw down opinion and ideas. The roadshows will run throughout the winter of 2016/2017.

Questionnaire answers can also be in song, poetry, design, film, or mapping; to bring out civic pride and nurture expression. Using the theme of 'What does Perth mean to you' and 'What do you think a Perth city of culture looks like' and other such questions more pertinent to the bid outcome. The City of Culture bid for 2021 will give us the scope to develop local projects via the interaction and events, roadshows and conversations, so that ideas can be recorded and developed. The roadshows will be local and relevant and offer support for people to be included in the conversation.

Our community Pioneers are important in terms of volunteering and community. Finding our 'Community Pioneers' will make our city and our county a better place to live work and visit to act as community ambassadors for the City of Culture bid.

We will use the Perth 2021 to:

- utilise local skills and unusual venues
- work with creatives and local art networks
- boost employability
- create a pathway for expression and talent, and community cohesion
- increase Civic Pride
- community activism as art/creativity
- create a community-led consortium for future cultural activities that relate to community activities/activism – expression and innovation to link with capacity building, empowerment and consultation
- create an appetite for music, art, drama, literacies, poems, stories, expressiveness and a route to deliver that in communities
- celebrate – the people, the surroundings, the river – outreach events.

In addition to this we have launched a Creative Communities Fund, running until January 2018, which can provide up to £1,500 for groups and individuals throughout Perth and Kinross. You'll find an application form on the Perth2021 website.

## Questionnaire

1. What does Perth mean to you?
2. What does where you live mean to you?
3. What would Perth, as a successful City of Culture look like? What change would you like it to make?
4. Do you see a role for culture in making life in Perth and Kinross fairer for all? How do you think it could help achieve that?

If you want to be involved in the Perth City of Culture bid, please provide your contact details.

Please email your answers, comments, ideas and contact details (if applicable) to: [JC Barrow@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:JC Barrow@pkc.gov.uk)



## News from the Health Centre



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

### Christmas and New Year Closing

Over the Christmas and New Year period, Loch Leven Health Centre will be **CLOSED** on the following dates:

**Monday 26 December**

**Tuesday 27 December**

**Monday 2 January**

**Tuesday 3 January**

On all other weekdays over the Christmas and New Year period we will be open as usual from 8am until 6pm. Out of Hours cover for evenings and weekends is provided by NHS24 and the Fife Primary Care Emergency Service. They will also be providing emergency cover on the Mondays and Tuesdays when we are closed. They can be contacted on our usual emergency number: 111. All calls will be recorded and we would ask patients to please only contact them with a medical emergency which cannot wait until we reopen. Thank you.

**Repeat prescriptions:** We would ask all patients to please make sure that they have sufficient medication to last over the Christmas and New Year period. If your medication will run out over Christmas and New Year, please ensure that you submit a request for your medication by **Monday 19 December**. We receive a greatly increased number of requests at this time of year and therefore need a bit of time to process them all. Repeat prescriptions may now be ordered on line. If you have not yet signed up for this service, you can do so on our website (see heading).

If you have sufficient medication to last over this period, please do not submit a request for more. Prescription requests are all checked prior to issue, and where it appears that sufficient medication has been issued recently, further requests may be declined.

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## Local entrepreneur raises funds for scholarships

Andrew Scott, proprietor of Heaven Scent and Victus consultancy, is planning to take part in a sponsored walk at the Great Wall of China in 2017 to raise funds for the charity Hospitality Industry Scotland. Andrew is helping to raise enough funds for 218 scholarships to support, develop and nurture up-and-coming talent in the hospitality industry.



As part of the fundraising effort, raffle tickets are on sale at Heaven Scent. There will also be a **Ceilidh on Friday 20 January 2017** in Milnathort Town Hall, where, Andrew says, there will be “a band, bar, banter raffle draw and silent auction”. Tickets, £12, are available from Heaven Scent. Keep up to date on the Heaven Scent Facebook page.

## What could be better in your area?

Cllr Cuthbert has written to all Community Councils in the Kinross-shire Ward to ask the CCs to consider what could be better in their area. This is to inform the work of the new Kinross-shire and Earn Action Partnership.




Kinross CC will be discussing this at its next meeting, on Wednesday 7 December. If you have a view on this, come along to the meeting or contact any community councillor to give your point of view or email [KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk)

For more information, see Cllr Cuthbert’s article on p. 17 of last month’s Newsletter.







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## Councillor Barnacle

### B9097 Route Action Plan

Copy of an email to Brian Cargill  
and Daryl McKeown, PKC:

Dear Brian and Daryl

I refer to the above Plan and enclose a letter received from a resident of East Brackley for your consideration.

I note that Fossoway Community Council are in broad agreement with the Plan, Cleish CC are to discuss it at their next meeting on 5/12/16 and Portmoak CC held a significant discussion thereon at their meeting on 8/11/16.

I have noted from the Plan that all 3 sections of the B9097 are subject to the national speed limit and have no street lighting or footways. I further note that 28% of vehicles west of the M90 travel above 60 mph whilst it is approximately 24% east of the M90. Daily traffic is 3 times the volume in the east, compared with the west.

I note the 15 proposals in the Plan; in particular the 40 mph speed limit from Crook of Devon to the U241 at Drum, a prohibition of entry restricting vehicle access in Drum Main Street to discourage commercial traffic, a 30 mph speed limit at Watergate, all subject to community support, which I hope is forthcoming.

I note that Blind Summit signs for the crest at West Brackley are to be implemented in 2016/17 but would suggest signage along this stretch should also refer to concealed entrances/exits beyond hidden dips/summits.

At the Portmoak CC meeting there was support, which I endorse, for a 50 mph limit along the section east of the M90, with a further reduction around Vane Farm visitor centre.

In my view, given the nature of the road there is justification for a 50 mph for the whole length of the B9097 from Crook of Devon to the Fife boundary area, with reduced limits within that as noted above.

Kind regards

Councillor Mike Barnacle

Independent Member for Kinross-shire

### Council's Medium Term Financial Plan 2017 – 2022

This was debated at the October meeting of the Full Council and was full of 'negativity' regarding PKC's budgetary position.

Fiscal Affairs Scotland's pre EU Referendum 'worst case' scenario was adopted as the basis for projections. A number of other 'so-called' economic experts were quoted, who have been wrong before in failing to predict previous financial crises and forecasting the dire consequences of a 'Brexit' vote that I have yet to see materialise. I note that Councillor Giacopazzi mentions 'What Brexit means' for PKC's budget in his November article, warning of difficult times ahead. What he fails to mention was his party of Government in Scotland have presided over a **10-year unprecedented council tax freeze** that has had a much greater effect on local authority finance than the recent referendum outcome. This is now compounded by the centrist SNP Government, thanks to Green support, planning to enforce significantly increased council tax on higher band properties to fund their education policies nationally (rather than using the devolved tax raising powers available); with only around one quarter thereof available to local authorities and that effectively ring-fenced. This sets an extremely bad precedent outlined in Councillor Robertson's excellent letter to the Scotsman of 5/11/16.



I very much hope and expect that the British economy will flourish post-Brexit (if that ever happens) and that the prophets of doom over the budget scenario will again be proved wrong.

### Forward Planning

Readers should note my article in November's edition regarding the delay in producing Local Development Plan 2 until after the next Local Authority Elections and post the summer recess of 2017; this revised timetable was presented and approved at the Enterprise & Infrastructure Committee on 9/11/16. I highlighted the opportunity this delay presented for further community consultations and would again mention **parking** and suggestions for land that could be used in settlements.

Further consultation on proposals for development in Fossoway at Blairingone, Crook of Devon and Rumbling Bridge is considered particularly valuable and I understand that a Saturday in February 2017, probably at Crook of Devon Village Hall, is being looked at for this involving the community, local members and PKC Forward Planning Officers. Final details will be in the February 2017 Newsletter.

### Independent Councillors' Update

Councillor Dave Cuthbert and myself produced this, which has been distributed throughout the Kinross-shire Ward in November. However, since it was printed for circulation, two planning applications were determined by PKC's Planning Committee (DMC) on 19/10/16 so a further update for residents of Glenlomond, Kinnesswood and Wester Balgedie was included as follows:

#### Further Update on Planning for Residents of Glenlomond, Kinnesswood and Wester Balgedie

Since our Autumn 2016 Update was printed for circulation, 2 planning applications were determined at DMC on 19/10/16. Part demolition of Lomond Country Inn, Kinnesswood and erection of 4 houses in a Conservation Area.

The Report stated that the Inn had closed in 2012 due to poor economic conditions but Mike considered that it could have been a management issue, recalling earlier times when the Inn had thrived before the increased visitor numbers to the recently completed Lochleven Heritage Trail. Dave and Mike moved an amendment to refuse the application as contrary to Conservation and Placemaking Policies but were outvoted by other members.

Erection of 13 houses at former Levensglenn Nursing Home site in Glenlomond. The applicant has agreed to provide 2 new passing places between Glenlomond and Wester Balgedie but there appears to have been no discussions regarding contributing to any off-road footpath initiative between the 2 settlements.

Dave and Mike, although agreeing to the concept of housing in principle, supported a motion to refuse the application as contrary to Placemaking and Rural Development policies, particularly in relation to the proposed linear layout of the site, but this was narrowly defeated and permission granted.

Please let me know if you have not received our update.

### Christmas and New Year

Lastly, may I take this opportunity to wish all of you a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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

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

## Kinross Learning Centre - Make a Fresh Start in 2017!

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## Elizabeth Smith MSP for Mid Scotland and Fife

Everyone remembers their first trip to the swimming pool when you dip your toes in the water, put on your armbands and enter the water for the first time. The mix of emotions, from nerves to excitement are still vivid, but learning to swim is not just a rite of passage but a vital step in learning about water safety.



On average around 400 people die in the UK every year as a result of drowning, and in Scotland there is a greater proportion of deaths compared to the rest of the country. A large number of these deaths are preventable. Ensuring that children are well versed in water safety from an early age is important and should form part of the curriculum. However, across Scotland there is a huge variance in the number and content of swimming lessons available for primary school children. Some local authorities offer comprehensive courses from primary 5 and up whilst others offer just the basics for primary 7s. A uniform approach would be far more conducive to guaranteeing that all children, regardless of where they live, can learn to swim and get an education in water safety. When the mercury gets hot enough, quarry swimming has become increasingly popular across Perth and Kinross. However, despite the calm appearance of water on the surface there are significant dangers lurking beneath. For instance, the temperature of the water is far colder than even the sea, which drains energy fast and additional undercurrents can drown even the most capable of swimmers. In recent years there have been a number of tragedies across the UK as a result of quarry swimming and schools must begin to educate children on the pitfalls of open water activities.

The National Water Safety Forum is a UK charity that brings together a wide variety of organisations with the aim of reducing preventable deaths from drowning. In January, they will launch a Scotland specific strategy and I believe it's important that politicians use their time to raise awareness of it. Rolling out the underlying principles of this plan to primary and secondary school children across the country could mean the difference between life and death and I have called on the SNP to back this plan.

In addition to these safety guidelines I believe swimming should be a fundamental aspect of the sporting curriculum, at all ages, but especially primary school. The Scottish Government must ensure that schools are adequately resourced to offer these lessons. Right now there would appear to be a wide divergence between local authorities and this approach is resulting in a "postcode lottery" when it comes to time in the pool. Securing more lessons would not only be good for safety but could also deliver our Commonwealth and Olympic Games legacy. Scottish swimmers, like Michael Jamieson, Hannah Miley and Ross Murdoch, have proved what we can achieve in the pool and we must ensure that talent has room to flourish. Above all, a new approach is required and I hope that the Scottish Government backs this new safety strategy and also equips our schools with the resources to provide youngsters with skills in the water.

As ever I welcome the feedback of constituents and can be contacted at:

The Control Tower, Perth Airport, Scone, Perth PH2 6PL

Tel: 01738 553990 or email [Elizabeth.Smith.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:Elizabeth.Smith.msp@parliament.scot)

**Elizabeth Smith MSP**

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*Maureen Ross, Kinross Learning Centre*

## Campus review – have your say

In September, Perth & Kinross Council invited some Community Councils to take part in a survey about community campuses as part of a review of campuses and charging arrangements.

Kinross CC complained about the short timescale for responses, which originally meant the CC could not consult with the public via this Newsletter. As a result, PKC has reopened the survey for a short time.

The questions that PKC asked Community Councils were:

1. **What do you want from your Community Campuses?**
2. **What are the barriers to use?**

If you have anything that you would like to say about these questions, please contact the Kinross CC Secretary, Eileen Thomas, by one of the methods listed below.

Alternatively, leave a comment on the Kinross Community Council Facebook page.

Comments need to be made by **Thursday 8 December**.

Kinross Community Council Secretary

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

**Please note, the library will CLOSE EARLY, at 4pm, on Friday 9 December.**

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## Recent Local Crime

Between 10am and 11am on 21 October a sneak in **theft** occurred at a property at **Rumbling Bridge**. Ref: CR/28262/16.

Overnight on Monday 17 October **damage** was caused to a **BMW car** parked in a driveway off **Springfield Park, Kinross**. About 3.30am on 31 October property was **stolen** from an insecure shed in **Parliament Square, Kinross**. A male aged 40-45, 5' 8", scruffy appearance, grey stubble and wearing a dark hoodie and jacket was seen in the area at the time. Ref: CR/29247/16.

Between 31 October and 1 November, an outbuilding was broken into at Craigton House, **Cleish** and a **motorbike and garden equipment stolen**. Ref: CR/29383/16.

Overnight on 3 November a **theft** from outside a property as well as **break-ins to a car and to sheds** occurred in **McWilliam Place, Kinross**. Ref: CR/29638/16.

About 5.20pm on Friday 4 November a male was **bitten by a dog** on the pathway running between Station Road and Bowton Road, **Kinross**. The dog owner is described as being in his late fifties, 5'10" tall, medium built, grey straggly hair, wearing a dark (possibly grey or brown) jacket and dark trousers and was smoking a cigarette. The dog in question was a small, dark dog with pointy ears. Ref: CR/29712/16.

Overnight on Wednesday 9 November a large quantity of pink **diesel was stolen** from a bowser at a construction site located off the B9097 near to **Cleish**. A blue Ford Transit van was seen in the area in suspicious circumstances. Ref: CR/30224/16.

Between 7.30am on Wednesday 9 November and 7.30am on Thursday 10 November **wooden slats** were **stolen** from a cast iron public bench in the village of **Powmill**. Ref: CR/30230/16.

A **Citroen Berlingo** parked in the **High Street, Kinross** had a window smashed and property stolen from it between Saturday 12 and Monday 14 November.

Between Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 November a **wooden lock-up** near to the Gospel Hall, **Montgomery Street, Kinross**, was broken into. A **timber shed** in **Montgomery Street, Kinross** was also broken into and a number of Powercraft power tools were stolen.

A trampoline in **Bowton Road, Kinross** was vandalised between Sunday 20 and Monday 2 November.

Between Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 November a **theft** occurred from the stables at **Baltree Farm**, Hatchbank Road, Kinross.

Overnight on Sunday 20 November a **black mini coupé** was damaged whilst parked in **Stirling Road, Milnathort**.

A New Holland **tractor was stolen** from **Carden Farm, Glenlomond** between Thursday 17 and Friday 18 November. Between Sunday 13 November and Friday 18 November a white Lunar Delta **caravan was stolen** from **Levenmouth Farm, Balado**.

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

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# Community Council News



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## Kinross Community Council News from the November Meeting

**Present** at the meeting held on 2 November 2016 were: Cllrs B Freeman (Chair), E Thomas (Secy), M Blyth, D Colliar, B Davies, I Jack, T Stewart and D West; P&K Cllrs D Cuthbert, J Giacomazzi and W Robertson; and two member of the public.

**Apologies** were received from Cllrs M Scott, D MacKenzie and J Bryson and P&K Cllr M Barnacle.

**Declarations of Interest:** None (but see item on KCCNL).

**Police Report:** No police present and no report supplied. The Area Commander's weekly bulletins were noted. There appeared to be a larger than usual number of incidents of vandalism in the Kinross area over the past month.

**Queen's tree, Queen's Crescent:** Cllr Colliar reported that trees are on order via PKC and that the CC has permission to put up a plaque. He will research this.

**Hearing loop:** PKC will not provide a hearing loop for the Masonic Hall and Ms Renton suggests that the CC meets in the community campus where some rooms have hearing loops. It is more expensive to hire rooms in the campus. It was agreed that the CC should write to Lodge St Serf and suggest that the CC and the Lodge share the cost of repairing the Masonic Hall's loop.

**Kinross Strategy:** It was agreed not to invite a PKC officer to a CC meeting for the time being.

**KHS pupil access to shops/litter:** Cllr West said that the current approach is different to that undertaken by a previous Head Teacher. Teachers used to patrol the streets. More litterbins are being installed. There is a safety issue with pupils streaming across the road to Lathro. The ward councillors are due to meet the Head Teacher and will suggest that the PKC Litter Wardens give a talk at the school.

**Coffee business:** Chris Bode was in attendance. He runs a business roasting single origin coffee beans and supplying them to shops. He and his business partner Neil Buchan are planning to set up in premises in Kinross High Street, where they hope to undertake the roasting operation as well as run a speciality coffee shop. This may require a planning application for change of use, and so it had been suggested that he address the CC. Mr Bode hopes the coffee shop will be a place for education, innovation and experimentation. Independent, speciality coffee shops are a big attraction in other countries where people will travel miles to sample the coffee in an independent café rather than a branch of a big corporate coffee chain. Various questions were asked, including one about possible odour from roasting. This is not expected to be a problem and will be dealt with by Environmental Health. Kinross has a history of coffee roasting, having been done by David Sands in the past. Mr Bode was wished well in his venture.

**Town Centre Regeneration:** The CC had received a response to its letter to PKC. The response stated that traffic surveys would be carried out by the end of October. A one-year safety audit would also be carried out. PKC will invite the CC to be represented at a meeting with local elected members to go through the traffic survey data and road safety audit reports. PKC staff are willing to do a walkabout with the

CC after the one-year road safety audit is completed. Their response included spreadsheets of previous traffic volumes and a copy of the stage 2 (Sept 2014) and stage 3 (Jan 2016) road safety audits. The ward councillors present said that the proposal for a controlled crossing is now not going before the November meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure committee. Instead, it is hoped that a walkabout and meeting can take place in December with a view to putting a report to the January meeting of the E&I committee. Any works resulting from the road safety audit are expected to take place in the current financial year.

The Council survey will give rise to a traffic model for the whole of Kinross. Ideally this should have been done before consent was granted for the housing development at Lathro Farm.

**New Primary School:** This is on schedule.

**KCCNL Grants:** A report was circulated to community and ward councillors prior to the meeting and was presented to the November CC meeting as follows:

Report of a Meeting of Directors of Kinross Community Council Newsletter Ltd (KCCNL), charity no. SC040913, and Kinross Community Councillors.

Nine community councillors and Dave Cuthbert, a Director of the charity, met on 26 October 2016 to discuss the six grant applications that had been submitted by the September 2016 deadline.

Anyone who had declared an interest in an application left the room during discussion of that application.

Decisions made at the meeting are as follows:

SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP applied for £500. (£400 for new light fittings and £100 for a new fridge.) It was agreed to award a grant of £500.

ROTARY CLUB OF KINROSS & DISTRICT applied for £350; half of the sum they require to purchase a new computer to assist with the administration of the club. It was agreed to award a grant of £350.

KINROSS COLTS FOOTBALL CLUB applied for £4,000 towards the costs of a project to build a pavilion at Donaldson Park, Milnathort. The project cost is estimated to be £65,000 and they have £45,000 in place. It was agreed to award the Colts FC a grant of £4,000, payable when the Colts have successfully obtained Building Warrant for the pavilion project. If Building Warrant has not been obtained by 2 November 2018, the offer of this grant expires. However, the Colts may reapply to KCCNL.

Local DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME organisers applied for £2,000 towards the cost of training DofE leaders, estimated to be £5,456. It was agreed to award the sum of £1,500.

FOSSOWAY PRE SCHOOL GROUP applied for the sum of £954, the full cost of purchasing three portable sink units for hand washing. It was agreed to award a grant of £954.

LIGHT UP KINROSS applied for £1,000 towards the cost of erection and maintenance of the Christmas lights in Kinross. It was agreed to award a grant of £1,000. It was further agreed that KCCNL will provide match funding next year, matching any funds raised by LUK, together with donations by town businesses, up to a maximum of £1,000.

The decisions were ratified by this meeting of the CC.

**Planning Applications submitted to PKC** on which no comments were made by the CC:

16/01837/FLL Renewal of permission 13/01679/FLL (erection of a dwelling house and garage), land 50m NW of Cruachan, Old Cleish Road, Kinross.

16/01762/FLL Extension to dwelling house, 20 Pier Road,



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Kinross. (Withdrawn).

16/01766/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house, 10 Springfield Road, Kinross.

### Planning Applications determined by PKC

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

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

16/01444/FLL Extension to dwelling house, Southfield, 11 Montgomery Street, Kinross. Approved.

16/01762/FLL (see above). Withdrawn.

16/01523/FLL Erection of a garden building, 68 Montgomery Street, Kinross. Approved.

### Planning Correspondence

- **Workshop:** Invitation to workshop on Supplementary Guidance for renewable and low carbon energy.
- **Entertainment licence:** Proprietors of Kinross House wish to: increase licensed area to include the Coach House; change description to include grounds and estate; and to increase capacity to 450. No objection.
- **Variation of licence:** Muirs Inn wish to: amend season variations; increase capacity from 314 to 344 and to include glass box structure in layout. No objection.

**Fairtrade Zone:** The Perth & Kinross Fairtrade Steering Group are trying to achieve Fair Trade Zone status for the whole of Perth and Kinross and are seeking the support of the CC in this aim. PKC is supporting this and Cllr Robertson is a representative on a board. Kinross CC supports the Fairtrade Steering Group's endeavours. Kinross-shire already has the status of a Fairtrade county.

**Miscellaneous Correspondence:** A summary of correspondence received in the past month had been circulated and was available to view. Some items discussed were:

**Kirkgate Park biodiverse area:** Cllr Robertson had included the CC in email exchanges on this subject. The trees and shrubs are growing so tall that they are obscuring the view of the park for a resident in Sandport Gait who has asked if PKC can cut them back. The biodiverse area was not on a PKC maintenance schedule and PKC Greenspace would appreciate the opinion of the CC before changing regime as it is a public area. After examining some photographs and brief discussion, the CC decided it would be appropriate for Greenspace to cut the vegetation back now and to put it on the annual maintenance schedule.

**TPO, Sunnypark Wood:** An assessment has been carried out. PKC agrees that a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) should be put in place.

**Defibrillator:** Pamela Hunter of Hunters the Butchers had contacted the CC for advice on obtaining a defibrillator to be located in the town centre. The Secretary had suggested she contact local Councillors and/or health centre in the first instance. Mrs Hunter hopes to fundraise at the shop. The CC agreed that this would be an appropriate item for funding from the KCCNL charity and that Mrs Hunter should be encouraged to apply, perhaps to top up any other fundraising she achieves. It was further agreed that Cllr Davies will contact BT to enquire about the CC acquiring the phone box on the Muirs, which is on a list for decommissioning, with a view to locating a defibrillator there as well.

### Reports from Ward Councillors

#### Councillor Robertson:

**Toilets at Pier:** Cllr Robertson is hoping to arrange another meeting soon.

**The Sycamores:** Residents are experiencing difficulty in exiting safely because of cars parked on the Muirs very close to the entrance. PKC is reluctant to add further yellow lines.

**Parking at Market Park:** It may assist with the above and the parking situation in Kinross generally if school buses were not parked all day alongside the Market Park. It was agreed it would be good if the buses could be moved. Perhaps they could stay in the bus bays at the campus?

**Pier to Kirkgate cemetery path:** [See page 4.]

#### Councillor Giacopazzi:

**Wilson Court:** Cllr Giacopazzi is hoping to get the Community Payback team to deal with the lane that goes through to Green Road, as it is overgrown.

**Turfhills path:** The tarmac path alongside the A977 at Turfhill is a cycle path as well as a footpath but is not signposted as such. However, there is no money for signs.

**Affordable housing:** PKC is to build 22 affordable houses in Kinross and Hillcrest 24.

#### Councillor Cuthbert:

**Infrastructure:** The four local members asked for a review of infrastructure in Kinross-shire and PKC has decided to review the whole authority area. Auchterarder has an arrangement whereby there is a £1,000 per house developer contribution for infrastructure.

**Action Partnership:** Cllr Cuthbert has emailed local CCs to ask them to consider what could be better in their area. To be placed on the agenda for the December meeting.

#### Other Business

**Provost's Lamp:** This has been repaired.

**Development Names:** Cllr Colliar noted that the G S Brown development at the former health centre is called "Bishop's

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View". There is another development with this name at Gairney Bridge Farm and one house on the Muirs with this name. This could cause confusion. The CC is to write to G S Brown to suggest that they consider changing the name of the development if it is not too late.

**Pothole:** Cllr Robertson has reported the large hole mentioned by Cllr Stewart at a previous meeting.

**Bins:** Households recently received notification of changes to refuse and recycling bin arrangements. Large (240 litre) green bins for general waste are to be replaced with smaller (140 litre) ones. Cllr Jack asked if residents who don't currently have brown-lidded bins will get them now. The answer is no. The reason for the smaller green (normal waste) bins is to encourage more recycling. Cllr Freeman knew of a household that he thought would struggle with the smaller size bin. If he passes the contact details to Cllr Robertson, he will arrange for the waste advisor to contact them. Cllr Blyth asked who is responsible for emptying the textile bins at recycling points. They are often full. Cllr Cuthbert will ask for them to be emptied more frequently.

**High School site:** Demolition work has been taking place. Cllr Davies wondered if Persimmon had a liaison person for this development and if the asbestos removal had been carried out properly. Cllr Cuthbert replied that there is not a liaison person, but he thinks it would be a good idea to have one. He will forward Cllr Davies a copy of the demolition statement.

**Streetlights:** The lights on the Muirs are too dim. Cllr Robertson will ask PKC to turn them up.

**The Next Meeting of Kinross CC** will take place on **Wednesday 7 December 2016**. There will be **NO MEETING IN JANUARY 2017**.

### Agenda for the Meeting on 7 December

1. Apologies. 2. Declarations of Interest. 3. Minutes of last meeting. 4. Police Report. 5. Matters Arising from minutes of last meeting. 6. Town Centre Regeneration. 7. New Primary School. 8. Planning. 9. Action Partnership priorities. 10. Data Controller. 11. Miscellaneous Correspondence. 12. Reports from P&K Councillors. 13. AOCB. 14. Date of Next meeting (Wednesday 1 February 2017).

**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 November Meeting

**Attendees** at the meeting held on 10 November 2016 were: CCllrs D Baudains (Chair), C Williams, C Lawson, S Young, E Kirkham, L Cartwright and K Heneghan; P&K Cllrs Barnacle, Giacomazzi (Trustee, Donaldson Park) and Robertson (Trustee, Donaldson Park); Rev Dr Angus Morrison (Trustee, Donaldson Park) and 28 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Cllr S Bolland, Cllr D Cuthbert (Cllr) and Police.

**Minutes of last meeting:** A comment was raised from a member of the public that a financial figure from PKC had not been included. The Chair explained that the minutes could not capture every comment of a meeting.

**Containers:** The Chair stated that the containers stored on Stirling Road had no permission to be there and that Websters had confirmed that they were going to be removed. He thanked Cllr Giacomazzi for his help.

**Defibrillator:** Kinross Colts 2009s are happy to donate the £1600+ they raised towards the placement of a community defibrillator in Milnathort. The club will top that up to £2000 if required. Kevin has had meetings with The Scottish Ambulance Service and a GP to get advice about buying the correct equipment and housing cabinet and also regarding where it should be located.

**The Park:** Brian Kenny (Kinross Colts) briefed the last CC meeting on proposals to build a sports pavilion on the park. MCC and members of the public raised several issues. MCC formed a sub group to examine these.

Land now known as Donaldson Park was legally transferred to public ownership some 50 years ago, under the control of, originally, six trustees: the two bank managers, the Minister of Orwell Parish, the Head Teacher and the elected PKC Cllrs residing in Milnathort. This had now reduced to four Trustees due to the loss of the banks in Milnathort.

Views were collected from residents, Facebook posts, emails and letters to MCC.

Campbell Lawson met with John Murray to discuss the pavilion. The following nine points (in bold) were discussed at their meeting. Comments from the MCC meeting of 10 November have been added under the relevant points.

**1. They are willing to give Milnathort Primary access to the pavilion five days a week, 9-4pm. Access will also be offered at events such as the Gala, for use of facilities.**

Elyse Kirkham stated that she had met with Miss S McColgan, Head Teacher at Milnathort Primary School and was told that the Head Teacher had not yet met with Kinross Colts to discuss any partnership working, use of the proposed pavilion and use of school grounds parking. She confirmed the school would not need to use the facilities. The school's football teams have confirmed they have no use for the pavilion. The Chair of MPS Parent Council has also confirmed that they have no use for the pavilion.

Lisa Cartwright confirmed that she is a member of the MPS Parent Council and at their meeting on 7 November the Head Teacher had asked that the points above be stated in the MCC meeting and also to include the fact that a Head Teacher cannot agree to parking within the school grounds and that this can only come from PKC. The school was aware that the planning application process was underway. Miss S McColgan did have a meeting scheduled with Kinross Colts personnel on 8 November.

### 2. They will not touch the tree line.

This was excellent news.

### 3. They are only leasing the land that the pavilion will be built on and not the park itself.

### 4. There would be no winter training at night, only summertime so there would be no floodlighting installed.

This was reassuring as this was a concern from residents backing on to the park.

### 5. There would be two games over a weekend - one on Saturday and one on Sunday.

### 6. There were no plans to have a bar.

### 7. Visiting clubs will be informed about parking and a gate will be reinstated on Church Street to stop cars coming into the park.

### 8. They will shorten the pitch to start at the 6 yard box.

### 9. They would consider change their name to the Kinross-SHIRE Colts.

Further investigation by Elyse Kirkham to be carried out regarding the terms of funding and the Thompson Trust, as she had been given different information to that of the Kinross Colts regarding the conditions of funding.

Cllrs Giacomazzi and Robertson (two of the trustees) confirmed they had signed an agreement in principle for the lease of the ground. Under the original donation, the park was to be 'used for sports'. If other teams, for example, a league team wanted to use it, PKC would offer them a pitch in Perth.

**Kinross Colts stated that:** they would ring-fence money to demolish and put the ground back to current conditions if they went out of existence or no longer required it; there were no plans to move the Fossoway team to the park; under FSA rules the club has to have changing facilities for both sexes to meet their guidelines; the fitness room will be used for warm ups, stretches etc; the 250 members are made up of several years of club membership; PKC will still maintain the park; Kinross Colts will additionally maintain the football pitch; Milnathort is a central point for club members.

**Support:** 60 Milnathort children play for the Kinross Colts; excellent for exercise and fitness at a time where obesity in children is on the rise; good for building community relations; good for local businesses; great idea for the park.

**Objections/concerns:** There were concerns about a possible increase of drug dealers and users around the pavilion and potential vandalism. Houses that back on to the park were concerned about balls being kicked into the back garden and causing damage. Cllr Giacomazzi to look into provision of a fence to prevent this. Damage and wear and tear of the pitch making it impossible for locals to use it outside club usage.

Increased traffic along Church Street. Size of the pavilion was too big. Local children who don't play football with the Kinross Colts have no other football pitches to play on - parents then have to drive to a different village. Concerns that additional football games or training will be added over time.

Any comment has to be sent to PKC by 14 November. MCC had received an extension to collate the general views of the public, which is 29 November.

### Pace Hill Planning Application

Residents have until 18 November to comment on this application. Campbell Lawson has written to PKC Planning regarding MCC's concerns over the planning application:

- Provision of suitable access and transportation (including road safety, parking issues, effect on pedestrians and cyclists, and amount of traffic generated especially at the cross roads at Wester Loan and Stirling Road).
- Adequacy of infrastructure (e.g. sewerage, drainage and water).
- Creation of an undesirable precedent, making it difficult to resist similar proposals elsewhere (Local Development Plans) 80 houses against the 50.
- Private interests, e.g. loss of a view.
- Personal circumstances of the applicant, e.g. devaluation of property.
- Concerns over the integrity of the bridge at the bottom of Wester Loan and its foundations due to heavy plant used in the construction of the Pace Hill development.
- Traffic issues on North Street and Wester Loan. It was noted that an estimated 300 additional cars could use these roads each day. There was a safety implication for those using the road (pedestrian or vehicular) and for those living along these roads.
- Access road on blind summit.
- Possibly heavy plant use at Tillyrie.

Cllr Giacomazzi confirmed he is on the planning committee and any comments he makes can only be general. One quarter of houses now built must be housing association. PKC have to make sure current public services can meet the demands on a development.

Cllr Robertson said any comments must be sent to PKC Planning and ideally cc'd to the Councillors themselves. If numbers in a planning application are more than 50% than the original figure, this could be deemed as over development. At the time of the MCC meeting only 17 objections had been logged against this application.

Steven Young reminded residents that when MCC submitted comments to planning it is counted only as one view. Any resident that wants to object or support an application has to write in too.

**Support:** gives much needed affordable housing; more people in our community; support for local businesses.

**Against** (not including those listed above): concern about Housing Association properties devaluing neighbouring properties; concern over how schools, health centre, local services would cope.

### Planning Applications Submitted

16/01721/IPL Renewal of permission 13/00873/IPL (residential development) (in principle) at Former Forth Wines Ltd, Crawford Place, Milnathort.

16/01728/FLM Erection of 80 dwelling houses, formation of open space, landscaping and associated infrastructure works at land north of Linden Park Road, Milnathort.

16/01752/FLL N8 Erection of a football pavilion at Donaldson Memorial Park, Church Street, Milnathort.





### Planning Applications Determined

16/01616/FLL Alterations to forestry track, Stronachie, and Todd Woods Milnathort for Mr M Ashmole c/o EGGER Forestry Limited Gavin Mann.

### New Matters and Correspondence

**Notice Board:** Lisa Cartwright raised the issue of lack of space on the community notice board. Either MCC notices were being removed or covered up or else MCC had to make decisions on removing/covering up other community posts. Elyse Kirkham stated that the notice board was acquired, owned and funded by the previous Milnathort CC. Lisa Cartwright to look further into notice board usage.

**Traffic survey:** Lisa Cartwright queried the mobile cameras that had been located around Milnathort and Kinross. Cllr Robertson confirmed it was a short traffic survey.

**Christmas Tree:** Campbell Lawson confirmed (with thanks) that Scottish Power had generously donated a Christmas tree and solar powered lighting for Milnathort. It was raised that Milnathort in Bloom had also sourced a Christmas tree; communication between different groups in Milnathort to be discussed further.

### Comments/Questions From The Floor

**Agenda:** Concern was raised as to why so much time, in tonight's meeting, had been given to Kinross Colts planning application compared to Pace Hill Housing Development. It was explained that Pace Hill had been discussed at MCC meetings since 9 June with public consultations over a five-month period. The park planning application had been presented to MCC on 13 October, with planning being submitted to PKC on 12 October and the consultation period closing on 14 November. MCC also explained that the Pace Hill development has been aired in three previous meetings in addition to the November meeting.

**Communication:** MCC were asked to increase communications to residents, such as leaflets through letterboxes. It was explained that MCC have a very limited budget and current communications methods were the community notice board, the notice board at the bus stop opposite Royal Bank on South Street, Kinross Newsletter, Facebook, Twitter, website, attending monthly meetings and communication folders situated in Loch Leven Campus Library and the Church Office. The meeting was reminded, by a member of the public, that MCC are made up from volunteers, most of whom were likely to have full-time jobs and family commitments.

### Comments by P&K Councillors

**TPO:** Cllr Giacomazzi had heard nothing back from the Woodland Trust regarding a TPO (Tree Preservation Order) at Pace Hill. Cllr Robertson suggested MCC write directly to PKC too. Elyse Kirkham to follow this up.

**The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will take place on Thursday 8 December 2016 at 7.30pm in Milnathort Town Hall.**

Find Milnathort CC minutes, agenda and other information at:

- [www.milnathortcommunitycouncil.org](http://www.milnathortcommunitycouncil.org)
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## Portmoak Community Council

### News from the November Meeting

**In attendance** at the meeting held on 8 November 2016 were: CCllrs M Strang Steel (Chairman), R Cairncross (Secretary), B Calderwood (Treasurer), S Forde, D Morris, A Robertson, T Smith and C Vlasto; Ward Councillors M Barnacle, D Cuthbert, J Giacomazzi and W Robertson; and 11 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Police Scotland.

**The PKC Action Plan for the B9097 (South Loch Road).** Ward councillors explained that this Action Plan was commissioned at their request. Consultation with relevant community councils was being undertaken. In due course the Action Plan together with comments would be considered by PKC's Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee.

The CC considered only that part of the Report relevant to the B9097 as it lay within the boundary of Portmoak. Although outwith the scope of the Report, ward councillors confirmed that within the next two years outstanding surfacing would be completed together with new cat's eyes and fresh road markings throughout.

The CC noted:

- the eastern section of the B9097 (*South Loch Road*) carries more than 4,300 vehicles per day. (*In comparison the western section of the same road carries 1,400 vehicles per day.*)
- 14.7 percent of westbound traffic on the eastern section was recorded at travelling above 60mph and that 0.7% was recorded as travelling at excessive speed.
- in contrast, 23.7 percent of eastbound traffic on this section was recorded at travelling above 60mph and that 1.5% was recorded as travelling at excessive speed.
- speeding is a recognised problem: drivers travelling at 60mph are regularly overtaken and speeding motorbikes are a problem particularly at weekends.
- there are three blind summits west of East Brackley and a number of concealed entrances.
- there are major visitor centres at RSPB Loch Leven and at Findatie where there are large car parks.

The CC noted a recent police report of speed checks on this section of the road where no speeding offences had been detected. As it was conceded that speeding offences are very likely, the CC took the view that a different approach to speed monitoring could be merited.

**Recommendations.** After a full discussion the CC determined to recommend the following:

- **Speed restriction:** Speed should be restricted to a maximum of 50mph from the junction with the B996 eastward to the junction at Findatie; and that there should be a further reduction to 40mph around the junction at RSPB Loch Leven to lessen the risk of collision with vehicles travelling eastward and seeking to turn right into RSPB Loch Leven. Speed restrictions must be enforced.
- **Blind Summits:** There are three blind summits. All three require suitable warning signs with associated road markings.
- **B920/B9097 Junction Island:** Support for the installation of a bollard with a Keep Left arrow on an island at this junction.
- **Concealed entrances:** Signs advising of concealed entrances should be provided.

**Car Parking within Kinnesswood.** The CC received a report of a meeting at Portmoak Primary School in which school staff, parents, PKC officers and ward councillors, together with representatives of the CC had participated. The car park was relatively small with difficult access for larger vehicles. At busy times of the day this was a potentially congested environment where there was a risk to children. Children were often seen walking across and through the car park and not using the pavements. This was exacerbated by the increasing numbers of parents using cars to drop-off and pick-up their children at the school - some live in Fife. Red strips across the roads warning motorists of children were often compromised by those seeking to park.

Solutions could include: supplementary car parking to permit more ready and safer drop-off/pick-up points both further up Bishop Terrace and across the road from the School at Whitecraigs; encouraging better use of the dedicated school bus; encouraging children to walk to school say from the Church Car Park (though this could require the pinch point at Woodmarch to be addressed). Importantly there was a clear role for a new "Protocol" to include agreed arrangements so that all parents understood the school policy. This would be a matter in the first instance for the headteacher and the parents group at the School to consider.

### Our Community

**A strategy and Vision for Portmoak.** The CC would take forward a programme to work with various community groups to use the "Place Standard" tool. Together the outputs should provide the CC with a better understanding of matters which affect the quality of life in Portmoak. This would inform and complement the work of the Kinross and Earn Action Partnership.

**Kinross and Earn Action Partnership.** The Partnership had, as a result of its first meeting, circulated a list of some 33 points setting out its response to the question "what could be better." These will be considered at the next meeting of the CC.

**Police Report:** There was no report. The CC noted the speed report for traffic on the B9097. The Commander's Bulletins of 13, 20 and 27 October and 3 November were also noted. The CC was advised that there had been a further four accidents on the A911 in the West Bowhouse area but that only one had been reported to the police. A further accident on the B9097 had also not been reported to the police. It remained a significant and unresolved problem that accidents (which for good reason) are not reported to the police are not taken into account by PKC in determining their programme for road improvements.

**Treasurer's Report:** No change. The General Account at the end of Sept was £671.40, while the Michael Bruce Way account was £919.51.

**New Planning Applications:** 16/01649/FLL 1-2 Middleburn Cottages, Kirkness, Cardenden. Siting of mobile snack van (in retrospect). No CC comment.

### Progress with Planning Developments:

**Former Lomond Inn.** While formal consent for this development to proceed was awaited, the PKC Development Management Committee had, despite representations from local councillors, local residents and the CC, recommended that consent be granted. The CC recorded its disappointment at this outcome. It believed that the relevance of the conservation area to this development had, in a number

of ways, not been adequately recognised. It had, through Freedom of Information or analogous provisions, sought to understand how the input from the conservation officer had informed the decision to recommend approval. Unfortunately, PKC had been unable to respond with an adequate explanation. There were three immediate consequences:

- **Loss of the recycling provision.** PKC would, subject to operational constraints, provide a suitable replacement facility provided a place to accommodate it could be found. The CC would ask Kinnesswood residents what kind of recycling facility (if any) should be provided (e.g. a bottle bank only) and where it should be sited. It should be noted that bin provision at the Hall was for the use of the Hall and Kilmagad Wood residents only.
- **Loss of car parking.** Up to ten vehicles currently use the car park at the Lomond Inn. Their accommodation elsewhere in the village could be problematic (see Car Parking in Kinnesswood).
- **Stained Glass window in the Lomond.** Provisions were in hand to ensure that the upper part of this window would be "conserved" as part of a new window in the replacement to the old Inn and that the lower part of the window would be retained safely.

**Glenlomond.** While formal consent for this development to proceed was awaited, the PKC Development Management Committee had recommended that consent be granted. The CC would pursue an offer by the developer to provide supplementary signage in the vicinity of Glenlomond.

**Roads Report:** A further meeting with PKC road's officers to review progress with the CC Road's programme would be pursued. Provisions to extend the 40mph limit on the A991 beyond Loch Leven's Larder towards Milnathort were in hand as was formal approval of the "Green Route" along the Dryside Road from Wester Balgedie past Glenlomond to the border with Fife.

**Paths Report:** A programme to take forward improvements to the "old" Dryside Road and to the Peat Loan at the Moss was in hand. The extensive drainage provisions to the upper Michael Bruce Way were operating effectively. Cattle remained at a higher level this year and no difficulties had been encountered. It was noted that the construction of the new drains had inadvertently enabled sheep to get through the fence. The Paths Group would attend to making the fence stockproof urgently.



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**Arrangements at Whitecraigs and Stephen's Field consequent on the departure the developer.** The Chairman and Cllr Smith had held a successful meeting with local residents to review the high hedging along the core path from the A911 to Stephen's Field and between adjacent properties and the Golf Club. In light of this and to confirm a management strategy, a further meeting with the representatives of the Golf Club is to be arranged.

#### **P&KC Ward Councillor Reports:**

Cllrs D Cuthbert, W Robertson and J Giacopazzi made no report. Cllr M Barnacle reported that PKC Environment Committee was overseeing a change to recycling arrangements. Stickers that could be attached to respective bins recounting what can or cannot be placed therein should be considered.

**AOCB:** Farmers raised the following points:

**Goose shooting.** The current season was well underway but there had been reports of members of the public inadvertently disturbing geese and of ignoring advice not to cross areas where geese were grazing and shooting would occur. It was unclear whether such shoots were always adequately signalled to the public.

**The dangers of walking a dog in a field of cattle.** A serious incident had been reported where a woman walking her dog on a lead across a field in which there were cattle had been "attacked" by the cattle and injured. Care should be taken if entering a field with cattle particularly if taking a dog. Retaining the dog on the lead could exacerbate risk were an "attack" to occur.

In relation to both these matters better publicity for, and understanding of, the Outdoor Access Code is desirable. An article in the Newsletter might help.

**The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 13 December 2016 in Portmoak School.**

**Can you help?** With the closure of the **recycling facility** at the Lomond Inn, Portmoak CC would welcome suggestions on what kind of facility (if any) should be provided and on where, if possible, it might be sited? Please leave suggestions **before 12 December** either in the mailbox on the CC's website or in the envelope in the Kinnesswood Shop.

Portmoak CC minutes can be viewed:

- on the notice board in the village hall
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## **Fossoway & District CC News from the November Meeting**

**In attendance** at the meeting held on 1 November 2016 were: Cllrs Jennifer Donachie, Trudy Duffy, Graham Kilby and Graham Pye; P&K Cllrs Mike Barnacle, Dave Cuthbert, Joe Giacopazzi and Willie Robertson; and eight Members of the Public (MoP).

**Apologies:** Cllr Angus Cheape.

**Co-option of New CC Member:** The CC welcomes Carol Farquhar as a new member. Proposed: Cllr Pye; Seconded: Cllr Donachie.

**Declarations of Interest:** None.

**Police report:** Unfortunately no Officer was able to be present at the meeting. There was one incident to note, received via Perth and Kinross Community Watch: Between 10am and 11am on 21 October a sneak in theft occurred at a property at Rumbling Bridge.

**Crook Moss Traveller's Site:** Cllr Barnacle has written to SEPA asking whether private drainage arrangements may be possible in the continued absence of capacity at the Drum WWTP, also when might the WWTP be expanded and who is on the current waiting list. Cllr Barnacle has also arranged for a waste collection to be instigated at the site.

**A977 Defects and Mitigation Measures:** Cllr Giacopazzi has been pursuing the problem with the dip in the road by Devonshaw Cottage, Powmill, but there is no budget to address the problem this financial year.

A MoP reported to Cllr Farquhar that there is potential for flooding on the A977 at Powmill due to blocked drains – the problem area is to the south of Gairney Burn Lane. Cllr Giacopazzi agreed to get this looked at.

**Rumbling Bridge Hydro Scheme:** The official opening on 28 October was very well attended and went well. The scheme is generating power and so the first funds will be available to the Community Group in a year's time. Unfortunately the open afternoon on 29th had to be postponed until the Spring for operational reasons.

The Community Benefit Group held a meeting on 7 October where the terms of reference are being worked on. There is a plan to hold a Community Consultation exercise to collect ideas for how the funds should be used.

**Speeding Through Villages:** This has been discussed in the Action Partnership.

**Crook and Drum Growing Together:** Tub planting has been done. More volunteers are always welcome to assist with bulb planting. Dates will be published on Facebook.

## **CLOCK & WATCH REPAIRS**

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

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**Powmill Bloom Group:** A "Gateway to the Village" has been created opposite the Aldie Road, and lots of bulbs have been planted along with other clearing and tidying up. More information at their Facebook page.

**Dunning Glen:** Cllr Robertson has inspected the bridge and although it does seem to be slowly deteriorating, PKC doesn't think it needs fixing any sooner than already planned.

**Station Road Adoption:** Cllr Barnacle reports that the two objections to the Notice to Adopt have now been withdrawn. Cllr Barnacle will write to all residents again with the new contribution figure (which is reduced now it will be without VAT) and hopefully the work will be able to proceed soon.

**Blairingone War Memorial:** Cllr Barnacle has contacted Profile Projects once more, and they have now said that they would only contribute £2000, rather than the full cost as they originally agreed in September 2011. Cllr Barnacle will seek confirmation of this offer in writing. There are various heritage funds that may help us fund the rest of the work, which will be investigated.

**Bollards Opposite Crook Village Hall:** Still awaiting a report from PKC Roads Department on how the safety of this section of road could be improved, however local Cllrs are pressing them for a prompt response.

**B9097 Route Action Plan:** This plan proposes: To impose a 40mph speed limit for the first 800m of the road from Drum; Institute a prohibition of entry on the U241 to discourage commercial traffic passing from the A977 to the B9097 via the U241 at Drum; Various other improvements to signage and carriageway surfacing.

### Councillors' Reports

**Cllr Barnacle** notes that delay in publishing LDP2 until next summer allows more work to be done on proposals for parking and development.

**Cllr Cuthbert** notes that the Action Partnerships each have £20k to spend by next April, which may prove challenging in that time since they need to use the new Participatory Budgeting system.

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

**Cllr Robertson** reports that TRACKS are about to start work on the next section of the multi-purpose path extending to Balado Station. All finance is in place and contracts are being let, with the section due to be finished early next year.

Police Scotland are intending to trial Community Speedwatch again in the New Year, although it's not yet known who's to be involved. Cllr Robertson will try and get this area included based on our previous experience.

### Planning Matters

16/01612/FLL Erection of 2 no dwelling houses at land 100m NE of South Kilduff Farm, Fossoway. Comments were due by 25/10/16. No CC Comment.

16/01801/IPL Erection of a dwelling house (in principle) at land 30m W of Drumgarland, Crook of Devon. Comment that we are concerned about the uncertainty of connection to Drum WWTP.

**Correspondence:** All the correspondence was available for viewing: The B9097 will be closed during weekdays (8am to 4pm) from 14 November to allow drainage works between Mawmill Poultry Farm and Mawmill Farm (for around four weeks) and to the west side of Aldie junction (for about one week) to allow patching works.

The Scottish Government are holding a Governance Review of early years and schools education.

PKC will shortly be replacing green bins with smaller ones to encourage more recycling.

**AOCB:** Is Rumbling Bridge Gorge Car Park now open for business? It seems to have been created, but possibly final surfacing not yet done. There are no signs.

### Draft Agenda for Next CC Meeting

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

Matters arising: Crook Moss Site, A977 Mitigation, Rumbling Bridge Hydro Scheme, Speeding Through Villages, Crook and Drum Growing Together, Powmill in Bloom, Dunning Glen, Station Road Adoption, 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 6 December 2016 at 7.30pm in Fossoway Primary School. All Welcome.**

Fossoway & District CC minutes are posted on the website

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

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

### Cleish and Blairadam CC

Cleish and Blairadam CC meets every second month.

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

Reports of previous meetings can be found online at: [www.cleishandblairadam.org.uk](http://www.cleishandblairadam.org.uk)

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# Club & Community Group News



## Kinross & District Rotary Club



During recent weeks meetings at the Kirklands Hotel continue to be enthusiastically attended in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. The subjects covered by our guest speakers have been wide ranging and varied, covering Williamson's Tunnels in Liverpool to an Atlas of Birds in Fife and Kinross topped by an excellent breakfast talk about the newsletter.

But the key focus of Rotary is service, which includes supporting local community events together with fund raising to support local groups and overseas projects. Our recent and current activities capture this focus.

### Halloween Lantern Walk

On 29 October club members had a hard working, but enjoyable, evening stewarding and serving light refreshments at the family friendly Halloween Lantern Walk at Tullibole Castle, which attracted in excess of 100 car loads of families. With a background of music from the films, much fun was had following the magic light trail, exploring the wood and navigating Tullibole's witches maze. A very generous donation of £600 was made to Rotary for their efforts at this event.



Barry Davies receiving the donation from Rhoderick Moncreiff recognising the contribution of the club in making The Lantern Walk at Tullibole Castle such a success

### Light Up Kinross

Rotary have supported the 'Light Up Kinross' event for a number of years and, on 26 November, we again provided stewarding for this event.

### 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 been arranged with Santa, and he will be coming to a street near you in early December (**please see notice on page 57 for details**).

### Shoebox Appeal

A huge thank-you to all the schools in Kinross-shire for engaging in Rotary's annual shoebox appeal again this year. Around 250 shoeboxes stuffed with all sorts of items, donated by families across Kinross-shire, will now be transported to needy children and families in eastern Europe to arrive just before Christmas. In many cases this will be the only Christmas present they will receive.

### Young Chef and Young Musician

Rotary in Kinross is also actively involved in providing development opportunities for the young people in the community. This has led to two competitions being held for High School pupils during December. Both a young chef and a young musician competition will be held, sponsored by the club, with the winner progressing to area finals. This gives youngsters the potential of representing the school and club at a district wide event for North Scotland. The club wishes all the entrants to these competitions the best of luck.

### Further information

For information about Rotary in Kinross-shire, including details of meetings, please contact the club secretary, Brian Timms, by email at [brian.timms230@btinternet.com](mailto:brian.timms230@btinternet.com) or by phone on 01577 864215.

## Kinross & District Inner Wheel



Inner Wheel Club of Kinross & District is one of 27 clubs in Inner Wheel District 1. This is the most northern of the 29 Districts that make up the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in Great Britain & Ireland, covering most of the north and east of Scotland from Portree in the west to St Andrews in the east – a huge area.

We were delighted to welcome our District Chairman, Rose-Ellen McGregor from Portree to our November meeting. Rose-Ellen spoke about her initial reasons for joining Inner Wheel; the wish to make a contribution by helping in the community and raising funds for the many charities supported by Inner Wheel locally and nationally and of the enjoyment she has found in being a member. The charity she has nominated to be supported this year in District 1 is 'Riding for the Disabled'. Our local club plans to combine fund-raising and socialising in December when we hold a 'Shine for Shelterbox' candlelit supper in the home of one of our members. Shelterbox is a charity which delivers the essentials people need to begin rebuilding their lives in the aftermath of a disaster, by supplying aid in the form of ShelterBoxes and ShelterKits. For more information about Shelterbox, please visit their website [www.shelterbox.org](http://www.shelterbox.org).



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## Kinross & District Probus Club

### Aegean Sailing

Immediate past president, Robin Webster, came to the rescue at our last October meeting when our scheduled speaker was unable to give his talk due to illness. Robin's subject was the story of a cruise in and around the Aegean Sea between Greece and Turkey. The cruise was taken on the brigantine 'Star Flipper' which was powered by sail or by engine and carried 170 passengers. The starting point was Athens and the cruise ended in Istanbul after calling at Piraeus, Mykonos, Kos, Patmos and Ephesus before sailing up the Bosphorus.

Amplified by photographs, the talk brought to life the abundance of ruins dating from the Greek civilisation in the region, including the Acropolis in Athens.

However, the highlight of the tour was the visit to Gallipoli and Anzac Cove. This was the scene of the battle between Australian, New Zealand and Turkish troops during the First World War. It was this battle which saw the rise of Kemal Ataturk, the leader of modern Turkey.

The tour ended by sailing up the Bosphorus and on to Istanbul with the magnificent blue mosque.

### Classic crime fiction

Our next meeting in November was addressed by Colin Moore who is a member of Cupar Probus Club. His topic was classic crime fiction. The subject has been a hobby for most of his adult life. He has been ably supported by his wife who has the same hobby. Between them they have amassed hundreds of crime novels over the last 40 years. Colin showed a photograph showing his study/ library with its book lined shelves.

Some of the authors he has collected are not too familiar but include Dorothy L Sayers, of Lord Peter Wimsey fame, and Georges Simenon of Maigret fame. Our speaker quoted from a number of the writers and read out passages from their books. However, the most famous of all was Agatha Christie and our speaker devoted half of his talk to the 'Queen of Crime'. Christie has had two billion copies of her novels printed, apart from those adapted for the stage. Her best known character is probably Hercule Poirot, although others, such as Jane Marple, are almost as well-known, especially due to television adaptations.

Both meetings have been very well attended, especially the November meeting to which ladies were invited. Their company was enjoyed and appreciated.

## Portmoak Hall 100 Club

### October Draw

1st	No 72	David Gardiner, Kinnesswood
2nd	No 35	Elsbeth Baird, Kirkness Farm
3rd	No 18	John Bird, Kinnesswood

## KYTHE

Kinross-shire Youth Enterprise SCIO (SC045043)

### Exciting News for the Young people of Kinross-shire

The Trustees and Management Committee of KYTHE are delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Barry Dougall as their Youth Worker with effect from early January of next year.



## Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



At our November meeting the club members were delighted to welcome back David Reid. David offered us an 'informal chat' on the topic of 'Growing Up in the Second-hand Furniture Trade' which he viewed as an unconventional childhood. During his entertaining talk, memories were rekindled for those of us old enough to remember the days when 'antique' was merely second-hand!

Although David's father was an agricultural worker, he fell into the furniture trade by accident, promising his wife to return to the land if the business failed. The business began in a corrugated iron shed but prospered enough to move to a shop. In Wishaw the rural life of horses was wiped out by heavy industry and the Ravenscraig Steel Works in nearby Motherwell, but the second-hand shops survived. Many of us remember the 'make-do-and-mend' era which continued after the Second World War into the 1950s. As ex-High School pupils will know, David's own career path took a different turn, though he retains his interest in silver.

With thanks to our hostess Kate and helper Marjory. The next get-together is our festive lunch at The Grouse and Claret in December.

## Kinross Garden Group

After a very entertaining, if somewhat shorter than expected talk by Louise Bustard from Glasgow Botanics – aren't computers wonderful!, our next meeting is on **Thursday 8 December** in the Millbridge Hall, Kinross at 2pm. **Mark Newman**, from the The Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, will give a talk entitled 'A handful of ginger for the New Year'.

Please note that there is no meeting in January as the Kinross Garden Group will meet on Thursday 12 January at 12.30 for 1pm Festive Lunch at the Green Hotel, Kinross. There is a further chance to sign up for this at the December meeting but you can also contact Mrs C Rodger on 01577 863785 for more details.

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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### Busy times during Kinross-shire's Winter Festival

We hope you enjoyed the Kinross-shire's Winter Festival with numerous events organised by local community groups and businesses. By the time you read this article, the festive street market will have been and gone. We hope it will have been successful, enjoyable and not disruptive to traders and residents of the High Street.

There are too many people to thank individually but we would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank-you to all the volunteers who helped us out during the events in November and December. An amazing number of people helped us out by distributing flyers and brochures door to door in Kinross, Milnathort and other surrounding villages, helped with erecting and dismantling marquees and market stalls and stewarding at the festive street market.

A special thanks to local company Span Access Solutions who provided us with a stage (at very short notice!) at the Festive Street Market!

Also a huge thanks to the staff of Macbeth Currie's Estate Agency, the Shire in Milnathort who sold tickets for us and to the Kinross Newsletter who carried our advertisements and put the Winter Festival on the November edition front cover! For more info and photos please visit our website.

### Leven Voices

After the Christmas break, Leven Voices will start up again with a set of 10 weekly sessions in January. Leven Voices is a fun, informal drop-in singing group for anyone. No music reading or singing experience necessary, it is for anyone who just wants to sing and have fun! Leven voices will run a set of 10 weekly sessions on Tuesday evenings with the first session on **Tuesday 10 January** with Horsecross arts tutors. Sessions will be running until 14 March, all at 7.30pm at the Kinross Parish Church. Enrolment fee is £6 and £4 a session (concessions £3). Just come along, sing and enjoy!

## Dobbies Community Champion

In November, the **Little Seedlings Club** enjoyed learning all about bats, and we were pleased to welcome some new members. The December meeting on **4 December** at 11am will be our **Christmas party**, with some crafts and a visit from a special Christmassy person! New members welcome, accompanied by an adult, **but please book online at dobbies.com**, so that we know to expect you.

The January meeting will be a week later than usual on **Sunday 8 January**, and February's will be **5 February**.

**Santa will be available** for visits in his grotto at weekends from 11am to 4pm, and from **19 to 24 December**. Please **book your visit at Dobbies.com**.

On 5 December I will be donating a **fresh Christmas tree to the Kinross-shire Day Centre**, hopefully with a visit from Dobbie, our reindeer mascot.

We are ever grateful to all our customers for their generous support for charity collections and events in the store, and we wish you all a happy Christmas and New year period.

Amanda James, Community Champion  
[community.kinross@dobbies.com](mailto:community.kinross@dobbies.com)

## Kinross-shire Time Exchange

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



I have just come in from a bracing family walk in the hills behind Kinross. The sun was shining, the sky was blue and the air had that first chill of winter. We were mesmerised when we came across a field where the extraordinary visiting pink-footed geese were having some kind of parliament.

The birds came in, wave after wave, the squawking and chattering drowning out any chat that we might have thought of having, but conversation was not necessary as we were just silently in awe of the glory of nature all around us.

All this wonder only serves to underline how lucky we are to live in Kinross-shire.

It isn't only being part of nature that makes us fortunate; there are just so many advantages to living in this area. Time Exchange is only one of the many ways of being sociable, charitable and generous in Kinross-shire.

However the Time Exchange is also unique in many ways because everyone is a giver and everyone is a receiver. Members give willingly without expectation of receiving back from that direction and receivers needn't feel in debt because there is no such thing in Time Exchange.

The variety of exchanges is immense and we can continue being creative in the way we give and receive. Don't hold back. Email us or phone us and let's see what can be done.

### Current news

Our new website is now up and running. Please do check it out.

We are giving talks to two groups of ladies and would like to give more informative talks. If you are part of a ladies group, or know a group which needs a speaker, please get in touch. Christmas exchanges: at our last meeting, we were aware of how many little and challenging jobs need to be done at Christmas. Why not ask for help from your fellow members? Ideas include present wrapping, shopping, decorations, tree assembly or moving or decorating and anything else you can think of.

**Christmas afternoon tea on Monday 12 December** at 2pm at 25 Broom Road. Please put this date in your diary and make sure you let us know if you need a lift.

Time exchanging is a very successful idea which is working all over the world. Why not sign up and be part of it?

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## Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

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Winter can be a wonderful season for walking. Beat the winter blues by exploring new places, improving your mental and physical fitness and meeting 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

**Sunday 4 December: Gilderland walk, Falkland, 4 miles (followed by pre-booked Christmas lunch).** A walk through the historic village of Falkland onto the Gilderland Walk, returning via Pillars of Hercules and the Squirrel Walk.

**Saturday 17 December: Crook of Devon to Muckhart, 7 miles.** A circular walk on paths and tracks, taking in Rumbling Bridge Gorge.

**Saturday 7 January: New Year workout at Gartmorn Dam, 6 miles.** A gentle walk from Muircot farm shop down to Gartmorn Dam, then a flat walk round the Dam. Pre-booked lunch at farm shop.

**Sunday 22 January: Little Glenshee, NW of Battleby, 7 miles.** Walk on track past old slate quarry then onto heathery moorland. Undulating walk on good tracks with lovely views. In case it turns cold and wet, you do need appropriate clothing, including boots/strong shoes and waterproofs. Bring water, a packed lunch and a hot drink.

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

### Tuesday Short Walks

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

**Tuesday 6 December: Dunfermline and Pittencrieff Park.**

Bus to Dunfermline then a short, relaxed walk through the abbey grounds and around Pittencrieff Park.

**Tuesday 20 December: Muckhart exploration, part 1.**

A walk on footpaths and quiet back roads, passing Lendrick Muir Estate and Muckhart Golf Club.

**Tuesday 17 January: Kinross circular.**

A walk on the Heritage Trail, across the golf course, down the High Street to Lochleven Mill, then back through Kirkgate Park, returning along the trail.

**Tuesday 31 January: Muckhart exploration, part 2.**

Quiet road walking to the golf course and new bonding. Then onto footpaths with good views of the Ochils, passing a limekiln, large mill wheel and horse statue.

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

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## Portmoak Film Society

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

Our November film, 'The Martian', shot to the top of this season's hitlist with a 97% audience satisfaction rating. It was a well-attended and most enjoyable evening, not least due to the post-film sweet chilli and cheese baked potatoes. Thanks to Helen of Lochend Farm Shop. If you're wondering what tatties have got to do with Mars, get the film!

On **Saturday 10 December** we're showing 'Untouchable', a French film which has garnered international acclaim since its release in 2012. It's the true story of an unlikely relationship between a rich Parisian quadriplegic who hires an ex-con with attitude as his carer. The opening car-chase scene is one of the most exhilarating starts to any film I've seen; worth it for the first five minutes!

To start the New Year we're showing 'Bridge of Spies' on **Saturday 14 January**. This Cold War thriller directed by Steven Spielberg premiered a year ago and became an instant international box office hit. The film stars Tom Hanks and Mark Rylance, who gained a raft of awards for supporting actor. Not to be missed.

Films start promptly at 7.30pm with hot drinks and themed refreshments afterwards. A (pro-rata) season's membership can be purchased in advance from Stuart Mackenzie on 01592 840638 or you can pay £5 on the night. We look forward to welcoming many more new and old film fans in 2017. For further dates and films, visit our website.

## Circle Dancing

At the time of writing this article, invitations for our Christmas Party have been given to class members. I know that everyone is especially busy at this time of the year, but do take time out for yourselves and come and join in our last few circle dance sessions before we break for the Christmas holidays.

We will end the term on Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 December respectively. The Tuesday class will reopen at Millbridge Hall on **Tuesday 10 January** at the usual time of 10.30 am. This class is full and I now have a waiting list. However, I am delighted to let everyone know that our current Wednesday class (which is for one hour only from 10am) will move into the new Dance Studio on Junction Road, Kinross. Our first session there will be on **Wednesday 11 January**. This beautiful new building will provide ample dance space to allow the group to grow. Please do come along and see for yourself. I am sure you will agree it is a lovely venue. If you would like any information about circle dancing, or you are thinking you might like to give it a try, please phone me, Lynne Barlow, on 01259 742173. Circle dancing is great fun!

Wishing all readers a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

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## Kinross Camera Club

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October was another busy month at the club, with a mixture of enjoyable competitions and some excellent speakers.

The annual four-on-a-board competition was won this year by Dave Martin and the Digital Knockout by Andrew Macpherson. Congratulations to both on their excellent photos and, in particular, Andrew who only joined the club back in September.

We were treated to talks from two excellent wildlife photographers last month.

Neil MacGregor shared a selection of wonderful images of Scottish wildlife and his fondness for many different types of seabirds was evident. Neil's photos were an excellent reminder that there is an abundance of amazing nature right on our doorstep if we can be bothered to get out and find it.

Chris Westson made an unplanned visit to the club last month and provided a mesmerising talk called 'Wildlife on the Edge'. Chris is a well-known conservationist who tells his story and shares his message through photography. The club was spellbound for the entire evening during an enthralling and emotional journey listening to the backstory of many different endangered species.



Chris's message was clear. Wildlife is only threatened where man is impoverished and, if we can make animals worth more alive than dead, then we can eliminate poaching and most other forms of unnecessary wildlife killings.

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.



*Weaver Fish by Linda Reid*

## Kinross & District Art Club

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

Tapping into the rich vein of artistic talent in the annual Perthshire Open Studios event, the club enjoyed a stimulating demonstration in November by Longforgan based artist **Dawn Wood**, seen here in her garden studio which is an inspiration for her work.



Dawn's paintings reflect current interests and, on this occasion, she showed us how she incorporated butterflies into a series of bold and cheerful oils on board or canvas.

Our club meets every Tuesday and Friday afternoon at The Millbridge Hall from 2 to 4pm with a break for tea and chat. The sessions are well attended and it is a delight to see the range of work produced by our members, many of whom are inspired directly by the demonstrations we have, but also by learning from each other and from our professional adviser, Tom Sutton Smith.

As the year ends we look forward to our annual Christmas lunch at The Kirklands and to the new session which begins on **Friday 6 January** and **Tuesday 10 January**. Why not start the New Year with a new interest? Come along to one of our sessions and see for yourself how enjoyable it all is! For more information on the club's activities, see our website.

And finally, we already intimated in the summer that our chairman **Doug Hague**, and his wife **Dora**, would be moving south. That move is now imminent and we wish them well in their new home and community. We are greatly indebted to Doug for the huge commitment he has made to the success of the club over the past four years.

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### 25th Anniversary

Kinross-shire Civic Trust is delighted to be celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year, which it did at a special dinner at the Grouse and Claret.

The Trust was established in 1991 by a group of founding members, including Professor David Munro MBE and Lord and Lady Moncrieff. Kinross-shire had seen a considerable expansion in the previous two decades and there was a concern that its development should be better considered. With this in mind the Trust set itself the following aims:

***The Trust would promote and encourage a public interest in, and care for, the beauty, history and character of the areas of Kinross-shire and Glenfarg in order to maintain the essential character of the area; the preservation, conservation, development and improvement of buildings of general public or historic interest and a high standard of architecture and planning in the area.***

Kinross-shire is one of the most beautiful counties in Scotland, centring on Loch Leven and surrounded by the Ochils, Cleish Hills, Benarty, Bishop Hill and West Lomond. Loch Leven itself is a National Nature Reserve and there are several Sites of Special Scientific Interest in the county. Parts of the county were designated Areas of Great Landscape Value and now re-designated Local Landscape Areas. There are sites of great historic value such as Lochleven Castle, Kinross House, Burleigh Castle, Tullibole Castle and many more.



*The Kinross-shire Civic Trust aims to care for the natural beauty of Kinross-shire, as well as the built environment of historic and architectural importance. Photograph taken from Wester Balgedie.*

### Awards

Over the years the Trust has established a number of award schemes to promote its aims:

- **Architectural Awards** to encourage good architecture both in terms of new design and in the sector of restoration and reconstruction.
- **Landscape/Environment:** We also have an Environmental Award to encourage the improvement of the environment with tree planting and the restoration of woodland and other landscape areas.
- **Best Kept Village Competition:** In 1966, Sir Robert Stewart, who at that time was the Convenor of Kinross County Council, established the Best Kept Village Competition for all the villages and hamlets within Kinross-shire with a view of encouraging a community spirit and bringing together the communities. This was extremely successful and is still strongly supported by the villages and hamlets with the result that the competition celebrated its own 50th Anniversary this year. The Trust was delighted when Sir Robert asked it to take over the running of the competition and it has done so for a number of years now.

### Planning

The Strategic and Local Plans are a very important part of the Planning process and the Trust has been involved in making constructive comments when they are in preparation.

So far the Trust has taken part in the preparation of the Strategic Plans and four Local Plans, three Kinross Area Local Plans and the current Perth and Kinross Local Plan.



*The Kinross-shire Civic Trust aims to preserve and conserve buildings of historic interest. It strongly objected to the application to demolish the 1905 Andrew Muirhead-designed former Kinross High School building. The application was turned down and the developer forced to think again, later applying to convert the building to houses. Photograph dated 2007.*

The Development Plan is the agreed template for planned, controlled and sustainable development. Adopted after a lengthy statutory process, including a rigorous examination by an appointed team of expert planning officials and acting independently on behalf of the Scottish Government, the Plan seeks to ensure a consistent application of agreed planning standards, principles and policies. The Plan is definitely not 'indicative' as has been suggested in the processing of the Lathro Farm and former High School site applications totalling 391 houses where the plan has not been adhered to. The public are entitled to expect and rely on PKC as the planning authority to adhere to the Plan and thereby uphold public confidence in the Planning system.



*The annual Best Kept Village Competition is organised by the Kinross-shire Civic Trust. This picture shows the garden near the Well at Scotlandwell in June 2009.*



## The Kinross-shire Civic Trust

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The Trust's Planning Group regularly looks at the applications submitted for Kinross-shire and, where there is a need, makes constructive comments on them, including recognising good design.

### Conservation

The Trust has been instrumental in helping in creating the current Conservation Areas in Kinross-shire, namely, Cleish, Kinross, Scotlandwell, Kinnesswood and Wester Balgedie. It has prepared a paper suggesting that Milnathort become



*The Civic Trust has been instrumental in helping to create Conservation Areas in Kinross-shire, such as Kinnesswood, shown here photographed in 2008.*

a Conservation Area as well, which the Trust has submitted to the Council as part of its response to the new Local Plan currently under consideration.

### Visits

As well as the above, the Trust has arranged visits to many of the historic sites in the county as well as walks around the interesting parts of the county, many of them led by the Trust President, Professor David Munro. We are all deeply indebted to David for his encyclopaedic knowledge of the history of Kinross-shire and we will continue to arrange appropriate visits and talks into the future.

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in Kinross-shire.

For the future, the Trust will continue to focus on caring for the county, supporting the good things for the future as well as seeking to protect the county from those elements that the Trust sees as being detrimental. **We hope that all those who care about the county will join us in continuing this essential work for the greater benefit of all future generations.** Visit our website for details.

## Portmoak Primary School

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

I am writing this at a busy time in the Portmoak calendar. Preparations for Christmas are well under way and our pupils are practising hard for this year's Nativity performance. We expect to have two sittings for this again as it remains a popular event in the calendar for parents, grandparents and friends. This is also a panto year at Portmoak, so our older pupils are rehearsing for our pantomime, Dick Whittington, which looks set to be a sellout performance once more across both evenings.

### Outdoor Learning

As you may be aware, outdoor learning is a development focus for us this year. I had a lovely morning with P1/2 at Kilmagad Wood and I know the children have enjoyed their Halloween themed outdoor learning today in our school grounds. Thank you to the parents who supported both days.

### Ladies' Night at Portmoak Hall

Thanks to everyone who came along on Friday 11 November. This was a really super evening which raises a substantial amount of money for the benefit of our school. The events and fundraising ladies have spent lots of time organising

this, so thank you to them also. We raised over £1000 again this year. A great result!

### Bags 2 School

Thank you to the members of the public who dropped in bags for our rag bag collection, Bags2School, just after the October break. The next collection will be after the Easter holidays. Thanks also to Buchan's Garage for storing bags again this year.

We will be having a collection for the food bank again in the run up to Christmas. Details will be posted on Twitter. If there are any members of the community who would like to get

involved in this, please check there for information.

### Twitter

If you haven't yet followed us don't forget to check @PortmoakPS and the Parent Council @FriendsPortmoak for updates. If you aren't on twitter, you also can view an embedded twitter feed at the bottom of our school website.

### Finally

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

Kind regards,

Louise Gordon, Headteacher



*Portmoak Primary School pupils brave the great outdoors!*



## Kinnesswood in Bloom

At the monthly December meeting it was decided to have another Quiz and Curry night in the New Year. Raymond has kindly agreed to be quizmaster. We are also organising our night out for the end of January.

Kinnesswood in Bloom were recently awarded £7,669 towards the Benarty View community project. It is hoped to start work on this early in 2017.

Plans for work parties throughout November mainly involved clearing the tubs and recycling some of the plants in garden areas throughout the village. They will soon be replanted with sustainable plants.

Norma and Pat attended the 'Our Neighbourhood' conference in Stirling. A brief presentation about Kinnesswood in Bloom was well received. A teddy was passed onto the Cumbernauld group as their mascot and some history books about the village were sold to other groups.

Once more we are grateful to Morag for making the wreath, which was laid at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

One class at the school has helped turn the compost heap and used some of it to fill up the raised beds. The children also raked leaves and looked at the leaves from last year which have turned into lovely leaf mould. A programme has been developed by the school for the school grounds for the rest of the year.



A school work party

We will be putting up a tree in the village centre on the **Saturday 10 December**. Please come and join us for mince pies and mulled wine. Seasons greetings to everyone in Kinnesswood and neighbouring villages. We wish you all a successful gardening season in 2017.

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## Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

### Date Loaf Cake

#### Ingredients

225g finely chopped dates  
2 level tsp bicarbonate of soda  
112g margarine  
340g caster sugar  
2 eggs  
680g self raising flour

#### Method

Pour 340 ml of boiling water over the dates. Sprinkle on the bicarbonate of soda and set aside for 30 minutes to cool.

Cream together the margarine and caster sugar. Beat in 2 eggs. Stir in the self raising flour and date mixture. Pour into 2 large loaf tins lined with greaseproof paper.

Bake in a pre-heated oven at 160° Celsius for about an hour. Allow to partly cool in the tins before transferring to a rack.

## 1st Kinross Brownies visit Enable

To celebrate the Paralympic Games, 1st Kinross Brownies did their Disability Awareness Badge. As part of this they visited the ENABLE shop at the Health Centre where staff helped them understand how disability aids helped those with mobility and other problems...and also gave each Brownie a super goodie bag!



1st Kinross Brownies at Enable

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Our final project lunch of 2016 may have been the last one but our speaker, Belinda Macdonald of The Uphill Trust, ensured we ended on a high. Her excellent presentation and enthusiasm were greatly appreciated, so much so that the sum of £352 was raised. Thanks to all volunteers and friends for making it such a successful event.

Our AGM was also well supported and it was encouraging to reflect on the successes of 2016. The committee elected are as follows: Convener Elspeth Caldwell, Vice-convenor Frances Miller, Treasurer John Colebourn, Secretary Linda Freeman, Project Co-ordinators Helen Pearson and Ann Eve, Volunteer Representatives Flora Douglas and Gillian Thomson. Frances and Gillian have also kindly agreed to take over rota duties. The acceptance of all the positions is greatly appreciated by the volunteers and friends.

A sincere thank-you must also go to Jacky Chalmers and Betty Bolton, stepping down after years of regular commitment. A warm welcome to Helen, Ann and Gillian for joining the management team.

Our popular **Christmas raffle** will be on sale up to Christmas and you are invited to join us for the draw on **Saturday 24 December**. In the meantime, a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

**Project:** Our project for November was The Raven Trust. We last supported this charity in February 2013. Over the past few years the Trust has researched, dispatched and funded many full and part container loads of provisions including medical supplies, books, videos, sporting equipment, games, clothing, bedding, toiletries, computers, printers, carpentry and metal working tools. Their work is funded by donations and gifts from individuals and church congregations. Each container currently costs about £10,000 to transport to northern Malawi.



Convener Elspeth Caldwell with Belinda and Max Macdonald from The Uphill Trust

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

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

## Kinross Museum

Loch Leven Community Campus

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On 29 October a reception for the Friends of Kinross (Marshall) Museum was held to celebrate the completion of displays currently on show.

To mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the Battle of the Somme in mid-November 1916, one cabinet has just been updated to tell the story of the final assault on Beaumont Hamel which was described as "one of the greatest feats of arms" during World War I. It was in this action that Kinross-shire postman Private James Alexander Hay of the 9th Battalion Royal Scots was killed on 13 November 1916. On show is some of the 'debris of war' in the form of spent bullets, shrapnel, bomb fuses, belt buckles and telephone wire pickets found on the Somme battlefield, kindly lent to the Museum by George Sutherland.



A recently updated part of the WWI exhibition

**Raffle and Quiz:** To help raise funds for the Museum there is still time to come and buy raffle tickets to be drawn on 10 December or take part in the Scottish Rivers and Lochs Quiz. Get your completed quiz forms to the Museum by **Saturday 10 December** if you want to stand a chance of being the lucky winner of a framed image of Loch Leven kindly donated by expert local photographer Willie Shand.

After Thursday 22 December the Museum Study Room will be closed until Thursday 5 January. The exhibition will be open during campus library opening hours over the festive season. (See page 23 for library hours.)

## Santa's Sleigh is coming to town

See Santa and his helpers in your area!



### December

Mon 5th	Kinnesswood, Scotlandwell	6pm – 9pm
Tue 6th	Milnathort	6pm – 9pm
Fri 9th	Kinross South	6pm – 9pm
Sun 11th	Kinross North	2pm – 8pm
Tue 13th	Crook of Devon	6pm – 9pm
Thu 15th	Glenfarg	6pm – 9pm

Note: the routes and dates are subject to change or cancellation due to adverse weather or other unforeseen issues.



## Portmoak Community Woodland Group

Birding, Christmas trees and Burns; our winter months are packed with events celebrating life in and around the Portmoak Community Woodlands.

There was so much demand for the guided bird walk led by Scott Paterson in Portmoak Moss last month that he offered to lead a second one a week later.

Scott, of 'Kinross ecology', is the Perth and Kinross County Bird Recorder and, thanks to his expertise, the two groups were able to spot - by sight and sound - impressive numbers of species, either in the moss itself or passing overhead.

Woodpecker, Long-tailed Tit, Jay, Lesser Redpoll, Mistle Thrush, Siskin, Skylark, Sparrowhawk and Treecreeper. There were, of course, huge skeins of Pink-footed Geese, as well as all the best known woodland birds.

We were also very lucky with the weather. It was sunny and clear and even quite warm for the second outing. In keeping with tradition, members of the Portmoak Community Woodland Group provided hot drinks, biscuits and baking to reward everyone for several hours of patient 'birding'.

Speaking of traditions, our annual

It'll be on **Sunday 11 December** in Portmoak Moss from 11am to 1.30pm. Simply come to the Scotlandwell entrance and follow the arrows along the main path. There are no fixed prices but we invite donations to the PCWG, for projects like the recent re-profiling of the sides of the raised peat bog. Removing the trees also helps with the bog restoration work.

We haven't even reached Christmas but plans are well in hand for our equally popular **Burns Supper**, which will be on **Saturday 21 January** at 7 for 7.30pm in Portmoak Village Hall. We're delighted to have the well-known musician and hilarious entertainer, Tich Frier from Kinross, to deliver the Toast to the Immortal Memory. Tich, who is a brilliant singer and guitarist, brought the house down last January with his songs and stories, so we immediately invited him back to give the principal toast of the evening.

Anyone who has been to our Burns Suppers will know that they feature a wide range of music and community singing, great food from Lochend Farm Shop, generous drams, piping and a Burns quiz. Unlike other Suppers we also take a line from Tam O'Shanter - 'Mosses, Waters, Slaps and Styles' - to inspire our final toast of the evening, to all that's been happening in the community woodlands. Tickets will once again be £25 and you can get them from Kinnesswood Shop, Lochend Farm Shop or by contacting Dave Batchelor at [dave@davebatchelor.co.uk](mailto:dave@davebatchelor.co.uk) or on 01592 840233.

As ever, our regular open meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Well Inn, Scotlandwell.



County bird recorder Scott Paterson (centre) leading Portmoak bird walk

It was particularly exciting to see flocks of Fieldfare and Redwing. Over the two days, November 5 and 12, the list also included Bullfinch, Buzzard, Goldcrest, Goldfinch, Great Spotted

**Christmas tree event** has become very popular. There will be hot drinks, home-baking and, most importantly, a chance to select and take away your own tree, freshly cut by members of the group.

## Rosemount Nursery

### Getting Ahead in Science

Exploring new heights of possibilities, the children at Rosemount Nursery in Kinross recently joined Dr Armstrong and his pupils at Kinross High School to enhance their curiosity, inquiry and creativity through the magic of Science. The children built upon these skills both observing and taking part in some amazing experiments. Louise Smart, head of the nursery commented: "We are very excited to be collaborating with the expertise of Dr Armstrong and bringing such imaginative learning experiences to our young budding scientists."

*Rosemount Nursery children get to grips with some serious science at Kinross High School*





## Kinross Beavers

On Friday 28 October the Beavers returned from the October break. On the first evening they worked on some thank-you cards for last term's activities (fire station and live active), reviewed the Code of Conduct which all our beavers have signed up to and finally they played lots of games!

The second week back was a rather busy evening for the Beavers as they started work on learning about recycling and also starting to design an Eco bag, which should be available for parents to buy just before Christmas.

Our nine newest Beavers were also invested into the colony and five Beavers were given recognition awards for last term. They received a badge, certificate and, new this term, a shiny medal! This award recognises Beavers from last term who were very kind and helpful to others, respectful and well behaved. Well done Gregor M, Gregor F, Joseph, Archie and Percy!

Finally, all Beavers received badges which they had earned last term and they were also presented with a Lest We Forget memorial badge which has been produced by The Scouting Memorial Project to raise awareness of their campaign. The Scouting Memorial Project is a national campaign designed to raise awareness of 'Remembrance'. It aims to raise funds to build and maintain a Scouting memorial to remember those who have given service to Scouting and their communities, especially those members of Scouting who have suffered through conflict.

On Sunday 13 November the Beavers attended the remembrance service in Kinross Parish Church before taking part in the Remembrance Parade to the Memorial at 'The Court House' where they observed a two-minute silence.

There are still plenty of activities for the Beavers to do before the Christmas holidays. They will be receiving visits from several local community groups and will also attend the Dick McWhittington pantomime at Perth Concert Hall in mid-December. Then, in January, the Beavers will be having a sleepover and full details of all of this will be in the next newsletter.

As you can see we have lots going on in the colony at the moment and, if you would like to have the Beavers help your community group, or are interested in volunteering with Scouting, please contact us on:

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*Beavers with their awards for being kind and helpful to others!*



*Beavers newly invested into the colony*



*Beavers attend the Remembrance Parade*

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## Kinross High School



At Kinross High School, we recognise the importance of developing links with the employers and local groups to enable our pupils to learn beyond the school. In this issue of the Newsletter we are focusing on some of the activities that have taken place this term which have been developed in partnership with employers and our local community.

The Advanced Higher Business Management class were given the opportunity to visit Todd and Duncan in Kinross. They are the world's leading cashmere yarn spinners and Mr Cormack was a very knowledgeable and welcoming host. He explained the rich heritage of the company and how they can use their Scottish history as a selling point. The class discussed the impact of globalisation on Todd and Duncan and their connections with competitors and customers across the world. The girls in particular were highly impressed with Todd and Duncan's fashion connections and amazed that "a business in a small town could be so global". Pupils found it very interesting as it gave them real life examples of the topics they had been studying in class and would like to express their thanks to Mr Cormack for taking the time and trouble to meet with them.

### Design Engineer Construct

Pupils at Kinross High School are amongst the first in the UK to take part in a project aimed at 11-18 year-olds, which teaches subjects related to science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) in a bid to encourage more young people in Scotland to take up a career in science.

WSP Parsons Brinckerhoff has sponsored Kinross High School to take part in 'Design Engineer Construct', a programme which has been added to the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF). They visited the school on 3 November and spoke to pupils about subjects related to engineering to show how diverse a career it can be.

Design and Technology teacher Richard Smith commented: "The introduction of the Design Engineer Construct course is, I believe, the most exciting development the Scottish curriculum has seen for some time.

"The benefits to the pupils are enormous. The fact that this course offers such a close project-based working relationship with such prestigious industry partners as WSP Parsons Brinckerhoff, with pupils applying pure academic subjects to the latest construction industry practices, is fantastic."



*Kinross pupils form the future of the construction industry*

### FutureChef

Emma Niven from Loch Leven's Larder and Andrew Scott from Heaven Scent visited KHS on 4 November to help judge the FutureChef competition alongside our very own Mr Bain. FutureChef is a national competition open to students aged

12 to 16. The competitors prepared a dish working within a budget and the judges had a very difficult time deciding on a winner as the standard was very high. Congratulations to all the competitors who took part.

Well done to Freya Conway (S1) who was first, Coco Ramponi (S2) who came second and Caitlin Quinn (S2) who came third. Freya and Coco will go onto represent the school at the next heat in Perth College at the end of November. Freya also won a one-to-one session with the chefs at Loch Leven's Larder, spending time behind the scenes.



*From left: Caitlin Quinn, Freya Conway and Coco Ramponi with FutureChef guest judges, Andrew Scott of Heaven Scent and Emma Niven of Loch Leven's Larder*

### Active Schools

The aim of Active Schools is for all children and young people to get, and stay, active. It is a national initiative that has been supported by the Scottish Government.

Active Schools staff work with schools, parents and communities to develop and support volunteer-led, sustainable, physical activity and sport opportunities that take place outwith school hours, both within the school and wider community.

A number of KHS pupils volunteer to take part in this initiative with our qualified Sports & Dance leaders and Young Ambassadors, gaining leadership experience by running a variety of clubs in KHS and local primary schools:

- Run, Jump Throw Club at Kinross Primary School with P5 pupils Amy Broadhurst and Iona Crawford
- A dance club for S1 girls - Neve Chambers
- Boccia - Amy Broadhurst
- Girls' football - Demi Paton
- Netball - Ruth Ritchie, Holly Parsons & Dana Higgins
- Dodgeball run by Young Ambassadors Amy Broadhurst, Hannah Dow & Lewis McPherson
- Milnathort Lunchtime Club - Community Sport Leader pupils

Thank you also to all the parents and clubs who help run the sports clubs at Kinross High School: Dave Munro and Jamie Booth from Kinross Volleyball Club; Mr Borthwick, Mr Revel and Mr Bell from Kinross Rugby Club; SJ and Lucy from Salle Ossian Fencing Club; Kinross Curling Club; and parents Elaine Stappleton, Christine Higgins and Kim Kilgour who are taking netball teams for KHS and other primary schools on a weekly basis.

The school closes on Friday 23 December for the holiday season. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our community a happy and enjoyable break over the festive period.

Sarah Brown  
Headteacher and Campus Leader

## Broke Not Broken Kinross Food Bank

It's not even Christmas yet but we would love you to consider making us your New Year's Resolution.

So often our resolutions are about bettering ourselves in some way: dieting, exercising or learning something new. We would love you to think about helping other people as a part of your 2017 resolution, donating food to us regularly, or through volunteering.

Going into next year we are looking at lots of ideas for how to help those people who come through our doors in other ways. One of these is our garden. Thanks must go to Rory Stewart for his leadership on this; his time and expertise are priceless and we are very grateful. We hope to use it as a quiet space for people, and to use it to provide much needed fresh food.

We will also be looking at setting up direct debits for those wishing to contribute financially on a regular basis.

Looking to the near future we are grateful again to be supported by the Milnathort Filmhouse, collecting donations for us at their December screenings.

We will have a stall at the Winter Festival Market and Light Up Kinross, and will be running a tombola and collecting donations and shaking our collection boxes.

The big event, though, is our annual Food Drive. We will be collecting donations and making up hampers at Loch Leven Community Campus on **Wednesday 14 December from 6pm**. Last year was such a heart-warming event, we were stunned. We are looking for the following:

**Pies (Fray Bentos), Tinned potatoes, Oatcakes, Box of chocolates, Gravy granules, Stock cubes, Cakes, Small Christmas puddings, Shortbread, Mince Pies, Tinned Ham, Tinned Salmon, Savoury snacks, Orange/apple juice, Tinned puddings, Christmas treats and sweets.**

We will be identifying families and letting you know more details of children who could do with some Christmas cheer on our Facebook page closer to the time, so if you want to donate gifts, you can do so.



We really look forward to seeing you there and meeting all the people who donate anonymously through our drop offs throughout the rest of the year.

We would also encourage you to let us know if you know of anyone struggling, or vulnerable, and we can add them to our hamper list: especially those in more rural areas, elderly people or people on their own.

Brrrr, it's getting cold outside. We are keeping warm by staying busy picking up collections from our regular collections points at:

**The Beacon, St Pauls Church, Kinross  
Orwell Church, Milnathort  
Glenfarg Village Shop, Glenfarg**

As usual we have a raft of thank-yous for donations and fundraisers held for us. Thanks to:

- *Commonweal P&K* for raising £240 at their recent event with the Wee Ginger Dug;
- *The Boathouse* who donated 10% ticket sales of their first quiz night to BnB and raised £100;
- *Fossoway Church* for ongoing support and financial donations;
- *Kinross-shire Round Table* who donated a significant sum, a bittersweet gift for us after everything they have contributed to Kinross over the years;
- *Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh*, our local MP who continues to give us her support and donated to us recently;
- *Mooreland Travel* for doing their Santa Box collection for us. We are grateful to local businesses who support us.

Thanks also to the people of St Paul's Church, Credit Union, Health visitors at Loch Leven Health Centre, Tracey Ramsay, Orwell Church, Sainsbury's staff, and everyone else who keeps us in mind.

Our Facebook page is [www.facebook.com/BrokeNot](http://www.facebook.com/BrokeNot) but you can still use the community group.

You can also follow us on Twitter using @broke\_not or email us at [clare.slight@broknotbroken.org](mailto:clare.slight@broknotbroken.org) or [graham.holden@broknotbroken.org](mailto:graham.holden@broknotbroken.org)

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



### Thrift on the menu at breakfast

November in Scotland is not renowned for its auspicious weather. However, on Wednesday 2 November, the rising winter sun was good enough to shine its watery rays on the 20 plus local businessmen and women who wound their way round the shores of the loch to Loch Leven's Larder for the latest Kinross-shire Partnership networking breakfast.

After the last mouthfuls of bacon, sausage and egg had disappeared, facilitator Sid Grant got the networking proceedings off to a light-hearted start, asking attendees to reveal which famous people they had met in their lifetime.

It transpired that Kinross-shire entrepreneurs had tenuous links to a host of prominent figures, ranging from late comedian Spike Milligan to Princess Anne and from Shakira to the head of MI6.

Once each breakfaster had introduced themselves (or, to be more precise, their neighbour - another twist initiated by Sid), Steven Young, from Perth & Kinross Credit Union, gave a fascinating insight into both the *raison d'être* and *modus operandi* of the organisation. Steven is the Treasurer of the PKCU and a member of the CU Board, which guides the strategic direction of the business. He spoke passionately about its 'good news story', not only in Britain, but also worldwide (there are currently 223 million members internationally).

Although Perth & Kinross was the last area of Scotland to set up a Union, the local branch has rapidly expanded. Since its doors opened for business in April 2014, membership has soared and already exceeds a thousand.

Credit Unions, Steven explained, play a dual role. Firstly, they provide a safe, convenient, FSCS-guaranteed savings facility which does not pay interest but does pay out an annual dividend, providing they have made a suitable surplus from operations. Secondly, they provide an ethical lending facility. The latter service provides loans, primarily to those who find it difficult to get financial support or even to open a bank account, and who are thus 'financially excluded'. However, the CU is also increasingly providing support to members who are in regular employment.

Ethical lenders encourage the concept of 'thrift' which, as Steven pointed out, is a word that has been missing from our vocabulary for some time. Thus one of the principal aims of the Credit Union is to encourage members to live within their means. Another is to prevent the financially most vulnerable in society from having to resort to loan sharks and exploitative pay-day loan companies.

To qualify as a member of the Perth & Kinross Credit Union, you have to reside, work or study in the Perth & Kinross area. The organisation is keen to make its services more accessible throughout the area, and thanks to the support of the local community, a local office opens every Tuesday from 10am to 12 noon in St Paul's Church Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

Steven commented that PKCU currently employs a manager and a part-time assistant, as well as having a full-time work experience placement. He emphasised that all other staff are volunteers, giving freely of their own time to support this much needed service to the community. If anyone would like to volunteer or to become a member of the Union, please contact Steven at [www.pkcu.org.uk](http://www.pkcu.org.uk) or ring the office on 01738 624872.

The Kinross-shire Partnership's next breakfast will be held on **Wednesday 7 December** from 7.30 to 9am. Please email Karen Grunwell at [mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk](mailto:mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk) to book your place. (See page 96 for more details.)

### Kinross in Bloom

Winter is now upon us and we are shutting down for a well-earned rest until next year. The last bits of winter planting have been completed, and, thanks to the Community Payback Team, the old soil at the fountain has been removed, new compost has been applied and daffodils, tulips and irises have been planted, so here's hoping for a colourful show next Spring. Thanks also to Anne, Edith and Marion who spent hours planting the above bulbs in pots, ready for the fountain.

Our buffet evening was once again a success, when Marion and her team produced a wonderful selection of goodies to tempt all those who attended.

Our 200 Club winners for November are:

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|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. 72 Mr I Todd     | 2. 66 Mrs J Simpson       |
| 3. 14 Mr J Dryburgh | 4. 40 Mr & Mrs J Marshall |
- and for December:

- |                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. 47 Mrs C Mearns   | 2. 60 Mrs E Oswald |
| 3. 36 Mrs R McCalman | 4. 15 Mrs H Duncan |

Congratulations to all our winners.

On behalf of Kinross in Bloom we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.



### All Friends Together

All Friends Together, the group for adults with learning disabilities, meets to celebrate Christmas on **Saturday 17 December**.

Our January get together will be on **Saturday 21 January**.

Over the winter we are meeting in Kinross Parish Church from 11am till approximately 1pm. The sessions end with a light lunch.

For more information, contact Helena Cant on 01577 862923.

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## Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club

At the meeting on **5 January** the speaker will be Mr Ross McMillan talking on his life as a tour operator.



### Notices

For our outing on **15 December** to the **pantomime** 'Jack and the Beanstalk', the coach will leave Milnathort opposite the church at 12.20pm and from opposite the Green Hotel at 12.30pm. Please be prompt. Contact Mrs Edith Oswald, tel 01577 865731.

Our **Annual Holiday** is on 5 March 2017. We are doing the Highlands this year and will stay at Nethybridge Hotel as our base. Anyone interested, please contact Jean Beveridge, tel 01577 862655.

### Away Days

- 8 Dec** New Lanark.
- 12 Jan** National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh.
- 26 Jan** The Forge Shopping Centre, Glasgow.

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

### Friday Walkers

- 16 Dec** Deep Sea World: Inverkeithing to St David's Bay and return.
- 13 Jan** Culross and round Preston Island and back to Red Lion for soup.
- 27 Jan** Falkland, going to the monument and round Falkland estate.

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

### 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.

**Carpent 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.

## Scotlandwell in Bloom

### Blythswood Shoebox Appeal

On Thursday 10 November, members and friends of Scotlandwell in Bloom got together in the Well Country Inn to wrap and pack shoeboxes for the Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal. We had a great turnout with lots of donations and managed to fill 51 shoeboxes, which was a terrific result.

Grateful thanks, as always, to the Well Country Inn for hosting the event. Thanks also to everyone who came along to help, and to those who were unable to attend but who donated items for the shoeboxes; all very much appreciated. Shoeboxes will be delivered to the Blythswood lorry on Tuesday 22 November.



## Kinross-shire Historical Society

### Big Stories, Wee Places



Dr Cowmeadow introduced her talk and the film by explaining her role as Local History Officer based at the A K Bell Library in Perth for Culture Perth & Kinross Trust. She gave examples of early library services and compared them to today's digital and audio resources. Opened by Prince Charles, the A K Bell celebrated its 21st birthday last year. Local and family history is a growth industry and brings in many people. The library houses collections of printed material such as old parish records, census records, old newspapers and images.

Making local films started through a project at Perth Museum about the story of Perth. The many local stories suggested had to be narrowed down as all could not be used. The Perth film was made first then funding was arranged to make two more, "Kinross and Loch Leven" and "Highland Perthshire". It is hoped to get funding to produce another two films in the series.

Starting on a new film needs a visit to the area to look at the various locations and to find the stories and the experts to take part, including, for this film, Prof David Munro and Mark Hall from Perth Museum. A film has to have broad appeal rather than a small area of interest.

The "Kinross and Loch Leven" film was then shown, giving an overall history of the town famous for its weaving and cutlery trades, buildings by William Bruce and Robert Adams and the imprisonment of Mary Queen of Scots in Lochleven Castle.

The loch, which was lowered to create more farmland in the 1830s, has islands such as St Serf's where there was an Augustinian Priory. Now all that remains to be seen is a bothy built in the 19th century but using some of the old masonry. The level of the loch is controlled by sluices at Findatie, run by the River Leven Trust. Different groups and interests are affected by the water level. The RSPB centre at Vane Farm has recently reflooded some of its land by the loch to recreate a wetland.

Villages by the loch were the next places visited by the film: Scotlandwell showing the Well, much visited by pilgrims in medieval times; Kinnesswood with the Michael Bruce Museum and his memorial in the church graveyard and the Pictish slab found on the site of the lochside Portmoak Chapel that was linked to the priory on St Serf's.

Bill Blair thanked Dr Cowmeadow for a most interesting evening, learning so much about the A K Bell Library as well as seeing the film. He was most impressed with the accomplishments of Dr Cowmeadow in not only writing the script for the film but presenting it and providing the musical accompaniment.

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

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## Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme

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A lunch to celebrate the group having been awarded the Volunteer Friendly Award and their 35th birthday took place in Milnathort Town Hall on Wednesday 2 November.

Chair Mike Thomson welcomed the guests who included the Provost of Perth & Kinross, Liz Grant, along with KVG and ROS past and present drivers, Kinross-shire's four local councillors, a representative from PKC Transport Department, and representatives from PKAVS.

The Provost presented a Volunteer Friendly Award trophy and certificate to Ella Ward who received it on behalf of the group. The award is given by Volunteer Friendly Scotland to groups who can show that they value and support volunteers in their organisation. The volunteers would not be so well looked after and the group would not function as it does if it were not for Ann Munro, the group co-ordinator. Ann was thanked for her many years of service and presented with a planter by the Provost.

The Provost then congratulated the group on winning the award and on their 35th birthday. She commented on the wonderful work the group carries out in the local community. She then invited Norma Denwick to assist her in cutting the birthday cake. As Norma was instrumental in KVG starting up 35 years ago it was very appropriate that she was able to come along and take part in the celebrations.



*Norma Denwick and Provost Grant cutting the cake to celebrate 35 years of KVG & ROS*

A superb lunch, provided by Powmill Milk Bar, followed and before everyone departed the Provost was thanked for coming along and presented with a floral arrangement. Sandy Smith then thanked everyone for attending and also all those involved in organising the event.

Special thanks to the Milnathort Town Hall committee and particularly to Susan for all her help and support; to Leigh Smith, Glenfarg, for making such a beautiful and appropriate cake; to Lidia Dye for her help and support in submitting the Volunteer Friendly Award application. The lunch would not have been possible without a grant from the Joint Older People's Strategy Community Project Start Up for which the group were very grateful.

If you would like to know more about the group, please visit our website.

### 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)

## Milnathort Primary School Parent Council



### Christmas Bazaar

The Milnathort Primary School Christmas Bazaar takes place on **Saturday 3 December**, 10am – 12 noon in Milnathort Primary School Hall. [See p. 95 for more information.]

### Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting of the Parent Council will be held on **Monday 12 December** at 7.30pm at Loch Leven Community Campus. We openly invite all parents or carers of pupils at MPS to come along to partake in discussions. Proposed amendments to the constitution will be discussed.

## Dollar Museum

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


Email: [dollarmuseum@btconnect.com](mailto:dollarmuseum@btconnect.com)

The museum is open at weekends up till Christmas from 11am until 1pm and 2pm until 4.30pm on Saturdays and 2pm-4.30pm on Sundays.

It's the last chance to 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 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**.



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### What's Happening at the Campus

#### Swansacre Festive Stocking Filler Fair, 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! Tickets £3 from Swansacre Playgroup or pay on the door. Ticket price includes mince pie and glass of Christmas cheer!

**French Storytelling in the library, Saturday 3 December.** See page 23.

**Kinross Hub Café for Carers, Monday 5 December.** The Hub is an informal meeting place to chat over a cuppa with other carers, cared for and family members. Come along to the Activity Meeting Space, 10am – 12 noon on the first Monday of every month for tea, coffee and advice. There will be a Christmas Party and music at December's meeting, commencing at 10.15am prompt.

**Kinross-shire Churches Together, Sunday 11 December** at 3pm. A community celebration of Christmas with songs, carols, readings and drama. Suitable for all ages. Free entry.

**KHS Charity Christmas Quiz Night, Friday 16 December,** raising funds for Médecins Sans Frontières and Team Jak. This will be an evening for families and all ages from 7pm until 10pm with Mike Spain supplying the questions. Tickets are £5 per person including refreshments or £25 for a team of 6. Entry forms can be collected from Loch Leven Community Campus reception and once completed can be emailed to [emmie.23@live.co.uk](mailto:emmie.23@live.co.uk) or handed into LLCC Reception labelled 'KHS Quiz Night Entry'. Team registration is recommended as although there will be opportunity to register teams on the night, places cannot be guaranteed. There will be a raffle on the night, too, with some great prizes from The Boathouse, The Court House, Pillars of Hercules, Landmark, The Complete Look, Tracy Gow Photography, The Bein Inn, Backstage at the Green and many more! This promises to be a great fun evening for all the family with the chance to win some great prizes and support two worthwhile important charities at the same time!

**Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair, Saturday 17 December.** 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 will be from 9.30am until 3.30pm with entry fee of £1 per person.

**Kinross High School S3 Creative Art Exhibition, Tue 20 – Thur 22 December.** This year's third year Art and Design pupils will be exhibiting their work in school on the last week of term. We are very proud of the hard work that the third year Art and Design pupils have put in this session and are delighted to invite the community in to see the high standard of work for themselves. Each pupil will have one piece of work on display and more work in their class folder. There will be an "opening" on the 21st just before the start of the Christmas concert. Other opening times to follow - please feel free to drop in and have a look.

**Christmas Bookbug with Malcolm & Allan, Wednesday 21 December.** See pages 23 and 56.

**Kinross High School Concert, Wednesday 21 December.** A school winter celebration with Christmas music from 7pm. Tickets will be available from the school office.

**Kinross Hub Café for Carers, January.** Please note, there will be no Carers Café in January.

**French Storytelling in the Library, Saturday 7 January.** See page 23.

**Antiques, Vintage Retro & Collectors Fair, Saturday 21 January.** Description as for 17 December.

### 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.*

**Loch Leven Community Campus and Live Active Loch Leven Festive Opening Hours:** See page 103.



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## Kinross Otters

### DCA Open Meet

Another week, another meet for the busy Otters as they tried to keep up with a glut of autumn competitions. The DCA Open Meet was very competitive in some age groups and less so in others, making for some odd results.

The Otters performance of the weekend was Amy Broadhurst (15) in the 100m Butterfly 15 and over category where she not only smashed her own personal best by 4.55 seconds (even though she competes at this event regularly) but also the club record by 0.26 secs in 1.11.06. This record was set in 2008 by none other than 19 year old Natalie Milne who went on to represent Scotland in triathlon. Due to the intense competition she won bronze, but the Otters thought it should be gold! Amy continued her record breaking ways with another club record (her own this time) in the 50m Butterfly in 31.98 to claim sixth spot.

The Otters 10 year old boys came home with lots of metal in the 9 to 11 year old category. Ben Smallwood won no less than four silver medals in the 100m and 200m Freestyle, 100m Butterfly and 200m Breaststroke whilst Cailean Thomson won a silver in the 100m Breaststroke and two bronze medals in the 100m Freestyle and 200m Breaststroke.

Rebecca Mitchell (14) won a silver medal in the 200m Backstroke and a bronze in the 100m Backstroke in the 14 year old category, whilst Iona Crawford (16) won silver in the 200m Breaststroke.

However, it was those who didn't win medals who strangely set the best nationally recognised times at this very odd meet. Emily Cumming (11), Murray Pritchard (12) and Zosia Stanton (12) deserve credit for achieving both Bronze District Regional programme and Perth and Kinross squad times.

### Alloa Graded Meet, Stirling Sports Village 22 - 23 October

The Otters sent a team of eight swimmers to this graded meet which gives second line swimmers, or swimmers in their weaker strokes, a chance to shine for a change.

Shining brightly was Murray Pritchard (12) who came first in the Boys 11-12 year old 200m Freestyle and Breaststroke and second in the 100m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke and 50m Breaststroke. It was his Freestyle that was particularly impressive as he achieved Perth and Kinross squad times in both the 100m and 200m.

Amy Broadhurst (15) won the 50m Backstroke and was second in the 50m Freestyle, whilst Iona Crawford (16) won the 50m Butterfly, all in the 15 and over category.

### Glenrothes Novice Meet

### Michael Woods Leisure Centre, Glenrothes 8 October

As mentioned in last month's Newsletter report, the Otters did fantastically well at this meet, but we could not prove it! The results were eventually published and here's a quick run through the medal winners as space is tight this month.



Benji Alexander (11) got double gold in the 50m Freestyle and Breaststroke and a speeding ticket (!?) in 50m Backstroke for being a certain percentage faster than the entry time (a good thing!).

Olivia Bell (10) also got a speeding ticket in the 50m Backstroke.

Lucy Cumming (8) won gold, silver and bronze in the 25m Freestyle, Backstroke and Butterfly.

Rhona Mason (12) won silver and bronze in the 50m Freestyle and 100m Individual Medley and a speeding ticket in the 50m Breaststroke.

Mia McKenzie (13) got two silvers in the 100m Freestyle and 50m Backstroke and a speeding ticket in the 50m Breaststroke.

Freya Nesbitt (11) won the 50m Freestyle, was third in the 100m Individual Medley and got another speeding ticket in the 50m Backstroke.

Stuart Pritchard (10) got silver in the 50m Breaststroke and a speeding ticket in the 50m Backstroke.

Thomas Pritchard (8) won both the 50m Freestyle and Breaststroke and got a speeding ticket the 50m Backstroke.

Innes Rankin (11) got a silver in the 50m Butterfly and a bronze in the 50m Backstroke.

Lewie Reith (13) proved too fast for anyone with three golds 50m Freestyle, Backstroke and 100m Freestyle and was issued with another speeding ticket in the 50m Breaststroke.

Cailean Thomson (10) won gold in the 25m Butterfly, silver in the 50m Butterfly and a bronze in the 100m Individual Medley and got three speeding tickets in the 25m Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke.

A superb meet with personal bests all over the place. This bunch were a credit to their team.



*L to r: Libby Broadhurst, Amy Broadhurst, Emily Cumming, Rebecca Mitchell, Iona Crawford, Cailean Thomson and Murray Pritchard at the DCA Autumn Open Meet*

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**American Tour:** On 18 November Kinross welcomed a touring party of women curlers from the USA. The tourists are building a commanding lead in the matches v Scottish ladies from all rinks across Scotland. Our visitors added to their advantage in four closely fought matches. They complimented the organisers and the team at the rink for a wonderful day in Kinross.



From right: Maggie Saunderson, Edna Nelson, Angela Wilcox and Sandra Ritchie ready to play some of the visitors from the United States Women's Curling Association  
photo: Eileen Thomas

Kinross Curling recently faced the current champions in the second match of four in the **Maxwell Trophy**, a national competition, at Kinross. Forfar were in dominant form and won all three games. It will now be a hard task to qualify for the national finals. We have one home match v Murrayfield and match four v the Borders rink in Kelso.

Some of the great events at Kinross this season are noted below. For more information, 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.

If you have never curled and would like to find out more, please visit the rink. You could take the opportunity to get on the ice for our **Try Curling** dates. Sessions are one hour long and cost £3. You will receive a soft/hot drink. To find out more, please contact Claire Milne, Curling Development Officer on [kinrossdev@royalcaledoniancurlingclub.org](mailto:kinrossdev@royalcaledoniancurlingclub.org).

**The AGM** of Kinross Curling Trust will take place in mid January. The date will be confirmed and all members will be invited when the date is confirmed.

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



## Kinross Curling Club

Our main competition, the Rankine cup, has reached the half way stage of its round-robin games, with defending champion Dave Beveridge vying with Paul Baughan for leadership of the table.



At the other end, Dougie Rodger's rink needs to pick up some quick points or the wooden spoon will begin to loom large. Our other early competitions, the Gallowhill Ploughshare and Jubilee Salver, are approaching the end of their round-robins and the finalists will soon be known.

Meanwhile, the Pairs competition has reached semi-final stage for both the high and low roads.

The Race Night in October was a great success with around 80 attendees and a large sum raised for the 350th anniversary fund. Special thanks go to the local businesses who donated generous race and raffle prizes: Fossoway Garage, Loch Leven's Larder, Morton Golf Holidays, Kinross Golf Club, Kirklands Hotel, the Muirs Inn, the Courthouse Restaurant, Loch Leven's Smokehouse and Hunter's Butchers.

Thanks also to Sara Morrison for making and donating the splendid curling cake shown below. Maybe eating it all will slow down Dave Beveridge in the Rankine!

For information on the club, check out our Facebook page or get in touch with the Secretary at [blairmelville@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:blairmelville@tiscali.co.uk).



The curling cake made and donated by Sara Morrison

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## Kinross Road Runners

<http://kinrossroadrunners.weebly.com>

Throughout the winter months, the club meets every Tuesday and Wednesday evening at **7pm at the Medical Centre car park, The Muirs, Kinross**. There is also an informal run on Sunday mornings meeting at 9am at the Medical Centre – often there is a choice of trail or hill run on Sundays. New members are always welcome – no matter what your running ability – and with another year coming to a close, what better time to do something about that New Year resolution! Our programme for the next couple of months is detailed here so just come along and join in.



Date	Programme
Tues 6 Dec	Informal run round streets
Wed 7 Dec	Hill reps at Milnathort
Sun 11 Dec	Club Winter Handicap (10k) – Register at 10am at Milnathort Town Hall for 10.30am start. Followed by food and prizes – bring a prize and food!
Tues 13 Dec	Informal run round streets
Wed 14 Dec	Torch run on Heritage Trail
Tues 20 Dec	Informal run round streets
Wed 21 Dec	5 x 1k on footpaths near Park and Ride
Mon 26 Dec	Boxing Day Run – check website for details
Mon 2 Jan 2017	New Year Run – check website for details
Tues 3 Jan	Informal run round streets
Wed 4 Jan	2 Mile Time Trial followed by hot chocolate and kit sale at Roger's garage
Tues 10 Jan	Informal run round streets
Wed 11 Jan	Hill reps at Milnathort
Sat 14 Jan	Annual Dinner and Awards at Loch Leven's Larder – not to be missed!
Mon 16 Jan	AGM at 7.30pm – check website for details
Tues 17 Jan	Informal run round streets
Wed 18 Jan	5 x 1k on footpaths near Park and Ride
Tues 24 Jan	Informal run round streets
Wed 25 Jan	Pyramid reps at KGV
Tues 28 Feb	Informal run round streets
Wed 1 Feb	2 Mile Time Trial followed by hot chocolate and kit sale at Roger's garage



*Kinross Road Runners at Glentress Half Marathon*

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## Fossoway Curling Club



Our pairs competition was held on Saturday 29 October with 16 players competing. Winners of the high road were Colin Low and David West with Jimmy Johnson and Jim Chalmers winning the low road.

Fossoway Curling Club was founded in 1977 and one of the founding members, Bobby Stewart, recently celebrated his 90th birthday. Here he is being presented with a small gift to mark the occasion by our Honorary President, Jimmy Johnson. Many happy returns, Bobby, and many more to come!



*Bobby Stewart (left) with Honorary President, Jimmy Johnson*

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.

## Fossoway Tennis Club

### Crook of Devon

#### Tournament Results

	Winner	Runner Up
<i>Minis Singles</i>	Adam Melville	Percy Evans
<i>Intermediate Boys</i>	Shaw Grant	Jamie Wight
<i>Ladies</i>	Mary Paterson	Susan Grant
<i>Gents</i>	Brian Black	Gerry Keegan
<i>MacDonald Cup</i>	Gerry & Sean Keegan	Ruth Campbell & Brian Black
<i>Mixed</i>	Mary Paterson & Brian Black	Susan & Martin Grant

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## Kinross Golf Club

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The 2016 prize giving was held in the clubhouse on Saturday 5 November. The evening started with club captain Ken Scott presenting the ladies with their trophies. This was followed by club champion Scott Michie presenting the junior trophies and then Ken's wife Veda presented the gents with all their trophies and awards. The prize-giving was followed by a lovely meal and the entertainment was provided by the band 'First Class' who were superb. Congratulations to all the prize winners and thanks to everyone who helped make this a great night.



Scott Michie and Junior prize winners

On Sunday 13 November, the ladies section had their own presentation of prizes and AGM, combined with an afternoon tea in the clubhouse. Lady captain Ann Smith confirmed that Kinross Ladies have finished in top position in the Perth and Kinross Ladies Handicap League. The team has had an excellent season, having won all but one of their seven matches. It's a fantastic achievement and congratulations to all who played in the team.



Ladies 2016 prize giving and AGM

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## Tay Valley Kinross Gymnastics Club

Tay Valley Kinross took part in Perth Gymfest on Saturday 19 November at Bells Sport Centre. It's a gymnastics festival which sees teams come from all over Scotland to perform. For the first time this year the event ran over two days. The theme for the routine was HAPPY. The girls worked really hard in rehearsals and did an amazing performance. Your coaches are super proud of you all and for the team spirit you showed throughout the day.

Lindsay, Emily and Tayla



The Tay Valley Kinross gymnastics team

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## Kinross Hockey Club

Dear Santa,

We have been a very good hockey club this year, working hard to encourage as many people into the sport as possible, both young newcomers in our Kobras section and returning players in all adult sections, particularly in our Korinthians. We're also working hard on making sure our club listens to, and works for, our members. We've completed our first club survey which delivered very positive feedback and suggestions, we've got our new strips and we think they look great, we've introduced our vision and mission statements and we are organising first aid training programmes for members, to name but a few.

We've also got a very active social side for members, with our most recent Halloween night having been a great success, and our Christmas night sold out already.

On the pitch, we've had mixed success, with some great wins and frustrating

losses. Perhaps our second most celebrated success was our 3-1 win over Perthshire III last week, and our firsts their 3-1 win over Haddington Ladies.

But Santa, we are finding life a bit difficult this year. As we approach the Christmas closed season, winter has set in properly and the regular rain and bad weather has finally put paid not only to our weekend match play, but also to our Wednesday evening training at KGV. It's very hard to hold a club together when it doesn't have a place to call home.

We are becoming a little nomadic, with no place to meet, train and play, no sense of belonging. So, at this festive time, although we know you're very busy with toys galore and a mammoth round the world trip, we have just one wish on our Christmas list – please speed up the delivery of our new pitch!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Santa, and thank you from all the KHC members!



*Hockey Club members in their new strips*

## Kinross Rugby Club

### Youth Section

The boys and girls from the Kinross Minis (P1-7) recently enjoyed a day at BT Murrayfield for the Edinburgh Rugby v Harlequins European Challenge Cup match.

The day was exciting for all ages, with the P4, P5 and P6 players acting as guard of honour on the pitch, as the players ran out of the tunnel (and managed to get on TV!).

The P6 and P7 squads were then invited to play on the famous pitch at half time. This was a great experience for all concerned and the children got to play on the main pitch in front of some 5000 spectators. It turned out to be an enjoyable afternoon for both age groups in their matches against Royal High Cougars, with both teams winning their respective matches.



*The Kinross Minis at Murrayfield*

Prior to the match, the P7 team were also invited to play in a P7 tournament, with Kinross winners of the pool. As such, the team will be back on 10 December to play in the finals prior to Edinburgh Rugby's next European Cup fixture against Stade Francais.

Kinross RFC run an active youth section, with children from P1 to P7 (minis) and S1 upwards (midis), playing regularly against teams both locally and further afield. All new children are welcome.

Minis train on Saturday mornings from 10.30am onwards.

Midis train on Tuesday evenings from 7pm.

### Senior Section

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.

### Fixtures

Saturday 3 December, Home to Crieff & Strathearn RFC.

Saturday 10 December, Away to Morgan Academy FP XV.

### Events

Saturday 17 December, Kinross Rugby Club Christmas Party Night with live band.

Tuesday 27 December, Annual Overs v Unders rugby match, Hawaiian Theme.

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, be it a birthday party or disco, quiz night or even a body shop party. If you need a venue to hold a meeting, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

### Contact Us

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## Kinross Ladies Netball Club

We train every Friday night from 7 to 8pm in the large sports hall at the campus. We've had lots of new members in recent weeks with hopefully some more in the coming weeks. If you fancy giving it a try just turn up at one of our training sessions, or you can contact us through our Facebook page. We had a lot of interest on the launch day of the Community Sports Hub and had seven new members as a result of promoting Women's Sport Week in October.

We've done well recently, coming third in a charity tournament in Stirling and have won our last two matches in the BBN Edinburgh monthly league.

We have invited the hockey ladies along to one of our training sessions in November and a few of us will be giving hockey a try too; watch this space for the outcome!

The BBN Christmas festival is great fun and is coming up on Sunday 4 December, so we're looking forward to that.

## Kinross Tennis Club

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

Jack Frost and Jemima Puddleduck are due to start affecting our chances of playing as regularly outdoors. However, they do not dampen our spirits when thinking tennis. Pop down on Wednesday evenings and enjoy some floodlit tennis with other members; it might be bracing but you will enjoy it. Thursday afternoons and Sunday mornings also continue for adult social play and, you never know, an odd trip to Gleneagles for some indoor more clement tennis is not unheard of!

Meanwhile, keeping cosy indoors, our **junior coaching** continues at Loch Leven Community Campus. The first block is due to complete on 6 December and bookings will then be taken for the 10 week block starting on **Tuesday 10 January 2017**. The sessions are on Tuesdays with three sessions between 5pm and 7pm, catering for ages 11 and under. Numbers are limited so first come, first served. Non-members are welcome. Further information from Siobhan at [kinrossstenniscoaching@gmail.com](mailto:kinrossstenniscoaching@gmail.com)

And finally, our **Christmas dinner** takes place on **Thursday 15 December** at The Kirklands and there's still time to book your place.

Also a quick **thank-you to the staff at John & JH Sands Ltd** for looking after our visitors' keys once again. Your help is much appreciated.

As ever, new members are always welcome and enquiries can be made to our secretary, Margaret Hamblin, on 01577 850252 or at [kinrossstennis@gmail.com](mailto:kinrossstennis@gmail.com). Visitor are also welcome; keys are available from Sands the Ironmongers for a small fee.



## Kinross Swimmers

Kinross Swimmers would like to wish all swimmers past, present and future a very Merry Christmas and, to help with that, we're having a **social evening** after swimming on **Tuesday 20 December** to which all swimmers are invited. If you haven't received an email then please let me know as I've obviously missed you out! We are hoping to have a club meal out early in the New Year.

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

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

For further information please either contact us on Facebook (Kinross Swimmers) or Ian Shepherd via email at [shepherd\\_ian@hotmail.com](mailto:shepherd_ian@hotmail.com) or on mobile 07944 503074.

## Kinross Badminton Club

The junior club recently held a successful Yonex night. The committee would like to thank Bill Hogg for providing a range of racquets for the children to try out. He also led various footwork and net play drills which benefited the children. The committee were very grateful.

Two teams are playing in the Perth and District League every two weeks, and the members seem to be enjoying more competitive badminton. League tables and results are available on the Perth and District Badminton Facebook page. The club's last night of play will be on **Thursday 15 December**. The Macdonald Quich will be held on this night. Thank-you in advance to Graham Sorbie for all his help in organising this event. The club will start play on **Thursday 5 January**.

The club president and committee wish all members a Happy Christmas and best wishes for the coming New Year. We look forward to seeing players and, hopefully, new faces refreshed and eager to begin another successful year.

As always, for more information check out the club's Facebook page or contact our president Bill Macdonald on 01577 863592. **New members of any ability are always welcome!**



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**MILNATHORT** – October: President, Jean Paterson, welcomed all to the meeting following which the business was read. We were then introduced to Tu Edwards, who is a fundraising manager for Maggie's Centre. She gave us a history of how the Maggie's Centre began over 20 years ago, and how it has grown throughout the UK into places of support and information for cancer sufferers and their families.

Competition winners:

Flower of the Month	May Paterson
Small Cushion	Francis Shepherd
Apple Chutney	Cathy Cochrane

November: Jean Paterson opened the meeting and welcomed all. After business was read, we were introduced to Angela McPherson of Angel Cakes, Kinross, who gave a delightful demonstration of icing a Christmas cake, a piece of which we had with our cup of tea. It was delicious!

Flower of the Month	May Paterson
Scarf, any craft	Joan Stewart
Three Fairy Cakes	Joan Stewart

Our next meeting date will be our Christmas night out.

**POWMILL** – President Sharon Buchanan welcomed everyone to the October meeting and introduced Ben Houston from Blair Drummond Safari Park. Ben told us of his developing career at the park from pedal boats supervisor to head elephant keeper and after a time away working in Africa finally returning to Blair Drummond as a lion keeper. His informative and amusing talk was well appreciated by all and Vice President Fiona Buchanan gave a well deserved vote of thanks. Ben then kindly went on to judge the competitions. Tea was served by Lynne Heggie and Gillian Taylor. The business meeting followed tea.

Thanks to all who attended our Beetle Drive on 26 October. An enjoyable evening was had by all.

Competition winners:

Four Pieces of Tray Bake	Margaret Broomfield
Vegetable Animal	Mary Wilson
Garden Gem	Mary Wilson

**CARNBO** – On 21 November Jay Hutchison, our President, welcomed us all to our monthly meeting. After business, a very talented band of members from Cleish WRI treated us to a happy evening of "Crafts for Christmas" which ranged from pretty, tiny Christmas trees and delicious savoury jams to beautifully handcrafted baubles and scrumptious chocolate decorations. Dorothy Fyfe expressed our thanks.

Competition winners:

Flower of the Month	Sandra Turnbull
Three Mince Pies	Jay Hutchison

**BISHOPSHIRE** – President Norma Smith welcomed members and one visitor along to our November meeting. Heather Touch of Cockairney Creations demonstrated how to make fabric cards and then assisted our members to make their own creations. We had many beautiful cards to take home with us.

Competition winners:

Slice of Chocolate Cake	Norma Smith
Knitted Scarf	Marion Sutherland

**GLENFARG** – President Margot Moran welcomed Frances Drysdale to the November meeting. Frances showed members the basics of flower arranging with some simple and clear guidance on how to make a small bunch of flowers look special. With Christmas coming along this was a most timely demonstration.

Helen Quartermaine proposed the vote of thanks.

Competition winners were:

Recycled item	Margot Moran
Three canapés	Lillias Johnson
Flower of the Month	Margot Moran

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

She thanked the members who participated in and won the recent Perth and Kinross SWI curling qualifier at Kinross who will now represent the area at the Scottish SWI Curling Championships in March 2017 at Dumfries.

After business she welcomed one of our members, Lynn Hewitt, and her friend, Ann Pulham, and we enjoyed their interesting and informative 'hands-on' demonstrations making various Christmas table decorations and edible Christmas gifts.

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

Competition winners:

Christmas Card (any craft)	Marion Bisset & Lizzie Glennie
Favourite tree decoration	Faye Gibb
Flower of the Month	Elinor Craig

**CROOK OF DEVON** – President Alice Johnson welcomed members to the meeting. After business, she introduced Jacqui Sellar from JS Ceramics of Kinnesswood.

Jacqui gave a very interesting talk about the history of her business and the different items they make and sell in Scotland and all over the world. She also brought her shop window display so we could see some of her beautiful designs. A vote of thanks was given by Isabel Mechan.

Competition winners:

A Christmas Decoration	Kim Massey
Flower of the Month	Alice Johnson

## Weather



### October Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall	46.1mm = 1.8 inches
Heaviest rainfall	13.8mm (13th)
Total sunshine for the month	40.4 hours
Sunniest day	4.1 hours (4th & 5th)
Maximum temperature average	12.58°C
Highest temperature	16.5°C (5th)
Minimum temperature average	1.8°C
Lowest temperature	-3.2°C (1st)

# Out & About



## Loch Leven NNR



It's been a fantastic year around Loch Leven. There has been lots of wonderful wildlife and we've been busy all year making the loch better for wildlife and visitors alike.

It's definitely much colder now. The lowest temperature so far locally has been -4°C. This suggests we might be having a cold winter after a couple of relatively mild ones!

In the beginning of November we brought the sheep off St Serf's island. We managed it quite easily with the drop-fronted boat taking them from St Serf's over to Findatie with the work only taking about four hours. The sheep go on to St Serf's weighing 40 kg but come off weighing nearer to 60 kg. These sheep will now be put in with the tups to produce next year's lambs. After shearing next year we'll go through the same process all over again.

We'd like to thank Elmwood College who came with us for a day in November. We carried out a bit of mowing and baling and cleared some windblown trees at Mary's Knowe. We've managed to mow most of Mary's Knowe this year. Hopefully the meadow will be in great condition once again for next year.

The volunteers have been busy this month. There is always a worry that the weather will hamper our efforts at this time of year, but we've struggled on. There have been quite a lot of maintenance jobs going on around the reserve. We've also been clearing out our nest boxes for next year.

We are currently putting together next year's events programme. We'll be doing the old favourites like the Osprey walk, Fungi Foray, Botany and Discovery Day. We'll hopefully be coming up with new and exciting events too.

Gus has been busy blogging. He is also putting stuff out on Instagram. If you are an Instagram fan, look up the hashtags #lochlevennnr, #NNR, #scotnature and #scottishnaturalheritage for pictures and videos throughout Scotland's National Nature Reserves.

Locally there have been lots of good wildlife to see. An American Widgeon, Rock Pipit and four different Long-tailed Ducks have been seen around the loch. Long-tailed Ducks are an attractive seaduck that have been quite scarce over the last few years. It looks as if there has been a bit of a national influx and it's always nice to be part of that.

We are also enjoying an influx of Waxwings. For the first time since 2013 we are seeing the birds in good numbers. For up to date information on where to see these attractive Scandinavian waifs, keep an eye on the blog.

The White-tailed Sea Eagles returned to the loch on 2 November. They have been seen on and off since then. Keep an eye out for us at the Kirkgate viewpoint throughout the winter where we will be on hand to show you the birds as they roost on Castle Island or Reed Bower.

That's me signing off for this year. May I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Wildlife-filled New Year.

Jeremy Squire  
Reserve Manager



## RSPB Loch Leven



[www.rspb.org.uk/scotland](http://www.rspb.org.uk/scotland)  
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Och weel, that's another year almost gone. As always, we have had a pickle of changes through out that time; staff, reserve, centre area etc. The one constant, though, remains the birds and other wildlife that comes and goes. The geese still return, the summer migrants still return, they go, the winter migrants return, they go, and the cycle begins again. We have had around 10,000 geese on the loch at time of writing – maybe a wee bit down on previous counts so far, which may be due to the relatively mild autumn providing an abundance of food sources elsewhere leading to them staying put instead of coming down here. They then fly directly further south, bypassing us until next spring when they may drop in on the way back north in the spring. Waxwings, winter visitors from Scandinavia have been around all over the place, Kinross included, but so far we have had no sightings on the reserve as far as I know. A juvenile Sea Eagle has also been seen, mainly on St Serf's. So far we are not sure if it is an East or a West coast bird as they wander all over the place when immature before pairing up and settling down on a territory at around five years old. Our usual adult Sea Eagles have so far not appeared but that normally happens later in the month in to January. Our red squirrels are also putting in daily appearances in the picnic area.

Our events programme concludes for this year with a couple of events happening early to mid month. The first being an **Optics Weekend on 3 and 4 December** from 10am until 5pm both days: expert advice on anything binocular, telescope etc, from our qualified staff. The following **Tuesday, 6 December**, Paul Innes, the **Swarovski** rep, will be at the reserve from 10am until 4pm to demonstrate the range of quality optics manufactured by Swarovski or answer any questions you may have if you are thinking about buying a pair.

This year's events conclude with the popular **Nature Tots on Wednesday 14 December**, 10am-12noon. This month's topic will be helping animals during the winter months. Booking essential, costs £3 per member family or £6 per non-member family. As you will see it is cheaper to come along if you are RSPB or WEX members, saving a fair bit of money during the year if you come along to them all, so please ask for details when you are in if you have ever considered giving us and nature your support. It can also make an excellent Christmas gift if you are stuck for ideas. The new events programme should be out fairly soon for next spring; look out for details on the website or ask when you are in.

**Festive hours:** The Visitor Centre will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day along with 1 and 2 January, although the reserve will remain open if you fancy a walk to clear yer heid from over indulging. On 24 December and the week in between we will close at 4pm.

Can I wish you all a very peaceful, enjoyable festive season with all guid wishes from the staff and volunteers at the reserve. Thank you for your custom over the last 12 months. You are helping us to help nature, which can be an easy thing to forget at times, so thanks again.

See ya next year.

Ta ta and best wishes,

Colin

## Farming



Well, the seasons have certainly changed lately, with a distinct autumnal feel to the air and there has been a hint of winter keeking over the horizon with the first snow on the hilltops. Harvest seems a distant memory now; it was quite late one as cereal crops were slow to ripen due to lack of sunshine during the summer. It could be described as a 'smash and grab harvest' as it seemed a mad rush to get things done while the weather was suitable. The worry is that as time ticks away during September, the days get shorter and the windows of opportunity to get combines and balers working get smaller.

Our own harvest here at Backward Farm was mixed. The main field of barley yielded quite well but the other half field was pretty pathetic. The rest of this field had been sown with a mixture of swedes and kale to feed the sheep for some of the winter but most of the brassicas seemed to be attacked by every form of predator and what plants did survive were smothered by weeds, so it hasn't been a good year for that field. It will most probably be sown back to grass next year, which hopefully will be more successful.

Some of our cattle have been brought inside and the rest are about to be. It hasn't been too bad an autumn for them, with the weather only really deteriorating over the past week. They have had plenty of grass to keep them happy until now, but it is starting to get too cold and wet for them outside. I wrote in the summer that we got a new bull and that I hoped he would live up to his name of Lotus. Unfortunately he was too fast for his own good and hurt his ankle after only a couple of days. After some medical attention and exile in the 'naughty pen' he seems to have made a good recovery, which is a relief. Hopefully he will have calmed down from his excesses of teenage exuberance.

The tups have been running with the ewes for a good few weeks now, and hopefully they should have almost finished the job in hand. We put marking keel on the chests of the tups to check they were active and they seem to have been, judging by the coloured rumps of the ewes. One thing that will be interesting this year is that we kept a batch of our own ewe lambs to breed from, instead of buying in replacement ewes. Our first batch of gimmers (which are female sheep over one year old after they have been sheared for the first time) are looking promising, but time will tell.

We have had our silage analysed for nutritional content and I am quite pleased with the results. The energy levels are good but I would have expected the protein levels to be slightly higher. Low protein levels in silage seems to be a common trend nationally and there are some theories to explain it, one being that atmospheric sulphur levels are lower, due to the reduction in the amount of coal being burned industrially and domestically. Sulphur is an important nutrient for grass, and although it is included in some fertilisers, perhaps we are needing to apply more. I am currently stoking our coal fire to try and help the situation! Although the protein levels are fine for our adult cows, calves and other growing stock will need a bit of extra protein added to their diet to ensure they keep growing.

John

### Hall Bookings

A list of halls and contact details can be found at  
[www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)

## Congratulations



**MICHAEL POLLER**, formerly of Kinross, married **JILL STEPHEN** in a beautiful celebration held at Fingask Castle near Dundee on 15 October 2016.

**Kenneth and Kim Wardrope** are delighted to announce the arrival of their grandson, **ELLIS**, born on Monday 24 October 2016 to their daughter Jennifer, and James, Glasgow.

**LAURA MUIR** of Milnathort was declared Scotland's Athlete of the Year for the second successive year at a ceremony in Glasgow on 29 October. In 2016 Laura represented Team GB at the Rio Olympics in the women's 1,500m, became the first-ever Scottish winner of the Diamond Race and set a new British record for the women's 1,500m.



## Thanks

**POPPYSCOTLAND, KINROSS:** Lynne McKay, area organiser, would like to thank everyone in Kinross – businesses, volunteers, schools and everyone who put their hand in their pocket – who helped raise a grand total of £4,402.54 for Poppyscotland! Lynne said: "I was overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness of everyone I met over the last four weeks, and look forward to next year's appeal. Thanks to all."

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, KINROSS:** The organisers of the parade and service at the war memorial are grateful to Jerry Alexander of Kinross Business Centre and Court House Restaurant for his co-operation and also to Perth & Kinross Roads department and the Police for their assistance with the road closure arrangements and traffic direction. Many thanks to all who took part.

**MACMILLAN AFTERNOON TEA:** Val Oswald would like to say a huge thank-you to the members of **Flutterby Fitness Pilates classes** and **Kinross 50+ Keep Fit** and to everyone who so kindly contributed home baking, raffle prizes and monetary donations for the Macmillan Afternoon Tea on Tuesday 15 November. Many thanks also to the stall holders: Isobel and Anne for Traidcraft; Sally from Phoenix cards; Lynda and Ann from CHAS and Deirdre from Scarlet Goose gifts who all contributed to this wonderful fundraising. Last, but not least, the "Tea Ladies and Raffle Girls" who did a brilliant job: thank you to Evelyn, Joan, Helen, Evie, Linda and Jennie. Once again the kindness and compassion of the community to support this charity event was fantastic and we have raised a magnificent total of **£730.50!** From the heart, I thank you all. – Val Oswald, *Flutterby Therapies and Fitness Pilates*.

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# Kinross-shire Churches Together



## Kinross Parish Church of Scotland

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

### Regular Services and Events

**Sundays:** 10.30am: Morning Service with Crèche and Junior Church and 'Jam Pact' meet at church centre from 10.15am, finish at church (see arrangements below for Christmas/New Year period). 7.30pm: 'Crossfire' (S1 upwards) in church centre, except school holidays.

**Tuesdays:** 10am Pram Service, except school holidays.

**Wednesdays:** 10.45am Service, church centre (not 28 Dec or 4 Jan)

**Fridays:** The Brigade, church centre (Contact: David Munro 862126).

**Most Saturdays:** 10am -12noon 'Coffee Stop', church centre.

### Other Events and Services

#### December

**Sat 3** 10am till 12: Boys' Brigade Coffee Morning and stalls, church centre.

**Sun 4** 10.30am: Morning Service – Quarterly Communion. Junior Church remain at church centre from 10.15am for a 'Glitter and Glue Day'. 2.30pm: Afternoon Communion. *Retiral collection at both services for 'Combat Stress' (SC 038828).* 6pm United Service at Fossoway for the end of the Community Bible Experience.

**Mon 5** 8am: Silent Meditation (and **9 Jan**).

**Tue 6** 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court (and **3 Jan**).

**Fri 9** 7pm: Noughts and Crosses: an evening for S4 upwards.

**Sat 10** 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (and **14 Jan**).

**Sun 11** 3pm: **Christmas Community Celebration**, Loch Leven Campus.

**Tue 13** 7.15pm: Guild, church centre: Christmas Meal.

**Wed 14** 7.30pm: Christmas Wrap. A festive evening of carols, readings and fellowship, preparing gift parcels for homeless people and others.

**Thu 15** 9pm: late evening service of Compline (and **19 Jan**).

**Sat 17** 2 – 4pm: Junior Church Christmas Party, church centre.

**Sun 18** 10.30am: All-age **Christmas Nativity Service**.

**Mon 19** 6.30pm: **Remembering a Loved One at Christmas**. A quiet half-hour for those dealing with grief at the death of a loved one.

**Sat 24** **CHRISTMAS EVE: 4.30pm: Crib Service for Families 11.15pm: Watchnight Service.**

**Sun 25** **CHRISTMAS DAY: 10.30am: all-age Christmas Morning Service.** *Retiral collection at these services for 'Combat Stress' (SC 038828).*

**Tue 27** 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.

#### January

**Sun 1** 10.30am: **New Year Service**. No separate Junior Church

**Thu 5** 7.30pm: Thursday Group, church centre. 'Hearing Dogs for the Deaf'.

**Fri 6** Noon – midnight, **Sat 7** 6am – noon '**Concert of Prayer**'

**Sun 15** Taster for the *Alpha Course* (Contact church office for details). **Week of Christian Unity**, organised by Kinross-shire Churches Together.

**Sun 22** 10.30am: Morning service 'pulpit exchange'. Preacher: Very Rev. Angus Morrison. 6.30pm: Joint service at St. James.

## Cleish Parish Church Church of Scotland

(Charity No: SC003168)

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



**Sunday Services 11.15am**

### December

**Sun 4** 11.15am **Morning Worship. Junior Church.** Tea and coffee in Village Hall. Traidcraft stall. 2.30pm Joint **Service of Remembering** at Fossoway Church.

**Sun 11** 11.15am Morning Worship. Junior Church.

**Mon 12** 3.15pm **Cleish Messy Church** in the Village Hall. All children and carers welcome.

**Sun 18** 11.15am **Christmas Nativity Service** with Junior Church.

**Sat 24** 11.15pm **Watchnight Service**. A service of carols and praise.

**Sun 25** 11.15am **Christmas Day 'Toy Service'**.

### January

**Sun 1** 11.15am Morning Worship (no Junior Church – see 15 January).

**Sun 8** 11.15am Morning Worship.

**Sun 15** 11.15am Morning Worship. **Junior Church.**

**Mon 16** 3.15pm **Cleish Messy Church** in the Village Hall. All children and carers welcome.

**Sun 22** 11.15am Morning Worship followed by Congregational Lunch in the Village Hall.

**Sun 29** 11.15am Morning Worship.

**Mon 30** 2pm **Cleish Guild** Afternoon meeting. Topic: 'Street Pastors'.

All welcome

## Kinross Christian Fellowship

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

Sunday morning service at 10.30am (refreshments and blether at 10am), Millbridge Hall, Old Causeway, Kinross. Lively praise (children participate), reverent worship open to the leading of the Holy Spirit, prayer, ministry and solid Bible-based preaching and teaching. An all-round family service for families, which includes Sunday School. Communion every second Sunday, as is our evening service at 6.30pm; a time for praise, worship, sharing and joy in The Lord Jesus. (Followed by light refreshments and more blether.)

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

Contact Peter on 01577 863509, for further information.

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



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

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

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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.

### **December**

- Sat 3** 1.30-3pm Christmas Bazaar.  
3-4pm Community Carol Singing.
- Sun 4** 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.  
9.45am Morning Worship followed by Refreshments and Traidcraft Stall.  
3pm Service of Remembering. A time of quietness and reflection in the busy festive season.  
6pm Community Bible Experience service of worship.
- Sun 11** 9.45am Morning Worship.
- Sun 18** 9.45am Morning Worship Christmas Nativity service.  
6.30pm Sing-a-long-a Christmas. Christmas jumpers a must!
- Sat 24** 5pm Kids, Carols, Candy Canes and Cupcakes.  
11pm The Fossoway Choir will sing followed by 11.15pm Christmas Eve service.
- Sun 25** 9.45 – 10.30am Christmas Day Family Service. Bring a toy or gift to share.

### **January**

- Sun 1** 9.15 - 9.30am A Time of Prayer.  
9.45am Morning Worship followed by Refreshments and Traidcraft Stall.
- Sun 8** 9.45am Morning Worship.
- Sun 15** 9.45am Morning Worship.
- Sun 22** 9.45am Morning Worship.
- Sun 29** 9.45am Morning Worship.

### **Café Refresh**

Every Thursday in the Church Hall, 2 - 4pm. Join us for a friendly blether with scrummy home baking, teas and coffees. *All are welcome.*

### **[messychurch@fossoway](mailto:messychurch@fossoway)**

Friday 2 December and Friday 27 January at Crook of Devon Village Hall, 3.15 - 4.30pm.

### **House group**

Wednesday evenings 7pm. There will be no meetings in December. Please contact Debbie Hill for details, 01577 842268.

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

*There will be no Parents and Toddlers group in December or January.* However, we will start again on Friday 3 February at 9am in the Church Hall.

### **Film Evening**

*There will be no Film night in December.* However, we will start again on Friday 6 January 7.30 – 9.30pm in the Church Hall. *Please join us for the film, a cuppa and a blether and even some popcorn.*

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

*(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion)*

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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. 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 during daylight hours on Mondays – Thursdays and available for anyone to sit quietly.

**Mondays and Wednesdays:** 8am Morning Prayer, said quietly in the Meeting Room. All very welcome.

**Tuesdays: No 12.30pm Lunch, Meditative Reflection and Holy Communion this month. (From 10 January)** 11am Informal Holy Communion. ***All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion.***

**Thursdays:** 3.30pm – 4.30pm Unless otherwise advertised, the Rector is in the Church Office (in the old black tin hall) if you would like to see a member of the clergy for any reason.

*Other special services and events are listed on our website.*

### **December Services and Events - all welcome**

- Sun 4 Advent 2 (Bethlehem and the way of the Prophets)**  
8.30am Holy Communion.  
11am Sung Eucharist followed by the St Paul's AGM (Meeting Room).
- Wed 7** 7.30pm – 9pm Choir rehearsal for the Christmas Carols service (Meeting Room).
- Sun 11 Advent 3 (Gaudete Sunday and John the Baptist)**  
8.30am Holy Communion. 11am Sung Eucharist.  
4pm Kinross Churches Together Christmas Carol Service at the Campus.
- Wed 14** 7.30pm – 9pm Choir rehearsal for the Christmas Carols service (Meeting Room).
- Sat 17** 2 – 3.30pm Choir rehearsal for Christmas Carol Service (Meeting Room).
- Sun 18 Advent 4 (The Virgin Mary)** 8.30am Said Holy Communion. 11am Whole Church Sung Eucharist with narrated Nativity Tableau.  
**4pm ST PAUL'S CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE**
- Tue 20 4pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**
- Sat 24 CHRISTMAS EVE 11.30pm MIDNIGHT MASS**
- Sun 25 CHRISTMAS DAY** 8.45am 1662 BCP Said Matins  
**10am FAMILY SUNG EUCHARIST**

### **January Services and Events - all welcome**

- Sun 1 THE NAMING OF JESUS**  
8.30am Holy Communion. 11am Sung Eucharist.
- Sun 8 The Epiphany of the Lord (transferred from the 6th)**  
8.30am Holy Communion. 11am Sung Eucharist.
- Sun 15 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany** 8.30am Said Holy Communion. 11am Whole Church Sung Eucharist.
- Sun 22 THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**  
8.30am Holy Communion. 11am 'Pulpit Swap' Lay-led Service of the Word. *Preacher:* The Reverend Alan Reid, Kinross Parish.
- Sun 29 CANDLEMAS SUNDAY** 8.30am Holy Communion.  
11am Sung Eucharist with Liturgy marking the end of Christmastide.

**Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church****Church of Scotland** (Charity number SC015523)

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

10am Portmoak Church,

11.30am Orwell Church.

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**

- 4 Dec** Joint service in Orwell Church at 10.30am. No service at Portmoak Church.
- 13 Dec** The Guild Christmas meal in Orwell Hall.
- 16 Dec** Oasis Ladies' Group meets in Portmoak Church New Room at 10.15am - Carols and readings with Rosemary Tolson.
- 18 Dec** Service of Carols and Readings in Orwell Church at 6.30pm.
- 24 Dec** Family Service in Portmoak Church at 6.30pm. Watchnight Service in Orwell Church at 11.30pm.
- 25 Dec** Christmas Day Service in Orwell Church at 10.30am. No service in Orwell Church.
- 1 Jan** Joint service in Portmoak Church at 10.30am. No service at Orwell Church.
- 10 Jan** The Guild meets in Orwell Hall at 2pm. Janice Webster talks about her Life in Law.
- 24 Jan** The Guild meets in Orwell Hall at 2pm. Alison and Bill McGregor talk about Life in the Manse.
- 27 Jan** Oasis Ladies' Group meets in Portmoak Church New Room at 10.15am.

Everyone welcome

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

29 South Street, Milnathort KY13 9XA.

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**Regular Services**

Monday	7pm	Mass followed by Confessions
Tuesday		NO MASS
Wednesday	10am	Mass followed by Morning Prayer
Thursday	10am	Mass followed by Morning Prayer
Friday	10am	Mass followed by Morning Prayer
Saturday	10-10.30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
Saturday	7pm	Mass (teas/coffees after Mass in church hall)
Sunday	9.30am	Mass (teas/coffees after Mass in church hall)

**Confessions** also on request.**Prayer Group** meets on a Monday, 8pm-10pm in the church hall and is open to all.**Children's Catechism class** meets every Monday during term time, 3.45pm-4.30pm in the church hall.**R.C.I.A.** for those wishing to join the Church, every Wednesday in the church hall, 7pm-8pm.**The Ladies' Group** meets in the hall on the first Thursday of the month at 7pm.

The weekly newsletter, Mass times, news and updates or changes can be found on our website.

**Christmas timetable**

Sat 24 Dec:	Carols at 8.30pm and <b>Vigil Mass</b> at 9pm
Sun 25 Dec:	<b>Christmas Day.</b> Mass at 9.30am
Mon 26 Dec:	NO MASS
Tue 27 Dec:	NO MASS
Wed 28 Dec:	Mass at 10am followed by Morning Prayer
Thu 29 Dec:	Mass at 10am followed by Morning Prayer
Fri 30 Dec:	Mass at 10am followed by Morning Prayer
Sat 31 Dec:	10am-10.30am, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
Sat 31 Dec:	Vigil Mass at 7pm
Sun 1 Jan:	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. 9.30am

**Death Notice****DOROTHY WALKER**, formerly of Katrine Place, Kinross, died on 22 November 2016 at Forthbank Care Home, Stirling, aged 94.**JAMES A. SCOTT**  
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**Kinross Gospel Hall**

Montgomery Street, Kinross

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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





# Playgroups and Toddlers



## Milnathort Babies & Toddlers

**Orwell Church Hall, Milnathort**  
**Friday 9.30am-11.15am**

A relaxed and friendly group  
Healthy snacks, tea & coffee  
Children from birth to 3 years  
(5 years if attending with younger sibling)  
Great fun for the kids, mums, dads and carers!

### PLACES NOW AVAILABLE!

To join in the fun  
call 07745 804539  
Email [milnathortbt@gmail.com](mailto:milnathortbt@gmail.com)  
Or find us on Facebook



## GLENFARG BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We meet in the newly refurbished village hall, Greenbank Road, Glenfarg on Wednesdays, 9.30-11.30am.

Healthy snack for children, coffee/tea & biscuits for carer  
Role play, jigsaws, physical toys and arts and crafts  
Friendly support for all carers  
First session free, £2 thereafter (£1 for additional children)

Contact Donna Smith on 07535 595430 or just come along!

## LOCHLEVEN 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

## 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

## 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.

## 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.

## 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



## Milnathort Primary School Christmas Bazaar

**Saturday 3 December**

10am – 12 noon

Milnathort Primary School Hall

Craft Gift Stalls Pocket Money Stalls Cake & Candy

Pick & Mix Kids Christmas Crafts Tombola

Raffle Tea & Coffee Mulled Wine

Plus a very special visitor!

Entry: Children free, Adults £2

## 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)*

**5 December: North Sea Gas.** A Scottish folk institution, NSG comprise Dave Gilfillan, Ronnie MacDonald and Grant Simpson. Renowned for their high-energy music, chorus songs and sheer professionalism, they have been performing now for over 30 years and always guarantee a great night out. A brilliant way to bring in December! Members £6, non-members £9.

**12 December: The Farg Folk.** After many years of performing at our Folk Feasts, tonight we welcome the current line-up of "The Fargies" to give us a full night of chorus songs interspersed with individual performances. A grand night's fun from, in alphabetical order, Mike Dow, Stan Ginter, Hamish Grant, Roy Henderson and Hugh and Lesley Toner. This is a fundraising event for Folk Feast 2017. Come and support your local lads and lass whilst helping build up the coffers for next year's Feast. Members £6, non-members £9.

**19 December: Singaround.** The final club night of the year so please come and share some festive cheer with the rest of the gang at The Backstage. All music welcome but we will obviously be featuring songs of a festive nature!

**PLEASE NOTE.** The Club is closed from 19 December until 16 January. So, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers! We look forward to welcoming you back in 2017.

## Community Christmas Celebration

organised by Kinross-shire Churches Together

**Sunday 11 December**

at 3pm in Loch Leven Community Campus

Collection for refugee charities

## Milnathort Community Event

**Carols at the Cross**

Join us to sing Carols at the Cross in Milnathort on

**Thursday 15 December**

at 7.30pm

followed by warming refreshments in the Town Hall.

#free event - organised by Milnathort in Bloom, Friends of Milnathort Town Hall and Orwell Church and supported by other groups in the community.

Come along to the Cross (Town Hall area) for 7.30 start.

Everyone welcome!

Remember a torch to read the carol sheet!

## 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.

5 Jan 2017 **Hearing Dogs for the Deaf.** Elsa Sinclair.

## KINROSS HUB THE CARERS CAFE

**Monday 5th 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 family members.



**LOCHLEVEN COMMUNITY CAMPUS**

**KINROSS**

**1st MONDAY of EVERY MONTH**

**10am–12noon**



Contact Gail Boath

Tel. 01577 867306

Or Annette Bond

01738 567076



## CEILIDH

**in aid of Mary's Meals**

**Saturday 3 December**

at 7.30pm in Milnathort Town Hall

£10 per person

BYOB (and plastic cups, please)

For tickets, please contact: [marysmealskinross@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:marysmealskinross@hotmail.co.uk)

co.uk or call 07770 645859

## Kinross Floral Art Club

**Thursday 8 December**

at Kinross Parish Church at 7.15pm

"Season's Glow" by Mrs Julie Culton

Members and visitors welcome

## Kinross Garden Group

2016/17 Season

**Thursday 8 December**

at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall, Kinross.

With Mark Newman of the RBGE

'A handsel of ginger for the New Year'

All welcome to join us.

## 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)



## 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.

December's business breakfast is being held on **Wednesday 7 December from 7.30am to 9am** at Loch Leven's Larder. We will be joined by **Wynn Jones, Director of Praetorian IT Security** who will be talking about **Cyber Crime against Small and Medium sized Enterprises**. The talk will last for about 10 minutes and there will then be a brief Q&A session.

Everyone will have the opportunity to introduce their business and explain what they hope to achieve across the 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 online 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)

## King George V Playing Fields Annual General Meeting Monday 9 January 2017

The Annual General Meeting of the KGV Playing Fields Management Committee will be held in the KGV rugby clubhouse on Monday 9 January 2017 at 7pm. All are welcome to attend. The KGV committee is a voluntary group that looks after the facilities used by many of the sporting groups in Kinross-shire and welcomes anyone who may wish to contribute something to the local community.

## The Kinross-shire Volunteer Group & Rural Outreach Scheme

### Annual Burns Supper

Windlestrae Hotel

**Monday 16 January 2017**

6.30 for 7pm

There will be some new speakers and also well-known faces including Tich Frier – The Immortal Memory  
 Tickets £18 from Ann Munro, 01577 862685  
 or any committee member



## Milnathort filmhouse Christmas Night Out

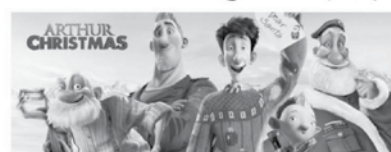


### the Holiday

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)

## 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

- 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 report on page 67.

## Beekeeping

Beginners classes start in **Portmoak Hall, Scotlandwell** on **Thursday 19 January 2017**. First night from 6.30pm for registration, all other classes begin 7.30pm. The course consists of nine indoor classes followed by outdoor demonstrations from late Spring.

Full details to be found on our website [www.fifebeekeepers.co.uk](http://www.fifebeekeepers.co.uk) or Facebook page **Dunfermline and West Fife Beekeepers Association**.



## Kinross Floral Art Club

Thursday 26 January 2017

at Heaven Scent Café, Milnathort, at 7.15pm  
Members' Only Night  
Bring a container and a small bunch of flowers  
if you want to 'DIY'  
Quizzes, Coffee and Cake

## 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.

**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)

## 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
February	Fri 13 January	Saturday 28 January
March	Fri 10 February	Saturday 25 February



## 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 a collection there on the following Tuesday, from 11.30am until 1.30pm:

**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.

Regrettably 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.



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](http://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:

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](mailto: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: **13 December, 10 and 24 January**

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](mailto: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](mailto:David.Ogston@Perthcab.casonline.org.uk)

## Scottish Mining Trust Holidays Blair Castle, Culross

Charity number SC036188 Web: [www.blaircastle.net](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:dollarmuseum@btconnect.com)

Free entry. All welcome. Parking and disabled access.

1 High Street, Dollar, FK14 7AY

## Grants and Funding Websites

[www.pkgrantsdirect.com](http://www.pkgrantsdirect.com)  
[www.foundationscotland.org.uk](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk)

## 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 6 & 20 December:**

Milnathort	South Street	1215-1300
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**Visiting on Tuesdays 6, 13 & 20 December:**

Glenfarg	Main Street	1130-1300
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**Visiting on Wednesday 14 December:**

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

Robin Cairncross	(Secretary)	01592 840672
Bruce Calderwood	(Treasurer)	01592 840423
Susan Forde		01592 840128
Tom Smith		01592 841160
Malcolm Strang Steel	(Chairman)	01592 840459
Dave Morris		01592 840500
Alison Robertson		01592 840131
Chris Vlasto		01592 840017

Have a look at our website: [www.portmoak.org](http://www.portmoak.org)

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

### Roseanna Cunningham MSP

Constituency office:

63 Glasgow Road, Perth, PH2 0PE

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

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## Perth & Kinross Council

[www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk)

**Customer Service Centre**

Tel: 01738 475000

(Mon to Fri, 8am-6pm)

**Out of Hours Emergencies**

Tel: 01738 625411

(Roads, flooding, environmental health and dangerous buildings)

**Clarence** (for non-emergency road and lighting defects)

Tel: 0800 232323

**Registrar**

Tel: 01577 867133

The Registrar is normally in Kinross only on Tuesdays and 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

### 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.



## 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 Gaelic Society of Perth

The Gaelic Society of Perth will hold their December Ceilidh at St Matthew's Church Hall, Tay Street, Perth, on **Friday 9 December** at 7.30pm. This ceilidh promises to be a very entertaining one as the highly talented Raymond Bremner will be joined by his friends from the very successful Melvich Choir to provide an evening of music and singing. Come and hear these great Gaelic singers as well as some super instrumentalists. Admission is £5 for Members and £6 for Non-Members – for an evening's entertainment plus refreshments!

The January ceilidh will be held on **13 January** with a variety of singers and instrumentalists including the Mod Gold Medallist Calum Angus McDonald, the banjo player Clare Polson and the accordionist Fiona Johnston.

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.

## Give a Greyhound A Home

Look on our Website

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



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Phone: 01577 850393 (evenings)  
Mob: 07826244765 (daytime)  
email us on [femiejimmyf@aol.com](mailto:femiejimmyf@aol.com)



## 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)

## Befriending Kinross



**Are you new to the Area?**  
**Would you like someone to talk to?**  
**Someone to have a coffee with?**  
**Help to feel less socially isolated?**

If you would like to request a befriender please contact us and we will arrange a time to meet with you to discuss the process.

[ptb.kinross@bethanyct.com](mailto:ptb.kinross@bethanyct.com)

t: 07747 018 550

Film shows • Cards • Dominoes • Art Class  
Daily Papers • Chiropody • Trips • Exercises

## Weekly Programme for December

<b>Monday</b> (all except 26th)	Exercise Class Scrabble, cards & other Games "Stride for Life" Walking Group	11am 1.15pm 2pm	Bingo 1.30pm 1.15pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Carpet Curling Relaxation Class Games Singing group with Alex Cant	11am 1.15pm 1.15pm 1.45pm	(except 27th) (except 20th & 27th) (except 20th & 27th) (except 20th & 27th)
<b>Wednesday</b> (all except 28th)	Morning Worship Dominoes, Scrabble & other Games Fantastic Fun Quiz	10.45am 1.30pm 1.30pm	1.30pm
<b>Thursday</b> (all except 29th)	Art Class Dominoes, Scrabble, cards etc Balance & Strength Class	1.30pm 1.30pm 1.30pm	Film Afternoon 1.30pm
<b>Friday</b>	Exercise Class Dominoes, Games and Filmshow Bingo	11am - 12pm 1.30pm 1.30pm	(except 30th) (except 23rd & 30th) (except 23rd & 30th)



## Additional Events for December

Christmas Bingo with a visitor	<b>Monday</b>	<b>5th</b>	1.30pm
Health & Wellbeing Information Point	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6th</b>	11am - 12pm
Kinross Community Care Advice and Information	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6th</b>	11.30am - 12pm
Chiropody	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8th, 15th</b>	9.45am - 1pm (phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)
Tai Chi	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>14th</b>	1.30pm - 2pm
Christmas Lunch & Concert	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>15th</b>	12pm
Carol Concert with Alex Cant followed by hot mince pies	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>20th</b>	1.45pm
Library Visit	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>22nd</b>	1.30pm
Alhambra Pantomime (Mother Goose)	<b>Friday</b>	<b>23rd</b>	1.15pm

May we take this opportunity to thank everyone for their valuable support throughout the year, and to wish you all A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The Day Centre will be closed on the following dates over Christmas and New Year:  
Mon 26, Tue 27 & Wed 28 December 2016; Mon 2, Tue 3 & Wed 4 January 2017.



**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](mailto:kindaycent@tiscali.co.uk)**

## LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



### Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

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

### Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

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

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



## Kinross Community Care Advice & Information

Financial and Welfare Rights

Occupational Therapy  
Community Alarms

Accessing Services  
Apetito Meals

### Kinross Day Centre

every month, 11.30am - 12 noon

**Tue 6 December**

## Free Energy Saving Advice Freephone 0800 512 012

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

## Situations Vacant

In conjunction with [www.kinross.cc](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 taxi drivers (2 vacancies), A2B Taxis, Kinross

Required for busy Kinross based Taxi company. Must be smart, polite and reliable. Vacancy 1: Weekend only. Vacancy 2: Monday-Friday occasional shifts mainly sickness/holiday cover. Full UK driving licence essential. Anyone interested in this position should call Bruce on 07743332237.

### Part time Kitchen Staff, Heaven Scent, 19 South Street, Milnathort

We are busy and need more kitchen troops to join our team. Experience preferred. Weekend and weekday work available. Come and join our team. We need fun, passion, banter and teamwork. Must have a proven track record and references will be checked, maybe! Please do not contact the shop directly about this position. Please submit a CV to [andrew@scotthospitalityservices.co.uk](mailto:andrew@scotthospitalityservices.co.uk) or call the office on 01577 862738.



### 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.

## 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.

### Pine Effect Blanket Chest £40

Cash only. Buyer must collect.

### Antique Pine Chest £160

21 (H) x 20 (D) x 40 (L) inches. Needs slight repair to lid. Cash only. Buyer must collect.

Seller Details for above 2 items:

Gwyneth Clayton

[gwynnethc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gwynnethc@hotmail.co.uk)

### Lakeland Leather Ladies Jacket £50

Beautifully soft creamy/beige leather jacket, zip fronted. New, never been worn. Size 8.

Seller Details:

Ella Ward

07801 181857

### Upright Bentley Piano £180

Cared for and professionally tuned to a high standard. Suitable for a learner or pleasure and now needs a new home. Photos available by e-mail on request. Feel free just to view.

Seller Details:

Helen Manzie

07917 430688

[hmanzie@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hmanzie@hotmail.co.uk)

## Grants for good causes

Kinross Community Council

Newsletter Limited (KCCNL)

Charity No. SC040913



All profits from the Kinross Newsletter are transferred to a charitable company, KCCNL, and given away to local good causes. Groups and individuals are invited to apply to KCCNL for grant funding. Decisions on grants are made at two meetings per year. The deadlines for grant applications are: **30 September and 31 March**.

More information is available on the [kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) website. Applications may be downloaded from the website or obtained from the Applications Administrator, Barry Davies, tel 01577 865004 or email [barrydavies57@btinternet.com](mailto:barrydavies57@btinternet.com)

## 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



# Christmas & New Year Holiday Arrangements



## Recommended last posting dates

For full information, go to [www.royalmail.com/greetings](http://www.royalmail.com/greetings)

### International Standard (formerly Airmail)

Africa, Middle East	Sat 3 Dec
Asia, Cyprus, Far East, Eastern Europe (except Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia), Turkey, Malta	Wed 7 Dec
Caribbean, Central and S America	Thu 8 Dec
Australia, Greece, New Zealand	Sat 10 Dec
International Standard to static HM Forces Mail	Mon 12 Dec
Czech Republic, German, Italy, Poland	Wed 14 Dec
Canada, Finland, Sweden, USA	Thu 15 Dec
Austria, Denmark, Iceland, Portugal, Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland	Fri 16 Dec
Belgium, France, Ireland, Luxembourg	Sat 17 Dec

### United Kingdom

Second Class	Tue 20 Dec
First Class	Wed 21 Dec
RM Special Delivery Guaranteed	Thu 22 Dec
RM Special Delivery Saturday Guaranteed	Fri 23 Dec

## Kinross Post Office (Co-operative)

Sat 24 Dec	close at 4.00pm
Sun 25 Dec – Tue 27 Dec	CLOSED
Sat 31 Dec	close at 4.00pm
Sun 1 – Tue 3 Jan	CLOSED

## Milnathort Post Office (and Giacopazzi's Shop)

Sat 24 Dec	5.30am – 10.00pm
Sun 25 Dec	CLOSED
Mon 26 Dec	7.30am – 6.00pm
Tue 27 – Sat 31 Dec	5.30am – 10.00pm
Sun 1 Jan	9.00am – 4.00pm
Mon 2 Jan	7.00am – 5.00pm
Tue 3 Jan	normal hours resume

## Loch Leven Community Campus

Fri 23 Dec	normal: 7.30am – 10.00pm
Sat 24 Dec	normal: 8.00am – 5.00pm
Sun 25 Dec & Mon 26 Dec	CLOSED
Tue 27 Dec – Fri 30 Dec	10.00am – 5.00pm
Sat 31 Dec – Mon 2 Jan	CLOSED
Tue 3 Jan	normal hours resume

## Live Active Leisure at campus

Fri 23 Dec	normal: 5.00pm – 9.45pm
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Tue 27 Dec	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Wed 28 Dec – Fri 30 Dec	normal opening hours
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Sun 1 Jan	CLOSED
Mon 2 Jan	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Tue 3 Jan	CLOSED
Mon 4 Jan	normal hours resume

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Sat 31 Dec	9.00am – 12.30pm
Sun 1 Jan	2.00pm – 3.00pm
Mon 2 Jan	CLOSED
Tue 3 Jan	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Wed 4 Jan	9.00am – 6.00pm

For more information about pharmacy opening times and services over Christmas, please visit [www.nhs24.com](http://www.nhs24.com)

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## Perth & Kinross Council Changes to Domestic Waste and Recycling Collection Dates and Closures over the Festive Period



There will be no domestic or commercial collections on 25 and 26 December 2016 or 1 and 2 January 2017. Unless householders or commercial customers are notified directly by letter, the following will apply:

Collections due on	will take place on
Sun 25 December	Sat 24 December
Mon 26 December	Sat 24 December
Sun 1 January	Sat 31 December
Mon 2 January	Sat 31 December

## Garden and Food Waste Collections

There are **no scheduled garden and food waste collections from 23 December to 6 January**. Collection dates will return to normal from **7 January**.

Please note that Perth & Kinross Council does not collect excess waste which is not in wheeled bins. Waste should only be presented for collection inside your wheeled bin with the lid closed by 07.30am on the day of collection.

Scheduled collection dates can be found online at [www.pkc.gov.uk/bindates](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/bindates).

Real Christmas trees can be chopped up and added to your home compost bin, chopped up and placed in your brown-lidded bin or taken to your local Recycling Centre. Real or artificial trees presented as excess waste will not be uplifted.

## Extreme Weather

In the event of extreme weather conditions it may not be safe for refuse vehicles to visit all areas of Perth & Kinross. If snow and ice prevent heavy vehicle movements in your area, regular collections will resume within five working days of the return of less hazardous weather conditions.

## Recycling Centres

All Recycling Centres will be **CLOSED on 25 and 26 December 2016 and 1 and 2 January 2017**. Opening hours otherwise remain the same over the festive period.

## Special Uplifts

The last special uplift collection will be 22 December 2016. Normal collections resume on 5 January 2017.



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## The Kinross Community Council Newsletter

is available from:

<b>The Co-operative</b>	High Street, Kinross
<b>Baillies</b>	High Street, Kinross
<b>Sainsbury's</b>	Station Road, Kinross
<b>Costcutter</b>	Green Road, Kinross
<b>Giacopazzi's</b>	Kinross and Milnathort
<b>Stewart &amp; Smart</b>	Stirling Road, Milnathort
<b>Heaven Scent Coffee Shop</b>	South Street, Milnathort
<b>Buchan's Garage</b>	Main Street, Kinnesswood
<b>Shop</b>	Main Street, Kinnesswood
<b>Fossoway Store</b>	Crook of Devon
<b>Fossoway Garage</b>	Crook of Devon
<b>Mona's Coffee Shop</b>	Muckhart
<b>Powmill Milk Bar</b>	Powmill
<b>Powmill Stores</b>	Powmill
<b>Moto Shop</b>	Turhills
<b>RSPB Shop</b>	RSPB Loch Leven
<b>Loch Leven's Larder</b>	Near Wester Balgedie
<b>Glenfarg Village Shop</b>	Glenfarg

See also commercial adverts throughout the Newsletter for other events, particularly in the run up to Christmas