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Editorial

It has been a very wet winter, as dramatically illustrated by our cover showing Loch Leven well above the level of the pier at the Boathouse. Many thanks to Stewart Niven, a member of Kinross Camera Club, for this photograph.

You can read more about the effects of the heavy rainfall in Craig's regular report on the Loch Leven National Nature Reserve in our Out and About section. In the same section, John gives us his perspective in Farming, and of course we have the statistics in our weather report. Rita, our Kinross weather reporter, gives the total rainfall for November 2015 as 9.25 inches. That is more than double the rainfall in November 2014! (Which was 4.41 inches.) Similarly, the total rainfall locally for December 2015 was more than double that of December 2014, at 9.22 inches compared to 3.86 inches.

Let's turn our thoughts instead to the future: there are two planning consultation events this month. The first, on 4 February, is an opportunity to see the plans for the new Kinross Primary School. The second, on 23 February, is a drop-in event on the Main Issues Report stage of the Council's second Local Development Plan.

We hope you enjoy this, the first Newsletter of 2016.

Happy New Year from the Newsletter Team.

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

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

Kinross High School Looking for Community Volunteering Partners

Every year, Kinross High School offers its S1 to S3 students a range of skills based and curricular enhancement activities during the last week in May. This year the plan is to additionally offer students the opportunity to volunteer in the local community. To these ends, Kinross High School is looking for community organisations that would benefit from our students giving up their time on one or two days in that week.

If your organisation has an activity that 10 to 15 students and a teacher could safely accomplish or progress in one or two days, then please do let us know. The organisation would also need to provide the required materials and someone who could coordinate the activity. If this would be of benefit to your group, please email Dr Armstrong at the address: GMArmstrong@pkc.gov.uk

Kinross High School
Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8FQ

To read Kinross High School news, see page 70.

Kinross High Street

Whether the restructuring or upgrading of the High Street was a good thing and beneficial to the town has clearly still to be proved. I very much hope it will be a catalyst for much needed regeneration but while I would put myself in the "supporter" category, I believe it is some way from perfect. Hardly a day goes by but I hear something about the redevelopment. The subject has even reached some of the national newspapers.

While anyone can contact any of our local councillors or the relevant department in the Council to put their point, that draws attention to issues in an uncoordinated and random way. If there is a strength of feeling in the town regarding aspects of the new High Street then I believe it should be compiled logically so that we can identify the most pressing concerns.

I am happy to draw the issues together and feedback my findings through the Newsletter; as a Community Councillor I would present the evidence to the Community Council, send my report to our local representatives and forward it to Perth and Kinross Council.

I am no expert in town planning or road engineering and I am not sure what can be done but what I do know is it is our High Street and if you want changes and/or have suggestions then please take a few minutes to contact me. The more people that respond the more chance we have of succeeding. You can email me at davemack12@hotmail.co.uk or call 07703 820051 to leave a voicemail. I would like to be in a position to report my findings by early March.

David A MacKenzie
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Kinross High Street design failings leaving pedestrians exposed to danger

The High Street "improvements" have created many safety issues for pedestrians.

I have sent the following letter to Kinross CC to enlist their support in having these serious design failings urgently addressed by Perth and Kinross Council who implemented the scheme and are responsible for public safety.

I would urge readers to make known their own experiences and support action to have the High Street being made safe as a matter of immediate priority.

For the Attention of Kinross Community Council

Following the, mostly, completed Kinross High Street works the following issues have been identified and reported widely in the national and local press.

The removal of the controlled crossing outside the Kinross Day Centre has resulted in a lack of a safe crossing point for young children, the elderly and the disabled, including the blind.

Children from Rosemount Nursery now have to walk to the only controlled crossing at the Police Station/Old High School site to cross the road safely, instead of at the one removed.

The "suggested" crossing areas at the Co-op and elsewhere, which have no legal status and do not safeguard pedestrians, are proving to be a great risk to users.

Traffic is not obliged to stop resulting in daily risk to users, with cars passing in front of and behind pedestrians while they are in mid crossing.

The removal of safety railings at the north side of the High Street/Station Road junction is potentially exposing pedestrians to risk of injury.

The "shared space" areas at the Salutation Hotel give/take and the large area outside the old Town Hall are also putting pedestrians at risk of injury due to lack of defined pavements. Despite the 20 mph speed zone being in place for over ten years, most traffic is exceeding this limit, creating risk of injury or death to pedestrians.

I would be obliged if Kinross Community Council would support the re-instatement of a controlled crossing in the High Street, at or near the position of the former crossing and also ask Perth and Kinross Council to address the many other serious safety issues that this new scheme has produced.

Many thanks,

Ken Miles
Turfhills House, Kinross

Congratulations



AMY CRAWFORD has graduated from Robert Gordon University with a BSc in Midwifery, in addition to her BSc (Hons) in Human Biology. Her family wish her all the best in her new position as a community midwife in Aberdeen.

CAITLÍN DUFFY, St Andrews, formerly of Crook of Devon, won Second Prize in the Armourers and Brasiers Tata Sixth Form Materials Prize. She was the only finalist from Scotland and the only finalist from a state school, Kinross High. She won £500 for her former school plus a visit from the Institute for Materials, Minerals and Mining Schools Affiliate Scheme. *See also page 71.*

JO MIDDLEMISS of Broom Road, Kinross, has been shortlisted jointly with her cousin Maureen Burnett for the title of '2015 Evening Times Scotswoman of the Year', an award sponsored by the Glasgow Evening Times.

Jo and Maureen travel to Buccama in Ethiopia every year, taking clothes and medical equipment for a tiny clinic that helps women suffering from prolapse following childbirth. Jo and Maureen also give talks to organisations and host 'Pants and Pounds' events, encouraging people to donate new underwear and contribute to the cost of postage to the clinic. The underwear is needed by the Ethiopian women to help prevent infection.

Dozens of nominations for the title were whittled down to the final shortlist of six. The results will be announced on 11 February at a ceremony in Glasgow City Chambers.

Jo updates the Kinross-shire community on the Ethiopia Medical Project by writing occasional articles for the Newsletter. Her latest article is on page 24.

Thanks



Mrs MAUREEN GREIG would like to thank friends and relatives for all their good wishes and their visits to see her during her long stay in Perth Royal Infirmary. She wishes everyone all the very best in 2016.

CATHIE DEWAR would like to thank Murray and Kathleen Mitchell of M&S Character Homes and their contractors for the work done on the house during Willie's illness. It was done with much consideration, discretion and respect and carried out to an excellent standard. And for this, she is extremely grateful.

Cleish and Blairadam CC would like to thank **KLEO** for all their hard work putting on the **Winter Festival** culminating in the **Festive Market** at the end of November. This was a splendid affair attended by many people in the most adverse weather conditions. The number of street stalls and their diversity of products was testament to all the forward planning and work by the committee members.

Milnathort Primary School Parent Council thanks Christmas Fair sponsors etc. *See page 69.*

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See plans for the new Kinross Primary School at drop-in event

A drop-in session to allow the community to find out about plans for the new Kinross Primary School will be held on **Thursday 4 February between 3.30pm and 6.30pm** in the main building of the current primary school. This is an informal consultation event in advance of the formal full planning application.

The Council is planning to replace the existing school by erecting a new building in the school grounds and then demolishing the current school.

Plans for the new school include eighteen classrooms, increased nursery provision, a dining and a gym hall plus associated ancillary spaces.

The current Kinross Primary School will be replaced within two years

Plans and design details will be on display at the drop-in event. Council staff involved in the project, as well as representatives from the architect and

construction companies involved, will be on hand to answer questions and discuss any concerns.



New loan fund to help bring empty buildings back into use

Perth & Kinross Council has launched its Empty Property Loan Fund – a new interest-free loan designed to help owners of long-term empty buildings to repair or convert them for use as affordable housing.

Funding can be used for any property from a country cottage or a city centre flat to an office or shop, provided that it has been empty for at least six months. The loans are subject to the owner either letting the property at affordable rental levels for a period of five years or selling it at an affordable level on completion of the works. For individual properties, the loan can range from £5,000 to £15,000. Higher value loans can be considered for larger-scale projects.

Further details on the Empty Property Loan Fund, and general advice on putting empty properties back into use, is available by contacting the Investment Team on 01738 475955 or 01738 476561, or e-mailing IJButt@pkc.gov.uk or KMMorrison@pkc.gov.uk

Easter Egg Hunt announced for annual Loch Leven Walkathon!

Annual Walkathon aids Scotland's health charity, Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland

The Loch Leven Walkathon returns on Sunday 13 March with a choice of three walking routes: 6km, 11km and 13 miles. This walk along the stunning Loch Leven Heritage Trail is in its sixth successful year and has raised £45,000 so far for the charity. All routes start and finish at the Boathouse Restaurant in Kinross, have fantastic views and follow well-maintained, signposted, traffic-free footpaths.

The 6km and 11km routes are suitable for all ages and fitness levels and the 13-mile walk is available for those aged 13 and above. Come along for some fun and healthy exercise on **Sunday 13 March** by signing up for the walk and paying the small entry fee (£10 for adults, £5 for young people 5 – 17, under 5s free) – and raise money for a great cause at the same time! Please note that spaces are limited for the 13-mile walk so please register in advance at www.scotlandwalkathon.com **Egg-citing new addition for 2016** – a family Easter Egg Hunt. Can you beat the bunny and solve the clues to find the eggs? A great day out for all the family and an Easter Egg is included for all young participants. You might be lucky and spot the Easter Bunny!

With your support we can improve lives for the almost half a million Scots affected by chest, heart and stroke illness. Enter online at www.scotlandwalkathon.com, call 0300 1212 444 for an entry form, email fundraising@chss.org.uk or call into the CHSS charity shops in Leven, Kirkcaldy, Anstruther or Cowdenbeath.

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Councillor Cuthbert Perth and Kinross budget

It is the time of year when the Council is considering its budget for the next three years. As the Leader of the Independent Liaison Group, I am heavily involved in this process. As I write this, I can report that it looks like it is going to be a very tough budget as there are a number of factors working against the Council.

The first of these is the fact that the current Scottish Government has imposed a freeze on Council Tax increases for the ninth consecutive year. This started in 2007 and means that the income the Council can generate from Council Tax is more or less fixed. At the same time, there has been steady inflation (approximately 33% compound), which basically means that the Council has to make cuts in order to balance its budget.

The second factor is that the Scottish Government has cut the grant payable to the Council. This was partially anticipated by the Council and initial savings were based on a reduction of some £1.3m, however the grant has been cut by a further £8.19m, which has come as something of a shock.

The third factor is that the Scottish Government has imposed a restriction on cutting teacher numbers, which means that savings in this area are not possible. On top of this, many other services are also ring fenced and cannot deliver savings. Examples of these include most Community Care services, the Housing Revenue account (council houses), plus many child protection and other initiatives which were instigated by the Scottish Government.

The effect of this is that the cuts in budgets fall on a small section of the Council budget, so for example the Education and Children's Services budget of £161m has 60% of its services protected. This means that the savings target for this service of £12.9m will have to come out of the remaining £64.4m of expenditure, leading to a reduction of some 20% of these budgets.

As I said, this is going to be a tough budget. I will report more fully on what has been decided next month, after the Council meeting on 11 February.

Local Government Boundary Commission Scotland (LGBCS)

The LGBCS have still not announced their plans for the reorganisation of wards. As reported by me in previous articles, this could have a significant impact on Kinross-shire, which is currently forecast to be reduced in size and to see the number of ward Councillors reduced from four to three. This will mean less representation for Kinross-shire, which I have been strongly opposing.

Closure of Forth Road Bridge and effect on A977

Following the closure of the Forth Road Bridge and the continued ban on HGVs using the bridge, the A977 has become the route of choice for many of these vehicles, thereby creating huge volumes of heavy goods vehicle traffic on the A977.

Cllr Barnacle has been calling for mitigation measures on this road for a number of years and I have tried to support him. However, to date the Council has refused to budge on this. I have recently learned that an outline business case for the creation of two roundabouts on this road has been started, which I welcome, however I note that the officers have said:



"I fear however that in light of the other infrastructure issues facing the Council, and the current budget situation, they are unlikely to achieve sufficient priority to be taken forward at any time in the future."

Roundabout at Junction 6 of the M90 Motorway

Work on the roundabout was halted when the Forth Road Bridge was closed as the powers that be decided to halt all works on the A977, as it was being used as an alternative route. Now that the Forth Road Bridge has been opened to smaller vehicles, works can now recommence. These works are expected to take approximately four weeks, so hopefully they will be completed by the middle of February.

Damaged bridge at Powmill on the A977

Also affected by the ban on works along the A977 were the repairs to the bridge over the Gairney Burn in Powmill. Hopefully these will take place in the near future.

Kinross town centre regeneration

The regeneration works in Kinross have now been completed, however I do not see these as the final solution for the town centre. Your four local members carried out a walkabout tour of these with officers on 4 December and we identified a number of improvements.

Most of these have been fed to the Council's Road Safety Team who are carrying out an audit of the area. We await their findings with interest.

Planning proposals

An application to convert the **Glenfarg Hotel** in Glenfarg into flats has been received by the Council. At a public meeting that I attended the residents of Glenfarg were very concerned about the loss of this facility to their village. I will not comment on the application as I sit on the Council's Planning committee. However, what I will say is that this problem is recurring with monotonous regularity and we have seen a number of country hotels and pubs closing over the last few years. Another example of this trend is the Lomond Hotel in Kinnesswood, for which an application to demolish the building and to erect five houses was received in March last year. I will again not comment on this.

Wester Balgedie: Another building which is up for demolition and replacement with new housing is the former Leven Glen Nursing Home in Glenlomond. An application has been received by the Council for 14 houses to replace it. Again I will not comment on the application, however I can say that I attended a meeting of Portmoak CC last week [12 January] where strong views were expressed about this application and the road leading to it through Wester Balgedie. We shall see what happens.

New large developments in Kinross

A major planning application is being processed for **Lathro in Kinross**: this application is for 300 houses and, at the time of writing, I note that only three objections are on the Council's planning website. However, as this is a major application, it will come to the Council's planning committee, so I shall not comment on it.

On top of this, an application is eagerly awaited for the **former High School site** in Kinross. My research indicates that it is imminent. I am very keen to see the newer buildings at the back of the site demolished as they continue to attract vandals and unsavoury attention. The Council is selling the land for this site to the developer and, with a view to keeping an early

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development of the site in the minds of the developers, I proposed at a recent Property Sub Committee meeting that the longstop date for the sale of the property should not be extended. Unfortunately the SNP, Tory and Liberal Democrat Councillors did not support me in this, so the date has been extended. The developers have, however, given a commitment to clear the back of the site (retaining the Edwardian block at the front) in the near future, so hopefully we will see an early development of this site.

Main Issues Report

The decisions which will be reached by both officers and the Council's Planning Committee on these and all other planning applications will be based upon the Local Development Plan. The current version of this was adopted in February of 2014 so it is reasonably recent. However the Scottish government have introduced a rolling review of the plan. This means that it is currently being looked at again. The current stage it has reached is the Main Issues Report, which has been produced by the Council. This outlines the suggested changes which have been put to the Council. I would strongly recommend that people look at this document and put in their comments to the Council. It may affect you in the years to come. You can read more about this at: www.pkc.gov.uk/mainissuesldp2 and there is a public consultation event at Loch Leven Community Campus on **Tuesday 23 February**, 3pm-8pm. [See Notice on page 22.]

Locality Based Community Planning Partnerships

The Council decided at their December meeting to create five locality based Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs). The Kinross-shire ward is to be linked to the Almond and Earn ward for this purpose. This decision was reached due to new legislation incorporated into the Community Empowerment Act. These Locality based Community Planning Partnerships should, I think, be very important to local democracy going forward as they should develop into a bottom up approach, thereby allowing localities to set their own priorities rather than the current somewhat Perth-centric approach. Currently the Council is looking at the governance of these Locality based CPPs. Again, watch this space.

Perth and Kinross Integration Joint Board

Another piece of recent legislation has seen the introduction of the Perth and Kinross Integration Joint Board. This is essentially made up of many of the NHS services and the Council's Social Welfare team. The concept behind this is that by integrating the two teams, services will become more joined up, thereby delivering a better service. I am quite heavily involved in this and welcome the concept. Again, we will need to see how this develops.

Councillor Dave Cuthbert
Independent Councillor for Kinross-shire

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Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh MP

MP for Ochil and South Perthshire

Happy New Year! Like most, I returned to work in the New Year after a short Christmas break. While it was good to recharge my batteries for the New Year ahead, I was delighted to get back from Westminster to attend a range of events in Ochil and South Perthshire.

After a week in the confines of the House of Commons, it was particularly beneficial to get out and about my constituency to see and hear first-hand about how I can support constituents over the year ahead.

In particular I would like to thank Broke not Broken for inviting me along to a meeting at St Paul's Church along with local councillors and representatives from the Webster group to discuss the setting up of a foodbank in Kinross. The fantastic volunteers at Broke not Broken have already laid the groundwork and continue to hold foodbank collections on the last Saturday of every month outside the Cooperative on the High Street. With discussions about having a dedicated premises for the foodbank taking place, this can only be a positive step and help those who need it most. While it's saddening that there's a real need for foodbanks in our modern Scotland, the work that the staff and volunteers do to support others in our communities is truly inspirational.

I gain a lot from visits like this, because it allows me to be able to learn directly from the experience of experts and service users alike. It's one thing to read a report on an issue and quite another to have first-hand experience. I now plan to use the information I gained from this visit to hold the Tory Government to account at Westminster for their handling of our vital social security system.

It's clear to me from my visit last week and other discussions I've had with charities in the constituency that delays in benefits payments and the imposition of benefits sanctions remain two of the main reasons that drive local people to use foodbanks. This is why I've brought forward my own Private Member's Bill to address this issue, so that we can ensure that no one is left destitute as a result of action by the DWP.

Small Business Saturday: I was delighted to have been in Kinross for small Business Saturday in December. It was a privilege to visit, amongst others, Hunters, who provide a wide range of local produce and butchery services, Winski's of Kinross, where I was taken aback by some of the beautiful jewellery on display and A Country Affair, who have a fascinating range of original items and furnishings. Supporting local businesses as much as possible is vitally important as it helps to generate revenue for the local area and keep communities thriving.

Light Up Kinross: Although the weather was not the greatest I was thrilled to see the turnout at the annual Kinross Christmas Light Switch on. The support shown to this annual event, in the face of very wet conditions, was tremendous to see. The lights also looked fantastic and the general buzz and friendly atmosphere in the market certainly helped warm up a cold festive night.

I look forward, as always, to my next visit to Kinross-shire and will keep you updated on any local involvement that I have. For information about my next local surgeries you can visit my Facebook page or contact my office on 01259 219 333 if you feel I can be of any assistance to you.

Tasmina

'The Big Debate' comes to Kinross

Loch Leven Community Campus will be playing host to Radio Scotland's current affairs programme 'The Big Debate' on **Friday 12 February**, with presenter Gordon Brewer looking for a lively audience who want to have their say on the big issues of the week.

The programme is similar in format to 'Question Time' on BBC television. Members of the audience are encouraged to think about the news stories or talking points of the week and suggest questions to be put to the panel of guests. Normally, four or five topics are chosen for discussion, so there's plenty of scope to join in.

Folk can apply to come along to the debate via the online booking form, by email, or by calling the team. (See below for details.)

Tickets are free. Audience members **should be seated by 11.30am**. The event will be a **live broadcast** from 12noon – 1pm on **Friday 12 February**.

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Sponsorship is key for young rally star

Kinross based Blair Brown is on a mission to find a business partner to invest in his campaign to make his mark on the world of rallying.

The young rally driver is appealing to businesses both locally and across the UK as he makes preparations to enter the new MSA British Rally Championship in 2016.

2015 was a busy year for Blair and his team who built the Ford Fiesta R2T Ecoboost from scratch. The car's first outing was at the Isle of Man Rally where he finished first in class and 24th in the national event. His second event was the Rally of Mull where, from a seeding of position 100 with an entry of 150 cars, he finished ninth in the 2-litre Class and 43rd overall before the race was abandoned. These two events were part of the development plan ahead of his British Rally Championship debut in March.

"It is fine having the talent, but sponsorship is key to success in motorsport today. I am absolutely delighted to have the continued support from the QTS Group who have been extremely generous to me," said Blair, who has been competing in rallies since the age of 16. "We are now looking for a second sponsorship partner and event supporters to help fund the British Championship events."

Blair works full time in the family business and commits 90% of his wages to his sport.



Blair Brown

The MSA British Rally Championship takes in seven rallies around England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland. Sponsorship would pay for the preparation of Blair's car including fuel, entry fees, driver development and servicing during the Championship.

"I have some great ideas on how to give sponsors back their return on investment and would urge any business who is committed to investing in developing young talent as well as raising their company profile to get in touch," said Blair, who can be contacted on 07989 559745 or by email at blairbrownrallying@gmail.com



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Loch Leven National Nature Reserve

Wildlife photos from around Loch Leven



A robin lends a splash of winter colour amongst the greenery
Photo by Craig Nisbet



A short-eared owl in flight
Photo by Craig Nisbet

Awards galore for Kinross-shire businesses

Several Kinross-shire establishments have enjoyed success in business awards announced at the end of 2015.

At the **Perthshire Chamber of Commerce Business Star Awards**, announced at a glittering ceremony at Crieff Hydro on 20 November, **Loch Leven's Larder** won the accolade 'Independent Retailer of the Year'. This popular, family-run farm shop and café at Wester Balgedie celebrated ten years in business in 2015.

The 'Excellence in Business Innovation' award was won by **Scott Hospitality Services**. The company began a new venture in Spring 2015 when it opened Heaven's Above, a unique dining and events space above their existing Heaven Scent coffee shop in Milnathort. The judges were hugely impressed by the company's ambition in opening a city style venue in a rural location, and by its ongoing efforts to continually improve, engage and innovate.



Andrew Scott, with the Excellence in Business Innovation award

The icing on the cake for this catering company was the announcement that their operations manager, **Hollie Millar**, won 'Employee of the Year', beating off stiff competition from high calibre finalists from across Perthshire.

Andrew Scott, business owner, said: "We are absolutely delighted to be recognised in this way. These awards are testament to our quirky approach to continual improvement and expanding our range of services. Its also a reflection on our amazing team, headed up by Hollie."

Also in 2015, Heaven Scent was the only Scottish finalist in the 'Free From' Eating Out Awards, which recognise establishments that cater for all dietary requirements. The Milnathort coffee shop also received a VisitScotland 'Taste Our Best' award for the third successive year.

In December, the inaugural **Perth & Kinross Business Awards** were announced. There are categories for individual

towns, including Kinross. Awards are won after nomination by the public and then public votes and a mystery shopper test.

'Best Kinross Hair Salon' was named as **The Studio Hair Company**, High Street, Kinross.



The Studio Hair Company was named as 'Best Kinross Hair Salon'

The 'Best Kinross Café' award was won by **Reminisce Coffee Shop**, again in the town's High Street.

The staff at **The Boathouse Loch Leven** were delighted to win the 'Best Kinross Restaurant' award after just six months in business. Proprietor Julie McGrattan said: "We are very lucky to have such an outstanding location: no matter what the weather throws, the views are stunning. We enhance this with a quirky, cosy style of dining, which is being well received." She continued: "The Boathouse's main objectives are to supply great local food, with exceptional service. All the goods we buy come from either local farms or suppliers. This is very important to us. We buy in the ingredients and all dishes, including breads and cakes, are cooked from fresh in our kitchen."



Julie McGrattan (centre) and Boathouse staff with their award

"The team's knowledge on wines and menus is key. They can advise on what works with what, or where the ingredients from each dish come from."

"We also support many local community causes. Our coffee waste goes to Potager Community Garden for compost. Suitable food waste goes to a local lady who rescues battery hens. And we are very happy to be the first sponsor of Broke Not Broken, a local charity who is helping to banish poverty in the area. 10p from every cake sale will be donated here in 2016."

"We would like to thank all our customers for the support they have given us, and we look forward to seeing you all soon."

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Councillor Giacopazzi

Junction Road, Kinross. Following concerns by road users that cars were parking dangerously close to the junction with the High Street, forcing traffic onto the wrong side of the road near the sharp bend, your Ward 8 representatives referred the matter to roads engineers. They recommended placing restrictions on parking close to the junctions; after due process, double yellow lines have now been painted on the road aiding safer and smoother traffic flow.

Also on Junction Road, it was felt that the current 30 mph speed limit was needlessly low, resulting in prosecutions of drivers without in any way contributing to road safety. Accordingly, I shall be formally asking the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee on 20 January to agree to begin the process for raising the limit to 40 mph on Junction Road along much of its length. The 30 mph limit will remain in force on the approach to the mini roundabout to alert drivers that they are re-entering a built up area.

Meanwhile, at **Lathro Farm**, on an area identified for housing in the Development Plan, Persimmon Homes have applied to build 300 new homes over a number of years. The matter was debated at Kinross CC when concerns were raised. As any application for more than 50 houses is considered 'major' in Planning Law, the Development Management Committee on which I sit with Councillors Cuthbert and Barnacle, will decide.

The Council expects to receive a planning application from Persimmon Homes in respect of the former High School site soon. First a satisfactory solution must be found to safeguard the welfare of bats which have taken up residence, uninvited, in one of the old school buildings!

Milnathort Flood Prevention. The necessary, but disruptive, works to increase the capacity of the rainwater drainage in Milnathort are almost done. Subject to weather, the annoying traffic lights at the Cross should be gone by February. Once completed, Scottish Water's £1.7 million scheme will prevent local flooding around the Cross, safeguarding homes from



surcharging sewage. The threat of flooding from the Back Burn (also called the Fochy Burn) remains a possibility although the flood defences completed around 2007 have worked. So far.

Following comments from a concerned resident, I spoke to a Council flood engineer who confirmed that the Back Burn is checked for potential problems biannually and after every high flow event. The burn is on the list of watercourses to be checked again soon. The Council will remove fallen trees and debris. Anything more requires permission from SEPA which will charge upwards of £1,200 for a licence, although in an emergency the Council can act on its own initiative.

Milnathort Town Hall has now undergone refurbishment. In the course of organising a Burns Supper, I have had occasion to inspect the hall and have been delighted by the quality of the work. Better still, the project, which was only made possible with the financial support of the Arthur and Margaret Thomson Trust and the Gannochy Trust, was delivered on time and on budget. The Town Hall Committee deserves full credit for its community-based initiative which will safeguard this village asset for future generations. The hall can be hired for events of all kinds.

Rory. It is with sadness that I report on the passing of Rory the donkey at 34, from liver failure. He was the last remaining resident of the eponymous 'Donkey Field' and was the last of Dr Derek Anderson's donkeys, which at one time numbered over a dozen.

Perth Council Budget. The big current issue is the Council's budget for 2016/17 which we expected was going to be tough. What could not have been anticipated was the Government's cut in the grant to the Council of 3.5% or £7.5 million. The Administration has been working hard with Council officials on a budget to safeguard essential services while making economies necessary to balance the books. This is now the fourth year that I have served on the Budget Review Group. The grant from the Government accounts for around 80% of Councils' income, the balance coming from Council Tax.

Councillor Joe Giacopazzi



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Councillor Barnacle

Local Development Plan 2

Main Issues Report

This was approved by PKC on 16 December 2015 for public consultation ending on 16 March 2016.



Main points I would like to highlight, viz:

No additional housing supply land required in Kinross-shire. Noted Policy changes – a significant change to Policy PM4 – Settlement boundaries with a rewording to allow development on the edge of settlements in specific limited circumstances (Q7).

A minor change to Policy RD5b on gypsy/traveller sites introduced by your local Councillors to reflect need for an adequate distance from existing buildings where generators are used and connection to the grid is questionable. I had wanted a review of this open-door policy but this was all we could get agreement to.

A new policy RD7 to ensure stalled and non-effective housing sites are brought forward and a delivery strategy produced (Q4 & 5).

Main settlements where changes are proposed are Crook of Devon, Kinross and Milnathort. I note that Q32 is an opportunity to comment on any town or village boundary and suggest changes; I think this may be particularly relevant to Balado, Crook of Devon, Kinnesswood, Powmill and Rumbling Bridge.

In **Crook of Devon** a housing site for 50 houses has been introduced by your local Councillors for consultation (Map 32), with support from the Fossoway Community Strategy Group, because of its potential to deliver significant community benefits, i.e. a large roundabout at the junction of the A977 and B9097, a growth project to facilitate expansion of Drum WWTP (currently at capacity), improved footpath and pedestrian crossing facilities, etc. (Q35).

In **Kinross**, Opportunity Site 15 at Lethangie in our current LDP is no longer required for a primary school (Map 29) and is suggested now as a housing site (Map 31) for 100 houses; my view is that this good quality agricultural land should be retained (Q34).

In **Milnathort**, it is proposed to remove Employment Site 19 at Stirling Road in our current LDP (Map 28) (Q33) and to amend the boundary of Opportunity Site 16 at Stirling Road as a result of a Flood Risk assessment (Map30) (Q34).

Questions 36 & 37 seek a response on **options for Blairingone**, whether to retain the existing LDP Map 33 or develop a community plan to replace this, building on the work of the Fossoway Community Strategy Group referred to in Para 7.1.12 of our LDP; I favour the latter approach.

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One amendment introduced successfully on Kinross-shire Infrastructure Capacity by your local Councillors is not included in the MIR but will involve a report being prepared to accompany LDP2 on infrastructure capacity within our county and its ability to support planned growth; issues being cemeteries, drainage, health service, parking, public transport, recreational demand, roads network and schools.

Omissions: I would highlight the following omissions from the MIR that I had made representations on, viz:

- Policy EP7 resists my call for enhanced protection of Loch Leven.
- Policy ER5 resists my call for greater protection for prime agricultural land, in accordance with national planning policy.
- Our current LDP has nine settlements located within the Lochleven catchment area that had their boundaries removed from our previous 2004 Plan, reinstatement is not considered.
- Provision of mains drainage for Carnbo is not mentioned.
- There is no employment site zoning within Crook of Devon or covering our Turfhill Depot.
- The need for Drum to have a local ditch and watercourse management scheme, in the absence of a flood prevention scheme, is not acknowledged.

I strongly urge residents to attend the consultation event on the above on 23 February 2016 at Loch Leven Campus between 3.00 and 8.00pm. [See PKC Notice, p. 22]

N.B. also PKC's website for this:

www.pkc.gov.uk/mainissuesldp2

Signage and Mitigation Measures for the A977 (The Forgotten Road as regards funding)

Copy of an email sent to Jim Valentine, PKC on 15/1/16:

"I enclose an email from my constituent of 29/12/15 regarding the latest accident on the above road and the need for PKC to address its safety for residents. I also refer to previous background correspondence on this subject, remaining deeply unhappy at the position of both PKC and Transport Scotland on the matter.

"The road has been a diversionary route for HGV's since the beginning of December 2015, a position that is set to continue into February 2016 due to engineering problems with the Forth Road Bridge, it will continue to deteriorate as a result and PKC should be lobbying the Scottish Government for financial assistance.

"I note from the Revenue budget Paper 6 at Full Council of 16/12/15 Para 6 that our Capital Budget is to be updated to 2022/23 for consideration on 22/6/16. I now make a further belated request for an OBC to be prepared for the A977, as previously referred to, noting that we have a meeting planned shortly between yourselves and my fellow Ward Councillors at which I intend to raise this, particularly in light of the recent lengthy diversion and proposals in the MIR for our LDP2."

Copy of the email dated 29/12/15 from the constituent:

Hi Mike,

"I see there was yet another accident today on the A977 in the middle of Crook of Devon village. It involved an HGV and a car, which crashed into a wall/garden of a property on the Main Street. I'm not sure if the driver was seriously hurt although she was taken to hospital in an ambulance. This could have been a really serious accident, only a short time before this [---] and I had been walking our dogs on the

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very bit of pavement that the car careered on to. It makes me very concerned for the safety of any pedestrian walking on the Main Street as the volume of traffic passing through the village is the worst that I have ever seen it.

"Is there anything that we can do to put pressure on the council to make the A977 safer? A by-pass would be the most obvious solution. I would be very willing to get involved with any committees or trying to get support from local residents to move the council to take action."

Crook Moss Gypsy/Traveller site in Crook of Devon

Readers may recall my report in the November 2015 edition of the Newsletter. On 13/1/16 a report on the latest position regarding enforcement of conditions came before the Development Management Committee, with both my colleague, Cllr Cuthbert, and myself firing a number of questions to planning officers.

I pointed out that assurances on connection to a mains electricity supply were given in October 2013 and repetition of same does not signify progress.

Concerns remain at the continuing lack of adequate drainage, sewerage and water arrangements since the site was first occupied in March 2012, a clear breach of the protocol on necessary conditions for phosphate mitigation within the Lochleven Catchment which PKC, SEPA and SNH have a statutory duty to protect under Policy EP7. PKC are pressing Scottish Water to complete a flow and load survey of the at-capacity Drum WWTP to see if a short-term connection to the public sewer is possible, an urgency apparently driven by the needs of the gypsy/travellers rather than the other applicants awaiting connection (15 in December 2013). I find this irksome given that both the community and I had lobbied for this environmental improvement scheme and worked on a long-term strategy for the village between 2004 and 2012 to inform our current local development plan, during which there was never any indication of a proposed gypsy/traveller sit at Crook Moss, development at this locus being contrary to PKC's landscape consultancy advice, a fact not presented by the planners to Committee when recommending approval. The Committee were not prepared to leave matters relating to drainage and water until September 2016 as proposed by the planning officers and a further update report was requested and agreed for three months' time.

I took the opportunity to remind planning officers of community concerns regarding site expansion into the so-called 'pony paddock hardcore area' at the time of the original consent (given our experience of the retrospective growth of the Greenacres site), now that a recent application has been lodged for its development, noting that Fossoy CC and SEPA have lodged strong objections; also mentioning the flawed neighbour notification process and asking them to note the relevance of the change to Policy RD5b put forward by local members to the MIR for LDP2 (see my article on this). We await with bated breath the next update in this saga of non-compliance and PKC obfuscation.

*Councillor Mike Barnacle
Independent Councillor for Kinross-shire*

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Councillor Robertson Litter



The winter months are the best time to clear up untidy areas. I have had Gallowhill Road and Stirling Road litter picked recently and I have asked Scottish Water to tidy up the area of ground beside the water treatment plant on Lathangie Road. Please let me know if there are any areas you are aware of that could do with being litter picked and I will try and get them attended to.

Citylink Bus Services

I have still not managed to get the discrepancies in the new Citylink bus timetable addressed by the company. I am hopeful a meeting will be arranged soon with Citylink's senior managers to address the main issues. If this fails I am considering lodging a formal complaint about their lack of willingness to address these issues with the Scottish Transport Commissioners.

Councillor Willie Robertson

Charity sets up flood appeal

Foundation Scotland has established a Flood Recovery Appeal. The appeal will raise funds for the sole purpose of relieving hardship across Scotland caused directly or indirectly by storm damage and flooding in December 2015 and early 2016. Priorities for grant making are: Individuals and families suffering financial hardship; and Community organisations involved in relief and 'community rebuilding' projects.

To support the appeal, Foundation Scotland would like to speak to a number of community organisations who have been affected by flooding with a view to letting people know how they have been affected, and what resources they need to help themselves and their communities recover. This information will help the Foundation demonstrate the need for the appeal. If your community group has been affected by flooding in December 2015 and early January 2016 and you would be willing to share your story, please contact Iain Roxburgh at iain@foundationscotland.org.uk as soon as possible.

No Blythswood collection in Kinross

The charity Blythswood Care is no longer uplifting donations of second hand items in Kinross.

The nearest uplift is in Perth, at Asda. There will be collections there on the following Tuesdays, from 11.30am until 1.30pm: 2 Feb, 8 March, 5 April, 3 May and 7 June.

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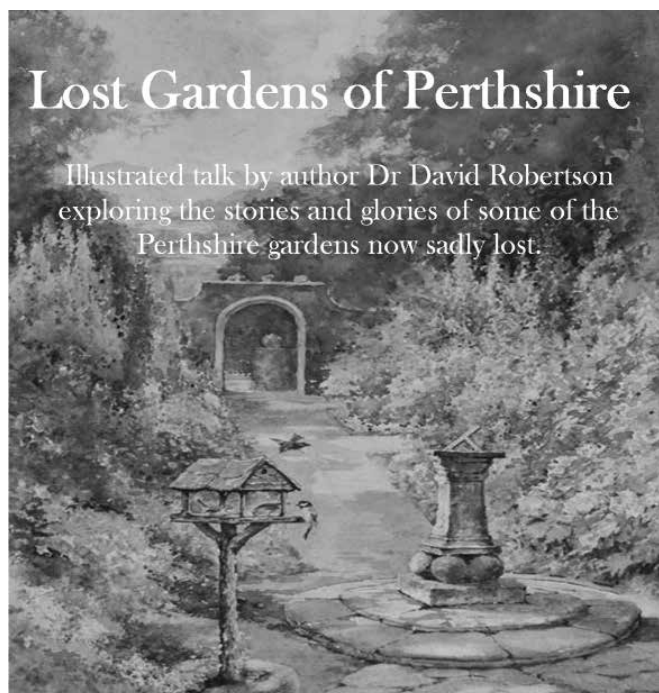
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The Lost Gardens of Perthshire, Thursday 25 February

An illustrated talk by author Dr David Robertson at 2pm. Be enchanted by the stories of a selection of old gardens from around the county which are now either entirely lost or greatly diminished. The gardens featured include the former pleasure grounds of the Dukes of Atholl which attracted visitors to Dunkeld in the 18th and 19th centuries, the Japanese Gardens created at Dundarach House in Pitlochry at the beginning of the 20th century, and the stunning terrace gardens which graced the mansion of Dunira near Comrie between the two World Wars. Free event, but booking essential. For further information and to book a place, please contact the library.



Lost Gardens of Perthshire

Illustrated talk by author Dr David Robertson exploring the stories and glories of some of the Perthshire gardens now sadly lost.

Flooding grants

Perth & Kinross Councillors have approved the process of distributing funding from the Scottish Government for properties flooded in severe weather in July and December 2015 and early 2016.

The flat rate grant of £1,500 per property can be used for households, businesses, community groups (such as sports clubs) and charitable organisations to help with the following:

- To reimburse eligible households for not receiving the full benefit of services they pay for through Council Tax while absent from their home due to internal property flooding.
- To enable people to protect their homes and businesses against future floods by installing new flood barriers, or by carrying out flood resilient repairs such as replacing doors and windows with water resistant alternatives, or moving electricity sockets up to a safer level.

Only those properties which were directly affected by flooding, where there was an inundation of water within their premises, on 17 July 2015, 4-6 December 2015, 29-31 December or in early January 2016 will be eligible to apply for the grant and this remains the only qualifying criteria. Properties which suffered inundation of the garden only or of outbuildings, sheds and the like, will not be eligible to apply. In order to ensure that grant money is paid to those who suffered internal property damage, evidence to support the application must be supplied. This can include:

- Photographs/videos of the property flooding
- Independent report from emergency services or local authority attending the property during the flooding event
- Independent report e.g. from an insurance company that visited after the event
- Evidence of a call to the emergency services and/or the local authority advising that property flooding was occurring

Eligibility details and an online application form can be found at www.pkc.gov.uk/floodingsupportgrant or applicants can call PKC's Customer Service Centre on 01738 475000.

Microchip your dog: it's the law

By law, all dogs must be microchipped by 6 April 2016.

The charity Dogs Trust is holding a FREE microchipping session at the Millbridge Hall, Old Causeway, Kinross, on **Monday 15 February**, from 11.30am until 3pm.

- This is open to all dogs, working and pets.
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News from the Health Centre



Cervical Screening Awareness Week (CSAW)

24 - 30 Jan 2016

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



- In the UK, 22% of women still do not attend their cervical screening.
- Cervical screening is NOT a test to find cancer. It is a screening test to detect abnormalities (pre-cancer) at an early stage in the cells in the cervix.
- Around 3,000 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer in the UK each year.
- Regular cervical screening provides a high degree of protection against developing cervical cancer and is offered free on the NHS.
- It is estimated that early detection and treatment through cervical screening saves 5000 lives a year in the UK.
- Having regular cervical screening offers the best protection against developing cervical cancer.
- If you are feeling anxious beforehand, ask a member of your family or friend to accompany you. Your practice nurse or GP will be happy to talk through any anxieties that you have prior to your cervical screening appointment.

Please take up your invitation to attend your cervical screening test. It saves lives. If you have received an invitation letter, please call our Reception Team on 01577 862112 and ask for an appointment for a smear test. Further information is available on the website of Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust: www.jostrust.org.uk Tel: 0808 802 8000.

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Blood Tests and how to obtain your results

Most blood tests have to be done in the morning as they have to go to the laboratory in PRI for analysis and there is only one collection each day at 12.30pm.

For most routine tests, analysis will be complete within a week, though certain tests can take several weeks to analyse. The person who takes the blood test will be able to advise on how long analysis should take. The analysis results are sent electronically by the laboratory and they go straight into the relevant patient's electronic clinical record.

The clinician who ordered the test receives a copy of the results so that they can review them. If the test was done prior to a planned review appointment, e.g. an annual diabetic or heart disease review, the results will be discussed with the patient at that review appointment. For all other results, the clinician will make a comment about the result and ask the Reception Team to take any necessary action e.g. contacting the patient to make an appointment to discuss the results. The Reception Team will be advised whether this is urgent, or whether a routine appointment will be sufficient.

If no action is required, patients will not be contacted. However, patients are welcome to contact the Reception Team to enquire about their test results if they wish. Please wait at least a week before doing so, to ensure that the results have been returned to the practice and been reviewed by your clinician. Please also ensure that we have your up to date address and telephone numbers so that we can contact you if necessary.

Protect your pipes

Scottish Water is reminding householders to follow its simple winter code to protect pipes and keep the water cycle running smoothly. The key advice is:

Heat: Warmth offers the best protection against frozen pipes, so leave your heating on a low setting or set it to come on a couple of times a day. If you are going away, ensure someone can visit regularly to check for any problems. If the property is vacant over winter, turn off the water supply and drain the system.

Insulate: Ensure your pipes and water tanks are properly insulated. Pipes don't like the cold, whether they are outdoor or indoor, metal or plastic, new or old. Pipes, tanks or toilet cisterns in unheated outbuildings or exposed places should also be properly insulated. If not in use over winter, have them drained.

Protect: Dripping water increases the risk of freezing, so repair any leaks at taps or valves as soon as possible. Also reduce draughts, which can cause frozen pipework, by fitting draught excluders on doors and windows.

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Time to go again – Ethiopia here we come!

February is here once again. For Maureen and I, and the Ethiopia Medical Project (EMP), that means it is time to set off once again to remote Southern Ethiopia, to see how things are going in Buccama, the little clinic we support, and set to and help as best we can. We put our fund raising efforts from the past year to work. So much has happened this year that the clinic has been constantly on our minds.

Firstly, famine has again struck in Ethiopia, and the harvest has failed. Although things are slightly better in the South than in the North, it does mean that focus will not solely be on the simple health issues of our “Mothers”.

Secondly, when we left last year, the little bit of subsidy that they had from the local Bishop was withdrawn, due to his own lack of funds. If they could not pay their staff, the clinic would have to close, and if that happened 22,000 people or so would have to trek huge distances for their medical needs. This is over and above the needs of our “Prolapse Mothers”, who are our primary interest, but how could we say no and not try to help?

The salary bill for 15 people for one month is £1000. That pays four qualified nurses, and ten others who work here: guards, cleaners, pharmacist and admin staff.

We agreed that we could pay five months of salaries, and a group of Italian Doctors, who were visiting when we there, agreed to pay seven months. Sadly, they were not able to fulfil their promise, so we took up the slack thanks

to very generous donations, and frantic fundraising efforts over the year.

This has been our best year so far, with two grants of £6000, one of £5000, and a one-off of £1000 from a friend who just said, “I can do a month of salaries”, and he was true to his promise.

Other monies trickle in from “Pants and Pounds” parties, talks to Rotary Clubs locally, Guilds and Rurals. We have been so lucky and we are so grateful for everything. Perthshire, Kinross-shire, Fife and Greater Glasgow people have been fabulous in helping us: **a big THANK YOU to all of you!**

We set off on 17 February, once again with full bags of essentials and goodies, plus the financial necessity for the clinic’s survival in 2016.

We cannot promise forever, so we go, as they do, from day to day, from month to month and from year to year. This is our sixth year and it still goes from strength to strength.

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Recent crime locally

Fuel was stolen from a vehicle at the **G S Brown site** in **Kinross** over the weekend of 13-14 November 2015.

An attempt was made to break into **Kinross Stamp Shop** overnight on Wednesday 11 November.

Two Land Rovers and a **quad bike** were stolen from **Scotlandwell** overnight from Monday 16 November to Tuesday 17 November. Two of these vehicles have been recovered and enquiry is under way to identify those responsible.

A house in **Crook of Devon** was broken into during the day on Tuesday 17 November.

A **generator** was stolen from a farm at **Drunzie, Glenfarg**, between 2 and 3 December.

There was a **theft** from an insecure vehicle in McWilliam Place, **Kinross**, overnight on Thursday 10 December.

On the same night, a white Ford transit van was stolen from **AJ Spence Engineers**, South Street, Milnathort. It was found the next day in Stirling Road, Milnathort.

Another vehicle, a yellow van, was stolen from **AJ Spence** on Saturday 12 December. The vehicle was found the next night at Brunthill Haulage Yard. There are three male suspects for this crime.

A **cash box** was stolen from commercial premises at Hepburn Motors, **Crook of Devon**, in the early hours of Saturday 12 December.

A silver Ifor Williams **trailer** was stolen from a farm in **Cleish** on the afternoon of Thursday 17 December.

The Scottish Gliding Union premises at Portmoak Airfield, **Scotlandwell**, were broken into overnight on Thursday 17 December.

Dobbies Garden Centre in **Kinross** was broken into between 1800 on Friday 18 December and 0800 on Saturday 19 December and a large quantity of candles stolen.

Two quad bikes were stolen from farms at **Easter Balgedie** between Tuesday 29 and Thursday 31 December. One is a green Yamaha Bruin YFM 350 quad bike and the other is a dark blue, relatively new, imported quad bike.

Fuel was stolen from a lorry parked at **Brunthill Farm** between Monday 28 December and Thursday 31 December. In **Cleish** an Ifor Williams **trailer** was stolen from a yard between midnight and 7am on Thursday 31 December.

A **caterpillar machine** parked at **Chance Inn Farm** had component parts removed and stolen sometime between 4.15pm on Monday 4 January and 8am on 5 January 2016. This crime would take some hours to commit and would require a large good vehicle to remove the parts.

A **red Suzuki quad bike** was stolen from a property situated on the A91 between **Yetts o' Muckhart** and **Carnbo** overnight on Thursday 14 January. Either a trailer or transit type van would have been required.

If anyone has information on any of the above crimes, please contact the Police. (See Police Scotland – local community, right, for details.)

Arrest

It was announced on 21 January that a 28-year-old-man has been charged in connection with a series of crimes committed at business premises and farms throughout North East Fife in December and January. A second man, aged 29, has also been reported to the Procurator Fiscal in connection

with these offences. Enquiries continue into any links with similar crimes in Perth and Kinross.

Forensic Security Marking

Following a recent spike in the number of rural dishonesty thefts of quad bikes, trailers and agricultural equipment in Perth and Kinross and surrounding areas, Police Scotland urge those in the more rural areas to be extra vigilant in looking out for suspicious vehicles and persons as well as reviewing existing security measures. One option is to forensically mark equipment vulnerable to theft. These products are available from several companies, including SelectaDNA.

Property can be secured within seconds by simply brushing the solution onto valuable goods. Once applied SelectaDNA dries hard and is virtually impossible to remove. The tamper resistant warning stickers supplied with each kit can then be applied, instantly making all marked property too-hot-to-handle for would be thieves. The code from each batch of SelectaDNA is then recorded on a secure database, creating an instant link between any recovered items and their owners. As well as the DNA identifier, the solution contains 1000s of tiny microdots, each containing the database phone number and unique owner's code. This gives the Police the ability to positively ID a recovered item on the spot. This product can be used on industrial machinery, tools, motor vehicles, quad bikes and much more.

What are your priorities for your Police?

The Scottish Government has launched its broadest ever initiative to gather views on what the people of Scotland would like from their police service.

Further information can be found on the Scottish Government website:

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Justice/policies/police-fire-rescue/police-scotland/StrategicPolicePriorities>

Responses can be submitted until **Friday 12 February** and the results of this first stage will be used to draft revised Strategic Police Priorities which will then be the subject of a further consultation.

Police Scotland – local community

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Community Council News



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Kinross Community Council

News from the EGM

Present at the EGM held on 2 December 2015 were: CCllrs W Freeman, D Colliar, T Stewart, B Davies, D MacKenzie, D West, B Davies, M Scott, M Blyth and J Bryson; P&K Cllrs D Cuthbert and J Giacopazzi and seven members of the public.

Apologies: CCllr E Thomas and P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and W Robertson.

The start of the meeting was chaired by Cllr Cuthbert. He explained that an election was held recently as 12 nominations were received for 11 vacancies. He read out the names of the 11 candidates who were duly elected. Following this, the **election of Chairman** took place. W Freeman was proposed by CCllr Colliar, seconded by CCllr MacKenzie and unanimously carried. At this point CCllr Freeman took over the Chair.

Other office bearers: Vice Chair: David Mackenzie. Treasurer: Ian Jack. Secretary and Data Controller: Margaret Scott. Planning: David Colliar.

Sub Committees: Agreed to arrange a meeting to arrange sub-committees at the earliest opportunity.

The Code of Conduct, Standing Orders and Constitution were all agreed.

Report on Financial Position: The Treasurer read out a statement of income and expenditure for the current financial year. The Remembrance Wreaths had been paid and the CC awaits repayment from the various groups. Currently the CC can spend up to £700 in each financial year. At the end of the financial year the Council issue a payment to raise the funds held to £700.

CC Meetings will be held in the Masonic Hall on the first Wednesday of each month.

News from the December Meeting

Present: as above.

Declarations of Interest: CCllrs Freeman, Colliar, Scott and Blyth declared an interest in the application for Newsletter funding in relation to Light Up Kinross.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Mr Alexander asked if the minute could reflect correctly the statement made by him at the last meeting regarding the junction at the Muirs. He asked if consideration could be given to double yellow lines at this locus. It was agreed to accept this amendment to the last minutes.

Police Report: No Police representative was present.

Newsletter Fund Disbursements

Hockey Club: Thank you letter received.

Light Up Kinross (LUK): Four CCllrs declared an interest in this application. LUK requesting £2,000 for maintenance, erection and dismantling of the Christmas lights, payment of insurance, new tree lights etc. Decision deferred until January; more information required.

Kinnesswood in Bloom: Requesting financial support in relation to a £25,000 project involving the landscaping of an area of land. Applications have been submitted to a number of sources. CCllr Freeman suggested an award of £500 and this was carried six for and three against.

Caitlin Duffy, formerly a Kinross High School pupil, now studying in St Andrews, is one of six UK finalists in a Chemistry Competition in London and looking for funding to support travelling costs. As this application does not meet the relevant criteria no payment can be awarded.

Kinross Buildings

Former High School site: Awaiting planning application.

New Primary School: CCllr MacKenzie met with one of the neighbours and has passed comments to the project team. Any queries, contact CCllrs MacKenzie or Bryson.

Planning

15/01990/FLL 5 The Nurseries, Balado: extension.

15/01901/LBC Kirklands Hotel: alterations to building.

15/01725/FLL Site of 192 High Street, erection of 3 flats.

15/01800/FLL 18 Swansacre: installation of replacement windows and doors.

15/01512/FLM Land 300m northwest of Lathro Farm: erection of 300 dwelling houses, formation of open space, landscaping and associated infrastructure works. Action: request an extension to allow full discussion on this matter. CCllrs to meet to discuss followed by decision at January CC meeting.

Planning Application Refused by PKC: 13/01379/FLL, Land 110 metres southeast of Beaufield, Balado: erection of 8 dwellings with associated access road, parking bays, turning areas and drainage arrangements. The applicant has appealed to the Scottish Government.

Planning Applications Approved by PKC:

15/01806/FLL 6 Argyll Court: extension to dwelling house.

15/01682/CON 3 Brewery Lane: demolition of outbuilding (renewal of permission (12/01416/CON)).

15/01694/DOM4 125 Lathro Park: alteration.

15/01579/DOM3 34 Levenbridge: extension.

15/01374/AMDOM4 12 Talla Park: amendment to roof bearing wall and installation of roof light.

15/01646/DOM3 16 Lathro Park, conversion of garage to form habitable room.

Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors

- Cllr Cuthbert commented on the **budget** in February and the cuts to be made.
- **Development Plan:** Cllr Giacopazzi updated those present. Several amendments had been suggested and accepted.

Correspondence: Draft Strategic and Joint Commissioning Plan: As part of the ongoing work to integrate Health and Social Care in P&K, the CC has been invited to participate in consultation.

Bus Service/MSP: The Secretary had overlooked contacting the MSP in relation to the bus service. There was a poor attendance at the Stagecoach launch. Suggestion made that we leave this until next month and await further comments. Cllr Giacopazzi advised that the X56 route at 5.15 from Edinburgh takes 80 minutes and is a cheaper fare.

Remembrance Day Parade: CCllr Colliar was disappointed at the low numbers of CC present at this event. He continued that another concern was in relation to the Ex-Servicemen's wreath. It had been agreed at an earlier CC meeting that we continue to purchase and arrange for an Ex-Servicemen's

wreath to be laid. This year a "Veterans" wreath was purchased. The Secretary/Chairman explained that each year we are advised that this should now be a wreath for the "Veterans". CCllr Colliar stated that the wreath was to commemorate the local Ex-Servicemen and should be continued. It was suggested that a meeting be arranged with interested parties early next year to discuss this matter.

Kinross CC Noticeboard: Is this yet in place?

Organisations: Comment was made to the Foodbank and other organisations in Kinross. CCllr Mackenzie added that a network of organisations/groups would be a way forward with a co-ordinator to administer the works. Suggestion made that we discuss this at a future meeting.

Affordable Housing/Social Housing: A question was raised in relation to PKC policy and the relationship with Kinross. Cllr Cuthbert replied that this was still being researched, however reported that there were 117 people on the waiting list and seven top priority in Kinross. The difficulty is in finding viable sites at the right price.

Yellow lines on Muirs: Due to current weather conditions this will not take place until 2016.

Montgomery Way: The pathway to the rear of this development is dangerously slippery with ice. This path is not adopted by PKC and is in the ownership of GS Brown. It was suggested that the CC contact the site agent.

Sutherland Drive, Springfield Road, Wilson Court: These areas were highlighted regarding access for prams, and rainwater lying due to blocked or faulty drains.

Regeneration works: There is a puddle outside Complete Look (in alley). A member of the public mentioned again the parking of cars in the area near the Town Hall and the lack of yellow lines. There is no disabled parking anywhere on the High Street.

Light Up Kinross: M Shepherd complained about the display erected on the wall at her premises. She added that the stonework is warped. CCllr Colliar answered that there have been mounting poles on this wall for many years.

News from the January Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 6 January 2016 were: CCllrs Freeman, MacKenzie, Scott, Blyth, Colliar, Stewart, Davies, Bryson, Jack and Thomas; P&K Cllrs Giacopazzi, Cuthbert and Barnacle and 14 members of the public. **Apologies:** CCllr West and P&K Cllr Robertson

Declarations of Interest: CCllrs Freeman, Colliar, Scott and Jack regarding Light Up Kinross; CCllr MacKenzie who volunteers for Broke Not Broken.

Minutes of Meeting held on 2 December 2015

Under correction of the insertion of CCllr Jack who was present at both meetings, the previous minutes were proposed by CCllr Colliar and seconded by CCllr Blyth.

Police Report: A list of incidents was read out. [See p. 25.]

Youth issues in Sandport and Kirkgate continue. The Police and PKC agreed to carry out a door-to-door survey in order to more accurately gauge the extent of the issue. 60 properties were visited in Sandport, Sandport Gait, Sandport Close, Pier Road and Old Causeway. 20 households responded. Six households believed there had been an increase in antisocial behaviour and 14 households believed there had been no increase. All households stated that the main form of antisocial behaviour related to youth issues, under-age drinking, vandalism, verbal abuse and intimidating behaviour. The Community Policing Team will continue to carry out patrols and monitor the situation.

CCllr MacKenzie asked if we could check with the Police for any correlation between youth antisocial behaviour following on the refurbishment of the High Street, particularly in the evenings/weekends in the shared space areas. Do these areas encourage youths to congregate? The Secretary will ask the Police.

MSP/bus service: CCllr Colliar asked if an approach had been made to the MSP. The Secretary believed that this was on hold. Cllr Barnacle has written regarding this matter and stressed that full use should be made of the Park and Ride. He is to copy the CC in to this communication. Cllr Cuthbert added that we should continue to press for a railway station in Kinross. It was agreed that the CC invite the Minister of Transport to attend a CC meeting.

Newsletter Fund Disbursements

Light Up Kinross requesting funding of £2,000 for maintenance and costs for erection of lights. LUK's income is derived through fundraising, traders' contributions and a Rotary donation. The bank balance is around £1,900, which will cover the expense of erecting and dismantling the lights in 2015. There are no funds, as yet, for the switch on in 2016. LUK are also applying for funding to different sources to enhance the existing display by purchasing new lights. CCllr MacKenzie proposed that longer term funding should be considered to allow Light Up Kinross an opportunity to plan ahead for future years. He proposed that £1,500 be awarded for years 2016 and 2017 with a donation of £1,000 in years 2018 and 2019, the total funding for these years to be provided now. CCllr Thomas replied that in terms of the criteria set out for applications, funding does not cover general running costs. CCllr Davies proposed that LUK provide a current financial statement, budget proposals and business strategy for the continuation of LUK and was seconded by CCllr Thomas. A vote was taken with three in favour, one against and two abstaining. Action: LUK to provide further information.

Glenfarg Folk Club asking for funding towards the costs in hosting the Glenfarg Folk Feast in Kinross in April. The budget deficit is £1,300. CCllr MacKenzie said this again would appear to be running costs, CCllr Thomas replied that this was a community event. Mention was made to funding from Glenfarg Newsletter/ Wind Farm and the fact that, although they intend to run the event in Kinross, Glenfarg is outwith our jurisdiction for funding. CCllr MacKenzie proposed that we reject this application and was seconded by CCllr Colliar. CCllr Thomas proposed, as the event is being



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held in Kinross, that it should be supported and suggested a contribution of £300. No seconder came forward. Application rejected.

Broke Not Broken Foodbank: Asking for funding [of up to £2018] towards purchase of tables, chairs, office supplies [and upgrading of St Paul's Church premises]. CCllr Thomas suggested that they approach local businesses for donations of items. CCllr Davies suggested a contribution of £500 and was seconded by CCllr Thomas. Action: A payment of £500 to be made.

Old Arngask Graveyard Preservation Group asked about timescale for application. CCllr Davies to reply.

When discussing the applications above, comment was made to "general running costs". CCllr Thomas suggested that a sub-committee could review the guidance wording for donations. The Memorandum and Articles also require amendment.

Kinross Buildings

New Primary School: CCllr MacKenzie reported on a meeting he attended with CCllr Bryson and Cllrs Cuthbert and Giacomazzi. An alteration to the original plans has now been agreed between the architect and members of the senior staff and, although still being discussed, the construction firm have provided information on the process regarding timing/access for heavy vehicle traffic and the play area limitations for the children. One area of concern is that the plans for the sport hall include a flat roof. There are also lighting issues.

Planning Applications (on which no comments made)

15/02158/FLL Former Warehouse Pier Road: erection of two dwelling houses.

15/02152/FLL Land 50 metres northwest of Bellfield House, Balado: modification of permission 13/02161/FLL (erection of 2 dwelling houses and garages) subdivide plot 1 into two plots.

15/02071/FLL Land 70 metres east of Monega House, Hatchbank: erection of 3 dwelling houses.

Applications Approved by PKC:

15/01839/FLL 8 Springfield Road: alterations and formation of vehicular access.

15/01766/IPL Land 250m south of Gellybank Farm, variation of condition 4A (foul drainage) of permission 15/00669/IPL for the erection of holiday lodges.

15/00100/FLL Costcutter Supermarket: demolition of shop and erection of 2 retail units, 1 hot food take away and 5 flats.

15/01990/FLL 5 The Nurseries, Balado: extension to house.

15/01382/AML 3 Brewery Lane: erection of a dwelling house (approval of matters specified in conditions).

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

15/0164/FLL Land 90 metres west of 23 Montgomery Way, Junction Road: erection of office buildings, formation of storage area, siting of storage containers, landscaping and associated works.

15/01901/LBC Kirklands Hotel: alterations.

15/01845/FLL Oaksdown, Ardgairney: installation of an air source heat pump.

Planning Permission Appeal: Land 110 metres southeast of Beaufield, Balado. The Reporter is to make a site inspection on Friday 8 January at 12.30. The CC can send representation. CCllr Davies may be able to attend.

Planning Application for 300 houses

15/01512/FLM Land 300 metres northwest of Lathro Farm: erection of 300 dwelling houses, formation of open space, landscaping and associated infrastructure works. This was discussed by the majority of community councillors at a recent meeting. There are some serious concerns over this application,

which the CC will highlight to PKC. These include: density; effect on education and health services; flooding; and access. Mr Lawrie said that Gallowhill Road should be entirely paved and also adapted for cycling. The motorway junction will also require improvement to accommodate this level of traffic. The CC would prefer the old High School site to be developed before Lathro Farm development. (Persimmon are the builders in both applications.) Cllrs Giacomazzi and Cuthbert to enquire about this.

The LDP shows the number of houses for this site as 260 (140 houses up to year 2024).

Mention was made to the process in relation to Neighbour Notification, Environmental Impact Statement and the Planning Application. 21 days were allowed for comment regarding the Environmental Impact Statement but only 14 days in relation to the Planning Application. A member of the public advised that he lived close by this proposed development but did not receive Notification. The distance set for such Neighbour Notification is 20 metres. Cllr Giacomazzi advised that he was attending the Planners Scotland Meeting in Glasgow the following week and would raise these matters. Mr Miles commented on information he had received from the Council in relation to planning and was asked to provide this for CC reference.

Reports from Councillors

Cllr Giacomazzi has reported the issue with the **drains** at Wilson Court and at the zebra crossing in Springfield Road.

Cllr Cuthbert commented on the council **budget** for this coming year.

Cllr Barnacle spoke about the **A977**. The possibility of trunking is well into the future.

Development Plan: The Main Issues Report and associated Environmental Report are now open for consultation. [See p. 22.] Cllr Barnacle advised that the opportunity site at Lethangie planned for the new Primary School has now been zoned for housing. Cllr Barnacle referred to capacity in relation to infrastructure, health service, public transport etc and will forward the CC a copy of documentation.

Correspondence

Citylink Bus Service: Response received. Whilst the number of Citylink journeys between Kinross and Edinburgh has reduced, Citylink along with Parks of Hamilton and Stagecoach East Scotland continue to provide a large number of journeys between Kinross and Edinburgh. Although the Stagecoach East Scotland journeys have longer journey times than the previous Citylink journeys, had the Citylink journeys remained, they would have increased the journey time quite substantially to cater for the worsening traffic congestion when travelling to and from Edinburgh in the peak periods. They will continue to review the changes made and consider the feedback received from customers, community councils and local authorities.

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Developer Contributions Supplementary Guidance Consultation: Revision available for consultation until 19 February. See PKC website.

Social Prescribing: Communication received regarding a new service in partnership with PKC and the NHS. It is about linking people up to activities in the community that they might benefit from.

Play Area, Lathro Park: Communication received from PKC Community Greenspace advising of proposed refurbishment works to the park in 2016. Consultation is to be carried out early this year to establish the needs of the community with the planned works commencing in Spring 2016. There was confusion regarding the location of this park and the Secretary was asked to clarify this with PKC.

Other Business

Roads: CCllr Stewart advised of a hole in the road opposite the entrance to Chance Inn Farm.

Social Housing: CCllr Davies questioned whether there was a policy strategy for social housing, explaining by this he was referring to rented accommodation. It is proposed that the Lathro site include 25% affordable housing. Our understanding is that Social Housing refers to rented accommodation, whereas Affordable Housing refers to the lower end of the purchase ladder. It was pointed out that Kinross is in dire need of rented accommodation. Cllr Giacomazzi will raise this with PKC.

High Street: CCllr Thomas questioned whether all works are now complete and if a further bus stop was to be added. It was confirmed that no further bus stops are to be placed on the street. Mr Miles had emailed with issues regarding crossing the High Street and CCllr Scott agreed that there had been incidents at the crossing outside the Co-op. Cllr Giacomazzi added that the project manager toured the High Street following the works and these matters were looked at. It was commented that a certain amount of education is required as some people do not understand the concept. Speed of the traffic on the High Street was also raised. Mr Miles asked if the CC would support his comments regarding the High Street and another member of the public questioned whether a Road Safety Ordinance had been carried out. The Secretary is to circulate Mr Miles' letter to CC members.

Sub-Committees: Postponed to the February meeting.

Yellow lines: Due to the weather, no works would take place, but these were scheduled for later in the year.

Fountain: A funding application for £20,000 lodged in September has been rejected. TRACKS are still willing to go forward with this project and encouragement has been received from other funders to lodge applications.

TRACKS: Mr Lawrie advised that there are a number of projects ongoing and mentioned Crook of Devon to Kinross railway line; complete cycle way from Crook of Devon to Kinross and a planning application and funding for a walkway from Vane Farm to Lochore Meadows. Also succeeded in the route for the Heritage Trail up to Loch Leven Farm Shop.

Former High School site: CCllr Thomas questioned Cllr Cuthbert in relation to the submission of the planning application as he had mentioned previously that Persimmon intended to lodge all applications at the same time. The Lathro application has now been submitted. He was unable to answer this, but it was noted that at a recent meeting of the Property Sub-Committee, Councillors agreed to extend Persimmon's deadline for obtaining planning consent (or lodging and appeal) to 2017.

The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 3 February 2016 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

Agenda for the Meeting on 3 February

(1) Apologies. (2) Declarations of Interest. (3) Minutes of Meeting of 6 January. (4) Police Report. (5) Matters arising from Minutes of Meeting of 6 January. (6) Newsletter Fund disbursement. (7) Kinross Buildings. (8) New primary school. (9) Sub groups. (10) Planning matters. (11) Reports by P&K Councillors. (12) Correspondence. (13) Other Competent Business. (14) Date of Next Meeting (2 March).

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

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News from the December Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 8 December 2015 were: CCllrs M Strang Steel, B Calderwood, R Cairncross, A Robertson, T Smith and C Vlasto; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, D Cuthbert, J Giacopazzi and W Robertson; and 10 members of the public. **Apologies** were received from CCllrs D Morris and S Forde; and PC Jim Wilson.

Portmoak Cemetery: A solution to the problem could be found were a suitable plot of land to be identified.

Police Report: The CC noted the monthly police report and recent Commander's bulletins.

Treasurer's Report: General account £527.40. MBW account £874.12. It was agreed that the Treasurer be given access to view the bank statements on-line and to produce them for audit purposes. All other banking transactions would be conducted in the existing manner with two signatures for each cheque.

Planning – New Applications

15/01834/FLL Leven Glen Nursing Home, Glenlomon: Demolition of Nursing Home and erection of 14 dwelling houses and associated works. Given the interest in this development and the comparative brevity of the consultation period, the CC had sought and been granted an extension to the period for making comment until after its next meeting due to be held on 12 January. A preliminary discussion at this meeting would be concluded at the January meeting when the views of the CC would be confirmed and soundings in the community taken into account.

15/02009/FLL Well County Inn, Scotlandwell: Installation of biomass boiler and erection of cabin. No comment.

15/01922/FLL Site of former Arnot Lint Auchmuirbridge: Demolition of dwelling house and erection of replacement dwelling house. No comment.

15/02039/FLL Renewal of permission 12/02066/FLL (alteration and replacement of radome), Meteorological Station, Munduff Hill, Auchmuirbridge. No comment.

Planning – Progress with Developments

Arrangements at Whitecraigs consequent on departure of the developer. A resident speaking on behalf of five neighbouring properties expressed concern that the high False Cypress hedge which bordered their properties would not now be cut back. The recent procedure of "raising the crown" was not adequate. There were a number of disadvantages arising from the hedge, not least diminished natural light. As a result of discussion the resident will now explore with PKC whether an intervention under the High Hedge legislation would be relevant and include Ward Councillors, A & J Stephen and the CC in her correspondence. In addition the CC will seek clarity from both PKC and the developer, A & J Stephen, on the ownership and maintenance of residual landscaped and non-landscaped plots across the Whitecraigs development.

Roads Report: CCllr Calderwood reported that: a decision by PKC setting out the arrangements (including speed restrictions) for the proposed "Green Route" from the A911 along the Dryside Road to the county boundary was awaited; and that the hierarchy of gritting arrangements as they affected Portmoak (including pavements) would be clarified. Arrangements for the trial 20mph limits in Easter Balgedie, Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell, if confirmed, were anticipated shortly. Concern that the approach to the new Gullet bridge coming north on the B920 lacked adequate warning signage

on the bridge would be explored. The damaged bollard on the build-out in Kinnesswood, as approached from Easter Balgedie, had been reported and a replacement or repair sought.

Paths Report: CCllr Smith reported on the effect of weather on the upper stretches of the Michael Bruce Way. There would be a number of repairs to make but in general the work undertaken over the summer had held up well.

With the support of TRACKS there had been a successful meeting at Lochend Farm Shop to examine the practicality of commissioning the new path from the Shop through Levenmouth to join the Heritage Trail. A project to take this forward led by TRACKS, working with the respective owners, was now in hand.

P&K Integration Joint Board for Health and Social Care

This is an important matter and these proposals are significant arrangements which could affect all Portmoak residents. The new Joint Board had commissioned a consultation on the arrangements proposed. An aging population and a drive to deliver more care in the community would mean changes to the delivery of both health and social care. Led by CCllr Alison Robertson, the CC would finalise its response before the required date of 25 January.

Ward Councillor Reports

Cllr Cuthbert had sought sight of the report examining the relationship between CC decisions to make a planning objection and decisions taken under delegated powers or by the Development Management Committee for the same applications. He reported that there was work underway to make the PKC website easier to use; and that he had progressed concerns about the siting of the broadband cabinet at Wester Balgedie.

Cllr Barnacle commented that the process to confirm the next PKC budget was underway and that funds would be increasingly squeezed. The Main Issues Report would be published for consultation before the year's end and it would include: a recommendation to look more critically at infrastructure provisions to sustain new developments; the use of generators on travelling folk sites; and arrangements for a new area for development at Crook of Devon.

Cllr Giacopazzi confirmed the pressure on the forthcoming budget.

News from the January Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 12 January 2016 were: CCllrs M Strang Steel (Chairman), B Calderwood, R Cairncross (Secretary), A Robertson, S Forde, D Morris, T Smith and C Vlasto; P&K Cllr D Cuthbert; PC A Spalding and 22 members of the public. **Apologies:** P&K Cllrs W Robertson, M Barnacle and J Giacopazzi.

Police Report: The CC noted the monthly report. There had been further local thefts (2 quad bikes stolen from Easter Balgedie) and an overnight intrusion into a hangar at Portmoak airfield. The Commander's Bulletins of 10, 24, 31 December and of 7 January were noted.

Treasurer's Report: The general account at the month end of December was £473.34 while the MBW account remained unaltered £874.12, giving a total of funds on hand of £1,347.55.

Planning – New Applications

15/01834/FLL Leven Glen Nursing Home, Glenlomon: demolition of Nursing Home and erection of 14 detached 4/5 bedroom dwelling houses. The CC's views were informed

by individual objections made to PKC, from correspondence reflecting the opinion of the residents of Wester Balgedie, by comments from PKC Road Safety department following a site visit and by the views expressed by residents from both Glenlomond and Wester Balgedie at a well-attended Council meeting.

If this development is completed there would be some 60 dwellings within Glenlomond village and further four nearby. All would depend on a narrow and twisting mile-long access road which passed through the conservation village of Wester Balgedie where the road is particularly narrow with three bends providing almost no forward visibility.

In principle the CC supported the replacement of the defunct nursing home with a residential development. However, it objected to this application for the following reasons:

- the design of the housing proposed. This was not exceptional and the height of some of the properties at 2.5 storeys was excessive and, in context, disproportionate. The CC would favour properties of no more than 2 storeys.
- the access route to the development within Glenlomond. This would be inconvenient to current residents and place them, including children, at unnecessary risk. The CC supported the evaluation of an alternative and more direct route into the development starting near the main entrance to Glenlomond.
- the property on plot 14 would occupy a unique position set apart from the main development. It relied on the use of high amenity value land and a steep and limited direct access onto the narrow Dryside Road. As this is the primary access route to Glenlomond (where sightlines are poor and where there is no provision for roadside parking) as well as providing an attractive entrance to the village, the CC objected to a house on this plot.
- the access route through the conservation village of Wester Balgedie and onwards to Glenlomond. The CC noted the increasing number of large vehicles (HGVs, buses, tractors and trailers, tankers, large commercial vans) which find transit of Wester Balgedie challenging. Residents' properties and cars had been struck and damaged and banking and verges continually eroded. The increase in vehicular traffic put the safety of pedestrians and other non-motorised users within the village at risk as there were no footpaths and high banking made seeking refuge difficult. Opportunities for such vehicles to pass on the road beyond Wester Balgedie were also very restricted. The CC recognised that there is an urgent need to take pressure off this access route by better management of the traffic using it. It objects to work on this development commencing before all improvements identified for the access road are evaluated and, taking account of local priorities, provided. Without such provisions the construction phase will exacerbate an already difficult situation.

In general the CC noted that:

- greater diversity across newly commissioned housing within Portmoak would not be met by this development. There is a need for affordable housing and for smaller homes to meet the requirements of those purchasing their first home, for single people and for the elderly who seek to "down-size".
- arising from this application, the longer term planning matter of improvement to the road junction at the Balgedie

Toll linked to options for a short route to Glenlomond by-passing Wester Balgedie should be explored.

Progress with developments

- Arrangements at Whitecraigs consequent on departure of the developer. The Chairman had written to A & J Stephen seeking clarity on a number of matters relating to the Company's departure from Whitecraigs.
- Lomond Inn (15/00505/FLL & 15/00506/CON). Confirmation that new proposals are being processed by PKC was awaited.

Planning applications which have been the subject of objections from community councils – Report by PKC

The CC noted that this report clarified the fate of CC objections to planning applications over the past year. In general, few applications were granted by PKC's Development Management Committee or by planning officers under delegated provisions when a CC had objected.

Roads Report: CCllr Calderwood reported that: Clarence either knew or would be informed of the deficient state of the build-out bollards in both Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell as approached from the north; and that the blocked drains and potholes at the junction of the Leslie Road and Main Street Scotlandwell would be pursued.

Paths Report: CCllr Smith reported that the Paths Group will meet soon. As the level of Loch Leven had risen, the Heritage Trail had been temporarily flooded. The CC would be interested to learn how the loch levels were regulated.

George Lawrie (TRACKS) reported that:

- work on the path from RSPB (Vane Farm) across Benarty would start soon and that the possibility of upgrading the tunnel under the B9097 to make it disabled-friendly was being evaluated, but provision for a new underpass near the existing tunnel seemed a more likely option; and that
- there had been further progress in commissioning the path from Lochend via Levenmouth to the Heritage Trail with SEPA agreeing to culverting the burn by the old Gullet Bridge. The CC would support the application for planning permission for the required works.

PKC Local Development Plan Developer Contributions Supplementary Guidance Consultation. The CC will give consideration to this before responding.

PKC Local Development Plan Main Issues Report Consultation. The CC will give consideration to this before responding.

Perth and Kinross Integration Joint Board for Health and Social Care. Consultation on Draft Strategic and Joint Commissioning Plan. The CC will respond shortly.

Ward Councillor Report (Councillor Cuthbert)

The Boundary Commission's report could be anticipated soon.

The Council would shortly confirm its budget for next year. There will be a sizeable deficit to accommodate and cuts to some services could be anticipated.

The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 9 February 2016 at Portmoak School.

Portmoak CC minutes can be viewed:

- on the notice board in the village hall
- in a file in Kinnesswood Village Shop
- on the website www.portmoak.org

Fossoway & District CC

News from the EGM held on 1 December 2015

Following the appointment of the new CC members in November, it was necessary to hold an EGM. Cllr Barnacle took the chair, in the absence of Cllr Giacomazzi, to elect the officers of the new CC as follows: Chair: Trudy Duffy. Secretary: Kevin Borthwick. Treasurer: Graham Pye. Data Controller: Kevin Borthwick.

Cllr Barnacle then handed the chair over to Trudy and the normal meeting commenced. After the meeting was over, it was discovered that some EGM items had been omitted. These would be covered in a brief EGM before the start of the next normal CC meeting.

News from the December Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 1 December 2015 were: CCllrs T Duffy, K Borthwick, G Pye, A Cheape, G Kilby and R Nesbitt; P&K Cllr M Barnacle; a police representative and six members of the public. **Apologies:** P&K Cllrs D Cuthbert, J Giacomazzi and W Robertson.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Police report: The CC had contacted Sgt Nicholson, stating that the police reports that submitted don't always cover local crimes. This was apparently due to the officer being new to the job and not knowing exactly what was required. Sergeant Sam Greshon attended this meeting and a report had been received, covering the two crimes in our area that we knew about from the weekly Commander's reports: Housebreaking in Naemoor Road, Crook of Devon (17 Nov) and Mill Gardens, Powmill (5 Nov). These are under enquiry. The community is concerned that there seems to be an upsurge in rural crimes in this area; hopefully more patrols can be provided. Cllr Barnacle has reported another instance of fly-tipping at on the Carnbo end of the Gelvan Road. The officer said she would report it.

Crook Moss Travellers' Site: Works are being carried out at the site entrance, hedges planted and other landscaping, in order to comply with one of the planning conditions. Cllrs Cuthbert and Giacomazzi have been trying to arrange a site visit with Jim Valentine. Drum residents are still reporting that there is a noise issue. Cllr Barnacle has received a letter from Scottish Water confirming that a "growth project" is required to trigger an increase in the capacity of the Drum sewage system, and this will not take place for at least two and a half years. Consequently it will be impossible for the residents to meet the planning target of achieving a drainage connection within a year.



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Rumbling Bridge Hydro Scheme: An agreement has been signed between the developers and this CC to define the Community Benefit that will be made available once the scheme is operational. At that time, the CC will set up another bank account, and a committee consisting of some CC members and members of other local community groups, to decide on how the benefit is to be used. There was a problem signing the agreement as the date for signing was during the period when the CC had not been reinstated after the elections.

Lambhill Chipping plant: The Appeal was not heard at the Local Review Body meeting on 10 Nov. It may be heard at the 8 Dec meeting. Meanwhile, twelve of the most affected residents have written to PKC to reiterate their concerns.

A977 Defects and Mitigation Measures: Cllr Barnacle is sceptical about whether the government will agree to the re-trunking, but pressure continues.

Station Road Adoption: Cllr Barnacle reported that the funding gap has now been met by the Village Hall, and assuming that all participants meet their agreed commitments, then the adoption will take place, hopefully next spring. Cllr Barnacle will now hand over the continuing responsibility for the project to the Village Hall committee.

Lambhill Forestry Site: There was a Ranger-led walkabout on 21 November, which was well attended and informative.

Signage at Vicar's Bridge Road: Cllr Barnacle reports that it's been ordered.

Potholes in Craigend Road: CCllr Borthwick reported that this work is now taking place, and the fly-tipped asbestos has been removed.

Safer Route to School – Drum: Cllr Barnacle and CCllr Borthwick met with Darren McKeown of PKC's Roads Department. They discussed moving/adding the 30/40mph speed limit on the B9097 further out to beyond the road into Drum, and also possibly extending the footpath. There is a new initiative, due in January, to implement 20mph speed limits through the villages of Crook, Powmill and Blairingone. As well as the immediate effect in the villages, this might send a message to road users that the A977 is not a road that provides a quick route across country.

State of Road Through Drum and Missing Grit Bin: Received a response from PKC to say that there is no budget to provide new grit bins, and only existing ones are filled.

Landscape Areas – Kinross-shire: The consultants who did the study for PKC's Landscape areas are currently doing the same exercise for Clacks.

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

Crook Moss Community Involvement: Ongoing.

Boundary Commission: Awaiting decision.

Scottish Government Planning Review: This review of the planning process seems to be being hurried through with little, if any, community involvement. Kinross-shire Civic Trust have sent a strongly worded letter to the Scottish Government pointing out that there was hardly any time to respond, especially at this time when all the CCs are being reformed. The review was announced in mid-October with formal evidence required by 1 December. Additionally the review body consists of only three members. This CC supports the views expressed by the trust.

CC Business: Meetings attended: CCllr Kilby attended an inaugural meeting where the creation of a Community Sport Hub was proposed by Kirsteen Ross, PKC's Community

Sport Hub Officer. This would be an opportunity for various sports clubs, or any person or organisation interested in sport, to combine their resources and possibly enable the clubs to get cheaper lets, access facilities, obtain grants, organise community transport, etc., by acting together. It would also help to widen participation in sport by the general public. The attendees were positive about this idea, and so a meeting will be held on 14 January to formalise the setting up of the hub. A £200 grant is available from PKC to cover start-up expenses. CCllr Kilby will attend the next meeting with a view to taking an active part.

CCllr Borthwick attended the meeting about Drum speed limits as described above.

Councillors' Reports

Cllr Barnacle has written to Citylink about the cut in inter-city services between Perth and Edinburgh. The Scottish Government should be supporting these services which connect the Park and Ride car parks to the cities.

Cllr Barnacle has managed to find the owners of Ivy Cottage, and let them know that the community is concerned about the state of the building.

PKC has discussed the Main Issues Report, and three amendments were passed: The policy on Gypsy Traveller sites has been amended to ensure adequate separation from other developments in the absence of a grid connection, i.e., when generators would be used; There will be a report on infrastructure development in the MIR; There was to be no development in Kinross-shire other than Blairingone, but a development in Crook has been added as an option for community consultation, which would mean changing the settlement boundary.

Planning Matters

15/01982/FLL Change of use of coach house to mixed entertainment use, formation of decking, removal of stone wall and erection of temporary marquee and toilets (in retrospect), Tullibole Castle and 15/01983/LBC listed building consent for same. No CC comment.

15/01554/FLL Change of use, alterations and extension to bothy to form dwelling house. Former bothy, Briglands, Crook of Devon and 15/01555/LBC listed building consent for same. No CC comment.

15/01740/DOM2 Demolition of existing and erection of new dwelling house at Westmuir Cottage, Westmuir, Powmill. No CC comment.

15/01919/FLL Alterations to kennels and extension to domestic garage. Kennels and Cattery, Rivendell, Blairingone. No CC comment.

Correspondence: All was available for viewing.

Other Business: The Demand Responsive Transport system (DRT1) has been extended to a wider area.

News from the January Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 5 January 2016 were: CCllrs T Duffy, G Pye and G Kilby; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and J Giacopazzi; two police representatives and 13 Members of the Public. **Apologies:** CCllrs K Borthwick, A Cheape and R Nesbitt; P&K Cllrs D Cuthbert and W Robertson.

EGM: As some agenda items had been omitted from the EGM held on 1 December 2015, another was held before the start of the normal meeting:

Election of Vice Chair: Richard Nesbitt.

The Constitution, Standing Orders and Code of Conduct were adopted.

The Treasurer gave a brief financial statement: The current balance is £148.10.

Dates of the meetings for the rest of the year are as follows: 2 February, 1 March, 5 April, 3 May (AGM), 7 June.

There were no outstanding training issues.

This concluded the EGM, and the normal meeting followed.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Police report: Sgt Hughes and PC Sturgess attended. No report had been received by the time of the meeting, although the officers present had a copy of the report and will email it. Recent crimes in our area include the theft of a money box from Crook of Devon, for which a suspect has been arrested. The CC complimented the Police force for their increased presence, especially on the A977, during the Forth Road Bridge (FRB) closure and for their management of the resulting increased traffic. The increased presence will continue during the restriction of HGVs over the FRB. MoP asked if the Kinross Police station was still open – yes, it is still in use by officers 24/7, although there is no longer a constantly manned public desk. CCllr Borthwick expressed concern about the number of incidents (at least 12) in Kinross-shire in the last few months. PC Sturgess pointed out that the majority of these incidents were not in our immediate area, which continues to be fairly safe. It's not clear why the number of thefts is increasing, but the Police will continue to maintain vigilance, including night patrols, within the limits of their available resources. MoP asked if there had been any increase in accidents during the FRB closure – the three incidents known to the Police all involved drivers who would have been using that route anyway, but possibly the increased traffic resulted in more congestion during the handling of the events which made them more obvious.

Crook Moss Travellers' Site: The review of the compliance with the 2012 permission would be at the DMC meeting the following week. The paper to be presented reports that all generators have now been fitted with acoustic housings, and there are no new noise complaints; SSE are working on an electricity supply and discussions continue with Scottish Water on how to address the drainage issue. Cllr Barnacle reported a conversation with Nick Brian who said that there was currently an enforcement notice in place, but it was not clear which condition this applied to. Cllr Barnacle also pointed out the inconsistency in the current planning application (see Councillors' reports below) in which Neighbour Notifications had been made to six addresses on the site, even though the existing consent only allows five.

Rumbling Bridge Hydro Scheme: Work has started, but is held up by the weather.

Lambhill Chipping plant: At the 8 Dec meeting of the Local Review Body (LRB) it was decided that the Appeal would not be decided until the applicant had attended and made a presentation. The LRB will inform the applicant what they wish to be covered in this presentation. A MoP stated that it seemed only fair that local residents should also have a chance to make such a presentation, and Cllr Barnacle has contacted the LRB convenor with the same request. The LRB are being scrupulous in ensuring that there is no bias in their deliberations by not allowing any local councillors to sit on the LRB, and the Convenor, who has declared an interest in this application, is handing over the chair to another councillor during this appeal's review.

A977 Defects and Mitigation Measures: Cllr Barnacle notes that progress towards re-trunking will be a very long process. Once the FRB is fully reopened, PKC Roads department should check for any damage to the A977 as a result of the increased traffic during the diversion, and apply to the Scottish Government for funding to repair it.

Community Sport Hub: GK will attend the next meeting.

Cuts in Inter-City Bus Services: Cllr Giacopazzi reports that there is to be a new X56 service leaving Edinburgh about 5pm to carry commuters back to Kinross.

Station Road Adoption: Cllr Barnacle wrote to all the residents on 17 December; he reported that the funding gap of £800 has now been met by the Village Hall Committee, who have set up a sub-committee to take the adoption forward. The first event to raise the funds will be a Burns' Supper on 5 February.

Landscape Areas – Kinross-shire: There is an opportunity to ask for change in a meeting this month.

Emergency Support Centre: During the FRB closure, the CC was asked if they would help set up a centre to receive people stranded as a result of accident or bad weather. Several of the CC members have agreed to be contacts and a request has been made to use the Village Hall, although we have not yet had a response from the Committee.

Waymarking of Core Paths in Blairingone: Consultation documents have been sent out to affected parties. It appears that the proposed signs are acceptable.

Broomhill Cottage to Aldie Road Multi-Use Path: George Lawrie was present and reported that a contractor has been appointed and work on this path will start shortly. The surface will now be tarmac, and the existing railway ballast will be re-used for the path foundations. Self-closing gates will be installed at each end of the path. Over the next three years, the path will be extended to Kinross. George recommended that the CC should consider setting up a "Paths Group" to help maintain existing paths and champion the creation of new paths – similar groups have been very successful in other CC areas.

LDP2 MIR Consultation: The Main Issues Report (MIR) has recently been published. Comments on the MIR must be made before 16 March. [See page 22.] Main items of interest in this area are: Proposals to review infrastructure (roads, sewage provision etc); Additional development site at Crook of Devon (to get community benefit to provide roundabout and to trigger Sewage plant expansion); Development proposals in Blairingone (to elicit community comment).

Councillors' Reports

A constituent has approached Cllr Barnacle to request a traffic direction priority sign on the bridge at Naemoor Road. It's possible that some works to the A977 in Blairingone will be in this year's budget.

Cllr Giacopazzi is due to attend a meeting with the Scottish Government planning department and will raise the issue that the current rules for neighbour notification of 20m radius rather than the old rule of adjacent landowners don't seem to be working.

Planning Matters

15/01971/FLL Erection of stables at Kingswood, Drum. No CC comment.

15/02078/FLL Change of use from paddock to form 3no gypsy/traveller pitches and erection of a fence (in retrospect) at **Crook Moss**, Fossoway. **Object** due to insufficient capacity in sewage system and noise pollution.

15/01997/FLL Erection of a dwelling house at land at Blashieburn, Vicar's Bridge Road, Blairingone. Comments for this application were due by 21 December, but the CC obtained an extension until 8 January. However, the applicant submitted a revised block plan on the 5th, which seems to be a material change to the application. Substantial local objection to this development was voiced at the meeting. Cllr Giacopazzi said he would speak to Nick Brian to clarify whether there would now be a further opportunity for public comment, and indeed whether the application needed to be resubmitted. The CC will decide on its position once these matters have been clarified. Cllr Barnacle pointed out that the proposed changes to the Blairingone settlement boundary in the MIR would have a bearing on this application.

Correspondence was available for viewing. Tracy Ramsay of PKC has sent details of funding opportunities for local groups and news of the next Better Place to Live Fair.

Other Business

When will the Rumbling Bridge car park be ready for use? Cllr Barnacle explained that the responsibility for constructing this has passed from Thomson to another developer, but that the Planning Department are comfortable with this arrangement and expect the work to be completed in due course.

It appears that the work on the Kinross roundabout has been suspended during the FRB diversion.

Some time ago it was suggested that road signs could be cleaned by the Unpaid Work Team, but this was ruled out for H&S reasons. However, the signs are still not getting cleaned and this is becoming a serious problem. Are PKC going to do it? Cllr Giacopazzi explained that this is one of many services that are no longer financed.

Water is coming off the Tom Thumb road in Carnbo presenting a possible road hazard were it to freeze. Cllr Giacopazzi will investigate.

Draft Agenda for Next CC Meeting: Welcome and Apologies, Declarations of Interest, Community Policing, Minutes of last meeting.

Matters arising: Crook Moss Travellers' Site, Hydro Scheme, Lambhill Chipping Plant, A977 Mitigation, LDP2 MIR Consultation.

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

The Next Meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place on Tuesday 2 February 2016 at 7.30pm in Fossoway Primary School. All Welcome.

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Cleish and Blairadam CC

News from the EGM

Present at the EGM held on 30 November 2015 were: R Kitchin, P Fraser, M Traylor, H Somerville and F Gillespie; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and D Cuthbert; a police representative and three members of the community.

Cllr Barnacle, chairing, welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were six Community Councillors elected to represent Cleish and Blairadam CC: Patty Fraser, Hugh Somerville, Fran Gillespie, Nigel Robertson, Margaret Traylor and Ron Kitchin. There are currently two vacancies, which can be filled by co-opting new members after 6 months (6 May).

Appointment of Chair: Ron Kitchin was proposed by Hugh Somerville and seconded by Patty Fraser. He accepted and the meeting was handed over to the new Chairperson.

Other appointments: Vice Chair: H Somerville. Secretary: P Fraser. Treasurer: F Gillespie. Minute Secy: H Somerville. Data controller: P Fraser.

Adoption of Constitution etc: All Cllrs agreed that they had read the Constitution, Standing Orders and Code of Conduct for CCs, and agreed to "*Ascertain, coordinate and express to the local and public authorities, the views of our community, which we represent, in relation to matters for which those authorities are responsible and to take such action in the interest of our community as appears to us to be expedient and practical.*"

Financial statement: There has been no change in the accounts since the last meeting, with £900 in the account.

Meeting dates and venues for 2015-2016

1 Feb, Cleish Village Hall; 4 Apr, Tabernacle Hall; 6 Jun, Cleish Village Hall; 1 Aug, Tabernacle Hall; 31 Oct, Cleish Village Hall; 5 Dec, Tabernacle Hall.

News from the November Meeting

Present: As for EGM above. **Apologies:** P&K Cllr Willie Robertson and CCllr Nigel Robertson.

Matters arising: There has been no reinstatement of the field fence line opposite Nivingstone. Both Cllrs Cuthbert and Barnacle have spoken to Gary McConnell, who advised that he had spoken with the landowner. Nothing has happened yet so this will be followed up again.

Crime: Nothing new to report in Cleish and Blairadam from the attending officer. There have been vehicle thefts (mainly from farms) around Glenfarg and Portmoak. A parked vehicle has been scraped by a passing car in Blairadam. The new smooth road surface has resulted in some faster traffic in Keltybridge & Maryburgh. The 20mph trial period is soon to be started which is hoped to improve this situation. Motorbikes have been reported again entering the woodland from forest road.

The police number '101' has been very slow to answer on some occasions; this has been reportedly due to insufficient staffing levels.

Correspondence: There has been a local petition of the local community in Maryburgh and Keltybridge regarding the current bus service. There were 52 signatures supporting the continued current bus service, without any restrictions. This correlates to approximately 50% of the local community.

Planning: Fiona MacGregor will be co-opted in May as a member of the CC, however in the short term will be consulted on planning issues due to her experience in the planning process. CCllr Traylor will be taking a more active role consulting the community in Blairadam on planning issues. CCllr N Robertson will be seeking local views on matters related to the roads.

Everyone who objected to Plot 27a in Maryburgh has recently received a letter advising of the approval of the application. This delay was thought to be due to the conclusion of a Section 75 Agreement. Cllr Cuthbert will investigate if this is the case.

Cleish & Blairadam CC website: There are now 52 Facebook followers. The new posts link through to the website to increase traffic on the website.

Blairadam village update: There has been some vandalism reported of the Maryburgh sign. The Blairforge road sign has not yet been replaced.

The benefits of passing places was again discussed; it was advised that the verge markers are likely to be progressed when the 20mph trial starts.

Website: Information regarding festive bin collections and developments in the MIR to be put on website.

MIR: Consultation will be until 16 March 2016.

Citylink: Cllr Barnacle reported on the reduction of the Citylink service between Perth and Edinburgh.

Budget: Cllr Cuthbert attended the Budget briefing.

Kinross congratulations: Cleish & Blairadam Community Councillors would like to formally congratulate everyone involved with the recent successful events in Kinross, especially the reopening of the High Street, the Christmas Fair, the lights and the genuinely superb community feel that has returned to Kinross. [See page 3.]

The Next Meeting of Cleish & Blairadam CC will take place on Monday 1 February 2016 at 7.30pm in Cleish Village Hall.

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Club & Community Group News



Broke Not Broken: Kinross Food Bank

Happy New Year!

We couldn't have ended 2015 any better. We were so overwhelmed by the huge amount of love, support and generosity at our Christmas Hamper Food Drive at the campus, that many of us and others were moved to tears. It was a special evening with a feeling of community spirit and camaraderie.

It proved a massive challenge as we just hadn't expected so many donations. We had asked for items for one specific family and were inundated with gifts for them which we passed on.

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them so we will pass them on to local charities such as CHAS. We kept what we could use for next year or through the year where possible. Nothing donated will go to waste.

In turn, we have received support in many ways. Financially we have received fantastic support from Fossoway Church, by the Kinross Community Council, Hunter's Butchers, The Boathouse restaurant, Websters Builders. Donations of food come from everywhere and are all gratefully received. Thank you; you know who you are. If any other local businesses would like to be involved in sponsoring us, or offering their services, please get in touch.

We attended a Community Council meeting and received many notes of support from Committee members as well as from all three councillors in attendance. We also received £500, which we will use to develop and fit our new space.

We are looking forward to 2016 and plans are afoot to overhaul a space at St Paul's Church. We are using funds raised to do this project. We will soon be looking for donations for this space, such as shelves, fixtures and fittings, from the kind people of Kinross-shire, and will post these up on our Facebook page.

We are currently only accepting food donations to restock after the rush at Christmas. You can drop these off at Kingfisher House, or soon also at the Doctor's surgery, or with us directly outside the Co-op on **the last Saturday of every month**. If the weather is bad we will only be there for a short time but will always try to be there from 10am to 2pm.

You can use this chance to speak to us, say 'hi', and perhaps put down your name to volunteer. If you have already and haven't been contacted, don't worry!! We will have plenty for you to do in the coming year. Whether that be collecting or delivering food, wielding a paint brush or manning the stall, we'll keep you busy!

A final reminder of the kinds of things we are looking for right now:

- **Tinned meat (corned beef, tins of chicken/beef stew)**
- **Toiletries including toilet rolls, toothbrushes, shampoo and soap**
- **Dried packs of ready to eat pasta, rice and packet ready meals**
- **Small bags sugar**
- **UHT milk**
- **Diluting juice**

You can contact us on Facebook, or email: clare.slight@brokennotbroken.org or graham.holden@brokennotbroken.org
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A huge amount of donations was given to the Food Bank this Christmas

We were also able to make up 40 Christmas Hampers, and several food parcels which we distributed to local residents and families in need who gratefully received them.

At Christmas we were dismayed to have to do this at all, but determined to help these people in crisis. We were referred people by Youth, Housing and Social Work teams as well as by local doctors and community workers. We have received notes and cards of thanks from families and these really warm our hearts and give us an incentive to move forward.

We were lucky to be able to donate on some gifts that we couldn't place. We have decided to try and keep this a local enterprise and gifted some items to Women's Aid who do outreach support in the local area. We have since been donated clothes at our drop off points, and can't currently use or store

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Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club

The next club meeting is on **Thursday 4 February** when our speaker will be Mr S Watts who will speak on 'The Citizens Advice Bureau'.



Away Days

Thu 11 February Scottish Craft Centre, Letham

Thu 25 February Transport Museum, Glasgow

The coach leaves from opposite the Green Hotel at 9.15am. Regrettably no advance bookings for trips can be accepted prior to the monthly meeting. Contact: Pat Crawford, telephone 01577 862962.

Harrogate holiday: The coach for our holiday next month will leave Milnathort at 9.00am and Kinross at 9.05am.

Friday Walkers

12 Feb Elmwood Golf Club, Crawford Priory and Springfield

26 Feb Gartmore Dam and Linn Mill

All our walks will continue to leave from the Green Hotel. Contact: Ian Simpson on 01577 863691.

Friday Hill Walkers

5 Feb Kinnoull Hill Anne & Katie 9am

19 Feb Glendevon Reservoir Robin 9am

Activities

The following are open to all members of the Club:

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

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

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

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.

Lodge St Serf No 327

February

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| Tues 2nd | 7.15pm. Entered Apprentice Degree to be conferred by Lodge Randolph No 766. |
| Tues 9th | 7.30pm. General Committee Meeting. Arrange work for next Regular Meeting. |
| Tues 16th | 7.15pm. Entered Apprentice Degree to be conferred by Lodge St Serf No 327. |
| Tues 23rd | 7.30pm. General Committee Meeting. Arrange work for next Regular Meeting. |



Portmoak Hall 100 Club

November Draw

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| 1st | No 57 | Maureen Miller, Kinnesswood. |
| 2nd | No 92 | Gordon Aitkin, Scotlandwell. |
| 3rd | No 46 | Isobel Baird Jetrig, Ballingry. |

December Draw

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| 1st | No 94 | Mary MacKenzie, Wester Balgedie. |
| 2nd | No 98 | Mr Vlastos, Kinnesswood. |
| 3rd | No 14 | Lesley Johnston, Kinnesswood. |

Top-class presentation at the Kinross-shire Partnership Business Breakfast



December 2nd saw several new faces join the many local entrepreneurs who avail themselves regularly of the excellent networking opportunities offered by the Kinross-shire Partnership's winter series of Business Breakfasts. While the customary bacon and eggs were being eagerly ingested, Chairman Alisdair Stewart flagged up a forthcoming tourism seminar which the Kinross-shire Partnership is holding at Tullibole Castle on 20 January. He also mentioned the interactive touchscreens which the Partnership plans to sponsor at the following three locations around the heritage trail: Loch Leven's Larder, the Pier and RSPB.

Next it was 'back to school' for attendees, with an information-packed presentation by Sarah Brown, head teacher and campus leader at Loch Leven Community Campus, and her colleague Jenny Breen. Sarah opened by explaining that she joined Kinross High in August 2015 and emphasised her vision for the campus being a hub of activity at the heart of the Kinross-shire community.

She stressed, also, that the school is keen to establish links with local businesses, especially given the current political eagerness to develop Scotland's young workforce. She referred to the Wood Report, published in 2014, which revealed that 53,000 young people are not in work or education – they wake up every morning wondering if their community actually needs them. Sarah believes that schools can play a part in solving this problem by preparing leavers better for employment.

Jenny Breen subsequently picked up on this theme when she addressed the audience about the way in which Kinross High School is currently being supported by local businesses who give senior pupils valuable insights into the world of work. She cited three examples of recent support from Kinross-shire entrepreneurs: a workplace visit, organised in collaboration with Ian Cormack of Todd and Duncan, for pupils studying Business Studies and Modern Languages; mentoring and work experience provided by Emma Niven of Loch Leven's Larder; and mentoring provided by Mozolowski & Murray Ltd.

Jenny highlighted the importance of tailoring work experience to the needs of the individual pupil to maximise the benefits to be derived from it. She is keen to establish links with any local employers (including rural businesses) who would be prepared to offer mentoring or workplace visits for senior pupils.

She also emphasised that opportunities to become involved with the school were not restricted to providing work experience. She would be equally delighted to hear from anyone interested in assisting with, for example, the forthcoming production of Bugsy Malone or willing to represent their profession at the school's Jobs Fair on 16 February.

At the next Business Breakfast – to be held at Loch Leven's Larder at 7.30am on **Wednesday 3 February** – the speaker will be **Richard Scott**, proprietor of The Cleaning Intelligence Agency and The Studio Hair Company in Kinross. Email Kinross-shire Partnership administrator Karen Grunwell at mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk now to book your place(s) at this popular networking event.

Kinross & District Rotary Club

Happy 2016 to all readers from the Kinross and District Rotary club!

Here at the club we work closely with Kinross High School. This has been a key feature of our activities over the past month or so, beginning with the Rotary Young Chef Competition 2015. Six youngsters from Kinross High School stepped up to the challenge, which was to create a main course and a dessert using local and seasonal ingredients and put it all together within an hour and a half. Emma Niven from Loch Leven's Larder and Rotarian Malcolm Wood from Ivan Wood and Sons fruit and vegetable wholesaler kindly acted as judges. We thank them wholeheartedly for the time and effort in judging the competition.

Two sisters, Niamh and Caitlin Quinn, were among the contenders but sibling rivalry did not get in the way of superb culinary skills.

The imagination that went into the dishes and the organisation, timing and skills shown by the group were outstanding and some tasty treats were conjured up.



provides them with valuable experience. The club members provide feedback to the students on their performance, the things they did well and the things they could improve on. Feedback from the students has been positive and all are enthusiastic about the opportunity this programme provides. This feedback makes things even more rewarding for the Rotary Club members involved.



Top chef Lewie Reith (centre) with Emma Niven and Malcolm Wood

The third aspect of youth is the Rotary Youth Leadership Award. Recently we had two recipients of this award come to the club and tell us of their adventures and challenges when they participated in the 2015 programme.

David Elder and Stephanie Macleod were selected from several candidates to attend the RYLA camp in July 2015. They both spent a week at Abernethy Outdoor Centre near Nethybridge and participated in lots of outdoor activities, including performing the role of group leader. Raft building, mountain biking, gorge walking, climbing, abseiling, kayaking, canoeing and many other small group challenges were undertaken over the course of the week. This challenged individual team work, co-operation, communication and leadership skills. There were also presentations and speakers in the evenings, informing and teaching the young adults on a variety of subjects. Both David and Stephanie said they were very glad of the opportunity to participate in RYLA and warmly thanked the club members for their support.

One of our recent guest speakers was the editor of the Scottish Sun, Gordon Smart. Gordon, a previous Kinross High School pupil, has been in journalism since 1995 when he was involved with the school newspaper. Now, as head of the Scottish edition of a national newspaper, the stories he deals with have a little more gravitas. Since beginning his role in 2013, he and his team have reported on the Clutha helicopter crash, the Commonwealth Games, the Ryder Cup, a general election and a Scottish referendum. All this and other day to day stories making life for Gordon interesting to say the least! Gordon's talk was a fascinating look into the challenges and difficult decisions a newspaper editor must make. He spoke well, as you might imagine for a media professional, and answered some difficult questions with honesty and frankness.



The whole group with the judges and some of their creations

Emma and Malcolm had a difficult job picking a winner with the scores being close across all contestants. But in the end, **Lewie Reith** was crowned top chef for Kinross High School and will go on to represent the school at district level competition early in 2016. Emma Niven and Malcolm Wood presented Lewie with his certificate and chef's whites courtesy of Ivan Wood and Sons Ltd.

Another important project the Rotary Club is pleased to be helping with is the 'Mock Interview' programme for year 5 and 6 students at Kinross High. The students undergo a programme of teaching in the art of creating a CV, applying for a job, filling in application forms, researching businesses and preparing for interviews.

The students then have the opportunity to have an interview based on the job they have been studying. Rotary Club members with experience of conducting interviews then give up their time to take the students through an interview which

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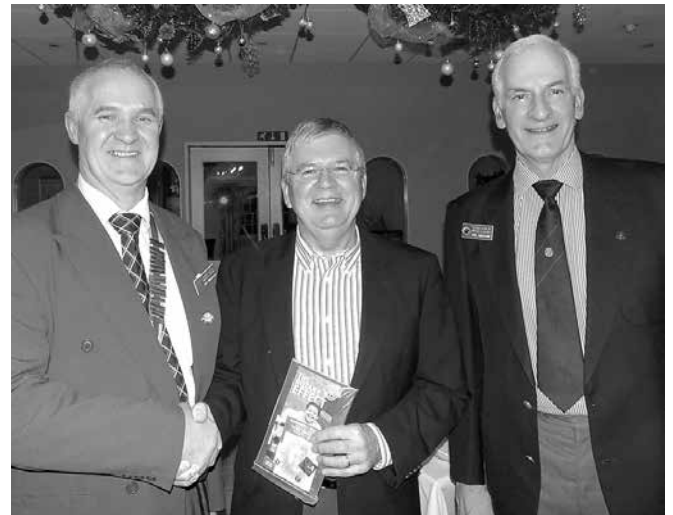
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www.kinross.cc/equipment_hire/equipment.htm

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

The Kinross Rotary Club would also like to welcome its newest member, Phil Teale. Although Phil has been a member of the club some time ago. Phil explains...

'After living in Edinburgh, California, England and Canada, my family and I settled in Kinross 21 years ago. The children all went to Kinross High and it did them proud; my wife Susan enjoyed working at Swansacre Playgroup then Fossoway Primary School. For myself, I'm retired now but previously worked at Standard Life, then TRW and Bank of America in California, then IBM in the USA, Canada and the UK and finally for Microsoft. I previously joined Rotary in the 1990s but left because I had to travel a lot for work, so I couldn't give it the time that I wanted to. I'm delighted to now have that time because there are so many opportunities in Rotary to help worthy causes - from local to global in scope. And I look forward to the weekly meetings which are always stimulating. Lastly, a bit of trivia; my 'old boss', Bill Gates, is an honorary Rotarian, so the organisation truly does attract all sorts!'



Phil Teale, President Cliff Megginson and Neil Maclure

Kinross & District Rotary Club Meet & Greet

This month's Meet and Greet is our residential Welshman who, as you can see by the photo, is passionate about motorbike.

Name: Barry Davies, sometimes known as Baz (I do not like it).

Age: 49 but, unfortunately, I was born in 1957 making me 58.

Occupation: Retired Mining Engineer and Health and Safety Practitioner.

How long have you been with the Rotary Club of Kinross?



Barry Davies

I joined Kinross Rotary in 1997. However, I was a Round Tabler for 10 years and before that a founder President of Rotaract in the Rhondda, Wales.

Why did you become involved in Rotary?

I have moved around UK with work and this organisation provides an instant body of colleagues and friends in the community. I totally support the ethos of Rotary and want to help make a difference locally, nationally and internationally. Helping others is very rewarding to the spirit.

What was your first impression?

Originally the club was men only, but we now have women members. Everyone is helpful and genuinely interested in you. Every member gets involved in supporting the club activities to make a difference.

At three out of four of the weekly meetings, we have a guest speaker. The subject areas are huge and interesting. For example, the building of the new aircraft carrier, or the new Forth bridge, to training a blind dog, or understanding the environment, the importance of trees and not forgetting the various charity organisations.

What surprised you?

Kinross Rotary arranges many local activities to help others and raise charitable funds. Rotary provides an opportunity to develop business contacts. On average, Kinross Rotary distributes £10,000 annually to charities.

What's the best thing you've done in Rotary?

In 2010 I led a team of five young professionals (two police officers, a marketing manager, a business manager and a call centre manager) to Arizona USA for a month. We each had separate vocational visits, cultural visits, and met lots of important people in these areas. We now have close friends in Arizona and exchange visits annually.

In March 2015, I also had the opportunity to make a difference in Kenya in an HIV/Aids orphanage where we spent two weeks helping to repair buildings among other things.

If you could change one thing about Rotary, what would it be?

Rotary is a huge organisation raising funds (\$2million per week) making a significant difference to many lives. Rotary must **tell** people of the good being done so they can join and help.

What do you wish other people knew about Rotary?

People are generally ignorant about the organisation of Rotary. They think is an old man's private club. This is far from the truth — we have men and women of all ages, we are non-political and non-religious.

We have 1.2 million members in 180 countries and are the largest voluntary organisation in the world. It is 110 years old. Members all have the same belief "service above self" to make a difference.

Rotary has a seat on the United Nations Council.

Rotary does things undercover and tells no one. For example, did you know that Rotary paid hundreds of millions of pounds over the past 30 years to eradicate Polio in the world? We are almost there with 99% eradication.

Sum up your Rotary Club in three words:

Amazing. Friendly. Worthwhile.

Did you know.... Rotary manages and supplies thousands of shelter boxes all over the world when there are natural disasters or emergencies.

Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

At this time of year it's tempting to hibernate indoors but a daily fix of daylight and exercise will main good levels of mental and physical health through the winter months. Walking has long been recognised as a good way of keeping physically fit, but scientific evidence is beginning to grow on the benefits it brings to our mental health throughout the year. Likewise, research shows that as well as feeling fitter and having a reduced risk of a range of diseases, walking in a group helps reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation and increases social contact.

So, we invite you to come out and explore new places, improve your mental and physical fitness and meet people. Whether you're new or returning to walking or a regular walker, try out a walk or two to see if you'd like to join us. You will be made very welcome. We operate car-sharing but it is not essential to have a car.

Weekend Walks

Saturday 13 February: Hopetoun Monument Hill, 6½ miles. A moderate circular walk through Rankeilour Estate from West Hall to Mount Hill, returning via Fernie.

Sunday 28 February: River Almond Walkway, 7 miles. An easy circular walk from Cramond upstream to the eastern boundary of Edinburgh airport.

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

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 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 2 February: Arngask Ramble. A gentle walk on the wee hill to the east of Glenfarg, followed by a stroll though and around the village of Glenfarg to see its delights.

Tuesday 16 February: Ceres & Craighall Den and Hill of Tarvit Snowdrop Walk. A short walk taking in the quaint village of Ceres and a strip of ancient woods along the gorge of a fast-flowing burn. Then to Hill of Tarvit for a short walk to see the snowdrops.

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

Kinross Junior Agricultural Club

Kinross haven't had the busiest month due to lots of Christmas and dinner dances. Members have been attending these events in support of our neighbouring clubs.

Fifteen of our members went to a BBC tour in Glasgow. Everyone who attended found it quite interesting to discover how the BBC obtains and broadcasts the news and other television shows.

Two Kinross teams entered the district quiz. One team finished first and the other came third out of the six teams who entered. Next up was the Perth annual panto, which is always a good night, with a dance to follow.

The boozy bingo night was great success.

Up and coming for Kinross is the National Junior Speech-making Competition.

Kinross started this month off with ice skating at Kirkcaldy ice rink.

We then went on to have two teams entered into the east bowling competition held at Bowlplex in Dunfermline. Unfortunately we didn't qualify.

The following week, there was a pub sports night held at Kinross Rugby Club. The evening included dominos, arm wrestling and pool.

Kinross are currently practising their cabaret every Sunday at Strathmiglo Hall. Rehearsals are looking good at the minute considering that the eliminations will be held on Thursday 21 January at the Byre Hall in St Andrews. If we get through, then we will go to Perth for the east cabaret competition held on Saturday 6 February at Perth Concert Hall.

The big SAYFC night away in Elgin takes places from 26 to 28 February.

For information please visit our Facebook page by searching for Kinross and District JAC.



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Kinross-shire Historical Society



On Monday 14 December, Kinross-shire Historical Society heard another very interesting talk by Professor Munro. This year his subject was 'The Naturalist on Loch Leven from 17th Century to the Present Day'. Professor Munro has now been knighted by Prince Albert of Monaco for his work with the Prince's conservation foundation.

He began the talk by explaining that an exhibition in the Campus Library by Perth Museum had prompted his interest in the topic of naturalists on Loch Leven. Unfortunately, the said display was full of rows of dead birds shot by naturalists in the 19th century for study purposes and was not well received.

Loch Leven has attracted visitors for hundreds of years for its history, scenery, and wildlife. Professor Munro started with the naturalists of 1600s and 1700s and what species they found on their visits to the loch. At the beginning of the 19th century, there were many changes in the ecology of the loch and this affected the species present there.

Different methods of catching fish developed and there were concerns about pollution. Angling, as opposed to netting, developed and a hatchery was set up at the Ury Burn. The hotels in Kinross prospered on the back of the fishing.

In the early 20th century the fishing continued to develop and the pier was built and annual competitions were held. Large numbers of fish were being caught and the hatcheries were further developed. Also in the early part of 20th century, the first Bathymetrical Survey of the loch was carried out by Sir John Murray. Scientists were now studying many aspects of the flora and fauna at Loch Leven.

RSPB came to Loch Leven and opened their nature reserve at Vane Farm in 1971. In the 1970s a report on algal pollution was published after 10 years of research, but in 1992 the launch of Scottish Natural Heritage was blighted by 'Scum Saturday'. This meant that more research was needed into the ecology.

From this, The Rural Access Committee Kinross-shire [TRACKS] was set up. They have now completed a trail round the loch which brings large numbers of people to Loch Leven and which has boosted the local economy. Everyone can now be a naturalist and enjoy or study the ecology.

Catriona McLeod gave the vote of thanks, thanking David Munro for giving Kinross-shire Historical Society yet another great talk on yet another topic. The 'dead bird display' at the campus had been a good thing after all as it had inspired him to give this talk.

'Safe Places for Dooking' by Eric Simpson

On 18 January, Eric Simpson gave an interesting and entertaining illustrated talk on the lido craze in Scotland.

Seaside resorts began with doctors telling patients to go sea bathing as a cure in the 18th century. Scarborough and Brighton became the first medical health resorts.

By the 19th century, the Victorians were keen on swimming, along with many other sports, for men. An Australian woman remodelled women's swimming costumes, which made swimming a possibility for them too. She toured many parts of America and Europe to publicise these costumes and was arrested on an American beach for being indecent. Male and female bathing was kept separate at different times.

The 1930s saw pools being created in many seaside towns. As they were quite expensive to build there was a lot of self-help and fundraising done locally. There was a lot of pride having the pools, and opening galas could be quite elaborate with thousands of people attending the events.

It was also important for the towns to attract visitors and town councils got involved if their ratepayers approved, investing to bring in the tourists. Posters were displayed to attract visitors. Some pools were tidal such as at St Andrews, Cellardyke and St Monan's in Fife, and others had distinctive Art Deco buildings. Portobello was the biggest pool in Scotland. It cost £80,000 in 1936. It could take 2000 bathers and 6000 spectators. Not all pools were on the coast. A pool was built at Letham Glen in Leven and it is now a sunken garden.

As time went on, some pools were improved with attached boating ponds and paddling pools.

In the interwar years, diving became popular. Pools added diving boards and displays of diving were given, drawing large crowds. Bathing beauty competitions were started though not many girls wanted to take part and they were mostly in dresses.

The advent of cheap foreign holidays, enclosed pools being built and high running costs brought the end to these early pools. Many have completely gone but parts of others, such as Cellardyke, can still be seen. Today, the pool built in Macduff is the only Grade A listed pool in Scotland.

David Walker, on behalf of the members, thanked Eric Simpson for his very entertaining and informative talk.

For details of more KHS talks, see page 96.

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Kinross Museum

The New Year has got off to a busy start with volunteers working on the listing of recent acquisitions to the museum collections as well as new exhibitions.

We have been keeping in touch with the archaeological survey that took place during roadworks in Milnathort which uncovered the remains of part of the old mill lade. Hopefully, some of the finds will soon be put on show in the museum.

Our 'Lest We Forget' exhibition on World War I will continue to be updated, highlighting the involvement of Kinross-shire men in the 1916 Battle of the Somme, one of the most important battles in world history.

The publication of 'Mary's Memories', the recollections of the late Mary Muihead, will be printed and available for sale at meetings of the Kinross-shire Historical Society as well as at the sales point in the Museum Study, which is manned on Thursdays and Saturdays.

Also available for sale in the museum is a collection of notelets with images of local scenes from the archive. Why not drop by in 2016 to view our changing exhibitions and see what publications we have for sale? Find out more about the museum, including details of phone, e-mail and facebook contacts, through our new website address at www.kinrossmuseum.co.uk



Common Grounds

On behalf of Common Grounds, could I wish all readers a very Happy New Year and the same to all our volunteers and friends.



Scottish Charity No. SC031582

Our year certainly went out with a bang....and not simply the fireworks....for despite the atrocious weather our craft stall at the Winter Market raised £360 and, with the generosity of volunteers and friends in our coffee shop, the final total was £500. Added to this was £180 from our Christmas raffle. A huge thank-you to all who contributed in any way to achieving these magnificent sums!

We are now looking forward to a **Quiz Night on Friday 19 February, 7pm** start with the master of quizzes, Mike Spain. Details are: tickets are £5 per person (includes savoury snacks), teams of four, raffle and BYOB. Tickets, to be bought in advance, are available in Common Grounds, from volunteers or from the contact numbers below. If you don't have your own team, it can be arranged! A fun night is promised, so do come along.

Project: Our current project is Riders for Health which we last supported in 2010. The majority of the population in sub-Saharan Africa live in rural areas where the best roads are little more than dirt tracks. This is when Riders for Health come into their own with their expertise in transport management, enabling health workers to deliver vital health care to rural communities on a reliable cost-effective basis. They manage motor cycles, ambulances and other four wheel vehicles in countries such as Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Nigeria, The Gambia, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Our project for March will be our annual 'Out of Africa' project which will be selected at the Volunteers meeting on **Tuesday 9 February**.

Our website address is now again www.spanglefish.com/commongroundscharitycafe

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

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



Curling on Loch Leven during the big freeze of 1895

Portmoak Film Society

Like its originator, January's film 'The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel', once again charmed filmgoers with the antics of British retirees in India played by Judy Dench, Bill Nighy, Celia Imrie and Maggie Smith, and gained 78% on the audience satisfaction rating.

There's a big treat in store on **Saturday 13 February** with the wonderful **'Mr Turner'**, the story of British artist JMW Turner's last 25 years. Brilliantly acted by Timothy Spall, Mike Leigh's 2014 film doesn't always show him in the most sympathetic light ... but that is more than compensated for by the wonderful cinematography which is like being in a Turner exhibition for 2½ hours!

We hope you will join us and stay for some refreshments afterwards.

Films start promptly at 7.30pm in Portmoak Hall, Scotlandwell. The season ticket reduces in price per month if you wish to see all the remaining films or you can pay £5 on the door on the night.

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Kinross & District Inner Wheel



The November meeting of the Inner Wheel Club welcomed District Chairman Heather Sheerin from Inverness, who was visiting her 22nd club since the beginning of September.

Heather spoke about her chosen charity, Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland, and how it helps people in Scotland to a healthier future in many different ways, ranging from individual booklets and ID cards for stroke victims to pioneering medical research into the prevention and treatment of chest, heart and stroke illness.

She has proved her own commitment to the charity by personally making 27 separate quilts, one for each club, and challenging each club to either make money with it for the charity or to put it to good use. The Kinross club will run a quiz later in the year and donate the proceeds to Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland.

Heather impressed us with her optimism and enthusiasm and strengthened the commitment of club members to Inner Wheel's joint aims of friendship and service.

A new quiz has been compiled in aid of Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland and copies can be obtained from members.

An outstanding recent talk was from Sean Bolton, a Rotarian, about his time in Antarctica as a photographer serving with the New Zealand Air Force.

Illustrated with beautiful photographs, no greenery in sight of course, he described life for those serving in a tiny part of this vast continent, trying to uncover its scientific secrets. To make his talk even more interesting, he took with him on his travels a bottle of prize-winning New Zealand beer which he featured in many of his photographs!

A novel way of raising money was organised by Elsa Sinclair of Kinross club in the form of a safari lunch, when members were divided into groups and travelled to each others houses eating a different course in each. £220 was raised for our charity account.

To mark Inner Wheel Day, President Alison Reid held a baked potato lunch at her home in Kirkcaldy. Committee members and others kindly supplied the food and a very happy and convivial afternoon ensued. A collection was taken for Parkinsons which raised £160.

The speaker at our January meeting was another Rotarian, Graham Cox, who gave a very thought-provoking talk on National Security.

Dobbies Community Champion

At Dobbies we are now looking forward to a new growing season, with summer bulbs and seed potatoes in stock, and Christmas becoming a more distant memory.

We were very successful with our fundraising for the Teenage Cancer Trust before Christmas, with a total of over £1000! We are very grateful to all the staff and members of the community who helped with our fundraising events.

Our Santa's arrival was great fun; thanks to the Round Table for use of their Santa sleigh, and the Kinross and District Pipe band for leading Santa to the store. Also to Kenny the Clown, and the Matthew Dance Academy dancers, and our face painter, and glitter tattooists. Thank you to Martin our Santa and our elves, and we have received some very positive feedback from families about their Santa experience with us.

Ladies Night was also very successful, with craft stalls, a range of beauty treatments, drinks and canapés and a great tombola. We were well entertained by Big Al's disco, and Iain Hunter, who went down a storm with his wonderful singing and performing requests, and even dancing with one of the ladies for a charity donation! We also had a lovely Christmas cake to guess the weight, from Abdara cakes in Perth, which raised another £100. We look forward to seeing many of you at our future fundraising events.

We also donated a Christmas tree to Light Up Kinross, which looked good beside the fountain in the centre of the town, with lights provided by Hunters.

We will shortly be choosing our new **Local Charity of the Year** for the store, having had a successful partnership with Kinross-shire Day Centre this year, raising over £350. If you are a member of a local registered charity committee, and have some ideas about how we could work together in fundraising, please contact the store for details of how to apply online, to be returned to the Manager by **Friday 19 February**.

I would also welcome enquiries about school visits to the store, or donations of gardening items for schools or other community groups in the coming year.

The next Little Seedlings Club meetings will be at **11am on Sunday 7 February and Sunday 6 March**. New members aged 4 to 10, accompanied by an adult, are always welcome. More details in store.

I am now looking forward to seeing the daffodils blooming in Powmill, which we donated to the In Bloom Group in the autumn, and generally to starting growing projects with children as the spring progresses.

Contact Amanda James, Community Champion, on 01577 863327 or by email at community.kinross@dobbies.com

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Kinross-shire Day Centre

We must begin this report with a huge thank-you to the staff for all their hard work in making the Christmas festivities so successful. The Day Centre is extra busy at this time of year but they coped magnificently with all the extra work.

The festivities began with the Rotary Club Concert evening, when we were able to join friends from Causeway Court and Whyte Court for a fantastic evening of entertainment organised by the local club, with help from our staff. Thank you very much to them all.

At the end of term, we were delighted to have a visit from the P4s of Kinross Primary School, who sang some Christmas songs and carols for us and then joined us in a couple of games of Irish bingo. They hadn't played it before and it just goes to show we can still teach the young ones something new!

Our Christmas lunch was attended by 75 people, many of whom stayed on for a wonderful afternoon of entertainment by 'Tam the Hat'. Of course, a Christmas lunch would not be complete without a visit from Santa and his helper!

The panto at the Alhambra was absolutely brilliant; two bus loads went along and laughed all afternoon.

In January, it's good to get out for a little while. So, taking advantage of one of the few bright days recently, we took the minibus to Sterling Mills for an afternoon to browse the shops. If you would like to be involved with the Day Centre, as a service-user, a volunteer or as a supporter, speak to Nan Cook, 01577 863869.

Kinross Garden Group

We have two meetings in February. Our first meeting is on **Thursday 11 February** in the **Millbridge Hall, Kinross**, at 2pm. Scott Paterson of Kinross Ecology will talk about 'Wildlife in your garden'. This is a change to the talk in the KGG Syllabus. Doors will be open from 1.30pm.

The second talk will be at **Loch Leven Community Campus** and is given in association with Kinross Library and sponsored by Kinross Garden Group. It will be on **Thursday 25 February at 2pm**. Dr David Robertson, author of 'The Lost Gardens of Perthshire' will talk about The Lost Gardens of Perthshire.

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



Kinross in Bloom

Can we start by wishing all our volunteer helpers and supporters a very happy and prosperous 2016.

At this time of the year, our members are emerging slowly from a two-month hibernation, and facing up to the fact that a new season is beginning, commencing with our first meeting of the year, on **Wednesday 3 February** at 7.30pm in the Garden Room at the Church Centre.

Whilst most members hibernated, some of us were carrying out tasks of repair and maintenance. Thanks to the Community Payback Team, slabs have been laid at the rear of the polytunnel, giving us a further area to work on. The tear in the polytunnel has been repaired and the area around and inside the polytunnel has been tidied up and, although not due for some months yet, made ready for delivery of the summer plants. Also planting of crocus and daffodil bulbs at Gacé Gardens took place, so we look forward to seeing a fine display in the Spring.

Anyone interested in making Kinross a brighter, more colourful place will be made very welcome at our meeting mentioned above. We can always do with extra pairs of hands. We look forward to seeing you there.

Meeting dates for the diary: Wednesdays at 7.30pm:

3 February, 2 March, 6 April, 4 May, 1 June, 6 July, 3 August, 7 September, 5 October and 2 November.



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Kinross Camera Club



We are now midway through the 2015/16 session and it has been a very busy time with numerous competitions and some excellent speakers.

The Thackeray Trophy was won this year by David Sharman with a triptych of Glencoe landscapes. On the same evening he won the projected digital image competition with a still life photo called 'Summer Fruits'.

The annual three way club competition between Kinross, Kirkcaldy and Linlithgow was won by Kirkcaldy with some fantastic photos. These also featured in the recent Scottish Photographic Federation projected image championships. Well done, Kirkcaldy.

Billy Currie visited the club recently and gave an inspiring talk on how important post processing has become in modern digital photography. He demonstrated numerous before and after images to illustrate the potential of good post processing techniques

using tools like Photoshop to create wonderful, yet natural, looking images. The weeks ahead are equally busy with yet more competitions and several exciting speakers. These include George Neilson, who will be giving talk on his experience as an official photographer at the commonwealth games in Glasgow, and Dave Hunt who specialises in Fine Art photography. Our meetings are held in the Church Centre, Kinross **every Thursday at 7.30pm** and all are welcome. For more information please contact Dallas Key at dallaskey30@yahoo.co.uk.



One of three photos submitted by David Sharman for the Thackeray Trophy

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Kinross & District Art Club

Among your Christmas presents this year you may have received an Adult Colouring Book. These seem to have overtaken Sudoku and even crossword puzzle books in popularity as the latest way to pass the time constructively, stimulate the brain and relieve stress all at the same time!



Adult colouring books, currently very popular, are said to relieve stress

With her background of art and ceramics, KADAC Member Sybil Galbraith is currently enjoying creating designs for colouring in, based on Jacobean patterns, the aim of which is to have an end product with balance in design and colour. The colouring in is done with vibrant watercolour paint.

Sybil has been a member of the club for around ten years and is the Membership Secretary. She grew up in what was then Northern Rhodesia and completed her further education in South Africa. Keen to study art after leaving school, her parents said no, as they considered art to be associated with the era of the hippie and flower power! So she graduated instead in Geology and Geography and a Higher Teachers Diploma. Her interest in Art remained, however, and many years later as a mature student she attended the three year training course at Johannesburg College of Art and Design. She has exhibited a range of styles at our annual exhibitions and this latest example demonstrates the versatility and creativity of our members.

We have already welcomed three new members in 2016 and if you are interested in joining us, do come along to the Millbridge Hall any Tuesday or Friday afternoon from 2pm until 4pm and see the club in action! For more information, visit www.kadac.co.uk.

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Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation



NEW... Kinross Farmers' Market!

As a new initiative, KLEO is organising a Kinross Farmers' Market in the heart of Kinross on the redeveloped High Street on every fifth Saturday of a month in 2016. Dates will thus be: **30 January, 30 April, 30 July and 29 October (all 9am-1pm).**

The High Street will remain open for traffic during these markets with the stalls situated on the wider pavement area adjacent to the old Town Hall. We hope to offer a great variety of stalls during these markets. We are certain that this will be a positive and exciting addition to Kinross which will enhance our High Street and encourage local and neighbouring residents to buy, not only from the market, but also our local shops.

If you are a local farmer or a local trader you might consider a stall at the Festive Street Market and at the Kinross Farmers' Market. For more information and for booking a stall, please e-mail info@kleo.org.uk

Kinross Farmers' Market is supported by the Community Food Fund, which is financed by The Scottish Government and has been created to promote local food and drink, in line with Scotland's National Food and Drink Policy. www.communityfoodfund.co.uk

Leven Voices

Leven Voices is for anyone who just wants to sing and have fun! You can join in anytime. March sessions are led by Horsecross Arts tutor Mary McInroy. The singing sessions take place on **Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm** at the Kinross Parish Church. You pay as you go (£4 or £3 concession). There is a £5 'registration fee' which is used to pay for the hall for a ten week period. Just come along, sing and enjoy!

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Kinnesswood in Bloom

Welcome to 2016 and a new year of planning and planting for the in-bloom groups, ourselves included.



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the memorial bench for Tom Buchan. We have collected £2411 to date. It is hoped that the bench will be placed in the new Benarty View garden.

We ended 2015 in good form with a free large Christmas tree donated by Peter Cappon. Thank you, Peter! As well as the usual ornamentation, we used the hanging picture baubles from the display of Christmas trees at Milnathort.

The teddies from the summer took on a festive look with clothes to keep them warm for a winter picnic. Thanks again to George for the electricity to light up the tree and all those who helped to set it up and decorate.



Members of Kinnesswood in Bloom in front of the Christmas Tree in Kinnesswood

Although there were few work parties outside in December, there were work parties at the school preparing the raised beds for next year and doing the tasks of sweeping leaves and pruning the buddleia.

The Brownies were involved in using the lavender from Lavender Walk to make lavender bags and, in groups, they planted bulbs in pots. These will go out next spring.

Thanks very much to Willie Robertson for his generous donation of forest bark to ourselves and other in-bloom groups. We appreciate the support from our local councillors. We also really appreciate the very generous donation from the Kinross Newsletter towards our next project.

In mid-January we let our hair down with a night out to celebrate our achievements last year and join with the Path Group and sewing ladies of Kinnesswood who all help to make the village look so wonderful all year.

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After taking care of your diet in January, you may want a recipe for a nourishing dish in February. This is the favourite of my elder daughter and her family, better even than a well-known fast food outlet.

Ingredients

- 8 pork sausages
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 225g plain flour
- 4 eggs
- 250ml milk
- Salt and pepper to taste

Method

In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, eggs and half of the milk until smooth. Gradually mix in the rest of the milk until a smooth batter is achieved. Season with salt and pepper. Leave to sit for at least half an hour.

Cook the sausages in a frying pan over a medium heat for about 10 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 200°C/400 F. Pour the oil into the bottom of a baking dish and heat until smoking.

Take the dish from the oven and place the sausages in the hot oil. Carefully ladle the batter over them until the sausages are three quarters covered.

Return to the oven and bake for 35 minutes, or until the centre is risen and browned.

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Kinross & District Probus Club

November 2015



Gliding was the exciting theme of our meeting on 18 November when Santiago Cervantes gave a talk. In spite of his name, he is very much a Scotsman. Santiago has an abiding passion for gliding, which he has been doing for 50 years. He first went gliding as a passenger when he was 14 years old. Then he obtained his gliding licence at the age of 16 and describes his hobby as an almost spiritual experience. In this regard he described his experience of gliding in the Antarctic. Apart from the obvious danger, especially in finding an emergency landing place, the scenery is magnificent and, above all, the silence is absolute. Taken together these aspects of gliding in the Antarctic provide the ingredients for a spiritual experience.

Our area (especially Portmoak Airfield) is at the forefront of the gliding world and holds 24 records out of 60 in the UK. The club is very active in trying to bring more records to Scotland using various sizes and sophistication of glider up to a maximum of a 30 metre wing span. The more sophisticated gliders may have an engine for use in an emergency but these engines are of limited size. For instance, a 30 metre machine has an electric motor with power for 20 minutes. Such a glider, based at Portmoak, holds the 1000 kilometre record time which involved gliding to Tongue in Sutherland and back some four times.

Scotland is particularly lucky to have world class conditions for gliding. The technique of gliding uses three methods to allow the aircraft to fly. First there is an Uplift caused by the wind being forced upwards by mountain escarpments such as happens with Bishop Hill. The second is known as Thermals, when air at ground level heats up and then rises upwards, again allowing the glider to lift. The third condition is known as Wave Soaring, where the cloud formations cause the wind to form a standing wave of air as part of a ripple of air passing over the clouds. It is this condition which is particularly found in Scotland and forms the basis of world class gliding conditions.

Mr Cervantes illustrated his talk with images showing views taken from gliders and the various conditions of weather and cloud formations suitable for gliding.

Jim Ferrier gave the vote of thanks.

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December 2015

The meeting on 2 December was addressed by Pam Cairns, a retired doctor, who had turned her attention to problems further afield. She had worked in South America and was aware of the problems in the Amazon area, especially with young children and young girls.

She had a connection with the Vine Trust and took part in an expedition some 2000 miles up the Amazon where missionaries were working with the local population in nutrition and health care. Another part of the problem was that young people were migrating to the cities where they were preyed upon by criminals. Girls, especially, were the subject of trafficking.

These problems, together with the massive deforestation being carried out both legally and illegally, are destroying the traditional way of life of the local tribal population.

Pam wrote a novel called 'The Dead Don't Hurt Us' based on her adventure and other novels followed.

Pam went on to describe a similar expedition to India and, although this was not to such an inaccessible part of the world, many of the problems were the same, especially in regard to the trafficking of young girls.

Roger Bromley gave the vote of thanks for a thought-provoking talk.

The annual Christmas Lunch was held on 7 December and 62 members and their wives attended.

January 2016

Our first meeting of the New Year, held on 6 January, was addressed by Maureen Young, a professional journalist. Her talk was called 'My Life in a Mess'. This referred to the fact that she had, over the span of her career, spent a substantial amount of time attached to army units in a reporting role.

With the aid of some excellent photographs, Maureen described the various missions. These were mainly attached to the Black Watch and the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, although she had also carried out an assignment with the Royal Air Force.

The missions covered Berlin (both when it was still divided and then when the wall had been demolished), Northern Ireland, Kenya, Kosovo, The Falkland Islands, Hong Kong and Iraq. These were not active missions in the sense that they were not war zones but they were active in other ways, for example, in Hong Kong where The Black Watch were working alongside the Royal Marines hunting for drug smugglers.

Ian Nicholson gave the vote of thanks for a very interesting talk.

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What's Happening at the Campus

French Storytelling, Saturday 6 February. French-themed story-time for 4-8 year olds. *See p. 20.*

Radio Scotland 'The Big Debate', Friday 12 February
See page 11 for details.

Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair, Saturday 20 February. There will be buying, selling and valuations given. Admission will be from **9.30am to 3.30pm** with entry fee of **£1** per person.

PKC Local Development Plan Drop in Session, Tuesday 23 February, 3pm – 8pm. Give your views on how the future of your area will be shaped in terms of housing supply, provision of business land, the natural and built environment, transport and green issues. *[See notice on p. 22.]* Further information and updates will be available online at www.pkc.gov.uk/mailissuesldp2 and you can keep up to date with the LPD process by following PKC on Twitter @PKCPlanning#PKC.

The Lost Gardens of Perthshire, Thursday 25 February. Illustrated author talk exploring the stories some of the Perthshire's lost gardens. *See p. 20.*

French Storytelling, Saturday 5 March. French-themed story-time for 4-8 year olds. *See p. 20.*

Better Place to Live Fair, Saturday 5 March. Fun Activities, Information, Local Projects, Workshops, Music and more – an event with something for everyone! Free entry, 10am-2pm. *For more information, see p. 12.*

Big Band Dance Evening with The Scottish Swing Orchestra, Friday 18 March. Put on your dancing shoes as this will be a fun filled evening with The Scottish Swing Orchestra, led by Dave Batchelor serving up a feast of hot dance music so you can fox trot, cha cha and quick step. **Doors open at 7pm** with Pam Spowart showing some different styles of dancing in a free dance lesson to get everyone up on their feet and additional tuition for beginners ready for when The Scottish Swing Orchestra start performing at **8pm**. Don't worry if you don't have a dance partner – there will be plenty of people to dance with. Refreshments, including a bar, will be available. Tickets are **£14** and are available from campus reception. (Contact details above.)

Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair, Saturday 26 March. There will be buying, selling and valuations given. Admission will be from **9.30am to 3.30pm** with entry fee of **£1** per person.

Funny Bones and Wisdom Teeth - An Appointment with Dr Ray Lowry, Thursday 31 March. If you've ever had a dentist's finger in your mouth or a doctor's finger somewhere else, you may have wondered about the person behind the knuckle... Now's your opportunity to find out in this unashamedly old-school comedy one-man show. Ray Lowry is an after-dinner speaker; a retired doctor and dentist; and an ex-comedy TV and radio performer and writer (The Two Ronnies, Dave Allen, Kenneth Williams). **Warning: the show contains adult themes.** The show starts at **7pm** and places **MUST** be booked. Tickets are **£7** and are on sale now

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Happy Hookers! Beginners Irish Lace Crochet Courses on Tuesdays or Wednesdays with Sandra Farrer. Choose from Tuesday evenings (**Tuesday 3 May** until **Tuesday 14 June**, 7pm-9pm) or Wednesday afternoons (**Wednesday 4 May** until **Wednesday 15 June**, 1pm-3pm.) The cost for each 7-week course is **£60**, which includes hooks and cotton. Irish Lace is making a comeback and is easier than it looks. Sandra will show you the basic techniques that are required to make some amazing items. Places are limited and **MUST** be booked. For more information and/or to book, contact Sandra (see item above for contact details).

New Sewing Classes will start soon with instruction from Mo Prior. Start dates and further details will be published shortly in the Newsletter, Campus Facebook Page and on Campus Noticeboards. To register your interest, contact Mo on 07745 667611 or 01383 829565 or email maureenprior218@btinternet.com

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Planning applications

The planning committee of KCT meets regularly to examine Kinross-shire planning applications and comment where appropriate. One recent letter of objection sent by KCT concerned the application by **Persimmon Homes** for 300 houses at **Lathro Farm**, Kinross. The current local development plan states that the maximum number of houses for the site, referred to as H47, is 260, not 300, and that only 140 houses are to be built up to the year 2024.

Kinross High Street

The Trust had concerns about the detail of the new High Street design and raised their concerns on safety etc with PKC consistently through the planning process. PKC did not change their plans to take account of the Trust's concerns.

Now the works are complete, concerns have been expressed by many people about the safe operation of the High Street, particularly for pedestrian safety. It is evident that the view of the Trust was correct and safety has become a serious issue.

The Trust is continuing to support attempts to have the adopted scheme improved and have PKC remedy the situation.

Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2): Main Issues Report

Local Development Plans are on a continually renewing cycle. Although the first one was adopted relatively recently (February 2014), the Council is in the process of producing the next one. The current phase is consultation on the Main Issues Report (MIR) for Local Development Plan 2. [See notice on page 22.] Kinross-shire Civic Trust would encourage local residents to attend the drop in consultation at the community campus on **Tuesday 23 February** and/or examine the information on the Council website at www.pkc.gov.uk/mainissuesldp2 and make comments by the deadline of **Wednesday 16 March**.

In Memoriam

We are saddened at the recent passing of **Graham Langridge**, who was a valued member of the Kinross-shire Civic Trust and perceptive contributor to our planning committee.

Milnathort Primary School

Parent Council

Christmas Fair: Following our most successful Christmas Fair to date we would like to thank all our sponsors for their generosity:

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We would also like to thank parents, teachers and pupils for their time and support in raising £1,800 at this event. We plan to use this money for additional education materials to support numeracy across all year groups, playground games and outdoor learning.

'Love Our Grounds' and Dobbies: Thank you to Amanda James and Dobbies for their generous donation of plants and equipment and also ideas for our school gardens. We are looking forward to seeing the bulbs flower in Spring and growing the flower and vegetable seeds. Love Our Grounds is our new group of parents who garden. We are grateful for their time in weeding, putting in the lawn edging and generally sprucing up our grounds.

New Committee: We are happy to announce our new committee with Kelly Cobb as Chair, Morag Heneghan as Treasurer and Jan Leach as Clerk. We, along with the PC members, look forward to enhancing your child's learning experience at MPS. Guided by the teachers, we have recently purchased thesauri, dictionaries, listening and talking language materials, non-fiction books and early years novels, additional support resources and provided the opportunity for the children to see a performance of Peter Pan by M&M.

Next meeting: Monday 1 February, 7.30pm at the campus. We welcome any MPS parents to attend. Please note that copies of our minutes are available via the new school website www.milnathortprimaryschool.org.uk or as a paper copy in the school office. **Further meeting dates for your diary: Monday 21 March, Monday 2 May, Monday 13 June.**

Jan Leach, Clerk (jan.leach@milnathortprimary.org.uk)



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Kinross High School

I am delighted to share some of the successes of our pupils in this edition of the Newsletter. These recent achievements, which range from personal achievement in Cookery and Chess to team success in Swimming and Equestrian, remind us how talented our pupils are.

Opportunities for children and young people to learn and develop beyond the classroom add to the ethos and life of our school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff, parents and members of the community for continuing to support our pupils in this way.

Sarah Brown, Headteacher

Athletics: Kieron Potter picked up two trophies for School and Age Group at the Strathcarron Hospice 10k road run on 27 September. Lewis Cox, Finlay Hunter and Hamza Ulla also participated.

Swimming: The following pupils represented the school at the Perth and Kinross Swimming Gala in Perth on Wednesday 30 September. The team did really well and won the overall competition! Aaron Gillon, Grant Ogilvie, Ewan Boyle, Connor McCormick, Finlay Nesbit, Jack Watson, Elliot Hogg, Alex Bell, Duncan Crawford, Rory Nesbit, Jack Muncey, Ben Griffin, Liam Slater, Claire Moloney, Rebecca Hardie, Blythe Johnston, Iona Crawford, Amy Broadhurst, Amy Hardie, Ola Stanton, Niamh Moloney, Eve Robertson, Libby Broadhurst, Beth Ritchie, Sarah Coutts, Aimee Aitken, Mark Cathro, Daniel Cochrane, Amber Douglas, Joanne Drysdale, Michael Ferguson, Calum Fotheringham.

Jack Muncey, Rory Hutchison, Finlay Nesbitt, Elliot Hogg and Alex Bell represented the school at the Nancy Riach Midland District Swimming Competition on 30 September in Dundee. The boys did really well, some got personal best times and made the final with their relay team!

The Tayside Schools Swimming Competition was held in Dundee in November. All pupils who took part did themselves and the school proud, with personal best times and many of our swimmers making the finals. The 13-14 boys relay team won Gold, the 13-14 girls relay team won Bronze, Jack Muncey won Gold, Ola Stanton won Silver, Finlay Nesbitt won Silver and Amy Broadhurst also won Silver.

Equestrian: The following pupils represented the school at the Strathallan School Competition on Sunday 1 November. The first team took fourth place with Anna Campbell taking fifth place in the Individuals.



Anna Campbell, Niamh McLaren, Tegan Humphries, Anna Smith, Abbie Pearson, Eliza Stevenson, Finn Thomson, Aimee Hamilton, Daisy Lockhart, Maddie Stewart, Anna Casasola, Lisa Garrett.

Finn Thomson, Anna Campbell, Aimee Hamilton, Niamh McLaren and Alisha Christie also took part in Highfield at Howe's Christmas Extravaganza on 12 December, taking first place in the 65cm class.

Badminton: The Perth and Kinross Badminton Championships were held on 26 November. It was a fantastic day and all pupils involved were a credit to the school. We had many notable performances with three championship winning performances! Daniel Black was Under 19 Boys Singles Champion. Daniel then teamed up with Adam Sweeney to win the Under 19 Boys Doubles title. In the Under 14 category, Calum Flockhart was the Boys Singles Champion. We also had an array of runners up and semi-finalists.

Fencing: Rhys Barbour and Sam Freeman represented Kinross High School in the Scottish Secondary Schools Fencing Championships on 28 and 29 November in Linlithgow. Rhys was the youngest competitor but beat all opposition to become the Under 14 Scottish Secondary Schools Individual Foil Fencing Champion and Sam won the Under 14 Boys Sabre category.

Chess: Ben Volland represented the Scotland Under 12s at the FIDE World Youth & Cadets Chess Championships held at Porto Carras in Greece between 24 October and 6 November. There were 205 participants from 75 different countries taking part in the Under 12 section of the championships. Ben finished the championships with three wins and three draws, improving his overall rank.

Cookery: Lewie Reith won first prize in a local heat of the Rotary Young Chef Competition. Caitlin Quinn was second with third prize going to Callum Ward. This is a national competition to support and encourage development of cookery skills and is open to students aged 11 to 17. (see page 48)

Eilidh Robertson won first prize in the school heat of the Future Chef Competition on 2 October. Olivia Kuijpers won second prize and Jay Crawford won third prize. This is a national competition and is open to students aged 12 to 16. The participants prepared one course with a budget of up to £5. Eilidh won with her Pepper & Mozzarella Tartin and she and Olivia will now go forward to the next heat in Perth where they will cook two portions each of a two-course meal with a budget of up to £7.

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Maths: Nicholas Baughan, Alistair Higgins, Kimberley Henry and Matthew Moloney came tenth out of 58 schools in the Scottish Final of the Enterprising Maths Competition at Glasgow Science Centre on 17 November.

Literacy: Amelia Mah and Struan Hepburn reached the top ten in a national essay competition. Both pupils spent a day with other winners in Edinburgh at workshops on aspects of political journalism. Amelia was then announced as one of the four overall winners. She won an iPad mini, work experience with Thomson's law firm and The Times political editor, and the chance to address the recent Scottish Labour Party National conference on her essay topic: Wider Options for School Leavers.

Chemistry: 'Top of the Bench' is an annual, national competition run by the Royal Society of Chemistry for 13-16 year olds. The team of Cameron Houston, Cameron MacFarlane, Sarah Newman and Rebecca Bissett have progressed through three rounds of the competition to be one of only four teams to go through to the regional final to be held on 26 January.

Caitlin Duffy was recognised in an award ceremony in Armourers' Hall in London for the Armourers and Brasiers Sixth Form prize. Caitlin is the first Scottish student to ever be awarded a prize in this competition. During her final year at Kinross High School, Caitlin completed a project during her time in Chemistry, looking at the properties of novel materials. This project was judged to be so good that she was asked down to the national final where she gave a presentation on 'Aerogels' to Oxbridge professors. The quality of this presentation was such that she was awarded second place in the UK, winning £750 for herself and £500 for Kinross High School.



Caitlin Duffy being presented with her prize

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Kinross High School Parent Council



The next meeting of the Parent Council will take place on **Tuesday 8 March**, with further meetings on **Monday 9 May** and **Tuesday 14 June**. Any parent or guardian of a KHS pupil is welcome to come along. If you would like to join us, please contact the Clerk beforehand to confirm that the meeting is going ahead as planned. We welcome your ideas, views, skills and talents even if you can't come to meetings. You can either post on the Facebook page (see below) or email us at khsparentcouncil83@gmail.com. Specific issues relating to individual pupils should always be raised directly with the School in the first instance.

This month, on **Tuesday 16 February**, the Parent Council is running a **Jobs Fair** for KHS pupils to support the Schools own Careers Fair. The Jobs Fair is an informal event, with the emphasis on pupils being able to chat to real people doing a wide variety of real jobs. The aim is not to offer employment to pupils but simply to open the eyes of pupils to as wide a range of jobs as possible, some of which they might not have realised even existed. Would you consider taking part in this informal event to speak to pupils about your job? If so, please contact the Clerk as above. The last time we ran this event around 400 pupils attended and we had some fantastic feedback.

You may be interested to know that KHS Parent Council is represented on Facebook. Our presence there is aimed to be a forum for parents and teaching staff and to garner support for the school and to help fulfil the aims of the Parent Council. If you are a parent or guardian of children in KHS or have a genuine link to the school and the work of the Parent Council and would like to become a member of this Facebook group, please email the Clerk as above. It is intended as a secret group, which means that all posts and discussions are private and seen only by members. You can invite a member to join the group if they are a friend of yours on Facebook. We hope that you find it useful and use it in a positive way to help all pupils, staff and parents get as complete an experience as they can from Kinross High School.

The aims of KHSPC are to work constructively with the school to:

- Represent the views of parents
- Support the school in its work with pupils
- Encourage links between the school, parents, pupils, pre-school groups and the wider community.

Parents are important and make a real difference to children's learning. When everyone involved in school life works together our whole school community can do better and achieve more. KHS Parent Council is part of this. Current office bearers of the Parent Council are William Nicholls (Chair), Kay Mitchell (Vice Chair) and Allan Miller (Treasurer). Kathy Campbell, Clerk, can be contacted on 07527 485300 or by email: campbell.kathy73@yahoo.co.uk

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Fencing

Rhys Barbour, representing Kinross High School, has become the Under 14 Scottish Secondary Schools Individual foil fencing champion. Rhys is still only 12 and one of the youngest competitors. This is a prestigious competition and Rhys has joined a select band of Scottish champions.

It's been a great 2015 for Rhys who has won the double of Scottish fencing championships and is now the U-13 Foil Scottish Champion, U-14 Scottish Schools Individual Foil Champion as well as the Foundation for Scottish Fencing Series Champion and Leon Paul Newcastle Champion.



Fencing champion Rhys Barbour

Rhys's fencing club, West Fife Fencing Club (WFFC), would like to pass on their thanks to everyone from Kinross High,

Portmoak School and Portmoak parish who have taken the time to vote and support them recently. WFFC have been announced as successful in polling the most votes to win a £25,000 grant to help fund the conversion of the old Wellwood Primary School in Dunfermline into a dedicated fencing and local community centre. Further information can be found at

<http://scottish-fencing.co.uk/news/2015/11/23/west-fife-fc-secures-%C2%A325k-funding-award-new-permanent-facility>

West Fife Fencing Club are a registered charity (no. SC045885) whose aim is to make the Olympic sport of fencing available and affordable for all people in Fife and Kinross-shire.

The club meets three nights a week on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at Queen Anne High School in Dunfermline, and will move to the dedicated fencing centre in the spring. WFFC welcomes fencers from the age of 6 and older. We have a broad range of abilities within our membership, from absolute beginners to members of Great Britain and Scottish squads.

Fencing has a reputation as being an expensive and elitist sport. WFFC has provided this is not the case. All equipment is provided and the first night is free. Club fees are £23 per month for three nights a week training, which includes all class sessions, clothing and equipment. **So for less than £2 a night you can fence with everything included!**

Come along and try your hand at this fabulous sport - whether you just want to keep fit or aspire to fence at the highest levels, we can help you achieve your full potential.

Further information can be found at:

WFFC website: www.wffc.org.uk or the Scottish Fencing website: <http://scottish-fencing.co.uk>

Orwell Bowling Club

Westerloan, Milnathort

QUIZ NIGHT on SATURDAY 20 FEBRUARY at Orwell Bowling Club. Teams of four at £2.50 per person. Contact Mike or Maz Thorn on 01577 8422271.

Congratulations must also go to Mrs Sandra Fullerton, who was elected Ladies County President for Clackmannan this year at the AGM held in January. It's been few years since Orwell Bowling Club has had this honour and we're sure that Sandra will carry out her duties to a high standard.

Details for the opening of the green will follow in next month's Newsletter; new members always welcome.

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Live Active

Loch Leven Gymnastics



We had four teams who competed for Kinross High School at the Perth & Kinross Secondary Schools Gymnastics Championship in December.

The pupils who competed were a combination of pupils who attend both our Live Active High School session, Tay Valley Gymnastics Club and a couple of our young coaches participated too. Everyone performed really well as there was a lot of last minute changes due to injuries. Kerry, Emily and Mrs Davidson were very proud of everyone.

Also congratulations goes to our two volunteers **Niamh Ironside** and **Nicole McIntosh** who achieved their 25 hour Saltire Award for all their hard work coaching in our primary classes.

We have a busy year ahead of us. We will be working on the Scottish Gymnastics Award Scheme as well as some of our gymnasts attending the Primary School Gymnastics Competition.

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Kinross Hockey Club

Ladies Report

Competitive hockey in Scotland moves indoor during the winter months. From the end of November to the beginning of February, we don't play any league or cup games but, of course, we still train weekly; at least until the Christmas festivities take over!

We ended the first half of the season with a win and a draw for our firsts, sitting at a very respectable fourth in the table at the break, and postponements for our seconds.

The New Year has brought us back to training with renewed enthusiasm and a drive to rid ourselves of all those extra mince pies and chocolates. Unfortunately the weather hasn't been quite so enthusiastic! We are currently still having to both train and play our games at either Kilgraston or North Inch Community Campus whilst we wait to see how quickly we can return to playing at KGV.

Saturday 13 December saw a group of members take part in helping to raise funds with Round Table's Santa Sleigh.

We are also delighted to announce that Clark Thomson Insurance Brokers (CTIB) is supporting the Kinross Hockey Ladies Team. Scotland's largest independent and award winning insurance brokers will be the new shirt sponsors for Kinross Hockey Ladies Team as part of a three-year sponsorship deal. Clark Thomson Insurance Brokers Marketing and Communications Manager Morna Strachan said: 'We are delighted to support Kinross Hockey Ladies team by being proud shirt sponsors. We are firmly committed to supporting community projects in the local areas we have our branches and recognise the mutual benefits the sponsorship will bring. We look forward to seeing the team as proud wearers of the Clark Thomson logo'. We would like to thank Clark Thomson once again for their sponsorship and look forward to wearing our new strips.



Kinross Corinthians

Late last year, Kinross Hockey Club committee members were discussing the idea of encouraging more people to play hockey.

In fact, it seemed that there may be a place for a social group of hockey players, male and female, from a wide variety of ages and experience. It could be youngsters who were not able to play for a school team, new mums and dads delighting at the option to escape bathtime one evening a week, people who had never played hockey before or who had nobly stood for years watching their offspring's matches and fancied giving it a go.

With Andrew Montford working hard behind the scenes and Lindsey Broderick-Knight agreeing to a coaching role, 'The Corinthians' were born. Lindsey has excelled at blending fitness, skills, games and lots of fun into action-packed coaching sessions, where friendships have formed and confidence has grown.

Lindsey and I have been delighted by the attitude of the group. Friendly, cheerful and enthusiastic in rain, hail or shine, (well, mostly rain recently), we have forged into a happy band of mixed and diverse players, just as was intended. Of course, there's always room for more, so why not give it a go? It's an easy way to exercise, meet new people and have a go at something you enjoy, or would like to try. We would love to see you if you fancy trying Corinthians and there's no pressure to stay if it's not for you. We meet **every Monday, from 7.30pm to 8.30pm**. Just read the comments from recent recruits and have a look at the Kinross Hockey Club website if you wish to find out more about us.

Lesley: 'Many of those who have come along are returning to sport after a break because of work or family commitments, and the balance between learning technique and playing games has been just right. The result is a lot of fun while gaining some fitness, and getting to know a new group of like-minded people'.

Jessica: 'What I feel has been so great about Corinthians is starting the social club. I loved playing hockey at school and have always had an itching to try it again, but with the combination of lacking skill and fitness and not being able to commit as strongly now that I have a family, the prospect of joining the standard club was too daunting. However, to return to doing something I loved when I was younger and meeting a group of lovely people outside of my kids, has given me a real buzz'.

Angela: 'Corinthians has made me remember again how much I loved hockey, having had to stop after an injury then having two little people. It's given me that buzz again. Thank you to everyone involved. Loving it! '.

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We are looking to strengthen our squad by signing two players born in 2003 or 2004. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact David on 07740 950641 or by email at baysidegirlsfc@hotmail.com.



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Ladies curling: Good luck to Team Spain who will represent the Kinross ice rink at the **Henderson Bishop** finals at Lockerbie from 29 February to 3 March. The local playdowns were held in November, with many games decided by the last stone. Members of the winning team are: Fiona Spain (skip), Jayne Stirling, Kathryn Spain, Linzi Sim and Alison Fyffe.



Team Spain will represent Kinross at the Henderson Bishop competition

The Kinross Stick Bonspiel on 28 November was a great success, with 24 curlers taking part. Some initial coaching was provided by regular stick curlers. Three clubs (Tuesday Club, Forth Valley and Stratheden) arrived with full teams and three more rinks were skipped by Jim Paterson, Mike Caffyn and Allan Dearing. The winners were the Tuesday Club.



The Tuesday Club, winners of the Stick Bonspiel

About the Kinross Newsletter

The Newsletter has been informing and supporting the community for 38 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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Hogmanay Pairs: After a total of 46 matches and one extra end, Ross McLeary and Stuart Easson emerged victorious (5-4) against Peter Lang and Craig Lindsay. Both teams will represent Kinross at the National Pairs Championships in March at Stranraer. Thanks to all who took part locally.

The Festive Potty was won by Kinross Juniors. Team members were Andrew Johnston, Alysia Rennie, Ben Cormack and Greg Bowsie.

Junior Curling Raffle: Thanks to everyone who donated prizes and bought tickets for the annual Christmas raffle. A total of £775 was achieved.

Schools competition: In December four local school teams contested in a round robin for the local schools trophy, and for the two spots in the National Schools Championships, to be held in Braehead in March. Kinross High 1 won all their games, securing the trophy and their place in the finals. They are joined by runners up, Beath HS.



Kinross High 1: Ben Cormack (skip), Linzi Sim, Beth Farmer and Sean Keegan

The AGM of Kinross Curling Trust was due to take place while this Newsletter was in preparation. We'll bring you some news of the AGM in the March Newsletter.

Fossoway Curling Club



The season is well under way and our first league trophy, The Fraser Cup, has been won by **Ian Nicholson**.

On Sunday 3 January, we had our annual points competition with guests Fossoway Ladies and Tulliallan Curling Clubs. The overall winner was Laura Ritchie of Tulliallan. Highest Fossoway Lady was **Debbie Weir** and The Gibson Cup for the highest Fossoway player was won by **Alan Paterson**.

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

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Kinross Otters

Club Championships 2015

Another superbly competitive club championship took place at Loch Leven Leisure on Sunday 29 November 2015 with over 80 Otters taking part. At the time of writing, the results are still well under wraps and are due to be announced at the annual awards night at the Windlestrae Hotel on Saturday 23 January 2016. More next time.



Scottish National Short Course Championships 2015, Royal Commonwealth Pool 11 – 13 December 2015

These short course (i.e. 25m pool) championships are the pinnacle of swimming in Scotland and attract the best adult swimmers not only from Scotland, but also from the rest of the UK and beyond.

This year there were even international swimmers from mainland Europe competing for medals and many of the races included Olympic, World, Commonwealth and European medallists.

So it was fair to say that the only two Otters to actually make the starting blocks had their work cut out and had to be very realistic about their chances!

Breaststroke star, **Iona Crawford** (15) qualified in the 50, 100 and her preferred 200m. She did not disappoint as she broke her own club record by over two seconds in 2.50.03 and finished 14 seconds behind the eighth placed swimmer in the "A" final and under 10 seconds behind the same position swimmer in the "B" final. In a world of grown-ups and full-time professionals, this was a very significant achievement. Iona managed her second fastest ever 100m (1.19.52) and completed the 50m in 37.63.

In his first National Short Course Champs, **Cameron McCloskey** (17) broke his own 50m Freestyle club record in 25.56, but on only two training sessions per week due to other pressing commitments, struggled to make an impact in this world of pure power and muscle. It is the fastest of all events after all.

Well done to both swimmers, as even qualifying for these championships is an achievement in itself.

First Meet

Bathgate XCite Leisure Centre

9 – 10 January 2016

Only a small band of four Otters made it to this distant first meet of 2016 as many of the older Otters were heavily involved with prelim exams. However, it was a welcome return to competitive swimming after quite a lay off for Otters star, **Ola Stanton** (12). She continued where she left off last year with a gold medal and a club record in her best event, the 50m Breaststroke (36.45), in which she is National Age Group Champion, despite being only 12 and competing in the 12-13 year category. Not content with just one club record, Ola continued the smashing success with another in the 50m Freestyle (29.26) and won a silver medal in the process. In the 100m Freestyle, she took over two seconds off her personal best to win a bronze medal in 1.05.02. Quite a day!

No medals, but worthy of mention once again, is **Jack Muncey** (12) who took large chunks off his personal bests and is certainly worth watching in the backstroke event.

Scottish Schools National Championships 2016

Congratulations to Otters **Iona Crawford** (15, 100m Breaststroke), **Jack Muncey** (12, 100 + 200 Backstroke), **Ola Stanton** (12, 100m Breaststroke + 200m Individual Medley) and **Zosia Stanton** (11, 50m Freestyle) in qualifying for their respective schools for these high quality national championships at Tollcross, Glasgow on **Saturday 30 January**. Good luck to all!

More Water Based Success!

Congratulations to **Grant Ogilvie** (17), who won a gold medal playing Water Polo for Dunfermline Water Polo Club in the recent U18 Scottish Cup Final.

Congratulations also go to Head Coach **Simon Meltcalfe**, who won a silver medal playing for Dunfermline Water Polo Club in the Senior Men's Scottish Cup Final.

Both games were played at the Olympia Centre in Dundee on 29 November.

Well done also to **Rory Nesbitt**, who played Water Polo for Scotland Boys U14 team in the Inter Regions Championship held at Gala Baths in Wallsall on 12 and 13 December. The Scotland boys finished fourth overall.

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Tay Valley Gymnastics Club

Well done to our gymnasts who took part in the Scottish Gymnastics Floor and Vault competition at Bells Sports Centre in November. Nearly all the gymnasts competed at a new level for the first time. Special congratulations go to **Eve Cunningham** who achieved a merit score in the 9 years beginners category which means she moves up to Intermediate level.

The club also attended GymFest Perth in November where clubs put on a musical display featuring a mix of dance, balances and gymnastics. Our theme was 'School's Out' and all the gymnasts put on a great performance which was enjoyed by parents and families.

For any enquiries about Tay Valley Gymnastics Club, please contact 01738 472244 or

Lmunro@pkc.gov.uk



Tay Valley gymnasts at Perth Gymfest

Kinross Cavaliers Basketball Club



All the players and coaches at Kinross Cavaliers had a great Christmas and New Year break and were ready to get back to some serious training in January.

We have increased our numbers with new children ready to get fit and have fun developing basketball skills and learning the rules and regulations of the game.

A number of our players have been selected to take part in the 'Future Starz' basketball training programme. They will attend twelve training sessions and ultimately hope to be selected to play for Scotland. Good luck to Kirstin Fotheringham, Hannah Eadie, Ella Doherty, Kori Lawson, Jake Hodgson, Becky Jackson, Holly McIntyre, Adam Roberts and Ben Jackson. Check out the Basketball Scotland website for more information on the Future Starz journey.

Club sessions take place each Tuesday during term-time in the large Sports Hall at Kinross High School from 6pm to 8pm. The coaches at Kinross Cavaliers focus on fitness, having fun and learning new basketball skills. We are at capacity at the moment but, if you would like to be added to the waiting list, or would like any further information, please contact:

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Hall Bookings

A list of halls and contact details can be found at

www.kinross.cc

Kinross Tennis Club

www.kinrosstennisclub.org.uk

Whilst Jack Frost is ensuring little in the way of outdoor tennis at the moment, **indoor junior coaching** continues at Loch Leven Community Campus. The block has started and runs until Tuesday 8 March. There are still one or two spaces if you are interested. There are three groups on Tuesdays between 5pm and 7pm. Non-members are welcome. For further information, contact Siobhan at kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com

Adult club sessions continue on Wednesdays at 6.30pm, Sundays at 10.30am and the Thursday afternoon social session at 1.30pm. If the weather is playing ball why don't you hit a few too?

Our **Annual Quiz** takes place on **Tuesday 8 March** starting 7.30pm at the KGV rugby clubhouse. It is always a great evening and we invite club members, their family and friends to come along and support the club in this fundraising event. Remember it's the taking part that counts, although the chilli supper and good fun are also paramount! We are delighted once more to have Kinross Quizzicals put our grey matter to the test. Mike Spain is a busy man but gives a huge amount of his time to community groups and charities. We'd like to thank him for being our quiz master extraordinaire once again and to also mention quizzes that he is running on **Friday 19 February** at **Common Grounds** and **Saturday 12 March** for **India Project**.

We're busy planning for the season ahead and will give you more details next month. Meanwhile, as ever, new members are welcome and enquiries can be made to our secretary Margaret Hamblin on 01577 850252 or at kinrosstennis@gmail.com. Visitors are also welcome. Keys are available from Sands the Ironmongers for a small fee.



Kinross Swimmers

Kinross Swimmers have leapt back into their training regime full of good intentions in the New Year! Well, most of us have anyway!



If you have resolved this year to get a little fitter or are looking to maintain your overall level of fitness, then swimming is a great low impact way of helping achieve your goal. It's way less boring than the gym. We are a friendly club that meets weekly and work our way through an organised session that will cover one of several aspects depending on that week's coach. These sessions can include stamina, speed, style and endurance. We have five regular coaches which ensures a varied programme of swimming and, if one week is not to your taste, then don't worry as another will be along shortly.

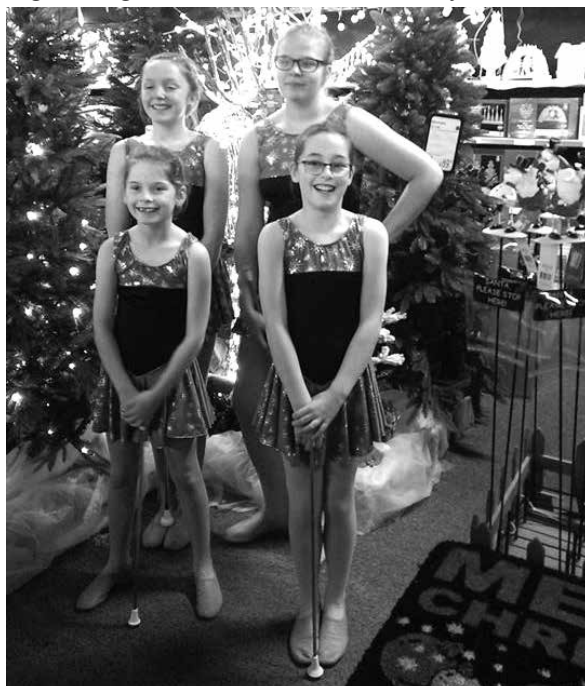
Swimming in a club is proven as being much more beneficial than solo swimming as it encourages you to push your own boundaries as you swim in a social setting. Without realising how hard you are working you tend to try harder and swim longer, moving beyond your comfort zone with no conscious effort.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

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

For further information please either contact us on Facebook - Kinross Swimmers - or Ian Shepherd via email at shepherd_ian@hotmail.com or on mobile 07944 503074.

Lochleven Diamonds

Lochleven Diamonds are currently recruiting for their competition and display team. This year we were very busy performing locally at the Big Party, Dobbies Charity Night and others as well as Perth's Halloween and Christmas Parade. We are looking for members from four years old upwards. The troupe meets at Loch Leven Campus on **Wednesday nights from 6pm**. We are a voluntary group and fundraise to help cover costs of uniforms, tracksuits and other equipment. The first night is free, thereafter the cost is £4 per session. For further information on the group, checkout the Facebook page Lochleven Diamonds or contact Morag on 07730 255869, or just pop along to the campus. There is always someone there during training time who can discuss it with you.



Some of the girls who performed at Dobbie's Charity Night

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Loch Leven's Larder	Near Wester Balgedie

News from the Rurals



Kinross Group

Kinross Group SWI held their Autumn Group Meeting in Portmoak Hall on 14 November 2015. The speaker was Carolyn Richardson, who gave an interesting and enlightening talk on her 21 years in the TA (now Army Reservists), including her nine months serving in Iraq.

Competitions:

Four Meringue Shells	Lesley Murison, Glenfarg
Decorated Flower Pot	Cath Mearns, Carnbo

CARNBO – President Molly White welcomed us all to the Christmas party. A lovely three-course meal was presented by Heaven Scent. Fun and games were provided by Susan, Jay and Molly. We had gifts from Secret Santa and finished off with Christmas Carols. Thanks were given by Molly and Frances Drysdale.

Competitions:

Flower of the Month	Josephine Paterson
Table decoration (any craft)	Josephine Paterson

President Molly White welcomed twenty-two members to the January meeting. After business, two members gave cookery demonstrations. Linda Band cooked an apple crumble, Battenberg and lemon curd in the microwave oven. Frances Drysdale gave a talk on the girdles she has used and a demonstration of her latest electric girdle by making pancakes and bringing with her treacle scones and bannocks she made earlier. We all had an enjoyable supper sampling the items demonstrated. Susan Malcolm gave a vote of thanks.

Competitions:

Flower of the Month	Margaret Forester
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Craft Article from the

Show schedule	Josephine Paterson
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Our next meeting is 15 February at 7.15pm. All welcome. The speaker is to be Mrs L Retson, SWI Form, Function, Future of SWI (+ craft).

GLENFARG – Led by Mr David Watt, the children of Arngask School provided enchanting Christmas music at the December meeting of Glenfarg SWI. They were warmly thanked by Mrs Margot Moran for their efforts, both individually and collectively.

Competitions:

Folded Napkin	Liz Yull
Shortbread Round	Allison Messenger
Flower of the Month	Liz Yull

At the meeting on 14 January, President Margot Moran introduced Mr Ewan Taylor, an independent valuer whose description of the complexities of the identification of gemstones was a privilege to hear. Informative slides and understandable explanations gave an excellent insight into the jewellery trade and he was warmly thanked by Andzia Scott for a most satisfying talk.

Competitions:

Pot Plant	Lillias Johnson
Favourite Piece of Jewellery	Lillias Johnson
Mini Christmas Cake	Liz Yull

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

CROOK OF DEVON – In December we had our meal at The Inn, Crook of Devon. Marco provided us with a lovely meal and a good time was had by all.

President Alice Johnson welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2016 and wished everyone a Happy New Year. After business, she introduced Willie Shand who presented a beautiful slide show of photographs from some of his trips to Argyll and the surrounding islands.

The vote of thanks was given by Betty Paterson.

Competitions:

Flower of the Month	Alice Johnson
Three Pieces of Shortbread	Mary Paterson

BISHOPSHIRE – Our members all enjoyed a superb Christmas meal, catered by the lovely staff from Heaven Scent in Milnathort.

Our drama (or should we say saga) group performed their very own version of Cinderella, written and narrated by Avril.

Competition:

Christmas Table Decoration	Jane Martin
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President Norma Smith wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked our speaker John Marshall for coming along to tell us all about his lifelong work with potatoes. Members enjoyed his stories and slide show about the history of the humble potato and the many travels he has undertaken in his work.

Competitions:

Fancy Dressed Potato	Norma Smith
Interesting Postcard	Jane Martin

CLEISH – On Friday 11 December 2015 we welcomed around 80 ladies to our Coffee, Cake and Carol evening in Cleish Village Hall. Thanks to Fossoway Church Choir for an entertaining and enjoyable festive evening.

President Mrs Helen Buchanan welcomed twenty-seven members and guests to our January meeting. After business she welcomed our speaker for the evening, Ena Stevenson, and we enjoyed an interesting and entertaining talk on her experience/appearance in the popular antique television show Bargain Hunt.

A vote of thanks was given by Mrs Agnes Muirhead.

Competitions:

Pot Plant	Margaret Kilpatrick
Small Antique Item	Liz Smith
Three Pieces of Tablet	Nicola McGourty

BLAIRINGONE – At the January meeting, after business, Mary Ramsay, President, welcomed one of our members who gave a cookery demonstration on different ways to use haggis and then we all enjoyed tasting what she had made. Fiona Clark gave the vote of thanks.

Competition:

Two Pieces of Shortbread	Agnes Murray
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Out & About



Loch Leven NNR



The New Year got off to a soggy start, with record levels of rainfall in December and the loch level remaining high, resulting in sections of the trail being submerged for over a month. Sections of the path from Levenmouth round to Carsehall were particularly badly affected, making cycling with wellies and waterproofs quite exciting at times! A section toward the north side of Levenmouth Woods is beyond wellie depth, so please take care and beware of extensive flooded areas. The water has presented us with some maintenance challenges as well, particularly around the Factory Bay hide, where reinforcements have been required to prevent the loch from washing the path away and compromising the structural integrity of the hide itself. Our dedicated group of volunteers have been out with Jeremy this week adding sandbags, rocks and postcrete to the hole and the intention is to fill it with gravel next week. Other sections of the path have also been damaged, but a full assessment can't be passed on to Perth and Kinross Council until the water recedes.



High water levels in Levenmouth Woods

Some interesting bird news this month came as a result of the strong easterly winds which blew large numbers of Little Auks inland. Loch Leven had its fair share, with at least two reported early on in the month. A couple of Great Northern Divers were also spotted by Jeremy on 12 January, with a Red-necked grebe also out there, and an impressive four Short-eared Owls have been observed hawking over Kirkgate Point, hunting for voles and posing for photographs. The White-tailed Eagle has been intermittent this winter, apparently coming and going rather than remaining here throughout.

Occasional sightings out on St Serf's Island and on Reed Bower have been coming in, but not with the regularity of previous years.



Short-eared Owl in the grass at Kirkgate

You may have spotted our advert earlier in this Newsletter, indicating that our reserve management plan has reached the public consultation stage. (*see page 10.*) We'd like to invite you to come along to one of our forthcoming events to share your thoughts and opinions with us on how you think the reserve has been, or ought to be managed. We'll be attending the **Better Place to Live Fair** at the community campus on **Saturday 5 March** between 10am and 2pm; then on **Wednesday 9 March** we'll be holding the SNH Chairman's **Public Reception** at the Green Hotel from 7pm until 9pm. All are welcome, and we look forward to hearing your thoughts and hope to address any queries you may have with regard to future management of the reserve.

The first of our scheduled guided walks is just around the corner, with Jeremy leading the **Walk for Wetlands** on **Sunday 31 January** from 10am – 12pm, meeting at Loch Leven's Larder car park. The event marks the anniversary of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, which is one of many designations afforded to Loch Leven on account of its wildfowl assemblage. To learn more about Loch Leven's importance internationally, and to see some of the species that make it so special, call the reserve office on 01577 864439 to book your place. The event is free with easy access, remaining on the Heritage Trail for the duration.

That's all for now folks.

Craig

Reserve Officer, Loch Leven NNR

See News & Articles page 13 for colour photographs taken by Craig.

Weather Reports from Kinross



November

Total rainfall	231.4mm = 9.25 inches
Heaviest rainfall	27.6mm (9th)
Total sunshine for the month	9.4 hours
Sunniest day	2.2 hours (22nd)
Maximum temperature average	9.66 °C
Highest temperature	15.2°C (1st)
Minimum temperature average	1.05°C
Lowest temperature	-4.8°C (23rd)

December

Total rainfall	230.6mm = 9.22 inches
Heaviest rainfall	30.3mm (4th)
Total sunshine for the month	8.3 hours
Sunniest day	2.3 hours (1st)
Maximum temperature average	9.44 °C
Highest temperature	14.2°C (19th)
Minimum temperature average	-0.76°C
Lowest temperature	-7.9°C (13th)

RSPB Loch Leven

www.rspb.org.uk/scotland
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Hello again, folks, and I hope you are havin a guid start to the New Year? However we are getting nearer to Spring every day and with the nights now stretching out a bit, it ain't all bad. Wildlife-wise we have a good wee selection of stuff. The White Tailed Eagles have again been in evidence, although the female seems to have had a divorce from her regular partner, turquoise X, and is now hanging around with a younger toy boy. Winter migrants Redwing and Fieldfare have been around in good numbers, and Smew, both male and female, have been seen on the loch. Roving flocks of those wee fluff balls Long Tailed Tits have also been regularly visiting our feeders along with all the other hoards. We also seem to be getting more sightings of Red Squirrels.

Talking about hoards, **The RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch** is on this weekend **30 and 31 January**, so why not come along to the reserve and get tips on identifying or feeding your garden birds? We will also have a bird ringing demonstration by the BTO on the 30th from 10am until 12 noon. Get really close up to the birds and find out what information can be gleaned about bird movements etc. If you are very lucky, the kids might even get the chance to release the birds once they have been processed!

The shop has a whole host of new products in, ranging from cards (not Christmas ones just yet – wait till July then it all begins again), stationery, mugs, scarves, to the new improved range of our HD binoculars. Viewable at our **Optics Weekend** on **6 and 7 February**, 10am – 5pm both days.

The Nature Tots event held **every second Wednesday** of the month, 10am – 12 noon, is staff led again, with a journey through the seasons each month. The next one on **10 February** is on **Ducks**. Please pre-book and bring wellies and suitable outdoor clothing due to the vagary of our fabby weather. They start with a story then you go outside to play in nature – excellent family bonding!

A bit ahead, should you want to book, on **Wednesday 2 March** at 7pm in the centre we are holding a talk on the iconic wader, the **Curlew**. These once common birds are now in real difficulty with a large decline in populations throughout Britain. Find out the causes and the solutions in this talk by Sarah Saunders, our Species Recovery Officer. Booking essential.

Education stuff noo. We have an exciting opportunity for your primary or nursery school to come along to the reserve on an outdoor education visit for absolutely hee haw, aye, nought, nada, zilcho, free!! Well, ok, you will have to cover transport costs but once yer here, it's nae mair bawbees! To book a session, please contact Craig at the reserve to find out more details. Usual number: 01577 862355.

Finally, a mention must go to our café staff who once again have maintained The Soil Association Food For Life Gold Award – something to celebrate in this early start to 2016.

Till next time, ta ta,

Colin

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Farming



It seems that the weather doesn't do things by half measures these days, and that has certainly been the case with the amount of rain that has fallen recently. Since early November, the ever-shortening days have been monotonously wet, with the volume of rain increasing until the festive period, when it reached a peak and the media was full of images of streets turned into raging torrents, homes flooded knee-high or deeper and vast swathes of farmland disappearing under the floods. Even stretches of road and centuries old bridges have been completely washed away.

The signs have been plain to see here at Backward Farm. Although we haven't had too many puddles forming in fields because most of our land is on a slope, so the water runs off, the fields are exceptionally wet. A good guide to how much rain there has been is a neighbour's field, which we look down into. When there is a deluge of rain in a short space of time, the burn running next to the field rises and it gets submerged. However, generally once the rain stops and the level of the burn drops, the water drains from the field quickly, generally after a day or two at the most. Interestingly, that field was a least half submerged for about a month during December and into January. That was certainly an unprecedented phenomenon. The debate has been raging about the causes of flooding and what solutions can be found, and the solutions will vary according to local circumstances. Certainly, there will be areas where waterways need to be cleaned out to increase their capacity, especially in lower lying areas which are prone to a build up of material such as silt, sand and gravel carried downstream by the water. Watercourses change over time due to natural erosion and deposition, so if they are required to follow the same course to protect properties then maintenance has to be carried out to keep water flowing freely. There is probably also scope for sacrifice flood areas to be created on farmland, although this would depend on the use of the land. Grassland rather than arable land would be more suitable for this due to the lower risk of soil erosion and grass is more resilient to being flooded than arable crops.

Day to day here at Backward Farm we are well into the winter routine of feeding and bedding the animals in the buildings. I had hoped to get a few outside jobs done when our eldest son was on "holiday" from university and I had an extra pair of hands. Unfortunately it was too wet and miserable to get anything done, so I had to resort to doing some DIY about the house. Things were that desperate. The trickiest thing is knowing where to start, so after a lot of humming and hawing, I invariably don't!

We pregnancy scanned the small batch of ewes we put to the tup to lamb in February but only a quarter of them were in lamb. The scanner reckoned they hadn't been coming in season so perhaps we should have put a "teaser" tup beside them to encourage them to start cycling since it was early in the breeding season for sheep. I'm not too worried, as at least the ones which are in lamb are expecting plenty of lambs and it was a last minute decision for a wee experiment. Hopefully they should all be due to lamb at the same time as the rest of the ewes, but we will find out when the rest are all scanned, which should be done by the time you are reading this. Fingers crossed.

John

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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. Junior Church (age 3 to P7) and 'Jam Pact' (Secondary Age) meet at church centre from 10.15am, finish at church. 7.30pm, 'Crossfire' (S1 upwards) in church centre.

Tuesdays: 10am: Pram Service.

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

Fridays: The Brigade, church centre. Anchor Section 6 - 7.15pm, Junior Section 7 - 9pm, Company Section 8 - 10pm (contact David Munro 01577 862126).

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

Other Events and Services

February

Mon 1 8am: Silent Meditation.

Tues 2 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.

Thu 4 7.30pm: Thursday group 'Giraffe Charity coffee shop', church centre.

Sun 7 10.30am: Morning Service, followed by informal Communion 11.45am.

Sat 13 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (names in advance to church office).

Sun 14 6.30pm: Joint Service 'Digging Deeper - Esther', Orwell Church.

Tue 16 7.15pm: Guild, speaker: Rev Alan Reid, church centre.

Thu 18 9pm: late evening service of Compline.

Sun 22 10.30pm: Morning Service, including Guild dedication.

Tue 23 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.

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 Sunday Services.

Please note that joint services will be held on the first Sunday of each month in alternate churches at 10.30am.

Prayer Meeting held 30mins before each service.

Service at Ashley House: first Thursday of the month at 2.30pm.

Morning Prayers at 9am

Each Thursday at Portmoak Church New Room.

Each Friday at Orwell Church.

Messy Church meets on **Saturday 27 February** in Portmoak Hall from 4 - 6pm. Theme: "I'm not doing that!"

Dates and events for your diary

7 Feb Joint service in Orwell Church 10.30am. Soup lunch after the service in aid of the Church HIV/AIDS project.

No service at Portmoak Church.

9 Feb The Guild meets in Orwell Hall at 2.30pm. Anne Hutton will talk about 'Puppy Walking'.

23 Feb The Guild meets in Orwell Hall at 7pm to hear about the Guild project 'Breaking the Cycle of FGM'.

26 Feb Oasis Ladies Group meets in Portmoak New Room at 10.15am.

Everyone welcome

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Kinross Christian Fellowship

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

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

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

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

Contact Peter on 01577 863509, for further information.

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

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Sunday Services at 9.45am. All are welcome.

February

Sun 7 9.15 - 9.30am A Time for Prayer *in the Church Office*.

9.45am Morning Worship followed by refreshments and Traidcraft.

Sun 14 9.45am Morning Worship.

Sun 21 9.45am Morning Worship.

Sun 28 9.45am Sacrament of Holy Communion.

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

House group: Most Thursdays at 7.30pm.

Please contact Debbie Hill for details, 01577 842268.

Toddlers Music Group:

Live music, puppets, songs and games for 0 - 5yrs and their families. Term time Tuesdays 9.30 - 11am.

Parents/Carers and Toddlers Group:

Friday 5 February 9 - 11am in the Church Hall. A time for toddler play, chat, coffee/tea/juice with fruit and/or biscuits.

Film Evening

Friday 5 February 7.30 - 9.30pm in the Church Hall.

'The Choir', and uplifting tale starring Dustin Hoffman.

Please join us for the film, a cuppa and a blether and even some popcorn

Men's Breakfast:

Saturday 20 February 8.30 - 10.30am. A hearty breakfast followed by a talk and discussion on **Workplace**

Chaplaincy led by Rev Tony Bryer.

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Mass Times	Saturday Vigil	7.00pm
	Sunday	9.30am

Please look out for other information on other parish activities in the Sunday Newsletter.

Kinross Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross

Website: www.kinrossgospelhall.info

Sunday	10.30am	Breaking of Bread
	12.15pm	Sunday School
	6.00pm	Prayer Meeting
	6.30pm	Gospel Meeting
Monday	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
	8.15pm	Bible Study

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www.facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalchurchkinross

St Paul's is inclusive and friendly to all age groups. Everyone is welcome whether a regular churchgoer or completely new to it all. Children (including babies and toddlers), and the wonderful contribution they make to our worship, are valued. They can choose to stay in church during the service or attend our Sunday school next to the church. Once a month we have a whole church service where we aim to introduce a bit more participation and creativity for everyone, young and old.

We often have special services, and members of the congregation are involved in many groups each week. We have opportunities for meeting for weekday worship, meditation group, a book group, healing group, a group exploring aspects of faith and the Bible, a new 'Talk and Seek' group (see below) and we encourage our members to join community projects too. We are very interested in hearing from any musicians who might like to join us for monthly music making (we have professional musicians alongside keen amateurs and would love to expand our horizons, and meet new musical friends of any instrument or voice).

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.

Morning Prayer (8am, Mondays and Wednesdays)

Simple lunch, meditation and Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament (12.30pm, Tuesdays, *between 16 February and 15 March*)

'Talk & Seek' - A respectful space to explore your questions about faith. If you're not currently a church member you're especially welcome. Wednesdays 7.30pm from 27 January - come to all or any.

Rector's Hour in the Church Office (3.30pm - 4.30pm, Thursdays)

Other special services and events will be advertised on our website.

February Services and Events

Sun 7 Sunday before Lent

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

Wed 10 Ash Wednesday

8.30am Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes.

6.45pm Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes.

Sun 14 1st Sunday in Lent

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Whole Church Sung Eucharist celebrating St. Valentine.

Sun 21 2nd Sunday in Lent

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

4pm Candlelit Taize service.

Sun 28 3rd Sunday in Lent

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

Everyone welcome at all services

Cleish Parish Church Church of Scotland

(Charity No: SC003168)

Minister: Rev Lis Stenhouse BD (Hons)

Email: lissten@btinternet.com

Reader: Brian Ogilvie

Email: brianjogilvie1@btopenworld.com

Session Clerk: Neil Maclure

Email: neil.maclure19@gmail.com Tel: 01577 864826

Please visit our website: www.cleishchurch.org



Sunday Services 11.15am

February

- Sun 7** 11.15am Morning Worship. Junior Church. Tea and Coffee served in Village Hall. Traidcraft Stall.
- Mon 8** 3.15pm 'Messy Church' in the Village Hall. All children and their carers welcome.
- Sun 14** 11.15am Morning Worship.
- Sun 21** 11.15am Morning Worship.
Junior Church in the Young Room.
- Sun 28** 11.15am Morning Worship.
- Mon29** 7.15pm Cleish Guild meets in the Village Hall.
Members evening and AGM.

All welcome

Date for your Diary: Cleish Fete will take place on Saturday 21 May this year

Obituaries

KENNETH DAVID STEWART (Kenny), 14 Curlers Crescent, Milnathort, passed away suddenly on Sunday 22 November 2015, aged 57.

Kenny was brought up in Milnathort, attending all three primary schools in the village before attending Kinross secondary school, leaving in 1974.

Kenny was a very good football player in his teens and went on to get a trial for St Johnstone Football Club. He was member of Milnathort golf course, where he went on to be club champion twice and played off a handicap of 4.

Although Kenny served his time as a joiner, he also turned his hand to scaffolding, lorry driving and window cleaning, but realised his heart was in the building trade, working with his brother Colin for the last 15 years.

Kenny is survived by his son Craig, brother Colin and sister Karen. He was a well-known and loved character in the village and will be sadly missed.

DEREK McCULLOCH of Blairfield Farm, Milnathort, died at home on Tuesday 24 November 2015, aged 69 years. Beloved husband of Elma, loving father of Laurie, Barbara, Hester and Craigie, father in law and grandad. Thanksgiving service was held in Arngask Church, Glenfarg on Wednesday 2 December.

WILLIE DEWAR of 1 Springfield Road, Kinross, died at Ninewells Hospital on 23 December 2015, aged 64 years. Beloved husband of Cathie, loved Dad of Brian and Raymond and loving grandad to Eilidh, Finlay and step grandad to Jasmin. Much loved brother, brother in law, son in law, uncle and friend to many. The funeral was held at Dunfermline Crematorium on 5 January 2016.

Acknowledgements

McCULLOCH – The family of Derek McCulloch would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy. Special thanks to Dr Roddy Pattison, Dr Keith Gelly and the nursing team at Haematology Day treatment PRI, Rev Robert McCrum for the comforting service, Stewart Funeral Directors for their help and support also the staff at Windlestrae Hotel who provided an excellent lunch. Thanks to everyone who attended the service at Arngask Church and gave so generously to the collection for Haematology Day Treatment Centre, PRI and Ward 34, Ninewells Hospital. £2000 was raised.

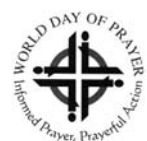
DEWAR – Cathie, Brian and Raymond would like to thank everyone for their cards, flowers, love and support following the sad loss of Willie. Thanks to all who attended the funeral at Dunfermline Crematorium, Neil Dorward for his uplifting service, and Stewart Funeral Directors for their comfort and compassion at this sad time. We would also like to thank doctors at Loch Leven Health Centre. A huge thanks for the generous donation at the crematorium of £845.71, which will be given to Ward 34 at Ninewells Hospital. Cathie would also like to extend her thanks to all friends for their support and all help given during Willie's short illness.

LANGRIDGE, Graham (Milnathort) – On behalf of our families, Ann would like to thank all friends and neighbours for their overwhelming support and kindness throughout Graham's illness and after his passing away on 18 December 2015. So many cards, flowers, phone calls and kind messages have been a great comfort.

The doctors and nurses at the Health Centre, the District Nurses, the staff at both Ninewells Hospital and PRI have been unfailingly supportive over many weeks. Stewart Funeral Directors guided us gently through the necessary formalities. Thank you to all friends who attended Graham's service at Perth Crematorium; it was heartening to see so many familiar faces. A collection was taken to be shared between The Circulation Foundation, a UK charity researching vascular disease, and KVG& ROS.

World Day of Prayer

Friday 4 March



'Receive children, receive me'

Written by Christian Women of Cuba

2 pm at Kinross Church Centre

7 pm at Fossoway Church

Everyone very welcome



Listen to the testimonies
of four different age groups

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
Or find us on Facebook



GLENFARG BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We meet in the newly refurbished village hall, Greenbank Road, Glenfarg on Wednesdays, 9.30-11.30am.

Healthy snack for children, coffee/tea & biscuits for carer
Role play, jigsaws, physical toys and arts and crafts
Friendly support for all carers
First session free, £2 thereafter (£1 for additional children)

Contact Donna Smith on 07535 595430 or just come along!

LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Session times (term time only)

Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.15, Fridays 9.30 - 11.15

Contact Debbie Kennedy 07545 339494,
debileighs@hotmail.com

All Mothers, Fathers, and Carers are welcome to attend, with children aged birth to 5 years if accompanied by a younger sibling who shall be 3 years old or younger.

PORTMOAK PLAYGROUP

Portmoak Hall – between Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell (only 10 mins from Milnathort and Kinross)



We are a friendly and relaxed playgroup welcoming children aged 2-5. We offer a wide range of activities including arts and crafts, dressing up, outdoor play and stories. We also on occasion arrange outings, parties and have special visitors who come to the playgroup!

Babies and Toddlers (birth - 3yrs), Tues 9.30am - 11.30am.
Sessions are £1.50 for first child and 50p for each additional child.

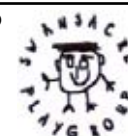
Playgroup (2yrs onwards), Mon & Fri 10am – 12noon.
£5 per session.

Contact Ann Anderson (Play leader/Manager)
07872 955003

Email: portmoakunderfives@hotmail.co.uk
or find us on Facebook

SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

21-23 Swansacre, Kinross
Kinross-shire Playgroup Association
Aka Swansacre Playgroup
Reg Scottish Charity No SC017748



Tel: 01577 862071 Mobile: 07592 392235

We provide a warm, friendly and stimulating environment in which children can learn and develop through play.

Playgroup: Children from age 2 years welcome.

Tue to Fri 9.05am - 11.50am. Fri 12.30pm - 3.15pm

Inbetweeners: Mon 9.05 - 11.50am, optional Lunch Club afterwards. Children from the age of 3 years welcome.

Rising Fives: Tues & Wed 12.55am - 3.10pm, optional Lunch Club beforehand. Complementary to preschool Nursery.

For availability or more information, please contact:

Lisa 07736 642070, enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com
or Playgroup on telephone numbers above.

Baby and Toddler Group – Thurs 1.15 - 3.15pm

Ante-natal to pre-school. Fun for children; coffee and chat for the parent/carer. For more information, please contact Laura 07932 877213 or Playgroup on 07592 392235.

The premises are available to hire for Private Functions. For more information, please contact Tracey 07557 051894 or the Playgroup on 07592 392235.

LOCHLEVEN TWOS CLUB

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Thursdays 9.45 to 11.15am (term time only)

A relaxed, friendly group for children from about 18 months to pre-school with their parent/carer. Play and pre-school activities, with a variety of toys. A snack is provided, plus coffee and tea for parents/carers. Younger siblings also welcome.

Contact Lynne Penny on babygaj@yahoo.com
or 07736 930923 for further details,
or find us on Facebook: Two's Club Kinross

MONTGOMERY TODDLERS

Every Thursday 9.30am to 11am (term-time only)

The Gospel Hall, Montgomery Street, Kinross.

Contact Christina Smith 01577 840733 or 07792 260509

FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

Glenbank Cottage, Powmill

Partner-provider for P&K Education



Places available for 3-5-year-olds and Rising Fives
Sessions 9.30am - 12.45pm Monday - Thursday,
9.30am - 12.30pm Fridays

Contact Pat Irvine 07703 177766 or
www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross

Private Nurseries and Childcare

For private nurseries and childcare services, please see advertisements throughout the Newsletter.

To inform the Newsletter of any changes to Playgroup information, please send an email to: editor@kinrossnewsletter.org

Notices



KINROSS HUB THE CARERS CAFE

MONDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2016
In the **ACTIVITIES ROOM**.

VARIOUS SPEAKERS 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.

NEW VENUE

LOCHLEVEN COMMUNITY CAMPUS KINROSS
1st MONDAY of EVERY MONTH
10am—12noon

PKAVS
Enhancing Lives, Connecting Communities

Contact Gail Boath
Tel. 01577 867306
Or Annette Bond
01738 567076

PERTH & KINROSS COUNCIL
Housing & Community Care

SPARK-2

(SUPPORTIVE PROJECT FOR ACTIVITIES & RECREATION IN KINROSS)

Friday Mornings 10am – 11.30am
starting 5th February
Loch Leven Community Campus

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 on Friday mornings and tell us what YOU would like to do.

NHS P&K Healthy Communities, PKC Adult & Family Learning and Live Active Leisure
Contact: Shona Fowler 07896 280843 or Roseanne Gray 01577 867216
shonafowler@nhs.net rgray@pkc.gov.uk

Glenfarg Village Folk Club

*The club meets at "Backstage at the Green",
Green Hotel, 2 Muirs, Kinross*

Doors open 7.30pm Music starts 8pm

Singaround, Monday 1 February. All £3. Having had to cancel our November 2015 Singaround due to the sudden closure of the Glenfarg Hotel, we are resurrecting the theme from that night. So: "Memories, good or bad" should inspire the singing! Non-singers welcome as always.

Gill Bowman, Monday 8 February. Members £5, Non-members £8. Known for her beautiful voice and as a fine interpreter of traditional music, and in particular the songs of Robert Burns, Gill is also a wonderful songwriter. Her singing is backed by an assured and distinctive guitar style, and some wicked humour.

Singaround, Monday 15 February. All £3. Its Valentine time! We suppose we are obliged to have "love" as our theme tonight but let's be a bit more daring and also include "marriage" in the equation, not forgetting of course that not all relationships are made in heaven!

Blueflint, Monday 22 February. Members £5, Non-Members £8. Wonderful harmonies, great musicality and great fun from this multi-instrumental group. With banjos, mandolin, guitars, fiddle, double bass and drums they can certainly produce lively and energetic music, but they also deliver great subtlety and a lyrical quality.

Grant Baynham, Monday 29 February. Members £5, Non-Members £8. One of the funniest singer songwriters around, Grant is also one of the best acoustic guitarists. Whether jazz, classical, ragtime or traditional, his guitar playing is simply stunning.



Business Breakfast

Wednesday 3 February

7.30am, Loch Leven's Larder

The speaker at the February Business Breakfast will be **Richard Scott**, proprietor of The Cleaning Intelligence Agency and The Studio Hair Company in Kinross.

Cost of attendance is £10 for members, £15 for non-members, which includes full Scottish breakfast or porridge, juice, toast, coffee and tea. Receipts will be issued. Every attendee has the opportunity to make a short presentation about his or her business. Bring business cards or flyers.

Email Partnership administrator Karen Grunwell at mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk to reserve your place.

Business breakfasts will also take place on **3 March and 7 April**.

For a report about the most recent Business Breakfast, see page 47.

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.

4 February **Giraffe Charity Coffee Shop, Perth.**
James Alexander.

3 March **Charity fund raiser (tba)**

Kinross Garden Group

2015/16 Season

Thursday 11 February

at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall, Kinross
with Scott Paterson 'Wildlife in your Garden'
(change from that in the syllabus)

Thursday 25 February

at 2pm at the Loch Leven Community Campus
with David Robertson 'The Lost Gardens of Perthshire'
All welcome to join us

The Gaelic Society of Perth

The February Ceilidh will be on **Friday 12 February** at 7.30pm at **St Matthew's Church Hall, Tay Street, Perth**, where Frances Dunlop will talk about the famous Gaelic Poet Màiri Mòr Nan Oran (Big Mary of the Songs – Mary MacDonald). Music will be provided by the Perth Gaelic Choir. Admission is £5 for Members and £6 for Non-Members – for an evening's entertainment plus refreshments! Further information can be obtained from the Secretary on 01577 864589

Orwell Bowling Club Quiz Night

at Orwell Bowling Club

Saturday 20 February

Teams of four at £2.50 per person
Contact Mike or Maz Thorn on 01577 842271

Kinross Floral Art Club

Thursday 25 February

The February meeting will be held in Kinross Parish Church at 7.15pm. The Demonstrator is Mrs Christine McKenna from Dundee who will present 'A Postcard from.....' Christine has been to the Club before and we have always enjoyed her beautiful and varied arrangements. We invite all members and visitors to join with us to watch Christine demonstrate and use lovely fresh flowers to create her arrangements.

Macmillan Coffee Shop, Quarrymill

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The popular Macmillan charity coffee shop in Quarrymill Woodland Park, Perth, is getting ready to open for its 2016 season on **Monday 21 March** and we are looking for new volunteers who are prepared to give a morning or afternoon of their time once or twice a month to help in the coffee shop, or donate baking.

If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer for this very worthwhile charity, please contact:

Margaret Rains, Administrator, tel: 07983 729324

Email: macmillancoffeeshop@yahoo.co.uk

Funding Alert!

PKC regularly produces a huge list summarising funding opportunities for the voluntary sector. The list will be posted on www.kinross.cc or telephone the PKC grants helpline on 0345 60 52000.

If your organisation is seeking funds, look out for notices in the Newsletter for Kinross Community Council Newsletter Ltd Charitable Grants and the Kinross-shire Fund.

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: Adults £6, Seniors £5, U18 free. Visitors: £2 per talk.



Remaining Programme for Season 2015-2016

15 Feb Scotland and the Abolition of Black Slavery.

Rev Iain Whyte BA, BD, STM. The slave trade in 18th and 19th centuries, and the Abolition Movement, including the work done by Scottish churches.

21 Mar Queen's Body Guard for Scotland (Royal Company of Archers). Lt Col Richard Callander OBE, TD, FRICS. The history of the Royal Company from formation in 1676 to the present day.

Music in Dollar

Season 2015 – 2016

All concerts are at the Gibson Hall, Dollar Academy, except the Atea Wind Quintet concert, which is at St James the Great Church, Dollar. Ticket prices are £10 for non-members, with discounts for members and season ticket holders with free entry to anyone in full-time education.

Thu 25 Feb 7.30pm Atea – Wind quintet. Classical music performed by flute, oboe, horn, bassoon and clarinet.

Sat 12 Mar 7.30pm Alexander Ullman – Piano. Varied programme of pieces by Haydn, Ravel, Liszt, Chopin and others.

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 season, visit www.musicindollar.org.uk



Fairtrade Fortnight

29 February – 13 March



Saturday 5 March Coffee Morning

10am-12pm, Kinross Church Centre

"Sit Down for Breakfast, Stand Up for Farmers!"

Saturday 12 March Fairtrade Fortnight Event!

10am – 12pm, St Paul's Church

Tea and Coffee and lots of Fairtrade goodies to sample!

Please support these events and look out for more information in March.

Children's Hospice Association Scotland



Feeling Sporty? Love cycling?

We still have free places left for the Sportive Kinross cycling event on Saturday 30 April. See www.sportive-kinross.co.uk Please contact Rachel Cheer for more information on 01577 865222 or rachelcheer@chas.org.uk

Valentine's Day

CHAS Shops in Kinross will be having Valentine's promotions, so look out in our stores for more details.

Thank you for supporting CHAS - Scotland's only hospice care for children.

DanceSing



Do you like to enjoy yourself?

We would love to see you!

**Thursday
18th February 2016
1.30pm – 3.30pm**

**LOCH LEVEN COMMUNITY CAMPUS
The Muirs, KY13 8FQ, KINROSS**

Come along have a Dance or Sing along to some great music or just enjoy being there?

Fun Entertainment
Tea, coffee, home baking Free Raffle
Free Admission

Organised by KCLDG - Kinross-shire Wellbeing sub-group

For further information please contact:
Shona Fowler, NHS P&K Healthy Communities Tel: 01577 867218 / 01738 473718 or
Email: shonafowler@nhs.net



Cabaret



**A night of comedy and entertainment.
All in aid of Kinross-shire Organisations.**

when?
Saturday 5 March, 6.30 for 7pm.

where?
Windlestrae Hotel.



what?
A four course meal, comedy, auction, raffle and entertainment.

why?
To raise funds for Kinross-shire local organisations.

Kinross-shire's Iain Hunter - The Singing Butcher!
Alex Fleming - Premier Comper and after diner speaker!

A night of fun and first class entertainment. Lots of quality Raffle prizes and a BIG fundraising auction with great items up for grabs. **For advance tickets call Barry Davies on 07809 644 760**

Milnathort filmhouse

SUPER SATURDAY CINEMA

March 5th

Inside Out 3pm
U, Family Film, Tuck Shop, Tickets from £3.50, online or at door.

Suffragette 8.30pm
(Over 18's only BYOB) Tickets £6 (Conc £4), online or at door.

Dinner & Movie with Heavens Above
Join us for a 3 course menu (BYOB) at 7pm then onto the film. Ticket & meal just £21.
Online ticket purchase only. Menu & booking at
www.milnathortfilmhouse.com

CINEMA FOR ALL

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Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com
www.foundationscotland.org.uk

Kinross Floral Art Club Sapphire Anniversary Dinner

This year is our Sapphire Anniversary. We are holding a commemorative dinner on **Thursday 21st April**. I would like to take this opportunity to ask any former members of the Club to contact me if they wish to join us for this special event.

Alison Morrison (Secretary) 01577 863835

La Leche League meetings in Kinross ...



**First Thursday of the month,
10am – 12 noon**

**LA LECHE LEAGUE
INTERNATIONAL**

St Paul's Church Meeting Room, The Muirs, Kinross

- Friendly, relaxed mum-to-mum breastfeeding support and chat.
- Informal chat and an interesting group discussion.
- Plenty of time for answering your questions.

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

For more details, contact:

Hannah Dalgety (LLL Leader, Kinross) 07886 859461
www.lll-fife-tayside.co.uk

Find us on Facebook: La Leche League Fife and Tayside

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.

Notices

Grants for Good Causes in Kinross-shire

The Kinross Community
Council Newsletter Limited
(KCCNL)

Charity Number SC040913



All profits from the Kinross Newsletter are transferred to a charitable company and given away to local good causes.

Local groups and individuals may apply to KCCNL for grant funding. Decisions regarding grants are made by Kinross CC at its monthly meetings. Applications must comply with the objectives of KCCNL, which are:

The advancement of citizenship and community development within the County of Kinross including without prejudice to the generality, the support of community events, provision of and financial support for community information, community transport and community welfare (including healthcare support), financial support for physical amenities, recreational facilities, voluntary organisations and financial support for the care of the elderly. The prevention and relief of poverty within the County of Kinross. The advancement of education within the County of Kinross.

Further information and application forms are available from the website www.kinross.cc

Applications can be made online or by downloading a form to fill in. If you do not have internet access and would like a form, or if you have any queries, please telephone Cllr Barry Davies on (01577) 865004.

The Bike Station

Donate unwanted bikes, parts and cycling accessories for reuse. Bikes are refurbished and sold on to the public at affordable prices. Poorer bikes are salvaged for parts.

Bikes can be donated at the Kinross Recycling Centre (Bridgend Industrial Estate) or at The Bike Station at Mid Friarton, just off the Edinburgh Road in Perth.

Bike Station opening hours: Monday to Saturday, 10.30am to 4.30pm and late opening to 8pm on Wednesdays.

Weekly bike sales: Fridays, 10.30am-4.30pm (children's bikes) and Saturdays, 10.30am to 12.30pm (adults' bikes).

Tel: 01738 444430. Email: perth@thebikestation.org.uk

Website: www.thebikestation.org.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.

Give a Greyhound A Home

Look on our Website

www.greyhoundrescuefife.com



★ Forever homes needed ★
★ for rescued Greyhounds ★

Greyhounds are very gentle creatures that require very little walking!

Please call or email for details
Phone: 01577 850393 (evenings)
Mob: 07826244765 (daytime)
email us on femiejimmyf@aol.com



Loch Leven Community Campus
The Muirs, Kinross
KY13 8FQ
www.pkc.gov.uk

Community Learning & Development Adult Learning Free local and friendly support with:

English as a Second Language

Would you like to improve your ability to:

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

Adult Literacy & Numeracy

Reading Writing Spelling Numbers

"I can enjoy books now"

"I feel more confident"

"Filling in forms is less scary"

"I passed my driving test"

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

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

Roseanne Gray

Loch Leven Community Campus

Email: rgray@pkc.gov.uk

Tel: 01577 867177



Welcome to the Kinross-shire Volunteer Information Point

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

Here you can find information about **Volunteering Opportunities** available in Kinross-shire.

Take your time and see what is available. You will also find leaflets in the folders explaining where you can go for further help such as Voluntary Action Perthshire www.vaperthshire.org

If you would like to promote your **Organisations Volunteering Opportunities** please hand your information into reception for attention of: Tracey Ramsay (Community Capacity Building Worker)

Blank profiles are also available for your use if required. These are in the organisation folder at the VIP alternatively follow this link:
www.pkc.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=22228&p=0

The Volunteer Information Point has been organised and supported by Partners of the Kinross-shire Community Learning and Development Group.



For further information please contact Tracey Ramsay 01577 867177 or email Tramsay@pkc.gov.uk

Springwell – Wellbeing Support Team

Inclusion * Wellbeing * Recovery

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

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

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



Kinross-shire Fund
Grants available for local
community projects



*e.g. Events, Information, Transport, Welfare,
Physical Amenities, Recreational Facilities, Support for
Care of the Elderly, Voluntary Organisations*

For more information and to download an application form,
see [www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/
kinross-shire-fund](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/kinross-shire-fund) or telephone 0131 5240300

Newbies

Every Monday, 2 - 3pm

Loch Leven Community Campus

A new group for new parents and new babies!

Come along and meet other parents for a blether,
whilst the babies play.

Parents with babies 0 - 18 months FREE!

PLUS Perth

www.plusperth.co.uk

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.

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.



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

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre

based in the centre of Perth

Offers free, confidential, non-judgemental advice and support to anyone facing a pregnancy related crisis.

In a safe, secure environment we aim to assist women (or couples) in making their own informed decisions about their future and support them through the process if they require it. We offer confidential advice, free pregnancy testing, pregnancy crisis and miscarriage support, adoption advice and counselling for post abortion stress.

The office is open 10am to 2pm Monday to Friday and outwith those hours can be contacted on the office number 01738 621174.

On-line support and information can be obtained from our website www.hopepregnancy.co.uk

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre
40 St John Street, Perth, PH1 5SP

www.hopepregnancy.co.uk

email: hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com

Helpline 01738 621174

We are a Scottish Charity SC037103

Kinross Recycling Centre

Bridgend Industrial Estate

Opening Times: **Mondays to Fridays 9am to 7pm**
Saturdays and Sundays 9am to 5pm

Bicycles, cans (inc aerosols, biscuit tins, aluminium foil), car and household batteries, cardboard, cooking oil, electricals (WEEE), engine oil, fluorescent tubes, long life light bulbs, food and drinks cartons (Tetra packs), fridges, freezers, garden waste, glass, large domestic appliances, paper, plastic (rigid plastic packaging), rubble stone and soil, scrap metal, telephone directories, textiles (clothes and shoes), timber, tyres (maximum two per visit, strictly householders only) and non recyclable (general) waste.

Compost can be collected from the Recycling Centre, subject to availability. Maximum of 2 x 25kg bags per visitor.

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

Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers

Linda Freeman

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Newsletter Deadlines 2016

Please note, deadlines are on a **FRIDAY**. More deadlines for the months ahead can be found on our website.

In very rare circumstances it may be necessary to change a deadline at short notice. Check Newsletter website for latest information:

www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
March	Fri 12 February	Saturday 27 February
April	Fri 18 March	Saturday 2 April



THE
TALKING
DONKEY

Every Friday 11am - 2pm
@ The Millbridge Hall

For further information, or if you want to be involved please ring
07766 515 950 or 07771 696 830

The Cafe where everything is
FREE!

🍲 Soups 🍲

🥪 Snacks 🥪

☕ Hot Drinks ☕

🥤 Cold Drinks 🥤

🍲 Home-cooked lunches 🍲

All brought to your table by our friendly staff

The Talking Donkey is a Christian venture so there will always be people on hand to offer
Prayer For Any Need



Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

Outreach Advice Surgery

Kinross Outreach Advice Surgery is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at St Paul's Church Hall, The Muirs, Kinross. The next visits are:

9 & 23 February

No appointment is necessary as the surgery is a drop-in service. For complex issues a further appointment may be necessary. Perth CAB can help you – our advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent. Contact us: Advice line 01738 450580; Appointment line 01738 450581.



Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

Benefits Advice in Libraries (BAIL)

Benefits specialist Sarah MacLean will be available at Loch Leven Community Campus Library on the **second and fourth Wednesday of each month** between 2pm and 4pm. Alongside the provision of general benefits advice Sarah can help with the following:

- Completing both paper and online benefit application forms;
- Conducting checks to see if clients are receiving everything they are entitled to, i.e. discounts for fuel, etc;
- Providing advice and support in instances where an application is refused or awarded at a lower level than expected.

Please note: Sarah is available **by appointment only**. To make an appointment, please call 01738 450599.



Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

Debt and Money Advice Service

Perth CAB has a team of specialist debt advisers who can help you deal with your debts.

- Do you feel trapped in Debt?
- Don't want to open letters or answer your own phone?
- Are you losing sleep at night?
- Is debt affecting your life?

We can help you to:

- Find realistic and practical solutions for your own situation
- We can help deal with your creditors and negotiate on your behalf
- Help you manage your money better

"After seeing the CAB debt adviser, I could sleep at night again" - a quote from a relieved client.

Our advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent.

Talk to a specialist debt adviser today on 01738 450 590, TEXT us on 07535 836 817 with your name and number and we will call you back, or alternatively email zworkman@PerthCAB.casonline.org.uk



Mindspace Counselling Service

Mindspace Counselling Services are now able to offer counselling to adults and young people aged 11+ at The Loch Leven Health Centre on Mondays and Tuesdays. We offer counselling to people who are facing a wide range of difficulties or challenges such as: bereavement or loss; isolation, anxiety or depression; stress of work or in the home; difficulties in friend, family or intimate relationships; confused feelings.

If you are interested in this service you can self-refer via email to info@mindspacepk.com, by telephone on 01738 631639 or by visiting our website at www.mindspacepk.com. You can also be referred by your GP.

Mindspace also offer counselling to adults (18+) at their offices in Perth. For more information visit our website at www.mindspacepk.com



Perth & Kinross School Term Dates 2015-16

Term	Start	End
Spring	Tue 5 Jan 2016	Fri 1 Apr 2016
Summer	Tue 19 Apr 2016	Fri 1 July 2016

In Service Days and Occasional Holidays:

2016: 17, 18 & 19 February (one in-service and two occasional holidays); Fri 25 March (Good Friday); Mon 28 March (Easter Monday); 18 April (in-service).

MOUBRAY HALL, POWMILL

Do you need to hire a venue for your club or society meetings, family get-togethers, birthday parties or functions? Then look no further than Moubray Hall, Powmill. Available to hire all year round with new kitchen and disabled toilet. For further details, please call 01577 840330.

Community Councils

Kinross: Secy: Mrs M Scott (01577) 862945
KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Cleish & Blairadam: Secy: Patty Fraser (01577) 850253,
CleishCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Fossoway & District: Secy: Kevin Borthwick (01577) 840845,
fossoway.cc@gmail.com

Portmoak: Chair: Malcolm Strang Steel (01592) 840459,
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Portmoak Community Councillors

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Tom Smith		01592 841160
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Dave Morris		01592 840500
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Have a look at our website: www.portmoak.org

Perth and Kinross Councillors Kinross-shire Ward

Councillor Mike Barnacle (Independent)

Tel/Fax (home): 01577 840516.

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

Councillor Dave Cuthbert (Independent)

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

Councillor Willie Robertson (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

Tel (home): 01577 865178. Email: wbrobertson@pkc.gov.uk
85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13XA

Mobile Library Service

Visiting on Tuesdays 2 & 16 February:

Milnathort	South Street	1230-1315
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Visiting on Tuesdays 2, 9, 16 & 23 February:

Glenfarg	Main Street	1130-1300
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Visiting on Wednesdays 10 & 24 February:

Powmill	Mill Gardens	0930-0950
Fossoway Pre-school	Powmill	0955-1020
Kinnesswood	Shop	1050-1120
Portmoak	Community Hall	1125-1140
Scotlandwell	Leslie Road	1145-1205
Hatchbank	Road	1220-1240
Cleish	Phone Box	1400-1415
Crook of Devon	Inn, Main Street	1430-1530
Carnbo	Main Road	1540-1610
Milnathort	South Road	1620-1650
Mawcarse		1700-1710

For more information, see www.pkc.gov.uk/mobilelibrary or phone 01577 867205.

Kinross Community Councillors

Margaret Blyth	6 Muir Grove	
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Barry Davies	60 Lathro Park	(01577) 865004
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Perth & Kinross Council www.pkc.gov.uk

Customer Service Centre Tel: 01738 475000

(Mon to Fri, 8am-6pm)

Out of Hours Emergencies Tel: 01738 625411

(Roads, flooding, environmental health and dangerous buildings)

Clarence (for non-emergency road and lighting defects) Tel: 0800 232323

Registrar Tel: 01577 867133

The Registrar is normally in Kinross only on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Loch Leven Community Campus

**Film shows • Cards • Dominoes • Art Class
Daily Papers • Chiropody • Trips • Exercises**

Weekly Programme for February

Monday	Exercise Class	11am	Bingo	1.30pm
	Dominoes, cards & other Games			1.15pm
	"Stride for Life" Walking Group			2pm
Tuesday	Relaxation Class	1.15pm	Games	1.15pm
	Singing group with Alex Cant		1.45pm	
Wednesday	Morning Worship	10.45am		
	Dominoes, Scrabble & other Games			1.30pm
	Fantastic Fun Quiz	1.30pm		
Thursday	Art Class	1.30pm	Film Afternoon	1.30pm (both except 18th)
	Dominoes, Scrabble, cards etc			1.30pm (except 18th)
	Balance & Strength Class			1.30pm (except 18th)
Friday	Exercise Class		11am - 2pm	
	Dominoes, Games and Filmshow		1.30pm	
	Bingo		1.30pm	



Additional Events for February

**Health & Wellbeing Information Point
Chiropody**

Tuesday 2nd 11am - 12pm

Thursday 4th, 25th 9.45am - 1pm
(phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)

Tai Chi

Wednesday 10th, 24th 1.30 - 2pm

**An afternoon of entertainment "DanceSing" at
Loch Leven Community Campus**

Thursday 18th 1.30 - 3.30pm

**Kinross Community Care Advice & Information
Library Trip**

Wednesday 24th 11.30am - 12pm

Thursday 25th 1.30pm



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

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

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

LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

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

Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

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



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

Mobile Post Office, Kinnesswood

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

Perth Samaritans

Need to talk? We'll listen.

Contact us by

phone on 01738 626666 or 08457 909090

Email us jo@samaritans.org

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

Mondays 1630 - 2130 **Thursdays** 1630 - 1900

Wednesdays 0830 - 1100 **Fridays** 1000 - 1630

and 1930 - 2130 **Sundays** 0800 - 2130

No pressure, no names, no judgment.

We're here for you, anytime.

Images of Kinross-shire

Photographs can be downloaded free
of charge from the www.kinross.cc

Photo Library

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

Items for Sale

The Newsletter publishes items for sale listed on the kinross.cc website. If interested in purchasing an item, we suggest **checking the website for current availability** (www.kinross.cc then 'Local Adverts' then 'Classified Adverts'). If interested in selling an item, please list it on www.kinross.cc and it will automatically be published in the next available Newsletter, subject to space.

Dark Brown Rocketdog ladies winter boots size 5 £25
Hardly worn ladies size 5 dark brown Rocketdog boots edged with cream fur


Two white and gold metal SINGLE headboards £20
Retro looking single headboards, white and gold metal. "leg" of one falls out when detached from bed but not a problem when secured to bed.

Ladies/girls coat ZARA size small (probably 8-10) £25
Dark charcoal grey, this belted coat is 60% wool and lined - lovely coat but having clearout for my daughter.
Seller Details for above 3 items: Alison Lockhart 07714 655604

Violin £80
In excellent condition and includes case, accessories and music books. Would suit beginner.

Yamaha B flat Clarinet £200
One careful owner and in immaculate condition. Sale includes case, accessories and music books.

Yamaha Alto Saxophone £200
One careful owner and in excellent condition. Sale includes case accessories and music books. Cost £400 new.
Seller Details for above 3 items: Anne Robertson 01592 840296
anne_robertson@hotmail.co.uk

 **Kinross Circle Dancing**
Millbridge Hall
Old Causeway, Kinross KY13 8DW
Tuesdays 10.30am – 12.30pm

Spring Term 2016 **Feb 2, 9, 16, 23**
Mar 1, 8, 15, 22

First taster class is **FREE**. No need to book (Pay as you Go)
Cost £4 Refreshments included

What is Circle Dancing?

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

If you'd like more information, please contact:

Lynne 01259 742173 lynne244@btinternet.com
Rose 01334 657896 rose.cross@tesco.net
Web: www.cscd.org.uk
Facebook: Central Scotland Circle Dance

Enquire

Are you looking for information about your child's rights to support in School?

If so, contact **Enquire**, the national advice and information service for additional support for learning.

Enquire offer: a confidential telephone helpline and online enquiry service, practical guides, fact sheets and newsletters, helpful materials for children and young people with additional support needs.

For more information contact: tel 0845 123 2303

Website: www.enquire.org.uk

Enquire is funded by the Scottish Government and managed by Children in Scotland

Situations Vacant

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

Site Supervisor, Hatrick-Bruce Ltd - full time

Hatrack-Bruce Ltd, Market House, Milnathort require an experienced Site Supervisor for sites in Fife and Tayside areas. Previous experience of supervising multi-trade projects preferred. Applicants must be fully conversant with current H&S legislation and be in possession of all relevant valid certification. Applicants from an M&E or trades background wishing to enter into site supervision would be considered.

Please send your CV to user@hatrickbruce.co.uk

Self Employed Hairdresser - full time

Chair Rental at The Barn Hairdressing & Blow Dry Bar, 94 High Street, Kinross. An exciting opportunity has arisen for an experienced, self-employed hairdresser to join our friendly and professional team. You should have a minimum of 3 years post qualifying experience, an extensive client base and be experienced in all aspects of hairdressing. The Chair Rental of £150 is inclusive of all domestic bills and is calculated on a 5 day weekly basis, Tuesday-Saturday.

Speak to Nicola on Tel: 01577 865159, mob: 07540 399193 or email : thebarnhairdressing@aol.co.uk

Temporary Legal Secretary, J&G Wilson - full time

J&G Wilson is a long established law firm based at 18 High Street, Kinross. We presently have a temporary vacancy for an experienced Legal Secretary. We are looking for someone who has the following skills and experience:

- Previous secretarial experience
- A competent knowledge of legal practice would be desirable.
- Audio and copy typing
- Good working knowledge of Word, Excel and Outlook

We are looking for someone who has a professional manner with previous experience of working in a similar role. You should possess a wide range of secretarial skills and be flexible in your approach to work. You should have the ability to produce work of a high quality with attention to detail and also be able to prioritise and co-ordinate tasks to meet deadlines with minimal supervision in a busy but friendly environment.

To apply for and/or obtain a full job description, or to discuss this post further, please contact Gwen Upcroft Tel: 01577 862302.

Ceilidh Dancing

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

All proceeds go to the Scouts and Guides.

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

Multiple Sclerosis Society Scotland

Perth & Kinross Branch of the MS Society are calling anyone affected by MS to come along to The Green Hotel, Kinross on the third Tuesday of every month from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Come along for a blether, a cuppa or just to get out of the house! Family, friends and carers are welcome too.

For further information, please contact the Branch on 07552 368216, perthkinross@mssociety.org.uk or check out our website www.perth-kinross.org.uk or find us on Facebook: MS Society Perth&Kinross Branch.



Multiple Sclerosis Society Scotland

Diary

*A more extensive and regularly updated
Diary of Events can be found on www.kinross.cc*

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