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## Editorial

It was great to meet some of our readers, contributors and supporters at last month's Better Place to Live Fair, where we carried out a survey of readers' views. If you weren't there and would like to give us your comments, please see page 8.

This month we say farewell to one of our longstanding contributors, Craig Nisbet, outgoing Reserve Officer at the Loch Leven National Nature Reserve. Craig has written many of the Loch Leven NNR columns on behalf of Scottish Natural Heritage over the last nine years, and has provided us with excellent photographs illustrating the work of SNH and the natural beauty of Loch Leven and its flora and fauna. We have been able to do more justice to some of these in recent months since publishing some of our pages in colour. Thanks for everything, Craig, and we wish you all the best in Shetland and in your travels thereafter.

Here's a guide to some of the topics mentioned on the cover:

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## Note to Contributors

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CC: Community Council	CCllr: Community Councillor

## 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.

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

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

## Council Tax Freeze

Cllr Giacopazzi no doubt feels obliged to defend his party's positions but he really should refrain from making himself look ridiculous.

In the March Newsletter he wrote that the SNP's Council Tax freeze is a "voluntary arrangement". Well, let him consider this scenario:

My employer tells me that I'm due a pay rise of £1000 this year but that he'll actually reduce my pay by £5000 if I claim the rise. How "voluntary" is my decision to forgo the £1000? Cllr Giacopazzi went on to say how much Perth and Kinross will get in the coming year. He neglected to inform us that the compensation from the SNP government in Edinburgh falls far short of revenue lost to the council because of the freeze, which many financial experts have been telling us for years. He continued by praising the council's "transformation programme" but on the very next page of the Newsletter Cllr Robertson illustrated the reductions in provision which the SNP's cuts actually mean in practice.

Finally, Cllr Giacopazzi hinted that the people of Scotland are unlikely "to support parties promising higher Council Tax bills" in the forthcoming Holyrood elections. How ironic, then, that I read his article on 2 March, the day on which the SNP announced their plans to raise the Council Tax and remove the freeze! Perhaps the councillor will now perform the same volte-face and defend the party proposing a big hike in Council Tax but, as I suggested at the beginning, it's rarely a good idea to make yourself look ridiculous in public.

Bill Cooper  
Highfield Circle, Kinross

## Road closure requests simplified

At the last Kinross CC meeting, I mentioned a service being offered by Perth and Kinross which is referred to as an "Omnibus Order". What is this? You might ask.

In essence, if someone wants to close a road, suspend parking in an area, or put in a temporary speed limit then they need to apply for a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO). Normally when a TTRO is requested, it costs over a hundred pounds to do this, as PKC have to cover their administration and advertising costs.

The Omnibus Order has been set up to allow community events which are non-profit making (excluding farmers' markets) to put TTROs in place free of charge.

So if you are a community group who is planning to hold an event, do a parade, run a gala or anything else that will require a TTRO, then this applies to you.

There will be three more Omnibus Orders this year and the dates for submissions are as follows:

1. submitted on Friday 6 May 2016 – Deadline for submission is **30 April 2016**
2. submitted on Friday 5 August 2016 – Deadline for submission is **31 July 2016**
3. submitted on Friday 4 November 2016 – Deadline for submission is **31 October 2016**

Application forms can be downloaded from the Council website [www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk) or obtained from The Environment Service at Pullar House in Perth. The email address is [roadsnetworkmanagement@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:roadsnetworkmanagement@pkc.gov.uk)

Councillor Dave Cuthbert  
Independent Councillor for Kinross-shire

### Sale and development of former High School site

Dear Editor, I read with interest the letter entitled "Bats.... Or What???" from Ken Miles, in the March edition of your excellent publication.

I thought that I should respond with a bit more detail.

I have a huge amount of sympathy with what Mr Miles is saying, and indeed it strongly reflects what I have been saying since 2005 when it was first declared that Kinross was to get a new High School (following campaigning from the then School Board, of which I was the chair).

I and a number of residents pushed hard for the former school site to be considered for a number of alternative uses, including open space, playing fields, parking, affordable housing and so on.

We complained to the council and the Scottish Ombudsman but throughout the process were told that the Council had followed correct procedures and that the investment in learning sites (buildings and land which became redundant due to the investment in new campuses, of which Kinross was one) had to be sold for maximum consideration.

When I was elected to the council, I asked to see the committee papers which related to this matter but was told that they were all private papers and as such could only be seen by members of the committee in order to make decisions.

I was told that they were exempt due to schedule 7a of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, which covers "*any terms proposed or to be proposed by or to the authority in the course of negotiations for a contract for the acquisition or disposal of property or the supply of goods or services.*"

So, basically any contractual term relating to the disposal of property as in this case, is exempt.

I have to say that I find this situation highly unsatisfactory, however, the law is the law.

In terms of where the disposal of the former High School site in Kinross is at, it was decided by the Investment in Learning Project Board on 29 June 2004 that Kinross High School, along with a number of other properties, would be sold in order to maximise receipts. The argument being that the money was required to help fund the Investment in Learning Project, which was a project to build a number of new purpose built community campuses.

This decision was ratified by the School Estates Strategy Board on 3 September 2004, the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on 16 April 2008 and again on 20 May 2009.

So the decision appears to have been made democratically.

In terms of the sale of the site to Persimmon Homes, the decision to make them the preferred bidder for the site was made by the Property sub-committee on 28 March 2012 (before I was elected).

Persimmon Homes submitted a planning application which was validated on 23 December 2013. This application was strongly criticised at the Development Management Committee (DMC) on 14 May 2014 and was refused permission unanimously by the Councillors. This is highly unusual and I cannot remember another time when a unanimous refusal has happened on this committee.

Since then, Persimmon were working on a new application, and this was validated by the Council on 11 March 2016. The reference is 16/00255/FLL and you can view this on the Council's planning platform on the web.

I will make no comment on this application.

This planning application will need to be considered by the Council and a decision will need to be made upon it.

Should the Council decide to refuse the application under delegated powers, then Persimmon have the option to request a review by the Local Review Body.

Should the officers recommend approval, then it will go to DMC.

Should DMC decide to grant permission then it will become full permission. Should they decide to refuse the application then Persimmon will have the right to appeal to the Reporter's unit in Edinburgh.

If Persimmon are granted permission for their development on the former High School site, then they will have to relocate the bats which have been identified in the bat survey included with the latest application.

Curiously, the bat survey does not appear to have been included in the first application.

Persimmon will also demolish the buildings to the rear of the Edwardian block at their expense.

They will then develop the site.

In terms of the "special meeting" referred to in the letter from Mr Miles, this was a Property sub-committee meeting (on which I sit). The purpose of the meeting was to extend the longstop date (i.e. the date the contract would become null and void).

The committee was told this was necessary in order to allow the developer time to obtain planning consent and to move the bats prior to working on the site.

The minutes of this meeting will become public in due course and they will show that I resisted the setting of a new longstop date. However, the political groups represented on the committee did not support this.

So, the preferred bidder for the site is Persimmon, and the longstop date has been extended.

In terms of the question raised by Mr Miles as to why the Council has not found another buyer by auction of the property, all I can say is that I don't know.

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## Persimmon apply for 91 houses at former High School

Persimmon Homes have submitted a planning application to erect 91 houses on the former Kinross High School site. This comes nearly two years after an earlier application by Persimmon to build 102 houses was rejected by Perth & Kinross Council's Development Management Committee.

Following consultation with the public and Historic Environment Scotland, the developer now proposes to retain part of the Edwardian building that fronts the High Street and convert it into four dwellings.

A further 87 houses would be built on the site. These would be a mixture of 2, 3 and 4 bedroom houses, including terraced, semi-detached and detached units.

The 2014 application, which had proposed demolition of all the school buildings, including the Edwardian one, attracted approximately 85 objections.

The 2.95 hectare site lies in the town's Conservation Area, and PKC's Conservation Area Appraisal describes the original school building as a 'key

building of interest'. The Council's Development Plan has the site zoned for housing, with an allocated number of 70 units, and the requirement that "any proposal will be required to preserve or enhance the area".

Curiously, although the planning application was received by PKC on 15 February 2016 and validated on 11 March 2016, at the time of writing

(18 March) there is no accompanying planning application for Conservation Area Consent, which would be required for the demolition of buildings.

The planning application to erect 91 houses is open for public comment, with a deadline of **Friday 8 April**. It can be viewed on PKC's planning portal via the website [www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk). The planning reference is 16/00255/FLM.



*Persimmon Homes have submitted a new planning application for the former High School site*

## Deadline for voter registration

On Thursday 5 May voters in Scotland will go to the polls to elect Members of the Scottish Parliament.

The Electoral Commission has now launched its national voter registration campaign to remind people to register by the deadline of Monday 18 April.

Mr Alastair Kirkwood, Electoral Registration Officer for Angus Council and Perth & Kinross Council said:

"Poll cards were issued to everyone who is registered to vote around 15 March. If you haven't received a poll card you should go on-line to register. It's easy and only takes a few minutes – just head to [gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://gov.uk/register-to-vote). If you can't register on-line you should contact the Electoral Registration Office."

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## Councillor Cuthbert

### Apology

Let me start this month with an apology; I said in the February Newsletter that I would report more fully on the **PKC budget**, my intention being to report in the March edition.

However, last month I ran out of time and didn't manage to do an update. I note that Cllrs Barnacle, Giacomazzi and Robertson all wrote about the budget last month, so I won't cover the same ground again.

However, I note that Cllr Giacomazzi wrote somewhat disingenuously saying that the "*Council Tax Freeze*" was a "*voluntary arrangement into which local authorities may enter*". In response to this, I would cite Local Government Finance Circular No. 7/2015, in which the Scottish Government wrote to Councils outlining the Local Government Finance Settlement. This stated: "*For 2016-17 the Scottish Government will work with local government partners on implementing the budget and the joint priorities in return for the full funding package which includes:*

***...£70 million is included in the settlement to continue the council tax freeze for a ninth consecutive year.***"

Their words, not mine. I will let you decide whether there was a Council Tax Freeze or not.

### Milnathort Community Council

I was delighted to learn that, following the collection of signatures on a petition to reform Milnathort CC that Cllr Giacomazzi and I organised, an election took place and the first CC meeting was held on 17 March. Unfortunately I already had an appointment for the same time, so was unable to attend. I would encourage residents to come along to future meetings; your opinions matter and I am sure that the CC will do their best to gather these in. [See page 40.]

### Kinross Town Centre Regeneration

I noted the article in the last Newsletter concerning the survey by David MacKenzie of Kinross CC and thought I should update you on what is happening.

Following completion of the works late last year, your four local Councillors did a walk around with officers on 4 December. We raised 23 issues with officers. There was then a road safety audit carried out by officers, which also looked at the issues raised by us. The results of this were fed back to your local members last week [mid March].

I will be arranging a meeting with officers as soon as possible to go through the findings.

I should say, though, that it is my intention to request a "formal crossing" on the High Street.

### New Kinross Primary School

I was delighted when a new school was announced to replace the existing leaking building and portacabins. This followed some excellent work by the Parent Council who worked hard to present the case for a new school.

Generally I think the plans are pretty good, however, I have raised issues with officers over the way that the consultation process has been carried out and some aspects of the design. Specifically, I think that we should learn from bitter experience and avoid flat roofs on new school buildings. After all, a principal reason why the current school is being replaced is because of the flat roof, which leaks.

There is to be a meeting between officers and your four local members about this next week [w/c 21 March].



## Local Government Boundary Commission Scotland

Cllr Barnacle has been in correspondence with the LGBCS and has established that they will not be carrying out further consultation on the boundary review and expect to submit their final recommendations to Scottish Ministers following the Scottish Government election in May 2016.

My understanding is that the final proposal will need to be agreed to by the Scottish Government.

At this point in time, I do not know whether the LGBCS will persist with the split up of Kinross-shire, however it does strike me that there is an opportunity for voters to ask candidates in the upcoming Scottish Government elections where they stand on this issue. Perhaps if enough people do this, we might still keep Kinross-shire intact.

### Powmill in Bloom

It's really good to see local communities pulling together to improve where they live. One group which is working hard at doing this is Powmill in Bloom. Recently they placed a bench at their entrance as a feature. Unfortunately it was stolen. If anyone knows anything about this, please let me know and I will arrange for the police to follow it up.

One of the issues they have been pushing to be addressed is the bridge, which was damaged by a tanker accident on the road. The repair of this was delayed due to the closure of the Forth Road Bridge. I am pleased to report that this work is due to happen in the next few weeks.

### Planning

Planning is a big issue in Kinross-shire. We appear to account for roughly one third of the applications which are considered by the Council's Planning Committee and the Council's Local Review Body, both of which I often sit on.

I think this is because we are sort of a home county for much of the Central Belt and there is intense pressure to develop sites in the area.

There have been a number of applications which have raised a significant number of objections locally which have recently been decided and I thought I would mention a few of them here.

Conversion of Glenfarg Hotel to form 12 flats (mentioned last time) was refused under delegated powers.

Crook Moss (an application for 3 more pitches) was refused under delegated powers.

Lambhill chipping plant was refused by the LRB.

### Potholes

In fulfilling my duties as a Councillor, I do hundreds of miles every month, both travelling to Perth for meetings and around the Kinross-shire ward to meet with constituents, looking at issues raised with me and attending CC meetings.

In the last year, I have had to replace, on separate occasions, a set of springs and a set of tyres on my car due to damage caused by potholes, of which there appear to be hundreds.

I have had long discussions with officers ranging from the local charge hand all the way up to the Chief Executive about these potholes and, to summarise, it would appear that the huge number of potholes in our roads are mainly due to adverse weather conditions. The Council have doubled the number of men filling them and I am told that they are being filled as fast as possible given the resources available. However I remain unhappy at the number, size and depth of potholes in our area.

*Continues over page*

## Councillor Cuthbert continued...

### Affordable Housing

An issue I have been investigating recently is the demand and supply of Affordable Housing in the ward. My research indicates that there were 21 Common Housing Register lets (i.e. Combined Council and Housing Association lets) in Kinross during 2013-14 and that there were 119 families on the waiting list. This gives Kinross a pressure ratio of 5.7, or 5.7 people waiting for each property let during the year.

During this period, Kinross ranked with the 12th highest pressure ratio of all the letting areas in Perth and Kinross, the highest being Craigie in Perth with a pressure ratio of 20.6.

It is my view that Kinross-shire is not getting its fair share of new affordable housing and that this is due to a lack of imagination in how affordable housing is currently delivered. Needless to say, I am working with officers on this.

*Councillor Dave Cuthbert  
Independent Councillor for Kinross-shire*

## Councillor Robertson

### Citylink

I have been trying to persuade Citylink to restore the bus services to Kinross Park & Ride which were removed at the end of last year, namely the 7.00am bus to Dundee which no longer calls at Kinross, depriving people who work in Dundee the opportunity to go by bus. Also the 5.15pm service from Edinburgh which, again, no longer calls at Kinross. This was an ideal service for commuters and others who wanted to return to Kinross. This was replaced by an X55 service which takes much, much longer.

Citylink are currently working on their summer timetable so I have written to them asking for these services to be restored. Many other people have also written and this call has been supported by Kinross-shire Community Councils.

I have also asked for the two-hour gap in services to Perth to be addressed. Currently there are no buses from Kinross to Perth from 7.30am until 9.30am in the morning. Again, this makes it impossible for those wishing to use public transport to get to work in Perth for 9.00am to do so.

### Crook of Devon to Aldie Road multi use track

Work is well underway on this new track which is being installed by TRACKS. This is the first part in the proposed safe cycling/walking link from Crook of Devon to Kinross.

### Milnathort Town Hall

Congratulations to the Milnathort Town Hall committee who have overcome many, many obstacles to give the community a refurbished and modern, multi use hall.

I can clearly remember when the hall committee were trying to get PKC to give them a lease on the building. There were those in Perth who thought 'why does Milnathort need a hall for when it can use the community campus?' Thankfully the committee overcame this shortsighted view and we now have a first class community asset which will be used by local people for generations to come.

### Keep Kinross-shire Tidy

Since the last Newsletter, various people have contacted me highlighting untidy areas. Among the places litter picked are the A977 the A91, and the old main road going south from Kinross. If you are aware of areas needing litter picked, please let me know.

*Councillor Willie Robertson*

## Better Place to Live Fair 2016

The 2016 Better Place to Live Fair was very successful, with hundreds of people attending the community campus on the first Saturday in March to find out more about our local clubs, voluntary organisations, local businesses and services.

The event enabled local organisations to celebrate achievements, engage with the community, seek new members, fundraise, network and showcase what they do.



*The Better Place to Live Fair was very well attended this year  
Photo: Vincent Johnston*

## Newsletter Readers' Survey

Some of the Newsletter team – Eileen, Julia, Tony and Lee – enjoyed meeting lots of our readers at the Better Place to Live Fair on 5 March. We also enjoyed chatting to representatives of the many community groups who contribute to the Newsletter, and making new contacts.

We took the opportunity to carry out a survey of what our readers think of the Newsletter, and would love more of you to complete the survey and let us know what you like (or don't like), and how we can improve.

You can take the survey online by going to our website [www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org) and we'll also put something about it on our Facebook page.

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An updated passenger leaflet has been published and will shortly be distributed throughout the area, including to the participating taxi operators, medical facilities and Community Councils.

The new leaflet includes details of another operator based in Crook of Devon, scheduled to start operating on 11 April 2016. The new leaflet is also available to download from [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) and the Perth and Kinross Council website.

If however, you wish to be sent a copy in the post or have a general enquiry about DRT1, please contact:

Telephone 01738 47737  
Email [Bmartin@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:Bmartin@pkc.gov.uk)



## The 38th Glenfarg Folk Feast

The Folk Feast is just about on us now and we are eagerly awaiting its start with the Orwell Ceilidh Band hosting the Welcoming Ceilidh on Friday 8 April in the Windlestrae Hotel. Thereafter all our planned events will be in the Green Hotel, with the majority of the main events (concerts and competitions) taking place in Backstage at the Green or in the Loch Leven Suite.

As previously advertised, our headline acts for the two main concerts are The Emily Smith Duo on Saturday 9th and Dougie MacLean on the 10th.

Full details of the concerts and all the other events are on the Club's website [www.glenfargfolkclub.com](http://www.glenfargfolkclub.com) and tickets are still available through [tickets@glenfargfolkclub.com](mailto:tickets@glenfargfolkclub.com) or on our hotline 07473931440. But please be advised that the concert tickets are now virtually

sold out for the Sunday and are going rapidly for the Saturday also. They will both be excellent nights, so get on the phone now to avoid disappointment!



*Shona Donaldson and Paul Anderson*

Other artistes appearing on Saturday include the brilliant Shona Donaldson and Paul Anderson, Maurice Dickson and Glenfarg's own Farg Folk.

Sunday brings Winter Wilson, who are staging the Scottish launch of their new CD at the weekend, and also the

amazing Roberto and the Tickety Two – a trio who have to be seen to be believed. And finally, a mention has to be made of Artie's Tartan Tales, a children's concert taking place on the Sunday afternoon.

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*Winter Wilson*

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# The Blair Adam Walled Garden

Not many people know about this huge garden on the Blair Adam estate, near the village of Maryburgh, although a lucky few now have allotments within its protected confines. What a beautiful, peaceful place, filled with birdsong! The great stone wall to the north, eighteen foot high, once contained heating flues to keep the more delicate fruit trees fanned against it safe from winter frosts: together with adjoining walls to the east and west, it continues to give shelter from chilly winds today.



*A peaceful place, filled with birdsong*  
Photo: Tracy Gow Photography

The southern part of the garden was planted out as an arboretum of evergreen trees to form 'a winter walk' for the Adam family who planned to stroll there from their new house which Robert Adam had designed in 1772. Alas, the great Palladian mansion was never built and so these days the garden seems vastly bigger than its location might require, since the family continue to live on the site of William Adam's original factor's house, which is at some distance uphill from the garden, rather than adjacent. Nevertheless, the garden still gives great pleasure as the destination for a walk in all seasons and its history continues to fascinate those who labour for pleasure within its walls. William Adam established a tree

nursery here shortly after he bought the estate in 1733 because, having drained and limed what was described as a 'wild unsheltered moor', he began to lay out avenues of trees to create a focus for the site of the original laird's house which, no doubt, he intended to replace with a more distinguished building of his own design.

Later, it was his son John Adam, who between 1756 and 1761 planned and supervised the construction and stocking of the walled garden more-or-less as it can be seen today. The three-acre formal part comprised the heated wall to the

## *The walled garden was planned and constructed between 1756 and 1761*

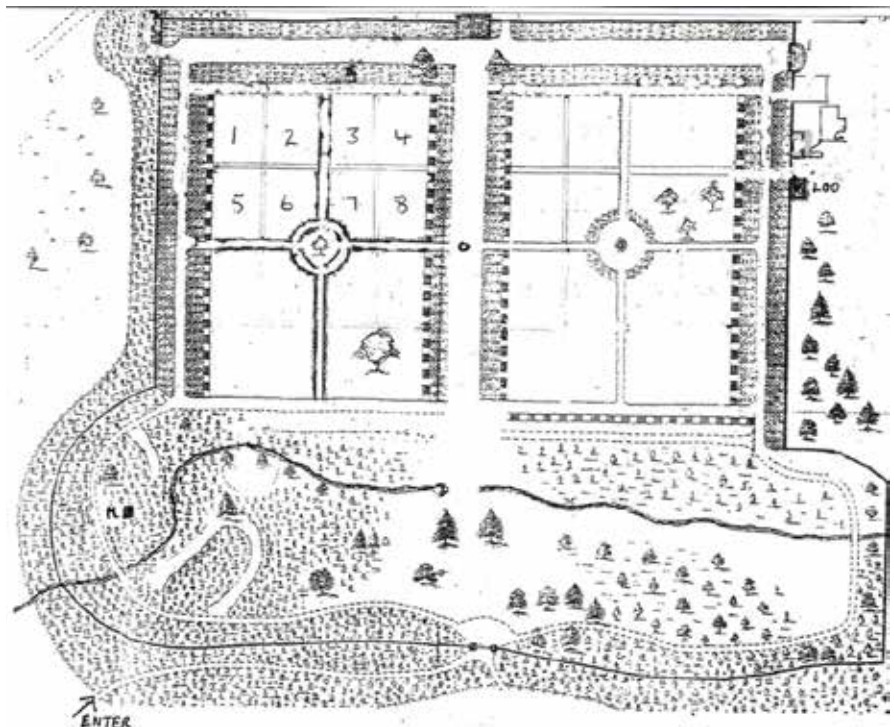
north which bore apple, pear and plum trees; a rectangular pattern of paths and walks separated the compartments devoted to vegetables and borders of flowers were laid out. The southern part of the garden, bisected by a burn, was landscaped as a four-acre arboretum of mainly evergreen trees distributed among winding paths. In 1833 a monument was erected there to mark the centenary of the family's landscaping of the estate and garden, which up to that



*A regular pattern of paths separates the vegetable plots and borders*  
Photo: Tracy Gow Photography

time had survived in its original form 'without alteration of effect except what growth hath produced'.

This growth took over with a vengeance after 1955 when the Adam family could no longer employ one gardener, let alone the seven who had worked there in 1833. Consequently, by 1971 the garden had been vandalised, was overgrown with weeds and browsed by roe deer.



*The 1834 map of the gardens, used as a guide for restoration*

Nevertheless, the garden structure was Grade 'A' listed and help first arrived in the 1980s when Scottish Conservation Projects Trust established a gardening training programme to clear weeds and re-establish the paths. After funding for the scheme ended, Francis Adam built on what it had achieved by deer-

***Restoration of the vegetable compartments was not begun until 2010***

fencing the lower walls to the south of the arboretum and in 1995 he began to turn over and plant the soil, helped by a team of Tamworth pigs.

However, it was not until 2010, with the help of student volunteers, that restoration of the vegetable compartments began in earnest. Using the 1834 layout map as a guide, eight sizeable allotments were rented out in 2012 and more are now available. The semi-circular flower borders by the gardener's house, which is integral to the north wall, were planted in 2013 and the herbaceous borders on either side of the sundial walk were finally restored in



*Allotments are available for rent at Blair Adam Walled Garden  
Photo: Tracy Gow Photography*

2014 when the garden was open as part of Scotland's Gardens Scheme. This spring the 1933 rockery by the burn has been uncovered and re-planted by enthusiastic voluntary gardeners.

Although it is a struggle to keep unwanted growth at bay, and William Adam would not find it kept up to the standard he expected of his gardeners

in 1833, it looks as though the Adam family may be on course to celebrate the 300th anniversary of their walled garden in 2033.

For allotment enquiries, contact: [adamofblairadam@hotmail.com](mailto:adamofblairadam@hotmail.com)



*The great stone wall to the north is eighteen feet high  
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## Schoolgirl gets the chop for charity

Kinross Primary schoolgirl Maisie Drummond, 9, raised almost £400 using the Justgiving website for the charity Little Princess Trust.

Maisie donated her hair to the charity, which then uses the hair to make wigs for children who lose theirs through medical conditions and cancer treatments. Each wig also costs £350 to make, so by raising the money and donating her hair, Maisie has made a big difference.

With the fantastic help of staff at The Studio Hair Company, Maisie donated 12 inches of her hair to the charity.

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Maisie Drummond raised almost £400 by donating her hair to charity

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## Councillor Giacopazzi

### Milnathort Community Council

Following last year's demise of the CC, Cllr Cuthbert and I invited local residents to join a petition to the Council as a first step in creating a new CC. Following the election of eight new Community Councillors on 25 February, I called an inaugural meeting of the CC for 17 March and chaired it long enough for a new Chairman to be elected. I warmly welcome the election of David Baudains as Chairman; his previous experience as Minute Secretary of the CC gives him a good knowledge of procedures. I look forward to working with the new CC. The meeting lasted 17 minutes; an excellent precedent! [See also page 40.]



### Milnathort Proposed Conservation Area

The proposal was raised previously by the Kinross-shire Civic Trust, but failed to gain the support of Milnathort CC. Unlike a CC, the Civic Trust is an unelected body dedicated to the conservation of the built environment. The Civic Trust justified its proposal on the basis of Milnathort's history and the number of historic buildings in and around the village. The CC did not give its support for the following reasons:

1. Lack of support from Milnathort residents themselves;
2. While the village is 'historic', most of what remains is enshrined in place names only e.g. 'Auld Mart'. The old mills and markets are long gone;
3. A number of the listed buildings cited by the Civic Trust to justify conservation status are not in Milnathort e.g. Hattonburn House;
4. Under Planning Law householders enjoy a number of 'permitted development rights' which are not available in a conservation area. If Milnathort were to become a conservation area, planning permission would have to be applied for where a home owner wanted to replace windows, remove railings or hedges, erect a garden shed or conservatory, erect a satellite dish or solar panels, change a letter box or even paint the door a new colour. The list goes on;
5. The cost of a planning application is £204 or £402 for larger ones. In addition, an architect or draughtsman would normally have to be engaged and ownership certificates produced.

Such comments as I received at the time of the proposal from local folk were negative. Nevertheless the Civic Trust has asked the Council to designate Milnathort a conservation area in the next Local Development Plan. The Civic Trust's commentary, which can be seen on the Council's web site, is well researched and makes interesting reading despite the odd error e.g. a reference to 'New Street' in Milnathort.

Personally, I'd be more inclined to support a conservation area in Milnathort if there were evidence of enthusiasm from the people who live there. Also, if the purpose of conservation area status is to preserve its character and appearance, I'd need to be convinced that these were at risk. I've lived Milnathort all my days and, honestly, it has hardly changed.

There is a bureaucratic cost to the Council involved in creating and maintaining a conservation area and one wonders whether, at a time of austerity and reductions in spending, this is the best use of resources.

### Kinross' New Primary School

On 21 March I and my Ward 8 colleagues will meet with Council officials in Perth to discuss issues surrounding the

design of the new primary school at Kinross. A concern which I raised before Christmas and which also concerns Cllr Cuthbert, relates to the flat roof over the dining area in the new building. Having never been a big fan of flat roofs, my enthusiasm for them sank further last Winter when the one at Milnathort Primary School sprung a leak allowing water into the electrical system. As a result, my granddaughter's classroom was evacuated and remained closed for several days. To prevent a similar event happening at Kinross years in the future, we are asking for the roof to be sloped enough for the water to run off. We shall also be discussing the arrangements for dropping off and picking up pupils.


The school remains on track to be ready for December 2017 with demolition of the old building by May in the next year. This is, however, described as 'an aspirational programme'.

One thing struck me as odd; the possibility of 'unisex toilets' in the new school. The decision will be one for the Head Teacher who will, hopefully, exercise common sense in the matter, but I wonder what the feelings of parents are on the subject. I well remember lining up at the start of the day to file into Milnathort Primary (the one in Manse Road) with the boys going in the 'Boys' door and the girls into the 'Girls' side. If you look above the door of the old Kinross High School you will see the same arrangement. Of course, nowadays we don't do segregation of pupils in this way and 'unisex' toilets are maybe just an evolution of the process. I do not know; but then, I'm old enough to remember when a 'joint' was something your mum cooked for Sunday lunch, not something you smoked...

### Scottish Water

The work to increase the capacity of the sewers at Milnathort to prevent pluvial (rain) flooding are all but complete and I, for one, am looking forward to a good downpour to see if it all works. Despite the awful disruption to business and to road traffic, the folk of Milnathort have put up with it all without major complaint. I think I can say that Amey, Black & Veatch, the contractors, have been hard working throughout and considerate.

*Councillor Joe Giacopazzi*



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## MSPs asked to declare their stance on Kinross-shire boundaries

Local Councillors Mike Barnacle, Dave Cuthbert and Willie Robertson have written a joint letter to all the Members of the Scottish Parliament for this area, asking the MSPs to declare whether or not they support the retention of Kinross-shire's current boundaries.

Last year's review by the Local Government Boundary Commission Scotland (LGBCS) proposed that PKC should lose one Councillor, and that this should happen by reducing the Kinross-shire ward representation from four councillors to three. Under the proposals, a section of the Kinross-shire ward would be placed in the Almond and Earn ward instead. Following publication of the Boundary Commission proposals, a public consultation took place, but the Commission is not planning to publish its final recommendations to Scottish Ministers until the end of May, after the Scottish Parliament elections.

The Councillors' letter was sent to Roseanna Cunningham, MSP for Perthshire South & Kinross-shire, and the Mid Scotland and Fife MSPs, who are: Claire Baker, Dr Richard Simposn, Annabelle Ewing, Jayne Baxter, Murdo Fraser, Elizabeth Smith.

The text of the letter is as follows:

17 March 2016

Dear Colleagues

### **Boundaries Commission Proposals For Perth & Kinross Council Area**

We enclose Councillor Barnacle's letter of 20/10/15 to the Commission and also his article on this subject from September 2015 Kinross CC Newsletter. These background communications major on their proposals to reduce PKC elected members from 41 to 40 by singling out Kinross-shire Ward 8 for division and reducing its Councillors from 4 to 3. You will note the strong reaction to this proposal from PKC and the people of Kinross-shire. In response to an inquiry from Councillor Barnacle as to any update on the Commission's thinking as a result of the many representations made, their Secretary has confirmed the decision not to hold a local inquiry and that its final recommendations will be submitted to Scottish Ministers by the end of May 2016, when the public will be made aware of any changes to the current proposal. We are sceptical that the proposals will be changed and believe this will result in a strong reaction in Kinross-shire.

Our purpose in writing to you centres on the not insignificant matter of the Scottish Parliament elections that will take place between now and the end of May 2016. Can you respond positively in support of PKC and the people of Kinross-shire who wish to see their current democratic electoral representation up at Perth maintained and their historic boundaries and identity respected and retained? We are seeking pledges from candidates and their political parties standing for election to the Scottish Parliament in May to oppose any proposal by the Local Government Boundary Commission Scotland to split Kinross-shire apart and to use any influence they may subsequently have in the new Parliament to reject same.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Cllr Michael Barnacle, Independent Member for Kinross-shire

Cllr Willie Robertson, Liberal Democratic Member for Kinross-shire

Cllr Dave Cuthbert, Independent Member for Kinross-shire



PERTH and KINROSS  
CREDIT UNION

## Kinross office for Credit Union?

Perth and Kinross Credit Union (PKCU) is considering opening an office in Kinross.

Euan Walker, Chair of PKCU, said: "Earlier this month we identified what we think could be suitable premises in Kinross and we hope to reach agreement to commence operations there as soon as we can recruit half a dozen people willing to take on some training, and then to run the office – probably for 2 to 3 hours on a Wednesday morning."

PKCU has been operating from premises at 282 High Street in Perth since April 2014. PKCU works closely with the Housing Department at Perth and Kinross Council, in particular to provide services to people who may have financial problems or who are partially excluded from mainstream financial services.

PKCU offers flexible saving for everyone, increases financial inclusion and brings ethical lending direct to those who need it.

Euan Walker is willing to discuss the Kinross proposal and the wider benefits of a Credit Union with any individuals or groups who might be interested. He can be contacted by email on [euan.walker@pkcu.org.uk](mailto:euan.walker@pkcu.org.uk) or by telephone on 01250 870577.

Those interested in learning more, or offering to volunteer at the Kinross office, may also contact PKCU Manager Anne Walker on 01738 624872 or email [info@pkcu.org.uk](mailto:info@pkcu.org.uk)

## Kinross Talent Show winners to support tribute festival

The winners of the 2015 Kinross-shire's Got Talent Show, Josef Lawrence and The Hypocrites, have been invited to play in the Perth leg of The Fake Festival Tour.

The Fake Festival brings together some of the UK's top tribute acts. The headliners at Perth will be Flash, a Queen tribute band, Oashish (Oasis) and Coldplace (Coldplay).

As well as Josef Lawrence, there are a four other local bands supporting during the day.

Joey (Josef) Lawrence, currently a pupil at Kinross High School, said: "Having been involved in a number of local gigs, this is by far the biggest. We have just recorded an EP which will be available at the gig and also available to download from the Bandcamp website."

Joey and the rest of the band, Finlay Lovatt, Gray Pennock and Callum Kennedy, first met up at Perth's DIY Rockshop, an organisation that brings together young musicians and, over a few days, creates a number of bands. Joey first came across DIY Rockshop through an event organised by KLEO, the Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation.

The Fake Festival Tour visits Perth on **Saturday 21 May**. The venue is a giant marquee at the South Inch. Great Value Early bird tickets can be purchased at: [www.fakefestivals.co.uk/2016/Perth](http://www.fakefestivals.co.uk/2016/Perth)

Early booking is advised.

## Councillor Barnacle

*Copy of a letter by Cllr Barnacle to PKC's Nick Brian (Development Quality Manager) and Peter Marshall (Planning & Sustainable Development), 16/3/16*



### Ochil Hills Special Landscape Area & Major Renewable Energy Projects - Call for Regional Park Status

I am moved to write to you regarding the above and enclose as background my letter of 18/1/12 to Nick on Windfarm Developments in the Ochil Hills.

At the Development Management Committee on 17/2/16, following a close vote on the denial of opportunity for Friends of the Ochils to comment further and address the Committee on additional information requested at deferral, a major photovoltaic solar farm near Path of Condie and Glenfarg was granted approval. I was disappointed that the further opportunity to address the Committee was denied but even more dismayed at Paragraphs 18 to 20 of the Report on Landscape Supplementary Guidance enclosed. To state that the Ochil Hills have not been substantially affected by windfarms and masts on hill tops is clearly inaccurate and written without adequate knowledge of these hills. There is also clearly no presumption against further wind turbines or other renewable energy developments so one has to ask what does a Special Landscape Area designation give in protection; I would suggest none. You will note my aforementioned enclosed letter referring to the June 2004 capacity study recommending only one windfarm in the Ochils carefully sited. We now have 3 at Burnfoot, Greenknowes (extension currently proposed) and Lochelbank with other wind monitoring masts appearing subsequently in advance of potential further turbine development.

I repeat, more stridently than ever, it is time to call a halt on further industrialisation from windfarm developments in the Ochil Hills and if Special Landscape Areas clearly do not ensure landscape protection, I reiterate my call for Regional Park Status for the Ochil Hills to be explored by PKC with neighbouring authorities, a point I have made in my submission to the Main Issues Report for PKC's LDP2 yesterday.

Yours sincerely

Cllr Michael Barnacle  
Independent Member for Kinross-shire

## Councillor Barnacle's response to MIR

Listed below are some of the points made by Cllr Barnacle as part of his submission on the Main Issues Report (MIR), a stage of PKC's second Local Development Plan.

Cllr Barnacle believes that a community masterplan approach for Kinross and Milnathort is long overdue.

He agrees that PKC should introduce new policy RD7, to ensure stalled and non-effective sites are brought forward, saying: "Communities like to see housing site zoning effective rather than dormant for lengthy periods, especially where Developer requirements are identified as needed by the wider community i.e. transport improvements and green space provision."

Regarding an enforceable mechanism to ensure development commences, he suggests, "it should apply to sites of 50 houses or more and be commenced within the timescale of LDP2; it should not be assumed that non-effective sites keep their zoning in a following LDP!"

Cllr Barnacle agrees with the proposal in the MIR that policy PM4 should be renamed 'Settlement Envelopes' and reworded to allow development on the edge of settlements in specific limited circumstances. He submitted: "I think specific limited circumstances needs careful wording so as to avoid creeping settlement development; the envelope should mean something but I am more relaxed about proposals on the edge of settlements where community benefit can be illustrated and the location is not possible within the settlement envelope."

The Councillor gave details of where he thought there should be changes to settlement boundaries for Balado, Blairingone, Crook of Devon, Kinnesswood, Powmill, and Rumbling Bridge.

Cllr Barnacle is in favour of OP15 being removed from its current allocation, but is not in favour of it being zoned as a housing site and is of the view that "this good quality agricultural land should be retained." (OP15 is a site to the east of the Community Campus which was zoned in the first LDP for educational purposes when it was thought that it might provide a site for a replacement Kinross Primary School.)

Cllr Barnacle is in favour of the preferred option for the wider Kinross area shown in Map 32 of the MIR, saying: "Local Members introduced this site for consultation because of its potential to deliver significant community benefits, in particular a sustainable growth project to facilitate much needed expansion of Drum WWTP (currently at capacity). It is essential that the site specific Developer requirements outlined in Table 13 are "all delivered" for me to be content with this zoning, in particular the delivery of a "large" roundabout at junction of A977 and "B9097" with separate exits to Fossoway garage and housing site (which would break up the speed of traffic between Drum and Crook of Devon). Environment (Roads) are working on an OBC for the A977 mitigation measures."

The Councillor is in favour of a community plan for Blairingone.

Anyone wishing further information on Cllr Barnacle's submission to PKC on the MIR, and other matters, is invited to look at his website: [mikebarnacle.co.uk](http://mikebarnacle.co.uk)



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# Ethiopia Medical Project

## 2016 Visit Report, Part One



Please don't believe anything you read about 'growth' in Ethiopia. Many things are on the 'up' in Ethiopia, and every year we do see advancement in roads, communications and a train system, which now runs through Addis Ababa (the capital) relieving the traffic congestion somewhat. Many things, however, are as dire as ever. Poverty drives people towards the urban environment and it takes an hour to get out of the urban sprawl that is now Addis. The rural areas are still as remote and uncared for as ever, although communications are definitely improving.

Arrival at the airport seemed easier than ever. For once, we sailed through customs and immigration and into the loving and excited arms of Sister Haimanot, for whom we would go through brick walls.



*Jo and Maureen with the prolapse mothers*

### Clinic to Health Centre

One of our challenges this year was to see how the clinic could be converted to a Health Centre. Although the clinic, as it stands, is known to be a place of excellence and better than most Health Centres, it does not have those things that a Health Centre in Ethiopia must have. i.e. two x 10 bed wards, a pharmacy with pharmacist, a card index room and a nurses station. This does involve a new building, with a septic tank and modern sanitation.

This is no small challenge, but not insuperable. Kinross Rotary, who have been very supportive of EMP, are hoping to help us with this in conjunction with a Rotary Club in Addis. We came across Dr Saba Lambert, an Ethiopian doctor who trained in Dundee and who is a wonderful, enthusiastic person. Dr Lambert understood straight away what it was we were trying to do and promised to sell our vision to International Rotary.

### Off to Buccama

Our first Sunday, after our long, bumpy journey from Addis, entailed one new baby (who nearly didn't make it) and many, many prolapse mothers. We thought they were on the wane but, alas, the problem seems as big as ever, unless they just ship them in for our benefit!

As before, we were just happy to be there. Our welcome was quite overwhelming. As ever, these dear souls had waited all day to sing, chant and hug the breath out of us. Very humbling indeed, especially when we think of all of you, and the contributions you have made.

### First Things First

We visited the crowded market, bargaining and bartering for blankets, sheets, plates and pots and pans, all of which need replacing. We were surrounded by small boys, knocking on the windows, and shouting 'Money, money'.

This is the hot, frustrating part of life there; bartering for sheeting to wrap new babies in! I had to stop myself, when I realised I was arguing about sheeting that cost only 19 pence a metre!

As before, the food was simple, tasty, repetitive and not quite as much as we would eat at home. No bad thing. The simple life of the sisters is an example to us all really.

EMP is not alone now. Added to all our own fundraising activities, we are supported by SCIAF (Scotland), Mothers with a heart for Ethiopia (Canada) and Michael's House (America and Ireland). All these charities are helping in different ways; the first two with the care of the mothers and their operations, and the last with six old and destitute pensioners.

Many, many prolapse mothers arrived throughout our stay, with some wonderful success stories, and some very sad ones. The prolapse mothers (women of all ages), the mother and baby unit (vital for good maternal health), and the staff of the clinic, whose salaries we do pay, are still our primary area of interest.

However, malaria is rife at the moment. We were being very careful to take our pills but, believe me, we are irrelevant in the face of the deluge of malarial patients. They arrive by foot, or on motor bikes, with worried relatives. They are as hot as a boiling kettle, then shivering like a deep freeze. Drips are put up, pain relief is given, medicine administered and every bed and floor space is used up. You would be amazed to see most of them walk home the next day, only to be replaced by a new surge, usually in the evening. What would have happened without the clinic? Sadly, one child died in the clinic early in our stay from malaria, so it is still a real and present danger.

### Government Inspection

There was a Government inspection of the prenatal system during our stay. Maureen and I were wheeled out to meet the big cheeses, who told us how high the Buccama standard was. There was even a camera crew interviewing expectant mothers. Home births are virtually outlawed now, which is generally thought to be a good thing.

We have been told countless times that Buccama leads the way in this, and we can see that the care is good, although very different from the UK. It was lucky they were there in their smart ambulance, as an emergency was carried in on a stretcher, and a poor mother-to-be was in a bad way with pre-eclampsia. She was rushed off to hospital in the Government car, which would get there rather quicker, and safer than ours, which already needs replacing.

### To be continued.....

The second part of this visit report will be in the next issue of the Newsletter.

For more information visit our website

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Jo Middlemiss and Maureen Burnett

## April at Kinross Learning Centre

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CRAFTS			
Upholstery	Wed 13 Apr	4.30 – 6.30 pm	10 weeks
Upholstery	Wed 13 Apr	7 – 9 pm	10 weeks
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## Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh MP for Ochil and South Perthshire

It gave me great pleasure to learn that the improvements to Milnathort Town Hall are now complete and that the facility will now reopen to all users. I know that the Milnathort Town Hall renovations will bring tremendous benefit to local user groups and residents for many years to come and I would like to congratulate all parties that have been involved in the project.

Since my last update I have met with a number of people and organisations in the local area and represented the views of constituents across Kinross-shire at Westminster.

I met with Alisdair Stewart who is spearheading the Aerospace Kinross project. This is an exciting opportunity for Kinross-shire from a development and tourist point of view where Kinross could become the pioneering focal point for Scottish flight and space engagement. Although in the early stages of their development, the groundwork laid by Alasdair and his dedicated team is impressive and I am sure we will all be aware of Aerospace Kinross's work in the future. I for one am excited about the benefits that this project will bring to the area.

It was also a pleasure to have met with the lovely Rebecca Connelly who has recently established her own music tuition business based out of the Kinross Business Centre.

I was delighted to have been invited by Terry and Corine from Kinross Stove and cooker centre to meet with them.

### Women Against State Pension Inequality

Having been contacted by a number of constituents from across Kinross-shire and the rest of our Ochil and South Perthshire constituency about the important issue concerning pensions for women born in the 1950s, I was pleased to be able to speak up on behalf of these constituents in the House of Commons recently during the WASPI debates. Holding the Government to account on this matter is something I and SNP colleagues will persevere with every time the opportunity arises. The Government has the chance to lessen the impact and burden for women affected by this issue and should grasp the opportunity to do so.

As always I look forward 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, email me at [tas.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:tas.mp@parliament.uk) or contact my office on 01259 219 333 if you feel I can be of any assistance to you. I am also always keen to meet with local business and community groups to find out more about their endeavours.

*Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh MP*

## News from the Health Centre



### April is Bowel Cancer Awareness Month

Scotland fares the worst in the UK for bowel cancer with the highest incidence and highest mortality rate. This means that more people develop and die from bowel cancer in Scotland than elsewhere in the UK. Bowel cancer is the third most common cancer in Scotland after lung and breast cancer. Every year, almost 4,000 people are diagnosed with the disease and 95% of the cases occur in those who are over 50. The Scottish Bowel Cancer Screening programme aims to detect bowel cancer at an early stage when there are potentially more treatment options and a better chance of treatment being effective. People between the ages of 50 and 74 are invited for screening every two years, but only about half of those sent a testing kit actually complete and return it. The home screening test is the best way to find bowel cancer early. The screening test can spot hidden blood which can often be a sign of bowel cancer – blood you and your doctor wouldn't even know was there.

We would like to encourage everyone who is sent the home screening test to complete it. We know it is all a bit embarrassing, but it is well worth just getting on and doing it. It can be completed at home in privacy and then popped in the post. This is perfectly safe and it is free to post the test to the Scottish Bowel Screening Centre laboratory.

If you would like more information, there are lots of leaflets in the Health Centre and you can ask your GP or nurse for advice. Information can also be found on the following websites:

[www.bowelscreening.scot.nhs.uk](http://www.bowelscreening.scot.nhs.uk)

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

There is also a Freephone Patient Helpline Number for Bowel Screening: 0800 0121 833.

### Junction 6 roadworks

BEAR Scotland intended to recommence works on the southbound overbridge at Junction 6 of the M90 on 14 March. A spokesman said: "We envisage that the repairs will take around six weeks to complete and will see the bridge deck waterproofing replaced and a new road surface installed. To carry out the works safely, lane closures will be in place on the circulatory carriageway of the roundabout. Due to the width of the carriageway at this location, disruption to road users should be minimal."



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### Regular Sessions for Young Children

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### Bookbug Rhymetimes

Saturdays 10.30-11.00am Wednesdays 2.00-2.30pm

### Pre-school Story Time

Tuesdays 10.15-10.45am Thursdays 10.45-11.15am  
Parents, grandparents or guardians and toddlers will be made most welcome at these free, open sessions.

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

### French Storytelling, First Saturday of each month

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



### Stay and Play Wednesdays 2.30pm, Fridays 11am

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

### Library Led Book Groups

#### Fridays 10.30am and Tuesdays 6.45pm

Would you like to share your love of books with like-minded people? Why not come along to one of the library's book groups? We are always looking for new members.

General Book Group: 15 April, 20 May and 17 June

Crime Book Group: 19 April, 17 May and 21 June

Contact the library to find out more or book a place.

### Dragons Galore! Thursday 7 April, 10.45am

There are dragons, knights and princesses, as we join Zog at Dragon School. Follow his adventures and mishaps! Who helps Zog? ... and who saves the day?

Be inspired by Julia Donaldson's dragons during this fun, interactive story and activity session.

Free event suitable for 4-9 years. Children under 8 years must be accompanied by an adult. Booking essential.

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Free event, suitable for 4-9yrs.

Please book in advance by contacting the library.  
(Children under 8 years old must be accompanied by an adult.)

## William Soutar Writing Competition

PKC Libraries' annual writing competition opened for entries on 12 March.

The William Soutar Writing Prize is a highly regarded competition, which alternates between poetry and short stories.

This year entrants can submit short stories, in English or Scots, to compete for a first prize of a prestigious writing course. Previous winners have gone on to achieve further success with some having work published. All winning and shortlisted entries will be published in eBook format and available to borrow from the Libraries and Information Services eBook catalogue.

The competition is free to enter and open to anyone aged 16 years of age or over. Entry forms and competition rules are available on the PKC website and from all P&K public libraries. The closing date for entries is 7 June.



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## Have your say on Housing Strategy

PKC has launched a public consultation on a new Local Housing Strategy (LHS) for Perth and Kinross.

The draft LHS sets out the Council's priorities and plans for the delivery of housing and related services for the period 2016-2021.

PKC's strategic housing objectives over the next five years will be:

- **Supply of Housing and Place-Making** - To create more affordable homes and manage existing stock to create homes in the size, type and location people want to live, with access to suitable services and facilities which encourage community integration.
- **Neighbourhood Services and Homelessness** - To promote safe and secure communities for residents of Perth & Kinross with access to good quality, affordable accommodation, with the necessary support in place to sustain them in their homes and prevent them from becoming homeless.
- **Specialist Provision and Independent Living** - To support people to live independently at home for as long as possible with help from the community and local support networks.
- **House Condition, Fuel Poverty and Climate Change** - To support residents of Perth and Kinross to live in warm, dry, energy efficient and low carbon homes which they can afford to heat.

The consultation on the draft strategy is now live. Any comments or suggestions will be considered before a final copy of the strategy goes to the Council's Housing and Health Committee for approval in May 2016.

The draft LHS document is available to view on the PKC website at [www.pkc.gov.uk/housing](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/housing). Hard copies can be requested by phoning 01738 476775 or emailing [CarlyLaing@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:CarlyLaing@pkc.gov.uk).

Responses must be returned by 19 April 2016.

## Flight enthusiasts wanted

Do you love anything that flies? Do you have some spare time on your hands?

You may be aware of the plans for Aero Space Kinross (ASK), a flight themed visitor attraction in the heart of Kinross. Please see [www.aerospacekinross.com](http://www.aerospacekinross.com) for more information.

As part of the development of ASK, we are looking for volunteers to help with an 18-month Kinross-shire based flight heritage research project called ASK Inheritance. The project aims to record all aspects of local flight history and then share them throughout the community by means of a series of public events. We are looking for people to help with research, documentation and working with schools.

To find out more, email Rachel at [rachel@aerospacekinross.com](mailto:rachel@aerospacekinross.com).



## Record breaking numbers take part in Loch Leven charity walk



Over £8,500 has been raised for Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland by those who took part in the Loch Leven Walkathon on Sunday 13 March. Donations are still coming in and CHSS expect to smash their £10,000 target!

The lovely spring weather saw a record breaking 232 walkers and their dogs take in the scenic walk around the Heritage Trail, with participants choosing the 6km, 11km or 13-mile routes enjoying the fantastic views along their way.

With Easter round the corner, the Easter Bunny also made a special appearance to meet all the families taking part in the Easter Egg hunt along the 6km route.

Alison Acosta, Fundraising Manager at CHSS said: "The CHSS Walkathons always have such a friendly atmosphere from our wonderful walkers, and the Loch Leven Heritage Trail provides a beautiful backdrop for this event. It made for a superb day and we thank all the walkers who gave support and raised such an amazing amount from this walking event."

"The Boathouse Restaurant, Loch Leven's Larder, Vane Farm, Loch Leven Lodges and the Scottish Natural Heritage rangers were a huge help. We appreciate all the support and love coming back to this beautiful site each year. All money raised from the event and donations will help to fund vital research and support services for the one in ten people affected chest, heart and stroke illness in Scotland."



Freya, Jordan and Lorraine Herbert from Kinross cross the finish line with CHSS's Easter Bunny!

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## Recent crime locally

A property in **Muirpark Road, Kinross**, was broken into between the afternoon of Wednesday 10 February and the morning of Thursday 11th. DIY materials and domestic appliances were stolen.

A **wallet** was stolen from a house in **Keltybridge** between 11am and 11.30am on Monday 15 February. Crime ref: CR/004073/16.

A **handbag** was stolen from within **Costa at Moto Services**, Kinross, between 4.25pm and 4.45pm on Friday 19 February. **Cash** and other items were stolen from within a property between **Crook of Devon** and **Cardenden** on Wednesday 24 February between 5pm and 9pm. Crime ref: CR/5447/16. An attempt was made to break into **Reminisce Coffee Shop** in **Kinross** some time between 12.30pm on Monday 7 March and 8.45am on Tuesday 8 March.

Entry was forced to a Toyota Hilux and **tools stolen** while it was parked at the Bein Inn, **Glenfarg** between Monday 7 March and Tuesday 8 March.

A charity tin was stolen from **Fossway Stores, Crook of Devon** around 1.30pm on Tuesday 8 March. Anyone who saw two Eastern European females or anyone who observed a black Mercedes motor car, possibly with Irish number plates, is asked to contact Police on 101.

A shed at Upper Cleuch, **Glendevon**, was entered and **gardening equipment** stolen prior to 5 March.

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

## Crime detected

A 38-year-old male has been identified as responsible for the **theft of ladders** on Thursday 3 March, from premises

in **Westerloan, Milnathort**. He has been charged with the offence and will appear at court in due course.

A 22-year-old man is to be reported to the Procurator Fiscal having been identified as responsible for entering a number of properties within **Kinross** with the intention of **stealing**.

## Police Scotland – local community

**Telephone 101 for non-emergencies**

Community officers for Kinross-shire:

**PCs Rhiannon Lorimer, James Wilson, Douglas Stapleton and Atholl Spalding.**

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

Community Sergeant, Kinross-shire: **Sgt William Hughes.**



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

## A great place for a brew...

A new café has opened in Kinross. 'The Cauldron' opened on 21 March in the former Café 98 premises in Kinross High Street (and the corner of, rather appropriately, Brewery Lane!) Run by business partners Caron MacLeod and Gail Cooper, the café is open seven days a week, serving all day breakfasts, lunches, cakes, coffee and milkshakes, with the option to 'make your own shake'.

Keeping things local, the ingredients for the all day breakfasts are sourced from award-winning Hunters the Butchers, just a few doors along.

Caron's fascination for all things "witchy" inspired the name and imaginative décor.

A warm welcome awaits all at The Cauldron, which is open 9am – 5pm Mondays to Saturdays and 9am – 4pm on Sundays. Thursdays have been declared "Mummies' Morning".

Best wishes to Gail and Caron in their new venture from the Newsletter.



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# Community Council News



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

## Kinross Community Council

### News from the March Meeting

**Present** at the meeting held on 2 March 2016 were: CCllrs W Freeman (Chair), D MacKenzie, D Colliar, I Jack, B Davies, D West, E Thomas, T Stewart, J Bryson and M Scott (Secy); P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, W Robertson, J Giacomazzi and D Cuthbert; eight members of the public.

**Apologies** were received from CCllr M Blyth.

**Declarations of Interest:** CCllrs Colliar, Jack, Freeman and Scott in relation to Light Up Kinross and from CCllr Stewart in relation to planning at Gellybank.

**Minutes of previous meeting (3 Feb 2016):** Corrections:

KCCNL: Reference to the rest of the CC being members is not the case. CCllr Thomas explained that the members are Campbell Watson, David Cuthbert, Margaret Scott and Barry Davies.

MP: CCllr Thomas said there is no such thing as an MP for Clackmannanshire, pointing out that Clackmannanshire is part of the Ochil and South Perthshire Constituency.

Road Junctions: CCllr MacKenzie clarified that the five junctions mentioned of concern were those in particular outside the Masonic Hall/Muirpark Road, entrance to the Episcopalian Church and Springfield Road.

Following those corrections, the minutes were proposed by CCllr MacKenzie and seconded by CCllr Colliar.

**Police report:** PC Spalding was due to attend the CC meeting if possible. In his absence the Secretary read out a list of recent crimes.

The Police also confirm that having checked with the local Community Policing Team, no significant issues have been noticed in respect of youths in the shared space area in Kinross Town Centre. The police computer records 41 youth related calls for 2015, three of which were in the High Street on the following dates: 1/10, 1/11 and 24/11.

**Newsletter Fund Disbursement:** An application from Kinross Colts came in before the notice about suspension of the grants was placed on the CC website. It was agreed to consider the application.

**Kinross Colts:** Requesting assistance to support participation at a tournament in Blackpool. The venture costs £4,800 and they are fundraising towards this. Agreed to award a sum of £500 (proposed by CCllr Colliar, seconded by CCllr West).

**Light Up Kinross:** CCllr Davies stated that no further information has been received in regard to this application. The CC had asked for a business plan and financial statement. CCllr Jack answered that he found the process galling and had believed following a recent discussion that the requisite information had been confirmed. It was pointed out that LUK current financial position is not sustainable without the support of the traders and the CC. Following further discussion it was agreed that LUK submit the information requested prior to the April meeting (if necessary to meet before this) and a decision to be taken on that evening. The point was raised that applications should be fully discussed at CC meetings. This was answered by the Chairman who pointed out that this was not Council business - the CC having ownership of the Newsletter.

## Kinross Buildings

**Former High School site:** There was some discussion as to who would be dealing with the situation regarding the bats and to Persimmon demolishing buildings to the rear of the site. It was pointed out that unless Persimmon own the land they should not be carrying out any works. Concerns were also raised that Persimmon would concentrate their efforts on the Lathro site and the High School site would be placed on hold.

**Town Hall:** CCllr Thomas asked the Councillors who is currently responsible for the Town Hall. Cllr Cuthbert will look into this.

**Proposed New Primary School:** A public meeting was held recently and was well attended with positive feedback, however some concerns were raised, including the flat roof, open classrooms and use of facilities in the evening.

**Hayfield Wildlife Garden:** A member of the public, Mr Barnes, asked to address the meeting in relation to the future of the Hayfield Wildlife Garden and access issues. He was generally in favour of the plans for the Primary School, however had reservations about access from Station Road and in particular over the driveway to Hayfield Garden. He outlined the history of the Hayfield Garden and read out an excerpt from the August 2003 Newsletter. CCllr Colliar advised that he was an initial member of the Hayfield Garden Organisation and that the Committee wound up around



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2006. The garden ground belongs to the Council and in 2006 the garden was handed over to them and the Council carried out yearly maintenance on the grounds. The access drive does not belong to the school and is used for entry to the Hayfield Garden, parking for the Tennis Club and for accessing the school service entrance. Cllr Robertson added that assurances have been given that the Tennis Club will retain parking. CCllr MacKenzie commented that the staff have been advised to park at the Park and Ride while works are ongoing.

#### Town Centre Regeneration

A suggestion was received that a 20mph speed limit be introduced at the Church at Station Road and at the Muirs. CCllr MacKenzie reported that residents at Causeway Court feel unsafe, trapped in their houses and do not want to come up the High Street. A number of these people have physical difficulties. They have raised a plea for an official crossing. CCllr MacKenzie added that education is required in relation to the shared spaces etc, e.g. who has the right of way. A controlled crossing should be introduced. Cllr Giacopazzi mentioned that it may be possible to obtain one or two zebra crossings, explaining that controlled crossings are more expensive. CCllr Colliar added that some reflective material is also required on the pillars at the Town Hall. A suggestion was also made that the Auto Market be approached with the request that their car transporters use the link road. It was answered that we cannot dictate who uses the road. Signage regarding weight limits (except for access) were also mentioned. PKC is carrying out a review of the regeneration scheme. Cllr Giacopazzi added that a give way sign was required at Mill Street. It was agreed that the CC should write to PKC with the issues raised for community safety.

#### Planning applications received

CCllr Colliar reported on planning applications received. No comments were raised.

#### Planning applications determined by PKC

15/00884/FLL 2 Green Road, extension: refused.

14/02062/FLL Tillyochie Farm, Balado: renewal of permission (04/00848/FLL) erection of 3 dwelling houses: approved.

**Planning letter:** PKC advised that Kinross CC's consultation response on the Persimmon Lathro Farm application, and others' responses, were showing as public on their internal system but had not pulled through to the public portal. The issue was rectified.

It was mentioned that SEPA have objected to this application.

#### Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors

*Cllr Giacopazzi:*

**Repairs:** Following recent heavy rainfall, repairs are being carried out.

**Potholes:** Cllr Giacopazzi explained the current pothole repair regime.

*Cllr Robertson:*

**Sinking drain:** Cllr Robertson reported a problem on the road from Milnathort to St Andrews.

*Cllr Barnacle:*

**Bus service:** Cllr Barnacle has written to MSPs, Andrew Warrington of PKC and Stagecoach. Cllr Robertson has asked Citylink to reinstate services. He asked that the CC support this by writing to Citylink. It was added that the Park and Ride facility should be used to its fullest. It was further suggested that the Service Bus 23 from Stirling to St. Andrews should stop at the Park and Ride.

**Inter-City Hub at Perth Station:** Cllr Barnacle has written requesting the establishment of an inter-city hub at Perth and a direct rail line to Edinburgh. However, the response received was that a new dual rail track which was being considered between Perth and Inverkeithing as part of the Strategic Transport Projects Review was not progressed as the review found that the cost of constructing a dual track line between Perth and Inverkeithing is relatively high compared to the benefits. In addition there were significant technical and environmental constraints which would have to be overcome. Although the rail link does not feature in the current investment programme, they are committed to ongoing improvements to rail services and are willing to consider proposals under specific criteria.

**Main Issues Report:** Cllr Barnacle mentioned various points which he thought the CC might wish to consider if making a representation. As the deadline is 16 March, a CC meeting would be held within a week.

**Boundaries Commission:** The representations are to be placed before the Scottish Ministers by the end of May 2016 and the Report will be made public at that time. Every candidate for the Parliamentary Election should be questioned on their position regarding the Kinross-shire boundary.

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## Community Council News

**Cllr Cuthbert:**

**A977:** It is proposed to move forward in four phases, the first stage being the introduction of 40 mph at Turfhill.

**Road closure applications:** The deadline is 30 April for Remembrance Parade and LUK.

**Council procedure:** Cllr Cuthbert advised of a school in Scone which was listed as surplus to requirements, however was not placed on the market for sale. The land has been placed with Housing Revenue Account for Social Housing. He questioned why this was being treated differently from the former Kinross High School.

### Correspondence

The Secretary read out correspondence received, including:

**Junction Road:** In an effort to encourage greater use of the route, it is proposed to increase the existing 30mph limit to 40mph for part of the length.

### Other Business

**Gairneybank Bus Service:** Councillor Barnacle has raised this matter with the relevant parties.

**Yellows lines at Muirs junctions:** An article was placed in the Newsletter and on the CC and Newsletter Facebook pages. The responses were read out. CClr Mackenzie reported that car parking in the area was unbelievable during a recent event at KGV fields, with a vehicle parked right on the corner of Springfield Road. The Rugby Club state their disappointment to read that the club was mentioned in the Newsletter as "exacerbating the situation" of parking problems, adding that they do everything in their power to prevent parking problems by advising all visiting clubs where to park and more importantly where not to park, notifying the Police and public (via Facebook) of large events, arranging for the placing of cones and volunteers to direct traffic at all home matches. After considerable discussion it was agreed that the CC support these yellow lines.

**Gallowhill Road/Muirs junction:** The CC is of the view that this junction requires to be realigned, with double yellow lines on the left hand side on entering Gallowhill Road from the Muirs. The local Councillors were asked to take this up with Council Officers.

**Community Campus:** Cllr Giacopazzi has invited Andy Cook to the next CC meeting to discuss the usage of the campus by the community.

**Training:** CClr Thomas stated that she had not been informed at the earliest opportunity about either of the two training events scheduled on 29 February and 1 March and therefore missed them.

**Correspondence/Emails:** Request that these be circulated to CC members as they come in. This was agreed.

**Crematoriums:** CClr West mentioned changes in regulations regarding the official paper work required in relation to the authorisation and payment.

**CC minutes:** It is to be noted that these are not approved until the following CC meeting.

**Aero Space:** A member of the public questioned the location of this proposed facility. Information can be obtained from the Kinross-shire Partnership website.

**The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 6 April 2016 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.**

Apologies in advance received from CClr Colliar.

### Agenda for the meeting to be held on 6 April

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of interest
3. Minutes of Meeting of 2 March
4. Police report
5. Presentation by Kirsteen Ross, PKC Sports Development Officer
6. Presentation by Andy Cook of PKC re campus use
7. Matters arising from minutes of meeting of 2 March
8. Disbursement of Newsletter funds
9. Kinross Buildings
10. Primary School update
11. Town Centre regeneration
12. Planning matters
13. Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors
14. Miscellaneous correspondence
15. Other Competent Business
16. Date of next meeting (4 May 2016) - AGM

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

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## Portmoak Community Council News from the March Meeting

**In attendance** at the meeting held on 8 March 2016 were: CCllrs M Strang Steel (Chair), B Calderwood (Treasurer), R Cairncross (Secretary), A Robertson, S Forde, D Morris, T Smith and C Vlasto; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, D Cuthbert and W Robertson; PCs R Lorimer and D Stapleton; and six members of the public.

**Apologies** were received from P&K Cllr J Giacomazzi.

**Portmoak Cemetery:** A PKC report on cemetery provision across Perth and Kinross was anticipated shortly. A local solution for Portmoak's need for further cemetery provision is likely to be recommended as a preferred option. A site for a new cemetery was being investigated.

**Pilot 20mph speed restrictions in Portmoak:** A decision was awaited but the CC understood that these would apply to Easter Balgownie as well as to Scotlandwell and Kinnesswood.

### Reports

**Police:** PCs R Lorimer and D Stapleton were welcomed. The demise of the monthly Police Report which focused on Portmoak matters was confirmed. The resource to support this was no longer available. The CC felt that, while the weekly Commander Reports were of value, they did not fulfil the function of the local monthly Report. This was particularly the case when, if for operational reasons, police officers were unable to attend CC meetings. The CC would write once more to Police Scotland in support of retention of the local Monthly Police Report.

There had been two recent road accidents on the straight stretch of the A911 between Scotlandwell and Auchmuirbridge. The CC sought assurance that these incidents would be notified to PKC. Aberrant behaviour from a youth in Kinross had been dealt with. The Commander's Bulletins of 11 and 25 February were noted.

**Treasurer:** General account: £430.44. MBW account: £874.21. Total: £1,304.65. Plans were in hand to manage any end of year surplus.

### Planning: new applications

*16/00325/CON and 16/00326/FLL Former Lomond Hotel, Kinnesswood.* Part demolition and change of use and extension to hotel to form dwelling house and erection of 4 dwelling houses and associated works.

The CC considered this third iteration of proposals for the Lomond Inn site. They were clear and reflected significant progress from the original proposals. That said, there remained concern that cross-section elevations across the

site showing proposed new builds in relation surrounding properties were still omitted and that, after two years, an officer conservation report had yet to be made available. The CC were mindful of the conservation setting and, while welcoming the retention of the original Inn, believed that the proposals "overdeveloped" the site. In particular the row of three houses at the rear of the site and facing the Loch were of a scale too large for the site and together represented a significant "barrier" whether viewed from the village or from the loch. The CC recognised the importance of views of the loch from the village Main Street and that these would be blocked by these houses. It supported the value placed on the retention of these views by the Report "Kinnesswood Village Appraisal and Conservation Area Status." While the CC in principle supports housing on this site, it believes that smaller, fewer and varied housing units of a scale reflective of the surrounding properties and retaining views of the loch would be more appropriate in place of the three large properties proposed. For these reasons it will write objecting to these applications.

*16/00172/FLL Vane Farm Nature Centre: Erection of 3 km Predator Fence.* Uwe Stoneman, Tayside Reserve Manager RSPB, was welcomed and set out an evidence-based case for the proposed predatory fence. While wildlife on the wetlands is at risk from predators, the risk to the single colony of nesting lapwings is particularly high. The species is in decline, is listed as endangered and, unless protected, would not be sustainable. RSPB had undertaken significant research into the nature of the predation which confirmed that it was primarily nocturnal and came from both foxes and badgers.

The design of the 3km fence proposed (electrified, 1.6m in height and buried to a depth of 30cm) has proved to be effective on a number of RSPB sites across the UK. As a single fox could devastate a colony, it had to be effective. While the wetlands would remain open to Loch Leven the design would aim to preclude entry by predators attempting to swim around the fence where it entered Loch Leven. Part of its course would run alongside the Heritage Trail, where it would be separated from the Trail by the existing stock fence so ensuring the public has no direct access to the fence. Once erected its effect would be closely monitored. It would be removed if the solution was ineffective.

The CC recognised the validity of the evidence presented and, in view of the charitable nature of the applicant and the fact that the application is in a National Nature Reserve supported the planning application, despite the potential constraint of the proposal on access rights. It would write to PKC accordingly.

*16/00170/FLL Iona Back Dykes Road, Kinnesswood:* Installation of replacement windows. No comment by CC.

### Planning: Progress with developments

*Lomond Inn: An alternative concept.* It was reported that no progress had been made.

*Glenlomond 15/01834/FLL erection of 14 4/5 bedroom dwellinghouses.* This application had been withdrawn and a further application was anticipated shortly.

*Arrangements at Whitecraigs and Stephen's Field consequent on departure of the developer.* Following contact with A & J Stephen, the Chairman reported that a meeting to review both the matter of maintenance of redundant plots across the development and the status of Stephen's Field would be arranged.



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**Roads:** CCllr Calderwood circulated an updated "Roads Report" which would be placed on the CC website. He highlighted: progress with road drainage in Scotlandwell although this was not yet complete; the cypress hedge obstructing the pavement at Wester Balgedie had still to be tackled; and that there remained a risk of flooding with consequent residual mud on the A911 footpath midway between Easter and Wester Balgedie. The CC would write to PKC Roads Department seeking support in resolving what appeared to be faulty drainage system adjacent to the footpath.

The problem of the narrow A911 accommodating large HGVs was reported by Cllr Robertson. He had seen two attempting to pass within Kinnesswood. Both had required to mount pavements. This was a recognised problem. There were three possible solutions: discouraging HGV transit of Portmoak along the A911 through road signage and better Sat Nav software; introduction of "give and take" provisions at certain points; and downgrading the road classification of the A911 and upgrading that of the south Loch Road B9097. The CC would approach PKC Roads Department re the possible introduction of "give and take" provisions.

**Potholes:** The CC noted the Report of Cllr Giacomazzi.

**Kilmagadwood junction:** The Chairman and a resident raised the matter of the unimplemented planning condition requiring, for road safety reasons, modification of the Kilmagadwood junction. The planning enforcement officer has approached local residents asking them to explain why enforcement of the condition is desirable. The CC would write to the PKC enforcer supporting the taking of enforcement action for the benefit of all users of the A911.

**Paths:** CCllr Smith reported that: a meeting with representatives from "Paths for All" to review the state of the Michael Bruce Way (MBW) and to recommend improvements would be held shortly; two information leaflets dealing with a section of Heritage Trail within Portmoak and with the MBW had been published by the Living Lomonds partnership; and that improvements to the entry to the Moss at Peat Loan could be anticipated.

**Draft response: Consultation on Main Issues Report:** Comment on the MIR was required by 16 March. A draft response had been circulated for comment. There were no "Main Issues" that applied direct to Portmoak but in contributing to the preparation of the Main Issues Report the CC had been invited to raise a number of more local issues. These would be revisited in its response. CCllrs were asked to give comments on the draft to the Secretary by 12 March.

**Dates of Meetings 2016 – 2017:** These were noted and, once confirmed by the school, would be forwarded to PKC and circulated widely.

### Ward Councillor Reports

Cllr Barnacle reported that: Cats eyes would be installed shortly on the B9097 between Findatie and East Brackley and that the recommendations of The Boundary Commission could be anticipated shortly. He alerted the CC that, in relation to the Main Issues Report, it should give consideration to the Kinnesswood settlement boundaries.

Cllr Robertson reported that following recent flooding, the Heritage Trail had now dried out and damaged parts would shortly be repaired. He noted that it would be timely to press City Link to restore withdrawn services to Edinburgh. The CC agreed to write in that respect.

Cllr D Cuthbert reported that: full brown bin collection across all PKC communities was being pursued; a PKC Scrutiny Review of enforcement practice was underway; and that PKC handling of resources relating to a redundant school in Scone provided a contrast with the equivalent arrangements for the old Kinross High School.

### Matters previously notified to the Secretary

**CC Insurance:** New arrangements had been received.

### Other Business

*Footpath alongside the A911 from Scotlandwell to the Church Hall and onwards to Kinnesswood.* A resident raised the state of this footpath. It was recognised as unsafe for all pedestrians and was clearly unsuitable for children attempting to access the Church or Hall and the school in Kinnesswood. The CC acknowledged that this was a well-known and longstanding problem and was a significant challenge. It had been recognised by both PKC and the CC that the initial step in progressing this problem would be through an options appraisal of possible solutions. It would write once more to PKC seeking such an appraisal.

**The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 12 April at Portmoak Village Hall.**

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## Fossoway & District CC

### News from the March Meeting

**In attendance** at the meeting held on 1 March 2016 were: Cllrs T Duffy, K Borthwick, G Pye, R Nesbitt and G Kilby; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, D Cuthbert, J Giacopazzi and W Robertson; and four Members of the Public (MoP).

**Apologies** were received from Cllr Angus Cheape.

**Declarations of Interest:** None.

**Police report:** No report received. PC Stapleton was due to attend. The PK Community Watch system reported that there was a break-in at a property between Crook of Devon and Cardenden on 24 February.

**Crook Moss travellers' site:** The DMC will receive an updated report next month. Scottish Water are currently conducting a flow and load survey to assess the capacity of the Drum processing plant.

**Lambhill chipping plant:** The hearing agreed at the 8 December meeting of the LRB was held today (1/3/16.) John Anderson reported that the hearing took four hours and after extensive discussion the LRB decided unanimously to uphold the original decision, i.e. to turn down the application.

**A977 Defects and Mitigation Measures:** With the re-opening of the FRB, the HGV traffic on the A977 has now reduced. Local Councillors have held a meeting with PKC Roads department, and a business case will be prepared to implement mitigation measures in a phased way. Example measures in the first phase would include 40mph speed limits, speed indicating signs, more obvious road furniture to indicate village entries and side mounted drains. The CC has received an email from Jim Pritchard of the Fossoway School Parent Council asking whether mitigation measures could be implemented on the A977 in order to improve the safety of children going to and from the school. The CC will write to the Chief Executive to seek a review of the Safer Routes to School programme. Cllr Giacopazzi has had a meeting with the MD of Tayside Contracts (road contractors) who has assured him that potholes are being repaired properly, although there were widely held opinions by those present that this is commonly not the case. Currently there are 6014 potholes being repaired and efforts are being made to catch up on the backlog. Road problems (including potholes) should be reported to CLARENCE (the road report hotline) on 0800 232323.

**Emergency Support Centre:** Cllr Kilby reports that the Hall Committee has this on the agenda for their next meeting.

**LDP2 MIR Consultation:** The Main Issues Report (MIR) has recently been published. This document contains proposed variations to the Local Development Plan (LDP) which defines where, and how, development can take place in Perth and Kinross-shire for the next ten years. There was good attendance at the drop-in sessions. Comments on the MIR must be made before 16 March.

**Boundary Commission:** Awaiting their decision after our comments. The decision will be announced at the end of May, i.e. after the Scottish election, so it is important to ascertain the position of all candidates on this issue as the Scottish Government has the final decision.

**CC Grant:** Cllr Pye reports that the bank has not yet been able to retrieve the money, but have sent a reminder to the incorrect recipient. Next step is to ask PKC to resolve.

**Ivy Cottage, Powmill:** Owner has been identified, and they

are due to propose a plan this month. The property is in imminent danger of collapse.

**Matters Arising With No Update Since Last Meeting:** Rumbling Bridge Hydro Scheme; Blairingone War Memorial; Safer Route to School – Drum; Station Road Adoption.

**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.

### Councillors' Reports

**Mike Barnacle:** PKC Roads are investigating whether the Naemoor Road bridge could get signs indicating that traffic from one direction has priority.



**Dave Cuthbert:** Is attending a Property sub-committee meeting discussing the disposal of an old school building in Scone, which appears to be being handled in a different way from the old Kinross High school site.

Could Crook of Devon football pitches be developed? Local teams are developing pitches in Milnathort instead.

Powmill in Bloom are doing a great job, are there similar groups for Crook of Devon or Blairingone? If not, why not? Could someone be found to lead them?

**Joe Giacopazzi:** Has asked Darryl McEwan to look at signposting the bends by Hillside farm on A91 where there have been several accidents.



DMC allowed the development of the bungalow in Vicar's Bridge Road in Blairingone as there were no planning grounds for rejection, however there continues to be local difficulties on this site.







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**Willie Robertson:** Citylink Buses are about to publish their summer timetable. Cllr Robertson has written to Citylink asking them to reverse the changes made to their timetable which reduced the number of stops at Kinross P&R. PKC's Education budget for the next year includes reduction in "back room staff", which will probably mean that teachers have less time to actually teach.

### Planning Matters

15/02183/FLL Alterations to fence to increase height, Mossgrove, Drum, Kinross KY13 0PR. No CC comment.

16/00281/LAW Erection of dwelling house (existing), Am Botham, Crook of Devon. No CC comment.

16/00274/AML Erection of a dwelling house (matters specified by conditions - 12/01566/IPL) at Burnside, Vicar's Bridge Road, Blairingone. Application very recently posted so the CC will await any local comments for two weeks and then decide whether to comment.

15/02078/FLL Change of use from paddock to form 3no gypsy/traveller pitches and erection of a fence (in retrospect), Crook Moss, Fossoway. Application documents have been updated. The CC has already objected.

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

**Other business:** After the closure of Cllr Robertson's shop, he had some peat left over. Cllr Duffy has put him in touch with the Powmill in Bloom group so they can receive it.

### Draft Agenda for Next CC Meeting

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

Matters arising: Crook Moss Travellers' Site, A977 Mitigation, Emergency Support Centre, LDP2 MIR Consultation, Boundary Commission, CC Grant, Ivy Cottage Powmill.

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

**The Next Meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place on Tuesday 5 April 2016 at 7.30pm in Carnbo Village Hall. All Welcome.**

Fossoway & District CC minutes are posted on the website

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

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

## Milnathort Community Council

Milnathort CC has been re-established and met for the first time on Thursday 17 March to elect office bearers, agree a Constitution and standing orders. David Baudains agreed to be the Chair. The other members are: Lisa Cartwright, Brian Cook, Kevin Heneghan, Elyse Kirkham, Campbell Lawson, Craig Williams and Steven Young.

We will be meeting on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in **Milnathort Town Hall**.

Note: We shall no longer be meeting in the Church Hall.

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 14 April**.

The agenda will be posted on the community noticeboard outside Giacomazzi's store. Members of the public are encouraged to attend our meetings. Minutes will be published in the Newsletter as normal. We shall also be establishing a Facebook page to promulgate information.

David Baudains

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## Cleish and Blairadam CC

Cleish and Blairadam CC meets every second month.

**The Next Meeting takes place on Monday 4 April 2016 at 7.30pm in the Tabernacle Hall.**

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# Club & Community Group News



## Blooming marvellous – Milnathort gets a new Bloom buggy



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In recent years many of you will also have witnessed us pushing, muttering at, and peering intently at the engine of our trusty Bloom Buggy with a puzzled expression. The poor

Despite all this, it's trundled on, valiantly serving the village of Milnathort and helping us keep everything watered, providing you with a lovely show of plants and flowers all summer long. Alas, all good things must come to an end. After 13 long and tiring years the time has come for the Bloom Buggy to hang up its hose, rest its weary tyres and retire to some sun-drenched beach somewhere to sip engine oil all day long.

All is not lost though — funding has been secured for a new, fast (well, top speed of 30mph), reliable, scratch-free Bloom Buggy. Our grateful thanks go to the Arthur and Margaret Thompson Trust for their incredibly generous donation — and also to Giacomazzi's and their customers for voting us 'Charity of the Year 2015' and raising money from the sale of carrier bags and Nisa's Making a Difference Locally initiative.

With our new and improved Bloom Buggy we can continue to keep everything watered, brightening up the village of Milnathort with baskets, tubs, and flower beds.

All of this takes time, and we can always do with more help from our fellow villagers. Whether you're young, old, tall, short, a budding Percy Thrower or just want to drive the shiny new Bloom Buggy, we can always find you something to do. Why not come along to the Hattonburn Polytunnel on the dates below and help us pot up the plug plants, plant the hanging baskets or lug around large bags of compost? There



*Joanna Casonato presents a cheque to members of Milnathort in Bloom*

old thing has been kicked, shouted at and forced down narrow pathways where it's never been meant to go. It's even been kidnapped, pushed down a hill and toppled!

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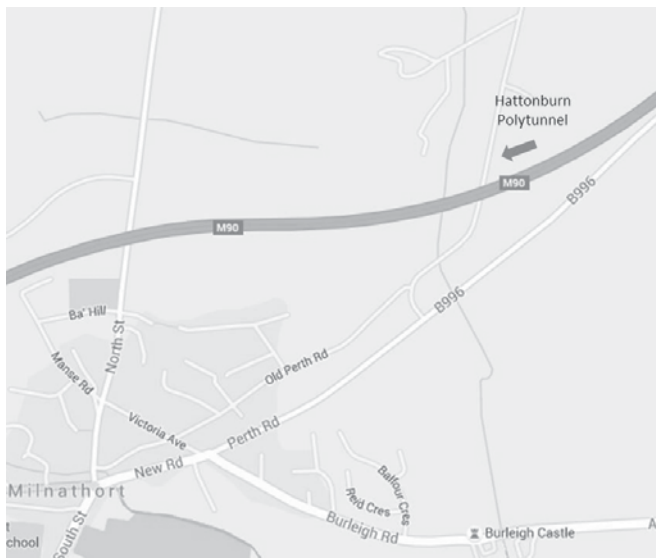
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## Topical tax tips on menu at Kinross-shire Business Breakfast



With the advent of the lighter mornings, the drive to Loch Leven's Larder for the latest Kinross-shire Partnership Business Breakfast on 2 March was certainly well worth the early start. As the sun rose slowly over the loch, the usual full Scottish breakfast was served to the many local entrepreneurs who had assembled at the recently refurbished restaurant for this popular networking event. As ever, the range of Kinross-shire businesses represented was extensive and the vibe lively.

Kinross-shire Partnership Chairman Alisdair Stewart welcomed attendees and mentioned that a conference was to be held on the evening of 30 March, at which the area's rural businesses would have a forum to air their concerns about local issues – such as Broadband speeds and financing – to a panel of experts. He encouraged business owners to attend and to avail themselves of this opportunity to raise any concerns they may have.

Networking facilitator Sid Grant then invited breakfasters not only to introduce their products and services to their fellow entrepreneurs but also to state which alternative profession they would follow if they could ever turn back the clock. This proved a fascinating remit, with Sid himself confessing to a passion for speed that would have seen him happiest behind the wheel of a rally car. Chairman Alisdair Stewart revealed a penchant for piloting planes, while Liberty Business Centre's Linda Mercer divulged that she would have enjoyed being a tennis coach.

Perhaps the most surprising admission came from the speaker for the morning, local accountancy expert Ross McConnell, who shared his aspirations to be the head sound engineer on the main control desk at T in the Park. Fortunately for many local businesses, Ross instead has for the past 20 years devoted his considerable numerical talents to providing small to medium-sized companies – as well as high net worth individuals – with tax compliance, planning and accountancy services. In addition, he kindly assists several local organisations with financial matters.

Ross's presentation was enticingly entitled "Topical Tax Tips", and if anyone present thought they would be yawning within the first two minutes, Ross rapidly dispelled the "boring accountant" stereotype. Indeed, his blend of useful, relevant information tempered by a dash of humour kept his audience enthralled (yes, you read that correctly – 'enthralled' by tax law...) as he covered subjects such as the imminent imposition of tax on dividends, changes to tax charged on savings interest, and restricted tax relief on rental income. His apposite advice was interspersed with anecdotes such as excuses submitted by members of the public to the tax office for failure to submit tax returns, a favourite being "My records were stored in a garden shed and the rats ate them..."

This was the penultimate in the winter series of Kinross-shire Business Breakfasts, and the final event will take place on **Wednesday 6 April** at 7.30am at Loch Leven's Larder. The speaker at the April breakfast will be **Community Sports Hub Officer Kirsteen Ross**. To book your place, please email Partnership administrator Karen Grunwell (mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk) to indicate your interest then pay via the Eventbrite secure payment system.

## Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

Hopefully, spring has arrived with daffodils, bluebells and trees coming into leaf and longer days. This is the perfect time to come out walking with us. 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 9 April: Ben y Vrackie, 6 miles.**

A steady climb from car park to Loch a Choire, then onto summit with panoramic views.

**Sunday 24 April: Aberdour to Kirkcaldy, 10 miles.**

Enjoy some Fife sea air walking through Burntisland, Kinghorn and on to Kirkcaldy. Return by bus.

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

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

### Tuesday Short Walks

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

**Tuesday 12 April: Aberdour to Dalgety Bay along Fife Coastal Path.**

A walk along good paths, passing St Bridget's church (hopefully, the daffodils will still be blooming) then turning inland with views of Braefoot Bay tanker terminal. Then along the path beside the golf course with views of Inchcolm. Finally, through Aberdour and on to the Silver Sands.

**Tuesday 26 April: Newburgh and the River Tay.**

Circular walk across grassy fields, past restored mill buildings and a duck pond. Then onto the Fife Coastal Path, past extensive reed beds and through parkland. Great views of the river.

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## Potager Garden

Isn't it lovely to see the crocuses and other flowers around the town? We are looking forward to spring, and another growing season at the Potager Garden.



Ms Jack's primary four class will make their first visit before the Easter holidays and then for eight weeks during the summer term. They will learn about how plants grow, pollination, the importance of bees and other insects, and how to grow their own flowers and vegetables. Thank-you again to **Margaret Greener** for her help with planning and running these sessions.

We were pleased to have a stand at the Better Place to Live Fair with the opportunity to sell some plants and talk to some people about volunteering opportunities at the garden. We fund all our activities via plant sales, and some workshops, and we are grateful again to **Hunters Butchers and Fossoway Store** for making plants available for sale.

The garden cannot run without the help of volunteers who look after the plants and the vegetables which the children plant while they are on holiday over the summer. We are a friendly group of helpers who meet on **Monday mornings from 10.30am to 12.30pm**. Everyone can contribute in their own way, including by making a cup of tea! If you think you could help us in some way, or would like to learn about growing alongside us, please contact Amanda for a chat.

**The garden will be open during the day from April**, weather permitting, and it is a lovely calm setting to read or eat a sandwich. Or you can just sit and listen to the birds or watch the insects at work. Dogs should be on a lead, please, and children under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Please take care around the garden and do not touch or taste the plants, some of which could be harmful.

We would like to thank local tradesmen **Eddie McFarlane and Bob Corrieri** who are carrying out some repairs to our shed roof and cold frames.

This year, **the garden is 20 years old**, and we will be planning a special event to celebrate. We would like to ask anyone who has helped or supported the garden, and any past pupils who learned with us, to join us. More details in future Newsletters. If you have any ideas or questions about the garden, please contact Amanda James on (01577) 840809 or by email at [amanda@tyafon.plus.com](mailto:amanda@tyafon.plus.com).

Our website address is [www.potagergardenkinross.com](http://www.potagergardenkinross.com).

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## Milnathort Filmhouse

### Super Saturday raises funds for Autism Support

Milnathort Filmhouse had a fantastic start to their 2016 screening programme, with a well-attended screening of 'Inside Out' and a sold out 'Suffragette' on their first Super Saturday back 'home' in Milnathort Town Hall.

Milnathort Filmhouse aims not only to provide a variety of entertainment events but also to assist other local charities. This was kicked off with their first family film of the year, raising funds for Perth Autism Support.

Perth Autism Support is the only local autism specific charity for children and young adults under the age of 18 and their families, and provides services, information and practical support to children and their families affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) living in Perth and Kinross. Although only established in 2011, the charity has bloomed, and is now supporting over 430 families locally.

Thanks to the support of the generous audience from ticket sales, collection buckets and a rather impromptu but fun raffle at the evening screening, a cheque for £350 was presented to Ross MacGregor, Fundraising & Events Co-ordinator for Perth Autism Support, who said: "We'd like to thank the organisers of this brilliant event for their kind gesture and generous support. Community based fundraising is vital for our charity."

Milnathort Filmhouse will also be donating £1000 to Milnathort Town Hall funds for the purchase of new, comfy seats and have installed the new microwave in the kitchen ready for the popcorn at the screenings in May!

Milnathort Filmhouse is run entirely by volunteers. If you'd like to speak to Milnathort Film House in regard to your local group and raising funds, suggest films you'd like to see or get involved as a volunteer, they would be delighted to hear from you. Check out the website [www.milnathortfilmhouse.com](http://www.milnathortfilmhouse.com) or find them on Facebook.

The next screenings are **The Good Dinosaur** and **The Lady in the Van** (in support of Broke not Broken) on **Saturday 7 May**. Look forward to seeing you there!



From left, Lesley Watson, Michelle Calder and Catriona Derbyshire of Milnathort Filmhouse present a cheque to Ross MacGregor of Perth Autism Support

### The Kinross Newsletter

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## Kinross-shire

### Time Exchange

Website: [www.kinross.cc/time-exchange](http://www.kinross.cc/time-exchange)

Kinross-shire Time Exchange is going from strength to strength. We now have well over 50 members, with many hours being exchanged from requests to take a lady shopping to learning how to paint watercolours. Our members are a talented bunch.

We were in attendance at the Kinross Better Place to Live Fair on Saturday 5 March. The fair was very well attended and we made good contacts with many of the other groups in attendance and hope to meet with some of them in the near future to try to combine resources to help the people of Kinross-shire.

At the fair five new members joined and we had a lot of interest from many people with most taking away leaflets and/or membership forms.

One unforeseen benefit of being involved in the Time Exchange is meeting new friends. Every Monday, from 9.30am until 11.30am, the Kinross-shire Time Exchange have a drop in at "The Courthouse" where people can come to find out more about the Time Exchange or simply drop in for a chat. We have regular visits from members just coming in for a coffee and a chat and that is just lovely.

We have many members volunteering to help but people seem a bit more reticent about asking for help. Please don't be shy – let us know what you need.

We are also in the library at the campus every first and third Saturday of the month and, again, we welcome people dropping in to find out more. On the second and fourth Saturday of the month, we are in the Orwell Church office in Milnathort. We are at the Library and the church office from 10am until 12 noon.

With a view to raising the profile of the Kinross-shire Time Exchange, our committee are available to meet with groups or individuals interested in finding out more. If your group or club would like us to come along to talk and advise on the benefits of Time Banking, please get in touch.

For more information about Time Banking, please visit our website, telephone our Time Exchange Brokers on 07469 758984 or 07510 380603 or visit us in The Courthouse, The Library or the Milnathort Church Office. You will always be welcome!

The Time Exchange **Annual General Meeting** takes place on **Saturday 9 April** from 10am until 12 noon in St Paul's Church Hall. All members welcome.

We are also having a fundraising **Coffee Morning** on **Saturday 30 April** in the Church Centre, High Street, Kinross, 10am – 12 noon. This will coincide with the Kinross Farmers' Market.



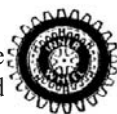
## Compassion Corner

'Try praying' is the message from Kinross-shire Churches Together that has been 'hanging around' Kinross in the weeks leading up to Easter. It's been an important message for all of us, whether church goes or not, to help us live through these very troubled times in our world. When we turn to the Kinross-shire Churches Together page in this Newsletter we see that there are a multitude of creative ways of praying on offer for us to try, no matter what our age or stage of life. The variety seems endless! You'll see that there's a weekly pram service for tiny tots, a monthly 'Messy Church' for families, 'Jam Pact' and 'Cross Fire' for teens, early morning prayer for folk going off to work, a Saturday prayer breakfast, monthly lunch time soup and silent meditation or the more lively lunch time Talking Donkey every Friday! We have a Wednesday service in the Church Centre and the Healing Room that's open to all every Thursday. There are early evening church services and late evening Compline as well as house groups that meet weekly for prayer and bible studies. Our Compassion Group also enjoys a time of reflection and a silent meditation whenever we meet.

From all this, we can conclude that prayer can be silent or action packed, enjoyed in a group, in a church and of course, simply at home alone. The main thing is that we all find what suits us and give it a try! We have so much to give thanks for and there are so many folk, both near and far, who are in need of our prayers and compassion.

## Kinross & District Inner Wheel

Delicious free samples of Nelson's ice cream were distributed at our meeting in March and endorsed by all present.



Ryan Nelson gave an interesting account of starting his business with surplus milk from his dairy and how it has grown and expanded as time has gone by. The flavours now produced are varied and delicious but he pointed out that he must never run out of vanilla!

Inner Wheel's objective of promoting friendship between clubs and individuals is always at the forefront of our minds and this month was no exception. Invitations to various teas and rallies have been received and accepted. Some members attended a very interesting district meeting in Aberdeen where a talk on Water Aid in Uganda was part of the agenda. As we collect small change for this charity every month, this was a subject in which we are particularly interested. It brings home to us the importance of everyone having access to clean, fresh water, a staple of life.

### The Newsletter on Facebook

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## Kinross & District Rotary Club

This month, the Rotary Club has welcomed another member to its midst; Andy Middlemiss. Andy is a retired soldier and, as a member of the King's Own Scottish Borderers for 33 years, has served all around the world in places such as Edinburgh, Sandhurst, Ireland, Brunei, Belize, USA and Germany. After leaving the army in 2000, Andy ran the Burn House Estate in Glenesk for 10 years and has also been heavily involved in SSAFA. The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association is the UK's longest serving national tri-service charity and provides support to those who are serving, or have served, in the UK Armed Forces. Andy is a previous chairman of the charity. For more information on SSAFA, please visit [www.ssafa.org.uk](http://www.ssafa.org.uk).

Another charity Andy is involved with is the Royal Caledonian Education Trust. The RCET is an education trust supporting children from Armed Forces families and has been around for over 200 years. For more information on the RCET, please visit [www.rcet.org.uk](http://www.rcet.org.uk).

The picture here shows Andy Laying a wreath at the grave of Sergeant McGuffie VC, at a cemetery near Ypres in Belgium.

The King's Own Scottish Borderers won four VCs in World War One. For more information about Scottish Borderers VC awards, please visit

<http://kosb.webs.com/victoriacrosses.htm>.

Now that Andy has stepped back a little (although not completely) from his charity work, he has found time to devote to other causes. We welcome Andy, and the skills and experience he brings, to the Kinross and District Rotary Club. The club will be doing a **litter pick** and general tidy up of the area around Burleigh Sands on **Saturday 16 April**. Some Rotary members were there a while ago and thought the place was looking a little messy. So we have organised a morning to clean up the area around there and remove all the rubbish and trash that has collected over the past couple of years. If there are any other groups or individuals out there who would like to come and help, feel free to turn up at 9.30am on the day with your wellies and a pair of gloves. We'll probably head to a local public house for lunch and refreshments afterwards. We are nearly at AGM time and, on **Monday 4 April**, we will have a meeting at which we will finalise and bring into charter the terms of our associate membership scheme and breakfast club meetings. So, as mentioned previously, if Monday nights don't suit you, watch this space and we will soon have details of our monthly breakfast club and how we are trying to make it easier for people to experience Rotary and what we have to offer.

Other events and visitors to look forward to are speakers from local charity CHAS, a historian enlightening us on the battle of Loos and a visit from the Inverlmond Brewery. If you would like to come along to any of the meetings, we meet at 6.30 for 7pm at the Green Hotel on Monday nights. E-mail Phil Dean for more information at [phil@berrybrae.plus.com](mailto:phil@berrybrae.plus.com).



*Andy Middlemiss lays a wreath*

## Kinross and District Rotary Club Meet & Greet

This month's meet and greet contender is our very own 'besom carrying curler from Kinnesswood', **Mike Thomson**. (If you don't know, google it).

**Occupation:** Retired International Sport Administrator.

**How long have you been with the Rotary Club of Kinross?** 37 years (preceded by 2 years in Edinburgh Rotary Club).

**Why did you become involved in Rotary?** I was interested in an activity not directly related to my occupation at that time. I was also encouraged to join by Edinburgh friend.

**What was your first impression?** First club, very formal. Meetings kept to strict time schedule within one hour at lunch time. Although made welcome, little time to socialise at weekly meetings. Kinross - much more relaxed atmosphere with smaller numbers, evening meetings and people who all lived close to each other.

**What surprised you?** The opportunities that membership provided to meet Rotarians from other countries - something that I used to take advantage of by visiting Rotary Clubs while on business trips abroad.

**What is the best thing you have done with Rotary since joining?** Probably involvement in the first Loch Leven Open Days in 1983 and 1987. Rotary was the first organisation to succeed in persuading all the Agencies involved to permit public access to Loch Leven (in addition to fishing). Along with onshore activities, the Club organised raft races with teams coming from all over Scotland.

**If you could change one thing about Rotary, what would it be?** Nothing that I feel strongly enough to want to change. It has already changed with the times and is today much less formal and more open than in years gone by.

**When friends or family find out you are a member of Rotary, what do they say?** Now, it is quite likely to be an enquiry about what they are going to get involved in as many of our activities can also involve friends and family.

**What would you say to someone who is thinking of joining?** Do not hesitate; you get out of it what you put in and you will never regret it!

**What do you wish other people knew about Rotary?** That we work hard at trying to do good things, and are not just a group of people whose main purpose is to meet regularly to socialise!

**Sum up your Rotary Club in three words.** (Or three phrases if you like. Ed.) Good company, interesting speakers, socially responsible.

**Did you know...** The first Rotary Club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, was formed on 23 February 1905 by Paul P. Harris. Paul was an attorney (or solicitor if you like) who wished to capture, in a professional club, the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The Rotary name derived from the early practice of rotating the meetings around the members' offices.



*Mike Thomson*

## Kinross & District Probus Club



The Period at the second half of the eighteenth century and first half of the nineteenth century saw much activity in Scotland. Referred to as the 'Enlightenment', it saw people such as Robert Burns and Adam Smith make huge contributions to the arts and to economics. Scotland also prospered in industry and commerce. It is in this period that the story of **Conflict and Change (The Life and Times of Admiral Thomas Cochrane)**, given to Probus by Christine Short, began.

The 9th Earl of Dundonald lived in Culross Abbey House and was very much involved in industry. Carron Iron Works, coal mining and timber were among the enterprises in his portfolio. His son, Thomas Cochrane, who was eventually to become the 10th Earl, was born in Culross Abbey House and it is his story that we were given by Christine.

However, things were not good as the country had been at war with Holland for many years and the British navy was constantly in battle with the Dutch navy.

Against the wishes of his father, young Dundonald joined the Navy at the age of 18. Meanwhile his father entered some dubious enterprises and eventually lost his money and the Abbey house.

But young Thomas Cochrane rapidly gained promotion, had a remarkable career and became Lord High Admiral. He was involved in many battles before being sent to the Caribbean to keep the peace and to protect British interests. This period of his life included a spell in prison and losing his money.

He soon got back on his feet when he was hired to form a Chilean Navy and then a Brazilian Navy. He also found time to get married and have two daughters.

In retirement he became depressed and unhappy and spent his time and money on various inventions, John Mullins gave the Vote of Thanks.

## Lodge St Serf No 327

April

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| <b>Tues 5th</b>  | 7.15pm. Entered Apprentice Degree to be conferred by Lodge St Serf No 327. |
| <b>Tues 12th</b> | 7.30pm. General Committee Meeting. Arrange work for next Regular Meeting.  |
| <b>Tues 19th</b> | 7.15pm. Master Mason Degree to be conferred by Lodge Ballingry No 1183.    |
| <b>Tues 26th</b> | 7.30pm. General Committee Meeting. Arrange work for next Regular Meeting.  |



## Portmoak Hall 100 Club

February Draw

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| 2nd | No 42 Jenny Sword, Kinnesswood.  |
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## Common Grounds



Our previous report said how busy we were preparing for our quiz night with Mike Spain. Well, it was time well spent as the night was a sell out and a resounding success. **Pat Pilgrim, Anne Moore, Maureen Lewis and Fiona Scougal** led from the start, winning with an impressive score of 95 out of 110. Feedback, however, declared we were all winners if the level of enjoyment was any judge! £600 was raised, £100 of which was donated to the Guide Hall refurbishment funds. Not content with that, we then set about collecting shoes, jumpers and children's clothes for Re-act charity, which goes out to all regions of refugees' camps. In the time slot of two weeks, fifteen sacks of clothes and two large containers of shoes were gathered. Impressive work! A huge thank-you goes to everyone involved in ensuring these events were so successful.

We are now looking ahead to our project lunch (details below). It will be both a humbling but inspiring talk, highlighting how local ladies are instrumental in helping to break the cycle of female trafficking. Do put **Wednesday 6 April** in the diary! A warm welcome awaits you and friends.

**Project:** Our project for April will be chosen at the Volunteers' meeting on Tuesday 29 March; details next month.

**Project Lunch:** Our next Project Lunch will be on **Wednesday 6 April** at 12 noon in the Guide Hall, Milnathort. The guest speaker will be Dr Pam Cairns, a retired GP from the Carnoustie area, talking to us about the work of our March project The Free to Live Trust – Seema's project. Homemade soup, bread, tray bakes and Fairtrade tea/coffee. Everyone is welcome.

Our website address is now again

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

## Kinross Circle Dancing

Circle dancing is such fun and we have welcomed six new people into the group in the past month. No previous experience is necessary.

We have been celebrating St. Valentine's Day with dances about love and we are now dancing to welcome Spring.

Our final session before Easter will be on 22 March from 10.30am to 12.30pm at the Millbridge hall in Kinross and we will resume on **Tuesday 12 April**, same time, same place. For more information, please ring Lynne on 01259 742173. *See also notice on page 100.*

## Kinross Garden Group



Our next meeting is on **Thursday 14 April** in the Millbridge Hall, Kinross, at 2pm. **Heather McHaffie** from the **Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh**, will give a talk entitled '**Ferns are Fantastic**'.

Doors will be open from 1.30pm.

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 High School

**'Light will always prevail over darkness'**

On Tuesday 15 March, Kinross High School took their entry to compete in the international dance drama competition, Rock Challenge. We had been working on it since October. The pupils entering this competition are encouraged to 'Dream big – Shine bright' and that's exactly what the Kinross team did.

The performance this year was based on the 'Ramayana', a 24,000 verse poem following the story of Rama and Sita. We narrowed it down to focus on the key moments of the story which helped to communicate our theme 'Light will always prevail over darkness' and our key characters, Rama, Sita, Hanuman and Ravana. This was then transformed into an eight-minute dance drama with five different dance styles: ballet, hip hop, tap, contemporary and bhangra.

We left Kinross at 9am and returned at 11pm, but what happened in between was more than we could ever have hoped.



There were six schools competing in Dundee Heat One. After dropping the set off backstage, it was straight to the auditorium for the production meeting. This was essentially one big dance party with all the schools together, getting energy up for the day and allowing people to relax and mingle with the other schools.

Our rehearsal slot was at 2pm and the rest of the day involved getting hair and make-up done and cheering on the other schools as they rehearsed. There were some fantastic rehearsals from the other teams and the exciting atmosphere was building throughout the day.

Suddenly, after the hair and make-up team working tirelessly for hours, everyone was painted, back combed and hair sprayed within an inch of their lives. Costumes were checked by Mrs Moss and then we had a whole team pep talk from Miss Macnab. Then, the moment we had all been waiting for arrived.....the performance! So many of the team from the previous year came to support us and came rushing in for hugs and photos. We always say 'once in the rock challenge family, always in the rock challenge family', so it was amazing to have them there with us again!

Our co-host, Conor McCormick, introduced our piece: *"We begin in modern Indian, where we are celebrating Diwali,*

*the festival of light. In a street filled with happiness and fireworks, some street performers begin their performance of the 'Ramayana'. Our imaginations are taken on a journey with Rama and Sita, following their epic tale of love war and honour. In the end, who will triumph? Good or Evil?"*



It was very nerve-wracking but, when the music started, the performance flew by. It was amazing and the energy on stage was incredible!

Several awards of excellence were announced. Kinross won the following awards: Original Concept, Drama, Performance Skill, Choreography, Stage use, Set Design and Function, Visual Enhancement, Costume, Entertainment and Positive Inclusion. We were also voted by the other teams as 'Performers' choice'.



*Photos show some of the imaginative and exciting costumes worn by Kinross High School pupils during their 'Ramayana' performance*

We could not believe our ears when it was announced that we had won the heat and were straight into the Scottish Final! Celebrations and spirits were so high and it was fantastic to have such a support with us there. There were so many hugs and tears of happiness from all, particularly Miss Paterson, who had suggested the story in the first place. What a feeling, what a day, positive in so many ways and by the end of it all, it really did feel like light prevailed over all.

Come and support our entry into the Scottish Final on **Friday 17 June** at Dundee Caird Hall. It would be amazing to have you there.

## Kinross Camera Club



The club held its annual AGM at the beginning of February. Several existing members stepped down and new ones were elected. Dallas Key was voted in as our new president and we would like to thank the previous president, Willie Turnbull, for two great years during which the club was very well run and continued to prosper.

Neil Scott visited the club recently and gave a very interesting talk on photographic composition called KISS (Keep it Simple Stupid). The key point being that a good photograph usually has a very well-ordered structure with no clutter or distractions. His talk was illustrated with a number of creative still life images which you can see on his website at [www.neilscottphotos.co.uk](http://www.neilscottphotos.co.uk). Congratulations go to Duncan Robertson for winning the Greer and Fortune cup this year for which the set subject was 'let there be light'. This is likely to be the first of many successes for Duncan, who joined the club relatively recently.

Finally, the club had a stand at the Better Place to Live Fair in the community campus where a selection of members' prints were displayed. The photo below shows some of the committee ready to meet and greet any prospective new members.

Our meetings are held in the Church Centre, Kinross, every Thursday at

7.30pm and all are welcome. Whether you are a complete beginner or seasoned pro, the club has something to offer all standards of photographer.

For more information, please contact Alison Rutherford by email at [alison.rutherford1@live.com](mailto:alison.rutherford1@live.com) or visit the club website at [www.kinrosscameraclub.org.uk](http://www.kinrosscameraclub.org.uk).



*Some of the Camera Club committee at the Better Place to Live Fair*

## Kinnesswood in Bloom

Carol has produced a list of work parties for the current month, so on the morning of Saturday 12 March six of us had a pleasant couple of hours tidying up Lavender Walk, trimming the heathers and shrubs and removing leaves from the path. It looks lovely just now, with daffodils starting to flower.



*The first work party of the season*

We are pleased to hear that pupils from Kinross High will be available to do some work for us in May. By then we are sure we will have lots of jobs to be done to spruce the place up. It's great to make links with the younger generation and it will give them a good experience of community volunteering. Meanwhile, the school grounds group from Portmoak Primary have been learning about compost from their own compost heap and using it to plant some tatties in bags. Thank you, Dobbies, for supplying us with seed potatoes, onions and a

great variety of seeds.

The golfers and gardeners are now dressed and ready for the new season. Bunting and other adornments in the 'Beautiful Scotland' colours are being prepared. We have acquired some new tubs to replace ones which, after many years in use, are beginning to fall apart.

We have decided to have a Curry and Quiz evening to raise funds at the end of May and there will be more details next month.

## Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

### Warm new potato, rocket and smoked mackerel salad

#### Ingredients

- 400g small new potatoes
- 6 unsmoked streaky bacon rashers, sliced into 1cm strips
- Splash of olive oil
- 50g bag rocket leaves
- 1 packet (about 330g) smoked mackerel, skin removed and flaked
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- Juice of half a lemon

#### Method

Cook the potatoes in a pan of boiling salted water for 15 minutes until tender. Drain and set aside to cool. Meanwhile, cook the bacon with a splash of olive oil in a frying pan over a medium heat until crisp.

Put the cooked potatoes in a bowl with the rocket, bacon and mackerel. Drizzle over the olive oil, add the lemon juice, season and toss together. Serve straightaway.

## Fairtrade Steering Group Fairtrade Fortnight



Many thanks to all those who came to and supported our Coffee Mornings.

It was good to see so many people enjoying these events and also perhaps learning a little bit more about Fairtrade.

A special thanks to The Studio Hair Company for the window display on Fairtrade and to the many local businesses who kindly donated prizes for our raffle.

Monies raised will go toward projects which support the producers of Fairtrade goods in many poor countries.



Marg Meade and Patricia Payne at one of the Fairtrade breakfast events

## Businesses in Kinross support Fairtrade!

The Perth & Kinross Fairtrade Steering Group would like to thank The Court House and Hunters of Kinross for agreeing to stock, sell and serve Traidcraft products. By doing this, they are helping the campaign to make Perth & Kinross a Fairtrade Zone, and supporting a charity that provides a market for some of the poorest farmers in the world.

The Traidcraft catalogue is available online at [www.traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk) and goods are also available during the week in Kinross Parish Church and Orwell and Portmoak Church offices.



Isobel Watt (right) with Sarah of The Court House



The window display at Studio Hair Company during Fairtrade Fortnight



Isobel Watt (left) with Pamela Hunter of Hunters the Butchers with the Traidcraft catalogue

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## Loch Leven National Nature Reserve

### Wildlife photos from around Loch Leven



*Mallards are beginning to pair up for the breeding season  
Photo by Craig Nisbet*



*There have been a lot of Short-eared Owls around this winter  
Photo by Craig Nisbet*

## Kinross & District Art Club

Which way do the waves splash? This was one of the challenges facing an eager gathering of club members who were about to attempt a painting of the Bass Rock, guided by Tom Sutton Smith, our resident adviser. And what colour should the rocks be? How do you get a wet effect on the rocks? Tom was there to demonstrate, using acrylics to show us how to create a painting which captures all the features of water on rocks, and brings a harmony of colours to give that feel of the sea and sky as it appears along the East coast. Some impressive paintings were the result and in this photo you can see John Tydeman's effort in watercolour plus one in acrylics he had tried earlier.



John Tydeman, KADAC member, painting waves

We have welcomed another three new members in the past month and it's just as well we have two painting sessions in the week: Tuesdays and Fridays from 2pm until 4pm at The Millbridge Hall, to accommodate our growing numbers. Why not pop along and see the club in action or join us at the break at 3pm for a cup of tea or coffee and meet some of the members who find this a relaxing and creative way to spend an afternoon.

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## Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club

The next meeting is on **Thursday 7 April** when the speaker will be Ms Dawn Mullady and the subject 'A visit to Calcutta'.



### Away Days

**Thu 14 April** Fort Kinnaird  
**Thu 28 April** Loch Lomond

The coach leaves from opposite the Green Hotel at 9.15am.  
Contact: Pat Crawford, telephone 01577 862962.

### Friday Walkers

**8 Apr** Holyrood Park and Arthur's Seat  
**22 Apr** St Andrews, the Lade Braes and Craigton Park  
Our walks will continue to leave from the Green Hotel.  
Contact: Ian Simpson on 01577 863691.

### Friday Hill Walkers

<b>1 Apr</b>	Culross	Liz	8.30am
<b>15 Apr</b>	Arthur's Seat	Maureen	8.30am
<b>29 Apr</b>	Loch Ordie	Anne & Kate	8.30am

### 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.



## Kinross-shire Round Table needs YOUR help!

Formed in 1963, Kinross-shire Round Table has been a part of your local community for over 50 years and has seen men aged 18-45 having fun while supporting local events.

To encourage younger members and generate new ideas the Round Table has always adopted a maximum membership age limit. Unfortunately we can't stay young forever and a few of us have had to move on. We still meet and go out as a group to have laugh but with our reducing numbers we are now at risk of closing. As we can't offer the same level of support to the local community that we once did we need your support in telling people about us and encouraging new members to get in touch!

Whether it is helping at T-in-the-Park, running our very own Beer Festival, or taking part in a 'Dragons' Den' event, we have something for everyone!! To keep such great events active we need your support! If you are a male aged 18-45 who wants to make a difference in Kinross-shire we'd love to hear from you!

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## The current (P & K)

### Kinross Foodbank

Perth & Kinross Foodbank (SC044158) has provided food parcels to Kinross people now for two years. This was made possible through the assistance of the manager and staff of Kinross-shire Day Centre, High Street, Kinross. This organisation, which has been operating for over 30 years, agreed to distribute food parcels supplied by Perth & Kinross Foodbank, even though they were already operating a full programme.

In the two years since commencement of the service in February 2014, Nan and her team have provided 214 food parcels, providing three days' food to feed 257 adults and 78 children. This is just over 6.0% of the total food parcels supplied by Perth & Kinross Foodbank throughout the area that it covers.

In addition to the above, a further 50 parcels were provided within the Kinross-shire Ward during the same period from the Perth base, bringing the total provision to 264 parcels, providing three days' food to feed 325 adults and 92 children. Perth & Kinross Foodbank receives food donations from many sources, including several within the Kinross area. The total food donated from sources within the Kinross area totalled 4,054 kg during the period of our operation in the area. The weight of food distributed in the same period was approximately 3,250 kg. So 80% of the food donated within the Kinross area has been returned through food parcels to its residents. The balance is held in stock to ensure that we can continue to meet the need in Kinross.

This service continues to operate and will do so as long as there is a need to be supplied.

Les Paskin, Manager,  
Perth & Kinross Foodbank

### Kinross Junior Agricultural Club

With our new committee now elected, Kinross JAC are looking forward to another jam packed year. It's my privilege to be voted on as club chairman (**Andy Stevenson**) and, along with my new secretary **Kirsty Paterson**, we're hoping for another successful year for the club.

Looking forward, we are still finalizing our summer syllabus. Events already confirmed are stock judging, field day and new member night.

As always, we are looking for new members. We are open to anyone between the ages of 14 and 30. If you, or anyone you know, thinks they would like to join in our fun then get in touch. You can come along to our first meeting, Crazy Golf and Pizza Hut, on **Tuesday 5 April** at 7.30pm at Duloch Park, Dunfermline. Or, for more information, you can find us on Facebook by searching for Kinross & District JAC.

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## Dobbies Community Champion

We are pleased to announce that our new **local charity partner** for this year is the **Swansacre Playgroup** and we look forward to working with them. We will soon be presenting a cheque for **over £600** to last year's partner, the **Kinross-shire Day Centre**.

In March the **Little Seedlings Club** learned about plants which grow in greenhouses, and we planted some seeds to take home and for our growing bed at the allotments. The next meeting on **Sunday 3 April** at 11am will be about herbs and spices and we will make our own herb butter.

We will hopefully then be able to meet at the allotments behind the store and start to prepare the ground for growing some potatoes and other vegetables there. We are grateful to the Allotment Association for welcoming us there over the summer months. The May meeting will be on **Sunday 1 May** and new members are always welcome.

I have recently made donations of seeds etc to Portmoak and Auchtermuchty Primary schools. The Eco Group from Auchtermuchty visited the store and learned about how seeds grow. Ladybank Primary will also be visiting soon as they are starting to grow flowers and vegetables at school. This project is being planned jointly with Tesco in Cupar, who will be making a 'friendship bench' from recycled pallets at the school.

I am also planning to arrange some growing sessions at the allotments with some pupils from the Learning Support group at the High School during the summer term.

For further information about community projects, contact Amanda James by phone on (01577) 863327 or email at [community.kinross@dobbies.com](mailto:community.kinross@dobbies.com)

## Portmoak Film Society

Over 30 film fans watched the 2015 remake of Thomas Hardy's dramatic novel about farming folk. The film stars Carey Mulligan as new farmer Bathsheba struggling to make her way in a man's world, surrounded by men who all want to tame her. The marble count (audience satisfaction gauge) came in at 95%, and satisfaction was only increased with Helen's 'Dorset cream teas' enjoyed afterwards!

The final film will be shown on **Saturday 9 April**. It's the 1986 medieval thriller '**The Name of the Rose**', after the novel by Umberto Eco. The film stars Sean Connery in one of his most iconic roles, and a young Christian Slater as monks sent to a monastery in Northern Italy to solve a series of gruesome murders.

As it is the last film of the season, the film will be preceded by our **AGM which starts promptly at 7pm**. Everyone is welcome and the business is usually over in a few minutes. This year, however, we are going to do things a bit differently and ask you to complete a short survey on the night, so that we can gain some insights into our audience film preferences. So is it just the weather keeping you away, or are there some types of films you like more than others?

Please join us and if you don't have a season ticket, entry costs £5 on the door. The results of the survey, and the selection of films for the next season based on this, will be revealed in due course at [www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk](http://www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk).

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## Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



### The Making of Kinross Museum

At the February meeting, members were delighted to welcome David Munro, who presented a topic entitled "The Making of Kinross Museum".

David traced the history from the early days when David Marshall (1831-1902), who was a fisherman, tour guide to the castle and bookbinder also made barrels in his spare time! Above all, he was a natural collector and on his death bequeathed his collections to the community of Kinross. The big question was where to house the collections for the community to enjoy.

In 1905 a room above the Carnegie Library was secured for the purpose and until the 1970s this is how it continued until Nan Walker began to lobby the Town Council to improve the space needed to show collections and list and document the growing number of collections. In 1978 the Kinross Marshall Museum Trust was formed, but many years were to pass before new accommodation was achieved.

Two rooms at the Community Campus were allocated to the museum and these were opened in February 2010.

David then went on to highlight some of the many artefacts and collections which have been gifted and continue to be given to the museum.

Volunteers carefully evaluate and record the items and assist in putting on displays which are regularly changed in the fine display cabinets situated within the library.

The museum is open on a Thursday and Saturday and open to all members of the community.

David was appropriately thanked for a most enjoyable and fascinating evening, which was rounded off with excellent refreshments.

### Winski's of Kinross

At the March meeting, our speaker Adam Winski gave an explanation of how the family business, Winski's of Kinross, Jewellers and Watchmakers, started with his father and uncle over 40 years ago. Today, the shop, which is located in the Kinross Business Centre, is a third generation family business and deals in all forms of jewellery and watch manufacture and repair.

Chairman Ian thanked Adam for an interesting talk and thanks also go to Christine and Sandy Scholes for their hospitality on the night.

The next meeting of the club will be held on 13 April.

## DanceSing

The DanceSing event which took place on 18 February was organised by the Wellbeing Sub-committee of Kinross-shire CLD Group with assistance from the Kinross-shire Day Centre and KVG&ROS.

This was the second time the event has taken place and was, once again, a great success. Approximately 110 people came along to dance and sing the afternoon away. Entertainment was provided by The Sabres who had people dancing to 60s hits. Those that couldn't dance seemed very happy to sing along, tapping their feet. When the Sabres took a well-deserved rest, the stage was taken by Leven Voices who entertained with a wide range of songs – giving everyone the opportunity to join in.

Three members of Sainsbury's staff, Karen, Tony and Shona attended and worked incredibly hard making sure that everyone received a cup of tea or coffee – no easy job with people dancing all around them. They also brought along, and handed out, goody bags to everyone who attended and also provided several prizes for the raffle.

Grateful thanks to The Sabres and Leven Voices for the excellent entertainment, Mitie for setting up the room so well, Sainsbury's for their help and support and everyone else who helped to make the afternoon go with a swing.



*The DanceSing event was well attended and much enjoyed*

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### **What's Happening at the Campus**

**French Storytelling, Saturday 2 April.** See p. 25.

**Kinross Hub, the Carers Café, Monday 4 April,** meets 10am-12 noon in the Activity Meeting Space on the first Monday of every month. It's a chance to chat over a cuppa with other carers, cared for and family members. The guest for April is Amanda James from Dobbies who will be talking about Easter Planting, commencing at 10.15am prompt.

**Dragons Galore! Thursday 7 April.** See p. 25.

**Baby & Kids Items Pre-loved Sale, Saturday 16 April.**

There will be an Indoor Table Top Sale of children's items from 10am until 12 noon. **Buyers** - come along and grab a bargain! Entry fee is £1. **Sellers** - take a stall and sell your unwanted babies' and kids' items. Tables cost £10 and 100% profit is yours! All stall fees and door proceeds go to supporting Portmoak Playgroup and Portmoak Baby & Toddlers. Tables must be booked. To book a table, please contact [portmoakplaygroup@hotmail.com](mailto:portmoakplaygroup@hotmail.com)

**Antiques, Vintage, Retro and Collectors Fair, Saturday 23 April.** There will be buying, selling and valuations given. Admission will be from 9.30am to 3.30pm with an entry fee of £1 per person.

**Energy Efficiency Day, Saturday 23 April.** Want to know more about Renewable Energy? Not sure what system might be suitable for your home? Will it save you money? Does it help the environment? If you have questions like these and don't know where to get the answers, then come along to the Energy Efficiency Day from 10am to 3pm. This is a **free** event with manufacturers, suppliers and installers all present to give you all the information you need.

**Kinross Sportive, Saturday 30 April.** This is Scotland's third largest cycle sportive, which is organised by Kinross Cycling Club. It takes riders from the campus out through Fife into Perthshire and Clackmannanshire before returning to Kinross. For more information, please visit [www.sportive-kinross.co.uk](http://www.sportive-kinross.co.uk).

**Kinross Hub, the Carers Café, Monday 2 May,** in the Activity Meeting Space, 10am until 12 noon. The guests for May are Jennifer Shaw and Bruce Sutherland from Telecare and Apetito Meal Service, commencing at 10.15am prompt.

**French Storytelling, Saturday 7 May.** See p. 25.

**Kinross Half Marathon, Pipe Band Competition and Feel Good Fair, Saturday 14 May.** The campus will be one of the organisers with Kinross Road Runners, Kinross Pipe Band and KLEO for the above event, which will be held once again on the campus sports pitches. This will be a fun day out for all of the family from 11am including: the finishing line for the Kinross Half Marathon; Loch Leven Outdoor Pipe Band Contest; Local Market Stalls; Beer Tent; Swansacre Playgroup activities and Fun Run together with Family Sports Activities from Live Active Leisure. If your local group, club or charity would like a free stall (if own stall is used – KLEO Market Stalls will be available to hire for £5) at the Feel Good Fair, please let Gerry know as soon as possible. Businesses can hire

a stall space for £10 (you have to bring your own stall), or a number of stalls will be available in the Small Games Hall for £15. If you would like to book any type of stall, please contact Gerry McGregor at the campus. (See header.) For more details, please go to the campus Facebook page or [www.kleo.org.uk](http://www.kleo.org.uk)

### **Classes at the Campus**

**Daisy Foundation Birthing Classes from Mon 4 April.**

Daisy Birthing is a practical, educational and supportive journey through pregnancy and birth. Each week traditional antenatal education is combined with active birth principles, taught seamlessly alongside repetitive flowing movements designed to anchor the education to your body, breath and movement, exactly where you will need it on your baby's birthing day. These women-only weekly classes, available from 14 weeks pregnant, are delivered over six-week terms. The first course runs 4 April to 9 May and will cover a combination of antenatal and active birth education, breathing techniques, relaxation and birth hypnosis, yoga based movement, meeting local pregnant women. Daisy Birthing is accessible for all mums no matter of shape, size, and ability and is suitable for both first and subsequent pregnancies, supporting all birth plans and choices. For more information, please go to [www.thedaisyfoundation.com](http://www.thedaisyfoundation.com), and to join the new class in Kinross email Natalie Young at [Natalie-Young@thedaisyfoundation.com](mailto:Natalie-Young@thedaisyfoundation.com)

**Happy Hookers! Beginners Crochet Course, Tuesday evenings, 7pm-9pm.** The next course will run from **Tuesday 3 May** until Tuesday 21 June for a total of eight weeks. Cost for the course is **£50** which includes wool and hooks supplied and you will learn how to do Basic Stitches, Granny Squares, Ripple Stich, Clusters, Flowers, Puff, Popcorn, Bobble Stiches and more. Places are limited and **MUST** be booked. For more information and to request a booking form, please contact Sandra on 01337 868754, 07523550014 or email [sandra\\_farrer@yahoo.com](mailto:sandra_farrer@yahoo.com)

**Happy Hookers! Beginners Irish Lace Crochet Course, Wednesday afternoons, 1pm-3pm.** Sandra Farrer will be starting a new weekly course of Beginners Irish Lace Crochet Classes on **4 May** until 15 June. The cost for the seven-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 to request a booking form, please contact Sandra – details above.

**WeightWatchers, Wednesday evenings.** Come along to your local meeting here at in the Activity Meeting Space on a Wednesday evening starting at 6.30pm. For more information, please contact Sandra Griffin on [sgriffin@weight-watchers.co.uk](mailto:sgriffin@weight-watchers.co.uk) or 0345 677 7788.

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

### **Visiting Kinross-shire?**

For information on Eating Out, Parks and Gardens, Historic Buildings and more, visit

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

## All ages enjoy Big Dance Evening

Feet were tapping and dancing shoes were at the ready for our dance night here at the Community Campus on Friday 18 March.

A wide range of fantastic dance music was provided by The Scottish Swing Orchestra who kept everybody on their feet all evening with songs to dance along to, including Fox Trots, Cha Chas, Waltzes and Quick Steps and games to play like round the world in music and dance. In another fun competition, Murray and Aimee Tweddle won a prize with the Strictly Come Dancing vote that was decided by the audience. Although ticket sales were a bit low, everybody who came along had an absolutely wonderful time and there was a brilliant atmosphere all night.



*Dave Batchelor and a small part of the Scottish Swing Orchestra*

There was a lovely wide range of ages that attended to make this a true community get together with lots of fun, dancing and laughter. Whether you were up on your feet or sat back listening to the brilliant music, everyone had a great time. There was also a bar provided by the Muirs to keep everyone from getting parched after all that dancing.

Pam Spowart got everyone started with a run through of some of the dances that people would be taking part in during the evening, which helped beginners and some who were a bit rusty as well. Unfortunately, when she tried to show Gerry McGregor the cha cha, she nearly lost her toes a few times! Carla Spowart and Mia Fawsitt held a raffle with some lovely prizes and the girls raised a magnificent £124, with all proceeds going to the KHS Charity of the year, Alzheimer's Scotland.

Gerry and Pam would like to say a big thank you to all involved – from all of the groups and businesses who donated raffle prizes, Carla and Mia, Willie from the Muirs and, last but not least, Dave Batchelor and the Scottish Swing Orchestra.

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## Kinross-shire Volunteer Group & Rural Outreach Scheme



What a busy time it has been for KVG&ROS.

Our amazing drivers carried out 175 runs during February to the Medical Centre, hospitals and dentists. They also now regularly take users shopping, to the hairdressers and out on other social trips, enabling those who do not have any means of transport to get out and about.

On 5 March we had a tombola stall at the Better Place to Live Fair. It was an excellent event, giving us the chance to tell people more about what we do and, at the same time, raise some money for the group. Due to the generosity of many of our users and drivers in donating prizes, we were able to raise £175. At the end of the afternoon the teddy bear, which some readers may have seen out and about, announced that his birthday was 2 June. Thanks to Dobbies for donating the bear and to all those who have "Guessed Teddy's Birthday" over the past months.

We were delighted recently to receive a generous cheque from a solicitor. A local lady died recently and remembered KVG&ROS in her will. Maybe we should not have been surprised; this lady was a past Chairperson, committee member and a driver for many years. Her generous act is greatly appreciated and ensures that others in the community will also benefit for some time to come from the service that she was actively involved in, and came to value so much herself in her latter years.

The **Annual General Meeting** of KVG&ROS will take place on **Wednesday 8 June** at 7.30pm in the Kinross Church Centre and we look forward to meeting all our drivers then.

### List of Charges

Unfortunately there was a typing error in the list of updated charges printed in the March issue of the Newsletter. Following is the corrected list. The only alteration is that trips to Dundee and Edinburgh should be £20 and not £10 as previously stated. The new charges come into effect on 1 April 2016.

LLHC & Kinross venues	£3
Pick up Kinross & Milnathort	(no increase)
LLHC & Kinross venues	£6
Pick up all other areas	
Kelty	£6
Dunfermline	£10
Perth, Kirkcaldy	£12
Stirling, Falkirk, Larbert	£15
Dundee, Edinburgh	£20
Glasgow	£25
Stracathro	£40

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Our driver will pick you up, take you to your appointment, stay with you and return you to your own home afterwards. For most journeys the cost is for the round trip. However, occasionally, if you are going to need to be at the hospital for several hours, it may be necessary for one driver to take you and another to pick you up; this would result in you needing to pay for both journeys.

### Looking for a Job?

Check the situations vacant page at  
**www.kinross.cc**

## Kinross in Bloom

This quiet time of the year is slowly coming to an end, with the little polyanthus plants in the planters about town beginning to stir and show various colours. Crocuses, daffodils and tulips are coming through their grassy beds again, ready to brighten up the scene.

We are looking ahead to taking delivery of all our new planters, which will replace all the old half barrels that have been in use for years. The plants to fill them have been ordered and are due in our polytunnel towards the end of April.

We also have a small project to refurbish the front of the Church Centre with new planters and some outdoor furniture, enabling customers to sit out in the summer sun.

### March 200 Club winners:

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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. 22 Mrs F Galloway | 2. 8 Mr & Mrs A Burnett |
| 3. 27 Mr I Hayles    | 4. 35 Mrs M Lyon        |

Congratulations to all.

### Help Wanted

As this is going to be a very busy year for us, can we appeal to any reader: if you would like to make Kinross a more colourful and pleasant place to live by helping us take care of small summer plants, bring them on and plant them out around the town, please contact Aileen on 01577 861477, Derek on 01577 862833 or Iain on 01577 208110, or just come along to our **next meeting** at the Church Centre on **Wednesday 6 April** at 7.30pm. We will be pleased to see you.

We are looking for volunteers for the following:

**Plug planting 18 & 19 April**

**Basket planting 28 & 29 May**

Both the above take place at 10am at the polytunnel, Dobbies Garden Centre. If you would like to come along on the above dates, or would like to volunteer in other ways, please contact any of the above people.

## Milnathort & Kinross Allotments Association

It's almost Spring and the allotment site at Turfhill is once again a hive of activity as everyone gets ready for the new season. Over the winter we've been busy in the Community Garden, getting our new allotment plots ready for their new tenants, and tidying the area which will become an orchard over the next few months.

A huge thank-you to everyone who helped.

In December we launched our new website, [www.milnathortandkinrossallotments.org](http://www.milnathortandkinrossallotments.org).

All news, meetings and events are now posted on the website, so if you want to find out more about the association or what's on, then please have a look. The allotment site behind Dobbies is also open every day to visitors, so feel free to have a look around.

We have also been busy planting seeds for our Spring plant sales which will begin this year with a stall at Kinross Farmers' Market near the Town Hall on the last Saturday in April. So if you are looking for veg or flower plants, then why not pop by and have a look at our home grown plants? Or, if you're interested in growing your own fruit and veg, you can join the waiting list for an allotment plot or register an interest in one of our Learn-to-Grow beds in the Allotments Community Garden by emailing the Association Secretary on [mkaasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:mkaasecretary@gmail.com).



## Kinross-shire Historical Society

**The Queen's Bodyguard in Scotland: the Royal Company of Archers by Lt Col Richard Callander**



The talk gave an interesting illustrated account with some amusing anecdotes of the Royal Company of Archers since it was founded in 1676 by Charles II. The early records show that it was started as an archery club. Lt Col Richard Callander outlined the history of the Company and the prizes for which they compete.

In 1703 Queen Anne granted a charter allowing them to be called The Royal Company of Archers. A condition of the Charter was that a pair (three not two) of silver barbed arrows be presented to the Queen. The pairs of arrows passed back and forwards between the Archers and the Sovereigns over the years. Some are in Holyrood Palace.

Over the years there have been many famous members, such as Robert Burns and Walter Scott. There are 410 members on the active list and 170 on the inactive list. Over 75s do not play a ceremonial role. There is a seven-year waiting list. There have never been any female members though the rules do not prevent it.

When Walter Scott was involved in organising George IV's visit to Scotland in 1822, he had the Archers act as bodyguards. Queen Victoria often came to Scotland and the Archers were involved as the bodyguard.

The illustrations of some of the bows in Archers' Hall included one from Flodden in 1513. Richard Callander then showed his own bows and explained their construction and capabilities. The target is called a clout and sits at an angle and is straw stuffed. A marker signals with a white flag to show how close an arrow had reached to the clout.

There are various competitions in rotation over a number of years. Prizes are worn on evening dress. One member who won over 100 prizes was given a special badge to mark his achievement.

The uniforms worn depend on the event involved, from informal shooting through to ceremonial occasions and paintings from Archers' Hall show how the uniforms have changed over time.

The Archers moved from Leith to the Meadows, where they have the right to shoot and where, in 1849, Archers' Hall was built. It was extended in 1901. The dining room seats 94. Recently, some of the ground around the Hall was developed with student accommodation, which will provide an income to pay for Archers' Hall. A new indoor archery range has also been created which is used weekly by disabled archers, some of whom hope to take part in the Invictus and the Warrior Games.

2016 is going to be a busy year for the Archers. In addition to the usual events and ceremonies, it is the Queen's 90th birthday.

Lt Col Callander answered some questions from the floor and David Walker, himself an archer, gave the vote of thanks on behalf of the members for a fascinating talk from which we learned a lot.

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## Kinross Parish Church Moderator's Cycle Challenge

The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Rt. Rev. Angus Morrison, minister of Orwell and Portmoak, and the Moderator of the National Youth Assembly, Hannah Mary Goodlad from Shetland, are taking part in a cycle challenge round the Loch Leven Heritage Trail on Saturday 16 April. The aim of the challenge is to raise money for StARS, the St Andrews Refugee Service, a project of St Andrew's Church in Cairo which Angus and Hannah Mary visited recently. See <http://stars-egypt.org/> for further information.



*Local Ministers Rev. Alan Reid and Rt. Rev. Angus Morrison will be shedding their cloaks to cycle for refugees in April*

The challenge will begin at the Kirkgate Park at around 10.30am and it would be good to see a crowd there to cheer the cyclists off and welcome them back again. Spectators might also wish to gather at the various entry points to the trail around the Loch to encourage them along the way. The forbearance of those who use the path for walking is sought for a couple of hours that day. Disruption will be kept to a minimum, and for that reason the number of cyclists has to be restricted. The moderator of each Presbytery in Scotland is being asked to cycle in support of the Moderators' Cycle Challenge or to nominate a representative to do so. The Moderator of the Presbytery of Perth (the Rev. Alan Reid of Kinross) has agreed to cycle himself.

It is hoped that a large sum can be raised for what is a very practical response to the refugee crisis across the whole Middle East. If you would like to donate you can do so online at <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/moderatorschallenge16/291450> or via one of the local congregations of the Church of Scotland or in collecting buckets on the day.

### A Year at Kinross Parish Church

Kinross Parish Church of Scotland held its Annual Stated Meeting on 11 March within the Sunday Morning Service. The year's accounts were presented, elections held to the Congregational Board and there was an opportunity to make comments or question the church's office bearers – a chance taken up enthusiastically by the children. A Review of the Year was shown in photographs and the minister, Rev. Alan Reid, made some comments on the year past.

He said: "It is very hard to encapsulate a year in the life of the congregation in a brief report. I would, however, like to highlight just three areas.

"Firstly, I want to mention the Youth Alpha programme which involved almost 20 young teenagers attending on Sunday mornings to explore the foundations of the Christian faith. It also involved a dedicated team of leaders, helpers and a number of people who served up a breakfast each week. By God's grace, there will be fruit from that work.

Secondly, I want to say a word about the repair work on the tower. That the first major work on stonework in nearly 200 years was accomplished without a panic over funds is testimony to the generosity of the congregation. There has been a sustained increase in regular giving over the past few years.

"Finally, and related to that theme of generosity, I wanted to make reference to the offerings for charities beyond the church. The offering at Communion on 6 March for reconstruction work in Nepal following last year's earthquake amounted to a staggering £2,857, a level of generosity that speaks powerfully of what God is doing among us."

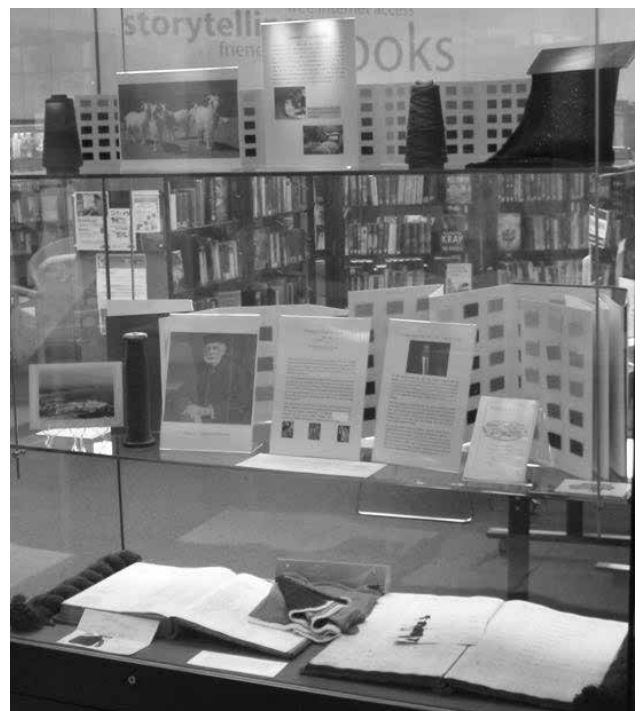
### All Friends Together

An exciting new Christian Group for adults with learning disabilities has been formed, called 'All Friends Together'. See page 100 for more information.

## Kinross Museum



Many thanks to all who visited Kinross (Marshall) Museum during the *Better Place to Live Fair* on 5 March. Sales of raffle tickets, books and notelets helped raise funds to manage the museum in the year ahead. Of special interest is the recently published *Mary's Memories*, the recollections of the late Mary Muirhead. Copies can be obtained from the Museum on Thursdays and Saturdays when volunteers are present in the Study Room. April sees the completion of the exhibition on weaving in Kinross-shire and at 1.30pm on **Thursday 7 April** Museum Trust Chairman David Munro will be giving a talk entitled '*If it wasna for the weavers*' hosted by Loch Leven Community Campus Library.



*An exhibition on local weaving will soon be showing at the museum*

## Swansacre Playgroup

We had an action-packed last term, celebrating Burns Night, Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day and Mother's Day along with a week of very messy paint activities thoroughly enjoyed by the children and playleaders alike (and all magically cleaned up for the next day by our wonderful cleaning fairy Pat!). We also spent two weeks looking at 'Things That Fly', led by the children's ideas and including everything from bees and ladybirds, aeroplanes and helicopters to witches and dragons with a few pigs thrown in for good measure!



This coming term will see us spending lots of time in our fantastic extensive garden, celebrating Father's Day along with topics including 'People Who Help Us' and the upcoming Olympic Games...the fun never stops!

We run three types of sessions at Swansacre as follows: Playgroup sessions are for children from the age of 2 years; Inbetweeners sessions are for children from the age of 3 and include an optional lunch club and Rising Fives sessions are for children in their pre-school year and also include an optional lunch club. **We have spaces available in most sessions and would love for your child to join us.** For more information, please see the 'Playgroups and Nurseries' section of the Newsletter.

We will be holding our annual Fun Run in conjunction with the Kinross Half Marathon and the Feel Good Fair on **Saturday 14 May**. Please join us at the Loch Leven Community Campus for what is always a great day. We will also be holding a Race Night at the Thistle Hotel in Milnathort on **Saturday 11 June** - mark your diaries! For more information on either of these events, please contact Alison on 07880 623099 or by email at [fundraisingswansacre15@gmail.com](mailto:fundraisingswansacre15@gmail.com)

Please give us a call if you would like your child to come join in the fun! Contact numbers are (01577) 862071 or 07807 908833. Alternatively, you can contact us by email at [enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com](mailto:enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com)

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## Kinross and District Town Twinning Association



Kinross twinners are preparing for this summer's visit from their links in Twin Town Gacé, Normandy.

Members ran a stall at the recent Better Place to Live Fair held at the Community Campus where a fair bit of interest was noted.

Plans are well underway for the Gacéans' visit in August. Day trips to different areas of Central Scotland are planned. The Kinross High School exchange with Gacé pupils sees them travel to Gacé from 7 until 16 June. There they will be hosted by families in and around Gacé.

## Boys Brigade Final Letdown



The Company's badminton team had to call it a day in the National BB Scottish final against Largs after defeating Hamilton in the previous round. The Largs team now progress to the UK finals which will be held in Ireland this year.

Company section members are now looking forward to the popular Battalion midnight hike competition. The Kinross Company won this competition on their own turf last year, so it will be interesting to see if they can perform in this session's competition, which will be hosted by the 3rd Kinnoull Church Company.

Junior Section members are also in competition mode by taking part in the Battalion festival of events involving figure marching, singing and potted sports. They are also preparing for their May weekend camp activities.

Two Company section members are attending their Queen's Badge Completion Course at the Carronvale national headquarters. Best wishes to **Joshua Roe and Fraser Barbour**.

The Company's annual display and presentation of awards will take place in Kinross Church Centre starting at 7pm on **Friday 13 May**. All parents and friends are invited.

The Company's white marquee tent (40' x 20') is available for hire from now until September at a cost of £200 per occasion. There are already a number of bookings in the diary over the summer period. To hire the marquee and check availability, telephone David Munro on (01577) 862126.

Company Section members are also looking forward to their own summer camp based in Valkenburg in the Netherlands. This will include visits to Belgium and Germany. They are also looking forward to meeting up with the Scouts from Perth's twin town of Aschaffenburg when they come to Scotland in August. A couple of days of joint activities is already being planned.

**STOP PRESS:** Junior Section won both the Battalion Figure Marching Competition and Singing Competition on the evening of Friday 18 March!

### Need Equipment for a Community Event?

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

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

## Kinross-shire

### Local Events Organisation

#### The Kinross Farmers Market



The new Kinross Farmers Market will take place on **Saturday 30 April** from 9am-1pm in the High Street on the wider pavements at the old Town Hall.

The following traders will have a stall at this market: **Allan's Chilli Products, Angel Cakes, Arbroath Fisheries, Arran's Cheese Shop, Good-Life Farming (Rose Veal), Hunters of Kinross (butchers), Loch Leven's Smokehouse (fish/meat), Little Gairdrum Farm (fresh and unwashed vegetables), Meadowsweet Organics (herbs/flowers/vegetables), Milnathort and Kinross Allotments Association, Perthshire Oatcakes, Seriously Good Venison, St Andrew's Brewing Company, RSPB Scotland, The Shire (deli), Val's Tablet Treats, Webster Honey and KLEO will have a coffee/tea stall.**

The market will be a great place to buy high quality, fresh food from local producers and artisan traders, shop at the High Streets established businesses and meet friends in our vibrant community atmosphere. We look forward to seeing you all there.

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. More information can be found online at [www.communityfoodfund.co.uk](http://www.communityfoodfund.co.uk).

#### Fun for all the family!

#### Feel Good Fair at Loch Leven Half Marathon/ Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest

KLEO will be involved in the Feel Good Fair again at the Half Marathon/Pipe Band competition which is jointly organised by the Kinross Road Runners, the Kinross Pipe Band and the Community Campus.

While you wait for the runners coming in, come along and browse through the wares of local stall holders or take part in the Fun Run (organised by Swansacre Playgroup). The whole event will take place on the playing fields behind the Community Campus on **Saturday 14 May**. Put this date in your diary!

To reserve a stall or for more information, please contact Gerry McGregor at the campus on (01577) 867119/867200 or by email at [GMcGregor@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:GMcGregor@pkc.gov.uk).

#### Leven Voices

Leven Voices is for anyone who just wants to sing and have fun! You can join in anytime. The next block of ten sessions starts after the Easter break on **Tuesday 19 April**, 7.30pm at the Kinross Parish Church, and runs until Tuesday 21 June. The first five sessions will be led by Dougie Flowers and the second five sessions by Alice Marra.

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 10-week period.

For more information about KLEO events, go to [www.kleo.org.uk](http://www.kleo.org.uk), e-mail [info@kleo.org.uk](mailto:info@kleo.org.uk) or call (01577) 863107.

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

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## Kinross-shire Day Centre

As usual, music has featured heavily in our activities this month. They do say that music releases some good hormones in the brain and that makes us feel good – that certainly seems to be true of our service-users.

So, within the Day Centre, we have enjoyed 'our regular', Ian Grindley on the piano, and 'our becoming regulars', the Disclaimers. It's lovely to have local talent being shared with us in this way. If you have an interest you would like to share with us, we'd love to hear from you.

A large number went up to the high school for an afternoon of entertainment from The Sabres and Loch Leven Singers. It was also lovely to see staff from Sainsbury's there, serving the tea.

Like any family, it is sometimes the simple things that bring pleasure to us, and we have loved reminiscing over some new CDs featuring artists whom we have met on the annual holidays. We also appreciated a slide show of Roy's lovely pictures from his travels. (Some of Roy's photos are on show in the coffee bar).

This year's World Day of Prayer was organised by Fossoway Church who provided the tea and refreshments with a Caribbean flavour. (No, not rum!) A record number attended the afternoon service in the Day Centre and many said how lovely it was to catch up with people they hadn't seen for a long time. Thank-you to Fossoway Church.

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

*For the regular Day Centre programme see page 106.*

## The Kinross-shire Civic Trust

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2016 is the 25th anniversary of the Kinross-shire Civic Trust. The Trust was created by Professor David Munro, MBE in 1991 to promote and encourage a public interest in, and care for, the beauty, history and character of the areas of Kinross-shire and Glenfarg in order to maintain their essential character of the area, the preservation, conservation, development and improvement of buildings of general public or historic interest, a high standard of architecture and planning in the area.

This year is also the 50th anniversary of the Best Kept Village Competition, created by Sir Robert Stewart.

We will be holding a **Dinner** to celebrate both these events on **Thursday 2 June**. More details will follow.

We need people who are willing to get involved with the Trust and help us with our aims. Do come along to our **Annual General Meeting** on **Tuesday 12 April** at Cleish Hall. You will be very welcome and we have an excellent talk after the AGM.

## Seamab School

It's Sport Relief day today and the children have all been having great fun. They brought some of their pocket money to school and have been spending it on face painting and entry to our obstacle course (in place for one day only). Every penny, of course, is going to a great cause – Sport Relief.

Seamab is a registered charity and we fundraise to support our work with the children. Recent donations have been used to help pay for children's holidays and mountain bikes.

We are currently planning a **Seamab Golf Fundraiser at Muckhart Golf Club on Friday 2 September**. Muckhart Golf Club have very generously offered to support and host this event. Teams of four are invited to participate and there will be a new challenge cup which they can compete to win. Tickets for this event are £40 per person and include bacon rolls on arrival, a round of golf and a buffet at 5pm. The event starts at 11am with a shotgun start at midday, and the buffet and prize giving at 5pm. If you would like to buy tickets, please contact the team at Seamab (details below).

In 2015 we developed our new website which feature the Sea Changers, characters who represent the work we do with the children.

This year we have launched a new Facebook page, where we feature the latest news about Seamab, upcoming events and more about the Sea Changers. One of our team has recently been out and about photographing hand knitted Sea Changers in some of the most beautiful parts of Scotland. Please take the time to have a look at our page and share it with your friends and family.

If you are interested in getting involved with fundraising for Seamab, please get in touch. We are currently planning events and are interested in working with people from the local community on these.

More information about Seamab is available on our website [www.seamab.org.uk](http://www.seamab.org.uk) and you can contact us by phone on (01577) 840307 or by email at [info@seamab.org.uk](mailto:info@seamab.org.uk)

## Kinross-shire Civic Trust Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday 12 April 2016**

in Cleish Village Hall at 7.30pm

The AGM will be followed by a talk by Uwe Stoneman, Manager of the RSPB Loch Leven Reserve, entitled

### 'Giving Nature a Home: Loch Leven'

This will be a good opportunity to hear what RSPB's plans are for the future of Loch Leven

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## Kinross High School Parent Council

The aims of the Parent Council 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).

**Meetings** of the Parent Council will take place 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](mailto:khsparentcouncil83@gmail.com). Specific issues relating to individual pupils should always be raised directly with the School in the first instance.

On 16 February, the Parent Council ran an extremely successful Jobs Fair for pupils to support them in finding their niche in the world of work. With fantastic support from the School's Enterprise and Employability Coordinator Jenny Breen, Careers Officer Gillian Charleston and Guidance staff, the pupils were well prepared to take advantage of this opportunity.

Many parents of pupils volunteered their time to speak to pupils about their varied work experiences. There were doctors, vets, nurses from a variety of fields, representatives of social care, an artist, a linguist and, of course, a school event wouldn't be complete without a teacher! Local businesses such as The Green Hotel, Kinross Physiotherapy, Cliff Megginson Electricians, The Barn Hairdressing, McNab Sport, a local computing firm, and Lomond Hills Veterinary sent representatives. The world of law became more interesting for some pupils after speaking to representatives of Culley and McAlpine and Pagan Osborne.

Larger organisations such as the Police, Fire Service, RBS, and Aviva were also represented. Air Service Training Perth captured the imagination of some budding engineers and pilots and Perth College shared information on the many training courses they offer.

Some young employees of Scottish Water enthusiastically shared the many and varied jobs to be found in large organisations. Similarly the Navy and Army representatives surprised some pupils when describing the diversity of roles to be found in these services.

Thank you all for your community spirit and for the help in making this event so successful!



KHS Parent Council is now represented on Facebook. If you would like to become a member of this Facebook group, please email the Clerk (details below). 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.

Please contact Kathy Campbell (Clerk) on 07527 485300 or by email on [campbell.kathy73@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:campbell.kathy73@yahoo.co.uk).

## Milnathort Primary School

### 50th Birthday Celebrations

We will be celebrating our golden anniversary in June 2016 as 50 years have passed since the opening of the school on Bridgefauld Road.

As part of the celebrations we will be reviewing our history. We plan to make a display of MPS over the years so we are looking for **any former pupils or staff** who would be able to help with any of the following;

- to talk to us about their experiences and memories at MPS, for example on the official opening day, school dinners at the time, former teachers and staff
- be able to show or lend any memorabilia, for example old school books or photos
- give us copies of photos, memorabilia or artefacts for display
- know of any time capsule buried in the MPS grounds.

Please contact Jan Leach, Clerk, Parent Council, Milnathort Primary School, by phone on 07753 421448 or by email at [janleach@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:janleach@hotmail.co.uk)

## Milnathort Primary School

### Parent Council

Following our latest meeting on Wednesday 3 February, our latest news includes the following items.

As part of the school self-evaluation process a new Parent Focus Group will be set up shortly. The group will meet with the head teacher.

We are planning the school's 50th birthday celebrations in June. Parent Council have agreed to purchase the excellent Maths software package EDPAX for the benefit of our pupils and staff. We are hoping to order some games to be painted on the playground.

Love Our Grounds. Thank you to **Christine Findlay** for securing a kind donation of tree saplings from **the Woodland Trust**. We are grateful to our parent volunteers and P1 and P1/2 students for planting these in our grounds. We are starting to see signs of Spring with our Dobbies bulbs emerging. Dates for the diary:

**Monday 2 May**, Parent Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Campus.

**Saturday 4 June**, Summer Fair.

**Monday 13 June**, Parent Council

**Thursday 23 June**, Milnathort Primary School 50th Birthday.

All parents are welcome to attend Parent Council meetings.

Please note that copies of our minutes are available via the new school website [www.milnathortprimaryschool.org.uk](http://www.milnathortprimaryschool.org.uk) or as a paper copy in the school office.

Jan Leach, Clerk, Parent Council, contact, [jan.leach@milnathortprimary.org.uk](mailto:jan.leach@milnathortprimary.org.uk)

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## Portmoak Primary School

### Ski Trip

Last month 47 children from primary three to seven classes had the fabulous opportunity of a full day skiing in Glenshee. We had been watching the weather for a while and keeping our fingers crossed that the slopes would eventually be open. Our luck was in, and on Friday 26 February the children, staff and parent volunteers left on the coach from Kinnesswood for the long (and winding!) journey to Glenshee.

A fantastic day was had on the slopes by everyone and the progress made could be seen in those trying out skiing for the very first time.

### Cross Country at Perth Race Course

On Tuesday 16 February, 20 children from primary six and seven competed in the annual Cross Country Championships at Perth Race Course. The children kept their spirits up despite the inclement weather and could all be very proud of their overall finishing times.

Our primary six girls were awarded Gold Team winners for their combined effort, showing real sportsmanship and support for their team members. The girls are now planning to compete once more as a team in the Primary Schools Cross Country Championships in Kirkcaldy this April.



*The Gold Team winners of Portmoak Primary School*

### National Youth Choir of Scotland Voicemail Project

Christopher Bell, Artistic Director of NYCoS, visited Portmoak in January. 16 boys were identified through a workshop to participate in a day of singing, culminating in a concert for parents on Tuesday 29 March at Perth Concert Hall.

Mr Young, our visiting music teacher, has been supporting the boys in preparation for the day. During his recent revisit to Portmoak, Mr Bell praised the boys for their fantastic singing and dedication to learning the Scottish songs for the big event.

### Euroquiz Heats

On Wednesday 16 March, five children from primary six competed in the Perth and Kinross Euroquiz heat.

It was a tough competition throughout, but the team were delighted with their consistent high scoring rounds. It was a nail biting final between Portmoak and Blackford Primary Schools with our Portmoak team finally securing the title for another year by one point! Good luck to the team as they move on to represent Perth and Kinross in the finals in Edinburgh.



*The Euroquiz team*

### Books in, books out

We were very fortunate to receive more books from our friends at Moto Services in Kinross. They very kindly donated nine boxes of books which the children will now be able to use to support their literacy and language learning in the classroom. The children at Portmoak are aware of how lucky they are and wanted to pay something back by supporting children in other countries. To do this, the children from the community committee have arranged for the donation of 12 boxes of our used books to a charity called 'The Bookery' which will take the books to schools and libraries in South Africa.



*Portmoak pupils with their books*

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**The Club Championship** was a new event this year, held over a weekend. The winners were Fossoway, consisting of Sid Grant, Tom McColgan, Gerry Grant, Colin Low (skip) with Mike Caffyn. Runners up were Orwell, represented by Dave Cottingham, Callum Forshaw (skip), Alan Dearing and John Cassells. Thanks to all involved. Make sure you get your entry in next year!

**Blairhill Trophy:** Kinross won this Loch Leven Province competition this year.

**Thistle Pairs:** Organised by Kinross & District Ladies Branch (KDLB), this competition was won by Edna and Margaret Nelson.



*From left: Ladies Branch President Jane Drysdale presents the Thistle Pairs trophy to Edna and Margaret Nelson  
Photo: Eileen Thomas*

**KDLB Points:** Orwell Ladies (Valerie Inglis, Wilma Brownlie and Susan Scougal) won the club category and the top-scoring individual was Irene Baillie.

**Club Meetings:** Club representatives met with some of the trustees and ice rink staff on 3 and 10 March to share and discuss ideas to improve curling for all.

**Closing Bonspiel:** This takes place on **Saturday 9 April**.

**Season Celebration and Prizegiving:** Come and celebrate with this season's winners on **Saturday 9 April**, 7.15pm for 7.30pm in the Curlers' Bar. There will be a welcome drink and nibbles before presentation of all the league trophies and prizes. All welcome.

**RCCC Ladies Bonspiel, 10 April:** We are thrilled to host this event, which has been reinstated to the annual RCCC programme.

**Barn Dance:** The Ladies Branch is organising a Barn Dance to help raise funds towards the cost of hosting the Henderson Bishop competition at Kinross in 2017. The dance takes place on **Saturday 14 May** at Old Fergie, Glenfarg, courtesy of Rob and Fiona Doig. There will be a buffet as well as dancing. BYOB. Tickets, at £20, are available from Jane Drysdale, tel 07836 764183.

**Phil Barton meets our CCTV sponsor:** Trustee Phil and his wife Judith took the chance to meet Kay Sugahara whilst on a trip to New York. Kay is an old friend of many curlers at Kinross and he made the generous donation to install CCTV cameras and monitors at the rink. The wonders of software and the internet allowed Phil to show Kay a live match at Kinross involving Kinross Curling Club.



*Generous sponsor Kay Sugahara with Phil Barton*

**Can you help?** Kinross Curling School is looking for more helpers to assist coaches at the After School Clubs. The clubs meet weekly on Mondays, 4pm-5.15pm (primary school pupils over 8) and Tuesdays, 4.15pm-5.30pm (secondary school pupils). If you might be interested, please contact Claire Milne by email at:

[kinrossdev@royalcaledoniancurlingclub.org](mailto:kinrossdev@royalcaledoniancurlingclub.org)

## Fossoway Curling Club

As the season draws to a close, **Ian Nicholson** is sweeping the boards. He has won the Reid Cup, has an unassailable lead in the Stewart Cup and has won the Paterson Trophy for Club Champion for the fourth year running. In the Grant Cup, which we play with Fossoway Ladies as a mixed rink competition, this year's winner is **Debbie Weir**.

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 (01577) 840695 or Willie on (01577) 840405 for details.



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## Kinross Hockey Club

### Ladies Report

The best news of the month is that we have been able to return to KGV to play our home fixtures. The rain has eased off, the snow and frosts stayed away, and after a number of nomadic months playing all our hockey away from home, it's a delight to get back to our home turf.

On the pitch, it has been a month of mixed success for both teams. Our firsts won one and lost two games and now sit exactly in the middle of the table, albeit teams above and below us have games in hand. The finish line is in sight for us now, with only three Championship games left to play. Being only our second season playing at a National Level, and playing in Division A, it is fair to say we have found the competition to be tough. We will be delighted to finish mid table – our task is to win the remaining games of the season. Our seconds have played four games this month, securing two wins, a draw and a loss. The great news is that these results have left us sitting in second place in the League. The League has been a tightly fought competition this year, and only a few points separate the teams at the top. Our League games are all complete now, so all we can do is wait for results from other games, knowing it's mathematically possible for us to finish in second place! Fingers crossed our competition do us a favour or two!

Our cup season continues with Knockout and League Cup fixtures still to be played.

The ladies section has now signed up a second sponsor in the shape of Gowrie Contracts Ltd. This is a three-year deal at silver level, which means that Gowrie's logo will appear on the back of our strips from the start of next season. Gowrie Contracts are a Dundee-based firm, specialising in demolition and asbestos removal. Do take a look at their website and Facebook page.

### Men's Report

Sponsored by Loch Leven's Larder, the firsts play in East Men's District Division one.

Kinross beat Gala 6-1 before drawing 1-1 with Grange Development. Next was a 5-0 win over Edinburgh University before losing narrowly to Watsonians 2-3. The Firsts currently lie in third place having played 15, won nine, drawn two and lost four, with 29 points and 8 points behind the league leaders Edinburgh University but with three games in hand, so all to play for.

The Seconds played back to back games against Edinburgh University, losing 1-4 before a 2-1 win. Next were defeats to Fidora 2-3 and Dunfermline 0-5. The Seconds currently lie in seventh place in division 3, having played 14, won four, drawn one and lost nine.

### Aussie, Aussie, Aussie

Kinross resident and member of Kinross Hockey Club, **Gurdial Duhre** is off to Australia to represent Scotland in the veterans' hockey world cup. It is being held in Canberra A.C.T. during the first two weeks of April. The team came back with a bronze medal last August in the veterans' European Championship held in England. However, everyone appreciates that it will be a tall order for Scotland to



Gurdial Duhre



repeat that exploit as the antipodeans will be at full strength playing in their home territory. We wish him and the team the best of luck.

## Kinross Kobras (Junior Hockey)

The indoor tournament season continued last month with another trip to Dundee for Kobras U10 and U12 teams.

All teams came away with a least one win under their belt, with the older U12 team winning all its matches. Skills have improved considerably but we still need to be a bit sharper at the start of tournaments, as we are typically slow starters. (Men's teams also suffer from this affliction!)

The next tournament is the first outdoor tournament of the year and is being held at KGV Kinross on **3 April** so we hope for a number of Kobras teams to be taking part in this at U10, U12 and U14 level.

It is great to be back training at KGV and hopefully, as the weather improves, more will enjoy coming along to training. This takes place on a Tuesday and Thursday evening 6.30pm-7.30pm and new players are always welcome.



Looks like fun... the U10 players at the recent tournament in Dundee

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## Kinross-shire Community Sports Hub



A meeting was held on Tuesday 8 March to officially form the new Kinross-shire Community Sport Hub. The following clubs/organisations will be the founding members of the Hub: Kinross Curling, Kinross Ladies Netball, Kinross-shire Cricket, Kinross Otters, Kinross Colts, Kinross Table Tennis, KGV Playing Fields, Kinross Primary School, Kinross Volleyball, Kinross Hockey, Fossoway Community Council, Kinross Adult Otter Swim Club. Support is provided to the hub by the Community Sport Hubs Officer, Active Schools Co-ordinator and Senior Capacity Building Worker.

Several clubs have expressed an interest and will confirm in the near future whether or not they will be joining. These clubs are: Wheelchair Curling, Kinross Tennis, Kinross Rugby, Loch Leven Diamond baton twirlers, and Kinross Cycling. Community Sport Hubs (CSH) is one of the Scottish Government's 2014 Legacy Plan Initiatives which aims to:

- Increase the number of people of all ages participating in sport in communities in Scotland.
- Bring all organisations and parties interested and involved in local sport together to share good practice, expertise, knowledge and resources.
- Provide a unified voice for improving sport and widening sporting opportunities in the community.
- Achieve a shared vision for developing sport.

The development of a community sport hub in Kinross-shire is a very exciting opportunity to put local sport on the national map. Clubs, organisations and individuals are very welcome to join. Membership is free and open to all. The next meeting for the hub will be held at Loch Leven Community Campus on **Wednesday 20 April** from 6.30 to 8pm.

After Easter, a competition will be held to invite all the local primary school children to design a logo for the sports hub.

A community consultation will also be carried out to enable the hub to learn more about community thoughts regarding sports, physical activity, and local facilities. This will enable the hub to shape an action plan to develop sport in the area.

We are looking for volunteers who can bring marketing, journalism, PR, social media and other business, academic and leadership skills to assist the hub and help it to grow and develop. A commitment of one to two hours per month is required.

For further information about opportunities to grow local sport, please contact Kirsteen Ross, Community Sport Hub Officer at [KirsteenRoss@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:KirsteenRoss@pkc.gov.uk).

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## Kinross Swimmers



We had our AGM recently at a very convivial social evening. Membership has been pegged at £10 for another year; pretty good value. New members are not expected to pay until they've been for a month or so and know they are happy to join in. So there's no excuse for not at least giving it a go.

Once again we have some bright ideas for the coming season and hope to utilise some trainee coaches from Perth along with the odd professional coach. We also hope to have the odd away day to a 50 metre pool and an outdoor pool. Tara has been hard at work on the new style coaching rota and we have had some excellent, varied and challenging sessions recently. We have healthy numbers in the pool at the moment averaging around 15. At last it is beginning to feel like a swimming club. Swimming in a club setting is proven to be much more beneficial than solo swimming. 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 that you feel much better and it has to be better fun than an hour lounging on the sofa. You'll have no problem sleeping after a good session, I promise!

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

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

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## **Volleyball**

### **Kinross boys in national final**

Edinburgh University Sports Hall hosted the under 16 boys Junior National League play-offs on 13 March with a Kinross boys team featuring in this, their first season.

The boys, all pupils of Kinross High School, met Edinburgh NUVOC in the morning semi-final, winning the first set 25-20 and scraping through in the second 27-25 to set up a final with City of Edinburgh who had defeated South Ayrshire in their semi-final.

In the final, City of Edinburgh put their hours of practice together as a team into action, giving the Kinross boys a lesson in controlled three touch volleyball, winning the match by two sets to love (25-12; 25-11). Despite losing, the Kinross boys were congratulated for reaching a national final in their first season of competition.

The boys are now looking forward to competing in the Scottish Volleyball Association Super Cup which takes place over the Easter holidays.

The boys, who started their volleyball with Kinross Boys Brigade when they were 10 years old, have progressed through the ranks of the Perth District League, East Regional League with Premier League Champions Kinross Scotrange. The boys also play in the Scottish National League with City of Edinburgh.



*Mitchell Brown (left) and Mark Cathro (right)*



*The Kinross boys volleyball finalists*

### **Kinross boys on International Volleyball duty**

Two Kinross boys, **Mark Cathro** and **Mitchell Brown** have been selected to play for the Scotland under 20s mens team in Cyprus over the Easter weekend.

They have gone through a training and selection process over a considerable period of time, leading up to the Power League. These fixtures were excellent in providing the opportunity for high level matches to the young athletes. The benefits of all those sessions with the coaching team were highlighted as the standard of performance was consistently excellent. After the final Power League fixture on 28 February, the names of the players in the final selection were announced. This is always a difficult exercise for everyone but it is also an unavoidable aspect of performance sport. Scottish Volleyball is all the better for the efforts made by players and staff in the build-up programme, and in particular in the outstanding Power League.

The final twelve selected players will carry the responsibility of showcasing Scottish Volleyball in Cyprus and working to achieve the targets set by the whole squad at the Christmas Camp. The players who have been selected will continue to work hard to add the final polish before heading off to face the challenge of international sport.

The Scotland team find themselves in pool B of the Small Nations Championships opening against San Marino and then playing Luxembourg, both on Friday 1 April. Pool A features host nation Cyprus along with Northern Ireland and the Faroe Islands. There will be cross-pool play-offs on 2 April with the semi-finals and final being played on 3 April.

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## Kinross-shire Cricket Club

### Management Committee

Following on from last month's article, the club is delighted to announce that we have now filled the two remaining committee posts. **Rosemary Turlik** has taken on the role of leading the fundraising efforts and 16 year old **Lewis McLaren** is the young person's representative. The new management have already met and are starting to draw up some exciting plans for 2016.



### Better Place to Live Fair

The club had a stand at the Better Place to Live Fair at the start of March and we were delighted with the high number of visitors who took the time to stop and chat with our volunteers. A big thank you to Elizabeth, Gerrold, Ant, Kirsteen and John for manning the stand on the day. It really is amazing how much interest in cricket there is in the local community.

### Perth & Kinross Sports Awards

The club was represented at the annual Perth & Kinross Sports Awards held at Dewar's in Perth on 11 March. The awards recognise the people and groups that have contributed to local and national sport during 2015.

In the past the club, coaches and players have picked up several awards although this year we were very happy to be invited as guests. The highlight of the evening was the talk by Scottish commonwealth boxer Charlie Flynn as he told of his journey from under 10 junior to international fame.

### Senior Indoor League

The indoor season has finished and the club can take great pride in the performance of our two indoor teams this year. The U25 Voges team was the stand out team in the competition by only losing two games. The over 40s Relics team were perhaps the most entertaining team, although they did finish strongly, winning three of their last four matches.

### New Season dates

Junior outdoor training starts on **Monday 18 April** at the Loch Leven's Larder ground from 6.15 – 8pm.

Junior training is split into age groups from primary three up to senior school S6. All our coaches are UKCC qualified and PVG certified. Junior numbers continue to grow but we still have space for any child looking to 'give cricket a go'.

This season will see the return of the hugely popular 'Wee Stramash' junior inter-club fixtures as well as Scottish Cup and ECB National Cup campaigns for U13s and U15s. There will also be a wide range of hardball fixtures against other clubs and regular Kwik Cricket festivals for younger players. Full details of the training arrangement and upcoming fixtures can be found on the club website at [www.kinrosscc.co.uk](http://www.kinrosscc.co.uk) and on the club Facebook page.

The senior team start their season with a home fixture on Sunday 24 April against Broomhall.

This year we will be playing in the newly reorganised Strathmore and Perthshire West Division as well as entering the Scottish Small Clubs Cup and the SPCU Two Counties Cup.

Mid-week cricket will see the club play in the newly formed Fife Last Man Stands competition. This is the local franchise of the global Last Man Stands series. Our eight-aside team will play under the Kinross Ospreys team colours with the chance for the Fife franchise winners playing in the Scottish finals and, ultimately, in the world finals in Cape Town, South Africa in September.

Senior training is normally held on Thursday nights although this is flexible depending on mid-week away fixtures. Again, keep an eye on Facebook for weekly schedules.

### Ken Reilly and Alan Harper

Finally, the club would like to pass on our very best wishes to long-standing supporters and past executive committee members **Ken Reilly** and **Alan Harper**, both of whom have been unwell of late but are now on the road to recovery. Best wishes to you both and we look forward to welcoming you back for tea and cakes at some of the home fixtures in the very near future.

## Kinross Tennis Club

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

A huge thank you to all members, their friends and family for supporting our annual quiz night at the rugby club. A great night was had thanks to the expert quiz driving force of Mike and Elaine Spain to whom we are, as ever, indebted. Now onto lighter subject matters and the lifting of tennis rackets – yes, the new season is upon us!



Come down and join us for a hit on **Saturday 2 April** at our **Open Day**. We'll be there from 10.30am to 3pm for membership renewals and enquiries, coaching enquiries and bookings and general information. Existing members will need to exchange their court key for the new season.

Next up will be the start of our 2016 coaching programme, commencing with the **Junior Easter Camp** running from **Monday 11 April to Friday 15 April**. This will be followed by the summer term block of coaching which will run on **Tuesdays and Fridays** and starts on **Friday 22 April**. Bookings for both can be made by emailing Siobhan at [kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com](mailto:kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com)

For adults, numbers will start to increase at the club sessions on **Wednesdays at 6.30pm**, **Sundays at 10.30am** and the **Thursday afternoon social session at 1.30pm**. The Tennis Tayside leagues will also start at the end of April, with Perth and District leagues close behind. We also hope to run some adult beginner coaching this season, subject to demand, so please get in touch if you are interested.

As ever, new members are welcome and enquiries can be made to our secretary Margaret Hamblin on (01577) 850252 or at [kinrosstennis@gmail.com](mailto:kinrosstennis@gmail.com).

Visitors are also welcome. Keys are available from Sands the Ironmongers for a small fee.

### Need Equipment for a Community Event?

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

## Kinross Otters Scottish National Age Group Championships 2016



These are the main championships for non-adult swimmers in Scotland. They are due to take place from 30 March until 3 April at Tollcross International Swimming Centre in Glasgow.

Even qualifying for these championships is a huge achievement so well done to **Ola Stanton** (reigning 50m Breaststroke Champion) who has qualified for 50m and 100m Breaststroke and 50m Freestyle; **Jack Muncey** in the 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m Freestyle, 50m, 100m and 200m Backstroke and 50m and 100m Butterfly; **Iona Crawford** in the 50m, 100m and 200m Breaststroke.

### Leagues Update

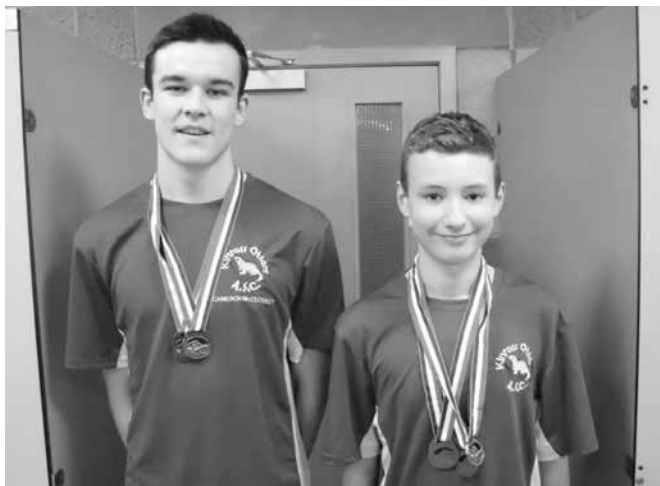
The Otters Premier League team were in superb form at Montrose for the first league match of 2016 on 13 February; they even managed to snatch an unexpected victory.

Things got even better when **Grant Ogilvie** (17) broke the Otters 100m Breaststroke club record by 0.9 secs in 1.13.71 as did **Cameron Nelson** (17) with his own record in the 100m Butterfly (0.31 secs off in 1.04.43).

The **First Division** team managed to retain their First Division league status from last year and finished fourth out of five teams in their first league match at Kinross on 20 February. They look set for another dog fight for survival this year too.

## Carnegie Spring Age Group Meet Michael Woods Leisure Centre, Glenrothes 20 and 21 February

This meet drew swimmers from all over Central Scotland, Edinburgh, East Lothian and Tayside and proved to be competitive as ever. The Otters sent a small team of six swimmers and returned with five medals.



Medal winners from Carnegie Spring Meet  
left is Cameron McCloskey, right is Jack Muncey

**Jack Muncey** (12) won three of them with gold in the 200m Backstroke in 2.31.73 leaving him eleventh quickest in the Scottish rankings. He also won silver in the 100m Backstroke in a very quick 1.09.71 (fourth in the Scottish rankings) and bronze in the 400m Freestyle in 4.42.24 (sixth in the Scottish rankings).

**Cameron McCloskey** (17) showed some excellent form to win gold in the 50m Freestyle (25.97) and a bronze in the 100m Backstroke in 1.05.54, shaving 1.05 secs off the oldest Otters club record, set exactly 14 years ago to the day.

## Dundee City Aquatics Mini Meet Olympia Pool, Dundee, 6 March

Just about every club in Tayside converged on the Olympia Pool in Dundee for this age eight to eleven year old meet. For many, this was their first experience of competition and this showed in the number of disqualifications for technical infringements (a ruthless bunch, the swimming crowd!). The Otters sent a large team of 22 swimmers and managed to finish fourth in the Overall Best Club competition.



Most of the Dundee Mini Meet team (coach Fiona Dodds at back)

**Ben Smallwood** (9) had a great day with a superb gold medal in the age eight to nine Boys 50m Butterfly in 47.21, winning by over a second. He also picked up silver medals in the 50m Freestyle and 200m Individual Medley in 39.55 and 3.41.22 respectively. This was enough for Ben to win third place in the overall Best Boy competition. Well done to **Ben**.

Foremost amongst the girls was the ever consistent **Emily Cumming** (10) who won silver medals in the 200m Individual Medley (3.20.12) and the 50m Butterfly (41.45) in the ten year old Girls category. She also claimed bronze medals in the 50m Breaststroke (49.15) and 50m Backstroke (40.97).

**Murray Pritchard** (11) came away with a silver medal in the 50m Freestyle, just beating the third placed swimmer by 0.01 of a second! He also won bronze medals in the 50m Breaststroke (45.70) and 50m Backstroke (39.11) in the eleven year old Boys category.

**Zosia Stanton** (11) proved simply unstoppable in her best event, the 50m Freestyle, in 31.61.....gold obviously!

Completing the individual hall of fame was **Ruaraidh Sturgess** (10) with a bronze in the 50m Breaststroke in 55.71.

The relay teams did not disappoint either. The Boys 4 x 50m Freestyle age eight to eleven year old (**Cailean Thomson, Rory Griffin, Ben Smallwood and Murray Pritchard**) had the tougher time as they were up against 10 other teams, but they still managed an excellent bronze medal in 2.36.32. The Girls 4 x 50m Freestyle age eight to eleven year old team (**Helen Hamilton, Ailsa Reith, Emily Cumming and Maeve Pakravan**) also won a bronze medal against five other teams in 2.41.07.

There were many other great personal performances, too many to mention, but what was clear for all to see, was that the Otters continue to punch well above their weight and are a force to be reckoned with. Well done to **all** our young swimmers.

## Kinross Cavaliers Basketball Club



It seems everyone wants to play basketball these days! Training at Kinross Cavaliers is held on Tuesday evenings from 6pm until 8pm at Loch Leven Community Campus and the Club has never been so busy! Players learn basic to advanced basketball skills and have great fun keeping fit.

After taking part in Basketball Scotland's 'Future Starz' training programme, three of our Kinross Cavaliers girls have been selected to play for Scotland this year. At the end of April, Holly McIntyre and Becky Jackson will play for the Under 12 Scotland team, and Ella Doherty will play for the Scotland Under 13 team in the TIM tournament in Andorra, against teams from all over Spain and a few teams from France.

All three girls will now spend every weekend training with their squads in preparation for the tournaments. Ella would like to thank *Caledonia Washroom Services, Borland Insurance, Fossoway Private Hire Taxi Services and Robertson Capital Projects*, for their generous contributions toward her training and travel expenses.

Everyone at Kinross Cavaliers wishes them Good Luck.

**GO TEAM SCOTLAND!**



*l to r: Ella Doherty, Becky Jackson and Holly McIntyre*

At this time we are, unfortunately, unable to enrol any new players, but if you would like to come along, please get in touch with one of the club representatives below who can place you on our short waiting list.

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## Kinross Golf Club

With two games remaining to complete the Winter League, **Tom Bruce** is uncatchable in the low handicap points section and **Stanley Ross** is comfortably leading the high handicap points section. As usual the eclectic in both sections is too close to call and will go down to the wire.

The Gents section of the Mail on Sunday lost away to Milnathort in a tight game. Congratulations to Milnathort for having the course in excellent condition despite the fact we were still in the grip of winter. We also thank them for their warm and friendly hospitality.

Throughout the winter the Ladies have been playing friendly but competitive golf on Thursday mornings. Some great golf has been played despite often difficult weather conditions! This is an excellent opportunity for ladies thinking about getting a handicap to come along and join in for some practice and to meet other ladies before the season kicks in.

The 2016 season officially opens on Saturday 26 March with the annual Captain v Vice-captain competition. The day is rounded off with the Opening Season dance in the clubhouse in the evening.

On **Saturday 9 April** the club will be hosting its annual **Charity Quiz** night. Teams are made up of four, the entry fee is £5 per person and all proceeds will go to a charity picked by the winning team. Look out for more information on the club website or in the clubhouse.

The date for the 2016 **Mixed Open** is **Sunday 8 May**. The format is foursomes and the entry fee is £12 per couple. To enter, download an application form from the website [golfempire.co.uk](http://golfempire.co.uk) or email [office@kinrossgolfclub.co.uk](mailto:office@kinrossgolfclub.co.uk).

Kinross Golf Club has four golfing sections: Gents, Ladies, Seniors and Juniors. All sections have their own schedule of competitions running from April through to October, as well as participating in local leagues and friendly matches during the season. Competitions are played over two 18-hole courses, 'The Bruce' and 'The Montgomery'.

For non-golfers, a social membership is available for £30 a year. This offers access to the clubhouse facilities and all social events such as dances and other entertainment as well as a discount on food and drink.

For more information about golf and social memberships and other club activities, check out the Kinross Golf Club website at [www.kinrossgolfclub.co.uk](http://www.kinrossgolfclub.co.uk) or pop into the clubhouse.

## Kinross Men's Walking Football Team

Join us every week for a slice of the beautiful game at a slower pace. Walking football is aimed at over 50s (however anyone is welcome) to provide exercise, improve skills, meet people and of course just have a lot of fun!!

We are looking to set up a team in the Kinross area to meet up and play every week at a local facility.

In the winter months we will play inside, when the weather is warmer we will play outside.

All the rules of football are the same, except you just can't run! Interested?

For information contact Bryan on 07771 541797

Or Email: [bhill@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:bhill@pkc.gov.uk)



**MILNATHORT** – February: After President, Ann Reid, welcomed all to the meeting, business was read. We were then introduced to Celia and James Fernie, who run the Greyhound Rescue Fife centre based near Kinross.

The centre takes in abandoned, injured or unwanted greyhounds and attempts to rehome them as soon as possible. The greyhound is a fairly easy dog to keep as it doesn't request a lot of walking and may prefer to sleep most of the day! It has a gentle nature and always welcomes a cuddle; it is also a good therapy dog.

The centre welcomes many groups and individuals to meet the dogs and help with the exercising, feeding and cleaning of kennels. Donations for the upkeep are always welcome; recently, thanks to a large donation from a major retail pet supplier, the centre was able to build new kennels.

Competitions winners:

Flower of the Month	Margaret Dewar
Jar of Orange Marmalade	Claudia Pleasse
Old Kitchen Utensil	Ena Thomson

March: After business was read, we were introduced to the Federation Small Singing Group who gave us a most entertaining evening of song.

Competition winners:

Flower of the Month	Helen Galletley
Small Picture	Ena Thomson
Empire Biscuits	Kathleen King

**CROOK OF DEVON** – President Alice Johnson welcomed everyone to the meeting. After business, she introduced Neal Robertson, inventor of the spon. Whilst making a pot of likuni phala for us all to taste, Neal gave us a very entertaining talk on how he patented his invention, became the World Porridge Champion in 2010, World Speciality Porridge Champion in 2011 and World Cullen Skink Champion in 2014.

The vote of thanks was given by Alice Johnson.

Competitions winners:

Flower of the Month	A Johnson
Three Oatcakes	I White

**BISHOPSHIRE** – President Norma welcomed members and our speaker Lynn McPhillips-Smith of the Duck Door Bakery who demonstrated how to decorate cupcakes and gave members a chance to try their hand at this craft.

Competitions:

Decorated Cup Cake	Mary Bayne
Pretty Napkin	Janette Gardiner

**GLENFARG** – President Mrs Margot Moran introduced Moya Fox from Save the Children Fund. Moya's talk on the aftermath of the earthquake in Nepal and the work of the Fund in that region and elsewhere in the world was both interesting and informative, leading to a greater appreciation of the need of this kind of organisation in the modern world.

Jeannie Black gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions winners:

Easter Bonnet	Margot Moran
Individual Quiche	Alison Harrison
Bowl of Bulbs	Allison Messenger

**CLEISH** – President Mrs Helen Buchanan welcomed thirty members and guests to our March meeting.

After business she and her committee members held a Beetle Drive and Bingo Fun Night and we enjoyed an entertaining, laughter filled and sociable evening.

Flower of the Month

Elinor Craig

Favourite Scarf

Dorothy Morris

**CARNBO** – President Molly White welcomed thirty members and five guests to our March meeting.

After business, five members of Blackford Rural gave a wonderful evening of entertainment. Lexa, Shona, Julie, Cathie and Tracey recited poetry, gave a cookery demonstration, a logo quiz, floral art with a difference, a memory game, Irish bingo, sang ballads and even had us all making origami bookmarks!

Jay Hutchison gave a vote of thanks. A great night was had by all.

Flower of the Month

Josephine Paterson

Three Easter Cup Cakes

Susan Malcolm

The next meeting will take place on 18 April at Carnbo Hall at 7.15pm. All welcome. The speaker will be Angus Whitson (A Man with Two Dogs).

## SWI Group Spring Meeting

At the Kinross SWI Group Spring meeting, the Ramage Dawson Trophy was won by Glenfarg. Runners-up were Milnathort, who won the Erskine Trophy. Jean Paterson (Milnathort) won the Jessie Smith Salver for the best individual performance. Glenfarg now go on the compete in the Elizabeth Gardner competition in April.

## Local Attraction Opening Times

### Lochleven Castle, Castle Island, Kinross



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

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

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

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

25 Mar to 30 September: Daily, 10am to last outward sailing at 4.15pm

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

Admission prices: Adult £5.50, Child £3.30, Conc £4.40. HS members free.

# Out & About



## Loch Leven NNR



It's great to see that the water level has finally dropped enough for people to get access to the whole of the Heritage Trail again. A recent spell of high pressure brought decidedly spring-like weather to the area, and it was fantastic to see so many people able to get out and enjoy the National Nature reserve in the sunshine. The Walkathon for Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland was particularly busy with the weather being very kind to them. Over £7000 was raised for the charity on the day, with stock donations going to the CHSS shop in Cowdenbeath. We're delighted to be supporting such an important charity locally, and are also happy that over 200 people are able to enjoy Loch Leven, many of which may never have visited before. (*See also page 26.*)

This month also saw the launch of our reserve management plan consultation phase. Initially we spoke with our volunteers, and then we were at the Better Place to Live Fair talking to people about plans for the next 10 years. A stakeholders' meeting took place with our deputy chairperson, Sue Walker, before hosting a public reception on the evening of Wednesday 9 March. Over the course of the four events we've gathered a rich tapestry of ideas and thoughts relating to management of the reserve, as well as access to it. Many people have been particularly supportive of some proposals within the management plan draft, and we were encouraged to note that key stakeholders shared a similar vision for the future of Loch Leven. You still have an opportunity to have a look at, and comment on the draft stage of the plan, as our consultation phase runs through until Friday 15 April. The management plan and consultation leaflet are both available on our website: [www.nnr-scotland.org.uk/loch-leven](http://www.nnr-scotland.org.uk/loch-leven). Alternatively, you can email us directly using the following address: [lochleven\\_nnr@snh.gov.uk](mailto:lochleven_nnr@snh.gov.uk)

### Gardens Open

The following gardens in the area are opening for charity in April:



**Briglands House**, Rumbling Bridge, KY13 0PS  
1 April – 15 June, by arrangement. Contact Mrs Briony Multon 01577 840205, [briony@briglands.com](mailto:briony@briglands.com)

**Hollytree Lodge**, Muckhart, Dollar, FK14 7JW  
1 – 10 April, by arrangement. Contact Mr & Mrs Peter Wyatt 0797 337 4687 [elizwyatt@aol.com](mailto:elizwyatt@aol.com)

**Pitcurran House**, Abernethy, PH2 9LH  
1 April – 30 September, by arrangement. Contact Mrs R Noel-Paton 01738 850933 [patricia@pitcurran.com](mailto:patricia@pitcurran.com)

**Glendoick**, by Perth, PH2 7NS  
1 April – 31 May 10am-4pm

**Megginch Castle**, Errol, PH2 7SW  
Sunday 10 April, 2pm-5pm.

For further details, check the Scotland's Gardens website: [www.scotlandsgardens.org](http://www.scotlandsgardens.org)

Our next guided walk is just around the corner, with 'Tracks and Signs' being looked for in **Levenmouth Woods** on **Saturday 2 April** from **10am to 12pm**. We'll be meeting at Findatie car park, and looking out for all sorts of things including Otters, Red Squirrels, insects, flowers, wildfowl and other migrant birds as they depart, arrive and pass through Loch Leven ahead of their imminent breeding season. The event is free and open to all, but there may be some occasions to walk off the path in search of particular signs. Be sure to call ahead to book your place on 01577 864439. Any young budding nature detectives are sure to have a great time, so be sure to bring them along too!



*The Visitors' Centre and Wardens' Accommodation, Gungstie, Noss NNR. My summer home – why not come visit?*

It's with some sadness that I must say farewell to Loch Leven NNR once again, but this time I won't be back in six months. I'm off up to Noss NNR again to play with boats and monitor seabirds, before setting forth across the globe for some eagerly anticipated foreign adventuring. I've really enjoyed nearly nine years at Loch Leven NNR, and it'll always feel like home, so I'm sure I'll find my way back to get involved again somehow or other. You needn't worry about me, nor should you worry about this column or the nature reserve. I'm leaving you in the capable hands of reserve managers Jeremy Squire and Therese Alampo, with help through the summer from Tom Cole. If you'd like to keep an eye on what I'm up to in Shetland, then follow the 'Birds of Noss' Facebook group for regular photos and updates from up north. Otherwise you can always keep track of goings on at Loch Leven through their blog at [www.lochlevennnr.wordpress.com](http://www.lochlevennnr.wordpress.com).

Adios, Au revoir, chao, or in the words of the late, great Douglas Adams: so long, and thanks for all the fish!

Craig  
(outgoing) Reserve Officer

## Weather



### February Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall	91.3mm = 3.65 inches
Heaviest rainfall	13.2mm (1st)
Total sunshine for the month	53.4 hours
Sunniest day	5.8 hours (28th)
Maximum temperature average	6.4 °C
Highest temperature	10.5°C (2nd)
Minimum temperature average	-3.82°C
Lowest temperature	-8.9°C (27th)

## RSPB Loch Leven

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



Hello, people! Another month bites the dust and at least the weather seems to have picked up a bit, with a few glimpses of welcome sunshine. The reserve is certainly alive with Spring birdsong as the “love bug” starts to kick in amongst the multitudes of males singing for all they are worth to attract the ladies. The iconic call of Lapwings can once again be heard from the middle hide as they claim territories and perform spectacular display flights. Pinkfoot geese are starting to return north from southern wintering areas and numbers have been building daily as more skeins fly in for a stop off before heading back to Iceland. The summer migrants will also start to appear soon, with Sand Martin reported over the loch on 18 March; they are usually one of the first to come back. More species will start arriving at regular intervals during April including osprey (reported back already at time of writing), swallow, willow warbler, chiff chaff etc.

### Special Offers

Are you bothered by them pesky grey squirrels in your garden? The Squirrel buster range of feeders we stock in the shop will be on offer with 20% off from Wednesday 13th, including both seed and peanut feeder. They really do work and have proved very effective in places like the Botanic Gardens. That offer will run until 26 April. From 12 April, if you spend £35 or over on any product in the shop you can buy a box of 10 Super Suet cakes with sunflower hearts no less, oooh, for half price. Please remember the old saying about only feeding birds during the winter is a bit of a fallacy; parent birds can be under more stress now due to the demands of egg laying and feeding the kids, making up to 600 plus trips a day from dawn till dusk keeping them fed. Jeess! No wonder they look burnt out and a bit bauchled at the end of it!

### Upcoming Events

The shop will be hosting an **Optics Weekend** on **2 and 3 April** from 10am until 5pm each day. The local Swarovski rep Paul Innes will attend on the Sunday to demonstrate their product range and give advice on digi-scoping to improve your photographic images.

On **Sunday 3rd**, from 10am until 2pm, there will be a staff led event to help you learn to recognise **Spring bird songs and calls**.

On **Saturday 9th** we are doing **Family Bushcraft** from 10am until 12.30pm. Does what it says: learn bushcraft and outdoor skills, become a pyromaniac (only kiddin), lichtin fires etc.

**Nature Tots** for this month will be about “**Mud and Mess**” (keep the washin pooder handy) from 10am until 12pm on **Wednesday 13th**.

A **Wildlife Writing Workshop** is taking place on **Sunday 17th** from 10am until 2pm. Bring out your inner writing skills and be inspired by the landscape and local wildlife.

On **Sunday 24th**, 1pm-3pm, the WEX group will be **Pond Dipping** and new kids are more than welcome to come along. Last but not least, a **Family Fun Weekend** will be held on **Saturday 30th** from 10am until 4pm. Join in all the activities running during the day from wildlife challenges to den building. Man! Ma fingers are on fire after typin that lot! All of the above events are advance booking on a first come first served basis. Please contact the reserve for prices or to book. Ta ta till next time,

Colin

## Farming



Well it's confession time, I suppose, so I've looked out my pen of shame to admit to my inadequacies and say ‘well I certainly got that one wrong’. I wrote in my last article about how only a quarter of the intended batch of early lambing ewes turned out to be in lamb but I wasn't too concerned because I put a tup back in beside them at the same time as the rest of the ewes so that any which weren't pregnant would be covered and lamb with the others. Unfortunately, the unforeseen knock-on effect of so few lambing early was that it left too big a job for “wee mini tup” who was put in among them and just over half of that batch ended up not in lamb at all. The most frustrating thing is that we could have easily put another tup in along with mini tup but I didn't think it was necessary and by the time I realised what was happening it was too late to do anything about it. You live and learn, and I certainly have learned an expensive lesson there.

On a more positive note, the rest of the ewes scanned very well, which was a relief and they will be starting to lamb by the time you are reading this. The lambs that were born in the early batch are fairly bouncing around their pen (small pen due to the small number) and we will put them out to a wee sheltered field in the next few days while the weather is still nice, before the snow which will very probably rain on their parade before long. The dry spell of weather we have been having has been very welcome and lifted spirits considerably. We are busy clearing dung out of the cattle sheds and tipping it in heaps in the fields without making much mess at all, although I am carefully choosing dry areas to tip it, as the wet areas are still wet. As I think I have hinted at before, the wet areas of the fields are almost always wet here at Backward Farm. It is a job that has been put off for a while, so it's a relief to be getting it done at last.

Another job I have been busy with is dusting off my election ‘scunnerometer’ as it will be busy over the next while with the forthcoming Scottish parliament election and the European in/out referendum. I have beefed it up a bit as it took a fair battering during the Scottish Indyref and it will no doubt have a lot of scunneration to measure in the weeks to come.

We will have an extra bit of help over the next three weeks as our eldest son is home on holiday from university. This period of ‘slave leave’ as we call it will be fun packed with all the usual unpleasant, student-friendly jobs I have been saving up especially for him! His help will be very useful for the lambing preparations and he should be here for a reasonable part of the lambing itself. Our youngest son will also have his school Easter holidays so he will be roped in to help and Helen will also be off from her job as a school ‘dinner lady’, so the workforce will be so numerous I might just book myself a minibreak as I won't be needed. I've heard Barcelona is nice at this time of year! Ha ha.

John

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# Congratulations



**JO MIDDLEMISS** of Kinross and her cousin Maureen Burnett of Glasgow were joint runners-up for the award '2015 Evening Times Scotswoman of the Year'. Jo and Maureen raise funds for the charity Ethiopia Medical Project and travel to Buccama in Ethiopia every year to help at a women's clinic. (See page 20 for Jo's latest report.)

The Scotswoman of the Year award is sponsored by the Glasgow Evening Times. The winner was Adele Patrick, founder of the Glasgow Women's Library.

For the second year running, **LOCH LEVEN'S LARDER** has been shortlisted for a Greats Gift Retailer Award for "Best Retailer Initiative".

The series of Princess Breakfast and Afternoon Tea events which were held throughout December were a great success, with each event selling out. Children and adults alike loved the events, which saw a whole cast of pantomime characters serving food in the Larder.

Emma Niven, owner, said, "Hosting the Princess events was so much fun for the whole team and we loved seeing the excited faces of our young customers. It is fantastic to be recognised by the Greats Awards for everyone's efforts."

The winners of "The Greats" awards will be revealed on 5 May.



*Showing initiative: Cinderella and other characters from the Larder's "Princess" events*

**ANDREW SCOTT** has been nominated in the category for "Outstanding Contribution to the Scottish Hospitality Industry 2016" in this year's Entertainment & Hospitality Awards.

The nomination comes after a busy year for the Milnathort based entrepreneur, following the launch of Heavens Above and Victus Consultancy, in addition to existing businesses Heaven Scent Coffee Shop and Heaven Scent Kitchen.

The nomination is also a reflection of the huge local and national support Andrew provides the Scottish hospitality industry, as an advisor for Buell Group, associate of HIT, new Chair of Visit Loch Leven and presenter of a weekly hospitality slot for Heartland FM among many other commitments.



Members of the public can vote for these awards by going to the website: [entertainmentawards.co.uk](http://entertainmentawards.co.uk)

**GARRY SIMPSON**, a pupil in S2 at Kinross High School, has flown solo as a glider pilot at the youngest possible age in the UK, which is age 14. Garry has been learning to fly over the past year with instructors at Portmoak Airfield and at Feshie near Aviemore and made his first solo flight on 12 March 2016. Garry, a cadet member of the Scottish Gliding Union, has been enjoying aerobatics, including doing loops and spins over Loch Leven.



*Garry Simpson flies solo at Portmoak Airfield*

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**FR DAVID MACKENZIE MILLS** and the congregation at St Paul's would like to thank the anonymous donor of a beautiful Home Communion set that was left on the church's doorstep on Valentine's Day. It is astonishingly generous and will be invaluable in establishing lay-led Communion to the Housebound by our Pastoral Care group.

# Kinross-shire Churches Together



## Kinross Parish Church of Scotland

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Rev Margaret Michie Tel: (01592) 840602  
Session Clerk: Jaffrey Weir Tel: (01577) 865780

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

### Regular Services and events

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

#### April

**Sun 3** 11.45am: Informal Communion after morning service at 10.30am.

**Mon 4** No 'Silent Meditation' at 8am this month.  
6.30pm – 8pm: 'Speak Out: People's Politics Event' for Scottish Parliament elections in May. Organised by Church of Scotland at the Assembly Hall, Mound, Edinburgh.

**Tue 5** 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.

**Thu 7** 7.30pm: Thursday group, church centre: 'Flower Arranging on a Budget'.

**Sat 9** 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (names in advance to church office).

### Refugee Crisis: Moderator's Cycle Challenge

**Saturday 16 April, 10.30am Kirkgate Park**

Cheer the Moderator of the Church of Scotland and others as they cycle round the loch to raise money for the St. Andrews Refugee Service, Cairo ([stars-egypt.org](http://stars-egypt.org)). A practical response to the refugee crisis. Donate on the day or through Kinross-shire's Church of Scotland congregations or through 'moderatorschallenge' at [mydonate.bt.com](http://mydonate.bt.com).

**Sun 17** 10.30am: Morning Service will be taken by the Elders.

**Tue 19** 7.15pm: Guild, church centre.

**Thu 21** 9pm: late evening service of Compline.

**Sun 24** 6.30pm: Joint Evening Service. Digging Deeper: Prophecy in the Minor Prophets.

**Tue 26** 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 30 April** in Portmoak Hall from 4 - 6pm.

### Dates and events for your diary

**3 Apr** Joint service in Orwell Church 10.30am.

No service at Portmoak Church.

**20 Apr** Guild Afternoon Tea Orwell Hall from 2 - 4pm.

**29 Apr** Oasis Ladies Group meets in Portmoak New Room at 10.15am. Beth Cox and Heather Tough will talk about their kind of music.

**1 May** Joint service in Portmoak Church 10.30am.

No service at Orwell Church.

Everyone welcome

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

29 South Street, Milnathort KY13 9XA.

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

Contact the Office 01577 861200

[orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com](mailto:orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com)

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

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

**Sun 3** 9.15 - 9.30am A Time for Prayer *in the Church Office*.  
 9.45am Morning Worship, Preacher Ian Roy, followed  
 by refreshments and Traidcraft in the Elisabeth Wilkie  
 Hall.  
**Sun 10** 9.45am Morning Worship. Preacher Brian Ogilvie.  
**Sun 17** 9.45am Morning Worship. Preacher Brian Ogilvie.  
**Sun 24** 9.45am Morning Worship. Preacher Rev E Stenhouse.

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

**Film Evening**

Friday 1 April 7.30 - 9.30pm in the Church Hall.

**'Brooklyn'** A romantic comedy starring Saoirse Ronan, Domhnall Gleeson, Jim Broadbent & Julie Walters.*Please join us for the film, a cuppa and a blether and even some popcorn.***Kinross Gospel Hall**

Montgomery Street, Kinross

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

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

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[www.facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalchurchkinross](http://www.facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalchurchkinross)St Paul's is open, friendly and welcoming to **all age groups** (whether regular churchgoers or if you're simply inquisitive about who we are and what we do.)

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

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

**From April 2016, these will take place on the third Sunday of every month.**

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

**Mondays and Wednesdays** (from 13 April onwards): 8am Morning Prayer, said quietly in the side chapel.**Tuesdays** (from 12 April onwards): 11am (new time) Informal Holy Communion service in the Side Chapel.**Wednesdays:** 7.30pm 'Talk & Seek' - an informal discussion group, focusing on issues of spirituality. All welcome (those firmly undecided about faith especially so!)**Thursdays:** 10 for 10.15am Thursday Morning Discussion Group (*all welcome*). 3.30pm - 4.30pm Rector's Hour in the Church Office.*Other special services and events will be advertised on our website.***April Services and Events****Sun 3 Easter 2**

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

**Sun 10 Easter 3**

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

**Sun 17 Easter 4**

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Whole Church Sung Eucharist.

**Sun 24 Mark the Evangelist (trans. 25th)**

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

4pm Taize-style afternoon service.

**Everyone welcome at all services****ADVANCE DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES****Sunday 15 May - The Day of Pentecost**

Kinross Churches Together Afternoon Event at St Paul's including lunchtime barbecue followed by an All Age Service at 3.30pm.

*Everyone is most welcome but it would be very helpful if you could let us know if you would like to come to give us a rough idea of numbers for catering purposes.*

## Churches Together

### Cleish Parish Church Church of Scotland

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**Sunday Services** 11.15am

#### April

**Sun 3** 11.15am Morning Worship followed by tea and coffee in the Village Hall in aid of the Guild Projects. Traidcraft Stall.

**Wed 6** 2.30pm Cleish Guild 'Daffodil Tea' in the Village Hall.

**Sun 10** 11.15am Morning Worship.

**Sun 17** 11.15am Morning Worship.

**Sun 24** 11.15am Morning Worship followed by congregational lunch in the Village Hall.

All welcome

Date for your Diary: Cleish Fete will take place on Saturday  
21 May this year

### St James' R C Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Father Martin Pletts Telephone: (01577) 863329

**Mass Times** Saturday Vigil 7.00pm

Sunday 9.30am

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## Obituary

### Euan Bruce FERGUSON, BSc(Eng), MCI Arb.

Respected local civil engineer and businessman Euan Ferguson (1944–2016) has died peacefully at home in Milnathort following a short illness. Euan's long and active association with Kinross-shire began in 1980 when he moved the headquarters of Hatrick-Bruce Ltd to Station Yard, Milnathort. During the 36 years that followed, he conceived, designed and managed myriad building, civil, mechanical and electrical engineering works throughout Scotland, where his engineering expertise – paired with a firm but fair approach to business – earned him the respect of clients and colleagues alike.

He also completed numerous construction projects closer to home, including Millbridge Scout Hall, the Myre Pavilion, the installation of the two wooden bridges and initial paths at Mary's Gate (now part of the popular Loch Leven Heritage Trail), the expansion of Todd and Duncan Woollen Mill, the full refurbishment of Kinross Parish Church, and the innovative development of Hatrick-Bruce's own yard on the banks of the Queich. His most recent local achievement was supervising the refurbishment of the Kinross Curling Trust Rink at the Green Hotel – a project from which he derived particular pleasure.

Euan was a stalwart supporter of the Perth and Kinross-shire community through his membership of the Rotary Club, his chairmanship and directorship of the Kinross-shire Partnership, and his directorship of Perth Chamber of Commerce. He was also involved with the Perthshire Business Shop and was a member of Edinburgh Merchant Company and the Institute of Arbiters.

Away from his busy professional life, Euan divided his time between motorbikes, steam trains, listening to jazz and enjoying the countryside with his faithful canine companion, Genghis. His local infrastructure legacy lives on after him – a fact that brings great comfort to his family and to the loyal workforce who were so proud to work with him over the years.

## Acknowledgement

**FERGUSON** – Pam and family wish to thank all relatives, friends and work colleagues for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, letters and flowers received following the recent sad loss of Euan; particular thanks to the many colleagues, present and past, who wrote to Euan on learning of his illness and whose words greatly touched and comforted him; grateful thanks to all medical staff for their care, to the Rev. Alan Reid for his comforting words, to Stewart Funeral Directors Ltd., Kinross, for their professionalism, to all at The Grouse and Claret for their kind support and to everyone who paid their last respects to Euan at the church and graveside.

### Contributors

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Use one side of the paper only

# Playgroups and Toddlers

## Milnathort Babies & Toddlers

**Orwell Church Hall, Milnathort  
Friday 9.30am-11.15am**

A relaxed and friendly group  
Healthy snacks, tea & coffee  
Children from birth to 3 years  
(5 years if attending with younger sibling)  
Great fun for the kids, mums, dads and carers!

### PLACES NOW AVAILABLE!

To join in the fun  
call 07745 804539  
Email [milnathortbt@gmail.com](mailto:milnathortbt@gmail.com)  
Or find us on Facebook



## 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 12.55pm - 3.10pm, optional Lunch Club beforehand. Complementary to preschool Nursery.

**For availability or more information, please contact:**

Lisa 07736 642070, [enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com](mailto:enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com)  
or Playgroup on telephone numbers above.

### Baby and Toddler Group – Thurs 12.45 - 2.45pm

Ante-natal to pre-school. Fun for children; coffee and chat for the parent/carer. For more information, please contact Zoe 07964 751012, Lisa 07736 642070 or the Playgroup.

The premises are available to hire for Private Functions. For more information, please contact Tracey 07557 051894 or the Playgroup on 07592 392235.

## GLENFARG BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We meet in the newly refurbished village hall, Greenbank Road, Glenfarg on Wednesdays, 9.30-11.30am.

Healthy snack for children, coffee/tea & biscuits for carer  
Role play, jigsaws, physical toys and arts and crafts  
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](mailto:debileighs@hotmail.com)

All Mothers, Fathers, and Carers are welcome to attend, with children aged birth to 5 years if accompanied by a younger sibling who shall be 3 years old or younger.

## 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](mailto:babygaj@yahoo.com)  
or 07736 930923 for further details,  
or find us on Facebook: Two's Club Kinross

## 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: [portmoakplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:portmoakplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk)  
or find us on Facebook

## MONTGOMERY TODDLERS

Every Thursday 9.30am to 11am (term-time only)

The Gospel Hall, Montgomery Street, Kinross.

Contact Christina Smith 01577 840733 or 07792 260509

## FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

Glenbank Cottage, Powmill

Partner-provider for P&K Education



Places available for 3-5-year-olds and Rising Fives  
Sessions 9.30am - 12.45pm Monday - Thursday,  
9.30am - 12.30pm Fridays

Contact Pat Irvine 07703 177766 or  
[www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross](http://www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross)

## Private Nurseries and Childcare

For private nurseries and childcare services, please see advertisements throughout the Newsletter.

To inform the Newsletter of any changes to Playgroup information, please send an email to: [editor@kinrossnewsletter.org](mailto:editor@kinrossnewsletter.org)

# Notices



## KINROSS HUB THE CARERS CAFE

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016  
Dobbies/Easter Planting  
(Amanda James)

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016  
Telecare &  
Apetito Meal Service  
(Jennifer Shaw/Bruce Sutherland)

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



Contact Gail Boath  
Tel. 01577 867306  
Or Annette Bond  
01738 567076



### Cleish Guild DAFFODIL TEA

to be held in  
Cleish Village Hall

**Wednesday 6 April**  
2.30 – 4.30pm

Sales Table £4.00

All proceeds to Guild Projects  
(Cleish Church Charity No: 003168)



### The Thursday Group

This is a women's group meeting on the first Thursday of the month in the lower hall of the Church Centre at 7.30pm. New members welcome. Contact 01577 863421.

**7 April** Flower Arranging on a Budget Claire Paton  
**5 May** AGM

### Kinross Garden Group

2015/16 Season

**Thursday 14 April** at 2pm  
Millbridge Hall, Kinross

Heather McHaffie of the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh  
**'Ferns are Fantastic'**  
All welcome to join us

### Grants and Funding Websites

[www.pkgrantsdirect.com](http://www.pkgrantsdirect.com)  
[www.foundationscotland.org.uk](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk)



### Business Breakfasts

Open to all Kinross-shire Businesses

Local networking at its best

Kinross-shire Partnership's highly successful Business Breakfasts at Loch Leven's Larder are a great opportunity for local businesses to meet each other and talk about issues that affect us all. Please do come along; everyone is welcome, whatever size your business.

April's breakfast is on **Wednesday 6 April** from 7.30am to 9am in the newly refurbished and extended Loch Leven's Larder. We will be joined by **Kirsteen Ross** from the Kinross-shire Community Sport Hub. Her talk will last for about 10 minutes and there will then be a brief Q&A session.

As well as opportunities for informal networking before and during breakfast, you will be invited to say a few words to your fellow breakfasters about your business and the connections you are looking to make in 2016.

The cost for listening to an interesting speaker, networking and enjoying a full Scottish breakfast, in beautiful surroundings, is £15 per person or £10 for those who have joined the Partnership membership scheme (contact Karen Grunwell for information on how to join).

As well as a full Scottish breakfast, there is cereal, fresh juice, fresh fruit, toast, tea and coffee available. It's a great way to set yourself up for a productive working day ahead.

To book your place, please email: Karen Grunwell, Kinross-shire Partnership Administrator at: [mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk](mailto:mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk) or call 07865 193844.

You can see more information about the work of Kinross-shire Partnership at:

[www.kinrosspartnership.org.uk](http://www.kinrosspartnership.org.uk) [www.facebook.com/visitlochleven](http://www.facebook.com/visitlochleven)  
[www.visitlochleven.org.uk](http://www.visitlochleven.org.uk) [www.twitter.com/VisitLochLeven](http://www.twitter.com/VisitLochLeven)

### Baby & kids items Pre-loved sale



**16 April**

10am - 12noon  
Loch Leven Campus



**Entry £1** - come along and grab a bargain!

**Tables cost £10** - take a stall and sell your unwanted baby and kids items

*100% profit is yours!*

All stall and door proceeds go to supporting Portmoak Playgroup and Portmoak Baby & Toddlers.

To book a table contact  
[portmoakplaygroup@hotmail.com](mailto:portmoakplaygroup@hotmail.com)



Charity number SC015708  
Early Years Scotland membership no. 01699



**Kinross-shire is a Fairtrade County**

## The Boathouse 'Antiques Roadshow'

with McTears Auction House

**Sunday 17 April**

10am – 12.30pm

Bring an item to be valued and find out more about it in exchange for a donation.

All donations will go to Broke Not Broken.

*The Boathouse, Pier Road, Kinross*



## Kinross-shire Partnership Annual General Meeting

7.30pm

**Monday 18 April**

The Windlestrae Hotel, Muirs, Kinross

All are welcome to attend and learn about the work of the Partnership across the past year and plans for the coming year. Please let Karen Grunwell, Kinross-shire Partnership Administrator know if you plan to attend by emailing mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk or calling 07865 193844

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

[www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)

## Perth Carers Theatrics

A drama group for unpaid carers aged 16 and over

**Begins week beginning 18 April**

An independent community group, supported by PKAVS Carers Hub and Horsecross Arts Ltd.

The group will run on a weekly basis for nine weeks, with a finished performance on the tenth week. This group is free to participate in, but numbers are limited. Transport and/or care replacement may be able to be provided.

Don't worry if you cannot commit to all the sessions!

Contact Kerry Donaghy on [kerry.donaghy@pkavs.org.uk](mailto:kerry.donaghy@pkavs.org.uk) or 01738 452216 to put your name down or for more information.

## Orwell and Portmoak Church Guild

### Spring Afternoon Tea

**Wednesday 20 April**

in Orwell Church Hall, Milnathort

2pm – 4pm

Cake & Candy and Kitchen Stall

Tickets £3 All Welcome

## Scotlandwell in Bloom

### Plant & Bake Sale

**Saturday 30 April**

11am – 2pm

**Well Country Inn, Scotlandwell**

You are warmly invited to Scotlandwell in Bloom's Plant & Bake Sale where you will find a variety of plants on sale as well as delicious home-baking, home-made jams, chutneys and a selection of second hand books, as well as the opportunity to have coffee, cake and a chat!

While you're there, why not take the opportunity to visit our historic **Well and Wash-House** – it's 'well' worth a visit! Thanks in anticipation of your support, and we look forward to seeing you on 30 April.



## Kinross Floral Art Club AGM and Sapphire Anniversary Dinner

**Thursday 21 April**

**Boathouse Kinross**

This year is the Sapphire Anniversary of Kinross Floral Art Club.

We are holding our AGM, followed by a commemorative dinner, at the Boathouse on 21 April.

A reception for members will be at 6.30pm followed by the AGM. Guests and past members are invited to join us for a welcome reception at 7pm. Dinner will be at 7.30pm.

Anyone who has not yet contacted the Club and wishes to attend, please telephone the Secretary on 01577 863835 as soon as possible.

This is our last meeting to a very successful season. The Club will resume again in September with our first Demonstration on Thursday 22 September in Kinross Parish Church.

I would like to thank you all for your support and wish you a very Happy Summer!

## Primary Knitting Classes at Skeins & Bobbins

120 High Street, Kinross. Tel: 01577 208107

**Summer Term 2016 3.30pm – 4.15pm £4 a class**

£30 for the 8-week block of paid at the start

These classes, aimed at the 8+ age group, are suitable for complete beginners and improvers. All children work within their capabilities in a fun learning environment. All children will knit and complete a project. Knitting improves concentration, dexterity and motor skills and gives a sense of achievement.

### Tuesdays

26 April

3, 10 & 17 May

break week

24 & 31 May

7 & 14 June

### Thursdays

28 April

5, 12 & 19 May

26 May

2, 9 & 16 June

email: [skeinsandbobbins@outlook.com](mailto:skeinsandbobbins@outlook.com)

PVG Scheme Membership

## Skeins & Bobbins 1st Birthday and Yarn Shop Day

**Saturday 30 April 10am – 4pm**

**Come along and help us celebrate!**

Lots of special offers

Free tea/coffee/cake/biscuits

Free raffle Demonstrations Free patterns

Information on future courses and classes

120 High Street, Kinross. Tel: 01577 208107

## Light Up Kinross Annual General Meeting

**Thursday 28 April**

at 7.30pm, Millbridge Hall, Kinross

LUK are struggling both for Committee Members and financial aid to arrange the Christmas Light Display in 2016.

**Can you help with either?**

Please phone Margaret on 01577 862945. Any monetary contributions can be handed in to Margaret at Macbeth Currie, Kinross.

**Milnathort**  
**filmhouse**  
**SUPER SATURDAY MAY 7TH**  
[www.milnathortfilmhouse.com](http://www.milnathortfilmhouse.com)  
**THE GOOD DINOSAUR - 3PM**  
**THE LADY IN THE VAN - 8.30PM**  
**DINNER & MOVIE WITH**  
**HEAVENS ABOVE FROM 7PM**



FULL INFORMATION, MENU & BOOKING  
[www.milnathortfilmhouse.com](http://www.milnathortfilmhouse.com)

### O is for Hootlet

**Wednesday 11 May, 7.30pm**

Kinross Parish Church, 10 Station Road, Kinross

Language is personal. Nothing gets closer to our hearts. And yet, by its own nature, it's always social. Who owns it? Who appoints it? Who governs it? And why?

In this one-woman show about the Scots language, Ishbel McFarlane presents collected fragments - stories, interviews, memories, characters and attitudes - to challenge and disrupt our expectations and prejudices about language. By interrogating the history of Scots, and the ways in which it is taught and subdued, the audience is invited to question the way forward for minority languages.

### All Friends Together

An exciting new Christian Group for adults with learning disabilities has been formed, called 'All Friends Together'.

It will meet in Kinross Parish Church on **Thursday 12 May** and **Thursday 16 June**, 7pm until 8.30pm and regularly thereafter. Come along and join the fun.

Contact: Helena Cant 01577 862923.



### The annual Portmoak Hall Ceilidh

**Saturday 14 May, 8pm**

With the **Glenfarg Ceilidh Band**, buffet, bar, and raffle, what more could you ask?

Tickets at £10 adult and £5 children are available from Kinnesswood Shop,  
 John Nicol on 01592 840573 or  
 Wendy MacPhedran 01592 840779



### Kinross Circle Dancing

Millbridge Hall

Old Causeway, Kinross KY13 8DW

**Tuesdays 10.30am – 12.30pm**

Summer Term 2016

**April 12, 19, 26**

**May 3, 10, 17, 24 (no class on 31 May)**

**June 7, 14, 24**



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](mailto:lynne244@btinternet.com)

Web: [www.cscd.org.uk](http://www.cscd.org.uk)

Facebook: Central Scotland Circle Dance

### Christian Aid Week

**15 – 21 May**



As the winter flood waters recede across Britain, this year's Christian Aid Week will focus on the plight of people living on the low lying islands of the Brahmaputra river in Bangladesh whose homes are frequently swept away by floods. The CA Week collection will be used to provide 'Home Start Packages' which will help people to raise their home on an earth plinth, giving a safe place to rebuild, keep livestock and grow essential crops without the constant fear of it all being washed away.

For more information on this year's campaign and other ways to help, please see [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

### Dollar Museum

Dollar Museum reopened for the 2016 season on 26 March (Easter Saturday). Opening times are:

**Saturdays: 11am – 1pm and 2pm – 4.30pm**

**Sundays: 2pm – 4.30pm**

The Museum will also open on request at other times for visiting groups and researchers; contact [dollarmuseum@btconnect.com](mailto:dollarmuseum@btconnect.com)

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

New for 2016 are displays on: Football in Dollar, Robert Burns in Dollar, Old Church Pewter, and the Story of a Ship in a Bottle made by a German in a Prisoner of War Camp in Glendevon during the First World War.

Children will enjoy Granny's Kitchen and the Children's Corner where they can colour in or do the quiz.

Upstairs there is a Reading Room with a wide range of local books, photos and maps where you are welcome to browse and our volunteers can help you with research.

Entry is free and all are welcome.

## Who wants to write their own script?

*Take a fresh approach in life – if you want to improve your wellbeing, try writing yourself a new wellbeing script!*

- Learn a new skill or try out a new activity
- Improve your mental and/or physical health
- Take up opportunities to meet new people
- Receive social support from others and give some too
- Increase your self-confidence and self-esteem
- Have opportunities to express yourself
- Become more involved with your local community

Contact us by email on [wellbeingandrecovery@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:wellbeingandrecovery@pkc.gov.uk) or by telephone on 01738 474455.

## Conversation Café

### What is the Conversation Café?

Informal 'get-togethers' for a positive chat about Wellbeing.

### What are they for?

To get people speaking about Recovery and Wellbeing in all its many forms, looking at ways of moving forward, and sharing ideas and information.

### Improving Health

### Breakdown Isolation

### Support Networks

### Who are they for?

For everyone with an interest in improving their Wellbeing, supporting people moving forward on their recovery journey.

### Where are they?

Every Tuesday, 5.15pm to 6.15pm  
Millbridge Hall, Old Causeway, Kinross, KY13 8DW  
Contact: Bryan Hill, 01738 474490 or  
07771 541797 or [bhill@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:bhill@pkc.gov.uk)

## Healing Rooms Kinross and Loch Leven

Every Thursday from 10.30am -12 noon  
at the Orwell and Portmoak Church Office,  
29 South Street, Milnathort, KY13 9XA.

Trained volunteers from different churches will pray for your healing, physical, spiritual or emotional. Totally confidential.

No charge.

No appointment needed, but if preferred appointments can be arranged through the contact details on the website  
[www.healingrooms-scotland.org](http://www.healingrooms-scotland.org)

## The Kinross Community Council Newsletter

is available from:

**The Co-operative**

**Baillies**

**Sainsbury's**

**Costcutter**

**Giacopazzi's**

**Stewart & Smart**

**Heaven Scent Coffee Shop**

**Buchan's Garage**

**Shop**

**Fossoway Store**

**Fossoway Garage**

**Mona's Coffee Shop**

**Powmill Milk Bar**

**Powmill Stores**

**Moto Shop**

**RSPB Shop**

**Loch Leven's Larder**

High Street, Kinross

High Street, Kinross

Station Road, Kinross

Green Road, Kinross

New Road, Milnathort

Stirling Road, Milnathort

South Street, Milnathort

Main Street, Kinnesswood

Main Street, Kinnesswood

Crook of Devon

Crook of Devon

Muckhart

Powmill

Powmill

Turfhills

RSPB Loch Leven

Near Wester Balgedie



## Kinross Primary School

### Summer Fayre

### "A Fond Farewell"

Saturday 11 June

12 noon – 4pm

This will be the last Summer Fayre held at the school due to the construction of the new school starting later on this year and it's going to be great!

There will be lots of stalls and fun activities including facepainting, coconut shy, football accuracy, the every popular Sponge the Teacher/Parent, Bouncy Castle, Dance Demonstrations, BBQ, Pipe Band, Raffle Drawn on the day – main prize is a Mini iPad – and much, much more!

Should any businesses or groups like to have a stall at the fayre, please contact Kath Davis on 07976 919694 or email on [kadavishartfell@aol.com](mailto:kadavishartfell@aol.com)

## Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme



Using a team of volunteer drivers, who are paid out of pocket expenses only, we provide transport and befriending to people in need in Kinross and the outlying areas. Please contact our co-ordinator Ann Munro: 01577 840196 for details on the service we offer.

Current charges:

LLHC & Kinross venues	
Pick up Kinross & Milnathort	£3
LLHC & Kinross venues	
Pick up all other areas	£6
Kelty	£6
Dunfermline	£10
Perth, Kirkcaldy	£12
Stirling, Falkirk, Larbert	£15
Dundee, Edinburgh	£20
Glasgow	£25
Stracathro	£40

## Glenfarg Village Folk Club

*The club meets at "Backstage at the Green",  
Green Hotel, Kinross, 2 Muirs, Kinross on Mondays*

*Doors open 7.30pm Music starts 8pm*

*For more info, see: [www.glenfargfolkclub.com](http://www.glenfargfolkclub.com)*

**4 April: RUTH AND KEN POWELL.** A warm welcome back to a couple who have previously played here as two of the members of "The Riskies", i.e. Risky Business. We are sure to remember Ruth's amazing soaring voice and, combined with Ken's guitar skills, we can once again experience their very distinct style of music. Members £5, Non-Members £8.

**8 – 10 April: 38TH GLENFARG FOLK FEAST.** See p. 11.

**11 April: POST-FEAST RECOVERY SINGAROUND.** Come and wind down at our recovery session. There is no particular theme, so any song welcome. All £3.

**18 April: OPEN MIC.** Always a good night, when attendees are invited to get up on stage and perform their songs or tunes with full PA. In other words, a singaround but with the ability to gain some experience and stagecraft in front of a friendly and sympathetic audience. All £3.

**25 April. GERRY CREEN.** A warm welcome back to Belfast's own singer-songwriter who has entertained us both at the Club and as a guest at our annual Folk Feast. Gerry is one of life's gents and his performances always generate a "feel good" effect. Members £5, Non-Members £8.

Empowering Lives, Improving Health



LA LECHE LEAGUE  
INTERNATIONAL

Find us on Facebook: La Leche League Fife and Tayside



Contact Rhona on 01383 830286.

**GREYHOUND  
RESCUE FIFE**



Perth and Kinross  
Lifelong Learning Partnership  
Community Learning & Development Partnership



PERTH & KINROSS  
COUNCIL



For further information please contact Tracey Ramsay 01577 867177 or email [Tramsay@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:Tramsay@pkc.gov.uk)

**by the community, for the community**  
all profits are given away to local good causes

## Springwell – Wellbeing Support Team

**Inclusion \* Wellbeing \* Recovery**

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

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

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



**Kinross-shire Fund**  
Grants available for local  
community projects



*e.g. Events, Information, Transport, Welfare,  
Physical Amenities, Recreational Facilities, Support for  
Care of the Elderly, Voluntary Organisations*

For more information and to download an application form,  
see [www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/  
kinross-shire-fund](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/kinross-shire-fund) or telephone 0131 5240300

### Newbies

**Every Monday, 2 - 3pm**

Loch Leven Community Campus

A new group for new parents and new babies!  
Come along and meet other parents for a blether,  
whilst the babies play.

Parents with babies 0 - 18 months FREE!

### PLUS Perth

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

Tel: 01738 626242

77 Canal Street, Perth



PLUS is a member-led local charity and social movement which gives hope and opportunity to those affected by disadvantage; in the main to those with experience of mental ill health and substance misuse.

The PLUS office is open Mon-Fri 9.30am – 4pm  
for mental health signposting and enquiries.

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.hopepregnancy.co.uk)

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre  
40 St John Street, Perth, PH1 5SP

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

email: [hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com](mailto:hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com)

Helpline 01738 621174

We are a Scottish Charity SC037103

### Kinross Recycling Centre

Bridgend Industrial Estate

Opening Times: **Mondays to Fridays 9am to 7pm**  
**Saturdays and Sundays 9am to 5pm**

Bicycles, cans (inc aerosols, biscuit tins, aluminium foil), car and household batteries, cardboard, cooking oil, electricals (WEEE), engine oil, fluorescent tubes, long life light bulbs, food and drinks cartons (Tetra packs), fridges, freezers, garden waste, glass, large domestic appliances, paper, plastic (rigid plastic packaging), rubble stone and soil, scrap metal, telephone directories, textiles (clothes and shoes), timber, tyres (maximum two per visit, strictly householders only) and non recyclable (general) waste.

Compost can be collected from the Recycling Centre, subject to availability. Maximum of 2 x 25kg bags per visitor.

### 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](http://www.sportive-kinross.co.uk)  
Please contact Rachel Cheer for more information on 01577 865222 or [rachelcheer@chas.org.uk](mailto:rachelcheer@chas.org.uk)

**Thank you for supporting CHAS - Scotland's only hospice care for children.**

### Local Correspondent

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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](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org)

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
May	Fri 15 April	Saturday 30 April
June	Fri 13 May	Saturday 28 May



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TALKING  
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**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:

**12 & 26 April**

No appointment is necessary as the surgery is a drop-in service. For complex issues a further appointment may be necessary. Perth CAB can help you – our advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent. Contact us: Advice line 01738 450580; Appointment line 01738 450581.



## Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

### Benefits Advice in Libraries (BAIL)

Benefits specialist Sarah MacLean will be available at Loch Leven Community Campus Library on the **second and fourth Wednesday of each month** between 2pm and 4pm. Alongside the provision of general benefits advice Sarah can help with the following:

- Completing both paper and online benefit application forms;
- Conducting checks to see if clients are receiving everything they are entitled to, i.e. discounts for fuel, etc;
- Providing advice and support in instances where an application is refused or awarded at a lower level than expected.

Please note: Sarah is available **by appointment only**. To make an appointment, please call 01738 450599.



## Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

### Debt and Money Advice Service

Perth CAB has a team of specialist debt advisers who can help you deal with your debts.

- Do you feel trapped in Debt?
- Don't want to open letters or answer your own phone?
- Are you losing sleep at night?
- Is debt affecting your life?

#### We can help you to:

- Find realistic and practical solutions for your own situation
- We can help deal with your creditors and negotiate on your behalf
- Help you manage your money better

"After seeing the CAB debt adviser, I could sleep at night again" - a quote from a relieved client.

**Our advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent.**

Talk to a specialist debt adviser today on 01738 450 590, TEXT us on 07535 836 817 with your name and number and we will call you back, or alternatively email [zworkman@PerthCAB.casonline.org.uk](mailto:zworkman@PerthCAB.casonline.org.uk)



## 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](mailto:perthkinross@mssociety.org.uk) or check out our website [www.perth-kinross.org.uk](http://www.perth-kinross.org.uk) or find us on Facebook: MS Society Perth&Kinross Branch.



## 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.

## 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

*Remaining in Service Days and Occasional Holidays:*

2016: 18 April (in-service).

## 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.

## Community Councils

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## Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh MP Member of Parliament for Ochil and South Perthshire

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Unit 4, Townhead Institute, 39 Drysdale Street, Alloa, FK10 1JA

## Mobile Library Service

**Visiting on Tuesdays 12, 26 April:**  
Milnathort South Street 1230-1315

**Visiting every Tuesday**  
Glenfarg Main Street 1130-1300

**Visiting on Wednesdays 6 & 20 April:**  
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](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/mobilelibrary) or  
phone 01577 867205.

## Kinross Community Councillors

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**Have a look at our website: [www.portmoak.org](http://www.portmoak.org)**

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## Perth & Kinross Council [www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk)

**Customer Service Centre** Tel: 01738 475000  
(Mon to Fri, 8am-6pm)

**Out of Hours Emergencies** Tel: 01738 625411  
(Roads, flooding, environmental  
health and dangerous buildings)

**Clarence** (for non-emergency  
road and lighting defects) Tel: 0800 232323

**Registrar** Tel: 01577 867133  
The Registrar is normally in Kinross only on Tuesdays and  
Thursdays at the Loch Leven Community Campus

**Film shows • Cards • Dominoes • Art Class**  
**Daily Papers • Chiropody • Trips • Exercises**



## Weekly Programme for April

<b>Monday</b>	Exercise Class	11am	Bingo	1.30pm
	Dominoes, cards & other Games			1.15pm
	“Stride for Life” Walking Group			2pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Relaxation Class	1.15pm	Games	1.15pm
(all except 5th)	Singing group with Alex Cant		1.45pm	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Morning Worship	10.45am		
	Dominoes, Scrabble & other Games			1.30pm
	Fantastic Fun Quiz	1.30pm		
<b>Thursday</b>	Art Class	1.30pm	Film Afternoon	1.30pm
	Dominoes, Scrabble, cards etc		1.30pm	
	Balance & Strength Class		1.30pm	
<b>Friday</b>	Exercise Class		11am - 12pm	
	Dominoes, Games and Filmshow		1.30pm	
	Bingo		1.30pm	

## Additional Events for April

**Health & Wellbeing Information Point**  
**The fantastic “Sabers”, an afternoon of**  
**song, dance and reminiscing.**  
**Tai Chi**  
**Chiropody**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5th</b>	11am - 12pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5th</b>	1.30 - 3pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6th, 20th</b>	1.30 - 2pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7th, 28th</b>	9.45am - 1pm
		(phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>22nd</b>	11am - 12pm
<b>Monday 25th - Friday 29th</b>		
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>28th</b>	1.30pm

**Kinross Community Care Advice & Information**  
**Day Centre Annual holiday, Dornoch Hotel**  
**Library Trip**



**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.**

## 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.

## 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.

### Canon 700d with 18-55mm

**STM IS kit lens £350**

Excellent condition. Comes with original box, charger and battery. Pictures on request.

Seller Details: Stuart Butler 07593 020668

*stu\_but@hotmail.co.uk*

### VFit Cross Trainer

**£120 ono**

Features magnetic resistance system, hand grip pulse sensor and 16 level tension control to develop fitness. An excellent buy.

Seller Details: Liz Flatt 07548 531013

*liz\_flatt@hotmail.com*

### 3 seater sofa

**Free for uplift**

Traditional style with removable covers.

Seller Details: Vivien Clarke 07810 082324

*vivienclarke@btinternet.com*

### Corner Sofa

**£220 ono**

Black leather corner sofa in excellent condition.

Seller Details: Gwen Upcroft 07903 075679

### Caravan Awnings

**£75 and £30**

Two awnings. Pyramid Tuscany (green) fits caravan 450-490 cm (£75). Also Quest Panorama Porch awning 260cm (£30). Both in good condition.

Seller Details: Mike Thomson 01592 840353

*mike.thomson3@yahoo.co.uk*

## The Bike Station

Donate unwanted bikes, parts and cycling accessories for reuse. Bikes are refurbished and sold on to the public at affordable prices. Poorer bikes are salvaged for parts.

Bikes can be donated at the Kinross Recycling Centre (Bridgend Industrial Estate) or at The Bike Station at Mid Friarton, just off the Edinburgh Road in Perth.

Bike Station opening hours: Monday to Saturday, 10.30am to 4.30pm and late opening to 8pm on Wednesdays.

Weekly bike sales: Fridays, 10.30am-4.30pm (children's bikes) and Saturdays, 10.30am to 12.30pm (adults' bikes).

Tel: 01738 444430. Email: [perth@thebikestation.org.uk](mailto:perth@thebikestation.org.uk)

Website: [www.thebikestation.org.uk](http://www.thebikestation.org.uk)

## Blythswood Care collection in Perth

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

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

## Host families needed for European Students in the Kinross-shire area

Into Education are looking for host families for European students aged 15 – 17 to enable them to experience Scottish Culture and attend a local school where they would take their standard grades or higher exams.

Time period: August to June or January to June.

A weekly reimbursement would be made to their host family. For further details, or to express an interest, please contact Jeanette Hindley on 07944 465244.

## 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').

### Fundraiser

Could you provide support for local community projects? The role involves identification of funding sources, preparation of grant applications, dealing with enquiries and correspondence. Contact (01577) 862262, 07825 698613 or email [alisdairstewart@yahoo.com](mailto:alisdairstewart@yahoo.com).

### Part time Accounts Assistant, Caledonia Play

We are recruiting an Accounts Assistant for our growing business in Drum outside Kinross. The role involves supporting the Accounts Manager in all areas of accounts input and processing with specific emphasis in the purchase ledger. Opportunity to be involved in all areas as part of a growing team. Experience with sage 50 accounts preferred. General accounts administration and computing skills and use of Microsoft Office Flexibility to suit the right candidate. For more details, or to submit your CV, email Sarah Bruce Jones at [sarah@caledoniaplay.com](mailto:sarah@caledoniaplay.com).

### Full time Legal Secretary, J&G Wilson, Kinross

This is a permanent vacancy for an experienced legal secretary. The following skills and experience are required; legal secretarial experience, audio and copy typing, good working knowledge of word, excel and outlook. We are looking for someone who has a professional manner, a wide range of secretarial skills and who is flexible in their 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 and to meet deadlines with minimal supervision in a busy but friendly environment.

Please send a CV and covering letter to

[g.upcroft@jgwilson.co.uk](mailto:g.upcroft@jgwilson.co.uk). For a full job description please contact Gwen Upcroft on (01577) 862302.

### Assistant, The Cooperative, High Street, Kinross

16 hours per week. Must be available for evenings and weekends. Apply within the store. Contact Claire Mitchell or Stuart Dorans.

### Part time Beauty Therapists, The Green Hotel,

#### The Windlestrae Hotel

Required for our Hotel Spa and to join our team at the hotel and golf resort in Kinross. You will promote a friendly, relaxing and professional environment to ensure that our members and guests receive an exceptional experience. You will be required to carry out all treatments to a very high standard and maintain exceptional standards of customer service. You must be prepared to work hard as part of a team to continue to grow the business. A professional manner with clients and other staff, along with keeping treatment areas clean and equipment safe and in good working order is required. Includes weekend work. Salary is £6.70-£7.50 per hour. Contact by phone on (01577) 866509 or by email on [LindsayRobertson@green-hotel.com](mailto:LindsayRobertson@green-hotel.com).

### Taxi Driver, A2B Taxis

Part Time Taxi Driver required for busy Kinross-based Taxi company. Must be smart, polite and reliable with clean driving licence. Hours to be arranged on application but may involve some evening or weekend work. Full UK driving licence essential. If interested in this position, call Bruce on 07743 332237.

### 17th Edition Electrician, Contract and Occasional Weekend Work, GA Property Care Ltd

Work throughout the central belt of Scotland including occasional work away. Working in hospitals preparing X-ray rooms and suites for equipment. Ideal candidate will be self-employed with own tools. Contract for 6 plus months. Also looking for self-employed electricians who require occasional weekend work.

Please email CV to [cv@gapropertycare.co.uk](mailto:cv@gapropertycare.co.uk) with covering letter, trade certificates and additional training certificates.

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## 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.

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

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