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Editorial

It now feels as if Spring is truly here as we have a fine crop of Fairs, Fetes and other such outdoor activities coming up! Though to confuse matters, we have advertised a Winter Festival preview on our cover! (See page 60.)

Another feature of Spring is the emergence of AGMs all over the county. If your organisation has had an AGM recently and your contact person has changed, please remember to send the new details to admin@kinross.cc so Pauline can keep the database of community organisations up to date.

Just as we were producing this issue of the Newsletter, the premiere of a new short film about Kinross and Loch Leven took place. It can be viewed on the internet and is well worth a watch. See page 17 for more information.

We hope you enjoy this issue of the Newsletter.

Best wishes from the team.

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Local cycle shop rescues Heritage Trail outing

Last Saturday (2 April) my granddaughter and I were attempting to cycle round the loch on the Heritage Trail.

As we approached Kinross, her handlebars came loose.

We were about to walk home when I remembered Loch Leven Cycles was in the town of Kinross.

We walked to the shop and asked if we could borrow a spanner to fix the handlebars.

The owner came out and promptly fixed the handlebars and adjusted the front brake, all to no cost.

We would like to thank him for his generosity and my granddaughter completed the Heritage Trail for the first time.

Bill Nouillan

Burleigh Road, Milnathort

Milnathort Conservation Area:

Response to Councillor Giacopazzi

I write regarding issues raised by Cllr Giacopazzi in the April Newsletter in relation to a possible Milnathort Conservation Area. I think the following facts will allow readers to take a view on the matter.

Conservation Areas "are areas of special architectural or historic interest the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance". (Ref: Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997.)

Spectacular examples of such are Georgian New Town Edinburgh and Culross amongst many more.

Conservation Areas exist elsewhere in Kinross-shire. Kinross, Cleish, Kinnesswood, Wester Balgedie and Scotlandwell all have Conservation Areas.

Indeed, significantly, although the second largest settlement in the area and having a large number of listed buildings already protected, along with a core of largely unaltered traditional buildings, Milnathort is locally almost alone in being without a designated Conservation Area.

Conservation Area status can offer protection from poor quality and inappropriate development.

A "rigorous, large-scale analysis" by the London School of Economics of 8,000 conservation areas states: "Houses in conservation areas sell at a premium and show a greater appreciation in value than those in other areas. This research shows that heritage has economic value. People value living in places with architectural integrity, good design and traditional character and are willing to pay more for it. It shows that preserving the best of the past, which is what conservation areas are meant to do, can be in the interest of the owners."

The report found that:

"There was no universally negative attitude towards planning regulations. Indeed, home owners who had applied for permission were more likely to have positive attitudes towards planning controls than those who had not. Taken together with the evidence on house prices, this shows the extra controls in a conservation area are not generally seen as an unwelcome burden.

"The research project proves the overwhelming popularity of conservation areas and that caring for them - even in the current financial climate - pays dividends."

Kinross-shire is a Fairtrade County

Also, "Planning Authorities are required to determine which parts of their locale merit conservation area status. There are 35 within the Perth and Kinross Council area." (Ref: PKC website.)

Any group or individual can put forward a case to have an area designated.

Therefore it is entirely valid for Kinross-shire Civic Trust (KCT), of which I am a founding member, to make the case to PKC that areas of Milnathort are deserving of Conservation status.

Cllr Giacopazzi's repeated reference to KCT wishing to "designate **Milnathort** a conservation area" suggests that this would apply to the whole of the town. This could mislead.

The area being proposed is a very specific core of the old part of the town which currently includes streets with a high number of listed buildings, i.e. already protected individually. Taking these core areas and giving them a conservation status adds further to their protection and ensures that any future development is in keeping with its surroundings; that simple. For some reason Cllr Giacopazzi sees some kind of disadvantage in this and makes a great deal about how an individual would have to seek planning permission and at considerable cost, to carry out minor works of maintenance such as "change a letter-box or even paint the door a new colour".

This statement is not a true reflection of the reality of how a Conservation Area works in practice.

Cllr Giacopazzi states that Milnathort "has hardly changed" in his lifetime.

I note that a major change has been the development of the Giacopazzi (NISA) Supermarket, a building least in harmony with the generally traditional buildings in the proposed Milnathort Conservation Area.

Ken Miles
Turfhill House, Kinross

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Housing in Kinross area

Every month I read your excellent Newsletter from cover to cover and, more often than not, the location and type of new housing always seems to be a big issue. Out of curiosity, I trawled the website of Rightmove, to check the availability of housing in the area. As of yesterday (5 April), this is what I found:

There are 140 houses for sale in the Kinross area alone. Of these, 30 houses are on offer under £120,000. Given that the average price of housing in Central Scotland is about £165,000, it suggests that there is still an opportunity to obtain 'affordable housing' in the area. Many of the houses on offer are new build, family homes built in rural areas which are wholly dependent on public transport. This is completely out of line with the Council's own development policy which states the "aim of all development should be to reduce travel demand by car". Many of the new houses are still for sale, months after completion, which questions the desirability of this type of housing in more remote locations.

The point I am trying to make is this: I believe there is a real need for an assessment of housing demand in the area, for now and in the future. If proposed housing is in the right place and meets the needs of the people, then hopefully, there will be fewer objections from the community at large.

Just a thought!

Karol Swanson
Blanefield, Milnathort

Restoring the Cross in Milnathort – Call for suggestions

After many weeks of hard work to safeguard our village from flooding, Scottish Water has finally withdrawn its workforce. We now need to restore the Cross areas outside the barber's shop by providing floral displays to replace the previous large flower bed and tubs.

Milnathort in Bloom is seeking ideas for configuration of a planting scheme to cover the metal tank cover. Scottish Water have told us that if they ever needed to remove the large cover they would bring in the necessary heavy equipment to do so and be able to move any planters and tubs. Normal inspection access is via the manholes at the edges of the tank cover. Scottish Water have also told us that they would provide funding, if the village comes up with a scheme.

We invite residents to send us ideas for the Cross. Please send to David Baudains. (See below for contact details.)

Although we have lost the trees at the Cross, we will be rigging Christmas lights again this year on the trees outside Stewart and Smart's Garage, once the trees have been trimmed to allow safe access. We will also rig lights on the trees further up New Road as in previous years.

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Tell Us About Your Bus

Consultation event, Thursday 19 May

Perth & Kinross Council's Public Transport Unit is hosting a "Tell Us About Your Bus" Public Consultation in The Garden Room at Kinross Church Centre, High Street, Kinross, on Thursday 19 May from 9am until 4.30pm.

Members of the public are invited to come along and meet Public Transport Unit staff to discuss local public transport services in Kinross and the surrounding area.

Anyone who is unable to come along on the day can provide feedback by either emailing publictransport@pkc.gov.uk or by telephoning 0345 30 111 30.



Speak to PKC about local bus services at their consultation on 19 May

'Taste Our Best' at the Boathouse

The Boathouse Restaurant in Kinross has been awarded a 'Taste Our Best' accreditation.

The 'Taste Our Best' assurance scheme, run by national tourist organisation VisitScotland, recognises and celebrates businesses that provide locally sourced, quality food and drink.

Accreditation is only given after a thorough, secret assessment, and checking that various criteria are met, such as using and promoting a minimum of 40% Scottish produce. The Boathouse easily exceeded this, as 80% of its produce is Scottish!

"We are so pleased about this, as using local Scottish ingredients and providing excellent service was always what we set out to do," said proprietor Julie McGrattan.

Using fresh, local, seasonal produce is certainly one of the intentions stated by Julie just before taking over the Boathouse last spring.



Some of the Boathouse team with the 'Taste Our Best' Award: Milly Bradley, Julie McGrattan and Emma Thomas

There have been considerable changes in the last ten months, too. After some experimenting with the menu, lunch in the restaurant is a more substantial affair than at opening, but to cater for all requirements Julie and her team have added the "Coffee Shack" to the decked area outside. Here, walkers on the Heritage Trail or locals visiting nearby Kirkgate Park

can stop for an Illy brand coffee, freshly made sandwich, homemade cake or fresh fruit while contemplating the view over the loch. Also on offer are picnics to take away – a great idea for visitors taking the ferry to Castle Island.

To return inside the restaurant, the Scottish produce theme continues with an expanded range of craft beers in bottles from the Harviestoun, Orkney and Eden Mill breweries, amongst others. Cheeses are also Scottish, and there's a Scottish Ploughman's on the menu.

The Taste Our Best accreditation comes a few months after The Boathouse was voted 'Best Kinross Restaurant' in the Perth & Kinross Business Awards. "To win two awards in our ten months of trading has been a huge boost to the team," says Julie, who now employs 20 local people.

It's not all about food, though. Julie gives considerable thought to themes and activities, putting on jazz nights and craft fairs. The Boathouse is involved in the community, too. "We give all our coffee grounds and tea bags to the Potager Garden for compost," explains Julie, "and we are the first sponsors of Broke Not Broken."

A final thought: as the weather warms up, dog owners may wish to stop by for an imaginative offering, this time from the Boathouse Sweet Shop: dog ice cream! The restaurant also welcomes dogs.

It has been a challenging first year for Julie and the Boathouse team, with lengthy roadworks making access difficult all last summer and unusually high loch levels flooding the decking in winter, but they have worked incredibly hard to maintain their vision and are now achieving well-deserved recognition.

Images of Kinross-shire

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Councillor Cuthbert

Milnathort Community Council

The first meeting of the new Milnathort CC took place yesterday as I write this (15 April). It was well attended and had a full agenda, which is excellent. I was a little shocked that a new Community Council, with no members from the previous committee on it, had received no offers of training or support. I also understand that they have been told that there is no training currently available for Community Councils.

To me this is ridiculous and contrary to what was said when the current payment system was revised at the SP&R Committee meeting on 2 December 2015. The paper recommending this new system referred to savings of £24,294.13 over the last two years and went on to say that *"the savings accrued from the revised administrative grant arrangements will be used to facilitate training opportunities."*

So I would ask: where are these training opportunities for Community Councils?

Kinross Town Centre Regeneration

I am rapidly coming to the conclusion that the regeneration works have left us with a High Street which is dangerous for users and will not deliver regeneration in its current form.

Recently I attended a site meeting with Kinross in Bloom who are planning to put some planters in the Town Hall area and whilst at this meeting I observed an old man with a Zimmer frame attempting to cross the road.

He waited for a gap in the traffic, which took some five minutes, and then attempted to cross the road. Before he made it across, a car approached and beeped its horn at the unfortunate individual. (Unfortunately I was further down the street or would have gone to assist him.)

Your four local members have requested a formal crossing to avoid this sort of situation, however at the moment we are getting nothing but obfuscation.

Local Government Boundary Commission Scotland

The LGBCS are planning to announce their changes to ward boundaries after the Scottish Government election.

Please ask any canvasser who comes to your door what their position on this is. Ask them if their party opposes the split up of Kinross-shire and if they don't know, or say they have no position, please ask them why not.



Powmill in Bloom & Crook of Devon in Bloom

I have mentioned Powmill in Bloom in previous articles as they are working hard to improve their village and I am trying to support them in this.

At the March meeting of Fossoway CC I laid down a challenge to them. I asked if they could form a bloom committee for Crook of Devon.

I am delighted to be able to report that they have met this challenge and a Crook in Bloom committee has been formed. Bloom committees make a huge difference to the communities they serve and I applaud their efforts.

New Kinross Primary School

I wrote an article about the new school project stating that the new primary school had to be built by August 2017 and for this reason had accepted that a flat roof on the new school would be acceptable. I circulated this article to officers for comment and was very surprised to hear that there was actually no time constraint.

In addition, following the meeting with officers which I mentioned last month, Councillor Robertson and I visited the new Crieff Primary school where I was struck by how much space there was around the school and how good the facilities were adjacent to the building.

It struck me that everybody appears to have assumed that the current site is the correct one for Kinross and that there has been no suggestion or consultation on other potential sites (as far as I am aware).

My view is that a new Primary school for Kinross is urgently needed, however, I do think that we should get it right.

Do we really want a flat roof on a large part of the school? Is this really the best site for the largest Primary School in Perth and Kinross? These are questions I am asking officers.

See Cllr Robertson, p. 14, for photos of Crieff Primary School.

Affordable Housing

Last month, I said that: *"It is my view that Kinross-shire is not getting its fair share of new affordable housing..."* Following this piece, I was contacted by a resident who said that they had approached the council to sell their 2-bedroom ex-council house under the Council's buy back scheme. They have apparently been told that *"there was no call for 2-bedroom properties in Kinross and that they were not interested, however, if it had been in Perth they would have been."*

Looking at Perth, it is made up of 11 Areas. I mentioned Craigie last month; this has a high pressure ratio. However, the average for Perth as a whole is 4.8. i.e. 4.8 people waiting for each let. Meanwhile, Kinross has a pressure ratio of 5.7.

On top of this, I recently attended a Property Sub-committee meeting, where the Glebe School in Scone was transferred to the Housing Revenue Account (the Council House budget). The justification for this was: *"Demand for social housing is very high in Scone and it is a high priority for the Council to secure additional affordable housing in the Scone area."*

Scone has a pressure ratio of 5.7, which is exactly the same as Kinross. Which begs the question of why Kinross is not being treated the same way?

All in all, it appears to bear out my view that Kinross-shire is not getting its fair share of new affordable housing.

The former Kinross High School site

When I received the paper for the Glebe School in Scone I was left speechless. It was described as being one of the properties in the Investment in Learning programme (IIL).

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CLOCK & WATCH REPAIRS

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

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Councillor Cuthbert continued...

These were properties which were to be sold to help fund the new campuses (including the Loch Leven Community Campus) which were delivered under the programme.

Before I was elected, I had campaigned with other residents for the former Kinross High School site to be used for a different purpose other than new private houses. We went as far as raising a formal complaint with the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman. This was not upheld and we were advised that the time to object would be when the site came up for planning.

It was, and remains, my view that this site is a rare opportunity to deliver some of the needs the town faces (for example, affordable housing, parking, open space and so on).

From the outset, we were told that the property could not be considered for anything other than sale for the maximum consideration. We have always been told that this was the same for all the surplus properties to be sold under the IIL programme.

Imagine my chagrin when I discovered that not only had the Glebe School never been offered for sale, but the buildings had been cleared at the Council's expense and the eyesore of rotting buildings had been removed.

I raised this at the Property Sub-committee meeting to be told that my objection was not relevant to the matter in hand.

It is probably too late to change the course the Council is set on now with this site, as the decisions were made a long time before I was elected and there would be a severe penalty to pay to the developer given the expense they have now gone through developing their plans.

However, it strikes me as short-term gain against what could be long-term benefit. Kinross will lose an important town centre car park when the site is developed, which is unfortunate given the projected 25+% growth in population forecast in the next 20 years or so.

It makes me wonder why Kinross is so different from the rest of Perth and Kinross.

It also suggests to me that the current and previous administrations of Perth and Kinross Council haven't had Kinross-shire's best interests at the front of their minds.

This is something I am working on.

*Councillor Dave Cuthbert
Independent Councillor for Kinross-shire*

Councillor Giacopazzi

Milnathort Tragedy. At the time of writing, our community is in shock following the death of Kim Clark in an incident involving a vehicle at the Moss Road, just off South Street.



I had known Kim for a long time and had served her in my shop on many occasions over the years. She was always a cheerful customer with a ready smile; a pleasure to serve. A popular resident of the village, her untimely death at only 46 has caused great distress to the community in general and to her friends and acquaintances in particular. She will be missed. To her family I extend sincere condolences.

Safety of Kinross-shire Schools. Following the closure of Edinburgh schools for safety reasons, I asked officials of PKC whether any of our schools were at risk. The Directors of the Environment Service and of Education and Children's Services issued a statement reassuring councillors that all schools in Perth & Kinross are regularly inspected as part of a continual maintenance programme. 'Any faults', we are told 'identified during this process, especially those impacting on building safety, are reported and repaired in a timely manner'. No PKC school was built by Miller or Amey, the constructors of the Edinburgh schools. In any case, PKC schools do not use the same construction approach as the Edinburgh schools built under the Private Public Partnership scheme. Moreover, two levels of scrutiny were applied in the building of PPP schools by PKC.

On 21 March, we four Kinross-shire councillors attended a meeting with officials from Property Department and Education and Children's Services at Perth, to discuss progress with the planning for the **new Kinross Primary School**. The Council has now applied for planning consent for the proposed new school. Surprised? Yes, Councils have to apply for planning consent, like everyone else; except the Council asks itself for permission. The application reference is 16/00504/FLL and can be seen online by visiting the PKC website under 'planning', then 'View/comment on planning applications'.

Council Recess. Currently, the Council is in recess, meaning that councillors have less committee work at Perth; unless you are fortunate like myself, Dave Cuthbert and Mike Barnacle, to serve on the Development Management Committee which has to meet by law every month.

Finally, the newly reconstituted **Milnathort CC** meets this month for its first full meeting. The agenda is a long one and a report of proceedings will appear in this Newsletter.

Councillor Joe Giacopazzi

Health and social care change

NHS Tayside, Perth & Kinross Council and voluntary organisations have been working together to produce more integrated health and social care. With effect from 1 April 2016 a new body called Perth and Kinross Health and Social Care Partnership is responsible for the integrated services.

Cllr Dave Doogan, Chair of the Integration Joint Board, which oversees the Health and Social Care Partnership, said: "Integration is all about improving people's lives and caring for the whole person. Often, people are accessing services simultaneously from the NHS, the Council and voluntary organisations. Bringing responsibility for these services together will make this support more seamless."

An advertisement for Premier Plumbing & Heating. It features a black and white photograph of a plumber working on a sink. The text reads: 'PREMIER PLUMBING & HEATING/GENERAL BUILDERS FOR ALL YOUR PLUMBING NEEDS Bathrooms, Showers, Tanks Leaking Taps and Burst Pipes, etc 07821 350 573 philplumber@ymail.com Premier plumbing and heating'. There is a Facebook logo at the bottom left.

Ethiopia Medical Project

2016 Visit Report, Part Two



This is the second part of our report, following on from the last issue of the Newsletter.

Getting Started

The very good news was that the foundations for the Health Centre were laid on our second week. As this could no longer be put off, we decided that it must get started whilst we were present. We enabled some funding and it got going. Sister Haimanot and her team did all the admin ground work. As they own the land, there are none of the building/planning permission hassles that we might meet at home.

It is hard to describe the level of excitement that the building of the new Health Centre has generated. This extension became essential, as the Government decree was that Buccama would no longer get a licence to practise if it was not upgraded to a Health Centre. Otherwise, the clinic would be closed, all the dedicated staff would have to seek employment elsewhere, and the community would lose this amazing facility, in the midst of their hardship.



Maureen and Jo with the memory jar

Sister sought help from the obvious sources, and I don't care to repeat some of the rejections she received. Fortunately, thanks to your incredible generosity to EMP during 2015/2016, we are able to fund the work in three distinct phases. The other unforeseen aspect, by us at least, is that the contractors would be using all the local people as workers. They will actually be building, and being paid to build, their own Health Centre. It's a 'win, win' all round.

It can only be providential that everything has managed to move so quickly; from reliable contractor, to willing workers at every turn. So incredibly, the work actually started on the promised day, and we were able to say, 'We have seen the beginning of a dream coming true'.

It is extraordinary what can be achieved by hard manual labour. Even the rocks for the foundation are being shaped by hand. The laying of the foundation stone was a very moving ceremony. A thoughtful and respectful builder built a little stone box into the foundations, and we placed some little tokens of faith in the project, in a jam jar. People came from all over to inspect it. A prayer was said, speeches were made and we two, along with Sister Haimanot, climbed down into the foundations, and placed the little memory jar deep into the ground. Singing and clapping followed, along with speeches from the village leader and Sister. There must have been at

least 200 hundred people there. It was exciting and humbling and we felt very much part of an enthusiastic team.

It was all being done in the blazing sun, with bare hands. Sister watched all of the first day, with an incredulous smile on her face. Only afterwards did we discover just how strong her faith and perseverance has been, as all her previous attempts to convert the clinic into a Health Centre had been met with rebuffs and rejection. I know that our original involvement was with women suffering from UVP (uterine vaginal prolapse), and this is still absolutely crucial, and the work goes on, but without this conversion, that work would have stopped, and there would have been no clinic to support! The people would have had miles more to walk, to somewhere that provided a much poorer standard of care.

One small story

We found one patient (an elderly prolapse mother) who took to her mat four years ago when she developed her prolapse. Her family let her just lie there, with the consequence that she was brought eventually to the clinic incontinent, and unable to walk. However, with nourishment and massage by Maureen, she can now bend her legs and we have every hope that she will walk again. All she needs are one of these little ring pessaries. So simple. The mothers now know and understand what has happened to them, and the benefits of the ring pessaries.

It isn't all serious

For some fun and some education, we decided to lay on a show! Nurse Fellaketch, with the help of patients and staff, scripted a drama on the whole story, from demented woman howling in distress, to beastly husbands demanding food and benefits. She is then rescued by a friend who has had her prolapse fixed. She brings her to the clinic, where the sainted nurses sort her out. The nurse then calls in the husband, explains everything to him, and a tearful reconciliation is effected. They all walk off happily into the distance. They rehearsed for days. It was a triumph.

Everything in Scotland is to be longed for, appreciated, and not ever taken for granted. Our home is here, and where we should be. However, we do experience a strange kind of reverse homesickness. We encounter a level of love and simplicity of living that is hard to explain, but it stays with us and encourages us to continue with the whole business of EMP. The work will go on.

All this is achievable because of the generosity of all our supporters. So let us conclude by saying a massive thank-you to our friends, donors, our enthusiastic family, trustees and even Gift Aid for all the money we can claim back from HMRC.

For more information visit our website www.ethiopiamedicalproject.com, or contact us by email on jo@ethiopiamedicalproject.com or by phone on 07830 589959.

Jo Middlemiss and Maureen Burnett

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Loch Leven Half Marathon, Pipe Band Contest and Feel Good Fair Saturday 14 May

Once again, the highlight of May is the triple event of the Loch Leven Half Marathon, Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest and the Feel Good Fair, all happening on Saturday 14 May. The Pipe Band contest starts at 11am at the Loch Leven Community Campus, with bands from far and wide taking part.

- * **Highland dancing display**
- * **Beer tent**
- * **Community groups**

The 33rd Loch Leven Half Marathon will welcome 600 runners to Kinross. The race will be starting at Clashburn Road at 1pm and will take the usual anti-clockwise route round the loch before finishing at the Loch Leven Community Campus from 2pm onwards.

Meantime, family and friends of competitors, and the local community, can have a fun-packed afternoon at the Feel Good Fair while waiting for the runners to cross the finishing line in the campus grounds.



Come and take part in Tug of War!

- * **Market stalls**
- * **Children's fun run**
- * **Sports and games**



The massed pipe bands make an impressive spectacle

The Feel Good Fair will have market and community group stalls, activities by Swansacre Playgroup and family sports activities from Live Active Leisure. Activities include a Fun Run, Tug of War and Mini Highland Games. Come along and enjoy! The Feel Good Fair runs from 1pm until 4.30pm.

The afternoon rounds off with the dramatic spectacle of the massed pipe bands beginning at 4pm.

See also opposite page. For details on booking a stall, see the Loch Leven Community Campus column on page 57.



The Half Marathon starts at 1pm



There will be lots of games at the Fair

Feel Good Fair Saturday 14 May
Loch Leven Community campus,
Kinross

Loch Leven Half Marathon

Pipe Band Contest

*Fun for all
the family!*



- 11am Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest
With bands from far and wide!
- 1pm Half Marathon Start at Clashburn Road
- 1pm-4.30pm Local Market Stalls, Swansacre Playgroup
Activities and Family Sports Activities
from Live Active Leisure
- 1.30pm Fun Run by Swansacre Playgroup
*This popular event is open to all children
under 12 years old.*
- 2pm onwards Half Marathon runners finish at the
back of the campus
- Mid-afternoon Drum Major's Contest and Highland
Dancing Display by Lawson's School
of Dancing
- 4pm Final Massed Pipe Bands

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Councillor Robertson

New Kinross Primary School

I and my fellow councillors have now seen plans for the new Kinross Primary School which looked very good on paper. However we were given the opportunity to see around the new primary school and nursery at Crieff to see what it would physically look like. Since the visit to Crieff I can't wait for Kinross to have a brand new state of the art primary. Seeing all the facilities, classrooms and communal areas which our new school will contain must and will make a huge difference to the education experience of our children. I have attached a couple of pictures of the inside of the school to let you see what the layout will be like.



The new Kinross Primary School will have modern classrooms like these at Crieff Primary School



Kinross High Street

The vast majority of local people appear to be pleased with the improvements made to the High Street. The one issue which people are unhappy with is the lack of a safe crossing point anywhere in the street. Both myself and my fellow councillors have asked for a crossing point to be installed. We are waiting to hear if our requests will be agreed to by the Council.

Vandalism

The Kirkgate Park is a great attraction for visitors and has some of the best play equipment of any park in Perth & Kinross. Unfortunately some of the play equipment has been vandalised recently. The police have promised to give the park more attention in the hope of stopping any further damage being done. It is sad that equipment which gives so much fun to our children should be vandalised in this way.

Drum to Aldie Road multi-use track

The contractors are making good progress with this path, which is being built by TRACKS. It is the first section of what we hope will be a safe cycling/walking link from Crook of Devon to Kinross. The path surface has been laid and the fencing is currently being erected. According to reports locally, many people have already used it. When finished, it will provide a safe route to the Aldie Road. It will also create an excellent circular walk.

Don't underestimate the power of the Newsletter

I did a piece in the March edition of the Newsletter about the Council's cost cutting idea of reclassifying what is and what isn't a pothole. A hole now has to be 60mm deep to be classed as a pothole. This was picked up by the Dundee Courier who ran an article on it, then it was covered by The Times. This was amazing enough. Then I was contacted by the BBC's One Show who thought that the new Council policy was very odd and wanted to cover it in their programme. So it was that they turned up on 31 March with a film crew to make a film about the dangers the new Council policy posed for road users, especially for cyclists. So, please note: **don't underestimate the power of the Kinross Newsletter.**

Councillor Willie Robertson

Latest bank fraud trick

Police have warned of an intricate fraud through a telephone call to a person's mobile phone.

The victim receives a telephone call from a person purporting to be from their bank. The caller wants to check if the account holder is using their online bank account to withdraw a large sum of money.

To verify that the call is genuine, the caller asks the account holder to look at the telephone number on the back of their bank card. The fraudster terminates the call, then phones back, where the number displayed on the account holder's mobile is the same number as on the bank card.

The account holder now believes the caller is genuine and that someone is trying to remove money from the account. The account holder then completes a transaction with the bogus caller which results in being defrauded of a significant sum from their bank account.

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Councillor Barnacle

Local Government Boundaries Commission

The Local Government Boundaries Commission are not holding a local inquiry and will not publish their final recommendations on the 'Kinross-shire Question' until they submit to Scottish Ministers by the end of May 2016. Local members have written to our MSPs asking them to declare their stance on the boundaries issue (see April 2016 Newsletter and also my website on this matter); perhaps residents could question the candidates re same during the current election period.



Land at 27a Keltybridge

I welcome the formation of a community company which intends to acquire a piece of land in order to provide parking, footpath signage and visitor information for the Tabernacle Hall at Keltybridge.

I wrote a letter of support to the Blairadam Community Company on 12 April 2016, saying:

As you will be aware, I have been the elected member for the Kinross-shire ward of Perth & Kinross Council (PKC) since May 1999 and have supported the community's interest over the above land ever since. The land was included as "village setting" in the Kinross area local plan 2004 and an appeal by a prospective developer was rejected by the Reporter in support of this zoning. At this time the community already had expressed the desire for the land to provide parking, footpath signage, visitor information and setting for the Tabernacle Community Hall. In June 2009, when making representations on the main issues report for our Local Development Plan (LDP) 2014, I maintained that this village setting area should be identified for the above community usage. In the subsequent plan, PKC stated that Keltybridge should not be expanded further at this time. The Reporter also introduced policy PM4 into our current LDP (adopted February 2014) to limit development to within settlement boundaries, so avoiding creeping settlement development. The site was removed from the settlement boundary in our current LDP but this was not objected, following assurances from PKC forward planning that the community's future aspirations for the site would not be affected.

These assurances proved worthless when PKC's planning department recommended approval of the current extant planning permission 13/02177/FLL for two houses, despite objections from local elected members in March 2014. The site remains undeveloped and an ugly eyesore on the edge of the most scenic part of the village. I therefore strongly support its potential acquisition by the community through registration of interest.

Yours sincerely

Cllr Michael Barnacle

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Green Route: Wester Balgedie – Dryside Road

Copy of an email (14.4.16) by Cllr Barnacle to Brian Cargill, Roads, PKC:

I refer to the above proposal approved at E & I Committee on 23/3/16 and statutory consultation thereon.

As a Ward Councillor involved when the community lobbied for the original Dryside Road track to be surfaced from the Fife Boundary, I have a keen interest in securing a long-term solution acceptable to the majority. I note that in 2005, a large section of this road from the Fife boundary (stream at border culverted) to Glenlomond was tarmacked, resulting in an increase in usage and traffic speed. On Monday evening, I visited a constituent who lives at Muirs of Kinnesswood near the Fife Boundary and on Tuesday evening there was a long discussion at Portmoak Community Council involving local members and the public regarding this proposal, Councillor Giacopazzi (Vice-Convenor of E & I) being present.

It was unanimously agreed that the best long-term solution for 'the Green Route' was as follows viz:

1. A 30 mph limit from the Fife Boundary to the start of the housing at Glenlomond, with a shorter 20 mph section from here to the village entrance (where current 40 mph sign is to be relocated from), a 30 mph limit from here to the entrance to Wester Balgedie and a 20 mph through Wester Balgedie to the A911 junction.
2. Passing places to be provided at certain points and I suggest an on-site meeting to discuss same.
3. Dryside Road at Glenlomond is badly potholed and requires attention.
4. An off-road footpath link to be researched between Glenlomond and Wester Balgedie.
5. Further markers/roadside boulders required at Muirs of Kinnesswood to prevent verge deterioration.

I am aware the above is not currently proposed but feel it would provide the best solution for most parties and would ask for the Committee Report to be re-visited along these lines.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Mike Barnacle

Short film tells big story of Loch Leven

An excellent new film about Kinross and Loch Leven is available to view on the internet.

The film is part of an innovative library project 'Big Stories, Wee Places' which aims to produce a series of short films exploring heritage and culture at historical sites throughout Perth and Kinross.

Places and topics covered in the Loch Leven film include Kinross House, Mary Queen of Scots, the lowering of Loch Leven, the ancient Portmoak Chapel site and the story of Michael Bruce, the Gentle Poet of Loch Leven.

The film is on the PKC website and You Tube. Find it by putting 'Short History of Kinross and Loch Leven' into a search engine.

Visiting Kinross-shire?

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

www.visitlochleven.org

Kinross actor returns to her roots

A chance discovery in the School of Scottish Studies of a recording made at the Kinross Folk Festival in 1971 was the inspiration for Kinross-shire theatre maker, Ishbel McFarlane, to create her one-woman show about language, **'O is for Hoolet'**.

Ishbel, who is now based in Glasgow, will be returning to her home town to perform her award-winning show at Kinross Parish Church on **Wednesday 11 May** at 7.30pm as part of a national tour stretching from Galloway to Caithness, in association with producers 'Feral' (Jill Smith and Kathryn Boyle) and supported by Creative Scotland.

Tickets, priced £8 and £6 concessions, are available from Baillie's paper shop, High Street, Kinross, or Kinross Parish Church office (01577 862570). The performance lasts about 75 minutes and is considered suitable for age 14+

The show won the Arches and Traverse Theatre's 'Platform 18: New Directions Award 2014' and is described as 'a passionate, interactive one-woman show about the Scots language using stories, memories, interviews and attitudes to challenge expectations and prejudices around minority languages'.

Performances in Glasgow and Edinburgh last year led to four-star reviews in the Times and the List.



Ishbel McFarlane returns to perform in her home town

Ishbel was born and brought up in rural Kinross-shire and attended Kinross Primary School, Kinross High School and Strathallan School, Forgandenny, before training at the University of Edinburgh and the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. Her theatre making centres around social justice, history, place and language.

Ishbel says of 'O is for Hoolet': "I want to encourage conversations about Scots language, and minoritised cultures. Why is it we put language varieties into a hierarchy? Why do we think a 'language' is better than a 'dialect'? Why do people who would never discriminate against someone for the colour of their skin, openly discriminate based on their word-choice? The way we talk and the way we hear is the heart of the matter. This is a universal issue."

Do you have Photographs of Kinross-shire

you'd be happy to share with others?

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

Citylink restores one express bus

Local politicians and residents who have campaigned to have express bus services restored to Kinross have met with a small success.

The Citylink company intends to allow the G92 Edinburgh-Dundee-Aberdeen service, which leaves Edinburgh at 0615 hrs, to once again stop at Halbeath park & ride and Kinross park & ride. This was one of a number of limited stop services that used to stop at Kinross. However, following a review of services last year, Citylink made changes to their winter timetable which removed Kinross as one of the stages on some of the limited stop services covering Edinburgh to Perth and further north.

The restoration of the G92 0615 hrs service, which stops at Kinross park & ride at 0700 hrs, will take effect from 23 May. Citylink has refused to restore Kinross to the stops on the 1715 hrs express Citylink from Edinburgh, meaning commuters have a much longer journey via other bus services with more stops en route.

After receiving a letter from David Frenz, Operations Director with Citylink, Cllr Willie Robertson said: "I am delighted to report that he has agreed to reverse the decision taken at the end of last year to stop the early morning G92 Edinburgh-Dundee service stopping at Kinross and Halbeath. This means that commuters from Kinross can once again use this service which will stop at Kinross at 7.00am to get to work in Dundee. "However he has refused to allow the 5.15pm express Citylink service from Edinburgh to stop at Kinross which is very disappointing.

"He has also said he can do nothing to improve the lack of bus services from Kinross to Perth in the peak times of 7.30am to 9.30am. He says the three northbound services which arrive within 5 minutes at 9.30am are operated by separate bus companies so he has no control over them. Mr. Frenz seems to be unaware that all three bus companies concerned are in the ownership of Stagecoach Holdings."

Cllr Robertson vowed to continue the fight, saying: "I will not give up on this and will take every opportunity I get to try and get us a bus service which meets the needs of the travelling Kinross-shire public."

Scottish Parliament Election on 5 May

An election for the Scottish Parliament takes place on Thursday 5 May. For the Scottish Parliament election, there are two ballot papers.

One is the Constituency ballot paper. We are in the constituency of Perthshire South and Kinross-shire. You vote by putting a cross in the box opposite the name of one candidate.

The other ballot paper is the Regional ballot paper for a larger electoral area, in our case Mid Scotland and Fife Region. You vote by putting a cross in one box opposite the name of one party.

Dog fouling fines double

The fine for allowing a dog to foul in a public place and failing to clear it up has risen from £40 to £80.

Perth & Kinross Council put the charge up on 1 April 2016 following a decision by the Scottish Parliament.

Problems with dog fouling can be reported confidentially by calling PKC on 01738 476476.

Loch Leven Community Library

Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross
Tel: 01577 867205 Email: lochlevenlibrary@pkc.gov.uk

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Sun & Mon closed Fri 10am-6pm
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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: 20 May and 17 June

Crime Book Group: 17 May and 21 June

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

Around the World with Bookbug

Wednesday 18 May, 2pm-3pm

To help celebrate Bookbug Week 2016, bring your little one along to an afternoon of stories, song, play and fun. Meet Book Bug, enjoy stories and informal play, and sing along with Malcolm at this very special BookBug Rhymetime.

Free event suitable for ages 0-5yrs.

Bookbug Fun Thursday 19 May, 10.45-11.45am

Help us celebrate Bookbug Week with a multi-sensory storytelling and activity session. Free event.

Travel Writing

Walk on the Funny Side Thursday 9 June, 7.30pm

Alistair Scott is the author of ten books in several genres but is best known as a travel writer. With an eye for the absurd and bizarre, he's well placed to comment on the role of humour in travel writing after observing and practising it for over twenty years. Fully illustrated with pictures from around the world and interspersed with short readings from his own and other writers' works, this talk promises to be informative and highly entertaining.

Suitable: Young Adults and Adults. Tickets £5. Booking essential.

Lest We Forget Reflections on the Great War

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



First World War Timeline 1916

21 Feb – 18 Dec	German attack on Verdun, the longest battle of the war
April	British forces in Mesopotamia begin advance on Baghdad
24 March	French passenger ship <i>Sussex</i> torpedoed
4 May	Germany renounces submarine policy

Kinross-shire Roll of Honour

April - May 1916

22 April	Alexander Marshall
25 April	D Richardson
1 May	John Soutter
27 May	Hector Brown
28 May	Thomas J W Blyth
28 May	Edward Coventry

Thomas James Watters Blyth

Lance Corporal Blyth was the son of Mr and Mrs John Blyth of St Thomas Cottage, Crook of Devon.

Before enlisting he was in the employment of Mr William Flockhart of Annacroich.

Lance Corporal Blyth was manning a trench mortar gun when he was hit by a piece of enemy shell or mortar during bombardment. Letters to his parents said that he died instantaneously. He was highly thought of and had been marked out for rapid promotion.

Lance Corporal Blyth of 7th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders died on 28 May 1916 and is buried at Louez military cemetery, Duisans, France.

Victoria Avenue is one way!

Following reports of drivers going the wrong way along Victoria Avenue in Milnathort, the Police issued a statement saying: "Whether this is by accident or design, it compromises the safety of both other drivers and pedestrians.

"Officers will be giving the area some attention to ensure the safety of all concerned."

Culture Perth and Kinross

Museums, galleries and libraries previously managed by Perth & Kinross Council are now the responsibility of a trust called 'Culture Perth and Kinross'. The new trust came into being on 1 April 2016.

Perth Museum & Art Gallery, The Fergusson Gallery in Perth and Alyth Museum are now the responsibility of the trust. Culture Perth & Kinross also takes over the running of the Libraries and Information Service.



From the area commander

Action on Rural Thefts

You may be aware over the past few months there have been some thefts of trailers and other machinery in rural locations with Perth and Kinross. This causes a great financial loss to the victims as well as a great deal of disruption. In order to tackle this we have launched **Operation Tigerclaw**, a Rural Crime initiative, allowing us to deploy resources into rural areas to conduct high visibility patrols, visits to repeat locations offering reassurance and safety advice as well as conducting stop checks of those in the area. In order to do this we have deployed officers from the Trunk Road Policing Department, Operation Support Unit and we have been working with and sharing information with our neighbouring divisions as well as our partners.

This is an ongoing initiative and I would request that you ask your communities to be vigilant with their property, securing it and locking it away where possible and as always to report any suspicious activity to Police Scotland using 999 in an emergency and 101 if not.

(See also notice 'Tackling Rural Crime Together' on this page.)

Consultation

Police Scotland recently launched a new online public consultation survey. #yourviewcounts (for the twitter users amongst us.)

The survey is a series of questions asking the public what they consider should be our policing priorities.

The public consultation survey will be hosted on the Police Scotland internet site and when live will be available for the public to input throughout the year. (It takes 5-10 minutes to complete.)

On a quarterly basis the administration team for the public consultation survey will feedback to each division what the public are telling us. This way we can identify what needs to change locally and ensure that any appropriate action is taken and that our local priorities are right.

Recent crime locally

A blue coloured Merida **hybrid bike** was stolen from a garage in **Church Street, Milnathort**, overnight on Tuesday 15 March.

An aerial was stolen from the roof of a grey Landrover Freelander, which was parked in **Green Road, Kinross** between 7.30pm on Saturday 26 March and 10am on Sunday 27 March.

At **Milnathort Primary School** some tree saplings within the playground were uprooted and damaged between the school closing at 3.30pm on Monday 28 March and reopening at 8.30am on Tuesday 29 March.

Between 2pm on Tuesday 5 April and 7.30pm Wednesday 6 April a vehicle parked in **South Street, Milnathort** was vandalised.

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

Tackling Rural Crime Together

NFUS Perth & Kinross invites farmers to a **FREE crime prevention event** at Huntingtower Hotel in Perth on **Wednesday 11 May**.

The event lasts from 9.30am until 2.30pm and will include talks on several topics, such as 'Crime prevention for farmers', 'fire safety and prevention', 'Dog control on farmland' and more. There will also be a demonstration of forensic marking and an opportunity to speak to various experts.

To find out more and book your place, telephone Stuart Cluckie on 01738 626672 or 07745 947910

Crime detected

A 22-year-old male was arrested after being found at a property in **McBain Place, Kinross**. The circumstances in which he was present suggested that he was there with the intention of committing theft. He was due to appear at Perth Sheriff Court on 8 April.

Advice

Dog owners are reminded that their pets should be kept under control at all times, even when they are within their own garden. There have been recent reports of dog bites within private gardens involving leaflet delivery, a dog getting lost and an over excited dog biting a child at play.

Forged currency: Retailers are urged to be extra vigilant when accepting payment for goods. There has been a spate of currency offences committed in the area involving forged £20 and £50 notes.

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: taysidekinross-shireCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

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



Community Watch

Receive email alerts about criminal incidents in your area, crime prevention advice, flood alerts and much more by signing up to Perth and Kinross Community Watch. The range of information received can be tailored individually; each person signing up can choose which partner agencies they would like to receive messages from. Visit this website for more details: www.pkcommunitywatch.co.uk

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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 April Meeting

Present at the meeting held on Wednesday 6 April 2016 were: CCLrs W Freeman, D Colliar, I Jack, M Blyth, E Thomas, J Bryson, B Davies and D West. Also in attendance were: P&K CCLrs J Giacopazzi, D Cuthbert, W Robertson and M Barnacle; Kirsteen Ross, Community Sport Hub Officer; Andy Cook, PKC Contracts Manager; and approximately seven members of the public.

Apologies were received from CCLrs T Stewart, M Scott and D MacKenzie.

In the absence of Secretary CCLr Scott, CCLr Thomas took minutes.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 March 2016: Delete: "CC Bryson also questioned the building budget for the years 2016/2017 and 2017/2018." Replace with: "CCLr Bryson indicated that he had been told the budget for running schools will change in 2016/17 and 2017/18. The parent council are talking to the council to see what impact, if any, the changes will have on Kinross Primary."

Subject to the above change, the minutes of the meeting of 2 March 2016 were approved.

Police Report: The Chairman read out a report sent by email from the Secretary.

Police Ward Plans: Response required by 15 April. The three local matters addressed by the Police are: anti-social behaviour (particularly young people), speeding and inconsiderate parking (particularly close to schools) and dishonesty (housebreakings and other forms of rural theft). The CC has nothing to add to this.

Presentation by Kirsteen Ross, Community Sport Hub Officer: Community Sport Hubs is a sportscotland 2014 Commonwealth Games legacy project. The idea behind is for all organisations and parties interested and involved in sport within a facility or a locality to work together to share good practice, expertise, knowledge and resources and to become stronger together. Community sport hubs provide the medium for a unified voice for improving sport, widening sporting opportunities in the local community through a collective identity.

A hub has started recently in Kinross-shire, with a wide range of groups participating. A management committee will be formed and analysis carried out. A community survey will begin in May.

Mrs Ross answered various questions from those present and was thanked for attending.

Use of Community Campus – Andy Cook, Contracts Manager, PKC: Mr Cook was present to answer questions about the use of the Loch Leven Community Campus (LLCC) but first made some introductory comments. Community use is on a par with other campuses. Daytime provision for the community was "drawn back" a year or two ago. PKC is about to carry out a review of all six campuses. This will include charges and the roles of Live Active Leisure (LAL) and Tayside Contracts. PKC will hold an event in the next couple of months to start the consultation process.

Mr Cook then answered various questions and was thanked for attending.

[For full report, see full minutes on kinross.cc website.]

Matters arising: MIR submission: The CC held an extra meeting on 8 March to draw up a submission to PKC's Main Issues Report. This will be made available to the public. *[See kinross.cc website.]*

Newsletter Fund: CCLrs Colliar, Davies and Thomas met with solicitor Campbell Watson on 7 March to discuss changes to the Articles & Memorandum of the Kinross Community Council Newsletter Ltd (KCCNL) charitable fund. A letter of authorisation to implement the changes is required from the CC. This was agreed and will be issued.

Town Hall: Cllr Cuthbert hopes to receive an update from Rollo solicitors.

New Kinross Primary School: Cllr Giacopazzi reported that local Councillors met with architects and council representatives to discuss the new Primary School. The Councillors were dubious about the flat roof. However, essential mechanical equipment is to be located on it and the whole project will be delayed if the equipment has to be relocated. The possibility of a drop off lane alongside Station Road was discussed but there is not enough room without shifting the position of the whole school. Parents driving children to school will be able to use the new school car park, which will be designed to facilitate drop off. There is a similar scheme in Crieff which seems to work.

Cllr Robertson stressed the need to encourage children to walk. This would require a safe crossing point in the High Street.

Councillors confirmed that the lodging of the planning application is imminent.

Town Centre Regeneration: A safety audit of Kinross High Street has been carried out. Councillors have been sent a summary of this and are due to meet with Council officers. After that, Ross Fletcher of PKC will revert to the CC.

Planning

Planning applications submitted to PKC

16/00014/FLL Land at Chance Inn, Kinross, erection of 2 dwelling houses.

16/00309/FLL Land 70 metres east of Monega House, Hatchbank, erection of 2 dwelling houses.

16/00328/FLL 33 Broom Road, alt/extension to dwelling house.

16/00347/FLL 9 Mavisbank, extension to dwelling house.

16/00372/FLL Tyrefair Ltd. 10 Clashburn Way, siting of 4 storage containers and associated works.

16/00523/FLL, 12 Mavisank, alterations and extension to garage to form ancillary accommodation.

16/00290/FLL Land 30 metres north of Balneathill House, Easter Balgedie, installation of flood lighting.

16/00387/FLL Land north west of Hatchank Farm, Hatchbank, change of use from agricultural to garden ground and erection of a dwelling house (change of site layout of permission 15/00795/FLL).

No comments were raised on the above.

16/00255/FLM Former Kinross High School, erection of 91 dwelling houses and associated infrastructure: A sub committee of the CC had met to carry out a preliminary examination of the proposal and to draw up comments for the consideration of the whole CC. These were read out and agreed. The CC welcomes the retention of the Edwardian school building and the provision of parking to the rear of Kinross Parish Church but objects to the density of the proposed development, which, at 91 dwellings, is 30% greater than the allocation for this site in the LDP. There is insufficient information regarding the materials and finishes to the proposed houses (both the conversion of the Edwardian building and the new-build houses) to enable the CC to agree to the designs.

The CC had received a copy of an objection from a local resident and noted the points made.

Discussion was opened up to the floor and various points made. These included:

- 17 parking spaces is insufficient for church needs.
- A resident who lives in Alexander Drive, adjacent to the planning site, is concerned at loss of privacy if two-storey houses are built on the site, which is on higher ground than his own property. He himself was only allowed to build a single storey house in 1992.
- Bungalows are needed rather than two-storey houses.
- More affordable housing is required.
- The proposed vehicular access on to Green Road will create a dangerous 'rat run' through a residential area used by schoolchildren. A suggestion was made that this entrance could be one-way only, in to the new estate.
- The development would put a strain on infrastructure.

The CC had requested and obtained a two-week extension to the consultation. CCllr Thomas will draft a letter to Planning for the Chairman's approval.

Planning Applications Determined by PKC

16/00084/FLL 18 Muirpark Road, Kinross, extension to dwellinghouse and erection of a garage – Approved.

16/00011/FLL Land 30 metres east of 177 High Street, Old Causeway, erection of 9 flats – Refused.

16/00030/FLL 17 Hatchbank Road, Gairneybank change of use from public open space to garden ground – Approved.

15/02152/FLL Land 50 metres northwest of Bellfield House, Balado, modification of permission 13/02161/FLL erection of two dwellinghouses and garages, subdivide plot 1 into two plots – Approved.

16/00102/FLL 69-71 High Street, erection of a garden building (partly in retrospect) – Approved.

16/00164/LBC Clydesdale Bank, alterations to building – Approved.

Planning Correspondence

Beaufield (Land 110m SE of Beaufield, Balado): The planning permission appeal by the applicant to the Reporter has been dismissed.

Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors

Councillor Barnacle

Main Issues Report: Cllr Barnacle sent the CC a copy of his submission to PKC regarding the Main Issues Report. He noted that he and the CC had differing views on site E19. He has since spoken to Forward Planning at PKC to say that he does not feel strongly about it.

Balado Settlement Envelope: Now that the Beaufield appeal has been dismissed, this is an opportunity for the community to comment further to PKC Forward Planning. There could be a revision of the boundary, or the site could be designated as open space.

A977: Discussions are ongoing with PKC officers regarding an outline business case for the A977. The 40mph restriction for Turfhill is expected to be implemented in May 2016.

Boundary Commission: As the Boundary Commission will not report to Scottish Ministers until late May, i.e. after the Scottish Parliament election, there is an opportunity to question candidates on their point of view regarding the proposals for the Kinross-shire ward.

Councillor Robertson

Citylink: Cllr Robertson reported partial success after lobbying the bus company. The G92 6.15am bus from Edinburgh will again stop at Halbeath and Kinross Park & Ride sites from 23 May. Citylink refuse to restore the 5.15pm bus from Edinburgh. The Councillor cannot get Citylink to address the lack of buses to Perth at peak times in the morning. Cllr Robertson would like to see an integrated bus service.

Green Park: Rough and dangerous pavements and road in Green Park will be resurfaced this year.

Litter picks: Residents have been letting Cllr Robertson know about areas that need to be cleaned up. The embankment at Mill Street was tidied recently. He welcomes more suggestions.

Councillor Giacomazzi

Potholes: Cllr Giacomazzi said that 13,858 potholes have been reported in the year to 31 March 2016 and 13,458 of them have been repaired.

Cllr Robertson said that 296 claims for damage caused by potholes were submitted to the council by residents. Only 5.6% of these were met by PKC's insurance company, who paid out a total of just £1,120.

School exclusion trial zones: There is a trial in Glenfarg of an exclusion zone, in an attempt to deal with problem parking.

Unpaid work team: A form can be obtained online for applying to have work done, e.g. cleaning of signs.

LDP: Supplementary Guidance for the Local Development Plan is available on the PKC website.

Councillor Cuthbert

Kinross in Bloom: Residents may have noticed that plants have been removed from Gacé Gardens. Kinross in Bloom is doing work here and replanting will take place. Kinross in Bloom are planning to plant up large tubs outside the Town Hall.

Bins for businesses near Town Hall: Cllr Cuthbert reported that he had been told that when Simon Wilson was carrying out work on the Town Hall, he made adjustments which have affected the ability of some local businesses to store refuse bins at the rear of their properties. A solution will have to be found.

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Double yellow lines: Cllr Cuthbert sought clarification regarding the CC's view on the proposal to have double yellow lines in the vicinity of the Masonic Hall. Since the March meeting, the CC has received further comments from the public. One was against the proposal, because of the inconvenience to hall users who require to bring equipment in. Other comments were in favour. The decision of the CC at the March meeting still stands, i.e. to support PKC officers in progressing this. The next stage is consultation by letter with neighbouring residents. Cllr Cuthbert will confirm to PKC officers that the CC is in favour of the double yellow lines.

Miscellaneous Correspondence

Transport Minister: The office of Transport Minister David Mackay has responded to the CC's email. The letter responded to the CC's comments on: bus services, restoration of the railway and the A977. The Minister politely declined the CC's invitation to attend a meeting.

MP: Tasmina Ahmed-Sheik can meet with members of the CC on 22 April during a surgery. Cllr David West offered to attend. This is to bring up topics of bus services and the A977. The CC Secretary should email the MP's office to confirm.

The Sure Team, comprising council tenants and users of the housing service, are assessing how well the Council deals with anti-social behaviour matters that are brought to their attention. The CC is invited to complete a questionnaire by 18 May. All Community Councillors are to look through this prior to the May meeting of the CC.

Enforcement Review: PKC's Scrutiny Committee is carrying out a survey on experience of planning enforcement and invites the CC to comment by the deadline of 29 April. Cllrs Bryson and West will have a look at the electronic questionnaire together and respond if able.

Snow clearing: PKC asks for comments on this winter's snow clearing and gritting performance by 22 April. It has been a mild winter and the CC has no comment.

PUSH: Information from local charity which supports young people with additional needs.

Local Housing Strategy: Comments invited on PKC draft Local Housing Strategy by Tuesday 19 April. Cllr West will have a look at this.

The CC wishes organisations would allow the CC more time to respond to surveys and questionnaires. It was agreed, however, that where a Community Councillor has expertise on a particular subject, he/she could be asked to examine documents between meetings.

Other Business

Light Up Kinross AGM: CCllr Colliar would like to see Community Councillors, P&K Councillors and members of the public in attendance.

Lathro path: CCllr Davies raised the problem of frequent flooding of the footpath behind the former health centre at Lathro.

Yellow lines, Muirs: CCllr Freeman asked when these might be painted. Cllr Giacopazzi will follow this up.

Crumbling frontage: The Council-owned property with a crumbling façade in the High Street is in fact an address at Old Causeway (no. 11). Cllr Cuthbert will follow this up for repair.

Gallowhill Road/Muirs junction: In response to a question from Mr Alexander, Cllr Cuthbert confirmed that the issue of the unsatisfactory junction has been "added to the list" of things for Council officers to examine.

Railway path: A member of the public suggested that a job for the Unpaid Work Team could be cutting back vegetation on the old railway path that runs from Davies Park to Gallowhill. Cllr Robertson will apply for this.

The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 4 May 2016 in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross. It will be preceded by the CC's Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm.

Agenda for AGM

(1) Apologies for absence. (2) Chair's report. (3) Minutes of AGM held on 6 May 2015. (4) Treasurer's Report and Accounts. (5) Appointment of officers. (6) Any other business.

Agenda for May Meeting

(1) Apologies for absence. (2) Declarations of interest. (3) Minutes of meeting of 6 April 2016. (4) Police report. (5) Matters arising. (6) Newsletter fund. (7) Kinross Buildings. (8) New Primary School. (9) Town centre regeneration. (10) Planning. (11) Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors. (12) Correspondence. (13) Other competent business. (14) Date of next meeting (1 June 2016).

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

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Milnathort Community Council News from the Extraordinary General Meeting

Present at the EGM held on 17 March 2016 were: CCllrs Baudains, Cartwright, Cook, Heneghan, Lawson and Williams. Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs Barnacle, Giacomazzi and Robertson, and five members of the public.

Apologies were received from CCllrs Kirkham and Young; P&K Cllr Cuthbert, and from the Police.

Appointment of the Chair: PKC Cllr Giacomazzi initially chaired the meeting to appoint the Chair. David Baudains was appointed as Chair, proposed by Lisa Cartwright and seconded by Kevin Heneghan; he then chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Appointments: Kevin Heneghan was appointed as Secretary, proposed by Craig Williams and seconded by Campbell Lawson. Elyse Kirkham was appointed as Treasurer, proposed by Kevin Heneghan and seconded by Brian Cook. The MCC did not appoint a Vice-Chair at this stage. Lisa Cartwright was appointed as Data Controller, proposed by Kevin Heneghan and seconded by Craig Williams. Campbell Lawson was appointed as Planning officer, proposed by Craig Williams and seconded by Brian Cook.

Adoption of Constitution, Standing Orders and Code of Conduct: The MCC adopted and signed its Constitution and agreed its Standing Orders and Code of Conduct for Community Councillors.

Other business: Kevin Heneghan advised that Stephen Bolland had been instrumental in asking members of the public to stand for election to the MCC, and although Stephen was not elected, Kevin acknowledged Stephen's efforts for the community.

News from the April Meeting

Present at the meeting on Thursday 14 April 2016 were: CCllrs Baudains, Cook, Lawson, Williams, Heneghan (Secretary), Cartwright and Young to the meeting. Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs Giacomazzi, Cuthbert and Robertson and 11 members of the public. **Apologies** were received from CCllr Kirkham (Treasurer) and from PKC Cllr Barnacle.

Minute's silence: Before proceedings got under way, one minute's silence was held in respect of Kim Clark, who had died in a tragic incident in Milnathort on 12 April.

Vice Chair: Steven Young took up the post of vice-Chair after being proposed by Kevin Heneghan and seconded by Campbell Lawson.

Declarations of interest: David Baudains declared an interest in the item on Best Kept Village, as he is Secretary of Milnathort in Bloom.

Matters outstanding from the last meeting of MCC, held on October 8, 2015:

Cllr Giacomazzi reported on the following:

A vehicle-activated sign in Burleigh Road has been promised by PKC within the current financial year to help address the long-term problem of speeding. It will be of the type that tells drivers how fast they are travelling.

It has been confirmed that the wooden fence opposite the access to Auld Mart Road is PKC's responsibility and will be attended to.

The possibility of a path from Cuthill Towers to Burnside is being considered by TRACKS, but they are busy with various other projects at the moment. A case has also been put together by Stephen Bolland for PKC to consider a path from Cuthill Towers to Mawcarse Crossroads. Stephen to resend

Cllr Giacomazzi the details of this. Cllr Giacomazzi and Cllr Robertson stated that this is a considerable waiting list within PKC for such works.

Planning applications: Campbell Lawson will provide visuals of all planning applications pertinent to Area 49 (MCC) from next month. They will also be available on the MCC website, which is currently under construction.

Lathro: There was a discussion about the field opposite Auld Mart Road. Cllr Robertson advised that that field could not be built on as it was a flood plain. The principle of development at Lathro (which is outwith the MCC area) had already been established, but SEPA had raised an objection. A member of the public expressed concern about the impact on The Queich in Auld Mart Wynd should the Lathro development go ahead, as it had been unable to cope with the heavy rain during the winter. Cllr Giacomazzi reported that SEPA was working with PKC on the issue.

Planning applications submitted

Erection of a house on land 70 metres north east of East Netherton Farm: This has already been approved. Noted.

Change of use of antique showroom to dwelling house at Tudor House Antiques: Noted.

Erection of a house and garage on land 20m north of Craigowmill Farm: Noted.

Erection of a house and garage on land 30m south of The Manse, Perth Road: This application has been re-submitted, having been previously refused. The application is now for one house instead of two. A member of the public expressed concerns about congestion in the area and potential parking problems. Noted.

Erection of two houses on land 50m east of Upper Warroch Cottage: This has already been approved. Noted.

Following an enquiry from a resident in Victoria Avenue, Cllr Giacomazzi advised that there are no plans to develop the plot of land at the top of Jessie's Park.

Turbine towers: The Chair advised that he was awaiting a response from the police as to why residents had been asked to move their parked vehicles, and had not been informed that turbine towers were to be transported along Wester Loan at 4.30am. PKC Traffic and Network team were not notified of any abnormal load movement at this location on that date and the two known contractors in the area have confirmed it wasn't them.

Donaldson/Orwell Park: Cllr Giacomazzi reported that Kinross Football Club had successfully applied for funding for changing facilities and was seeking permission to site them behind Milnathort Primary School. The school car park would be utilised and the facilities would be available to pupils. Cllr Robertson pointed out that there was a shortage of such facilities in Kinross-shire and that this application was different from that previously submitted by Fossoway FC in that it was well away from Church Street and would not be used for anything other than changing.

Kinross-shire Best Kept Village Awards: The Chair introduced Patrick Milne-Home, Chair of the awards committee. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the awards scheme and he hoped that Milnathort would participate. After discussion, it was agreed that David Baudains will liaise with other local groups with a view to progressing the idea.

Consulting the community: Lisa Cartwright suggested holding morning meetings of MCC on an occasional basis so that more residents, including children, could attend. The possibility of carrying out a survey among residents was also

put forward. It was agreed to discuss further at the next meeting. Lisa Cartwright advised that the MCC Facebook page is now up and running and that she is planning to launch a website. It was also agreed that she should approach the primary school with a view to asking pupils to design an MCC logo.

New matters and correspondence:

Friends of Milnathort Town Hall are seeking a treasurer.

Feel Good Fair: The Chair and Lisa Cartwright will discuss the possibility of MCC having a presence.

Conservation area: There was a discussion about Kinross-shire Civic Trust's proposal to designate Milnathort as a conservation area. The previous community council had rejected the idea unanimously. Cllr Robertson advised that PKC were not keen to create any more conservation areas and, following further discussion, the MCC agreed that the disadvantages of such a move would greatly outweigh any advantages.

Dog fouling: There was a discussion about the problems caused by irresponsible dog owners, including a husky allowed to run free in Jessie's Park. Fouling was particularly bad on the pavement near the school and in Donaldson Park, where some areas had been left wild. Cllr Robertson agreed to ask PKC to cut the grass in the entire park once the daffodils have gone over and Campbell Lawson will contact the dog warden to find out how many waste bins there are and whether they are emptied frequently enough. It was also noted that green dog waste bags are available free of charge in Giacopazzi's.

Fireworks: There was a proposal to hold a fireworks display/bonfire in Donaldson Park on 5 November, but after discussion it was felt that while a community event was a good idea, this would prompt considerable negative reaction.

Protocol: It was agreed that if members of the MCC were approached with ad hoc enquiries, they should pass details on to the Chair and Secretary so that appropriate action could be explored.

Traffic issues:

Victoria Avenue: Drivers are still occasionally going the wrong way down Victoria Avenue, which is now a one-way street. Cllr Giacopazzi will pursue the possibility of erecting another sign and Cllr Robertson will raise the matter with the police.

Bollards and speeding tractors: A member of the public expressed concerns that the bollards at the corner of Burleigh Road and Perth Road had been sheared off by heavy vehicles on more than one occasion. There was also an issue with tractors speeding in this area. After discussion, it was agreed that the Chair would speak to the police about this as well as the problem of tractors going too fast down North Street.

South Street: Cllrs Giacopazzi and Robertson advised that the build-out at the zebra crossing will be completed this year. Cllr Robertson will request that the 20mph limit is extended to beyond the crossing. Cllr Giacopazzi will ask the police to set up more speed traps as a number of drivers had already been caught. Cllr Robertson will also ask about installing a second crossing farther up, at Bridgefauld Road. This was unlikely to be approved due to financial constraints, but may be possible under the Safer Routes to School scheme.

Blocked drain: Cllr Robertson will again report the blocked drain at the junction of Bridgefauld Road and Whyte Place.

Church Street/Stirling Road: Concerns were raised about

the poor visibility at this junction because of bushes affecting drivers' line of sight. Parabolic mirrors can only be installed on a private basis. After discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Robertson would ask PKC officials to look at the site.

Potholes: Cllr Giacopazzi will take up the issue of potholes in the village, especially in Church Street. Members of the public are encouraged to report potholes to clarence@pkc.gov.uk

Primary school closure: A member of the public asked if PKC had been held accountable for the closure of the school for two days in December and whether an assurance be given that the same thing would not happen again. Cllr Robertson said that the contractor used by PKC when the problem with the roof occurred were not compliant with health and safety rules and an emergency team had to be brought in, hence the delay. He could not guarantee that any similar problems would not occur in future as it was a flat roof. PKC have since increased their contractors from one to three to reduce the likelihood of a similar situation arising.

Other business

Cllr Cuthbert **thanked** members of the MCC for giving up their time for the sake of the community.

Recycling: The Chair asked if there were any plans to introduce glass-recycling facilities for individual households. Cllr Robertson said there were none at present but householders would be given smaller general waste bins later this year to encourage more recycling and ease the pressure on landfill sites. Families of five or more will still qualify for the bigger bins.

Pavement at Mawcarse: Cllr Giacopazzi advised that two householders had yet to fulfil their obligation to provide a footpath of an adoptable standard but this was in hand and the path would be completed in due course.

Scottish Water: Campbell Lawson advised that Scottish Water had agreed to sponsor a Christmas tree or flower tub for the village. David Baudains will pass on the details to Milnathort in Bloom.

The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will take place in Milnathort Town Hall on Thursday 12 May 2016 at 7.30pm. It will be the AGM followed by a routine monthly meeting. Members of the public are warmly invited to attend.

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Portmoak Community Council

News from the April Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 12 April were: CCllrs M Strang Steel (Chairman), B Calderwood, R Cairncross (Secretary), D Morris, and T Smith; Ward Councillors M Barnacle, D Cuthbert and J Giacomazzi; and 8 members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed David Baudains, Chair of Milnathort CC, and Patrick Milne Home from Kinross-shire Civic Trust.

Apologies for absence were received from: CCllrs A Robertson, S Forde and C Vlasto; and P&K Cllr W Robertson; and PC A Spalding.

Reports

Police: In the absence of PC Spalding, the CC considered the Police Scotland Consultation on the Kinross-shire Multi Member Ward Plan. It agreed to support the plan as presented and would inform Police Scotland accordingly by 15 April. The Area Commander Bulletins of 10 and 24 March and of 1 and 8 April were noted.

Treasurer's report: At end of March: General account: £140.30. MBW account: £694.30.

New Planning Applications

16/00290/FLL Installation of floodlighting at Balneathill House, Easter Balgedie. No comment made.

16/00362/IPL and 16/00363/IPL Two new houses at Lochend, Scotlandwell. The Council has commented that the houses should be either single or true one and half storeys.

Progress with developments

- 16/00325/CON and 16/00326/FLL **Former Lomond Hotel, Kinnesswood.** The CC response to the latest application had been submitted and is one of a number of objections. Central to the application is how well the proposals fit within the Kinnesswood Conservation Area. Following the last CC meeting, at which the lack of a conservation officer Report had been raised, Cllr W Robertson had contacted PKC seeking that this Report would now be published. On 8 April a conservation officer report dated 2 April and relating solely to the part demolition of the hotel and the demolition of the annex building and outbuildings was published in respect of planning application 16/00325/CON. No such report, however, was made available for the new build proposals as set out in application 16/00326/FLL. The CC noted that over the past two years it had on a number of occasions sought such a Report. It regarded its omission now as incompatible with a transparent planning process. This matter was noted by the ward Councillors present and the CC would write to PKC once more seeking that the Report be published on the PKC web.

A resident objected to the Secretary referring to the three Ward Cllrs present as being in a "privileged position". Each is a member of the Development Management Committee (which is likely to determine the outcome of this application); receives detailed briefing in respect of any application; and has direct access to senior planning officials.

- Glenlomond** proposal to erect dwellinghouses. A new planning application was anticipated.
- Arrangements at **Whitcraigs and Stephen's Field** consequent on departure of the developer. A meeting to review both the matter of maintenance of redundant plots across the development and the status of Stephen's Field is in hand.

Planning Enforcement Provisions: PKC invitation to comment. The Chairman would respond taking account of the CC's views by 29 April.

Roads: CCllr Calderwood reported that, although the CC had carefully raised a number of issues with PKC officers, progress had been disappointing. Ward Cllrs present noted this. Cllr Barnacle would pursue the matter further to include: an update on the Portmoak site meeting of 3 November 2015; further information on the proposed 20mph pilots for the A911 at Easter Balgedie, Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell; and an explanation of what is proposed in the "B9097 Action Plan" for the South Loch Road.

PKC Consultation on the proposal plan to introduce a 20mph speed limit on Dryside Road at Glenlomond and Wester Balgedie. Comments were required by 3 May. The CC revisited the proposals. It agreed that: a) it welcomed the proposal to introduce a "Green Route" safeguarding pedestrians and cyclists along the Dryside Road from its junction with the A911 at Wester Balgedie, past Glenlomond to its conclusion at the boundary with Fife; b) from the A911 junction to the north end of the village of Wester Balgedie and on the section of the Route from the entrance to Glenlomond Village to the waste water plant the speed should be a maximum of 20mph; and that c) elsewhere along the Route the maximum speed should be 30mph and not as proposed 40mph. The CC felt that despite the blind bends, lack of passing places and the absence of provision for cyclists and pedestrians, a speed of 20mph between Wester Balgedie and Glenlomond was unrealistic. It believed that 30mph for that section of the Route and the section from the waste water plant to the border with Fife should be 30mph. An off-road walking/cycling route from Glenlomond to Wester Balgedie should be pursued. PKC would be informed accordingly.

Paths: CCllr Smith reported that the Paths Group had enjoyed a constructive site visit to the Michael Bruce Way with George Lawrie of TRACKS and Kevin Fairclough of Paths for All. Suggestions on how to proceed were being considered and there would be short and long term programmes of work covering a range of activities. There would be a significant focus on maintaining and improving drainage. Support from volunteer "Action Days" facilitated by Paths for All would be considered. New arrangement for grass cutting would shortly be commissioned.

Best Kept Village Award 2016: Patrick Milne Home of the Kinross-shire Civic Trust explained the arrangements for the annual Best Kept Village and Hamlet Awards for Kinross-shire which are sponsored by the Trust. This is the 50th anniversary



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of the awards which had been created by Sir Robert Stewart of Arndean. It also coincides with the 25th anniversary of the Civic Trust. These are notable milestones and the Trust would welcome participation from all Portmoak settlements including, for the first time, Glenlomond. Judging this year would be towards the end of June. The emphasis is on factors contributing to a best kept village or hamlet, on tidiness and not on blooms. While the judges do look at public buildings they disregard buildings in a state of disrepair for which the community is not responsible. Patrick Milne Home was thanked for his presentation. The CC would encourage all settlements to participate.

Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH): Consultation on Management Plan for Loch Leven. The CC considered the SNH draft 10-year Management Plan for the Loch Leven National Nature Reserve. It was supportive of the programme which aimed to change how SNH manages the Reserve with a particular emphasis on improving the experience of visitors and educational groups. It agreed with plans to ensure effective Local Access Guidance including mitigating measures for the effects of the Heritage Trail. The Council sought better access to the NNR and the Heritage Trail from the settlements of Scotlandwell and Kinnesswood. Doing so would allow them to derive an economic benefit from the large numbers of visitors passing through Portmoak. The Council would support the SNH aspiration to include Portmoak Moss in the NNR. The local community would be pleased to work in partnership on relevant projects and would separately explore with SNH how that might be accomplished. Comments would be submitted by 15 April.

Consultation on Draft Local Housing Strategy 2016-2017.

Housing provision in Portmoak was recognised as an important matter and had been a strong part of the CC's response to the PKC Consultation on its Main Issues Report for the forthcoming Local Development Plan. It was difficult to reconcile the figures for population growth set out in the Housing Strategy with the projected fall in pupil intake at Portmoak School. Cllr Alison Robertson would be asked to take the lead in submitting a response on behalf of the CC by 19 April.

CC Matters:

- **Insurance renewal:** The CC's renewal of its annual insurance had been confirmed and would be placed on the Hall notice board.
- **Information Leaflets 2016.** These would be available for distribution shortly. Flyers had been placed on notice boards.

Ward Councillor Reports:

Cllr Barnacle: Congratulated the CC on its information leaflet; confirmed that his comment on the Main Issues Report could be found in the recent Newsletter; and reported that the recommendations of the Boundary Commission that could affect Kinross-shire would not be made to Scottish Ministers until after the forthcoming election.

Cllr Giacomazzi reported that: traffic school exclusion zones were being trialled (the arrangement could be relevant to Portmoak School) and that the "Community Pay-Back scheme" might be relevant to projects in Portmoak.

Matters previously notified to the Secretary:

PKC performance **gritting and snow clearing** 2015-2016. Cllr. B Calderwood would respond to the PKC's request for comment by 22 April.

Community Capacity Building Survey: The CC would make no comment.

The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 10 May at Portmoak School. It will be preceded by a short AGM.

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Fossoway & District CC

News from the April Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 5 April 2016 were: Cllrs T Duffy, K Borthwick, A Cheape, G Pye and G Kilby; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and D Cuthbert; and seven members of the public (MoP).

Apologies: P&K Cllrs W Robertson and J Giacomazzi; Cllr Richard Nesbitt.

Declarations of Interest: Cllr Duffy declared an interest in planning application 16/00538/FLL.

Police report: No report received. The CC was notified that PC Sturgess was unable to attend due to operational pressures. There was a theft of a charity box and cigarettes from Fossoway Stores, Crook of Devon, on 8 March. Around 13 March, a bench, which had been located between large planters opposite the Aldie Road junction on the A977, was stolen. Chris Walsh had spent a considerable time restoring the bench. Police Scotland are about to launch Operation Tigerclaw. [See 'from the area commander', Police Box, p. 22.]

Kinross-shire Civic Trust Best Kept Village Awards: Patrick Milne Home attended the meeting to update us on the 50th year of the Best Kept Village awards. There are four villages in this area: Crook of Devon, Blairingone, Powmill and Carnbo that have all entered at various times in the past, but it would be good if Drum and Rumbling Bridge entered too. Only one person needs to enter. Judging is on general ambience, absence of litter, etc., not architectural value, concentrating on communal areas. Judging takes place on 26 July this year.

Crook Moss Travellers' Site: The recent planning application (15/02078/FLL) was rejected under delegated powers. The paper due to be presented at this month's DMC has not appeared, possibly due to non-completion of Scottish Water's flow and load analysis. MoP asked whether the travellers would be connected before other sites with existing planning permission. Cllr Cuthbert explained that Scottish Water has a prioritised list, and they should be contacted for information.

A977 Defects and Mitigation Measures: Cllr Borthwick has been in contact with Cllr Giacomazzi reporting that he's seen temporary repairs being done. Cllr Giacomazzi explained that this is because category one (dangerous) potholes are temporarily repaired within three hours, allowing the normal squad to perform a permanent repair within two to four weeks.

Local members met with Stuart D'All of PKC's Roads Department and heard plans for major works in our area of the A977 in the current financial year. The local members

also had a meeting with Chic Haggart where it was agreed to prepare an outline business case for A977 improvements. As always, 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 yet to meet to discuss this; it is on the agenda for the meeting in w/c 11 April.

LDP2 MIR Consultation: All submissions have been made and the planners will produce a draft plan in the autumn.

Boundary Commission: Local members have sent a letter to all MSPs, asking for their position on the "Kinross-shire Question". The Commission's report will be made to Scottish Ministers at the end of May, but the Scottish Government has the final say, so it would be a good question to ask any canvassing MSPs.

CC Grant: Cllr Pye reports that the bank has still not been able to retrieve the money, so he has asked PKC to issue our grant again; they are looking into the matter.

Citylink Buses: Both Cllr Robertson and this CC have written to Citylink asking for restoration of the previous services from the Kinross Park and Ride. Cllr Robertson received a response from David Frenz agreeing to reverse the decision to stop the early morning G92 Edinburgh to Dundee stopping at Kinross, so it will now again be possible to board this service at 7am and get to Dundee for work. However there has not been a reinstatement of the stop at Kinross of the 5.15pm Citylink Express from Edinburgh.

Blairingone War Memorial: Cllr Barnacle has written to David Strachan, manager of Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust seeking his opinion about the developer's mason's report.

Ivy Cottage, Powmill: Cllr Barnacle reports that Building Control has raised serious concerns about the safety of the building, and will bill the owner for repairs if not done.

Rumbling Bridge Hydro Scheme: MoP asked about the establishment of the group to control the distribution of the community benefit. Although this was previously discussed when the agreements were signed in November 2015, it was thought at that time that there was no urgency to set up the organisation to distribute the funds, as they were not going to start to appear until the scheme was operational. However, it would probably be a good idea to start the proceedings to establish this group, determine its membership and constitution, now that the scheme is proceeding well. The CC will ask Hugh Wallace to attend the next meeting to give a status report, and to allow discussion of establishing the

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group. The CC clarified its position that it had no preconceived ideas about how the funds should be used, nor did it intend to mandate this. Cllr Barnacle pointed out that the initial contribution from the scheme was covered by the planning application and there were some details as to how it should be used.

Safer Route to School – Drum, Station Road Adoption: No update.

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

Crook Moss Community Involvement: Ongoing.

Crook in Bloom: This group will have its first meeting this week, with several interested participants. The Powmill in Bloom group are busy in their village, but they are concerned about the continued lack of repair to the Powmill bridge. Cllr Cuthbert explained that the works were suspended during the Forth Road Bridge diversion, and are scheduled to be done very shortly.

CC Business: Meetings Attended: Cllr Kilby attended a meeting of the Sports Hub on 8 March where terms of reference were agreed. Clubs need to register with the hub by 11 April. Sportscotland will in future make grants to clubs via Sports Hubs. The next meeting is 20 April where mission statements will be agreed. A substantial number of clubs are involved in the hub. Official launch date of the hub will be mid-June.

Councillors' Reports

Mike Barnacle: Cllr Barnacle is campaigning to get the Ochils Hills declared a Regional Park and other groups have supported this idea.

MoP asks who maintains the Rumbling Bridge gorge? PKC does. MoP notes that the old Fish farm in Rumbling Bridge Gorge needs sorting out.

The passing place at Aldie Road bridge is being used for parking by users of the new multi-purpose path, and unlike the others in the road is not marked as a passing place, further it is in a very poor condition. Cllr Barnacle has already asked for the passing place to be properly surfaced.

Planning Matters

16/00274/AML Erection of a dwelling house (matters specified by conditions - 12/01566/IPL) at Burnside, Vicar's Bridge Road, Blairingone. At the last meeting we decided to await any local comments for two weeks, and as there were none, the CC did not comment.

16/00538/FLL Erection of a garage, Aitken Cottage, Main Street, Crook of Devon. No CC comment.

16/00483/FLL Erection of a marquee for use as function venue, Function Hall, Solsgirth House, Solsgirth. The CC members will discuss this further before deciding whether to comment.

16/00439/FLL (was 15/00450/FLL) Erection of a dwelling house and garage, land 3m north of Valerie, Fossoway. No CC comment.

Correspondence: All the correspondence was available for viewing. PKC have asked for the whereabouts of any publically accessible defibrillators. Cllr Kilby notes that there is one at LLCC. Cllr Duffy reports that there was a plan to provide one following the tragic death of Mr Mason, but it never happened. No-one present was aware of any others in the area.

PKC Roads Department Winter Service: The CC has received a request for any feedback about the provision of gritting and snow clearance this winter.

Planning Enforcement: PKC is conducting a survey about the performance of this department.

DRT Scheme: The Area covered has increased and there are now more operators in the scheme.

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, CC Grant, Blairingone War Memorial, Ivy Cottage Powmill, Rumbling Bridge Hydro Scheme, Crook in Bloom

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

The Next Meeting and AGM of Fossoway & District CC will take place on Tuesday 3 May 2016 at 7.30pm in Fossoway Primary School. All Welcome.

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Cleish and Blairadam CC

News from the April Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 4 April 2016 were: Cllrs R Kitchin, P Fraser, M Traylor and F Gillespie; P&K Cllrs Barnacle and Giacomazzi; two police representatives; Patrick Milne Home and five members of the community.

Apologies: P&K Cllr Cuthbert; H Somerville and F Macgregor.

Crime prevention: No Police report had been received prior to the meeting. There were two police officers at the meeting although there was little to report for the Cleish and Blairadam area. There is a problem with motorbikes speeding up the Sawmill Road and the community were asked to report the disturbance to the police on the 101 phone number.

Best Kept Village: Patrick Milne Home gave a presentation to the CC regarding the Best Kept Village competition. It is now in its 50th year and the Kinross-shire Civic Trust would like to encourage all villages and hamlets to enter. The judges are looking at the overall impression of the village, whether it is looked after and how much community effort goes in to keeping the villages neat and tidy.

Correspondence

Confirmation of Entry into Data Protection Register.

Annual Insurance Renewal: any special events organised by the CC need extra cover.

Planning Letter: Residential Development NW of Burnside House, Benarty Road, Kelty. Application refused.

Constitution ratified and returned.

Letter regarding specially minted coins for the Queen's 90th Birthday. It was discussed whether we could provide the schoolchildren in Cleish Primary with a coin. Fran to investigate.

Finance: There is £481.79 in the account.

Website: It is ticking along nicely and the Facebook page has been quite popular especially during Fran's small video of the recent Aurora. Up to date pictures of recent village events are always welcome for the website.

Village Updates: Blairadam: It has all been quiet in Keltybridge and Maryburgh. There was a request as to when the new road markings and 30mph signs would appear. The 20mph signs would hopefully be in place after September. There is money available in this year's budget for repainting the bridge at Keltybridge. One of the Maryburgh signs has been defaced and hopefully will be replaced. The barn at Blairfordel seems to be growing; Cllr Barnacle to investigate.

Village Updates: Cleish: The fence and verge at the bottom of the Nivingston Road was discussed again and Cllr Robertson is to get in touch with the farmer to try to come to some agreement. The Hardiston sign at the top of the Boreland junction is still to be replaced. Cllr Barnacle to investigate.

Planning

Conversion of part of Nivingston House to Gallery and Café: no comment.

Conversion of office to dwelling at Gruinard Templeton: no comment.

Other business

Cllr Giacomazzi informed us that communities can request Community Pay Back for any work that needs done. Further info cjs@pkc.gov.uk

Cllr Barnacle informed us of a flooding maintenance issue on the B9097 and Stuart D'All has produce a route action plan. Raymond Cairney from Keltybridge and Maryburgh will be co-opted onto the CC in June and also Fiona McGregor.

The Next Meeting of Cleish & Blairadam CC will take place on Monday 6 June at 7.30pm in Cleish Village Hall.

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Club & Community Group News



Boys Brigade

Following the success of the company at recent Battalion competitions (with the Junior Section winning the Figure Marching and Singing Competitions and the Company Section winning the Midnight Hike), the boys and girls are looking forward to their **Annual Display and Presentation of Awards**. This will be held at Kinross Church Centre on **Friday 13 May** starting at 7pm. All parents and friends are invited to attend.



*The Midnight Hike team
l-r Ewan Duthie, Matthew Dunn and Douglas Mair*

Congratulations to **Fraser Barbour** and **Joshua Roe** who successfully achieved their Queen's Badge Awards following a weekend completion course at the Carronvale National Headquarters. A number of other members are close to achieving this, the highest award in the BB.

A number of members are currently preparing for their Duke of Edinburgh expeditions at Bronze and Gold levels.

Company section members are looking forward to their annual summer camp based in Valkenburg, near Maastricht, South Netherlands.

They are also looking forward to joint activities with the Aschaffenburg Scouts who are coming over to camp at Fordell Firs in August.

The company's white marquee tent (40 foot by 20 foot) is now available to hire at £200 per occasion. Contact Company Captain David Munro on (01577) 862126.

Kinross Museum

Apologies to those expecting a talk by David Munro on 7 April. His talk called 'If it wasna for the weavers' has been rescheduled for 1.45pm on **Thursday 23 June**. Look out for campus library posters about this talk which include details about tickets.

A subgroup of volunteers who have been looking after the old Portmoak Chapel site carried out a small exploratory archaeological project in April.

Two sample trenches were dug to the south of the chapel mound where farm buildings have recently been demolished. One of the trenches revealed intriguing late medieval stonework over two feet below ground level.

Apart from the discovery of medieval pottery and a thousand-year-old celtic cross slab 40 years ago by David Munro, this is the first possible evidence of medieval occupation on this historic site.

Once a report has been completed, there may be opportunities to carry out further archaeological work. There will be an opportunity for visitors to see the stonework during an organised visit that will coincide with the Perth and Kinross archaeology month 'Bronze Age Fair' to be held on **Saturday 11 June** at Portmoak Village Hall.



Cobbling with kerb stones (right) discovered below old farm buildings near the site of old Portmoak chapel

Kinross & District Inner Wheel

Members of Kinross Inner Wheel hosted a very successful Bridge Day which included a soup and sandwich lunch and afternoon tea. This has become a very popular part of our fund raising calendar with a sizeable waiting list this year. Participants travelled from as far apart as Stirling and Blairgowrie, so all the hard work behind the scenes was much appreciated. Proceeds from a successful raffle raised £320 for the Day Centre in Kinross.

Another fund raising activity was a Quiz organised by Elsa which raised £300 for Chest, Heart and Stroke (Scotland). The winner was Deborah Smedley.

At our monthly meeting the speaker was **Ian Gilchrist** who described walks, near and far, undertaken by his walking group, which unofficially goes under the name of the Old Farts of Fife! Illustrated by some beautiful photographs, Ian inspired us all to get out and walk more amongst the lovely scenery in which we live.



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We are well on the road to being fully operational. Thanks go to **St Paul's Church** for putting us up in their hall, and thanks also go to **Websters Development** for doing the work needed to make the space fit for purpose. We look forward to having a launch as soon as we are up and running.

We are thrilled about upcoming events.

Milnathort Filmhouse are donating takings from the showing of 'The Lady in the Van' (on **Saturday 7 May** at 8.30pm) to us, and we are so pleased that they are. Working with local charities and organisations makes us realise what a strong community we have here.

Also, the **Farmers' Market** merges with our usual collection day, so come and find us there and say hello.

Why not sign up to be a volunteer? We are looking for all hands on deck to help out as we look to deliver our services to those who need it most. We are at a crucial stage in our development and now urgently require dedicated volunteers to support us moving forward.

Thanks also go to **Kinross Ladies Circle** who made a generous donation from their successful night. It is great to have the support of these local groups.

Our next public meeting is on Thursday 28 April at 7pm at Loch Leven Community Campus.

Orwell Girl Guides

Orwell District Guides in Milnathort enjoyed a varied programme last term with cooking again taking first place in their activities.

The girls had a 'bake-off' and made shortbread. They were also given a variety of biscuits and icing and asked to make an animal and a house. They let their imaginations go wild and had some very clever ideas.

Then they made spaghetti bolognese and garlic bread from scratch following a recipe.

We had an evening of WAGGS challenges to celebrate Thinking Day.

Thanks to **Lesley Nelson** and **Christine MacAlpine** from the Floral Art Club for showing the girls how to make a floral arrangement. Hopefully the mums were pleased with them. **Norma Smith** also came and helped the guides on their final task for the craft badge by making and decorating felt birds. These were beautiful when finished.

We had a fun Easter night with lots of chocolate. Thank you **Margaret** for filling in for us.

At present we have two guides who are doing their Baden Powell challenge and another two guides who are doing their Duke of Edinburgh award by helping in the Rainbow unit.

Two leaders and two guides attended the Better Place to Live Fair at the campus and have got lots of ideas for our next term. If you are aged between 10 and 14 years, come along and join us. Helpers are always welcome. Contact Alison on 07764750212.



Compassion Corner

Come and Join the Global Read! The Charter for Compassion International (CCI) has recently established a Compassion Book Club. This was inspired by, and built around, Karen Armstrong's important book '12 Steps to a Compassionate Life' which heralded the setting up of the Charter for Compassion (www.charterforcompassion.org) in 2008.

In fact, Kinross Compassion Group evolved as a result of five friends reading and discussing the '12 Steps', guided by excellent notes downloaded from the website.

Now CCI is hoping to energize and broaden the Compassion Book Club by inviting everyone to join in an All-Charter-Book-Read. Five books have been selected and we are all invited to read those individually, host a book club or join a discussion group. The plan is that the authors of each book will lead an on-line discussion of their book starting on Saturday 18 June with Marc Ian Barasch. Barasch is the author of the first suggested read which is 'The Compassionate Life: Walking the Path of Kindness'.

If you are interested in joining in with this exciting 'meet the author on-line event', please contact Marg Meade of the Kinross Compassion Group for more details.

The four other chosen books are 'The Reunited States of America' by Mark Gerzon, 'Great Tide Rising' by Kathleen Dean Moore, 'Turning Compassion into Action' by Olivia McIvor and 'If Mayors ruled the World' by Benjamin Barber. All these books are available through Amazon.

Finally, two members of the Kinross Compassion Group have started a course run by the Charter for Compassion Education Institute called 'Emotional Intelligence for a Compassionate World'. This online course aims to provide the participant with the most recent concepts about Emotional Intelligence (EI) as well as many practical ideas for enhancing and applying those EI skills more effectively to help build a more compassionate world. Registration for this online course is open till the end of April via the website (www.charterforcompassion/education) and by signing up you will join a group of students from around the world.

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Kinross-shire Day Centre

We have been exercising our artistic talents this month by making some Easter bonnets which we followed up with a parade.

The best bonnet was judged by an unsuspecting member of the public who happened to be in the coffee bar! First prize went to a wonderful creation made by Elizabeth, but all participants won an Easter egg.

A small group also paid another visit to Auchterarder for an afternoon of painting and afternoon tea.

Musically, we have enjoyed another concert from our local group, the Sabres, who get us all reminiscing with their music from the 60s and 70s. Another regular, Ian entertained us with a recital on piano.

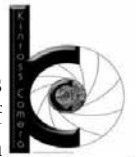
The first of our summer barge trips took place in good weather on Thursday 31 March. We shall be repeating these popular outings throughout the summer.

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 98.

Kinross Camera Club

kinrosscameraclub.org.uk



March kicked off with a meeting where members can either give a short talk on any subject of their choosing or show a short video compilation of their images. The videos were particularly strong this year and the competition was eventually won by **Bill Paton** with his AV presentation featuring parts of North America.

Our annual joint meeting with the Scottish Wildlife Trust attracted its usual large attendance and we were treated to a wonderful set of wildlife images by **Ron McCombe**. These were truly stunning and a real inspiration for any aspiring wildlife photographers in the club. His images can be seen on his website at www.wildlife-photography.uk.com/.

The final league competition of the year was held in March and was judged by Joan Roy from Dundee Photographic Society. The overall results for the year will soon be available for each section of the competition i.e. mono prints, colour prints and projected digital image.

We also held our annual inter club competition with Glenrothes and Dunfermline in March with good representation from both clubs. These are fun evenings with friendly banter between the clubs and a good opportunity to meet some new faces.

Our other guest speaker for the month was **Stewart Riddick** who gave a very interesting talk on 'Street Photography'. This type of photography features candid situations in public places and often provides a form of urban documentary. Stewart's photos can be seen on his website <http://riddick.scot/projects>. 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 or visit the club website.

Club Correspondents

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Kinross & District Probus Club



The talk at our meeting on 16 March was given by our President, **Robin Webster**. Robin has had a very interesting career as a lawyer and this formed the basis of his talk, **1000 Miles from Anywhere**. He eventually reached the position of Chief Justice of Tonga but today he told us about his first posting abroad to the Island group of the Seychelles where he undertook the task of drafting legislation for a new constitution upon the country gaining independence from Britain.

The Seychelles consist of three main Islands: Mahe, Praslin and La Digue. They are composed of granite and there numerous coral reefs which are unpopulated.

The capital, Victoria, is situated on Mahe. The Official languages are French and English and a local 'patois'. Some Arabic is also spoken. While the archipelago as a whole is barely above sea level and is in danger from global warming, the main islands consist of mountains up to 3000ft and are out of danger.

One problem is that there is no fresh water and water has to be imported. This probably explains why the islands were uninhabited until the 18th century. Over the next two centuries they came under the influence of the British and French. Control and influence varied between these countries until the Seychelles gained independence from Britain in 1976. It is now a one party state. The population are of mixed racial origin, including descendants of slaves.

It was in this situation that Robin spent two years drafting new legislation. It was a difficult task. However, it was made easier because the existing legislation was based on French law which is more akin to Scots law (with which Robin was familiar) rather than English law.

Robin described the islands as the most beautiful in the world, even exceeding the beauty of Scotland. This was illustrated by photographs which proved the point.

The down side was the extreme humidity, which was energy sapping. However, this does not deter the tourists from coming and tourism forms a large part of the economy. The largest part of the economy comes from the coconut palm, which provides coir from extensive coconut palm plantations. However, with increased use of synthetic materials, this part of the economy is diminishing. The other significant export is fish.

The sea also provided a large part of Robin's family leisure activities; the beautiful beaches and coral reefs provided good swimming and snorkelling opportunities.

So, if one can get used to the humidity and the insects, the houses were built off the ground, it is a lovely place to visit and to enjoy the laid back atmosphere. A thoroughly enjoyable talk.

On 6 April, our scheduled speaker was unfortunately unable to deliver his talk, 'Love All', due to unforeseen circumstances. We hope that we can rearrange our schedule for next session to include what promised to be an interesting talk.

As luck would have it, the speaker had recently gone on a cruise through the **Panama Canal**. He lent us his video of the trip and a good turnout of members enjoyed watching this colourful video.

The present canal was constructed from 1904 until completion in 1914. The immensity of the task can be judged by the fact that 65,000 workers were employed at the peak of the construction work, all of whom had to be brought in from outside the area. Similarly, all the construction materials (stone, steel and cement) had to be imported. The canal is 62 feet wide at its narrowest. This is a problem today because modern ships get larger and larger. A new canal is under construction because of this.

As the canal is so narrow, ships are not allowed to go through locks under their own propulsion; they are pulled through by tractors, known as 'mechanical mules', which are under strict control. A system of bells gives orders to the 'mule' operator but does not allow any communication from operators to control. No arguing allowed!

There are a total of 1.9 miles of locks. The whole journey takes 8 to 10 hours at a cost of a quarter of a million dollars. This is cheaper than two weeks at sea and passage through the stormy waters of Cape Horn.

The canal requires constant maintenance, including dredging, and the maintenance of a huge lake to provide the water for the operation of the locks. Sandy Smith gave the vote of thanks.

The meeting ended with presentation of the Trophy for the winner of the Winter Golf Competition to **Gary Taylor**. **Bill Morrison** was runner up.

Next meeting will be in the Green Hotel when Gillian Galbraith will give a talk entitled 'My Life in Crime'. This will be followed by the Annual General Meeting.



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Kinross & District Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Kinross and District are proud to have been involved in this year's annual Rotary District Primary School quiz. The annual quiz between local primary schools will see hundreds of schools from around Scotland battle it out with each other in a general knowledge quiz.

This year the Kinross competition saw five teams contesting for a place in the next round. Teams from Arngask (Glenfarg), Cleish, Milnathort, Kinross and Portmoak and Fossoway took part in the competition. There were ten rounds with six questions per round, a maximum of two points per answer for a potential total of 120 points.

Arngask Primary School from Glenfarg, who have not usually competed in the competition, won this year's round with a convincing 81 points. This was a big change from previous years where Milnathort and Kinross have traditionally dominated. The other scores were: Cleish, 74; Milnathort, 70; Kinross and Portmoak, 67; Fossoway, 66. The club's **Neil Maclure** presented the winner's shield.



Neil Maclure with winners of the local primary school quiz, Arngask. I-r Fergus Warder, Moray Sturgeon, Neil (he's the slightly taller one), Mackenzie Bath, Tess Corcoran and Anna Johnston

Arngask will go through to the next round and compete for a place in the finals which will take place at The Beach Ballroom, Aberdeen, on Saturday 18 June. We wish Arngask all the best going in to the next round.

We had an informative talk recently on the 'Battle of Loos' from military historian **Willie Coupar**. The Battle of Loos was a World War I battle that took place in 1915 on the Western Front. It was the biggest British attack of 1915, the first time that the British used poison gas and the first mass engagement of Kitchener's New Army units. Many Scottish regiments were involved in the battle, including the King's Own Scottish Borderers and the Royal Scots. These regiments were two of 21 regiments containing members who were awarded the Victoria Cross. Willie is well versed in the complexities of the battle and gave an enthusiastic and engaging talk.

Over the course of the next few weeks we have talks from Rachel Cheer from locally based charity CHAS and Richard Barnes of 'The Inveralmond Brewery'. I have been perusing the Inveralmond Brewery website and I am really hoping Richard will be bringing some samples!

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Kinross and District Rotary Club

Meet & Greet

This month's meet and greet is me, Sean Bolton. I have been the one producing the newsletters for the past few months and doing my best to include great photographs.

Name: Sean Bolton.

Age: 46.

Occupation: Full time business and management student. Part time HR assistant.



Sean Bolton

How long have you been with the Rotary Club of Kinross? 3 years.

Why did you become involved in Rotary? I wanted to do some voluntary work in the community and was told about Rotary by a neighbour.

What was your first impression? Very friendly bunch and keen to make people feel accepted.

What surprised you? The amount of money the club raises most years and where it all goes to.

What is the best thing you have done with Rotary since joining? Being involved in the 'Mock Interview' programme for S5 and S6 students at Kinross High School, helping them gain valuable CV and interview skills.

If you could change one thing about Rotary, what would it be? The image it has. Too many people think that it is an old boys' club when that couldn't be further from the truth. Rotary is open to men and women from the age of 18, and the more diverse the club gets, the greater impact it can have. The wider the range of people within the club, the wider the talent and skills available to run great fundraising events and help out in the community.

When friends or family find out you are a member of Rotary, what do they say? They ask what it's like and if there are secret handshakes. I put them right. (No!)

What would you say to someone who is thinking of joining? You get out of it what you put in. There are plenty of opportunities within Rotary to give to the local and wider community. There is a lot of scope for personal development and learning too. Internationally, you can help out with Rotary and associated projects. It's all about service to the community (service above self) and we do a bit of socialising too.

What do you wish other people knew about Rotary? That Rotary International has been the main force behind the eradication of polio around the world. That internationally, funds raised for local and international communities average 2 million US\$ a day. That there are opportunities within the local community and around the world for Rotarians to help others and to develop themselves. That we socialise too and it's not all about raising money.

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Kinross-shire Time Exchange

On 9 April Kinross-shire Time Exchange held its first AGM at St Paul's meeting room at the Muirs.

Attended by a cross-section of members, the management committee, three part-time brokers and member/Councillor Cuthbert, the meeting began with the Chair persons report. Marg Meade, in the Chair, shared some of the landmarks and challenges of bringing something new to birth in economically straitened times. Having been granted start-up funding and initial staffing costs from Perth and Kinross Council, the registration of members began in earnest in late May.

From a baseline of zero, Marg reported that 50 people and local groups have become members with most now actively exchanging time for help received. Gardening assistance, computer skills tuition, car care, furniture moving, activity partnership, baking, filing, outings, shopping, pet care, volunteering with local groups; these are just some of the exchanges made over this first year. The two original brokers, Susan and Barbara, supported by the management committee, undertook the necessary work preparatory to becoming an active group, for example by organising the publicity, administration, insurance etcetera.

As one of the two original part-time brokers, Barbara said that the challenges for future sustainability centre on funding, on reaching out to the other towns and villages in Kinross-shire and, to ensure a balanced membership, the need to attract younger people, particularly parents... and men! Yes, Time Exchange is looking for men, as members and for the management committee.

As brokers, Linda and Jane reported wrestling with the complexities of the Timebanking UK website has proved to be particularly challenging. Work towards setting up a more member-friendly website, better suited to the needs of our members locally in Kinross-shire, is now underway; more information coming soon.

The financial statement, and summary of accounts, was given by Evie, our Treasurer. This confirmed that the funding granted in 2015 had been well used but, given the Council's squeeze on finances, new funding sources are required. Applications are underway.

As the Time Exchange constitution requires, nominations for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer were sought. **Marg Meade** was duly elected as Chair, **Lucille Henderson** as Secretary and **Eve Chambers** as Treasurer. Jo Middlemiss stood down as Vice Chair and **Morag McKenzie** was nominated and elected to take her place.

Marg thanked Barbara, standing down as a broker at the end of April, and Susan, who had previously moved to work for PKAVS, for all the work involved in setting up the Time Exchange project. She also thanked Linda and Jane who had joined the team in October.

All in all, this first AGM noted the progress made so far, listened to ideas from the membership and agreed to act upon the suggestion of monthly updates of individual skills exchange activity. Marg closed the meeting by inviting people to look to the future, with all its potential and challenges.



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 7 May: Rannoch Moor, 9.5 miles

Train from Bridge of Orchy to Corroir. A fairly demanding walk past Loch Ossian and over glorious moorland and good tracks to Rannoch Station. Then return by train.

Sunday 22 May: Crieff Hosh-Knock-Hosh!

A circular walk through attractive woodlands, ascending to the Knock, with panoramic views across Strathearn.

In case it turns cold and wet, you do need appropriate clothing, including boots or 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 10 May: Dunbarney & Silver Walks, Bridge of Earn. A circular walk along good tracks and through woodland. Some road walking at the end.

Tuesday 24 May: Dollar Circular, east along the foothills.

A walk through the Academy grounds then on good paths towards Tillicoultry. Return along the old railway line.

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Kinross & District Art Club

In addition to our normal twice weekly painting sessions, club members were recently inspired by a demonstration from a Perthshire Open Studios Artist.



Libby Scott, a graduate of Duncan of Jordanstone, was born in Fife and now lives in rural Perthshire. Her work has been exhibited throughout the UK and she currently has a solo exhibition, called 'Land Forms', in Aberdeen with the Grampian Health Art Trust.

Her demonstration at KADAC employed mixed media to convey the sense of a rocky landscape. Beginning by laying primers down onto board, she showed her use of different textures and mark making techniques built up using found objects, materials and mark making tools, which were sourced from the landscape areas that she initially researched as a starting point to her work. Her sketchbook, pictured here, is where she makes her original plans for a painting, in situ in the landscape. For the demonstration she went on to work in ink, acrylic and other pigments, showing how they interact with each other to create the overall composition and feel of the piece.



Libby with her sketch book

The session introduced us to new techniques, materials and tools and gave us lots of new ideas. If you'd like to learn more about producing creative works of art, do join us any **Tuesday or Friday afternoon** from 2 to 4pm at the Millbridge Hall, or visit our website at www.kadac.co.uk.

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Milnathort in Bloom



Well, we have got off to a cracking, good start for the new season in April. All our plug plants have now been potted on, and are flourishing under the watchful eyes of our dedicated team of volunteers. Could you join us and help lighten the load?

A big thank you to **Milnathort Agricultural Supplies Ltd**, which we all know as Robertson's, for helping us out by supplying compost at short notice when our PKC supplier let us down.

On Saturday 9 April our regular team was joined by new members **Irene and Barbara**, by a guest appearance from **Colin** from West Calder (or was it East Calder?), and **Amy and Fraser** from KHS, who are working towards a Duke of Edinburgh Award. We potted on the majority of plantlets, shifting 1,000 litres of compost in the process. A big thank you to all.



Last summer's plants in the Milnathort in Bloom polytunnel

By the time you read this we should have taken delivery of 'Arthur' our new buggy and put Bernard, our old faithful, out to grass after 13 years of service. At the time of writing Arthur is somewhere between China and Harwich (or was it Hull?), so we wish him bon voyage for the rest of his long journey.

We next gather again on **Saturday 14 May and Sunday 15 May** to plant up our hanging baskets for the summer. We muster at the Hattonburn Polytunnel at 9.30am. If you would like to help us, please feel free to come along. You will be assured of a warm welcome and refreshments will be provided.

By this stage we hope the plants will be looking like those in the picture taken last year. Once planted up, the baskets will mature in the Polytunnel until it is time for the tall people to hang them out in the village in June.

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Portmoak Woodland

There's nothing like the satisfaction (should I add 'smug') of completing a good outdoor task with a bunch of other folk. For once, the Portmoak Community Woodland steering group picked a fine day, Sunday 20 March, for pruning the orchard in the Field Abin the Kirk, Scotlandwell. Armed with loppers, pruning saws and secateurs, around a dozen people tackled the 100 fruit trees that are growing well on both sides of the gully. In previous years we've had training by Andrew Lear, aka appletreeman, from Bankfoot in Perthshire. This time we felt confident enough to go it alone, although there was quite a bit of discussion about which branches to shorten or remove until we hit our stride. The results will be all too clear by late summer, when we hope our efforts will have produced a bumper crop. Of course, a lot depends on the weather and after getting a good number of apples last year, the trees may take a rest this time. Assuming that all is well, we've made provisional arrangements for another apple identification and juicing day in the autumn, with details to come later.

We noticed some damage from roe deer, which is unfortunate considering the whole area is supposed to be protected by a deer fence. The Woodland Trust Scotland, who own our community woodlands, are going to repair some faulty catches on the 'self-closing' gates. In the meantime, if anyone has any bright ideas about how to round up and evict the one or two roe deer who've got inside, please contact us via

the Portmoak Community Woodland website. We've had a couple of goes at this in the past, with volunteers strung out across the hillside, only to have the deer bolt back through the nearest gap in our line. Did I mention 'smug' at the beginning? It may be our imagination but that certainly seemed to be the expression on one roe deer's face as it trotted past our pruning group.



Volunteer tree pruners in Portmoak Community Orchard

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Kinnesswood in Bloom

Kinnesswood in Bloom will be hosting a curry night as a fundraiser on **Saturday 21 May**. There will be plenty of food, our genial host Raymond and questions to test our knowledge. Look out for Raymond's latest headgear. A fun night is promised for all. Tickets will be available in the local shop.

The 'Friends of Kinnesswood in Bloom' letters have been distributed throughout the village. If, for some reason, we have mistakenly passed you by, please contact any member and we will give you a copy of the letter. Money is already generously coming in. We are very grateful for the support, especially when we are making a huge effort for the 50th anniversary of Beautiful Scotland.



Filling raised beds in the school grounds

The work parties with the school grounds group continue. The older children were learning about compost and using some of their own compost to fill the raised beds. More tatties were received from John Marshall who helped with the Gold Medal winning tattie display at Chelsea last year.

After the holidays Linsey will be helping the children to plant the rocket seeds which have been in space. What an exciting project! Will they grow better than the control seeds, not so well or just the same?

Work parties continue throughout the village and, so far, the weather has been kind to us. We have had good support from our members which makes a difference when we only meet for an hour or so.

We have many ideas to provide colour and fun throughout the village this summer.

Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

Crispy Filo Tart

Ingredients

- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 6-8 sheet filo pastry
- 50g dried breadcrumbs
- 100g asparagus, sliced in half lengthways if very thick
- 2 courgettes
- 6 eggs
- Zest of a lemon
- Small handful of parsley, mint
- 200g crème fraîche
- 200g block feta cheese, crumbled
- Handful of small salad leaves or herbs.

Method

Heat oven to 180°C/160°C fan/gas 4. Use a little of the oil to lightly grease an 18 x 25 cm tart tin (ours was 3cm deep). Line the tin with a few strips of baking parchment (this will help you to lift out the tart later).

Unfold the pastry, but keep it covered with a damp tea towel as you work to prevent it from drying out. Taking one sheet at a time, brush each piece well with oil, then use to line your tart tin, leaving a little pastry hanging over the edges. Sprinkle a thin layer of breadcrumbs between each layer of pastry as you go as this will help to keep the pastry crisp. When you get to the final layer, brush with a little extra oil and scrunch the edges together to create a pretty border.

Toss the asparagus and courgettes with seasoning and the remaining oil and tip onto a baking tray. Place the pastry case on the top shelf of the oven, with the veg on the shelf below and cook for 10 minutes.

Remove the veg from the oven. Brush the tart with a little beaten egg and bake for a further five minutes until the pastry is golden brown and crunchy.

Whisk the remaining egg with the lemon zest, herbs, crème fraîche and seasoning. Lay half the veg in the bottom of the pastry case and add half the feta. Pour over the egg mixture, then top with the remaining veg and feta. Bake for 40 mins until the filling has set. Remove from the oven and leave to cool. Scatter with small salad leaves or herbs, if you like.

You can use any spring vegetables to make this delicious tart.

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What's Happening at the Campus

Kinross Sportive, Saturday 30 April. This is Scotland's third largest cycle sportive, and in its sixth year. 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.

Kinross Hub, the Carers Café, Monday 2 May, in the Activity Meeting Space, 10am until 12 noon. An informal meeting place to chat over a cuppa with other carers, cared for and family members. 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. 21.

Kinross Half Marathon, Pipe Band Competition and Feel Good Fair, Saturday 14 May. For full details of this fun day out for all of the family, see pages 12-13. 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

Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair, Saturday 21 May. There will be buying, selling and valuations given. Admission will be from 9.30am - 3.30pm with entry fee of £1 per person.

Northern Counties Open Brass Band Contest, Saturday 28 May. Due to the success of last year's contest, the campus will be hosting the 2016 Northern Counties Open Brass Band Contest. The first band will be on stage from **10am** with the final results from **4pm** depending on band entry numbers. There will be a small admission fee. This promises to be an exciting day of varied and entertaining brass music.

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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 Stitches 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

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 meet on Wednesday evenings starting at 6.30pm. For more information, contact Sandra Griffin on sgriffin@weight-watchers.co.uk or 0345 677 7788.

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Networkers hear about Sports Hub

Sport featured prominently on the menu – alongside the customary bacon, eggs and other favourites – at the recent Kinross-shire Partnership's Business Breakfast, held at Loch Leven's Larder on Wednesday 6 April. Faces both familiar and new gathered for 90 minutes of early-morning networking, and to regular attendees it seemed no time at all since October 2015 when this latest series kicked off – which is hopefully a healthy sign that everyone has been kept busy in their respective local businesses in the intervening six months.

Kinross-shire Partnership Chairman Alisdair Stewart welcomed the breakfasters, reminding everyone (if anyone needed reminding...) that it was the first day of the new tax year and the last breakfast in the 2015/2016 series. He thanked Administrator Karen Grunwell and Networking Facilitator Sid Grant, plus the Loch Leven's Larder staff, for all their hard work in making the breakfasts so successful, before intimating that the Kinross-shire Business Partnership AGM would take place on 18 April at the Windlestrae Hotel. He also mentioned that the Partnership is currently seeking a part-time professional fundraiser to take forward a number of initiatives they are keen to progress.

Sid Grant then invited those present to introduce their products or services to other businesses in attendance. He also – as is his wont – set everyone a small additional task, namely to provide a cryptic clue about where they would be heading on holiday this summer. Responses were fascinatingly varied, ranging from “I’m going to be singing the _____ Boat Song” to “the place made famous by James Bond on his skiing adventure” to “I’ll be drinking tequila” to the mysterious “dinosaurs and Meryl Streep” (some of us still haven’t worked out that last one).

Next Kirsteen Ross, Community Sport Hub Officer for Perth and Kinross, talked to the attendees about Community Sport Hubs (CSHs) – one of the sportscotland 2014 Commonwealth Games legacy projects. The idea behind a hub is for all organisations and parties interested and involved in sport within a facility or a locality – in this case Kinross-shire – to work together to share good practice, expertise, knowledge and resources, thereby creating a powerful, unified voice.

A CSH is community focused and community led, and Kirsteen urged Kinross-shire businesses to contribute their expertise – be that for an occasional hour or as a member of the organising committee – to assist the local Sports Hub in realising its vision for sport in and around the Loch Leven area. She stressed the role of sport at the heart of any community, extolling its benefits as a catalyst that encourages activity in our increasingly sedentary society while promoting interaction between organisations, clubs, schools, etc. A lively question and answer session concluded her presentation – a measure of the enthusiasm for sport in this area.

The next series of breakfasts will start in October 2016, so remember to keep an eye out in the autumn for further details. In the meantime, wishing all our networking colleagues – current and future – a productive and sun-filled summer (or at least one of those options!).

Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club

The next meeting is on **Thursday 5 May** when we will meet ‘Two Ladies from Falkland’. **PLEASE NOTE:** The May meeting will be held in **KINROSS PARISH CHURCH** at 2pm.



Away Days

Thu 12 May Five Sisters Zoo at West Calder

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

Friday Walkers

6 May Lochore Meadows and the Bluebells in Harran Woods.

20 May Portobello and Musselburgh.

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

Friday Hill Walkers

13 May Killiecrankie & Moulin (no bus) Alan 8.30am

27 May Loch Venacher Richard 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.



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Email: perth@ssafa.org.uk

Kinross in Bloom

This month of May is going to be an extremely busy time for our very small, dynamic but ageing committee. Apart from the usual tasks in looking after 3,000 – 4,000 young plants in our polytunnel, and planting out the hanging baskets that adorn some of the town's lamp-posts, we also have the job of replacing all the old wooden tubs which are situated around the town. This will entail collecting the new planters from storage and delivering them along with gravel, compost and plants to various points around town. We will then have to empty the old tubs of Spring plants, old compost and gravel, position the new planters, fill with gravel and compost, then plant out with Summer plants. Hopefully we are going to get some assistance from some High School pupils this year, but we really could do with some more extra hands, so if anyone reading this would like to help get Kinross looking bright and blooming again this summer, we will be pleased to hear from you. Contact can be made by phoning Derek on 01577 862833, Aileen on 01577 861477 or Iain on 01577 208110 or e-mail at iandmtodd@talktalk.net

We were disappointed to see vandals are still at work in the town, as one of our tubs outside the Masonic Hall was deliberately overturned, resulting in crushed daffodils and polyanthus plants. So bad was the damage that we had to remove it altogether.

On a more positive note, our 200 Club winners for April are:

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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. 44 Mrs C McIntosh | 2. 73 Mrs P Watson |
| 3. 65 Mrs E Thomas | 4. 40 Mr & Mrs Marshall |

Congratulations to all.

PLEASE, PLEASE: if you think you can help with our planting programme this summer, please get in touch; you will be made very welcome. Thank you.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 4 May**, and we give notice that our **Annual General Meeting** will take place in the Garden Room of the Church Centre on **Wednesday 1 June** at 7.30pm.

Dobbies Community Champion

We were pleased to welcome three new members to the Little Seedlings Club in April, when we learned about herbs and spices, and made our own herb butter.

The next meeting will be on **Sunday 1 May** at 11am when we will learn all about the importance of water for living things, and creatures and plants which live in and around water. We will meet at the allotments behind the Kinross store, and plan to plant some potatoes and seeds there, if the weather is suitable.

If you would like to come along to the club, please leave a message for Amanda on (01577) 863227.

The June meeting will be on **Sunday 5 June**.

I am also currently planning further donations of gardening items to a couple of schools and groups, including **Kinross in Bloom**, to brighten up their new planters in the High Street area.

Our local charity partner, **Swansacre Playgroup**, will be holding a fundraising event at the store on **Saturday 28 May**, and we will be grateful for your support.

You can contact me, Amanda James, as above at the Dobbies store, or via email on community.kinross@dobbies.com.



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ANNUAL DINNER

To celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Kinross-shire Civic Trust, and also the 50th Anniversary of the Best Kept Village Competition, the Trust is holding a Dinner at the Grouse and Claret on **Thursday 2 June**; reception 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

The Dinner is £30 per head for the reception and 3-course Dinner and members and guests are very welcome.

Please contact Kinross-shire Civic Trust 01592 840215 or 01577 863279 to reserve places.

Portmoak Priory, Scotlandwell

As part of the Archaeology Month event being held at Portmoak Village Hall on 11 June, the Kinross-shire Civic Trust has organised a **guided visit** to the site of the original Portmoak Priory founded in the 9th century as Christianity spread across Scotland. There are no remains of the original building but the site has been identified and marked out on a prominence that is now situated in the middle of Portmoak airfield. The site has recently been cleared of vegetation by Civic Trust volunteers to reveal a number of decorated 18th century gravestones.

Come and see our exciting new find from our archaeological dig.

Saturday 11 June, 2pm – 3pm

Grade of walk: easy. Note access to the site is by car from the Scottish Gliding Union Clubhouse. The site is situated in the middle of an active airfield and access to the site is strictly controlled for safety.

Free. *Booking essential – phone Kinross-shire Civic Trust on 01592 840215.*

Kinross Garden Group

Kinross Garden Group met on Thursday 14 April in Millbridge Hall for the AGM and the final indoor meeting of the season. The Committee were voted on for another year. John Porter, Chairman, then introduced our speaker, Heather McHaffie of Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, whose title was 'Ferns are Fantastic'. This interesting talk was enjoyed by all.

The summer outings start on **Thursday 12 May** when we go to visit NTS Arduaine Gardens, south of Oban. There may be spare seats available for anyone who is not a member but would like to join us. For more details, contact Mrs C Rodger on (01577) 863785.



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Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation

Fun for all the family!

The Loch Leven Half Marathon, Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest and Feel Good Fair takes place on Saturday 14 May. KLEO is one of the organisers of this event, along with the Kinross & District Pipe Band and the Community Campus. For full details, see pages 12 and 13.

Come along and enjoy!

Kinross Farmers' Market

The next Farmers' Market dates are **30 July** and **29 October**. The market is from 9am-1pm in the High Street on the wider pavements at the old Town Hall. The market is a great place to buy high quality, fresh food from local producers and artisan traders, shop at the High Street's established businesses and meet friends in our vibrant community atmosphere. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Be part of the Kinross-shire's Winter Festival

This year we're hoping for an inspiring festival again, and we'd love you to be involved! We'd particularly like to encourage local groups/businesses or individuals to organise events or activities that could be part of the festival. This can be a Halloween event, a Santa's grotto, Christmas concerts, film showings, dinners, ceilidhs, events at the festive street market or other festive celebrations. We can promote events (which happen at the end of Oct and during Nov and Dec) in the festival's brochure in the events calendar or as a special feature. For more information, please email info@kleo.org.uk. A few exciting events and concerts are already lined up for this year's festival. A special Gaelic Day is planned for 29 October with various Gaelic workshops (singing, story telling, language, music) and a concert in the evening. There will be various concerts during November with the Coaltown Daisies and Black Cat Jook Band (12 Nov), Light Out by Nine (19 Nov) and Lucy Duffy will be back with another fabulous musical show (11, 12 Nov). The yearly Choirs Together concert is on 20 Nov and the Festive Street market/Light Up Kinross event is on Saturday 26 Nov. For more information about the festival and updates, go to www.kleo.org.uk.

Leven Voices

Leven Voices is for anyone who just wants to sing and have fun! You can join in anytime. The sessions are led by Horsecross Arts tutor Dougie Flower (3, 10, 17 May) and by Alice Marra (24, 31 May and 7, 14 and 21 June). All sessions take place on Tuesdays, 7.30pm at the Kinross Parish Church. You pay as you go (£4 or £3 concession). There is a £5 registration fee which is used to pay for the hall for a 10-week period. Just come along, sing and enjoy!

For more information about KLEO events, go to www.kleo.org.uk, e-mail info@kleo.org.uk or call 01577 863107.

Need Equipment for a Community Event?

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

Items are listed on www.kinross.cc at:

www.kinross.cc/equipment_hire/equipment.htm

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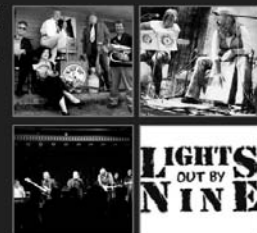


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Kinross-shire's Winter Festival 2016

Black Cat Jook Band
& The Coaltown Daisies
Saturday 12 November

Lights Out By Nine
Saturday 19 November



For more events info and tickets go to www.kleo.org.uk



Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



Marjory Walsh was the host for the April meeting of the club. You could say the talk was on a particularly flat subject, Oriental Rugs, but raised to a very high standard by Paul Stephens, who is the fourth generation of a family antique business, C S Moreton.

Rugs are generally considered to be an Eastern tradition and are mainly made by women using vegetable dyes on portable looms, although the apostle Paul was known as a tent and rug maker.

It was interesting to note how much meaning went into the design of a rug, especially those for a specific purpose such as prayer mats.

Thanks to Marjory and Chris for their hospitality.

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Common Grounds

April was another busy month for Common Grounds.



We had a very successful Project Lunch on 6 April with an excellent speaker, Dr Pam Cairns, from the charity Free to Live Trust – Seema's project. Our donation of £700 will go towards the children's home that is being built 80 miles from Pune in India for the children of trafficked sex workers from Nepal. Currently 40 children of all ages live in two cramped rooms above the charity's office. The children's home will transform their young lives. The sum of £436 was raised towards our next project and an additional cheque for £25 was given to Dr Cairns for her charity by a guest at the lunch. Many thanks to all involved in making the lunch such a success.



Common Grounds Vice Convener Frances Miller (right) presents a cheque to Dr Cairns of Free to Live Trust - Seema's project

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to our next event, a coffee morning on 23 April, selling good quality

second hand accessories. The money from the sales is going to the Perth Dialysis Patient Comfort Fund and tea/coffee excetera as usual into Teddy. A longstanding friend and supporter of Common Grounds is undergoing dialysis three times a week and we all felt we would like to do something to help raise funds to add a little comfort to the hours spent undergoing dialysis by herself and other patients.

Projects: Our project for **April** was Tree Aid. Tree Aid works in the dry lands of Africa helping to create thriving sustainable communities throughout isolated and remote regions; for example, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, Mali and Niger. Planting trees such as the Shea (butter & oil) and Bombax (bees love these trees) which survive droughts, provides vital food all year as well as protecting the environment. The charity also helps defend the people's rights to the trees and the land on which they rely for existence.

Our project for **May** is the Micro Loan Foundation Scotland. This foundation helps some of the poorest women of the world feed their families, send children to school and pay for life saving medicines. Small loans are provided (average £72), together with ongoing business training and support. This helps women in rural Zambia and Malawi to set up their own sustainable businesses, enabling them to work themselves and families out of poverty. When they are able, they pay back the loans which are then distributed to other women. Once a woman/girl has been given such help, the chances are that she, in turn, will make sure her children/siblings are educated.

Our website address is now again

www.spanglefish.com/commongroundscharitycafe

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

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

Potager Garden

Bowton Road, Kinross

Until mid June, **Ms Jack's primary 5 class** will be visiting the garden on Thursday afternoons. They will be learning about plants and wildlife, and planting vegetables in the L-shaped beds. They will also plant extra vegetable seeds, and plants will be available **for sale** at the garden on **Monday mornings from 10.30**.

We will also have a plant stall at the **Feel Good Fair on Saturday 14 May**. Do come and have a chat with us, and we can make planting suggestions for your garden areas.

Plants and advice will also be available at our **Blooming Great Tea Party**, at the garden on **Saturday 4 June** from 10.30am to 12noon. This will be a fundraiser for Marie Curie Cancer Care, and also a celebration of our 20th anniversary, and anyone who has been involved with the garden over this time would be very welcome to join us.

Our **AGM** will be held in the garden room of the Church Centre on **Wednesday 25 May** at 7.30pm, all welcome.

Please contact Amanda James by phone on (01577) 840809, by email at amanda@tyafon.plus.com, or visit our website at www.potagergardenkinross.com



Portmoak Hall 100 Club

March Draw

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3rd	No 64	Kate Thompson, Kinnesswood.

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Milnathort Primary School Parent Council

We are planning our very popular Milnathort Summer Fair for **Saturday 4 June** from 12noon to 2.30pm at Milnathort Primary School. There will be all the usual fun and more, so please pop the date in the diary and support us.

We are supporting the school with their exciting plans for the 50th birthday celebrations in June. School are planning a sponsored event raising funds for charity and also a garden party for pupils, parents/guardians and staff (with hats to rival Ascot we're sure). Along with the pupils, we are designing a bag to commemorate our special birthday.

The Parent Council are helping to research our school history and a display of old photos, artefacts and the like will be mounted. If former pupils have any objects or stories they would like to share, please contact us (see details below). If anyone could lend us a **metal detector** we would be grateful as we have a time capsule from 1966 to find!

We want to facilitate topic teaching by fulfilling our teachers' wish lists for subject based resources.

We are also hoping to expand our library collection of fiction books with suggestions from staff and the Parent Council.

Following our hedge sapling planting in the school grounds with P1 & P1/2, we hope to plant the Dobbies' seeds further on in Springtime.

Dates for the diary:

Monday 2 May, Parent Council Meeting, 7.30pm, campus.

Saturday 4 June, Summer Fair.

Monday 13 June, Parent Council Meeting, 7.30pm, campus.

Thursday 23 June, Milnathort Primary School 50th Birthday.

We welcome any Milnathort Primary School parents to attend the Parent Council meetings. Please note that copies of our minutes are available via the new school website at www.milnathortprimaryschool.org.uk or as a paper copy in the school office and nursery.

Jan Leach, Clerk, Parent Council
Email: janleach@hotmail.co.uk

Seamab School

Imagine this: you set foot into a completely new place of work, somewhere you can bring all your skills and experience to make a real difference to those that need it.

Your new colleagues are friendly and welcoming, and you very quickly feel accepted as part of a team. The very building you now work in already feels a little bit like home, with the values and ethos of the organisation embedded in its rooms.

This is Seamab, and this is where I work now. I am so looking forward to getting started on bringing in the money to make the organisation everything it hopes and deserves to be.

My name is Susie Williamson, and I've just been appointed as Fundraising Manager at Seamab. I've worked in fundraising for five years for a health charity, and raising money for good causes is what I know and love. Coming here is the biggest challenge of my career so far, but I can't think of anywhere better to dedicate my time and effort.

Seamab helps children who have experienced trauma and loss so they can have a childhood in which they feel safe, accepted and happy. The charity cares for, and educates, children aged between five and thirteen.

A special privilege in this, my first week, has, of course, been meeting the children. Currently enjoying their Easter break, they are full of energy and chatter. What they have been through so early on in life, and their individual experiences before coming to Seamab, mean that they have more complex needs and require tailored care, but they are still just children. The school is here to support them in growing up and learning how to believe in themselves and trust in others, and it's a special thing to be involved with.

It's an exciting time for the charity, and it's a pleasure to step into an organisation which already enjoys a lot of care and generosity from its local community and beyond. As I write, we have a team of volunteers from Ramboll UK (an engineering firm based in Glasgow) painting the school gym. A second team from 20/20 Productions Europe Ltd are looking at ways to display the children's artwork along the walls. The building is alive with enthusiasm and goodwill.

There's a lot to be done, and a lot of money to raise, but with this sort of support and a lot of creativity, I believe it's achievable.

I'd be delighted to hear from anyone in the local community who can help in any way, especially volunteers who would be interested in supporting forthcoming fundraising events, such as our Golf Day at Muckhart Golf Club in September. I can be contacted at swilliamson@seamab.org.uk – please do get in touch if you have some spare time or a good fundraising idea for Seamab.

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For the first time, a prize giving ceremony was held to celebrate the winners of all the leagues held at Kinross Curling throughout the season. This took place on 9 April, after the closing bonspiel.

League champions

KCT Division 1	Kinross Juniors
KCT Division 2	Orwell CC
KCT Division 3	Aberdour CC
NFU Sunday League 1	Team Sutherland
NFU Sunday League 2	Team McAughtrie
NFU Sunday League 3	Team Clemmie
Doubles	Ben Cormack & Linzi Sims
Ladies Super League	Team Inglis
Mixed League	Team Thomson
Fifty Plus League	Team Linton
John Stewart Knockout	Dunfermline CC

Also on prize giving evening, current Kinross Curling Trust Chair Mike Caffyn made a presentation to Bob Tait, outgoing Chair, as a thank-you for all Bob's work for the Trust.

Photos of the presentations can be found on our Facebook page. Thanks to Eileen Thomas for taking the photos.

Closing bonspiel: Thirty-two teams took part in the closing bonspiel over four sessions. Runners up were Inverkeithing CC and the winners Markinch CC. A good time was had by all, with a delicious cold buffet for participants after each session.



Bob Tait (left) is thanked by Mike Caffyn

RCCC Ladies Bonspiel: On 10 April, Kinross Curling hosted a one-day Ladies Bonspiel in an Unders and Overs format: teams consisted of two players with more than five years' experience and two players with less than five years' experience. Sixteen teams took part and the winners were Liz Glennie, Maggie Scott, Jane Drysdale and Lesley Johnston.

British Curling: In the past three weeks the elite curlers from across Scotland have been using Kinross Curling to prepare for World Championships and other international events. British Curling has also booked five weeks of ice from 1 August; this is a great boost to the reputation of the quality of our ice and the curling experience at Kinross.

Improvements: During the close season we will install a new dehumidifier ensuring we can continue to produce the best curling ice in Scotland. Look out for more information about our opening events in September.



Some of the league winners from season 2015-16 at Kinross Curling

Kinross-shire Cricket Club

Scotland Selections

The club is delighted to announce that five of our Under 15 players were invited to attend the final Scotland U15 trials in April. Euan Nicol, Toby Douglas, Jack McCreanor, Stuart McCreanor and Durness Mackay-Champion all took part in the sessions which ran over two weekends. The five players from Kinross-shire CC represented a fifth of the total national trial participants, which is a fantastic achievement and clearly shows the high standards of coaching within the club. It was with great pride that the club found out that Euan, Jack and Durness have been selected for the 2016 Scotland U15 squad which will see matches against English county sides and a week-long tour to Dublin and Belfast for a series of internationals against Ireland. These selections mean that 17 of our young players have gone on to become junior internationalists in the past ten years. Few other clubs can boast a similar track record.

New Season Dates

Junior outdoor training has started and is held every Monday at the Loch Leven's Larder ground from 6.15pm until 8pm. Junior training is split into age groups from primary 3 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 Natwest Cup campaigns for U13s and U15s and a wide range of hardball fixtures against other clubs and regular Kwik Cricket festivals for younger players.

Senior Teams

This season our senior weekend cricket is being played as part of the newly formed Strathmore & Perthshire Union West Division, which will have all games on Sundays. Senior membership continues to buck the trend in many other clubs as we now have over 25 seniors looking to play either weekend or mid-week cricket. In addition to the 40 over weekend league matches, the club has entered the Cricket Scotland Small Clubs Cup and Fife Last Man Stands T20 league & Two Counties T20 cup competition. Senior training is held on Thursday evenings from 7pm.

Pavilion Extension

Work has started on the pavilion extension and it is expected that the new building housing a large committee room and disabled toilet facilities will be completed by the end of May. This is the final stage of a £60,000 investment programme started last year to provide two artificial wickets and upgrade and extend the existing pavilion. Once the extension is complete, the building will get new exterior cladding, a new roof and clock tower. The project has been funded through club efforts and a £34,000 grant from sportscotland.

May Fixtures

1st	1st XI v Broomhall	Away	
8th	1st XI v Breadalbane	Away	
12th	U15s v Broomhall	Home	Natwest Cup
15th	1st XI v Alloa	Away	
15th	U10 Kwik Cricket	Perth	
23rd	U15s v Falkland	Home	
29th	1st XI v Breadalbane	Home	
29th	U10 Kwik Cricket	Arbroath	
30th	U13s v Falkland	Away	



Kinross Cycling Club

Kinross Sportive

The Kinross Sportive takes place on **Saturday 30 April** this year. Around 800 cyclists will depart from the campus from 8.30am, participating in three routes ranging from 45 to around 90 miles, and taking in some of our finest scenery and climbs. As this is an 'open road' event, we would like to thank the citizens of Kinross and local road users for their patience during the event.

Family fun cycle challenge

All are welcome to come and join us from 10am onwards on **Sunday 1 May** for our annual family fun cycle challenge. There will be a choice of Bronze (to Burleigh sands and back), Silver (to Loch Leven's Larder and back) and Gold (round the loch) routes on the Loch Leven Trail.

Our registration gazebo and departure point will be in the car park at the Pier/Boathouse and there will be medals, mementos and cakes for all entrants. Cost is £10 per family (plus any sponsor money or donations) and will **all** be given to local animal charities. We look forward to seeing lots of families and children on the day.

Information about all forthcoming rides and events can be found on our website at www.kinrosscyclingclub.co.uk.



Kinross Tennis Club

www.kinrosstennisclub.org.uk

After a successful Open Day on a beautiful, sunny day at the beginning of April, the tennis season is now in full swing and we are all looking forward to a season of 'strawberries and cream' and improving our fitness and tennis skills!

With Summer just around the corner, including the Wimbledon Championships, why not emulate your tennis heroes and come along for a game of tennis?

New members are still welcome to join the club and enquiries can be made to our secretary, Margaret Hamblin, by email at kinrosstennis@gmail.com.

Adult members kick off the social calendar with our annual David Wangerin Tournament (a mixed doubles round robin tournament) on the afternoon of **Sunday 8 May**.

Alternatively, you are free to come along to our regular social tennis sessions for adult members on **Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm** and **Sunday mornings at 10.30am**. In addition, our **Thursday afternoon sessions at 1.30pm** are good for both members and non-members wishing to try the sport.

Adult coaching is available; please contact Margaret Hamblin on (01577) 850252, or by email at kinrosstennis@gmail.com.

Junior Summer term coaching commenced on Friday 22 April for ten weeks on Tuesdays and Fridays and continues until **Tuesday 28 June**.

Thereafter, we have two summer camps running on **Monday 4 July to Friday 8 July** and from **Monday 8 August to Friday 12 August**.

All junior bookings and enquiries should be made to Siobhan MacLeod by email at kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com

Adult league matches commenced at the end of April with both Gents and Ladies hoping to have another successful season. Match results will be reported in the next Newsletter. Visitors are also welcome. Keys are available from Sands the Ironmongers for a small fee.



Kinross Volleyball Club International Debuts

Kinross boys Mark Cathro and Mitchell Brown made their debuts for the Scotland under 20 men's team at the Small Countries Division European Championships at Cyprus over the Easter weekend.



Mark and Mitchell

The Scotland team started poorly and were soon two sets to love down against San Marino. They overcame their poor start to win the match 3-2 (12-25; 21-25; 25-22; 25-21; 15-10) with Mark listed as 'best server'.

In their second match, the Scots faced a strong Luxembourg side and again were soon one set down 25-17. They rallied to level the match, taking the second set 25-20. The third set was extremely close and the Scots were unlucky to lose out 23-25. The fourth set was also very close but Luxembourg held out to win 27-25.

Scotland then faced the Faroe Islands and got back to winning ways by three sets to love (25-20; 25-12; 25-13).

Scotland then faced host nation Cyprus in the semi-final and found the home side too hot to handle going down 18-25; 18-25; 15-25.

With San Marino losing to Cyprus in the other semi-final, the two countries

met again in the bronze medal play-off. With medals at stake, the Scots were in no mood to lose out and comfortably defeated their opponents 3-0 (25-10; 25-16; 25-17) to earn their bronze medals.

Under 16 boys losing cup finalists

The Kinross High School boys under 16 team took part in the Scottish Volleyball Super Cup Qualifiers at Edinburgh University and reached the final by defeating Edinburgh NOVOC and Beacon Blaze from Aberdeen.

In their first ever Cup Final, the Kinross High School boys pushed City of Edinburgh but were unable to overcome the favourites going down 19-25; 17-25. The Kinross boys were handicapped when both of their setters were ruled out which made it more difficult for the Kinross boys. Despite this, the boys recorded the highest points total against the Edinburgh side over this season.

Three Kinross teams finished their season in the Perth District Recreational League at Bell's Sports Centre

on Sunday 17 April. Mongrels take on Motley Crew and Aberfeldy, Kinross High School take on Motley Crew and Kinross BB Wildcats with the BB side also playing Perth High School.

With the clocks now changed for British Summer Time, the club resumes outdoor volleyball on **Monday evenings** on the grass area behind the campus **from 7pm to 9 pm** (weather permitting). These sessions are free of charge and anyone is welcome to come along for a fun evening of recreational volleyball (beginners welcome).

The outdoor volleyball sessions will also prepare the local players for this year's 30th Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament on Perth's North Inch over the weekend of **Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 June**.

The North Inch will also host Scotland's first ever International Beach Volleyball Qualification Tournament for men and women with games also being played during the evening being lit by floodlight.



Kinross High School boys, U16 losing finalists

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Kinross Kobras

Kinross Kobras were scheduled to host last month's midland district junior hockey tournament. However, wet weather, combined with the old astroturf surface at KGV, meant that it had to be cancelled. We are really hoping that the council will support the club's fundraising efforts with a meaningful contribution towards getting the 15 year old surface replaced. Fingers crossed!

Some of the older Kobras have been attending trials for the U14 midland district teams. Hopefully some of them will be selected.

The club is also currently organising teams at U10, U12 and U14 for the next junior tournament to be held at the start of May in Dunfermline.

Junior hockey training and competitions continues at the club throughout the summer term. So, if you want to try a new sport, or just wish to keep your skills and fitness up till the school hockey restarts in September, there are sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6.30 to 7.30pm for those aged 9-14. For those aged 14-18, sessions are held on Thursdays from 7.30 to 8.30pm. For further information please look at the club website at www.kinrosshockey.org.



Kinross Hockey Club

Ladies Report

The end of the season is upon us. Our firsts played their last game on 19 March, making it feel like quite a short season. However, we finished having won six, drawn two and lost eight. Our final league position will be determined by the outcome of two outstanding fixtures which are due to be played on Saturday 23 April. With a bit of luck and a strong tail wind, we are hopeful to finish a very respectable fifth...fingers crossed! It is a different story for our seconds whose season continues having had great success in the Midlands Knock-out Cup and reaching the semi-finals.

Although we are undoubtedly the underdogs playing Dundee University seconds (the division one league leaders) on Saturday 16 April, we are hopeful that we can beat the odds and win ourselves a place in the finals the following week.

The end of one season signifies the start of another, and so we are holding our second **AGM on Wednesday 4 May** at 7.30pm in the KGV clubhouse. This is a plea to all members to attend. It is our club and it only runs and operates with the support, work and commitment of our members. There are, as always, roles to be filled of all functions and all sizes. Please, please come along and offer your support to help the club grow and flourish in the year ahead. Look forward to seeing you all there.



Orwell Bowling Club

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Saturday 16 April saw 24 hardy members take to the green for our Opening Day. The format for this is President v Vice President and this year's victor was the Vice-President. Members use this day as a fundraiser and proceeds from this and also the last game of the season are split between the Blind bowlers and the RNLI.

New members are always welcome; bowls can be hired if you wish to try.

Please check out our new website or contact any member for further details.

Rallying

Young Kinross driver **Blair Brown** and co-driver Richard Simmonds from Duns competed in the DMACK Junior British Rally Championship in Ireland in their QTS backed Ford Fiesta R2T on the second weekend of April.

After high hopes for a podium position, the crew unfortunately hit mechanical problems, putting an end to their rally on the Sunday morning.

The Ford Fiesta R2T will next be in action at the Pirelli Carlisle Rally (30 April-1 May), where the DMACK Junior British Rally Championship will switch to gravel for the third round.

Fishing

The new season has started on Loch Leven, but the water is still very cold which tends to mean that activity below the surface is somewhat subdued.

The Loch Leven Classic Pairs competition has been resurrected, and will take place over 10 and 11 June.


Fossoway Curling Club

Curling has now finished for the season, although the facility in Kinross will be remaining open for three weeks and also opening five weeks early next season. This is to enable Scotland's elite curlers to continue training throughout the summer. This is testament to the quality of the curling ice produced at Kinross by Steven Kerr and his talented team. Thanks, guys, for the best ice in the UK.

Hopefully, some of the Kinross Newsletter readers will consider taking up the sport next season.

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 Golf Club

More than 80 golfers braved the elements and turned up on a wet and breezy Saturday to play in the opening match of the season: Captain v Vice-captain four ball better ball.

Most of the matches were halved, but in the end the captain's side won. A welcome bowl of soup and rolls were provided in the clubhouse afterwards.

There are still places available for the **Mixed Open on Sunday 8 May**. Please email office@kinrossgolfclub.co.uk, or telephone Susan Quinn on (01577) 862237 if you would like a late entry.

The annual golf club charity quiz was held on 9 April, and was well attended with 15 teams taking part.

The winners were 'Ernie's Yips' led by David Mackenzie and the runners up were 'Witless' (led by Gordon Douglas, who were two points behind.) A total of £405 was raised for the winners' nominated charity, Cancer Relief.

For more information about golf and social memberships, and other club activities, check out our website at www.kinrossgolfclub.co.uk, or pop into the Clubhouse.



Captain Ken Scott and Ladies Captain Ann Smith with their Vice-captains on opening day

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Milnathort Golf Club

Ladies Section

Our 2015/16 Winter Sweep finished on Wednesday 23 March with 14 ladies taking part, followed by coffee and scones. The ladies accumulating most points over the season were as follows: 1st **Gillian Pemberton**; 2nd **Di Stevens**; 3rd **Margaret Fleming**. The 2016 playing season started on Monday 28 March with an opening 9 hole greensome and 30 players playing.

On Wednesday 30 March, the 18 hole stableford sweep was won by **Lindsay Kidd**, 38 points; 2nd **Gillian Pemberton**, 34 pts; and **Margaret Fleming**, 33 pts.

The 9 hole stableford sweep was won by **Betty Bolton**, 15 points; 2nd **Elaine Mathew**, 12 points.

On Wednesday 6 April the 18 hole stroke play sweep was won by **Gillian Pemberton**, 76; 2nd **Maria Duncan**, 77. 9 hole stroke play sweep was won by **Beryl Harley**.

On Monday 11 April, 18 hole stableford was won by **Caroline Marshall**, 31 points; **Gillian Pemberton**, 30 pts and **Maria Duncan**, 29.

9 hole stableford (Qual. 1) **Margaret Hooper**, 13 points and **Sue Jones**, 12 pts.

Note, **Sunday 1 May**, open greensome, spaces available. Phone the clubhouse on (01577) 864069.

Bishopshire Golf Club

2016 Membership Prices

Junior (Under 8) - £10

Junior (Over 8) - £40

Adult - £145

Senior - £90



- Tournaments held weekly on a Saturday with a 2 tee start, morning and afternoon.
- Summer league held from May to September.
- Singles and Doubles Match play tournaments throughout the summer.
- The opportunity to qualify for a number of regional and national tournaments.
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New membership sheets will be placed in the clubhouse.

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Kinross Otters

**Scottish National Age Group Championships
2016, Tollcross International Swimming
Centre, Glasgow, 30 March - 3 April**



The Scottish National Age Group Championships are the main championships in Scotland for non-adults, where the absolute cream of each age group battle it out for the medals. This prestigious event took place at the highly impressive Tollcross International Swimming Centre in Glasgow, where the Commonwealth Games and 2016 British Olympic Trials also took place. Kinross Otters sent their best swimmers and did not return disappointed.

The Otters' undisputed best ever swimmer, **Ola Stanton** (13) from Milnathort (affectionately known as 'the pocket rocket'), is one of the best breaststrokes in Britain, but this time she had to contend with being the favourite and suffering a disrupted year of training.

In her heat, she showcased her trademark fast, low stroke, cutting efficiently through the water and simply blew the field away with an incredible time of 35.24 seconds. This broke the 13 year olds midland district (Tayside) age group record (which had stood since 2002) by an enormous 2.5 seconds and she qualified over a second quicker than the next nearest swimmer!

In the final Ola was simply superb in what was a perfectly executed race. She led from start to finish winning the gold medal and retaining her title in an astounding 34.67 seconds, 0.39 seconds ahead of a clearly highly talented silver medallist!

This was yet another 13 year old midland district record and a midland district junior record (up to and including 15 year olds!) and places her second on the British rankings, only 0.04 of a second off being ranked number one.

The superlatives could continue trying to make sense of such a sensational swim; had she swum that time in last year's Scottish senior final containing the Commonwealth bronze medallist, she would have come 9th! Ola is 0.39 seconds outside the fastest time ever swum by a Tayside female (the senior record), and she is only 1.5 seconds slower than Scottish former World Champion, Hannah Miley! She is only 13! Ola is an amazing talent and there is clearly a lot more to come from the diminutive 'pocket rocket'. Remember the name.



Ola Stanton with her gold medal

The Otters party continued with backstroke specialist, **Jack Muncey** (13), who took a huge five and a half seconds off his personal best in the 200m Backstroke heat to qualify second quickest in 2 minutes 28.55 seconds in a new club record.

In the final, Jack was in contention for the gold medal right up until the 150m mark. However, he did not panic and continued his own race to win a much deserved bronze medal in 2 minutes 27.19 seconds. This was not just a bronze medal at a National Championships, this swim placed Jack 8th on the British rankings!

Ola and Jack competed in several other events. Ola deliberately kept her other entries to a minimum. She broke her own 50m Freestyle club record in her heat by 0.10 of a second in 29.16 seconds and then smashed it again in the final to come 4th overall in 28.80 seconds.

Ola finished up her Championships with a 15th position in the 100m Freestyle in 1.04.66.

Jack proved his worth over a wide range of strokes and distances as follows; 100m backstroke, 1.09.62 in the heats to qualify 3rd quickest and 1.09.73 in the final to finish 4th overall; 50m backstroke, 32.64 in the heats to qualify 5th quickest and 32.16 in the final to maintain 5th position; 800m freestyle, 9.45.81 to come 6th; 100m butterfly, 1.12.89 to qualify 9th quickest but, unfortunately, was disqualified in the final for a technical infringement; 200m freestyle, 11th in 2.16.40; 400m freestyle, 12th in 4.50.55; 50m butterfly, 14th in 32.88; 100m freestyle, 15th in 1.04.41.

Iona Crawford (16) also qualified for all the breaststroke events in the 16 year old girls category. Iona managed 15th position in the 200m (2.59.51), 24th in the 50m (39.32) and 27th in the 100m (1.25.29). Remember, to qualify is an achievement in itself.



Jack Muncey with his bronze medal, and Iona Crawford

Otters head Coach, **Simon Metcalfe**, was a little hoarse after such an exciting few days, but managed a few words; 'I am absolutely delighted how our swimmers performed. Ola's performances were exceptional and she has now shown that she can perform consistently at a top British level. This is Jack's break through year and to win a medal in your first year at this level is excellent and a credit to all his hard work and dedication. He has proved his ability across a number of different strokes and distances. Overall, it has been a massive step in the right direction for the club and saw us achieve our highest points total ever'.

First Division League Update

The Otters' first division team have continued to outperform with another 4th place at the Blairgowrie home meet on 19 March.

It was a very tight affair with just a few points separating many of the teams. Despite receiving a technical reprieve from relegation last year, they now look safe in this division of five teams. The Premier League team were not in action this month.

Oops!

Sorry to **Ola Stanton** and **Amy Broadhurst** whose new club records went unnoticed from the midland district long course championships in Dundee in February.

Ola broke the ten year old 50m freestyle club record, set by a then 16 year old **Natalie Milne**, who, as we all know, went on to represent Scotland at the Commonwealth Games in Triathlon, by 0.64 of a second in 29.26 seconds.

Amy broke her own 50m butterfly record by 0.72 of a second in 33.44 seconds. Well done to you both.

News from the Rurals



POWMILL – January: In the absence of the President, Vice President the secretary Wilma Sim welcomed members to the Burns supper. Gillian Taylor carried in the haggis and the Toast to the Haggis was given by Wilma Sim. The committee then served up haggis, mince, neeps and tatties followed by oatcakes and cheese. But all good things come to an end and it was then time to crack on with the business.

Competitions: Tartan object – Elsie Johnston; Three Shortbread Rounds – Janet Mitchell; Garden Gem – Margaret Broomfield.

February: President Sharon Buchanan welcomed members and guests to the meeting and introduced Maureen Kerr from Crook of Devon who is the author of several books, possibly the best known of which is 'Fields of Cabbages'. Another of her books is 'Tuppence and a Bottle of Whisky' which tells the story of the early years of Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia Pipe Band. Maureen is a very interesting person to listen to.

Competitions: Sultana loaf – Janet Mitchell; Valentine's Verse – Janie Buchanan; Garden Gem – Mary Wilson.

March: President Sharon Buchanan welcomed members to a flower workshop with Mary. She showed everyone how to make a table centre using a small bunch of supermarket flowers. All members then created their own spring arrangements to decorate their table! A fun filled time was had by all.

Good Luck to our bowling team who have made it through to the National Finals at Prestwick on 18 April.

Competitions:

Individual Quiche	Mary Wilson
Favourite Scarf	Mary Wilson
Garden Gem	Mary Wilson

Bingo Tea: President Sharon Buchanan welcomed members and friends from surrounding rurals to the annual Bingo Tea. Maz Thorn was the bingo caller complete with her 'bingo lingo!' Tea was served and everyone had enjoyable time. Thank-you to everyone who supported us..

CLEISH – Vice President Mrs Dorothy Morris welcomed twenty-eight members to our April meeting.

She welcomed our speaker for the evening, Belinda MacDonald, and we enjoyed an interesting, informative and heartwarming illustrated talk on the charity work carried out by The Uphill Trust: Supporting Education in Uganda.

A vote of thanks was given by Miss Faye Gibb.

President Mrs Helen Buchanan thereafter chaired the business meeting.

Competition winners:

Flower of the Month	Sandra Webster
Easter Card	Alison Morris
Gingerbread	Alison Morris

CROOK OF DEVON – President Alice Johnson welcomed friends and fellow members to our Annual Coffee Evening - a fashion show from The Edinburgh Woollen Mill. Outfits were modelled by Margaret Arbuckle, Isabel Mill, Mary Paterson and Isabelle White.

Members then served coffee, tea and cake. A good time was had by all.

BISHOPSHIRE – President Norma Smith welcomed members and our speaker, Russell Stewart, who explained and demonstrated the Chinese arts of Tai Chi and Chi Kung. Members were also given the chance to try Tai Chi. Thanks must also go to Norma for her willing participation in Russell's demonstration.

Competition winners:

Kinross Show Handcrafted Item	Sylvia Herrington
Tea Light/Candle Holder	Norma Smith

GLENFARG – President Margot Moran was delighted to introduce members of Forteviot SWI who were the entertainers for the evening. Not only did they sing beautifully for their supper, but they also presented a very funny sketch and a couple of quizzes that totally flummoxed their hosts. Retaliation may be necessary! It was a highly successful evening, enjoyed by all, and Margot Moran proposed a heartfelt vote of thanks.

Competition winners:

Something New from Something Old	Alison Harrison
Toffee Apple	Alison Harrison
Flower of the Month	Margot Moran

CARNBO – President Molly White welcomed thirty-five members and one guest to the April meeting. After business, Angus Whitson, 'The Man with Two Dogs', accompanied by his wife, 'the Doyenne', kept us all amused with an entertaining and interesting talk on Scottish country life and social history. Grace Paterson gave a vote of thanks.

Competition winners:

Flower of the Month	Frances Drysdale
Dog Photograph	Mary Lapsley

Our next meeting, our AGM, is on 16 May at 7.15pm.

Local Attraction Opening Times

Lochleven Castle, Castle Island, Kinross



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

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

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

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

25 Mar to 30 September: Daily, 10am to last outward sailing at 4.15pm

1-31 October: Daily, 10am to last outward sailing at 3.15pm

Admission prices:
(includes ferry trip) Adult £5.50, Child £3.30,
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Out & About



Loch Leven NNR



I'm assured Craig is having a lovely time on Noss in Shetland so it's back to me to write the Newsletter. I've been up to Noss a number of times and highly recommend a trip.

It's been a cold start to spring again. After such a mild winter, many of us were expecting it to come early but the cold weather has been holding back the march! Our insect counters have reported a slow start with just one Bee seen on their first day out!

Our birds that return every year from warmer areas have been slow returning. Apart from an exceptionally early Sand Martin on 18 March, the deluge returning migrant birds did not happen until the second week of April with good numbers of Sand Martins and Swallows returning and Willow Warblers and Chiffchaffs sing around the reserve. We've not seen many Ospreys this year yet but we expect sighting numbers to go up in early June. We've already had our first nesting Greylag Geese and Mallard on St Serf's and the heronry is very active. One of our volunteers spotted a Little Egret on Levenmouth pools. This bird was wearing two unique plastic rings. At the time of writing we are trying to detect where this bird is from. It is likely from a bird-ringing scheme down in England.

Tom has organised a **Bat Event** on **Friday 6 May** at 8pm at Burleigh Sands. If you wish to learn more about these nocturnal mammals, please phone the office on 01577 864439 to book your place. We are joined by experts from the Fife and Kinross Bat group. **The event is free.**

Discovery Day will take place once again this year at **Kirkgate Park** on **12 June** from 12pm until 4pm. Details of this year's event will be confirmed in next month's Newsletter but I can confirm that the organising committee of Rachael, Therese, Sandra and myself are very excited with what we are organising!

The volunteers have been busy this month. We've been removing trees from Mary's Knowe to improve the grassland. It's looking good in there now. The next step would be to get some livestock grazing in there to save us from mowing! The volunteers have also been helping our area staff remove Gorse from the geological features up Bishop's Hill.

Tom spotted some Brook Lamprey in the South Queich while out with the camera. It's not often you see these fascinating fish. They require very good water quality to survive and are a good indicator of a healthy water system. Neil and Steve found some in the North Queich in 2012. Before that, there are only historical records.

Weather



March Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall	51.2mm = 2.04 inches
Heaviest rainfall	19.5mm (1st)
Total sunshine for the month	96 hours
Sunniest day	8.7 hours (28th)
Maximum temperature average	9.5 °C
Highest temperature	14.2°C (14th)
Minimum temperature average	-1.78°C
Lowest temperature	-7.6°C (6th)

The NNR management team would thank everyone who's contributed to the 10-year management plan consultation by either coming to the Chairman's reception, or The Better Place to Live Fair, or returning comments either by post or e-mail. At the time of writing we are receiving the last comments now. We will start the hard work collating all this in July and the report will hopefully be published in September.

Tom is regularly updating the Blog. I am also putting the odd post out. Please feel free to go on and have a look. Put Loch Leven NNR blog into the search engine.

I hope it warms up soon. TTFN,

Jeremy Squire
Reserve Manager

See page 54 for colour photographs taken recently by Jeremy.

Gardens Open

Special Days Open in May



There are several inspirational private gardens opening under the Scotland's Gardens Scheme near Kinross in May.

Sunday 22 May, 11am-5pm. The Gardeners of Muckhart Village (FK14 7JN) are opening eight attractive and diverse gardens together. Refreshments available. Admission £8.00, Children free. Group ticket for entry to all gardens and map available from the Coronation Hall.

Sunday 29 May, 2pm-5pm. PLANT SALE at **Rossie House, Forgandenny**, PH2 9EH. An extensive range of reliable and more unusual plants, plus a chance to see this tranquil and stunning spring garden brimming over with elegant and unusual planting. Admission £4.00.

Gardens Open by Arrangement

Dowhill, Cleish, KY4 0HZ can be visited by arrangement on request. There are lovely woodland walks to the ruins of Dowhill Castle and nine linked ponds. Admission £4. Email: pippamd@icloud.com

Briglands at Rumbling Bridge, KY13 0PS is a nine-acre garden lovingly restored by the current owners over the past 35 years. Can be visited between 1 April and 15 June; also throughout October. Admission £4. Tel: 01577 840205. Email: briony@briglands.com.

Hollytree Lodge, Muckhart, FK14 7JW is a one-acre garden divided into different areas and gardened organically. Open between 1 May and 30 June; and 1 September to 31 October. Admission £4. Tel: 0797 337 4687. Email: elizwyatt@aol.com

The one-acre garden at **Parkhead House**, Burgmuir Road, **Perth**, PH1 1JF, is a hidden gem with a 300-year-old Spanish Chestnut tree. Open by arrangement between 1 May and 30 September. Admission £4. Tel: 01738 625983. Email: maddy.tinson@gmail.com. Web: www.parkheadgardens.com

The interesting garden at **Pitcurran House, Abernethy**, PH2 9LH is open 1 April – 30 September. Admission £4. Tel: 01738 850933. Email: patricanp@pitcurran.com

Further details for all these gardens, plus others further afield, can be seen on the Scotland's Gardens website, www.scotlandsgardens.org or in the Yellow SG guidebook.

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Morning, folks! The months plod on and we are nearly into May. The weather has been kinda dreich at times, even snowing on the odd occasion. Nature carries on as usual though and seems to time things to glean the glut of insect food to feed growin bairns, although inevitably it sometimes gets caught out. Lapwings, one of our key species on the reserve, have made quite a few nesting attempts but are maybe not in full swing yet at time of writing. Winter migrants such as brambling are still hanging around on our garden feeders, although they may well have departed back to Scandinavia by the time you read this? The harbinger of summer, the swallow, has not appeared back in the reserve buildings as yet, but they will be back when you read this. Several were seen over Castle Island on 9 April. Sand martins have already been in for weeks, flying over the loch and surrounds. We have also had an excellent selection of ducks and waders around as well. By the time this fine publication is released we will have some new members of centre staff in place in both the shop and café, to replace Vix who, as mentioned previously, left RSPB a few months ago, so look out for them when you are in.

Upcoming events for May include **A Family Fun Weekend** – an action packed nature discovery adventure on **Saturday 30 April** and **Sunday 1 May**. Lots of hands on activities, challenges, den building n stuff. Running from 10am until 4pm each day, it costs £5 for non members or £3 for members for all activities.

The weekend of **7 and 8 May** will see another **Optics Weekend** from 10am until 5pm both days. Free event – weel, unless ye buy some binoculars or whatever.

Nature Tots will cover Spring and sense this month on **Wednesday 11 May**, 10am-12pm. Advance booking strongly advised as it's popular already. £3 for members and £6 non members.

Sunday 15th from 10am until 2pm we are holding a **Summer Bird Songs** event. Find out all about bird songs and calls led by an expert guide. Costs £10 members and £15 non members. Booking essential as spaces are limited.

If you would like to find out more or book any of the above events, please call us on the usual number 01577 862355.

Finally, some of you may have noticed I mentioned we have several new staff starting. Several being the operative word. After over 23 years service to the RSPB at the reserve, Elaine from the shop has decided to move on and take voluntary redundancy after a nationwide staff review in the retail division. She was always a smiling, calm, courteous staff member to our many customers and I am sure she will be missed by many of you who have visited over the years. Her many years of experience, customer care, knowledge of products and genuine personality will be sorely missed. I personally will really miss her when she moves on as we are, or were, the two longest serving staff members at the reserve. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her the very best for the future. My tea consumption will also drop severely as she was always making me a cuppa! Guid luck, Lainey Drew.

Till next time, ta ta,

Colin

Farming



It's lambing time and we're in full swing when the reminder from the Newsletter Editor pops up on my phone. Our lambing is a team effort and our young helpers this year have been outstanding but I'm still wondering where I will find the time to write 500 words before Friday.

With over 80% of the flock giving birth within three weeks, the sheds are full to bursting with pregnant ewes and ewes with newborn lambs. We keep them inside until they are 48 hours old as the early days are a crucial time for the lamb. There are so many hazards that threaten their life at this time; it's a bit like they are living in a war zone.

Arriving backwards in the breech position is a difficult way to start, so we all look out for ewes that are taking too long to lamb. Sometimes you can only see a tail popping out and this is time to step in and help the ewe by pushing the bum back in again, locating the back legs and pulling it quickly but carefully out. Twins often try to arrive simultaneously and again we have to intervene, sort out the four front legs and help one out before the other.

The next stage is when the lamb gets on its feet and sucks for the first time. This milk is colostrum and in addition to satisfying their nutritional requirements is also the sole provider of antibodies that develop their immunity. One or two of my ewes are getting older and their udders have lost the elasticity of youth. That's a polite way of saying they have big, saggy bags of milk so unfortunately the lambs couldn't reach down far enough to suck the milk out of the teats. I'm afraid to say I spent hours with these few ewes teaching their lambs to suck. At one point I considered looking at the Ultimo range to see if it includes a bra that would pull the udder up to where it was meant to be. Instead I stripped the milk out of the giant teats in the morning and again at night. Thankfully they eventually shrank to a manageable size and the lambs latched on by themselves – here's a photograph of me with the jug of milk from one ewe.

A lamb delivered safely that has sucked colostrum within the first few hours of birth has a good start in life but it seems our shed is still a perilous place. Despite our rigorous routine and high hygiene, there are still bugs lurking that will bring a lamb down with a life threatening tummy called Watery Mouth and every year a few succumb to this. One single out of a

Blackie managed to jump in a water trough and drown just half an hour before it was due to be moved outside and a wee Texel lamb was unlucky enough to be sleeping when a gate fell over and squashed it.

So next time you see a group of lambs larking about in a field, remember they are survivors; full of energy and life thanks to the nurturing from their mum with a little help from the shepherd, who is likely exhausted but, like me, delighted that it's over for another year.



Fiona giving lambs a helping hand to find mother's milk

Fiona

Congratulations



Mr & Mrs DUNCAN FOSTER of Sutherland Drive, Kinross, celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary at Le Jardin restaurant at Dobbies Garden Centre, Kinross, on Sunday 10 April 2016.

Mr Foster is a D Day veteran. He was first called up for service while at school in Perth, serving in the Perth Railway unit of the Home Guard. He later served in the 51st Highland Division.

Mr & Mrs Duncan were joined at their wedding anniversary celebration by family from Kinross, Cardenden, Bath and Donegal.

WILLIAM WILSON BSc, MSc, PhD has been made a Professor. A former pupil of Kinross High School, Professor Wilson is Director of the Sir Alister Hardy Foundation for Ocean Science in Plymouth.

Many congratulations from a very proud family and parents, William and Rita Wilson, The Kennels, Kinross Estate, Kinross.



Prof William Wilson

Perform in Perth



Local success at the Perthshire Music Festival March 2016

Finlay Scott, Craigclowan: 1st, Practice Chanter under 13.

Finlay C McColl, Milnathort: 1st, Vocal Solo, Boy Trebles; 1st, Vocal Solo, Scots Folk Songs (unaccompanied boys or girls aged 10 or 11).

Zosia Stanton, Milnathort PS: 3rd=, Vocal Solo, Disney Songs (boys or girls aged 12 or 13); 1st, Viola Solo, Intermediate; 1st, String Recital Class, Intermediate.

Isobel Findlay, Kinross HS: 3rd, Vocal Solo, Opera or Oratorio (boys or girls aged 14 or 15).

Erin Bathgate, Kinross HS: 3rd=, Vocal Solo, Songs from the Shows inc Light Opera (boys or girls aged 16 or 17).

Milly Bell, Kinross: 2nd=, Piano Solo, Beginners (under 9).

Martha Harvey, Kinross: 3rd, Piano Solo, Elementary (under 12).

Lindsay McBride, Milnathort PS: 1st, Strings, Beginners (no more than 2 years' tuition).

Katie Dorwood, Kinross PS: 3rd, Strings, Beginners (no more than 2 years' tuition).

Helen Hamilton, Kinross PS: 1st, Violin Solo, Elementary.

Logan Carlisle, Milnathort PS: 2nd, Violin Solo, Elementary.

Eleanor Baughan, Kinross HS: 1st=, Violin Solo, Intermediate.

Andrew Michael, Kinross HS: 3rd, Violin Solo, Intermediate.

Ola Stanton, Kinross HS: 1st, Violin Solo, Open.

Chloë Vlasto, Portmoak PS: 1st, Viola Solo, Beginners.

Iona Sutherland, Kinross HS: 3rd, Viola Solo, Intermediate.

Eleanor Baughan & Iona Sutherland, Kinross HS: 1st, Duo (Strings), Intermediate.

Sophie Telfer, Kinross HS: 3rd, String Recital Class, Intermediate.

Audrey Doyle, Kinross HS: 1st, String Recital Class, Open; 3rd, Flute Solo, Transitional.

Garry Simpson, Kinross HS: 1st, Modern Guitar Solo, Advanced; 3rd, Xylophone Solo, Elementary.

Fraser Barbour, Kinross HS: 2nd, Trombone Solo, Advanced.

Jamie Lennon, Kinross HS: 3rd, Snare Drum Solo, Beginners.

Alistair McBride, Kinross HS: 1st, Snare Drum Solo, Elementary; 1st, Xylophone Solo, Beginners; 1st, Timpani Solo, Elementary; 3rd=, Drum Kit Solo, Elementary.

Guy Bathgate, Kinross HS: 1st, Snare Drum Solo, Transitional; 2nd, Timpani Solo, Transitional; 1st, Drum Kit Solo, Intermediate.

Jai MacPherson, Kinross HS: 2nd, Timpani Solo, Beginners; 3rd=, Drum Kit Solo, Elementary.

Calum Flockhart, Kinross HS: 2nd, Timpani Solo, Elementary.

Irene McFarlane, Kinross: 1st, Vocal Solo, Songs from the Shows; 1st, Vocal Solo, Music Hall; 1st, Vocal Solo, Scots Songs, Soprano; 1st, Burns Poems (all categories aged 18 & over).

Kinross Primary School: 2nd, Choir, County (roll of no more than 500, excluding Perth city).

Kinross Primary Trio: 2nd, Small Ensemble (Strings only), Intermediate.

Kinross High Chamber Group: 1st, Chamber Music (Strings only), Open.

Kinross High String Orchestra: 1st, String Orchestra (Schools), Advanced.

Trophy Winners

Finlay C McColl of Milnathort was awarded the Mrs Moncrieff Bronze Medal.

Ola Stanton was awarded the Elspeth Stirling memorial medal for the highest mark in the Advanced and Open Solo Stringed Instrument classes.

Finlay Scott of Dalqueich, who attends Craigclowan School, was awarded the Perth and District Pipe Band Trophy for the second year in a row.

Irene McFarlane was awarded the Michael J Beese Memorial Quach presented by Perth Amateur Operatic Society.

Kinross High Chamber Group was awarded the Dr George Reid Chamber Music Award.

Kinross High String Orchestra was awarded the String Orchestra Cup.

Apologies if we have missed any achievements by local people. We can't tell if attendees of private schools are local to Kinross-shire unless families notify us.

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Kinross-shire Churches Together



Kinross Parish Church of Scotland

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

Events listed below are in the church unless indicated otherwise.

Regular Services and events

Sundays: 10.30am: Morning Service with Crèche. 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

May

Sun 1 11.45am: Informal Communion after morning service at 10.30am.

Mon 2 8am: Silent Meditation.

Tue 3 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.

Thu 5 7.30pm: Thursday group, church centre: Annual General Meeting.

Thu 12 7pm: 'All Friends Together': a new group for adults with learning difficulties, in the church.

Fri 13 7pm BB Annual Display, church centre.

Sat 14 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (names in advance to church office).

Sun 15 6.30pm: Joint Evening Service for Pentecost Sunday at St. Paul's.

Christian Aid Week

Sunday 15 – Saturday 21

Please support the collections door-to-door and at Sainsbury's. This year the collections will be used for 'Home Start Packages' for flood-devastated areas of Bangladesh.

Tue 17 7.15pm: Guild, Summer Meal, church centre.

Thu 19 9pm: late evening service of Compline.

Sat 21. 10am – 12noon: Coffee Morning on behalf of Kinross Parish Church with Plant Sale and Craft Stall, in church centre.

Tue 31 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.

Visiting Kinross-shire?

For information on Eating Out, Parks and Gardens,
Historic Buildings and more, visit
www.visitlochleven.org

Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church Church of Scotland (Charity number SC015523)

Locum Minister - Rev Duncan Stenhouse
Telephone: 01577 866992

Email: duncan.stenhouse@btinternet.com

Website: www.orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk

Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:

10am Portmoak Church,
11.30am Orwell Church.

All children welcome. Crèche available during 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 28 May** in Orwell Hall from 4 - 6pm.

Dates and events for your diary

1 May Joint service in Portmoak Church 10.30am.

No service at Orwell Church.

27 May Oasis Ladies Group meets in Portmoak New Room at 10.15am. The topic is 'Women of the Bible'.

5 Jun Joint service in Orwell Church 10.30am.

No service at Portmoak 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

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

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

Kinross Christian Fellowship

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

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

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

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

Contact Peter on 01577 863509, for further information.

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

Fossoway, St Serf's & Devonside Church

Church of Scotland (Charity number SC013157)

Minister: Rev Lis Stenhouse Telephone: (01577) 842128
Email: estenhouse@churchofscotland.org.uk
Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie Telephone: (01592) 840823
Email: brianj.ogilvie1@btopenworld.com
Session Clerk: Mrs Janet Harper Telephone: (01577) 840225
Email: aclassicsoul@aol.com

Sunday Services at 9.45am. All are welcome.

May

Sun 1 9.45am Morning Worship, followed by refreshments.
Sun 8 9.45am Morning Worship.
Sun 15 9.45am Pentecost All Age Worship.
Sun 22 9.45am Morning Worship.
Sun 29 9.45am Morning Worship and Celebration of Holy Communion.

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

House group:

Please contact Fred Aitken for details, 01577 840833.

Parents/Carers and Toddlers Group:

Friday 6 May 9 - 11am in the Church Hall. A time for toddler play, chat, coffee/tea/juice with fruit and/or biscuits.

Film Evening

Friday 6 May 7.30 – 9.30pm in the Church Hall.

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

Cleish Parish Church

Church of Scotland

(Charity No: SC003168)

Minister: Rev Lis Stenhouse BD (Hons)

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Reader: Brian Ogilvie

Email: brianj.ogilvie1@btopenworld.com

Session Clerk: Neil Maclure

Email: neil.maclure19@gmail.com Tel: 01577 864826

Please visit our website: www.cleishchurch.org

Sunday Services 11.15am

May

Sun 1 11.15am Morning Worship and Junior Church. Tea and coffee served in Cleish Village Hall in aid of Guild Projects. Traidcraft Stall.
Sun 8 11.15am Morning Worship.
Mon 9 3.15pm 'Messy Church' in Cleish Village Hall, open to all children and their carers.
Sun 15 11.15am Morning Worship for Pentecost. Junior Church.
Sat 21 2pm **Cleish Fête**.
Sun 22 11.15am Morning Worship.
Sun 29 11.15am Morning Worship. Sacrament of Holy Communion. Refreshments served in the Young Room.

All welcome

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You can also find us on Facebook

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. We predominantly use the 1982 Liturgy on Sunday mornings but create experimental devotion for special events throughout the year. If you would like to give us a try, we look forward to meeting and greeting you and hope that you might enjoy becoming part of this faithful family of Christ.

Mondays and Wednesdays: 8am Morning Prayer, said quietly in the side chapel.

Tuesdays: 11am Informal Holy Communion service in the Side Chapel.

Thursdays: 10 for 10.15am Thursday Morning Book 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.

May Services and Events

Sun 1 Easter 6
8.30am Holy Communion. 11am Sung Eucharist.
Sun 8 Ascension Sunday
8.30am Holy Communion. 11am Sung Eucharist.
Sun 15 The Day of Pentecost (and the beginning of Christian Aid Week)
8.30am Holy Communion.
11am Whole Church Sung Eucharist.
1pm Kinross-shire Churches Together Barbecue.
2.30pm Kinross-shire Churches Together Family Worship. *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 ideas of numbers for catering purposes.*
Sun 22 Pentecost 2
8.30am Holy Communion.
11am Sung Eucharist.
Sun 29 Pentecost 3
8.30am Holy Communion.
11am Sung Eucharist.
4pm Taize-style Afternoon Service.

Everyone welcome at all services

Kinross Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross

Website: www.kinrossgospelhall.info

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

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!

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To join in the fun
call 07745 804539
Email 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
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

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
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
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

Private Nurseries and Childcare

For private nurseries and childcare services, please see advertisements throughout the Newsletter.

To inform the Newsletter of any changes to Playgroup information, please send an email to: editor@kinrossnewsletter.org

Notices



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.



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

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 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

3, 10 & 17 May

Thursdays

5, 12 & 19 May

break week

24 & 31 May

26 May

7 & 14 June

2, 9 & 16 June

email: skeinsandbobbins@outlook.com

PVG Scheme Membership

The Thursday Group

This is a women's group meeting on the first Thursday of the month in the lower hall of the Church Centre at 7.30pm. New members welcome. Contact 01577 863421.

5 May Annual General Meeting

The Gaelic Society of Perth

After a very successful winter Ceilidh season, the 2016 Annual General Meeting of the Society will take place at St Matthew's Church Hall, Tay Street, Perth, on **Friday 6 May** at 7.30pm. All members of the society are invited to the meeting.

Further information can be obtained from the Secretary on 01577 864589.

KINROSS HUB THE CARERS CAFE

Monday 2nd 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.



LOCHLEVEN COMMUNITY CAMPUS
KINROSS

1st MONDAY of EVERY MONTH
10am–12noon

Contact Gail Boath
Tel. 01577 867306
Or Annette Bond
01738 567076



Glenfarg Village Folk Club

The club meets at "Backstage at the Green",

Green Hotel, Kinross on Mondays

Doors open 7.30pm Music starts 8pm

For more info, see: www.glenfargfolkclub.com

2 May: Singaround. With political propaganda reaching its climax, let's leave the electioneering behind and relax with 'Peace and Tranquillity' as our theme for the night. As always, everyone is welcome, whatever their political persuasion. All £3.

9 May: The Mile Roses. Kate Bramley, Edwina Hayes and Simon Harworth make up this brilliant trio of musicians, vocalists and songwriters. They describe their act as being contemporary British folk music with a nod to Nashville. Members £8, non-members £10.

16 May: Singaround. "Ne'er cast a clout til May be oot!" So, despite the May in question referring to the hawthorn bush, we will take 'Clothing' as our theme for tonight! All £3.

23 May: The Tea Cups. A first visit to the Club for this vibrant young a capella quartet who have already created a storm across the UK festival circuit in the last two years. Members £8, non-members £10.

30 May: Singaround. We cannot ignore the EU Referendum next month so tonight's theme will be 'Europe', whether people or places! All welcome, whether euophile or sceptic! All £3.

All Friends Together

(Affiliated to Prospects Ministry)

A new group for adults with learning disabilities is having its first get together on **Thursday 12 May** in Kinross Parish Church at 7pm till 8.30pm.

There will be a time for making new friends, singing and having fun.

Come along with your support worker or family member if you are unable to come on your own.

Whether you have church connections or not, you will be very welcome.

For more information, phone Helena Cant on 01577 862923.



Kinross Circle Dancing

Millbridge Hall

Old Causeway, Kinross KY13 8DW

Tuesdays 10.30am – 12.30pm

Remaining Summer Term 2016

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

Web: www.cscd.org.uk

Facebook: Central Scotland Circle Dance



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



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



Kinross Potager Garden Blooming Great Tea Party

at the Potager Garden on

Saturday 4 June

10.30am until 12 noon

Fundraiser for **Marie Curie Cancer Care** and a celebration of the

Potager Garden's 20th Anniversary.

All are welcome.

A particular invitation is extended to anyone who has been involved with the garden over the last 20 years.



Milnathort
filmhouse

SUPER SATURDAY MAY 7TH
Milnathort Town Hall

THE GOOD DINOSAUR - 3PM

Tickets Child £3.50, Adult £6, Conc £4, Family £16

THE LADY IN THE VAN - 8.30PM

All ticket proceeds from

The Lady In The Van

will go to **Broke Not Broken, Kinross**

Tickets Adult £6, Conc £4



TICKETS ON DOOR & ONLINE AT
www.milnathortfilmhouse.com

Loch Leven Walk & Cycle



Loch Leven Heritage Trail,
near Kinross

Sunday 15th May 2016, 1pm



Support Christian Aid Week at the Loch Leven Heritage Trail. This is a unique trail linking natural, historic and cultural heritage around Loch Leven. Level and barrier-free for most of its length, the Trail is suitable for walkers of all ages and abilities, for cyclists and for wheelchair users.

Raise sponsorship or make a donation to support the Christian Aid Week Appeal.

For more information please contact Christian Aid or visit the website.

christianaid.org.uk/anotherway

amenies@christian-aid.org

0141 221 7475



The Kinross Newsletter

by the community, for the community

all profits are given away to local good causes

**Come and join us at
Cleish Church Annual Fête**

(Cleish Church Charity No: 003168)

**Saturday 21 May
2pm – 4pm**

A brilliant afternoon out!

Dog Show, Baking & Produce, Tombola, Afternoon Teas,
Children's Games, Bric à Brac



Music and Flowers in the Church
Fun for all the family

Come and join us!

Cleish Fête Dog Show

(Cleish Church Charity No: 003168)

Saturday 21 May at 2pm

Adult and Children's Classes (under 13)



Registration 2pm
Adults £3 Children £1

Prizes and Rosettes



Adults

Best looking dog (stance, movement, grooming)
Obedience (Walk to heel off lead, sit and stay as handler
walks away and returns when called)



Children

Best looking dog (brushed, healthy,
wags tail
Obedience (walks quietly on lead)
Dog most like its owner

**Kinross Potager Garden
Annual General Meeting**

Garden Room, Church Centre, High Street, Kinross

Wednesday 25 May

at 7.30pm

All welcome



Milnathort Summer Fair

Saturday 4 June

12 noon – 2.30pm

at Milnathort Primary School

Come along to join in the fun of games, bouncy castle,
BBQ and stalls galore (including our firm favourites
cake 'n' candy, water & wine, and Teddy Tombola!)

Milnathort Primary School Parents: we would welcome your
offers to help on the day with set up, manning stalls and set
down. Many thanks!

Please contact: Kelly Cobb 07879 883293

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
construction of the new school commencing later on this year
and its going to be great!

There will be lots of stalls and fun activities including
facepainting, coconut shy, football accuracy, the ever
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!

We'll have a stall at The Feel Good Fayre (Kinross Half
Marathon) on Saturday 14 May where we will be selling
Raffle Tickets - £1 per ticket. Please pop by to see us. We will
also be selling home baking.

Should any businesses or groups like to have a stall at our
School Fayre on 11 June, please contact Kath Davis on 07976
919694 or email on kadavishartfell@aol.com

Portmoak Community Gala

is on

Saturday 25 June

Lots of fun to be had at The Well Green Park,
Scotlandwell, 2pm till 4pm.

Gala procession leaves Portmoak Church car park at
1.45pm to The Well Green.

Children's fancy dress, races, zoo lab, stalls, bar, bbq,
home baking, raffle and more!

All queries to: portmoakgala@gmail.com

Kinross Parish Church

Coffee Morning



Craft Stall



**Saturday 21 May
Church Centre 10am**

Plants



Fairtrade Stall

Kinross Parish Church of Scotland SC 012555



The Newsletter on Facebook

We use our Facebook page to announce:

- our deadline and publication dates
- what's in the next issue
- reminders of some local events
- occasional breaking news

'Like' our page to be kept informed. Search for 'Kinross
Newsletter' or go to:

www.facebook.com/kinrossnewsletter



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



Looking for a venue that can tick all the boxes?

Crook of Devon Village Hall

- ✓ **Space** We can seat up to 100 for a formal meal; 120 for meetings, theatrical performance, talent shows; 80-90 for discos, family gatherings, community events. We can even accommodate bouncy castles for that "all weather" children's party.



- ✓ **Car Parking** - ample parking for the hall.
- ✓ **Catering** - Kitchen with oven, dishwasher and microwave, plus a great serving area.
- ✓ **Stage** and back stage area for performances, costume changes, etc.
- ✓ Plus the usual facilities - toilets, disabled toilets, changing areas.
- ✓ We also offer chair and table rental for functions at home.
- ✓ **Weekly bookings** taken for activities, e.g. yoga, ballet, fitness classes, badminton, youth clubs.

For all hall bookings and enquiries, including our **special block booking rates**, please contact Jean on 01577 840543 or jeanshearer630@btinternet.com

Dollar Museum

Dollar Museum reopened for the 2016 season on 26 March. 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

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.

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.

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October issue Deadline
Friday 12 September
Publication Date:
Saturday 21 September

November issue Deadline
Friday 17 October
Publication Date:
Saturday 1 November

December issue Deadline
Friday 14 November
Publication Date:
Saturday 21 November

Gardens Open...
Click here to visit our Gardens Open page!

Welcome...

to the website of The Kinross Community Council Newsletter.

Our name is usually shortened to 'The Kinross Newsletter' or even just 'The Newsletter' - the essential publication for Kinross-shire!

Click on the cover at right to find out what's in the latest issue!

The Newsletter is a monthly magazine that has been providing news, comment and interaction for the whole community since 1977

The Kinross Community Council Newsletter can be purchased at the following outlets, price £1:

- Bettles, High Street, Kinross
- The Co-operative, High Street, Kinross
- Samson's, Station Road, Kinross
- Costcutters, Green Road, Kinross
- The Post Office, Milnathort
- Glencroft's, Milnathort
- Stewart & Smart, Station Road, Milnathort
- Yessyway Stores, Crook of Devon
- Garage or Shop, Westwood
- John's of Muchart
- Powell Mill Bar, Moto Shop, Turrillie

Newsletter Queries?

When is the next deadline?
How much does it cost to advertise?
Can I get a subscription?

For the answers to these questions and more,
Visit our website
www.kinrossnewsletter.org

www.visitlochleven.org
Mainly for visitors, but also of interest to local residents. Find information on places to stay, where to eat, things to do and places to visit. (Website set up by the Kinross-shire Partnership.)

Map courtesy of the www.visitlochleven.org

KINROSS-SHIRE
The Friendly County

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Need Equipment for a Community Event?

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

Items are listed on www.kinross.cc at:

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.



Are you living with a long-term health condition?

We are a charity supporting those living with a long-term health condition in Perth & Kinross. We help people improve the quality of their lives and well being by providing information and running regular self-management courses, workshops and peer support groups.

One of our peer support groups is based in Kinross in the meeting room of St Paul's Church, Muirs. This runs on the first Thursday of every month, 1.30-3.30pm.

If you would like to come along and connect with others who understand the challenges of living with a condition, learn how to make positive changes to your life and have access to useful information, then please contact us for an informal chat.

All of our services are confidential, free and designed to be flexible depending on individual and community need.

Find us at:

Perth Business Centre/NCOC, 28 Glasgow Road, Perth, PH2 0NX

Tel: 01738440099. Email: Info@positive-choices.org.uk

We are a registered Scottish Charity SC031076

Empowering Lives, Improving Health

La Leche League meetings in Kinross ...



LA LECHE LEAGUE
INTERNATIONAL

**First Thursday of the month,
10am – 12 noon**

St Paul's Church Meeting Room, The Muirs, Kinross

- Friendly, relaxed mum-to-mum breastfeeding support and chat.
- Informal chat and an interesting group discussion.
- Plenty of time for answering your questions.

We welcome any mums (and mums to be) who are interested in breastfeeding. Children all very welcome.

For more details, contact:

Hannah Dalgety (LLL Leader, Kinross) 07886 859461

www.lll-fife-tayside.co.uk

Find us on Facebook: La Leche League Fife and Tayside

Homes for Cats Wanted

Fife Cat Shelter, a Scottish Registered Charity, is always looking for homes for rescued cats.

Cats can be visited, by appointment, at Causeway Cattery, Scotlandwell.

Contact Rhona on 01383 830286.



**Are Kindly Sponsoring
The Ninth Annual G.R.F.
Dog Show**

**Sunday 29th May 2016
At Caldwell's Farm, Collessie, Fife, KY15 7UY.
Doors open 11:00 First Class 11:30**

**Tickets
Available at the door or from the G.R.F. Kennels
Price £4
Accompanied children under 16 free
Entry for each dog in all classes £1**

www.greyhoundrescuefife.com
email: ferniejimmyf@aol.com

**Show Held Indoors!
Free Parking!**

**Welcome to the Kinross-shire
Volunteer
Information
Point**

**Located in the Loch Leven Community Campus Library
Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8FQ**

Here you can find information about **Volunteering Opportunities** available in Kinross-shire.
Take your time and see what is available. You will also find leaflets in the folders explaining where you can go for further help such as Voluntary Action Perthshire www.vaperthshire.org

If you would like to promote your **Organisations Volunteering Opportunities** please hand your information into reception for attention of: Tracey Ramsay (Community Capacity Building Worker)

Blank profiles are also available for your use if required. These are in the organisation folder at the VIP alternatively follow this link:
www.pkc.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=22228&p=0

**The Volunteer Information Point has been organised and supported by
Partners of the Kinross-shire Community Learning and Development Group.**

For further information please contact Tracey Ramsay 01577 867177 or email Tramsay@pkc.gov.uk

Enquire

Are you looking for information about your child's rights to support in School?

If so, contact **Enquire**, the national advice and information service for additional support for learning.

Enquire offer: a confidential telephone helpline and online enquiry service, practical guides, fact sheets and newsletters, helpful materials for children and young people with additional support needs.

For more information contact: tel 0845 123 2303

Website: www.enquire.org.uk

Enquire is funded by the Scottish Government and managed by Children in Scotland

Kinross Meditation Group

7pm – 8pm Fridays

Meditation starts at 7.15pm, tea and coffee after

The Hall, St Paul's Church, The Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AY
Providing a space for quiet reflection, mindfulness and relaxation. This non-religious meditation group is open to all and aims to provide a safe environment to share and explore the many benefits of meditation. If you would like to learn meditative techniques and practise in a small friendly group, then please come and join us or get in touch. Starting at beginners level, no previous experience or skills required, just the willingness to learn together in calm and supportive reflectiveness.

Casual enquiries welcomed. For further information please contact us via our Facebook page (search Kinross Meditation Group) or call Naomi on 07515 271272.

No fees, though small contributions to cover cost of hall hire are welcomed.

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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 or by telephone on 01738 474455.



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 [wwwFOUNDATIONSOTLAND.org.uk/programmes/
kinross-shire-fund](http://wwwFOUNDATIONSOTLAND.org.uk/programmes/kinross-shire-fund) or telephone 0131 5240300

Newbies

Every Monday, 2 - 3pm

Loch Leven Community Campus

A new group for new parents and new babies!

Come along and meet other parents for a blether,
whilst the babies play.

Parents with babies 0 - 18 months FREE!

PLUS Perth

www.plusperth.co.uk

Tel: 01738 626242

77 Canal Street, Perth



PLUS is a member-led local charity and social movement which gives hope and opportunity to those affected by disadvantage; in the main to those with experience of mental ill health and substance misuse.

The PLUS office is open Mon-Fri 9.30am – 4pm
for mental health signposting and enquiries.

Mindspace Recovery College

Mindspace Recovery College runs free courses covering all aspects of mental health, co-delivered by people with lived experience, and are open to all.



100th Birthday and Diamond Wedding Anniversaries

Do you know a Perth & Kinross resident who is celebrating their 100th or 105th+ birthday?

Do you know a Perth & Kinross couple celebrating their 60th, 65th or 70th wedding anniversary?

PKC would like to help celebrate the special occasion. PKC can arrange delivery of a basket of flowers or for a local Councillor to present a basket of flowers to the person or couple on their special day.

Tel: 01738 475051 Email: CivicServices@pkc.gov.uk

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre

based in the centre of Perth

Offers free, confidential, non-judgemental advice and support to anyone facing a pregnancy related crisis.

In a safe, secure environment we aim to assist women (or couples) in making their own informed decisions about their future and support them through the process if they require it. We offer confidential advice, free pregnancy testing, pregnancy crisis and miscarriage support, adoption advice and counselling for post abortion stress.

The office is open 10am to 2pm Monday to Friday and outwith those hours can be contacted on the office number 01738 621174.

On-line support and information can be obtained from our website www.hopepregnancy.co.uk

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre

40 St John Street, Perth, PH1 5SP

www.hopepregnancy.co.uk

email: hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com

Helpline 01738 621174

We are a Scottish Charity SC037103

Kinross Recycling Centre

Bridgend Industrial Estate

Opening Times: **Mondays to Fridays 9am to 7pm**

Saturdays and Sundays 9am to 5pm

Bicycles, cans (inc aerosols, biscuit tins, aluminium foil), car and household batteries, cardboard, cooking oil, electricals (WEEE), engine oil, fluorescent tubes, long life light bulbs, food and drinks cartons (Tetra packs), fridges, freezers, garden waste, glass, large domestic appliances, paper, plastic (rigid plastic packaging), rubble stone and soil, scrap metal, telephone directories, textiles (clothes and shoes), timber, tyres (maximum two per visit, strictly householders only) and non recyclable (general) waste.

Compost can be collected from the Recycling Centre, subject to availability. Maximum of 2 x 25kg bags per visitor.

Healing Rooms Kinross and Loch Leven

Every Thursday from 10.30am -12 noon
at the Orwell and Portmoak Church Office,
29 South Street, Milnathort, KY13 9XA.

Trained volunteers from different churches will pray for your healing, physical, spiritual or emotional. Totally confidential.

No charge.

No appointment needed, but if preferred appointments can be arranged through the contact details on the website www.healingrooms-scotland.org

Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers

Linda Freeman

Tel 01577 865045. Email: linda.freeman_64@btinternet.com

Newsletter Deadlines 2016

Please note, deadlines are on a **FRIDAY**. More deadlines for the months ahead can be found on our website.

In very rare circumstances it may be necessary to change a deadline at short notice. Check Newsletter website for latest information:

www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
June	Fri 13 May	Saturday 28 May
July	Fri 17 June	Saturday 2 July



THE
TALKING
DONKEY

Every Friday 11am - 2pm
@ The Millbridge Hall

For further information, or if you want to be involved please ring
07766 515 950 or 07771 696 830

The Cafe where everything is
FREE!

🍲 Soups 🍲

🥪 Snacks 🥪

☕ Hot Drinks ☕

🥤 Cold Drinks 🥤

🍲 Home-cooked lunches 🍲

All brought to your table by our friendly staff

The Talking Donkey is a Christian venture so there will always be people on hand to offer
Prayer For Any Need



Multiple Sclerosis Society Scotland

Perth & Kinross Branch of the MS Society are calling anyone affected by MS to come along to The Green Hotel, Kinross on the third Tuesday of every month from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Come along for a blether, a cuppa or just to get out of the house! Family, friends and carers are welcome too.

For further information, please contact the Branch on 07552 368216, perthkinross@mssociety.org.uk or check out our website www.perth-kinross.org.uk or find us on Facebook: MS Society Perth&Kinross Branch.



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

Community Website

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

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:

10 & 24 May

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



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

Kinross: Secy: Mrs M Scott (01577) 862945
KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Milnathort: [Contact details to be supplied]

Cleish & Blairadam: Secy: Patty Fraser (01577) 850253,
CleishCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Fossoway & District: Secy: Kevin Borthwick (01577) 840845,
fossoway.cc@gmail.com

Portmoak: Chair: Malcolm Strang Steel (01592) 840459,
PortmoakCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Perth and Kinross Councillors Kinross-shire Ward

Councillor Mike Barnacle (Independent)

Tel/Fax (home): 01577 840516.

Email: michaelabarnacle@gmail.com

Website: mikebarnacle.co.uk

Moorend, Waulkmill Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross, KY13 0UZ

Councillor Dave Cuthbert (Independent)

Tel (home): 01577 861681. Email: dcuthbert@pkc.gov.uk
8 Highfield Circle, Kinross, KY13 8RZ

Councillor Joe Giacopazzi (Scottish National Party)

Tel (home): 01577 864025.

Email: jgiacopazzi@pkc.gov.uk

38A New Road, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XT

Councillor Willie Robertson (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

Tel (home): 01577 865178. Email: wbrobertson@pkc.gov.uk
85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13XA

Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh MP

Member of Parliament for Ochil and South Perthshire

I hold regular surgeries in Kinross-shire.

For more information, general enquiries and for anything else I can help with, please do not hesitate to contact me using the details below.

Telephone: 01259 219333

Email: tas.mp@parliament.uk

Unit 4, Townhead Institute, 39 Drysdale Street, Alloa, FK10 1JA

Mobile Library Service

Visiting on Tuesdays 10 & 24 May:

Milnathort	South Street	1215-1300
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Visiting every Tuesday

Glenfarg	Main Street	1130-1300
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Visiting on Wednesdays 4 & 18 May:

Powmill	Mill Gardens	0930-0950
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Fossoway Pre-school	Powmill	0955-1020
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Kinnesswood	Shop	1050-1120
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Portmoak	Community Hall	1125-1140
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Scotlandwell	Leslie Road	1145-1205
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Hatchbank	Road	1220-1240
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Cleish	Phone Box	1400-1415
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Crook of Devon	Inn, Main Street	1430-1530
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Carnbo	Main Road	1540-1610
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Milnathort	South Road	1620-1650
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Mawcarse		1700-1710
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For more information, see www.pkc.gov.uk/mobilelibrary or phone 01577 867205.

Kinross Community Councillors

Margaret Blyth	6 Muir Grove	
Jonathan Bryson	4 Burnbank Meadows	(01577) 531141
David Colliar	10 Rannoch Place	(01577) 864037
Barry Davies	60 Lathro Park	(01577) 865004
Bill Freeman (Chair)	64 Muirs	(01577) 865045
Ian Jack	Burnbrae Grange	(01577) 863980
David MacKenzie	12 Torridon Place	07703 820051
(Vice Chair)		
Margaret Scott (Secy)	21 Ross Street	(01577) 862945
Thomas Stewart	Gellybank Farm	
Eileen Thomas	50 Muirs	(01577) 863714
David West	9 Leven Place	07824 313974

Portmoak Community Councillors

Robin Cairncross	(Secretary)	01592 840672
Bruce Calderwood	(Treasurer)	01592 840423
Susan Forde		01592 840128
Tom Smith		01592 841160
Malcolm Strang Steel	(Chairman)	01592 840459
Dave Morris		01592 840500
Alison Robertson		01592 840131
Chris Vlasto		01592 840017

Have a look at our website: www.portmoak.org

Perth & Kinross Council

www.pkc.gov.uk

Customer Service Centre

Tel: 01738 475000

(Mon to Fri, 8am-6pm)

Out of Hours Emergencies

Tel: 01738 625411

(Roads, flooding, environmental health and dangerous buildings)

Clarence (for non-emergency road and lighting defects)

Tel: 0800 232323

Registrar

Tel: 01577 867133

The Registrar is normally in Kinross only on Tuesdays and Fridays at the Loch Leven Community Campus

The Kinross Community Council Newsletter

is available from:

The Co-operative	High Street, Kinross
Baillies	High Street, Kinross
Sainsbury's	Station Road, Kinross
Costcutter	Green Road, Kinross
Giacopazzi's	New Road, Milnathort
Stewart & Smart	Stirling Road, Milnathort
Heaven Scent Coffee Shop	South Street, Milnathort
Buchan's Garage	Main Street, Kinnesswood
Shop	Main Street, Kinnesswood
Fossoway Store	Crook of Devon
Fossoway Garage	Crook of Devon
Mona's Coffee Shop	Muckhart
Powmill Milk Bar	Powmill
Powmill Stores	Powmill
Moto Shop	Turfhills
RSPB Shop	RSPB Loch Leven
Loch Leven's Larder	Near Wester Balgedie

Discover Loch Leven Website

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

www.visitlochleven.org

Film shows • Cards • Dominoes • Art Class
Daily Papers • Chiropody • Trips • Exercises

Weekly Programme for May

Monday	Exercise Class	11am	Bingo	1.30pm
	Dominoes, cards & other Games			1.15pm
	“Stride for Life” Walking Group			2pm
Tuesday	Relaxation Class	1.15pm	Games	1.15pm
(all except 5th)	Singing group with Alex Cant		1.45pm	
Wednesday	Morning Worship	10.45am		
	Dominoes, Scrabble & other Games			1.30pm
	Fantastic Fun Quiz	1.30pm		
Thursday	Art Class	1.30pm	Film Afternoon	1.30pm
	Dominoes, Scrabble, cards etc		1.30pm	
	Balance & Strength Class		1.30pm	
Friday	Exercise Class		11am - 12pm	
	Dominoes, Games and Filmshow		1.30pm	
	Bingo		1.30pm	



Additional Events for May

Health & Wellbeing Information Point
Day Trip Mystery Tour & Lunch
Tai Chi
Chiropody

Tuesday 3rd 11am - 12pm
Wednesday 4th 10am - 4pm
Wednesday 4th, 18th 1.30 - 2pm
Thursday 5th, 26th 9.45am - 1pm
(phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)

Kinross Community Care Advice & Information
Barge Trip
Library Trip

To be arranged
Friday 20th 10am - 4pm
Thursday 26th 1.30pm



Coffee Bar open to the public 8.30am - 4pm, Older Adults Lunches Daily

Our activities are open to everyone - please feel free to come in and have a great afternoon.

Phone: 01577 863869 Fax: 01577 863869 Email: kindaycent@tiscali.co.uk

LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

Mon - Fri: 9.00 am - 6.00 pm
Saturday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm
Tel: 862422

Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

Mon to Fri: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm &
2.00 pm - 6.00 pm
Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm
Tel: 862219



Sundays: The nearest open pharmacy is Asda, Dunfermline

Mobile Post Office, Kinnesswood

Mondays and Wednesdays 1215 - 1315
Tuesdays and Fridays 1030 - 1200

Perth Samaritans

Need to talk? We'll listen.

Contact us by

phone on 01738 626666 or 08457 909090

Email us jo@samaritans.org

or **visit** us at 3 King's Place, Perth, PH2 8AA

Mondays 1630 - 2130 Thursdays 1630 - 1900

Wednesdays 0830 - 1100 Fridays 1000 - 1630

and 1930 - 2130 Sundays 0800 - 2130

No pressure, no names, no judgment.

We're here for you, anytime.

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.

4 vegetable plots for rent £50 per plot per year
Reasonably sized but require to be cleared. Some wire fencing and some posts. Water tank available and partial shading if required. Two compost bins and burn area for green rubbish. Small herb garden also available for separate rent or can be included. Desirable and private location at the junction of A911/B919 Wester Balgedie, opposite Balgedie Toll Tavern. Local parking and private access available. Call for enquiries or to arrange viewing.
Seller Details: Mark Conway 07964 624538

Large compost bin Free
No longer needed (by Lin Pac). It is a few years old but looks as good as new.
Seller Details: Ros Irving 01592 840359
rosalind_irving@yahoo.co.uk

Persian Tabriz handmade carpet £500 ono
3.0 x 1.8m. Excellent condition. Original price was £1665.

Kenwood Chef Model A901 £50 ono
With splashguard, dough hook and attachments (liquidiser A989, coffee grinder A979, cream maker A927).

Kenwood Liquidiser Model A788 £10
For use with chef models A701, A701A, A702 and major models A707, A707A, A717.

Dell 944 all-in-one printer/copier/scanner £10
Excellent condition.
Seller Details for the above 4 items: Alan Briscoe 01577 840680

The Bike Station

Donate unwanted bikes, parts and cycling accessories for reuse. Bikes are refurbished and sold on to the public at affordable prices. Poorer bikes are salvaged for parts. Bikes can be donated at the Kinross Recycling Centre (Bridgend Industrial Estate) or at The Bike Station at Mid Friarton, just off the Edinburgh Road in Perth.
Bike Station opening hours: Monday to Saturday, 10.30am to 4.30pm and late opening to 8pm on Wednesdays.
Weekly bike sales: Fridays, 10.30am-4.30pm (children's bikes) and Saturdays, 10.30am to 12.30pm (adults' bikes).
Tel: 01738 444430. Email: perth@thebikestation.org.uk
Website: www.thebikestation.org.uk

Funding Alert!

PKC regularly produces a huge list summarising funding opportunities for the voluntary sector. The list will be posted on www.kinross.cc or telephone the PKC grants helpline on 0345 60 52000.

If your organisation is seeking funds, look out for notices in the Newsletter for Kinross Community Council Newsletter Ltd Charitable Grants and the Kinross-shire Fund.

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:
3 May and 7 June.

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').

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.

Part time Leisure Assistant, The Green Hotel, The Windlestrae Hotel

Reporting to the Health Club and Spa Manager. Joining our busy leisure club and become part of a successful team. You will ensure that all hotel guests and leisure club members are welcomed in a friendly manner and provide assistance to them. Reception duties, carrying out pool test and keeping the leisure club clean and tidy. 16 hours per week (covering 7 days). Salary range is £6.70-£7.20 per hour.
Initial applications by CV to LindsayRobertson@green-hotel.com.

Shop Assistant, Giacomazzi Store

Part time or full time. Weekend and evening shifts included. Permanent or seasonal job available. Please email CV to jgiacomazzi@gmail.com.

Cleaner, Loch Leven's Larder

Experienced Kitchen Technician/Cleaner required for our busy café and kitchen. Delivering a high level of customer service at all times, you will be responsible for keeping all back of house areas clean and tidy each weekday from 2-6pm. Full CV and references required. Apply in-store or send CV to Emma Niven, Loch Leven's Larder, Channel Farm, Kinross, KY13 9HD.

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

Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com
www.foundationscotland.org.uk

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*A more extensive and regularly updated
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