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Editorial

A busy month for Kinross-shire

There is so much to do in Kinross-shire in June, as a glance at our cover will tell you!

The ever-popular Discovery Day at Kirkgate Park is a great opportunity to learn about nature, with lots of hands on activities.

Another interesting event this month will be the living history fair at Portmoak. Inspired by the discovery of over 20 Bronze Age cremation urns at Kilmagawood, this event also promises hands on activities, alongside the opportunity to find out about the science involved in the initial analysis of this hugely significant discovery. Should be fascinating!

The month rounds off with the wonderful Portmoak Festival, with its exhibitions, concerts, pudding club and more.

Organisers will surely be hoping for the same fantastic weather enjoyed by the combined Feel Good Fair, Half Marathon and Pipe Band contest in May. We've expanded our colour section in this issue to bring you photos and a report from the Feel Good Fair as well as previews of the big events happening in June.

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

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Local Skatepark

A few young people have approached the children, young people and families team at Loch Leven Community Campus with a view to painting the local skatepark!

The park has not been painted for some time and the young people feel that a new lick of paint would attract more users to the park and also cover some of the 'not so nice' graffiti currently on show.

The skatepark is used by a wide variety of the local population from primary aged kids right up to adults. The group of young people have acknowledged that younger aged kids who come to the park normally do so with their parents and that the current state of the park may be offensive to some and want to change that to make it more accessible.

The young people are wanting to ask any local people if they have any advice on how to go about painting the park and what would be the best paint to use. They are also looking for volunteers who would be willing to give up some of their time to help the group once painting gets started.

If you feel that you could help in any way, please telephone or email me.

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Friends of Loch Leven Community Library

In November 2013, Perth & Kinross Council announced that all libraries in Perth & Kinross would close earlier on Saturdays and every Monday. It quickly became apparent the decision would not be reversed.

In February 2014, the Council confirmed that they would allow a group of volunteers to open the Library at these times. As this was the only way a Library service could be made available to our local community, myself and a small group of people formed a constituted group called "The Friends of Loch Leven Community Library" (FOLLCL). We have worked very closely with the Council and we have a written agreement with the newly formed Culture Trust, Culture Perth & Kinross, allowing us to open the library later on Saturday afternoons, and on Mondays. We aim to begin this with a phased start in June this year.

What I thought would be a fairly quick and simple process turned out to have many challenges, resulting in the process taking two years to complete. I would like to thank all of the people who have given up their time, coming to what seemed like endless meetings, sharing their skills and ideas, supporting and helping to organise our Burns event in the Library last year, and offering their continued support. Without their commitment we would not have achieved what we set out to do. As a result, Loch Leven Community Library will be the first 'volunteer led' service in Perth & Kinross.

Richard Scott
Warroch Cottage, Dalquhail

Milnathort Conservation Area:

Response to Ken Miles

I read with interest the letter from Ken Miles in the last edition of the Newsletter regarding the proposal to create a Conservation Area in Milnathort and thought that I should respond to it.

I find myself at odds with Mr Miles and in agreement with Cllr Giacomazzi on this issue, in that I do not think that a Conservation Area in Milnathort would be a good idea.

There are many reasons for me taking this position.

The first and perhaps most important factor in this, for me, is that Milnathort CC (which was elected to represent the area) have stated that they do not want a Conservation Area in their village.

Secondly, the exercise of creating a Conservation Area is expensive. The figure I was told recently was in the order of £20,000. Personally I would rather see this money being spent on saving front line services which are being cut or perhaps a pelican crossing on the High Street in Kinross.

Thirdly, Mr Miles referred to a "rigorous, large-scale analysis" of Conservation Areas by the London School of Economics (LSE). My assessment of this is that the analysis is, by its nature, an average of the 8,000 Conservation Areas looked at by the LSE and if it is the report I have read, then it looks at English Conservation Areas rather than Scottish.

I would prefer to look at the local Conservation Areas, to see if they work or not.

Taking the points raised in Mr Miles's letter, the first point was that the report stated that "*Houses in conservation areas sell at a premium...*", on which I would observe that there does not appear to be an appreciable difference in property values between Kinross (with a Conservation Area) and Milnathort (without a Conservation Area). Indeed I note that as I write this, there is a one-bedroom flat available in Kinross in the Conservation Area for £50,000 whilst the cheapest one-bedroom flat in Milnathort is currently on the market for £69,995.

The next point concerns heritage, and I note that Mr Miles reports that "*people value living in places with architectural integrity, good design and traditional character...*" My view on this is that Milnathort already has all this without the encumbrance of a Conservation Area.

In terms of the reference Mr Miles makes to Conservation Areas "*protecting the best of the past*", I am of the opinion that this happens to some extent with the listing of buildings and is more to do with the owners of the buildings and how they wish to see them develop. In addition to this, the Council has a policy entitled PM1, Placemaking, which states: "*Development must contribute positively, to the quality of the surrounding built and natural environment.*" This applies to all developments. Likewise it has a policy RD1, Residential Areas, which states: "*The Plan identifies areas of residential and compatible uses where existing residential amenity will be protected and, where possible, improved...*" I have seen these used in areas where there is not a Conservation Area and applications have been refused on these grounds.

Mr Miles goes on to say that the report found that "*There was no universally negative attitude towards planning regulations...*". This may be the case, however my experience as a local Councillor indicates to me that those who contact the Council for guidance on what they must do to conform to the Conservation Area rules generally feel frustrated by the rules such areas impose.

I have been involved in a number of cases where residents have wanted to upgrade their windows or doors due to the originals becoming worn out. In every case they have been told they must make planning applications and replace the units with "traditional material" replacements, which on the face of it sounds fine. However, in each case I have been told that the cost of replacement is roughly double the price of a more modern material, thereby radically increasing the costs for home owners (both because of the cost of making a planning application and because of the more expensive traditional materials).

In addition, I note that a lot of the houses in the Kinross Conservation Area have had PVC, aluminium or composite units fitted. Technically my understanding is that these should have been replaced with traditional materials and householders are probably in breach of planning law!

I take the view that with window and door replacement in Conservation Areas, there needs to be some flexibility from planning officials. My view is that it is far better to see a building looking good with composite materials used than one which is run down and looking shabby. Take the Kinross Town Hall, for example. This was in a terrible state until it was upgraded by the late Simon Wilson (who whilst being controversial on occasion, was, a "can do man", who I think in the case of the Town Hall had the best interest of the community at his heart and will be missed). It has been upgraded with composite materials which replaced the rotting timber and rusting rain goods. These have to be inspected closely to determine that they are not made of traditional materials and I think look great from a distance.

Indeed when I was helping to run the first Farmers' Market on 30 April, I thought it looked fantastic as a backdrop to the market. Could we have run the market if the building was still in its dilapidated state? I don't think so; Health and Safety would have dictated keeping well clear of the structure.

So, in conclusion, I would suggest that were the rules for Conservation Areas changed for replacement windows, doors and rain goods then I would favour a Conservation Area in Milnathort, however as they currently stand, then I would suggest that caution has to be exercised before a Conservation Area is added to Milnathort.

Councillor Dave Cuthbert
8 Highfield Circle, Kinross

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Scottish election result

Following the Scottish Parliament election on 5 May, Roseanna Cunningham of the Scottish National Party has been returned to represent the constituency of Perthshire South and Kinross-shire.

The full results were:

	Votes	%
Roseanna Cunningham (SNP)	15,315	42.4%
Liz Smith (Scottish Conservatives)	13,893	38.4%
Scott Nicholson (Scottish Labour)	3,389	9.4%
Willie Robertson (Scottish Lib Dems)	3,008	8.3%
Craig Finlay (Stronger Community Party)	544	1.5%



Roseanna Cunningham making her solemn affirmation as Member of the Scottish Parliament on 12 May

Ms Cunningham's vote share was down 9.1% compared to the 2011 election. Ms Smith's vote share was up 9.9% compared to the 2011 result. Turnout was 60.9%. Commenting on her re-election as the Member of the Scottish Parliament for Perthshire South & Kinross-shire, Ms Cunningham said: "It is an absolute honour to have been elected once again to represent Perthshire South & Kinross-shire."

"My commiserations go to the other candidates but so too do my thanks because it is the nature of our democracy that we need a spread of opinions and policies from which the electorate can choose."

"I want to thank my campaign team and all the SNP activists who worked so hard for many weeks to secure this victory. But, above all, my thanks to the people of this wonderful constituency for their support and for putting their trust in me."

In the regional vote, four Conservatives will represent the Mid Scotland and Fife Region (Murdo Fraser, Liz Smith, Dean Lockhart and Alexander Stewart), two Labour (Alex Rowley and Claire Baker) and one Green (Mark Ruskell).

Contact details for all MSPs can be found on p. 105.

Credit Union in Kinross

Perth and Kinross Credit Union now has a local branch in Kinross.

The service began on 17 May and will be available every Tuesday from 10am until 12 noon in St Paul's Church Hall.

Friendly volunteers will be able to help anyone interested in finding out about good value, ethical savings and loans.

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Perth & Kinross Credit Union will provide a service in Kinross at the St Paul's Meeting Room on the Muirs

New application for Levens Glen site

A new planning application has been submitted for 13 houses on the former Levens Glen Nursing Home site by Glenmohr Developments Ltd, a Tayside based property developer.

A previous planning application, for 14 houses, was withdrawn. The design and access statement for the fresh application says, "... the resubmission provides an amended layout which responds to concerns from the Planning Service and neighbours."

The planning reference is 16/00751/FLL and has a comments deadline of 2 June.

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Councillor Cuthbert

Local Government Boundary Commission Scotland (LGBCS)

By the time this article gets published, we should have heard what the LGBCS intend to do about the Kinross-shire Boundary. I am concerned that they will stick with their plan to split Kinross-shire up.

My view on this is that this decision would contravene the principles laid down in Section 13 and Schedule 6 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973. My main concern is that the plan they have outlined to date does not fulfil the obligation to respect local ties. Schedule 6 of the Act states: *"...regard shall be had to... — any local ties which would be broken by the fixing of any particular boundary."*

Their current proposal splits local ties quite clearly.

My understanding is that the only redress open to us would be to request a judicial review of this decision. If the LGBCS continue with their intention to sub-divide Kinross-shire then this is what I would like to do. The problem is that judicial reviews go to the Court of Session and to take a case to them is expensive. The cost essentially relates to the fees payable to Advocates or Solicitor Advocates, so I am asking here if there is anyone who has the relevant qualification and is willing to take the case forward on a pro bono basis should the LGBCS persist with their current plan.

I have prepared a detailed letter of objection, which can be used as the basis of a case and I should say that I believe it is a fairly strong case.

Of course if the LGBCS decide to keep Kinross-shire intact then I will be delighted and there will be no need to do this.

Crook Moss Gypsy Traveller Site Planning Application

A retrospective planning application was submitted to PKC on 27 March 2012 for the formation of five permanent Gypsy Traveller pitches at Crook Moss, just outside Crook of Devon. This case was considered at a Planning Committee meeting on 9 October 2013. The application was approved, with 17 conditions set.

Subsequent to this, there is a long story of problems of noise affecting nearby residents from generators used on the site and many of the conditions remain unfulfilled.

With a view to getting the site operating in a way that was satisfactory to the residents both on the site and nearby, Cllr Barnacle and I requested that reports on progress be brought to the Planning Committee.

As I write this article, the next report is due to come to committee next week [11 May]. This report identifies that the site has no waste water treatment or permanent water supply and that there is no prospect of this being delivered for at least another two years. I am concerned about this, as the site sits within the Loch Leven catchment area, which is a special protection area.

To protect the loch from excessive phosphate, the Council has a policy in their local plan called EP7 (Drainage within the Loch Leven Catchment Area), this states: *"Development within the catchment must comply with the general drainage policies as well as policies relating to the catchment area. To ensure there are no adverse impacts, either individually or in combination, on water quality in Loch Leven SPA."*

I have been told that the site has had no method of disposing of "grey water", which is the waste water produced by the cleaning of clothes, dishes, people and so on. It is unclear



how this is being dealt with, so one is forced to conclude that it is being disposed of into the ground. Cumulatively this must be having an effect on the phosphate levels and is probably a health issue.

My view on this is that either the site should be vacated until the issue can be dealt with or a method of disposal of the waste water should be established.

Should a long-term solution to this issue not be found, then I think that another more suitable site should be found for the Gypsy Traveller site.

For the avoidance of doubt, I have no issues with the Gypsy traveller community; it is my view that they are people just like the settled community. However, the Council does have a statutory duty to protect Loch Leven.

[See also Cllr Barnacle's column, p. 28].

Kinross Farmers' Market

The first farmers' market for many years was held in the centre of Kinross on 30 April. I am delighted to say the weather was kind to us and the market was well attended with stall holders reporting that they had a good day. I was very impressed with the quality of the produce and even bought quite a few items myself (which is unusual for me). The organising group, KLEO (Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation, which I Chair) plan to hold two more of these farmers' markets on 30 July and 29 October (9am-1pm). The plan is to see how the layout works and to see if there is an appetite both with traders and the local community to organise more of these markets. If they are as good as the first one, then we would consider holding them monthly. We are looking for feedback on how people felt it went and ideas for improving what we did. If you want to make a comment, please email me on:

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Councillor Giacopazzi

While I agree with the need **for safe crossing facilities** in the newly refurbished Kinross town centre, I am more hopeful than my colleague Cllr Cuthbert of obtaining a satisfactory outcome to the issue. I



was phoned last week [early May] by the Director of the Environment Service asking if I was on board with the suggestion of crossing facilities and would I attend a site meeting. I replied 'yes' and 'yes'. Hopefully, by the time this article is published, the meeting will have been held.

It was I who originally raised the question of the flat roof at the proposed new **Kinross Primary School** with the Director of Education and Children's Services, before Christmas. *This* was at the time that some classes at Milnathort Primary School had been suspended because of a leak from the flat roof. Cllr Cuthbert fully supported me in trying to amend the design, but at a meeting with the project managers in Perth, attended by all four ward councillors, it was pointed out that any major design change at this stage would require a delay. I was not alone in the view that, while flat roofs in a wet climate are bad news, it would be undesirable to delay the project at that stage. Although my main fear is that by delaying, the funding for the new school might be lost, I also took the view that the project should proceed sooner in order to provide better facilities for the children.

For anyone who has not seen the design proposals, the flat roof element only covers the dining area/assembly room. The roofs over the classrooms are, in fact, pitched. I do think that the team responsible for building new Council schools are aware of the strength of feeling on the issue and will take this on board for future projects.

Another **matter of importance for Kinross residents** is the fate of the Kinross Common Good Fund. The money, around £150,000 deriving from the sale of Kinross Town Hall, is invested by the Council with the interest being spent on projects of community benefit. At last week's meeting of Kinross CC, there was support for the view that the capital would best be spent as required, rather than just the interest accruing. While I am conscious that the capital can only be spent once, I also feel that this is a matter for the CC to advise on as, after all, it is the community's money. At my suggestion the CC decided to discuss the matter in June.

At the expense of boring you all, **I feel obliged to respond to Ken Miles' criticism** of 'the development of Giacopazzi (NISA) Supermarket, a building least in harmony with the

generally traditional buildings in the proposed Milnathort Conservation Area'. Besides being gratuitous, his implied criticism is historically inaccurate. Although Giacopazzi's moved into the premises in 1988, the shop in its current form was built by David Whyte Ltd, Bakers and Confectioners, in 1923. Any alterations made since then have been to the internal layout and to the rear of the building.

I note that in his defence of the Kinross Civic Trust's proposal for a CA in Milnathort, Mr Miles does not challenge the lack of support from within the Milnathort community for such a move which would incur costs and red tape associated with planning applications. I refer to the minutes of Milnathort CC (April 2016) stating 'The previous community council had rejected the idea,' and, 'following further discussion, the Milnathort Community Council agreed that the disadvantages of such a move would greatly outweigh any advantages'. Enough said.

On the **subject of Milnathort buildings**, I am encouraged by the efforts of the folk who own the old Royal Hotel building i.e. the big building on the corner of Church Street and South Street. The paint has been removed from the stonework which has been painstakingly repointed with the appropriate mortar. Even with the scaffolding in place, the quality of this prominent and fine old building is evident. Well done! Over on New Road, essential repairs have been effected to another redundant hotel building, the old Jolly Beggars. The Town Hall refurbishment has already been commented on while the condition of the steeple continues to concern me. In the course of a visit to the steeple by David Cuthbert and me last year, I noticed that the red sandstone had eroded away in places near the south clock face. The matter has been reported to the Council's Property Services which will take action in due course. Although the Town Hall Committee looks after the inside of the Town Hall, the fabric of the building, steeple included, is the responsibility of the Council. Meanwhile, at South Street next to the car showroom, two new houses have replaced the tired old buildings which formerly stood there. All good.

With **the Easter recess and subsequent Holyrood election** campaign, the number of meetings at the Council have been few in the last weeks. Now we are back with a full calendar of meetings: Council, Budget Group, Enterprise & Infrastructure, Planning, Education, Housing and Licensing, to name but a few.

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Unearthing the past at Portmoak

Kilmagadwood Bronze Age Fair Portmoak Priory visit Saturday 11 June

In 2013, archaeologists made an exciting discovery at Kilmagadwood above the eastern side of Loch Leven. Piece by piece, a prehistoric cemetery was discovered, with excavation revealing over twenty cremation urns, thought to be 3,500 to 4,000 years old. Not only is the discovery of a "Bronze Age cemetery" of this size remarkably rare, but these decorated urns are surprisingly well preserved. The urns are currently being analysed in the laboratory and this preliminary work has revealed their contents, including beads and metalwork that accompanied the cremations.

See front cover for a photograph of one of the Kilmagadwood urns.

Photo © Derek Hall

Kilmagadwood Bronze Age Fair

Inspired by this discovery, Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust presents a one-off day of stalls, presentations and demonstrations all about the Kilmagadwood urns on **Saturday 11 June between 11am and 4pm** at Portmoak Village Hall. The fair will include demonstrations from living history technology experts, presentations from archaeological scientists and museum curators, with plenty of opportunity to find out more through workshops and hands-on activities. Lots to see and do, and activities for children, and all free!

Perth and Kinross Archaeology Month

The Kilmagadwood Bronze Age Fair is just one event of a celebration of archaeology over the month of June and spilling into early July. This year's Archaeology Month programme features **ten new guided archaeology walks**, all led by local experts to some of the best archaeological sites in our area. There's the chance to visit **excavations** – or even take part in – three digs happening during the month. Other highlights this year include 'Re-imagining Space' an innovative archaeoacoustics music and video performance, presenting the work of researchers from the University of Highlands and Islands; **lunchtime and evening lectures**; and **workshops and survey days**. The majority of the programme is free!

Centre: A 17th century gravestone at the Portmoak Priory site
Photo: Eileen Thomas

Below: The Portmoak Priory site
Photo: Eileen Thomas



What will you discover in Perth & Kinross Archaeology Month?

Photo: Living History © George Logan Tay Landscape Partnership

Portmoak Priory Visit

Another Kinross-shire event in Archaeology Month is 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 Kinross-shire Civic Trust volunteers to reveal a number of decorated 17th and 18th century gravestones.

The visit to Portmoak Priory near Scotlandwell takes place on the same day as the Bronze Age Fair, **Saturday 11 June**. As the site is in the middle of an active airfield, access is strictly controlled, so booking is essential if you wish to take part.

Telephone Kinross-shire Civic Trust on 01592

840215 to book a place. The visit takes place **2pm – 3pm**.

Archaeology Programme

Pick up a programme at the Kinross (Marshall) Museum at the Loch Leven Community Campus or download a copy from Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust's website (under News & Events, select Archaeology Month): www.pkht.org.uk

The Kilmagadwood Bronze Age Fair is kindly supported by a Let's Celebrate grant from the Living Lomonds Landscape Partnership.

For more information about Perth and Kinross Archaeology Month or the Kilmagadwood Bronze Age Fair, please email Sarah Winlow (PKHT): swinlow@pkht.org.uk



All the Fun of the Feel Good Fair as the sun shines



Beautiful weather helped this year's Loch Leven Half Marathon, Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest and Feel Good Fair – now in its fifth year as a combined event – to be the most successful yet, with one estimate putting attendance at 4,000!

Some of the Half Marathon runners, just south of Kinross

Entries sold out for the 33rd Loch Leven Half Marathon, organised by Kinross Road Runners, in record time, and a record number took on the challenging route in sweltering heat, and a torrent of flies! The finishers were cheered on by huge crowds at the campus. First runner to finish was David Limmer from Portobello in a great time of 1 hour, 14 minutes and 11 seconds. First lady was Sheena Logan from Fife AC in 1 hour 25 minutes 28 seconds. First Kinross Road Runners home were Andy Laycock and Jillian Gordon.

This year's Loch Leven Pipe Band Contest attracted 15 bands, all eager to try out in one of the first contests of the season, just before the first 'major', the British Championship in Paisley.

Local organiser from Kinross & District Pipe Band, Nigel Kellet, said, "We couldn't have hoped for a better day this year! Beautiful weather, great competition, and just a fantastic day out for everyone!"

The massed bands finale was spectacular and enjoyed by a large crowd.



Community stalls had a great day, due in part to the beautiful weather

*Right: Strange meeting:
Lauriston Nursery Lobster says
hello to Bookbug!*

*Below: Live Active Leisure staff
provided activities for all ages on
the astroturf*





The massed bands in the campus grounds. Could the backdrop be any better?

As part of the day's entertainment there was a well-attended Feel Good Fair, which included 50 stalls by local crafts, charities and community groups. This made for a great afternoon of browsing and buying. Charities and community groups did well, with hardly a tombola ticket or buried treasure square or teddy's birthday available by the end of the afternoon!

The library provided children's activities with Rhymetime Bookbug greeting youngsters. There was a display and film showing from Kinross Museum.

Swanscare Playgroup provided a bouncy castle and organised lots of children's activities, including the popular annual Fun Run for children under 12. Approximately 125 children took part, with the older children racing twice around the track. After the Fun Run there was an unofficial 'Mascot Race Off' between Library Bookbug and Lauriston Nursery Lobster!

Live Active Leisure provided their popular Family Sports on the astroturf, including balancing challenges, jumping, throwing, catching and rolling activities for pre-school aged children. For the older children there was football and some athletics equipment to try out.

Lawson's School of Dancing put on a Highland dancing display for a great crowd of people, with Nigel Kellett from Kinross & District Pipe Band piping.

All the activities and entertainment meant that the friends and families of the runners and pipe band competitors, as well as the wider local population, had a fun-packed afternoon complete with absolutely superb weather.



Fun but also a wee bit competitive! The legendary Swansacre Fun Run

Gerry McGregor, events organiser at Loch Leven Community Campus, would like to express heartfelt gratitude to all of the groups who provided volunteers for the day and made it such a success; Kinross Rotary Club for their superb work with the parking and Graham Paton who generously offered the use of the Lethangie Campsite field for parking. Kinross Road Runners made a large donation to Graham's chosen charity, Help for Heroes, in exchange for parking facilities and donations were taken on the gate.



It was twice round the track for the older children in the Fun Run

Discovery Day 2016

At Loch Leven National Nature Reserve



Sunday 12 June

12pm - 4pm, Kirkgate Park, Kinross

This year we are asking **you** to help us make a collage showing animals and plants that can be seen in and around the loch. This will then be made up into a banner which will be on permanent display on the National Nature Reserve.

In this, the International Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design, we need you to come along to help build an insect hotel. This version will be kept on the Reserve but you can take the knowledge learned back to make one of your own at home or at school!

Along with these activities we also have story tellers, face painting and willow weaving. There will be fun for all the family and, fear not, even if it's raining there's lots to do undercover in the big marquee!

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Central and West Fife Show

Central and West Fife Show will be held at Hilton Farm near Kelty on Saturday 4 June.

The show will have a strong focus on local food and crafts, with demonstrations by Jenny Thomson from Courses for Cooks and the national heat of Young Farmers Ready Steady Country Cook competition. The Food and Craft tent will also showcase goods from a variety of Scottish producers.

The main ring entertainment includes Clydesdale Horse Turnouts and Terrier Racing. Visitors will also be able to see cattle, sheep poultry, ponies and show jumping.

There is also a Companion Dog Show, with classes ranging from pedigree puppies through to the waggiest tail. Entries are taken from 1.30pm on the day, with judging starting at 2pm.

Children may also wish to enter the scarecrow competition.



Enthusiastic young farmers welcome at the West Fife Show!

For more information about the show, including how to make online entries, or to download entry forms, go to: westfifeshow.com

Entry to the show costs £8 for adults, £4 OAP and children under 14 free. There is free parking.



Mary, Queen of Scots

'The Great Escape' - Boat Race

Sunday 28 August, 12 noon

Register your team now and come and join the fun at Kirkgate Park!

Teams cost just £30 to enter with all proceeds going to charity. Teams consist of 5 adults (over 16 yrs) and one of the team must be dressed as Mary! There is a prize for the best Mary! The race is a timed out and back competition - races start at 12 noon. The more teams the better! Prizes to be won. Food and drink available. Entertainment for the whole family. Bring a picnic, bring a BBQ – Make a day of it!

For more information and to register your team contact:

Barry Davies – barrydavies57@btinternet.com – 07809 644 760
Brian Timms – brian.timms230@btinternet.com – 07880 503 288

Team registrations will also be available on the day!

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Portmoak Festival 2016

26th June ~ 1st July

Portmoak Festival will once again be based in Portmoak Hall with all the main events being there. All the regular favourites such as the Pudding Club, Cream Teas, and the Jazz Night will be there again.

The Art Exhibition this year is once again devoted to work by the children of the local school who have been busy doing various things based on the theme of "Scottish Architecture 2016". The children have made clay houses with Jacqui Seller, printed ones with Anna Garner, applique pictures with Mary Nisbet, photographed architectural features in the Cobbles with Margaret Paton and "zentangle" houses with Norma Smith.

Their work will be on display in the Hall, with local craft work being demonstrated in the afternoons as well.

The Festival opens in Portmoak Hall at 8pm on **Sunday 26 June** and features the welcome return of the Portmoak Players Classical Concert.

Cream Teas are available from Monday to Thursday from 2pm to 4pm with the Pudding Club at 6pm to 8pm.

The Jazz Night returns to a Friday and has changed in format a little. It's once again in Portmoak Hall and stars **Fionna Duncan**, one of the greatest jazz singers Scotland has ever produced. She sang with **Louis Armstrong**, **Humphrey Lyttleton** and **Kenny Ball**, was the voice of the **Clyde Valley Stompers** for many years, and had a top 20 hit with **Forrie Cairns and the Clansmen**. After a 50 year career, she can sing the most soulful ballad or get into the hottest groove, and the quartet she brings with her includes local musician Dave Batchelor.

The band is on stage at 8pm and the bar will be open.

Tickets for the Jazz Night may be bought at the shop in Kinnesswood.

Outwith the Hall, football still features in the Festival with the junior event at the school on Wednesday evening and the adult one on Thursday. Cricket makes an appearance on Saturday with a Family Fun Cricket Tournament, hosted by Kinross-shire Cricket Club at Loch Leven's Larder. All ages are very welcome for an afternoon of fun family cricket. Starting time is 12 noon.



Jazz singer Fionna Duncan

The church is being used again this year with a Flower Festival on the theme of 'Songs from the Shows' open Monday to Thursday, afternoon and evening.

There is a quiz in the Well Pub on Tuesday at 9pm and if you haven't yet had a chance to see the refurbished Wash House in Scotlandwell, it will be open on the Monday afternoon.

We are, as always, looking for anyone who would like to help in any way, particularly this year to set up the Hall on the Saturday, clear up again on the Friday, and provide puddings for the Pudding Club. Please email us on prtmkfestival@googlemail.com and someone will get back to you.

For additional information, please visit the website www.portmoakfestival.org.uk. You can also follow us on Facebook: Portmoak Festival

We look forward to welcoming you all to this year's Festival.

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	Sunday 26th	Monday 27th	Tuesday 28th	Wednesday 29th	Thursday 30th	Friday 1st July
hall	Portmook Players Classical Concert 8.00pm	<u>Art Exhibition</u> Monday to Thursday 2pm - 4pm 6pm - 8pm	<u>Cream Teas</u> Monday to Thursday 2pm - 4pm 6pm - 8pm	<u>Pudding Club</u> Monday to Thursday 2pm - 4pm 6pm - 8pm	<u>Jazz Night</u> 8pm - 11.30pm Tickets £12 Buy tickets at the :- Village Shop, Main St. Kinnesswood	<u>Sunday 3rd July church</u> Joint Service 10.30am Michael Bruce Commemoration Service 6.30pm
		<u>Flower Festival</u> Monday to Wednesday 3pm - 4.30pm Thursday 6pm - 8pm Theme :- Songs from the shows	<u>Pub Quiz</u> The Well Inn 9pm	<u>Junior Football Challenge</u> Portmook PS 6.30pm	<u>Adult Football</u> Portmook PS All abilities welcome. 7.30pm	<u>Saturday 2nd July</u> Family Fun Cricket Tournament. Hosted by Kinross-shire Cricket club at Loch Levens Larder. All ages welcome for an afternoon of fun family cricket. Starts 12 noon.
		<u>Wash House Scotlandwell</u> Guided tours 2pm - 4pm		<u>P7 Prom</u> 6pm - 9pm Loch Leven Campus		
church						
other venues						

The prizewinning villages of Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell are well worth a visit, especially if you are a visitor to the area. We invite you to explore all the corners of our villages displaying flowers, tubs and hanging baskets. Admire the many 'in-bloom' gardens in Kinnesswood , take a walk down to the Historic Wash House and the Well Garden in Scotlandwell.

Generous support for Christmas lights from McCarthy & Stone

McCarthy and Stone has marked the success of its new Retirement Living development – The Sycamores on the Muirs in Kinross – by giving a generous boost of £1,000 to Light Up Kinross, which provides the annual Christmas lights for the town.



David Colliar of Light Up Kinross receives the cheque for £1,000 from McCarthy & Stone's sales consultant Michelle Ritchie

Rosemary Giovino, Regional Sales and Marketing Director for McCarthy and Stone in Scotland, said: "Everything we do is built around a belief that later life can be rich, rewarding and fulfilling, which is why we're thrilled to have this opportunity to be part of such a great community project that has brought joy to the whole community of Kinross over the years."

David Colliar, Vice Chairman of Light Up Kinross, added: "We're delighted to receive such a wonderful boost to our fundraising which will allow us to continue to provide a colourful and festive welcome to Kinross through our Christmas Lights display."

"We know the local community really do appreciate our displays each year, and this contribution from McCarthy and Stone gives us the opportunity to make it an even brighter Christmas this year in Kinross."

McCarthy & Stone's Retirement Living developments are designed to offer homeowners the very best in independent living within a safe and secure environment, with the opportunity to benefit from companionship when they want it and privacy and assistance when they need it.

The Sycamores in Kinross has a stunning homeowners' lounge and beautiful landscaped gardens.



Do something special this summer!

Local music teacher Sam from Loch Leven Music Tuition is running a major event in Edinburgh, part of the **BBC's Get Playing** initiative, which is set to inspire music making across the UK.

The event will take place in the City Art Centre in Edinburgh on 18 June and is an opportunity for the general public to come along and receive a **free** music lesson on a musical instrument (of their choice) from a professional instructor.

There will be a huge range of instruments on offer, from guitar and drums, to saxophone and trumpets.

There will also be the chance to meet inspiring young musicians (many of whom are resident in Kinross-shire!), so people can see first hand the positives of picking up an instrument. These talented young musicians will also be performing live.

At the heart of the initiative, BBC Four and BBC Two will present two landmark four-part series that will shine a light on Britain's grass-roots amateur musicians.

The Great British Amateur Orchestra is a nationwide search for the orchestra that best captures the spirit of great British amateur music making in the UK. Five orchestras are selected to compete against each other, each battling for a place in the Grand Final, to be broadcast on BBC Two. One orchestra will be crowned the UK's most inspirational amateur orchestra and will perform at a major public event in 2016.

A complementary series, **The UK's Best Part-time Band**, a nationwide search for the best non-professional bands in the country, will broadcast on BBC Four and BBC Two.

For more info visit: lochlevenmusic tuition.com and keep an eye and an ear open for the promotions across the BBC this summer!



Sam from Loch Leven Music is part of the BBC's Get Playing initiative this summer

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Remember the Person

Dementia Awareness Week
National Carers Week

June this year is an important month in the calendar. Why? Because it hosts both **Dementia Awareness Week** (30 May – 6 June) and **National Carers Week** (6 – 12 June). For us, this is an opportunity to raise awareness not only of the importance of helping people in our community to live well with dementia but also of the need to be supportive to those who care for them.

So, what is dementia? Well, the term refers to a number of conditions which affect the brain and have a set of symptoms that may include memory loss and difficulties with thinking, problem-solving and language. This means that everyday tasks become more difficult and a person may take longer to process thoughts and react to situations. It is a progressive disease, and the symptoms may gradually get worse, but nevertheless, particularly in the early stages, people living with dementia can continue to lead full and active lives, participating in hobbies and activities with perhaps a little extra support and understanding from those around them.

Having dementia does not necessarily mean that you are old or infirm, stuck at home or unable to enjoy life; many people remain physically fit and active. However, as there are no outward signs that a person has dementia – no plaster cast or bandage – this can sometimes lead to misunderstandings when, for example, a person's words or behaviours are misconstrued or cause offence. This is difficult not only for the person living with dementia but also for the person who cares for them.

One example is Tom. Tom is a physically fit and able gentleman in his sixties who is living with a diagnosis of dementia. Tom has a dog he enjoys walking daily, sticking to a route that is familiar to him so that his wife, who is his main carer, knows he can manage unsupported. The walk gives Tom a sense of independence and self-worth and it makes him feel happy to be outside and contributing to the family tasks. Recently though, while out walking, the dog messed on the pavement in a way which was too messy to be dealt with by a poo bag alone. Realising he would require sand to cover it, Tom returned home but before he could deal with the situation he was confronted by a passer-by who remonstrated with him about his actions. Unsure how to respond, Tom was left badly shaken by this and now lacks the confidence to walk the dog on his own. Equally, Tom's wife has been affected, not only because of the upset of seeing Tom distressed and his confidence dented, but also because the brief amount of respite she gained while Tom was walking the dog is no longer available to her. In effect, Tom's world has become smaller since that fateful day.

On a positive note, we should feel honoured and privileged that each and every one of us can make a valuable difference. In offering positive encouragement and support to people living with dementia, they can continue to be the valued members of the community they have always been.

National Carers Week is an annual campaign to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges carers face and recognise the contribution they make to families

and communities. This year the focus is on carer friendly communities which support carers to look after their family or friends well, while recognising that they are individuals with needs of their own. It is estimated that 3 in 5 of us will become carers at some point in our lives, perhaps to a spouse or elderly relative, or even a friend or neighbour. Many people would not identify themselves as being a carer, seeing the role as a natural extension of their relationship, and yet the tasks they perform and support they provide are essential in maintaining the health and well-being of the person they care for. Caring can be a rich source of satisfaction in people's lives. It can be life-affirming. It can help deepen and strengthen relationships.

But without the right support, caring can also have a devastating impact. Evidence shows that caring can cause ill health, and social isolation. When caring is intensive and unsupported you can struggle to hold down a job, get a night's sleep, stay healthy and maintain your relationships with friends and family.

In supporting carers in the Perth area, we often hear of the challenges they face.

Families and friends, neighbours and community members are an essential source of support for carers, providing emotional and practical help with their caring role. Not all carers find it easy to talk to relatives and friends about the care they are providing and the strain it places on them. The stresses and pressures of caring can make it difficult to maintain relationships with friends and to continue living a full and involved life within the community. Carers Week gives **you** a great opportunity to talk to them about their caring role, understand what they do and its impact on them, practically and emotionally. Sometimes just asking the simple question, 'how is it going for you?' or 'can I do anything to help you,' is enough. Supporting the carer enables them to better support the person they care for to continue to live a fulfilling life within our neighbourhood and communities.

You, too, can make a difference!



Article written by Heather Reid and Aileen Craigie (Lewis Place Day Centre/Day Opportunities).

Loch Leven Community Library

Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross

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Email: lochlevenlibrary@culturepk.org.uk

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Regular Sessions for Young Children

No need to book, just come along:

Bookbug Rhymetimes

Saturdays 10.30am-11am. Wednesdays 2pm-2.30pm.

Pre-school Story Time

Tuesdays 10.15am-10.45am. Thursdays 10.45am-11.15am.

Parents, grandparents or guardians and toddlers will be made most welcome at these free, open sessions.

Stay and Play

Wednesdays 2.30pm. 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.

French Storytelling, First Saturday of each month

French themed story-time for 4-8 year olds.

11.30am-12pm on the first Saturday of each month. This project aims to support the 1+2 approach to modern languages, where every child has the opportunity to learn a modern language from P1 onwards. Contact the library to book your free place.



IT Drop in Sessions

Supporting people who need IT help such as: Completing online accounts; Setting up an email account; Using Microsoft Word; Managing digital photographs.

If you would like some assistance using your PC or tablet, these informal sessions may be just for you.

Our first session is on **Thursday 2 June**, 2pm-3.30pm. Drop in and see if we can help.

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: 17 June

Crime Book Group: 21 June

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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.

If it wasna for the weavers: the story of the textile trade in Kinross

An illustrated talk by Professor David Munro on **Thursday 23 June** at 1.45pm at Loch Leven Community Campus.

Suitable: Adults. Free event but booking essential.

Tesco Bank Summer Reading Challenge Scotland

25 June – 20 August

Join the fun at Loch Leven Community Library this summer with the 'Big Friendly Read'! This year's reading challenge starts Saturday 25 June, runs until 20 August and is open to all 4-11 year old children. Reading for pleasure is very important to children's successes, and this challenge is an ideal way to keep **your** child's enthusiasm for reading alive during the school holidays. Last year over 41,000 children took part in the summer reading challenge across Scotland.

With stickers, a progress chart and goodies to collect along the way, not to mention fun filled library events, this is a great way to entertain your child over the holidays and keep them reading and learning.

'Big Friendly Read' fun filled activity sessions at Loch Leven Community Library:

Tuesday 12 July	2pm – 3pm
Friday 29 July	11am – 12pm
Tuesday 9 August	4pm – 5pm

Free events but booking essential.

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

PLEASE NOTE: The library has a new email address. (See heading.)

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Councillor Robertson

Scottish Elections: Thank you to everyone who trusted me with your vote in the Scottish Parliament elections last month. The Lib Dem vote in Perthshire South & Kinross-shire constituency rose by a third since the 2011 election, thanks in large part to the strong support from Kinross-shire, which I was very grateful for.



Sewage Sludge: Many of you will have noticed a very unpleasant smell in the south parts of Kinross during May. This came from sewage sludge spread on farmland to the south of Kinross. Local residents were unable to sit in their gardens, hang out their washing or enjoy a walk locally because of the very strong odour. I contacted SEPA and the Council's Environment Services to see what could be done. The answer was basically 'not a lot'. The Scottish government legislation intended to give SEPA the powers to control this activity has not been finalised. It is expected to be another two years before they will come into force. However, both SEPA and Perth & Kinross Council have been in touch with the landowner concerned and made them aware of the upset their activities have caused. If sewage sludge is spread on land and immediately ploughed in the problems experienced last month don't arise. It is only when this doesn't happen that issues with smell and contamination of watercourses become a problem.

Dunning Glen: There have been problems over the years resulting from wild camping in Dunning Glen where the River Devon passes under the road from Muckhart to Dunning. This matter was again raised at last month's meeting of Fossoway CC and I promised to take a look to see the situation for myself. When I went there was a great deal of litter – bottles, cans and rubbish. I have asked the Council to litter pick the road verges here. However, what really shocked me was the state of the historic listed road bridge which carries the road over the river. Nearly all the parapet stones on one side of the bridge had been dislodged and pushed into the river below. Even the walls of the bridge had been badly damaged. The Council have promised to repair the damage but will require to discuss the repairs with Historic Scotland because of the historical importance of the structure. I have reported the damage to the Police and ask them to investigate it. The likely repair costs could run into the tens of thousands of pounds. This is very depressing given how hard it is to get funding for local organisations and for things I would like done locally.

Councillor Willie Robertson

News from the Health Centre



Be Sunsmart:

Looking at ways to enjoy the sunshine safely

Whatever your age, the best way to enjoy the sun safely and protect your skin from sunburn is to use a combination of shade, clothing and sunscreen. Children and teenagers might need a reminder or a helping hand, but setting a good example yourself is a great way to help them learn and get into good habits. When the sun is strong or you're at risk of burning:



- **Spend time in the shade** between 11am and 3pm.
- **Cover up** with a t-shirt, hat and sunglasses.
- **Use a sunscreen** with a protection level of at least SPF15 and 4 stars. Use it generously and reapply regularly.

Shade

One of the best ways to protect your skin from the harmful effects of the sun's UV rays is to spend some time in the shade.

Covering up

When there's no shade around, the best way to protect your skin from the sun is with loose clothing, a wide-brimmed hat and good quality sunglasses.

Sunscreen

Sunscreens will not protect us completely from sun damage on their own. However, they can be useful for protecting the parts of skin we can't shade or cover. This is why we recommend using sunscreens together with shade or clothing to avoid getting too much UV exposure.



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Councillor Barnacle

Crook Moss Gypsy Traveller Site

At the Development Management Committee meeting of 11 May 2016, councillors received an Enforcement Report on the Gypsy Traveller Site at Crook Moss.



This site was first given approval on 1 August 2012 (the applicants having been on site since March 2012 without adequate drainage, sewage and water arrangements). Issues that I raised in August 2012 were not addressed during a lengthy deferral period and on 9 October 2013, despite local member and community objection, the DMC granted approval, subject to 17 conditions! The Enforcement Report on 11 May 2016 gave an update on alleged breaches of six of these conditions.

I moved that the site should be vacated until conditions relating to water supply and its treatment were finalised but I was advised this was unlawful; I therefore asked for policy EP7 and the protocol for applications within the Loch Leven catchment to be revisited and reviewed because they were clearly not fit for purpose. I secured a return to committee on this matter in one year's time and would hope in the interim that progress is made on the expansion of the Drum WWTP through a growth project.

Chalet Development, West of Braehead Farm, Rumbling Bridge

Copy of a letter sent to Nick Brian, PKC Development Quality Manager, 11 May 2016

Dear Nick, Concerns have been expressed to me regarding the development of the above site and the adherence to conditions attached thereto.

The site was approved by Clackmannanshire Council in November 1989 (89/00384/00) for 15 chalets and a tree planting scheme, subject to conditions in the form of a Section 50 (now 75) agreement. It appears the planning file was misplaced following boundary changes, along with the legal agreement (apparently now discharged per the developer). You may also recall that the site was acquired by Thomson Homes in 2007 and in 2011 a proposal for 30 houses was withdrawn following opposition from the community and myself (11/0018/PAN).

In June 2012, your Department recommended approval of 13 houses and landscaping, presented as a partial change of use of the existing chalet development. I was against this, along with Fossoway Community Council who argued unsuccessfully that the application should be treated as a new development. The Committee granted permission in September 2012 (12/00807/FLL) but it was never proceeded with and the site re-sold to the current chalet site owners.

The main concerns lie around the loss of the file, legal agreement and discharge, but more significantly the fact that the chalets are now being built and advertised as permanent dwellings when neither the local members nor planning committee have sanctioned such a course; officials of PKC seemingly having taken it upon themselves to make that decision.

I would appreciate your comments and attach some background correspondence.

Another concern, raised previously with the Planning MOWG, is the continuing shredding of planning documents relating to extant planning decisions, undermining the ability of the Enforcement Officer to carry out his duties properly.

Mike Barnacle
Independent Councillor for Kinross-shire

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

31 May – 1 June	Battle of Jutland, the largest naval battle in history, fought without a clear victor.
1 June	With British support (led by T E Lawrence), Hussein, grand sheriff of Mecca, led an Arab revolt against the Turks in the Hejaz.

Kinross-shire Roll of Honour June 1916

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Solas Festival

Scotland's midsummer festival, Solas, takes place at The Bield at Blackruthven, Tibbermore, 17-19 June.

Performers and speakers include A L Kennedy, David Greig's Two Minute Manifesto, Skerryvore, Blue Rose Code and Sam Lee.

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Tenants' Conference

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Recent crime locally

A handbag was snatched from an unattended parked vehicle at **Milnathort** Primary School on 19 April at around 11.30am. The suspect was described as being white, 20-40 yrs old, tall, slim and wearing a dark jacket. The bag was later recovered in Marshall Place. A silver Galaxy S3 Mini smart phone had been removed. CR/010688/16.

Intruders broke into a building under construction near **Lathro Court, Kinross**, and stole power tools. This occurred between 1630 hrs on Friday 22 April and 0730 hrs on Saturday 23 April.

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

Crime detected

On Tuesday 26 April a 79-year-old **Milnathort** resident had her handbag snatched. Local officers' dedicated work, assisted by excellent co-operation from the Milnathort community, resulted in a 30-year-old male being traced and charged.

On Saturday 30 April a member of the public was disturbed by the sound of someone breaking into their property in Bridgefauld Road, **Milnathort**. Police were called and a short time later a 30-year-old male was apprehended.

Scam warning

Perth & Kinross Trading Standards team is warning local businesses not to respond to a mailshot that could result in a bill of £790 per annum.

Businesses are being advised to ignore a letter from a firm with an address in Hamburg, Germany, which is headed 'UK Data Control Scotland Business'.

The letter is designed to look like an official Government document, and requires the recipient to provide their VAT Registration Number to update the 'UK-DATA CONTROL portal'.

The letter also includes a form for businesses to check and sign to say their details are correct.

The small print indicates that a cost of £790 a year will be incurred by the business for a minimum of three years.

Police Scotland – local community

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Community officers for Kinross-shire:

PCs Mark Sturgess, James Wilson, Douglas Stapleton and Atholl Spalding.

*Community Sergeant: **Sgt Grant Letham***

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Crime Stoppers – Telephone 0800 555 111

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

Dog walkers invited to join scheme

PKC's Trading Standards staff are inviting professional dog walking services to join their assured trader scheme, the Better Business Partnership (BBP).

The BBP is a trusted trader scheme that aims to help traders comply with the law while improving consumer protection through a partnership approach.

More information is available on the Council website pkc.gov.uk

Roadworks

Gallowhill Road, Kinross: Prohibition of loading and parking on **8 and 9 June** to allow BT maintenance works. Prohibition of loading and parking on **13 and 14 June** to allow Scottish Water ironwork repairs.

Duncrigvie: Prohibition of vehicular traffic on the C420 from its junction with the U67 to its junction with the private road linking the C420 to the U67 on **4 and 5 July**. Pedestrian and emergency vehicular access to premises will be maintained. Alternative route is: C420-B996-Ladeside-Duncrigvie Road.

Napoleonic battles at Tullibole

The woodland at Tullibole Castle near Crook of Devon was the scene of a battle in early May. Dunfermline-based Zoghogg Studios used the grounds to film scenes for – intriguingly – a historical horror film. The film has not been named yet.

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Community Council News



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Kinross Community Council

News from the AGM

Present at the AGM held on 4 May 2016 were: CCLrs W Freeman (Chair), D Colliar, I Jack (Treasurer), E Thomas, T Stewart, D MacKenzie, B Davies and M Blyth; P&K Cllrs J Giacobazzi and D Cuthbert; PC M Sturgess and four members of the public.

Apologies were received from CCLrs M Scott, D West and J Bryson and P&K Cllr Barnacle.

Chairman's Report: The past year has been busy, with the High Street improvements being carried out and the big street party to celebrate the reopening and near completion of the improvements. The CC had input to the MIR on behalf of the people of Kinross, and put surveys on line about double yellow lines and other subjects.

A big thank you to the Kinross Newsletter that raises funds that allows the CC to give out money to charities and different groups throughout the year.

There is still a lot to do in Kinross: the old High School site is still to be developed in a way that will suit Kinross, and the Town Hall to be finished. The review of public use of the campus will hopefully improve usage. And there other things like the new Primary School too.

There have been many successful events from local groups of volunteers working hard to entertain and improve the appearance of the town. I will not attempt to name them all in case I miss some but thank them all on behalf of the CC and wish them all the best for the future events.

During this year the CC had an election and we lost one valued member, Gareth, but we gained other valued members, Eileen and Jonathan. I would like to thank Gareth for all his hard work on his time on the CC and wish him all the best for the future.

Finally, I thank all members of the CC for their work and dedication over the past year and our four local PKC Councillors for their regular attendance and assistance and to all members of the public for their attendance and questions; this is invaluable to the CC.

Treasurer's Report: The administrative grant for the year was £516.19. Other income shown on the accounts (£168.96) is payment of wreaths procured for others. Total income: £685.15. Total expenditure: £607.05. Cash position as per bank: £321.91.

Appointment of Office Bearers:

Chair: W Freeman. Vice Chair: D MacKenzie. Secretary: E Thomas. Treasurer: E Thomas. Planning: D Colliar.

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News from the Meeting held on 4 May

Present and Apologies: As for the AGM, except CCLr Bryson joined the meeting during Planning.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Police Report: PC Mark Sturgess reported high value thefts from local stores; these have been detected. Police are aware of youths causing annoyance at Kirkgate Park and are dealing with it.

PC Sturgess noted comments regarding traffic travelling too fast on the 20mph section of the High Street during the Farmers' Market. CCLr MacKenzie mentioned that gazebos positioned at the Station Road/High Street roundabout cause visibility problems for drivers turning into the High Street. CCLr Freeman mentioned cut out figures he has seen on the way to Cupar, designed to deter speeding, and he wondered if they could be deployed here. PC Sturgess will check. In answer to a question, PC Sturgess confirmed that Police do try to attend ringing domestic burglar alarms whenever possible.

Anti-Social Behaviour Questionnaire: The CC agreed upon answers. The Secretary will complete and submit it.

Crumbling façade, High St building: Cllr Cuthbert is still trying to arrange a meeting.

Newsletter Charitable Fund

- **Kinross Primary School** pupils intend to give a presentation on how they are using their iPads. CCLr Davies will represent the CC.
- **Powmill in Bloom:** See correspondence.
- **Review of KCCNL Memorandum and Articles:** A report was circulated to CC members prior to the meeting. The CC has the authority to decide on grants. The CC agreed to loosen the restriction on who can be a director. The CC agreed that KCCNL shares should be held by the CC as a body rather than named individuals. The geographical area is agreed as the County of Kinross just prior to local government reorganisation in 1975. Attempts will be made to obtain a map. In the event of the CC dissolving, the CC would like the KCCNL shares to transfer to Kinross Newsletter Ltd. The sub-group will confer before submitting instructions to Mr Watson. CCLr MacKenzie proposed a vote of thanks to the community councillors who have been working on this.

Kinross Buildings

- **Town Hall:** The hall is a security on a bank loan.
- **Former High School** discussed under planning.

New Kinross Primary School: CCLr MacKenzie said there had not been a User Group meeting for some time. Some residents have begun a petition against an extra pedestrian access point near the top of the school lane. (See also Planning.)

Town Centre Regeneration: The Councillors are still trying to arrange a meeting with Council officers following the road safety audit.

Planning applications submitted to PKC

16/00509/FLL: Erection of an industrial unit, 5 Clashburn Road. No CC comment.

16/00174/LBC: Alterations and extension, Muirs Inn, 49 Muirs. No CC comment.

16/22662/FLL: Alterations and extension to dwelling house: Northfield, 59 Muirs. No CC comment.

16/00487/FLL: Change of use from Heath Centre (class 2) to retail units (class 1), nursery (class 10), 6 flats and block of 10 flats, former Loch Leven Health Centre – amended bin store. No comment on this particular planning application, which is merely for an amended bin store, the rest of the development having already been given permission. CCLlr MacKenzie expressed concern at potential food retail units so close to the High School.

16/00407/FLL: Alterations to dwelling house, 21 Montgomery Street. No CC comment.

16/00259/CON: **Demolition of buildings, former Kinross High School, 8 High Street, Kinross.** This is the Conservation Area Consent application for demolition, separate from the application to erect houses. The CC agreed to write seeking clarification that the majority of the Edwardian building is to be retained and if that is the case, has no objection.

16/00504/FLL: **Demolition of primary school and erection of a replacement primary school and nursery with associated car parking, playground areas, sports pitch and landscaping, site of former Kinross Primary School, Station Road.** CCLlr Thomas had received a phone call from Mr Barnes who had addressed the CC's March meeting with his concerns regarding the Hayfield Wildlife Garden adjacent to the school site. He requested that the CC consider the points he had made in his comments to PKC regarding this planning application. These points plus those made in other submissions were considered and discussed. It was agreed that a letter should be submitted saying that the CC has no objection to the proposal as long as certain conditions are imposed as part of planning consent being granted. These are: the Hayfield Gardens should be included as part of the school grounds; the gateway to the car park should be open all hours to ensure access to the tennis courts and Hayfield Gardens; the beech hedge must be retained; there should be minimal felling of trees. The CC had been sent a copy of a petition against the inclusion of an additional pedestrian access point near the top of the school lane (its signatories believing this will lead to more drivers parking indiscriminately to drop off children). However, the CC does not object to this additional access point as the purpose of it is to encourage more walking to school.

Planning applications approved by PKC

16/00513/FLL: 12 Mavisbank: Alt and ext to garage.

16/00448/FLL: 12 Talla Park: Alt and ext to dwelling house.

15/01725/FLL: 192 High Street: Erection of 3 flats.

16/00347/FLL: 9 Mavisbank: Ext to dwelling house.

16/00328/FLL: 33 Broom Road: Alt and ext to house.

16/00175/FLL: Muirs Inn, 49 Muirs: Alterations and extension.

16/00156/IPL: Land 70m NW of Gellybank Farm, Kinross: Erection of a dwelling house (in principle).

16/00033/LBC and 16/00032/FLL: 8 School Wynd: Extension to dwelling house (part retrospect).

Planning application refused by PKC: 16/00309/FLL: Land 70m E of Monega House, Hatchbank: Erection of 2 houses.

Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors

Councillor Cuthbert:

Campus parking: Revised parking restrictions are in place. It is now possible to park closer to the campus outwith bus drop-off and pick-up times.

Ward 8 roadworks: CCLlr Cuthbert had sent a proposed schedule of works to the Chair, CCLlr Freeman. This will be circulated to CC members for comment.

Localities and community planning partnerships: Kinross-shire has been put with Almond and Earn ward for this. CCLlr will look to building a sub locality for Kinross-shire.

Councillor Giacomazzi:

Double yellow lines near 60 Muirs: these will be painted in early May.

Sunnypark trees: the CC had received correspondence on this subject from a member of the public. Trees have been felled recently. Police say no crime has been committed. PKC tree officer R Brough says woodland is showing up on records as maintained by the Council, but PKC does not own it. At most a breach of felling licence regulations may have occurred, but if owner has given consent then no crime has been committed.

Street lighting: When columns are replaced, lamps will be changed to LED. Springfield Road is scheduled for Sept/Oct.

Insurance claims and potholes: CCLlr Giacomazzi referred to the information previously given by CCLlr Robertson (April meeting). CCLlr Giacomazzi says that of 304 claims, 12 have been settled, 15 rejected and the rest are still being investigated. £2151 has been paid in respect of the 12 settled claims, i.e. an average of £179 per claim.

Miscellaneous Correspondence

Junction Road: proposed variation to speed limit.

Film: invitation to showing at campus of a new film 'A Short History of Kinross and Loch Leven' made by Culture Perth and Kinross. This was attended by several Community Councillors who thought the film excellent.

Powmill in Bloom: feedback and photographs of their work following the KCCNL charity funding.

Health and Social Care Partnership: email received on 7 April requiring response by 22 April for volunteers to Integration Joint Board. Too short a timescale for CC to respond.

Public Transport Consultation on 19 May, 0900-1630. The point was made that the consultation hours are not suitable for many people at work.

CC Workshops: invitation to attend at the campus in June. CCLlr Thomas has already booked her place. CCLlr MacKenzie will book places for himself and CCLlrs Stewart, Bryson and Davies.

Other Business

Kinross Common Good Fund (KCGF): CCLlr Colliar reported on an unsatisfactory experience attempting to apply for funds on behalf of Light Up Kinross, which raised various issues about the operation of the KCGF. It was agreed to postpone discussion until all four ward councillors were present.



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Gazebos: Cllr Thomas asked if planning permission is required to position a gazebo in a public place. Cllr Giacopazzi said Roads have a permissive attitude. If there is a safety issue, it is a police matter.

Kinross High Street: Cllr MacKenzie is pleased that all four councillors are agreed that a proper crossing is needed.

Path at Lathro: Cllr Davies raised the problem of the flooded path and the mess that has been left following installation of cables. Cllr Cuthbert will look at this.

Kinross Primary School: In addition to Cllr Davies, Cllr Bryson, in his capacity as Chair of the Parent Council, will also attend the digital learning event to see how the joint Parent Council/CC funded iPads are being used in school. The school Summer Fayre is on 11 June.

Hearing loop: Cllr Freeman wondered if PKC could lend or give the CC a portable hearing aid loop. The Councillors suggested the CC contact B Renton.

The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 1 June 2016 at the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

Agenda for the Meeting on 1 June

1. Attendance and apologies
2. Declarations of interest
3. Minutes of meeting of 4 May 2016
4. Police Report
5. Report on kinross.cc website (P Watson)
6. Actions points from minutes of 4 May 2016
7. Matters arising from minutes of 4 May 2016
8. Planning matters
9. Kinross Common Good Fund
10. Town centre regeneration
11. Kinross buildings
12. Proposed Primary School
13. New matters and miscellaneous correspondence
14. Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors
15. Questions from the floor
16. Any other competent business
17. Date of next meeting (6 July 2016)

Note: Members of the public are welcome to contribute to discussion at CC meetings, but if wishing to address the meeting on a specific issue, please advise the Secretary in advance and supply a copy of any relevant documentation.

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Fossoway & District CC

News from the Annual General Meeting

In attendance at the AGM on 3 May 2016 were: Cllrs T Duffy (Chair), K Borthwick, A Cheape, R Nesbitt and G Pye; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, D Cuthbert, J Giacopazzi and W Robertson; 14 Members of the Public.

Apologies: Cllr Graham Kilby.

Chair's Report

The elected members of the CC are: Kevin Borthwick, Angus Cheape, Trudy Duffy-Wigman, Graham Kilby, Graham Pye and Richard Nesbitt.

Sandy Morrison and Alastair Lavery have now retired. Again I wish to express our sincere thanks for their sterling service on the CC. Two of our members, Graham Kilby and Richard Nesbitt, are new to the CC and they have had to hit the ground running.

The CC has had another very busy year with eleven scheduled meetings, additional meetings and a large volume of correspondence.

The main issues during the year have been:

Travellers' Site at Crook Moss: The majority of the planning conditions have not been met despite frequent representations to the Planning authority by the CC, members of the community and all the local councillors. The priority issues for the community are noise and foul drainage. Some of the residents on site are trying to improve the situation. A second application for three additional pitches has been rejected by PKC.

Police Service: Unfortunately we are seeing a police officer attending the meeting less often. A monthly bulletin specific to the area is not produced anymore; we get most of the relevant information from the Commander's bulletin and from Perth and Kinross Community Watch. We have the impression that rural crime in our area is slightly up.

Lambhill Site: This application has been refused by the Local Review Body.

Main Issues Report: We have consulted on the LDP2 MIR.

City Link timetable: We are shocked by the lack of co-operation to make sure Kinross is served by adequate public transport. Many of the regular bus services have been withdrawn, making it almost impossible to commute by bus.

Blairingone War Memorial: Is now one of the longest running items on our agenda. It is unlikely that there will be a quick solution to this.

Devon Hydro Scheme: The building of the Hydro Scheme is progressing well. We are now at the stage that we are setting up an organisation to distribute the monies generated – the developer's contribution and the community benefit.

A977 Mitigation Measures: Cllr Barnacle has been continuing, with other councillors, the CC and members of the public, to call for traffic mitigation measures. The situation was exacerbated earlier this year with the closure of the Forth Road Bridge, a few weeks for all traffic but a longer period for heavy lorries. The police have helped out with extra speed checks but the road has suffered and the road surface has deteriorated. We will continue to put pressure on the authorities and work together with the local members to make the A977 safer for the villages straddling it.

Boundary Commission: Cllr Cuthbert has worked very hard to get members of the community involved in informing the Boundary Commission on their plans to cut chunks off Kinross-shire. We are awaiting their decision.

CC Members: There is an urgent requirement for more Community Councillors, especially from the village of Carnbo, which has currently no representation in the CC. Our work relies on members of the community who have their ears to the ground.

Community Initiatives: The CC is taking part in a number of community initiatives: the Emergency Support Centre, to be set up in the hall; Kinross Sports Hub, Crook and Drum in Bloom and perhaps the Best Kept Village competition. It is a wonderful way for members of the community to become involved.

There have been slightly less planning applications in the past year.

Thank you to my fellow councillors for their support and for the very significant efforts they have made in dealing with their portfolios and attending external meetings. Many thanks also to our local Cllrs Barnacle, Cuthbert, Giacomazzi and Robertson for their significant support and assistance to the CC on numerous matters. Thanks also to our loyal Members of the Public, who support us with their presence, their information and their questions.

Secretary's Report

Once again it has been a very busy year for the CC, as we strive to be as actively involved in as many community issues as possible. This year as it was an election year, a couple of the regular members retired for a well-earned rest, and we welcomed two new members onto the council. I would personally like to thank Sandy Morrison, and Alastair Lavery for all the work they did over the years, and also to welcome the new members Graham Kilby, and Richard Nesbitt to the CC.

In my position as secretary, I have to deal with all the day to day correspondence and phone calls that come our way, and have also attend several meetings throughout the year. As I said in previous years, I have to do my best to handle this as it happens and not let it build up. This year however, at the turn of the year, an illness in the family took priority over most other things going on in my life, and the CC duties were beginning to build up and get on top of me. I have to thank Graham and Trudy who took over the majority of my secretarial role to let me concentrate on more important things. Things are looking positive at the moment on the family front, although it is still early days, and hopefully I will be able to get back in the saddle later in the year.

This year the correspondence has increased significantly since last year, partly due to signing up to Perth and Kinross Community Watch. However these figures are only up to the end of January 2016, when the email transferred to Graham and Trudy, so there are three months missing. Over the past year I have dealt with 1312 (1137 last year) incoming emails, and have sent out 443 (551 last year). Again I have to moan about the 154 (133 last year) spam emails we received, all of which come via the PKC email address and not our own one. Graham has been filtering these so we should in theory get less in the future. I also ran off 2651 prints (2049 last year) for the correspondence, minutes, and agendas etc. again a significant rise. This is a reflection of the increase in correspondence.

The Facebook page has been a great success, where we have been able to post information to keep people up to date with details of events, meetings, minutes etc. As well as being a way of getting in touch with the CC about community issues.

Currently we have 154 people who receive our posts, which along with the newsletter and the notice boards, we are engaging with as many people as we can. Graham Kilby has taken over the running of the Facebook page, and I'd like to thank him for that.

As you can see there is quite a lot of work running a CC, and during this past few months everyone has had to muck in. However it would be a lot easier if we had a full complement of members. There are still two spaces on the CC, and anyone who wishes to help out would be very welcome.

Treasurer's Report

This year the CC received no income as the Administrative Grant from PKC of £424.31, which would have topped the CC's funds up to the maximum £700.00 allowed, was unfortunately paid into the wrong bank account by PKC.

The largest item of the CC expenditure is for rentals of Fossoway and Blairingone primary schools, Carnbo Village Hall and Moubray Hall in Powmill to hold our monthly meetings. A total of £100.60 was spent on hall rentals.

Last year the CC invested in a laser printer, now an asset of the CC, which will be passed on to whoever is the secretary. The secretary will no longer be charging the CC on a per print basis, other than for paper, and any other consumables required for the printer will be purchased directly by the CC. All Community Councillors are allowed to claim for any expenses they incur over the year for travelling to meetings other than normal CC meetings, and also any other incidentals: postage, stationery, etc. This year only a little over £50 has been claimed in expenses. CC members attend a lot of meetings over the year, and should claim for them all – I encourage them to do so.

After all the transactions over the year had been tallied the CC had a closing balance at year end of £56.34. Hopefully next year's grant will arrive soon!

Approval of the accounts was proposed by Trudy Duffy and seconded by Kevin Borthwick.

Confirmation of Office Bearers

The Office Bearers all resigned from their current posts, and new post holders are as follows: Trudy Duffy, Chairperson. Kevin Borthwick, Secretary. Graham Pye, Treasurer. Kevin Borthwick, Data Controller.

The following posts are not formal offices, so were not covered at the AGM: Richard Nesbitt, Planning. Graham Pye, Minute Secretary. Richard Nesbitt, Vice Chair.

Date of Next AGM: 2 May 2017.

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News from the Meeting held on 3 May

Attendance & Apologies: As for the AGM.

Declarations of Interest: Cllr Cheape declared an interest in Planning Application 16/00514/FLL.

Police report: No report received. PC Spalding attended. Fossoway Garage drive-offs have been identified, but not yet apprehended. A motorist was apprehended speeding in Crook of Devon.

Nineacres Scout Camp, Crook of Devon: A local resident spotted a shelter that had been built within the grounds of the camp, and three men have been seen in the vicinity. The shelter was not constructed by the Scouts. Cllr Borthwick contacted Sgt. Nicholson who agreed to ask a local officer to make enquires, but it doesn't currently seem to be suspicious.

Crook Moss Travellers' Site: Cllr Barnacle reports that Scottish Water confirm the Drum treatment plant is at capacity and a growth project will take between two and two and a half years. The Drum scheme's output is pumped into the River Devon and not into the Loch Leven catchment. Scottish Water clarified their position about order of connection in that residents who had applied first will be connected first. Cllr Cuthbert noted that the DMC will receive the updated report on the traveller's site at the meeting next week.

A977 Defects and Mitigation Measures: A MoP reported details of an accident at Crook of Devon through our Facebook page. Several respondents to this item raised the issue of speed cameras. Cllr Duffy has been in touch with the chair of Kingseat CC, who also previously ran a Speedwatch scheme, to be told that previous insurance problems have apparently now been solved by the Police. Cllr Robertson undertook to contact Police Scotland to see if the Community Speedwatch programme could be restarted, having found from Kingseat how they are operating.

Emergency Support Centre: Cllr Kilby attended a Hall Committee meeting in April where it was agreed that the hall could be used as an Emergency Centre.

CC Grant: Cllr Pye reports that PKC's position is that the bank should not have accepted the deposit into the wrong account as the account name did not match. Regardless of this, Cllr Pye reminded PKC that the issue is for PKC to resolve, not us, and that they should discuss it with the bank directly. Meanwhile, the balance of the CC's account has fallen to £20.34. PKC have subsequently agreed to reissue our grant for this year, and hopefully this will be in our bank account by the end of this week.

Blairingone War Memorial: Cllr Barnacle had written to David Strachan, of Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust (PKHT) seeking his opinion about the developer's mason's report. Andrew Driver, who gave PKHT's previous opinion on the memorial, is no longer with PKHT. It has emerged that the previous estimate was a desktop exercise rather than based on an inspection. It's important that an alternative estimate be obtained, and PKHT has recommended a mason.

Ivy Cottage, Powmill: Cllr Robertson suggested that compulsory purchase might be the way forward.

Rumbling Bridge Hydro Scheme: Hugh Wallace attended the meeting and reported that the scheme is proceeding on schedule to be completed in the autumn. The first annual payment would be made in September 2017; however the majority of the project's contingency fund has not yet been used, so it's looking likely that some of this will be passed to the community later this year. James Buchanan from Local Energy Scotland had sent links to their documents about setting up a Community Benefit Group. Cllr Duffy will approach people with a view to creating a group; the CC will have at least one member.

MoP asked Hugh whether the road over the river would ever be completely closed, and when the works to pass the pipeline under the road are planned for. The work is currently planned for the first half of June, but the road will never be completely closed. Hugh reminded the attendees that if anyone would like a tour of the works they should contact him and it will be arranged.

Crook in Bloom: This group has had its first meeting, and will now be known as "Crook and Drum Growing Together" as Drum residents have joined the group.

Dunning Glen: Rubbish being left here has been an ongoing problem for several years, with various attempts made to address it. Cllr Barnacle has written to Dave Stubbs to request a solution. Various opinions were expressed as to whether new by-laws, creation of national parks, increased police patrols, etc, might help. Cllr Robertson will write to Police Scotland and ask for their suggestions.

Kinross-shire Civic Trust Best Kept Village Awards: Patrick Milne Home had written to the CC with details of how to apply for entry to the awards, and a set of guidelines for organisers. The CC will forward these to any interested parties.

Station Road Adoption: Cllr Barnacle was contacted by a member of the Hall Committee, which has taken over this project, to say that one of the frontagers has now objected to the adoption because of a belief that surfacing the road will encourage further development, as evidenced by planning application 16/00514/FLL, even though this has now been withdrawn. There was other support for this belief from MoPs present. Cllr Barnacle pointed out that the MIR rules out development in this area until at least 2028, and that not surfacing the road increases the likelihood of vehicle damage or other accident due to the road's poor state. After expending considerable effort on getting this scheme in place, Cllr Barnacle expressed his extreme disappointment at this setback.

Safer Route to School – Drum: A MoP asked how to get the speed limit on the B9097 lowered. This has been discussed before in conjunction with other measures to make this road safer, but has not as yet resulted in any results so far. Cllr Cuthbert will publish the local councillors' list of requested improvements that have not yet been done.



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

Dog Waste in Drum: Cllr Kilby received (via Facebook) a report from a couple who are doing voluntary litter picking in Drum, that they are finding a large number of dog waste bags. Since there appears not to be a dog waste bin in Drum, Cllr Robertson has asked PKC's dog wardens to contact the CC to discuss locating a bin there.

Overgrown Path, Drum to Crook of Devon: Cllr Nesbitt was contacted by a MoP who was concerned about the state of this path, which runs along the north side of the A977. The path suffers from two issues: numerous overhanging branches, one of which has caused an injury to a user, and the grass verges on both sides are so overgrown that the path is almost disappearing. Cllr Robertson reported the problems to Garry McConnell, PKC's Area Road Supervisor, who has arranged for the path to be scraped and widened, hopefully at the end of May or beginning of June. The overhanging branches are the responsibility of the relevant landowners, who will be contacted.

CC Business: Meetings Attended: Cllr Kilby attended a meeting of the Sports Hub on 20 April, which will be reported on next month.

Councillors' Reports

Mike Barnacle: In answer to comments from MoP about unpleasant material being spread on fields, Cllr Barnacle explained that SEPA rather than PKC is now responsible; although MoP points out that the council is still responsible for storage, leading to confusion about who to complain to in the event of any problems. Ragwort is harmful to animals, and hence needs to be reported to Animal Welfare.

Cllr Barnacle had asked for the passing place at the Aldie Road bridge to be properly surfaced, but there is no budget to do this. However, Stuart D'All has agreed that a sign will be erected.

Dave Cuthbert: Dates of Farmers' Markets given. Cllr Cuthbert asked if any training for CCs was being received, but was told that there was none. The money saved on new budget system for CCs was supposed to be used by PKC for training them.

Joe Giacopazzi and Willie Robertson: Nothing not already reported above.

Planning Matters

16/00483/FLL Erection of a marquee for use as function venue, Solsgirth House. The CC members discussed this further after the last meeting and decided not to comment.

16/00679/FLL Corrie-Tigh, Rumbling Bridge. Alterations to a dwelling house. No CC comment.

16/00620/FLL Land 70m SE of Merryhills, Rumbling Bridge. Erection of four houses and garages. No CC comment.

16/00514/FLL Erection of a replacement dwelling house at land 200m SW of Broomhill, Peat Gate, Crook of Devon. Comments were due on this application by 2 May, so the CC discussed it by email and agreed to object on the grounds that the development was within the Loch Leven catchment area and hence appropriate measures were needed for sewage processing, and that this development would be contrary to the Houses in the Countryside Policy. This application has now been withdrawn.

16/00545/IPL Erection of a dwelling house at land 30m E of Vine house, Solsgirth. No CC comment.

Correspondence: All was available for viewing.

Other Business: The planned car park at Rumbling Bridge is still to be built, although the responsibility has passed to a different developer.

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, Dunning Glen, Station Road Adoption

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

The Next Meeting of Fossoway and District CC will take place on Tuesday 7 June 2016 at 7.30pm, Powmill Moubray Hall. All Welcome.

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News from the AGM

In attendance at the AGM held on 10 May 2016 were: CCllrs B Calderwood (Deputy Chair and Treasurer), R Cairncross (Secretary), S Forde, A Robertson, D Morris and C Vlasto; Ward Cllrs M Barnacle and W Robertson; PC D Stapleton and eight members of the public.

Apologies: CCllrs M Strang Steel (Chairman) and T Smith; and Ward Cllrs D Cuthbert and J Giacomazzi.

Chairman's Annual Report. The CC received the Chairman's Report for 2016: The Council you see today is rather different in composition from the one you saw a year ago. We had a renomination in November. Dick Williamson decided not to put his name forward again, and I would like to thank him for his helpful contributions over the years, and especially for his work as Treasurer during that time. The sums involved may not be large but it is vital to keep the books straight and an entry of £1 takes as much time as one of £1000. I am grateful to Bruce Calderwood for taking up the post in Dick's place to add to his duties as Deputy Chair. We welcome as new members Dave Morris, who was co-opted in July, and Chris Vlasto and Alison Robertson, who joined in November. All are making valuable contributions to our work. We are now a full complement with a representation more reflective of the distribution of the population within the parish.

A hallmark of the year has been the amount of consultation, to which we have been invited to contribute and the increased range of bodies seeking our views. As a snapshot there were no less than six consultations before our last meeting, one from the police, one from SNH and the rest from various parts of PKC. In addition to these we have been consulted over the year by Scottish Government and the Local Authority Boundaries Commission. We have not felt it necessary to reply to all but there have been an unusual number of a strategic nature. For example, there were huge documents on the integration of social and health care, the Main Issues Report for the next Local Development Plan and the draft Local Housing Strategy, all with important implications for the future. I am grateful to my colleagues on the Council for the time they have put in to reading these usually long and often opaque documents. Following up our response to the SNH consultation on their management plan for Loch Leven we asked if we could join the management committee that regularly meets, and have received an encouraging reply, even if not an actual invitation to join. We are also seeking to meet the River Leven Trustees, who are responsible for the operation of the sluices on the Loch.

There has been some progress with matters relating to the A911 albeit slow. We eventually got a response from Transport Scotland, but I am not optimistic that we shall have diversionary signs on the M90. The question of categorising roads is now, however, a matter for PKC and we have raised with them the possibility of degrading the A911 from A to B and upgrading the B9097 (South Loch Road) from B to A. We had a very useful meeting with PKC roads officials on site in November in which this and all other issues relating to the A911 were raised with them. One issue discussed was speed limits and the process for experimental 20mph speed limits in Kinnesswood, Scotlandwell and Easter Balgedie is under way. The officials were able to see at first hand the dangers caused to pedestrians on narrow pavements in Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell by passing HGVs. A separate process is


under way for the establishment of a Green Route along the Dryside Road. This will introduce speed limits along the route and in particular 20mph limits through Wester Balgedie and past Glenlomond. I am afraid all these processes take time! Meanwhile Bruce Calderwood has been pursuing, along with these road matters, more day to day issues. I am glad to say we now have cats eyes on the A911. It is a big improvement. We hope that the completion of the resurfacing of the South Loch Road is scheduled for this year; it is desperately needed. And like the rest of the country we have numerous potholes to be repaired, not least in the pavement between Scotlandwell and the Church. That has not diverted us from pursuing the much needed off road path for that route. We are pressing PKC to make progress with their promised option appraisal. We shall not give up.

As you may remember, we held a ballot of the community last May on the question of Stephen's Field. The result was decisively in favour of pursuing the acquisition but the key rests with the owner A & J Stephen. We are seeking a meeting with them and to discuss that and also the maintenance of the landscape areas in the Whitecraigs development. Responsibility for this appears to have fallen between a number of stools. Another public amenity which we are pursuing is ownership of the car park on the Moss Road; we are about to lodge an application for funding.

Tom Smith heads a group of volunteers who do their best to keep our paths in good condition. Further repairs are required to the Michael Bruce Way and funding will be sought; this will be a recurring issue. The Living Lomonds Landscape Partnership is completing a path over Benarty to Lochore, with a view to linking the Meadows with the Lomonds. The establishment of a path from Lochend to the Heritage Trail is on the drawing board.

As statutory consultees we have considered 32 (38 last year) planning applications in the course of the year and objected to 5 of them (3 of the objections relate to the same site). The applications cover 27 houses, all of which are classed as 'windfall' by PKC, and not fully taken into account in their projections.

The big outstanding issues, as last year, are the Lomond Inn and Levenglen. The third application for the Lomond Inn site is an improvement on the previous ones in that it does preserve the façade of the Inn but the Council is concerned about the size of the houses proposed. It will come before the Development Management Committee for decision shortly. An application for the Levenglen site at Glenlomond has been withdrawn and a fresh application for a smaller number of houses is awaited.



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We were pleased to be consulted by PKC Scrutiny committee who are investigating the operation of the enforcement arm of the planning department. We have some concerns about the willingness of PKC to take enforcement action where breaches of conditions are involved. Often it is compliance with conditions which is of major concern for the community. The sooner a breach is reported the better the chance of enforcement action being taken. Many conditions, typically the provision of sight lines on access roads, are required to be carried out before development commences. If the development is commenced without the work required by the condition being done, it becomes increasingly difficult to enforce the condition. If you see a development taking place and think such a condition is being infringed, check the condition and report to PKC. PCC councillors (including ward councillors) will be able to help.

I hope you have found the information leaflets we have distributed useful and the improved notice boards in the villages and Village Hall informative.

We have welcomed the attendance of the police at most of our meetings, but regret that we no longer receive a monthly written report of local crime.

I think I have written enough for you to see that it has been a busy year. I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their help and support, and particularly Robin Cairncross, on whom, as secretary, falls the task of co-ordinating all our efforts. – Malcolm Strang Steel

Treasurer's Annual Report: The Treasurer paid tribute to the work of his predecessor, Dick Williamson. He then provided audited accounts for the year to 31 March 2016 and included a report and explanation of the funds in hand. At the year-end there was: £140.30 in the General Account; and £694.30 in the Michael Bruce Way Account giving a total of £834.60. The accounts were approved and the Treasurer instructed to submit them to PKC and to obtain the funding grant for the year to March 2017. The full Income and Expenditure of the CC's accounts can be found on the CC website. The Treasurer reported that a new Independent Examiner (auditor) would be required for the forthcoming financial year.

Office Bearers for 2016-17: Chairman: Cllr M Strang Steel. Secretary: Cllr R Cairncross. Treasurer: Cllr B Calderwood. Deputy Chairman: B Calderwood.

Date of next AGM: Tuesday 9 May 2017.

News from Meeting held on 10 May

Attendance and Apologies: as for AGM.

Police Report: PC D Stapleton was welcomed. There had been minimal incidents to report. The CC noted that there was a "Rural Crime Event" to be held in Perth on 11 May. It recognised the significance of rural crime in the Portmoak Area and regretted that little time has been available to promote this activity. As these events are held regularly, members suggested that a further meeting, held perhaps in Kinross around the beginning of November, could be helpful. Enrolment with Community and Rural Watch Schemes was encouraged. The Commander's Bulletin of 15 April was noted.

Planning: new applications

16/00429/FLL Land 200m NE of Turffit, Scotlandwell. Erection of a new house and ancillary accommodation. This application for a significant dwelling house did not meet with the requirements of PKC planning policy "Housing in the Countryside." As no justification had been presented, the CC would object.

16/00570/FLL Garden Cottage, Back Dykes, Kinnesswood. Open a new window. No comment.

16/00661/FLL 6 Bishop Terrace, Kinnesswood. Erection of a balcony. No comment.

16/00680/FLL Moucum's View, Leslie Road, Scotlandwell. Removal of condition to provide site access visibility splays onto A911. The CC objects. It supports the provision of visibility splays for the reason given "in the interests of pedestrian and traffic safety and in the interests of free traffic flow."

16/00701/FLL Lilyoak, Sandy Lane, Scotlandwell. Installation of new windows and door. No comment.

16/00702/FLL 23 Gamekeepers Road Kinnesswood. Installation of new timber deck over existing stair. No comment.

Planning: progress with developments

16/00325/CON and 16/00326/FLL **Former Lomond Hotel**, Kinnesswood. Following the April Meeting of the CC, it had written to PKC seeking once again that a Conservation Officer Report regarding the proposed whole development be published on the PKC website. The extant PKC Protocol for "Obtaining, Publishing and Reporting Planning Application Comments from Council Colleagues" provided for the handling of specialist comments from other colleagues such as a Conservation Officer in Development Management (ref. para 1). Given the nature of this application, where



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conservation was central to its evaluation, it was regrettable to learn from the response from PKC that no Conservation Officer Report would be made available. The CC did not accept the PKC view that in these circumstances informal discussions between the Conservation and Planning Officers would suffice. This was not in the spirit of open governance and ran counter to PKC's stated operating practice. Ward Councillors confirmed their view that the Conservation Team should operate independently of the Planning and Development Department and that their Reports should be published. They would raise this matter at the forthcoming PKC Planning Members and Officers Working Group. The CC would now review what further action was open to it but, given that these applications may shortly be considered by the Development Management Committee, it would write immediately to seek once more the Report's publication before that Committee meets.

Glenlomond proposal to erect dwelling houses. A new planning application was anticipated. No progress to report. Arrangements at **Whitecraigs** and **Stephen's Field** consequent on departure of the developer. Meeting with A & J Stephen awaited.

Roads Report: The CC received the PKC "Road and Pavement Improvement List" dated 16 April and its own "Road Report Summary" for May. It was a matter of concern that a significant majority of the 28 items identified by the CC had not been acknowledged by PKC. The CC had regularly submitted such matters to PKC and invited officers and Ward Councillors to site meetings. The following matters were highlighted:

1. The unsafe footpath along the A911 from Scotlandwell to the Church and Hall. This was a long-standing problem. The Acting Head Teacher of Portmoak School had recently alerted the CC once again to the matter. The current poor and deteriorating state of the surface of the same footpath now constituted a danger to users and compounded the primary problem.
2. Pedestrian safety in the Main Streets, Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell. Narrow pavements put pedestrians at risk. A resident proposed protective bollards on certain pavements.
3. Parking immediately after build-outs. The problems that this was causing for both cyclists and vehicles merited evaluation.
4. Drainage in Scotlandwell between the junctions at Sandy Lane and the Moss Access Road. Work to resolve the problems here had yet to be concluded.
5. Pilot 20mph limits within Easter Balgedie, Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell. Portmoak was a candidate for these pilot limits. It is now unclear whether the scheme will proceed or not.

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Community Councillors supported the Ward Councillors' recommendation that the range of outstanding matters could be advanced by further site meetings with officials which Ward Councillors offered to organise. This would look particularly at the safety of pedestrians in both Scotlandwell and Kinnesswood. The matter of drainage within Scotlandwell and the state of the footpath surface between Scotlandwell and the Church would be taken forward separately.

Paths Report: A programme of work was underway and would be advanced over the summer. The use of the Michal Bruce Way as a teaching resource would be explored.

PKC Public Transport Consultation: PKC had advised that it would undertake a review of the Stagecoach X55/X56 unsubsidised routes through to Perth via Kinross and Milnathort. The review will include an Open Day on 19 May.

Ward Councillor Reports

Cllr M Barnacle noted that the Local Boundary Commission Report dealing with revisions to local authority wards would be published shortly.

Cllr W Robertson reported that there had been more than 150 objections to converting the Glenfarg Hotel to flats. PKC had refused planning consent but the Local Review Body of three Ward Councillors had upheld the applicant's appeal.

Other Business

Boulders restricting passage of agricultural machinery on the Dryside Road at Muirs of Kinnesswood. A resident asked that this impediment be removed. Cllr M Barnacle would take the matter forward.

Overhanging branches at Wester Balgedie affecting the passage of high-sided vehicles. A resident had requested the matter be explored. Cllr Cairncross would explore and report back.

The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will take place on Tuesday 14 June at 7pm at Portmoak School.

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Milnathort Community Council News from the AGM

In attendance at the AGM held on 12 May 2106 were: CCllrs D Baudains (Chairman), S Young, K Heneghan (Secretary), E Kirkham (Treasurer), C Lawson, B Cook, L Cartwright and C Williams; and seven members of the public. **Apologies** were received from P&K Councillors Giacopazzi and Robertson.

Chairman's annual report: Your new CC met on 17 March 2016 at an EGM to elect office bearers, agree and sign our constitution, note our standing orders and code of conduct. We sent these documents to PKC.

We are a team of completely new members who have not yet received any training from PKC, although some of us have booked in for a training session at the campus on 22 June.

We held our first routine monthly meeting in Milnathort Town Hall on Thursday 14 April 2016. After a long break with no CC in place a range of issues was reported to us. These included: Movement of a turbine tower through the village without prior warning; Possible development of land beside Jessie's Park; Application to PKC for designating Milnathort as a Conservation Area; Dog fouling; Traffic Issues; Road condition issues; Road crossings.

Patrick Milne-Home briefed us on entering the Kinross-shire Best Kept Village competition.

Going forward, we have progressed the issues raised and will continue to actively pursue them. Several will be raised again during our monthly meeting which follows.

We are developing a communications strategy. Thus far we have been using social media to publicise issues and events to the community. For example passing on Neighbourhood Watch notices. We will continue to use the valuable Newsletter to publish our minutes and pass on other information, but are exploring which other useful avenues are available and effective. We will continue to encourage public participation in our activities, both at our regular meetings and elsewhere; we are running a stall at the Kinross Feel Good Fair on Saturday.

I would like to record our thanks to our four Ward Councillors for their support and advice. MCC should be a valuable conduit for local issues. Thanks also to the team for giving us their time and expertise. Finally, going forward I would like to express concerns about the continuing cohesion of our current community given the Boundary Commission's proposals to split our County, and the aspirations of developers south of the North Queich.

Treasurer's report: Elyse Kirkham reported that the previous CC had received a grant of £750 from PKC. Major expenses had been room hire, the notice board outside Giacopazzi's and shop prizes. The accounts had been audited and returned to PKC. Thanks to Ross McConnell, Chartered Accountants and Bruce Hamilton, previous Chair, for their help.

Election of office-bearers: Office bearers had already been selected and David Baudains proposed that the status quo be maintained. He was seconded by Kevin Heneghan.

Date of next AGM: 11 May 2017.

News from the Meeting held on 12 May

Police matters: This item was postponed until the police could be in attendance.

Turbine towers: Lisa Cartwright had ascertained that the transportation of the turbine towers down North Street without prior notification had been a one-off incident and should not happen again. There had been a breakdown in communication between the contractors and PKC.

Dog fouling: Kevin Heneghan advised that Cllr Robertson had not yet heard whether the rough areas of grass in Donaldson Park would be cut back. A PKC dog warden had been due to attend the CC meeting but had not been able to do so. It was also noted that there were broken bottles as well as dog dirt in the long grass. Following discussion, it was agreed to raise the matter again when the ward councillors were in attendance. Steven Young expressed his appreciation to whoever had put a sign up at the field adjacent to Webster's as it had had a very positive effect. Lisa Cartwright advised that the issue of dog fouling was also being raised on social media.

Road issues: There was no further update on speeding in the village or the problematic junction of Church Street and Stirling Road as there were no ward councillors in attendance.

Moss Road: It was agreed to postpone discussion about whose responsibility it was to maintain this until investigations into the recent fatal accident had been concluded. However it was noted that a resident had filled in the potholes.

Planning applications: Campbell Lawson advised that he intended to provide a weekly update of applications, as in some cases a response was needed within seven days. After discussion, it was agreed to meet privately before the next public meeting to discuss the most effective way of keeping both CC members and the public informed of new planning applications.

- Erection of a house and garage on land 30m south of The Manse, Perth Road: Noted after brief discussion.
- Formation of a vehicular access (in retrospect) at Killyburnpark, Mawcarse. It was noted that Cllr Giacopazzi was in discussion with several of the householders with regard to the provision of a footpath and the CC will ask for an update when he is available.
- Alterations to Hilton of Burleigh House: Noted.
- Siting of 14 storage containers in a yard in Stirling Road: Concerns were expressed about the potential for increased traffic and disturbance caused by security lights. It was agreed to seek more information before fully discussing how this may affect the village.
- Extension to Ashley House Nursing Home: Noted.

Scottish Water: Campbell Lawson had received a letter from Scottish Water with regard to sponsoring a Christmas tree or similar for the village. He will arrange a meeting with Milnathort in Bloom.

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Community Council News

Victoria Avenue/Back Loan: Lisa Cartwright advised that bin lorries had been seen going the wrong way down Back Loan and Victoria Avenue. Concerns were expressed about cars speeding along Victoria Avenue now that it was a one-way thoroughfare. It had also led to an increase in the traffic using Back Loan and the safety of children in Jessie's Park could be compromised. After discussion, it was agreed to take up the issue with the ward councillors.

Milnathort Primary School: Kevin Heneghan said he had had a letter from a member of the public expressing concern about the fact that there was a right of way through the school grounds from Donaldson Park. There was dog mess in the playground and some vandalism had taken place to play equipment and saplings. Elyse Kirkham said that the issue of security had been raised several times at the school but the installation of a security fence had been considered too expensive and indeed unnecessary. However a member of the public felt that security measures should be stepped up and it was agreed to discuss this further in due course.

Publicity: Lisa Cartwright distributed leaflets produced to raise awareness of the CC and its activities. They are to be available in local shops and other outlets and the CC will consider a leaflet drop to householders. Milnathort Primary School pupils had been designing logos and they would be on display at the Feel Good Fair. The CC minutes are now regularly available to view on Facebook.

Community spirit: Lisa Cartwright reported that the elderly lady who had had her bag stolen outside Giacopazzi's had been overwhelmed by the generosity of customers, who had raised £228.89 through a collection held in the store. This was more than was stolen and the lady had donated the balance to Victim Support.

Kinross-shire Best Kept Village Awards: Steven Young advised that a small committee had met with a view to entering Milnathort into the awards scheme, which this year marks its 50th anniversary. Marks will be awarded for community effort as well as the general appearance of the village. One area of the village can be excluded from the judging by request, for example the former Forth Wines site, which was now empty and unsightly.

Perth and Kinross Credit Union: Steven Young reported that the new drop-in centre will service Milnathort and Kinross Communities, and will be open for business in the Hall to the side of St Paul's Church, Kinross.

Roads issues: Brian Cook had extensive discussions with the roads supervisor for the area, who was operating with a

reduced squad on a limited budget. Some maintenance had been carried out and potholes repaired, but the repairs were unlikely to last due to increased roads usage, particularly by heavy vehicles.

There were still safety concerns in South Street and it was felt that the 20mph limit should be extended. A particular concern was a very narrow pavement on the east side of the street. The creation of a build-out at the zebra crossing had been delayed due to competing demands, as had a number of other projects. The CC would draw up a list of priority safety projects to address with ward councillors.

Comments from the floor: A member of the public raised the long-standing issue of vehicles in Victoria Avenue being parked too close to the junction with Back Loan. It was agreed to report this to the police as it is illegal to park within 10m of a junction.

In response to a comment by a member of the public, the chairman confirmed that it was permissible for the CC to meet privately as long as the matter being discussed was not in the wider public interest and the reasons for meeting in private were made clear.

The chairman was asked why members of the public were invited to sit at the table with CC members as the acoustics of the hall were not conducive to this. In reply, he said that it was felt it was helpful to conduct meetings in this way to be more inclusive, but the CC was still experimenting.

A member of the public alleged that PKC had caused significant damage during the recent upgrade to houses in Bridgefauld Road and Whyte Place but that tenants had not been compensated. It was agreed that further information was required before this could be discussed.

Other Business

Kevin Heneghan reported that a break-in had taken place in Bridgefauld Road at 5pm on 30 April and a 30-year-old man had been apprehended.

Cllr Robertson has asked that the sign at the bus stop opposite the Royal Bank be re-instated and has reported that the direction sign at Burleigh crossroads has fallen over.

The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will be held on Thursday 9 June 2016 at 7.30pm in Milnathort Town Hall. It will be preceded at 6.30pm by a private meeting of the CC.

Find Milnathort CC minutes and other information on the Facebook Page:

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Club & Community Group News



Kinross & District Rotary Club



Recently the Rotary Club of Kinross has had the pleasure of distributing some of the funds we have raised over the past year to some well deserving locally based charities and organisations. In a short ceremony at the Kirklands Hotel, representatives from 12 charities accepted donations of between £100 and £300 from our immediate past club President.



Past President Eric Williamson presenting donations to local organisations

Organisations represented were Kinross Museum, Orwell Old Folks Association, Ethiopian Medical Project, Perth Street Pastors, Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, Glenfarg Riding for the Disabled, Kinross Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme, Broke not Broken, Kinross in Bloom, Kinnesswood in Bloom, Milnathort in Bloom and SSAFA (Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen Families Association.)

Providing these funds for locally based charities is part of what Rotary is all about. This is one of the reasons why

we run our fundraising events. If you think you would like to help your local community, but don't have the time, Rotary now has something that might suit you...

Breakfast Meetings once a month

From **Tuesday 21 June** Kinross Rotary will be running a breakfast meeting on the third Tuesday of every month. Meetings will run from 7.15am to 8.30am sharp at the Kirklands Hotel in Kinross.

We want to expand the opportunity for the lovely people of Kinross and district to find out about Rotary and consider giving some of their time to the local community. The meetings will be short and sweet with a quality breakfast from the Kirklands for just £6.

We will also have speakers from local businesses and relevant organisations. So if you can't make Monday night, why not come along and have a chat with club members over coffee and a breakfast roll? To find out more about Rotary breakfast meetings, contact

George Lawrie by email on gt.lawrie@gmail.com or by phone on 01577 862 168. Alternatively, simply come along on one of the Tuesday mornings. We'll make you feel welcome.

The Great Escape!

Speaking of community events, the Mary Queen of Scots 'The Great Escape' Boat Race is back! This will be the fourth year the event has been running and things have been going from strength to strength.

Some of the money we raised last year went towards the President's disbursements mentioned earlier.

This year we will be having the boat race on **Sunday 28 August at 12pm**. Entries are now open, so get together with your friends and colleagues and get a team entered. Each team registration costs £30 which, of course, will all go to charity. This entitles you to one race. Should a team wish to have another race later in the afternoon and try to improve their time, this will cost an additional £15. Again, all proceeds to charity.

This year will be doubly exciting as we are running the boat race in conjunction with the Green Hotel's Mary, Queen of Scots event. So there will be activities and events going on all over Kinross that weekend. Contact Barry on 07809 644 760 or barrydavies57@btinternet.com for more information about the event, to register a team, or maybe your business would like to sponsor a prize for the event?! The more teams, the more races, the more fun and the more money raised for local charities!



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For more information, go to www.rotary.org/give and choose the type of project you would like to support.

Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme



On 10 May the group were delighted to be presented with a cheque for £300 from the **Ochil Golf League**. The Ochil League was started at Muckhart Golf Club in 1959 by member Andrew Dougal. It was originally called 'The Nine Hole League' and was made up of nine hole courses in the Ochil Hills area. It continues today, in a small way, to raise money for local charities. Clubs participating in the league nominate a local charity and this year Milnathort Golf Club nominated us.

Donations are always very welcome to help the group continue to provide community transport in the Kinross-shire area.



Jack Wallace, organiser of The Ochil Golf League, presenting the cheque

Kinross-shire Day Centre

The main event this month was our holiday to Dornoch. We stayed at the Dornoch Hotel where we were given excellent service and care, including entertainment in the evenings. As well as exploring the lovely town of Dornoch itself, with its interesting cathedral, we travelled for days out to Wick and John O'Groats, through lovely Strathpeffer and the Great Glen beside Loch Ness and over to Ullapool. We even had a quick paddle in the Cromarty Firth at Portmahomack but the sea was freezing! Otherwise, the weather was surprisingly good and the holiday has given us all many happy memories. Thank you to the staff who organised it all and ensured everything went smoothly.

We continue to enjoy our barge trips from Ratho approximately monthly during the summer. These are operated by the Seagull Trust and we are very grateful to the crew who always go out of their way to give us an entertaining and relaxing day out.

We always try to celebrate birthdays in the Day Centre (even in a small way) but the Queen's 90th birthday has given us the excuse to have two parties; after all, the Queen has two birthdays! The first of these was on Thursday 21 April, when we had tea and traditional party games with a royal twist.

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

For the regular Day Centre programme see page 106.

Common Grounds



Everything, they say, comes in threes and so it has been for our bank balance.

First of all, 'pennies make pounds'. This is another cliché but one that is so true of George Crawford's latest small change donation of £132.60, making his total to date a magnificent £859.60! Many thanks to him and all others who have donated. They really do add up.

Secondly, as reported in the May Newsletter, £436 was raised at the latest Project Lunch and then thirdly, there was our accessories coffee morning, held in conjunction with the Perth Dialysis Patient Comfort Fund. A sum of £340 was made for this charity, including £61 from guessing the weight of the cloutie dumpling. Margaret Keith was the outright winner with the correct answer of 4lb 13oz. However, teddy was also a winner that morning, being fed £151.40.

All in all, it was a very productive, enjoyable time and while we greatly value the funds being boosted so well, it was lovely to see the Guide Hall full with lots of happy customers. We look forward to your promised return and offer a warm welcome to any reader yet to 'pop in'.

Last of all, but most importantly, a very sincere thank you to the volunteers and friends for all their hard work and support which is instrumental in such success.

Projects: Our projects for June and July will be chosen at our next Volunteers meeting on **Wednesday 1 June**.

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.

Kinross-shire Time Exchange



The Kinross farmers' market was the perfect opportunity for an information sharing coffee morning for the Kinross-shire Time Exchange.

Our membership is now over 50 and, with the new website about to be launched, we're hopeful that many more folk will come on board and benefit from this great opportunity to share their time and talents with each other. Our committee was very grateful to have received a grant from Perth and Kinross Council for funding the first year of operating. However, as their budget is now very tight, the Exchange will be managed by its six committee members on a voluntary basis.

The details of our new website will be in the next edition of this Newsletter but, in the meantime, we can be contacted by emailing time-exchange@kinross.cc, or by calling 07469 758984 to request or offer a service, or to join the Exchange.

Club Correspondents

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

Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

Get out for a regular walk; explore new places, improve your mental and physical fitness and meet people. Whether you're new or returning to walking, or an experienced 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

Friday 3 June - Sunday 5 June

Walking weekend in Kingussie area (fully booked).

Saturday 18 June: Braco Lochs, Fort and Castle, 6.5 miles

Low level walk starting from the Roman fort at Ardoch and continuing around the Upper and Lower Rhynd Lochs, rich in wild fowl.

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

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

Tuesday Short Walks

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

Tuesday 7 June: Gartmorn Dam Circuit

An easy, flat walk around the reservoir on good paths. Lovely tranquil area with pleasant views and plenty of birdlife.

Tuesday 21 June: Bo'ness, 4.5 miles

A walk past the harbour and into the nature reserve. Good views of the Forth and of Fife. Then a look at the spruced-up older part of the town.

This walk will be led by David Payne, contact 01577 862715.

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

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

Film show fundraiser

As well as providing local residents with a big screen experience in their local hall, Milnathort Filmhouse's showing of 'The Lady in the Van' in May raised funds for Broke Not Broken, the community group tackling the effects of poverty. Eithne Middleton, Chair of Milnathort Filmhouse, said, "The night was a huge success, raising over £430, with additional donations received in the form of five crates of food. This is testament to the generosity and goodwill of our very tight-knit community."

Broke Not Broken is currently fundraising to buy a van to help with its work.

Graham Holden, founder of Broke Not Broken, said, "I'm extremely proud to be part of a community which can work together so effectively to support one another. The money raised will go a long way in helping us achieve our longer term goals, while the food bank donations will immediately benefit those in need."

Milnathort Filmhouse's next screenings are 'Minions' and 'Sunset Song' on 25 June. (See page 101.)



l to r: Shoena Fryer of Milnathort Filmhouse with Graham Holden, Joan Cornwall and Derrick Scrimgeour of Broke Not Broken and Morag Thomson, Milnathort Filmhouse.

Kinross & District Inner Wheel

Our May meeting was mostly taken up with AGM business. President Alison Reid reported on a very successful year with a good variety of speakers and some enjoyable fund-raising. Through this we have been able to support Mary's Meals, Water Aid, and School in a Bag overseas. Nearer home, we have supported Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland and Motor Neurone Disease Scotland among others.

Committee members elected for next year were as follows:

President: **Doreen Blanche**

Vice-president and club correspondent: **Christine MacLure**

Secretary: **Elaine Matthew**

Treasurer: **Elizabeth Harley**

Overseas: **Elsa Sinclair**

Past president: **Alison Reid**

And **Carol McIntyre** and **Margaret Timms**

Gwen Perry accompanied some community singing to round off the evening.



Boys Brigade

The company celebrated the session end at the annual display and presentation of awards at Kinross Church Centre on Friday 13 May.



Company Captain David Munro summed up the successful session, reporting success for junior and company sections in Perth Battalion competitions. The juniors won the figure marching and singing competitions and Company Section won dodgeball, badminton, midnight hike, swimming and both drill competitions.

The company took part in national badminton, chess and table tennis competitions, reaching the Scottish final of the badminton.

Two officers are currently undergoing outdoor leadership training to enable further involvement in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. Members are currently working towards bronze and gold levels.

Two senior company section members successfully participated in a Queen's badge completion course with the official presentation due to take place in Dunfermline on Sunday 5 June. Five other members are working towards the completion of their Queen's badge record books.



Junior Brigade members on their away day to Dunfermline

At display night, parish church session clerk, Jaffrey Weir, was inspecting officer and presented the following awards:

Anchor Section

Promotion certificates to junior section: **Matthew Bell; Harry Bland; Gus Clark; Angus McEwan; Rhys McLeod; Andrew Robertson; Joshua Robinson; Konnor Slaven; Elspeth Stewart; Lillias Webster.**

Best Squad: Squad 4, **Harry Bland, Andrew Robertson, Elspeth Stewart, Rhys McLeod, Ben Halkett and Oliver Hodge.**

Best Anchor:

Best Recruit: 4th **William Constable** and **Noah Jamieson;** 3rd **Zara Webster** and **Sam Wilks;** 2nd **Reuben Douglas;** 1st **Oliver Hodge.**

Best 2nd year: 3rd **Euan Bell** and **Alysia Ross;** 2nd **Clair Cassells;** 1st **Luke Reilly.**

Best 3rd year: 4th **Konnor Slaven** and **Lillias Webster;** 3rd **Gus Clark** and **Joshua Robinson;** 2nd **Angus Ewan;** 1st **Matthew Bell.**

Junior Section

Battalion Awards: figure marching trophy and singing trophy.

Junior Section Awards

Best recruit: 3rd **Murray Gill** and **Millie Bell;** 2nd **Elizabeth Savage;** 1st **Martha Harvey.**

Best 2nd year: 2nd **Oliver Dunn;** 1st **David Savage.**

Best 3rd year: 3rd **Zoe Webster** and **Aaron Ferguson;** 2nd **Grady Kinnell;** 1st **Grace Bland.**

Best junior overall: **Martha Harvey.**

Company Section

Battalion Awards

Senior drill medal: **Callum Jack.**

Junior drill medal: **Matthew Dunn.**

Dodgeball: **Euan Duthie, Douglas Mair, Fraser Barbour** and **Robbie Mackessack.**

Midnight hike: **Fraser Barbour, Douglas Mair** and **Matthew Dunn.**

Badminton: **Jack Watson.**

Norie Miller shield for best swimmer: **Jack Watson.**

Company Section Awards

Best youngster at camp: **Fraser Barbour.**

Best squad: 3rd **Squad 2;** 2nd **Squad 4;** 1st **Squad 3 (Jack Watson, George Milne, Amy Wilson and Jack Bland).**

Neale Trophy (Citizenship): **Fraser Barbour.**

Best recruit: 2nd **Rebecca Roe;** 1st **Jack Bland.**

Best member (Melville Trophy): 3rd **Chris Cassells;** 2nd **Callum Jack,** 1st **George Milne.**

Queen's Badges:

Joshua Roe and **Fraser Barbour.**

Kinross Bridge Club

Another successful and enjoyable autumn/winter season has now come to an end.



The Peter Stirling Championship Quaich for best individual over the season was won by **Dora Hague** and the runner up was **Jim Marshall.**

At the end of season party night the winners were as follows:

North-South 1st **Elizabeth Harley** and **Margo Campbell**
 2nd **Susie Ballantyne** and **Linda Bayne**

East-West 1st **Ray** and **Helen Cruickshanks**
 2nd **Madge Malcolm** and **Pat Forrest**

We look forward to the next season, which starts on **Wednesday 14 September.**

New members are always welcome. We meet in the Church Centre between 6.30pm and 6.40pm in order to start promptly at 6.45pm.

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Kinross Camera Club

April started with an open discussion called 'images you love or loathe' where members were able to share some of their personal favourites or pet hates. This was a really interesting evening which highlighted the huge diversity of different tastes and styles within the club.

The 'treasure hunt weekend' saw several teams hunting around a few of Fife's well known coastal villages trying to decipher some very complicated clues in order to locate photographic subjects. Thanks to Bill for making up the competition this year and congratulations to the winning team.

The annual competition is our last of the year and usually sees the best of the year's photos from all the other competitions reappearing for one final shot at a prize. The competition was judged by Sue and Doug Hamilton from Edinburgh Photographic Society.

Our final speaker of the year was Shahbaz Majeed from Dundee Photographic Society and he gave a fascinating

talk on 'long exposure photography'. His most recent claim to fame is an aerial picture he took of the Forth Rail Bridge which has ended up on the new Clydesdale Bank £5 note. That's the end of the 2015/16 session but many of the club continue to meet every Thursday evening through the summer to visit various local photographic locations. These are very informal gatherings and provide less experienced members the chance to develop their skills under the guidance of more seasoned photographers. New members are welcome to attend these events and, if you are interested, please contact Alison Rutherford at alison.rutherford1@live.com. Alison will provide you with details of where and when to meet the rest of the team.

The 2016/17 season starts on **Thursday 15 September** at 7.30pm in Kinross Church Centre. We are always delighted to have new people join the club, whether you are an active photographer or simply want to sit and enjoy other people's photos and join in the friendly chat.

The photo below is called 'Early Morning Reflections' and was taken just before dawn on Loch Rusky near Callander.



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Kinross & District Art Club

KADAC Members were privileged to have Crook of Devon-based artist **Nichol Wheatley** provide the final demonstration of the club spring term sessions. Nichol is known for his large mosaics and murals and is a member of 'The New Glasgow Realists', a group of artists committed to working from life and concentrating on drawing and observation.

In his demonstration to the club, Nichol produced a large landscape painting in oils, working from 20 preparatory sketches and a photograph taken from Loch Leven's Larder, looking towards Benarty and the Ochils. This, he said, allowed him to work out the composition rather than paint directly from the photo.

More of Nichol's work can be seen on his website at www.nicholwheatley.com and at this year's Perthshire Open Studios in his Crook of Devon Studio from **Saturday 3 to Sunday 11 September**. In the photograph here, he is discussing his painting with Elma Milne, one of the club's longest serving members.

The Club now takes a break until the end of August, when it is 'all hands on deck'

for our **annual exhibition** in the Parish Church from **Thursday 8 to Saturday 10 September**. Our opening evening, to be addressed by local businessman Adam Winski, will be held on **Wednesday 7 September**.

During the summer break we plan to have two **outdoor painting sessions**, organised by club member John Tydeman. One of these will be at Dowhill House on **Tuesday 14 June** and

the second will take place at Loch Leven's Larder on **Friday 1 July**.

We also have a few places left on our outing to the **Pittenweem Art Festival** on **Tuesday 8 August** and non-members are welcome to join us at £8 for the round trip. More details are on our website at www.kadac.co.uk, where you can contact us if you are interested in any of these events.



Nichol Wheatley discussing his painting with Elma Milne




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Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation



Be part of 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 October and during November and December) 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 **Saturday 29 October**. It will include 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 (**Saturday 12 November**), Light Out by Nine (**Saturday 19 November**) and Lucy Duffy will be back with another fabulous musical show (**Friday 11 and Saturday 12 November**). The yearly Choirs Together concert is on **Sunday 20 November** and the Festive Street Market and Light Up Kinross event is on **Saturday 26 November**. For more information about the festival and updates, go to www.kleo.org.uk.

Kinross Farmers' Market

How lucky we were with some glorious weather for our first Kinross Farmers' Market on Saturday 30 April. It was great to see so many people coming out to support the market. Also many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with erecting and dismantling stalls, stewarding or helping at the coffee and tea stall. Without your help we would have struggled!

We are very interested in what your thoughts are and would like some feedback:

1. Did you find everything you would have expected at this market?
2. If not, what would you like to see in the future?
3. Was your shopping experience pleasant in the centre of Kinross?
4. Did you like the layout of the market?
5. Any further comments?

Please email your feedback to info@kleo.org.uk.

The next Farmers' Market dates are **Saturday 30 July** and **Saturday 29 October**. The market is from 9am to 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.

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 **Alice Marra**. All sessions take place on Tuesdays at 7.30pm in the Kinross Parish Church. You pay as you go (£4 or £3 concession). Just come along, sing and enjoy!

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



The fine weather drew lots of people to the first Kinross farmers' market



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Wildlife photos from around Loch Leven



These cygnets will be with their parents until about the age of 6 months. They are already independent, and find their own food which includes such things as stonewort invertebrates and tadpoles.

Photo by Tom Cole



You can read the full report from the National Nature Reserve on page 89.



Kinross in Bloom

In mid April we took delivery of over 2000 young plants in plug form, and on Saturday 23rd members and extra volunteers set to and planted them into larger pots. These extra pairs of hands made all the difference, and the job was completed by lunch time. Our grateful thanks to those "extras".

Meanwhile, our polytunnel is full of flowering young plants, being watered and cared for by our members.

At the end of April, we took a stand at the Farmers' Market, and using our pick-up truck as a base we offered some young plants for sale in aid of 'Bloom' funds. Our end of the market was fairly well attended, and we managed to sell a considerable number of plants. The total amount raised is not yet known as there is still money coming from the sale of leftover plants, but we hopeful of a good outcome.

Another addition to our funds was a kind donation from the Rotary Club of Kinross, presented to us at a gathering in the Kirklands Hotel, for which we thank them most sincerely.

You may have noticed that the planted area at Gacé Gardens has been cleared of bushes and old plants. This was carried out by PKC, and they will be responsible for restocking the area, after which Kinross in Bloom will take over the required

maintenance. We look forward to some good displays.

Our 200 Club winners for May are as follows:

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. 13 Mrs B Dolan | 2. 52 Lady D Montgomery |
| 3. 59 Dr A Rutherford | 4. 36 Mrs R McCalman |

Congratulations to all.

Our **Annual General Meeting** will take place in the Garden Room of the Church Centre on **Wednesday 1 June** at 7.30pm.



Kinross in Bloom volunteers at the Farmers' Market

Gospel Hall at the Market Park

Christians have met in the Gospel Hall, Montgomery Street, Kinross, since the 1920s when it was first opened as a centre for Christian witness. Current activities include regular friends and neighbours teas, senior citizens teas, toddler groups on Thursday mornings and Sunday Club for children, along with weekly services for Bible teaching to which an invitation is extended to all.

Our beliefs are Bible based and our ambition is to make the Gospel widely known in the community.

For this purpose, we have reserved the field adjacent to the Windlestrae Hotel and are erecting a marquee for a series of meetings to explain the relevance of Bible teaching to modern Scotland. This will be for children and adults.

See advert on opposite page for details.

Dollar Museum

Well worth a visit... another visit... a regular visit!

The museum is free and open every weekend until Christmas. We have four new exhibitions this year: *Robert Burns in Dollar*, *Old Churches and Old Pewter*, *A Ship in a Bottle* and the *History of Football in Dollar*.

Bring the footballer in your life to browse the pictures and trophies of the football teams from the 1900s through to today's Dollar Glen FC. There are still a few fathers and grandfathers to be identified.

Our *Ship in a Bottle* exhibit tells the story of a WWI prisoner of war camp in Glendevon. The prisoners worked on the lower Glendevon Reservoir dam. The display explains how the bottle came to be given to a local girl, locates the camp and tells of prisoners escaping and being recaptured.

Swot up for your next Burns Supper! Learn about the poems Burns wrote for the ladies at Harviestoun.

Pewter communion vessels used in Dollar and Muckhart from as early as 1747 are on display. They are accompanied by communion tokens and other old church items, plus images and histories of local churches, including Shelterhall and Andrew's Fold. Simplified diagrams explain the schisms, splits and reunions within the churches in Scotland, both nationally and locally.

Don't forget we have an extensive archive of photos of old Dollar. And remember the recent excitement over the rebuilt *Flying Scotsman*? We, too, have our steam railway history. The permanent exhibition on the Devon Valley Railway includes over 750 photos, including nearly every steam and diesel engine that ever came through Dollar Station and headed on to Alloa or Kinross.

There's plenty to keep the children occupied. Let them play with some old-fashioned toys: not a digital app in sight! This year we are selling locally themed colouring books and crayons in the shop. And there are plenty of exclusive Dollar gifts to buy.

Opening times are Saturdays 11am-1pm and 2pm-4.30pm and Sundays 2pm-4.30pm. You can find us on our Website, on Facebook and on Trip Advisor.

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

April Draw

1st	No 23	Alastair Morgan, Kinnesswood
2nd	No 97	Susan F G Forde, Scotlandwell
3rd	No 35	Elspeth Baird, Kirkness

Kinross & District Probus Club



Before the business of the AGM, the club was entertained by **Gillian Galbraith** who gave a talk called 'My Life in Crime'. The title is not as nefarious as it suggests but refers to the fact that she is an author who writes murder mysteries. Gillian recounted how she began writing crime novels.

Upon leaving University and not very sure about what to do, Gillian took a job in a restaurant but this did not last more than six weeks. Next, she obtained a job with Thins the bookseller in Edinburgh. This was more successful but her underlying yen to become an author led Gillian to seek employment with D C Thomson, the publisher of the Courier. Her first task was to write the astrology column although she had no knowledge of the subject. Thereafter, Gillian wrote the 'agony aunt' column (again, without any experience especially as she had spent ten years in a convent school!).

At last, Gillian decided to take up law and became a Trainee Solicitor. Her first experiences included representing the Fire Brigade union and also a garments union. Eventually, she went to the bar and was involved in agricultural law and church law.

At the same time, Gillian had two children. Unfortunately, one daughter had problems with her heart (she has now fully recovered) and caring for her daughter took up the majority of Gillian's time. Due to this, her career in law was difficult to sustain. During this period, Gillian began writing crime novels based on her varied experience, hence the title of her talk.

This successful venture required a lot of research into police procedure and the various themes which Gillian chose for her novels. She chose local backgrounds and based her characters, not on any particular people, but on her observations of, and advice from, local people. To date, she has written and published seven novels on themes such as prostitution, assisted dying and one based on Kinross called 'The Good Priest'.

George Ponton gave the vote of thanks for an entertaining talk.

The Club then held the AGM in which the president's report and the treasurer's report were adopted.

Outgoing president **Robin Webster** handed over to **Ruary MacLeod** who will serve as president for the year 2016/2017.

Other committee members were adopted by the meeting.

The Club will now break for the summer. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 7 September**.

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Kinross Museum

Many thanks to all who came to visit our stand at the *Feel Good Fair* in the community campus on 14 May.

We will have a presence in the community campus hall during the celebration of the **Queen's 90th Birthday** on **Friday 10 June** and on **Saturday 11 June** the Museum will also be taking part in the Perth & Kinross Archaeology Month **Bronze Age Fair** at Portmoak Village Hall. [See page 11 for more information.] On **Sunday 12 June** come and look for us at the Loch Leven **Discovery Day** in the Kirkgate Park. [See page 14 for more about Discovery Day.]

David Munro will be giving his Community Campus Library talk "If it wasna for the weavers" at 1.45pm on **Thursday 23 June**. Tickets can be obtained from the Library staff.



Museum volunteers at the Feel Good Fair

Orwell Girls on the look out for new Girlguiding Volunteers

Girls from Milnathort are calling for more volunteers to help enrich the lives of girls and young women in their community. Milnathort and other groups in the area have become so popular that they need more volunteers to help tackle waiting lists and give every girl the opportunities offered through guiding. They enjoy a hugely varied, girl-led programme of activities, incorporating everything from world issues and science to adventure sports, social action and international travel.

Girlguiding welcomes volunteers of all backgrounds, abilities and faiths. From running a group to giving just one or two hours a month, volunteering is very flexible and can fit around a busy lifestyle.

There are a huge number of ways volunteers can support girls in guiding, from training as a Leader to smaller supporting roles including accounting, driving and event helpers.

If you'd like to find out more about volunteering with Girlguiding, please contact Alison on **07764 750212** or **01577 864262**.

Girlguiding is the leading charity for girls and young women in the UK, with 554,053 members. Thanks to the dedication and support of 100,000 amazing volunteers, we are active in every part of the UK, giving girls and young women a space where they can be themselves, have fun, build brilliant friendships, gain valuable life skills and make a positive difference to their lives and their communities. We build girls' confidence and raise their aspirations. We give them the chance to discover their full potential and encourage them to be a powerful force for good.

We run Rainbows (5-7 yrs), Brownies (7-10 yrs), Guides (10-14 yrs) and The Senior Section (14-25 yrs).

To find out more about Girlguiding, call 0800 169 5901 or visit www.girlguiding.org.uk

Kinross and District Town Twinning Association

New twinnings needed!

Our friends in our twin town of Gacé are preparing their summer visit at the beginning of August, with a number of new couples and families wishing to join in the twinning experience. The Gacé area is famous for its cider, calvados and cheeses and I am sure there will be a plentiful supply brought over for locals to sample at the Kinross Show.

With forty years of twinning between the two areas, we are one of the oldest and most experienced 'live' twinnings in our region.

Would you like to join in the fun experience of twinning? It is a great way of making new friends, learning a bit more about our own country from a tourist's point of view, sharing crafts, culture, customs, costumes, commonalities and cooking as well as art, architecture, history and natural scenic beauty.

If you feel you would like to savour the flavour of twinning, please contact chairperson Jeannie Paterson on 01577 862159 for further information.



Scotlandwell in Bloom Plant and Bake Sale

The Scotlandwell in Bloom team would like to say a big thank-you to everyone who supported their Plant and Bake Sale on 30 April at the Well Country Inn and for helping to make it such a success. It was a beautiful morning and the plants lined up outside were looking their best! The tables inside were groaning under the amount of preserves and homebaking – thank you to everyone who donated. The tombola stall was a huge success too, with some great prizes to be won; so again, thank you to those who contributed, and of course to everyone who bought from any (or all!) of the stalls. A lovely friendly atmosphere could be felt in the air, and tea, coffee and cake were enjoyed by those who were able to stay on a little longer to enjoy the morning.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the tremendous support of the Well Country Inn, so a huge thank-you to Ronnie and Tanya for hosting and supporting the Sale, and to all the staff who helped make the event such a success.

Kinross Garden Group

48 members and friends enjoyed a warm and sunny trip to NTS Arduanie Gardens and Oban on 12 May. Our next trip is on **Thursday 9 June** when we will be heading to Hutton-in-the-Forest near Penrith. This is a house and garden we have not visited before. There may be seats available if you would like to join us. Contact Mrs C Rodger on 01577 863785 for more details.



Loch Leven Community Campus

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What's Happening at the Campus

For Library events, see p. 24.

Mum2mummarket, Sat 4 June, 10.30am - 12.30pm. These award-winning pop-up markets are nearly new sales where you can: **BUY** top quality pre-loved baby and children's goods. We bring lots of sellers together under one roof to give you a huge choice and the best bargains. **SELL** your kids outgrown stuff and keep 100% of the proceeds. It's hassle free, fun and profitable. There will be Clothes, Toys, Books, Prams, Car Seats, Slings, Bedding, Nursery Equipment, Cots, DVDs, Walkers, Ride-On Toys, Puzzles, Games, Bikes, Scooters and lots more. Admission is **£2 on the door** (2 for 1 voucher on the website). For stall booking and more information, please use the following contacts:

Facebook: Mum2mum Market Scotland

Website: www.mum2mummarket.co.uk

Email: info@mum2mummarket.co.uk

Skedaddle Youth Theatre Drama Performance, Sunday 5 June. Please contact fionafferrier@hotmail.co.uk for more details.

Kinross Hub Carers Café, Mon 6 June. The Hub Café is an informal meeting place to chat over a cuppa with other carers, cared for and family members from 10am to 12 noon. The guest for June is Sarah Renwick from Positive Choice Therapies commencing at **10.15am prompt**.

HM Queen 90th Birthday Celebrations, Friday 10 June. There will be a KHS Street Party for all of the KHS pupils

in the morning and a celebration Afternoon Tea Dance for invited members from local groups in the community. The music and dance entertainment will be 2pm – 4pm and will include refreshments. For more information, contact Gerry McGregor.

Rosemount Nursery End of Year Performance, Saturday 11 June. For more details, please contact: infor@rosemountnurserykinross.co.uk

Antiques Fair. NO Fair in June. Next date is 23 July.

Kinross High School Show, 21-23 June. Starting at 7pm, this event is suitable for all ages. Tickets will be available from the School Office.

Helen O'Grady Drama Academy Drama Presentation, Saturday 25 June. For more details, please contact tayforth@helenogrady.co.uk

Kinross-shire Schools P7 Prom, Wednesday 29 June. This will be a spectacular send off for P7 pupils.

Classes at the Campus

Daisy Foundation Birthing Classes. Daisy Birthing is a practical, educational and supportive journey through pregnancy and birth. For more information, please go to www.thedaisyfoundation.com and to join the new class in Kinross, contact Natalie Young at: Natalie-young@thedaisyfoundation.com

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

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

Seamab School

No sooner were the children back at school after the Easter holidays, than we were straight into planning and rehearsals for **Seamab's Got Talent**; a chance for the pupils (and some of the staff!) to show off their individuality.

There was singing, playing of instruments, poetry, rapping, a display of ninja moves, and even two dazzling displays of incredible canine aptitude; one from Dexter, a real-life springer spaniel, and another from a puppy that may have resembled a member of staff in a onesie, but whose behaviour and talent was so like that of a real dog, no-one could be certain!

There was no distinction to be made between the audience enthusiasm of the actual television show and Seamab's version, either. It may have been less than 50 people in the room as opposed to thousands in the Royal Albert Hall, but it was just as special an event, with clapping, cheering, standing ovations and even the odd tear-in-the-eye at times.

What really made the event so special, however, was the positive experience it represented for the children.

Seamab educates and cares for 15 children between the ages of five and 13, all of whom have been through individual experiences of trauma and loss at an early age. For some of them, this meant that they struggled to even be able to talk to adults and other children before they came here, let alone stand up and perform.

Seamab's Got Talent demonstrates the work of the organisation in the most positive and recognisable way. It really wasn't about judging anyone's talents at all – it was about bringing everyone together to celebrate the fact that every child is unique and valued for who they are, and worthy of time and attention.

Everyone deserves childhood memories of feeling special and appreciated. This event is just one way in which Seamab works to achieve that for the children who live and learn here. To find out more about what we do, visit our website at www.seamab.org.uk

Work continues on development of Seamab's fundraising strategy and plans for an exciting range of activity across 2016 and beyond. We would be delighted to hear from anyone in the local community who can help in any way, especially volunteers interested in supporting forthcoming fundraising events, such as our Golf Day at Muckhart Golf Club in September.

Please do get in touch if you have some spare time or a good idea to raise money for Seamab by calling us on 01577 840307 by emailing Susie Williamson, Fundraising Manager, at swilliamson@seamab.org.uk.

For more about Seamab, see also Congratulations, page 93.

Kinnesswood in Bloom

To date, the "Friends of KIB" letters have brought in very generous donations of £860. The group are very grateful for the continued support of residents. We have also received some lovely comments and offers to help. Our funds were also boosted by a generous donation from the Rotary.

This is a big year, with three competitions ongoing: the local one, Take a Pride in Perthshire and Beautiful Scotland. You may notice everything is being painted at the moment and shortly our lovely golfers will be placed at the golf course. In addition we have some golfers converted into gardeners and they will be appearing in the village along with a couple of teddy bear picnics.

Janette and John attended a workshop in Cupar and found it very useful, both in giving tips for becoming a successful group and in meeting with other people.

Kinnesswood in Bloom will be providing teas, scones and cakes etc for an Archaeology day at Portmoak Hall run by Living Lomonds.

Work with children has been ongoing, tatties and some vegetables have been planted and the Community Group in the school have been making bunting for the village. Some secondary children from Kinross High will be doing voluntary work on 2 June to help both KIB and the Paths group. Meanwhile the art work for the Portmoak Festival is nearly complete. Come along and enjoy the artistic interpretations for the "Year of Innovation and Architecture".



Recipe



supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

Pavlova with Lemon Curd and Fruit

Ingredients

4 egg whites	Pinch salt
250g caster sugar	1 tsp white vinegar
2 tsp cornflour	500 g lemon curd
250 g double cream	Mixed seasonable berries

Method

Heat the oven to 120° C. Line a baking tray with baking paper, then draw an 8 inch diameter circle in the middle.

Place the egg whites and a pinch of salt in a clean dry bowl. Beat with a whisk till soft peaks form. Gradually add the caster sugar, beating well after every addition until mixture is stiff and glossy. Fold in the vinegar, vanilla and cornflour.

Pile onto the circle, shaping it and leaving the centre slightly hollowed. Cook for one to one and a half hours till crisp and dry on the outside. Turn off the oven and leave to cool with the door open.

Whip the cream till stiff then fold about 3 tablespoons into the curd. Spoon onto the meringue and heap the berries on top. Serve with the remaining cream.

Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club

The next meeting is on **Thursday 2 June**, when the speaker will be Mr Ian Low, telling us about the 'Ladies of Hopetoun'.



Away Days

Thu 9 June Montrose

Thu 23 June Picnic at Marshall Lodge, Trossachs

The coach leaves from opposite the Green Hotel at 9.15am.

Contact: Pat Crawford, telephone 01577 862962.

Notices

- Annual Outing:** This is on **3 July** and we are going to Highland Wildlife Park, Kingussie. Price £34, which includes coach, entrance, high tea and tips. Please contact Pat Crawford, tel 01577 862962.
- Please note, there are **no monthly meetings or Away Days in July and August**.

Friday Walkers

3 June Tentsmuir Forest and Morton Lochs.

17 June The Pineapple, Airth, and Dunmore village.

Our walks will continue to leave from the Green Hotel.

Contact: Ian Simpson on 01577 863691.

Friday Hill Walkers

10 June Glen Artney: Red Kite Walk Jock 8.30am

24 June Arbroath Cliff Walk Jacky 8.30am

Activities

The following are open to all members of the Club:

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.

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

Activities finished for the summer: Bowling, Fly tying and Keep Fit.



"Zentangle" interpretation of house and garden for this year's Portmoak Festival Theme

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Annual General Meeting

Kinross-shire Civic Trust held its Annual General Meeting at Cleish Hall on Tuesday 12 April 2016.

In presenting his Annual Report, the Chairman made the following points.

This year is the 25th Anniversary of the foundation of the Kinross-shire Civic Trust. Professor David Munro established the Trust in 1991 with the objects of promoting and encouraging a public interest in, and care for, the beauty, history and character of the areas of Kinross-shire and Glenfarg in order to maintain their essential character of the area, and the preservation, conservation, development and improvement of buildings of general public or historic interest and a high standard of architecture and planning in the area.

The Trust strives to make a positive contribution to all things. The Trust's **Planning Committee** meets once a month to consider all the applications for Kinross-shire. The Planning Committee is made up of a wide amount of experience and knowledge, including professionals who bring their skills to examine the applications. The latest Local Plan is now under consideration and the Trust has responded to this.

Part of the Local Plan has always been the **landscape**. PKC has recently issued a new Guidance on Landscape. In that, they created **Local Landscape Areas**, but a surprising omission was the Cleish Hills. The Trust justified their inclusion, but PKC has given no explanation for their exclusion. This is particularly surprising as the south slopes of the Cleish Hills are in Fife, and Fife Council has designated them a Local Landscape Area. There are a number of **Conservation Areas** and the Trust has been involved in the creation of these. Milnathort has not been included as a Conservation Area, despite being a very old village with a number of Listed Buildings within its curtilage. The Trust has prepared a paper proposing Milnathort a Conservation Area and describing why that is justified.

The Trust continues its opposition to **wind farms**. It considers them a visual intrusion on a beautiful landscape and also they are grossly inefficient.

The Trust has always **supported development** but it has to be good development and the Trust will continue to oppose development that is inappropriate and is contrary to the Local Plan.

Recent issues in the last year where the Trust has objected include the installation of plastic windows and doors in the renovated Kinross Town Hall, a Grade B Listed Building; the application for new houses at the old Kinross High School site, which is in a Conservation Area; and, despite encouraging the redevelopment of Kinross High Street, the Trust's concern over the safe operation of traffic and pedestrians in the redesigned road.

The Trust's efforts to encourage good architecture have included the introduction of **Architectural Awards** schemes for new build, renovation and restoration of old buildings and improvement of the environment, including tree plantation. The Awards are run by the **Trust's Awards Committee**, who also run the **Best Kept Village Competition**. This is the 50th year of the competition, established by Sir Robert Stewart as an incentive for village communities to come together and keep their communities neat and tidy. It is wonderful that

the competition continues today and is still enthusiastically supported by communities throughout Kinross-shire. The Trust has been very pleased to organise the competition for a number of years now.

The Chairman thanked the Planning Committee for all their hard work this year. He particularly thanked Mr Bill Beaton, who has been a member of the Committee for very many years and who has now decided to retire. Bill has a very broad spectrum of knowledge and experience in architecture from the very ancient to the very modern and the Trust will miss his considerable input to the Committee. The Chairman thanked the Awards Committee under Patrick Milne Home. Their committee has to put in a tremendous amount of work in arranging and organising these competitions every year and the Trust is very grateful to them all. Finally, he thanked the Executive Committee, David Munro, Eileen Thomas and Ken Miles for all their strong support in this past year.

The Treasurer presented an audited set of Accounts for the Trust, which showed the accounts to be in a healthy state. These were accepted by the meeting.

The meeting agreed to appoint the following officers for the coming year: Alistair Smith (Chairman), Eileen Thomas (Secretary) and Ken Miles (Treasurer).

The meeting was followed by an excellent talk by Uwe Stoneman, manager of RSPB Loch Leven at Vane Farm. Uwe described with excellent illustrations the aspirations and forward planning that RSPB had for the future development of Vane Farm. There were many interesting questions after he had completed his talk.

Portmoak Priory, Scotlandwell

As part of the Archaeology Month event being held at Portmoak Village Hall on **Saturday 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. See page 11 for more details and how to book your place.

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 9 JUNE**, reception 7pm for 7.30pm.

PLEASE NOTE the change of date from that originally advertised (which was 2 June).

There will be a wine and canapé Reception followed by a three-course Dinner and then a talk by Professor David Munro, the Trust's President.

Members and guests are very welcome.

To reserve your place(s), please complete the form below and send to Mrs Elsa Sinclair at: Tormore, 15 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW. Please make cheques payable to the Kinross-shire Civic Trust. Or telephone Mrs Sinclair on 01577 863279 to reserve place(s).

Name

Address

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Phone No.....

No of places required

Total cost at £30 per head

Dobbies Community Champion

The June Little Seedlings club will be at 11 am on **Sunday 5 June**. We will learn all about butterflies, and how to attract them to your garden. New members aged 4 to 10 are always welcome, accompanied by an adult. We will be meeting at the allotments behind the store, and planting some vegetables in our growing patch. Please leave a message for Amanda if you are planning to join us (phone number below). The July meeting will take place on **Sunday 3 July**.

Pupils in P1/2 at Fossoway Primary school have been using some of the items which we have donated for them to grow some flower and vegetable seeds, and herbs and perennial plants for bees and butterflies. They also learned about how seeds grow, and planted broad bean seeds in pots.



Fossoway pupils have been growing flower and vegetable seeds

I will also be supporting the new bloom group in the village, to be known as 'Crook and Drum, Growing Together'.

If you have any queries about community involvement from Dobbies, please contact Amanda James by phone on 01577 863327 or via community.kinross@dobbies.com.

Potager Garden

Plants have been growing really quickly during the warm weather in May, and our volunteers have been busy keeping on top of the weeds.

The school children have planted potatoes, onions, peas and beans, with more flowers and vegetables to be put outside soon. We are grateful to the parents who have helped with the school visits, and they also seem to enjoy the sessions!

We recently had a visit from the pre-school group at **Rosemount Nursery**, who explored our discovery path, sniffed herbs and sowed salad seeds to take home.

We will soon be supplying plants to the **Boathouse restaurant** for planters on their decking, and thank them for making our plants available for sale there, as well as giving us their used coffee grounds for composting.

We have also planted hanging baskets for Fossoway Garage and the Tennis Club.

We are holding a '**Blooming Great Tea Party**' for Marie Curie Cancer Care at the garden on **Saturday 4 June** from 10.30am to 12 noon. There will also be a raffle for the charity, plants for sale, Phoenix cards and music from the Queich recorder ensemble.

The garden is also **20 years old** this year, and **we would love to see anyone** who has been involved in any way during that time.

Plants are also available **for sale** at the garden on **Mondays** from 10.30 to 12.30, and any volunteers or visitors are also welcome then.

For any further information contact Amanda James by phone on 01577 840809, or by email at amanda@tyafon.plus.com. Our website address is www.potagergardenkinross.com.

Kinross High School



At Kinross High School, we are continuing to develop opportunities to extend learning beyond the school. We have organised programmes and events which engage pupils with the wider community both locally and internationally. In this month's Newsletter we have focused on some of the experiences that our young people gain through community partnerships.

Community Sports Leader Award 2015-2016

This course is designed to create more competent leaders to deliver safe, purposeful sports sessions within the community and to encourage people to get involved in organising or assisting with the provision of sport on a voluntary basis.

Our CSLA students had another successful year, visiting Kinross and Milnathort Primary Schools, officiating at the Perth and Kinross swimming gala amongst other things and they also completed their emergency First Aid Course.

Kinross High School twinned with Tianjin High School (BNU) in China

The Confucius Institute for Scotland's Schools provides support for Scottish pupils to learn about Chinese language and culture. Kinross High School is linked to Tianjin High School (affiliated with Beijing Normal University), and a number of exciting projects and visits have been organised between the schools.

During the Easter holidays, I had the opportunity to visit our partner school as part of a Head teacher study tour. Initially, I was struck by the differences between the two schools, namely:

- Tianjin High School is about three times the size of Kinross, with around 3000 pupils!
- Unlike Kinross High School, pupils stay in one classroom all day.
- The school day in China is much longer than in Scotland (8am until 5pm, with up to three hours of homework each night). Some pupils do, however, have a nap after lunch!

As the visit proceeded, it was the similarities rather than the differences that I noticed.

Pupils in both schools are keen to do well. In addition to preparing pupils for qualifications, teachers in both China and Scotland are engaging with employers so that young people develop the skills that allow them to succeed in the work place.



Scottish Head teachers at the great wall

Pupils at both schools enjoy learning through group work and practical activities. I am hoping to welcome Ms Jia Tianjin (Deputy Head Teacher) to Scotland next year.

This international partnership also provides opportunities for our pupils to visit China. In June, a group of 19 new S6 pupils from Kinross High School with travel to Tianjin for two weeks. Our students will experience some of the sights and cultural wonders of China including visits to Buddhist Temples and the Great Wall. They will, however, primarily spend their time studying Chinese language, arts and culture. They will visit Tianjin High School (BNU) and meet pupils and their families. Our students will return to school and share their experiences with our staff and their peers.

In the last few months, our young people have been working hard to fundraise for this trip. They have sold baked goods at our Parents' Evenings and organised an event at Loch Leven's Larder. We would like to extend our appreciation to **Emma Niven of Loch Leven's Larder, Fisher and Donaldson, Benarty Fruits and Hunters butchers** for their support.

Although our students are now hard at work at the moment revising for exams, they are thoroughly looking forward to returning to school in order to prepare for this very special trip.



Tianjin

Meaningful May in Kinross High School

This May, a group of S4 pupils have been taking part in an exciting programme of events designed to enhance their employability and personal skills. As part of the Scottish Government's current focus on Raising Attainment for All, Kinross High School has engaged pupils in activities that will improve their skills in personal finance, presentation, communication, interview technique and has involved outdoor learning opportunities including volunteer work.

This comprehensive programme of opportunities could not have been offered without a substantial input of time and experience from our local partners in the Kinrosshire area. We are grateful to **Binn group** who have sponsored **Gary Robinson** (GR Communications) to deliver team building and presentation skills to our pupils, some of whom have learned they have a great voice for radio!

Perth and District **YMCA**, supported by Franny McGrath, have worked with pupils on self-development and problem solving skills, encouraging them to set goals for their future. Our group have worked with local parent **Alec Collie** on organising their finances, and will continue the finance theme when they meet with local resident **Bryan Coutts**, Lloyds TSB bank, to discuss job aspirations in the financial sector and further

afield. Bryan will focus on hints and tips for CV writing and interview skills.

Further preparations for preparing and writing CVs are being covered by **Karen Grunwell**, another parent of pupils in KHS, who has a background in human resources.

Our pupils will then benefit from careers advice from **Gillian Charleson** of Skills Development Scotland. This work will be further developed by Perth College who are welcoming our pupils for a day to hone interview skills through mock interviews, and by encouraging enterprise in our young people.

Pupils have also enjoyed presentations on apprenticeships by the Army and Navy, and on Modern Apprenticeships by PKC. Pupils are soon to engage in a flight and aviation project facilitated by **Rachel Cheer** and **Alisdair Stewart** from Aerospace Kinross, and hands-on experience at Air Training Services in Scone.

In another off-site adventure, pupils were involved in volunteer work led by the Centre for Stewardship in Falkland and have contributed to the National Seed Collection at Kew Gardens by collecting, sorting and counting tree seeds from the Falkland area.

Staff and pupils at Kinross High School would like to extend heartfelt thanks and gratitude to businesses and organisations who have freely volunteered to share their time and knowledge to give our fourth year pupils a meaningful, educational and vocational experience in preparation for their first steps into the world of work. Special thanks go to **Ian Montgomery** at Perth Private Hire taxis, who has given us invaluable transport support.

We are keen to establish further links with local employers (including rural businesses) or individuals who would wish to help support enthusiastic pupils at Kinross High School. If you would like further information or to form partnership with Kinross High School, please contact Jenny Breen (responsible for enhancing Enterprise and Employability) through our school office.

Sarah Brown, Head teacher and Campus Leader

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Kinross High School Parent Council



We are in the process of transition at the moment and preparing for Primary 7 pupils from our feeder primary schools to join Kinross High School after the summer break. Many events have been organised for pupils to ease this transition. Parents may have questions and KHS has organised an **induction evening** to provide information for parents and pupils and to help ease any anxieties. This will take place on **Monday 6 June** at the school.

School blazers will be on sale at the induction evening on Monday 6 June. Blazers cost £49. People who encounter KHS pupils often comment on how smart they look and we encourage parents to continue to support high standards of uniform wearing. Details of the school uniform, and a great deal of other useful information, can be found in the School Handbook. P7 pupils will receive a copy and a link can also be found on the home page of the school website at www.kinrosshighschool.org.uk

The Parent Council AGM will be held on **Tuesday 14 June** and a schedule of meetings for the new school session will be agreed then. These meeting dates will be added to the school website in the parents area.

Any parent or guardian of a KHS pupil is welcome to join the Parent Council. Contact the clerk if you are interested (details below).

Even if you cannot commit the time to join us, if there is ever a general issue about the school which you would like to be raised, please contact the clerk with details and it can be discussed. Specific issues relating to individual pupils should always be raised directly with the school in the first instance.

The main objective of Kinross High School Parent Council is to promote partnership between the school, its pupils, its parents and the local community. We also aim and to develop and engage in activities that support the education and welfare of the pupils.

The Parent Council ran a successful jobs fair this year and we aim to help to fund a travelling gallery experience for the art department. We are also investigating how we can help to promote e-safety among the parent community.

KHS Parent Council is now represented on Facebook. If you are a parent or guardian of children in KHS or have a genuine link to the school and the work of the Parent Council and would like to become a member of this Facebook group, please email the clerk. It is intended as a closed group, which means that all posts and discussions are private and seen only by members. You can invite a member to join the group if they are a friend of yours on Facebook. We hope that you will find it useful and use it in a positive way to help all pupils, staff and parents to get as complete an experience as they can from Kinross High School.

Parents are important and make a real difference to children's learning. When everyone involved in school life works together, our whole school community can do better and achieve more. KHS Parent Council is part of this.

Office bearers of the Parent Council for the 2015/16 school session are William Nicholls (Chair), Kay Mitchell (Vice Chair) and Allan Miller (Treasurer). The clerk is Kathy Campbell who can be contacted on 07527 485300 or by email at: Campbell.kathy73@yahoo.co.uk.

Milnathort Primary School Parent Council Summer Fair

Join us at the Milnathort Summer Fair on **Saturday 4 June** from 12 noon to 2.30pm at Milnathort Primary School for a great community family event! There will be all the usual favourites including BBQ, ice cream, bouncy castle, retail stalls, teddy tombola, bottle stall, raffle, soak the teacher, beat the goalie, face painting, tattoos, tea and coffee, cake and candy, pocket money and much more.

50th Birthday Celebrations

The plans for our garden party birthday celebrations are firming up. Parent Council have organised commemorative tote bags to be made for the occasion (these will be for sale at the school fair).

We are very grateful to Kinross (Marshall) Museum for their research and support with our school history display.

School grounds

We hope to plant the seeds from Dobbies soon. We are progressing plans to brighten up our playground areas with new games markings.

Library books and topic teaching resources

Our teachers have supplied a 'wish list' of topic books which we will be purchasing shortly. We hope to do the same shortly for storybooks and these will be added to our school library.

Dates for the diary

Saturday 4 June Milnathort Summer Fair, 12 noon-2.30pm

Monday 13 June Parent Council Meeting, 7.30pm, campus

Thursday 23 June 50th Birthday Celebrations

Monday 12 September Parent Council AGM, 7.30pm

All Milnathort Primary School parents are welcome to attend 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.

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Dunfermline Ladies Curling Club



Dunfermline Ladies Curling Club held their annual Presentation of Prizes at Kinross Curling rink in April.

The photo at left shows the club prize winners.

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The end of season was later than usual at Kinross Curling as we hosted British Curling for nearly three weeks. They return for a further five weeks on 1 August. British Curling are responsible for the elite curlers aspiring to represent GB at the Winter Olympics and other major world championships. This has been a real coup for Kinross to host British Curling, a sign that we have the best ice available in Scotland.

The ice has been removed to allow the usual summer maintenance works. We are installing a new dehumidification unit over the summer. Work has been completed in the car park. Another group are discussing plans so that we can install disabled access to our upstairs lounge. We hope that this would be completed before the start of the 2017/18 season.

Most curlers think about other sports in the summer. There will be ice available for curlers from early September. The opening bonspiel will be on Saturday 17 September. Please get in touch with the rink if you are interested in taking up the sport.

More news about Try Curling events will be published soon.

Kinross Curling Club

June may seem a strange time to think about curling, but clubs are already planning their teams and ice for next season. So, if you have been thinking about playing the game and joining a club, this is the ideal moment.

Kinross Men's Curling Club is the oldest curling club in the world. We play mostly here in Kinross, with club games on weekday evenings and some weekend games in friendlies and external leagues. The standard is high and competitive, but the atmosphere is always friendly and sociable. We have players ranging from national competition standard to beginners, and ages ranging from several junior members through to 80. We also have an outdoor curling pond where the old outdoor form of the game is kept alive.

Other social activities take place, from two dinners during the season to summer golf and occasional other outdoor activities.

In 2018, the club celebrates its 350th anniversary. Between now and then we will be organising some fundraising social events to support our plans for the celebrations in two years' time.

So this is an ideal time to consider joining a thriving, sociable club where your curling will come on quickly, along with your bar bills!

For more information about membership, please contact club Secretary Blair Melville at blairmelville@tiscali.co.uk.



Orwell Ladies Curling Club

In April the annual dinner and prize giving took place at the Grouse and Claret. The main prize winners for 2015-16 were:



Thistle: S Scougal, C Liddle, M Saunderson, J Dean.

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Cuthill Salver (points) and **Jessie Baillie Rosebowl** (highest lead or second in points): Allison Pirie.

Kirkforfar Cup (pairs): W Brownlie and J Dean.

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Orwell Ladies play on a Tuesday morning throughout the season, September to April. If you are interested in joining, email: olccsecretary@gmail.com

Kinross-shire Cricket Club

www.kinrosscc.co.uk

Juniors

May has seen two very exciting last ball thrillers for Kinross-shire as our U13s compete in the National Natwest Trophy competition. Our first-round match was at home to Dunfermline Broomhall. Batting first, Dunfermline scored 96 for 6 wickets, one of the biggest totals the U13s have ever faced. Kinross-shire initially struggled to get any momentum and with 6 overs left were 39 runs short. Andrew Hynd and Joe Jennings then played the best innings of their lives and, with one needed off the very last ball, Joe hit a fantastic four to give Kinross-shire the win! The 2016 U13s are one of our youngest with many players in the U11 category and this was a marvellous win for such a young side. The win meant a second round play-off against the much-fancied Falkland U13s. Where Kinross-shire had U11 players, the Falkland side was mainly genuine U13s and this left Kinross-shire as very much the underdogs. Falkland batted first and got off to a very shaky start, losing quick wickets due to nervous run-outs. Blair Milne was the pick of the bowlers, taking 2 for 22 runs as Falkland managed 89 for 9 with 4 run outs. KCC opener Alex Turlik batted with a maturity well above his 11 years as he reached the mandatory retirement 30 with a great 4, giving him 33 and the side on 47/4 after 10 overs. With the team well on target for a win, Falkland stepped up the pressure, taking 3 wickets for 1 run. With 3 overs left, KCC needed 18 for the win and, with only 1 wicket left, Alex came back in, as the rules allow for retired batsmen to return if all other wickets have fallen. Alex and Ben Normile valiantly stuck to the task and got to the final over with 8 needed for an historic win. Alex hit the first ball of the over for 4 and the large crowd of supporters burst into ecstatic cheering. The next 3 balls were on target and had to be defended. With two balls left, KCC needed 4 for the win as Alex drove hard for the boundary, only for the Falkland fielder to dive full length and stop the ball for a single, leaving Ben on strike for the last ball. 2 runs would give a tied game, which would require calculators to come out to find the net run rate and other scoring computations; 3 gave the win. A push to leg and both batsman set off; they completed the first and were about to come back for the second as the ball flew in and hit the wickets, leaving Ben inches short of the run and giving Falkland the game. Players, parents and supporters all felt this was one of the best junior matches in a very long time and KCC U13s certainly batted well above their expected levels. The entire teams are to be congratulated and Alex Turlik's 46 not out was one of the finest young innings in the past few years.

The U15s were awarded their Natwest first round match after Dunfermline withdrew due to lack of players. The next round are due to be played late May. The U13s still have their Cricket Scotland challenge cup games in June.

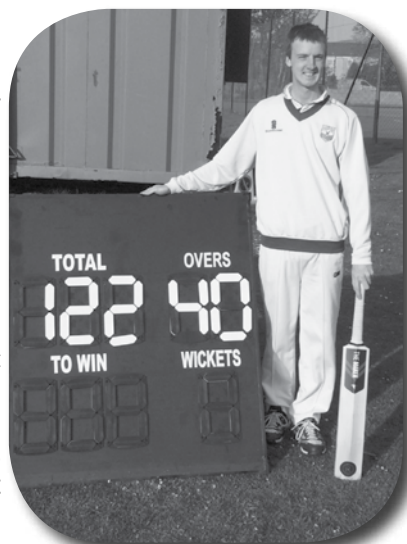
Seniors

The Sunday XI have played three games so far and have notched up three wins in convincing fashion. The first game against Broomhall saw former U15 Captain Peter Ross return for a game as he and Chris Sake put on a 104 opening partnership as part of KCC's 167/2 total. Peter was not out on 85 and Chris reached 45 before losing his wicket. In reply, Broomhall never really got started as Anthony Drew took 3 for 19 and the team were all out for 104.



The next fixture saw KCC travel to Aberfeldy to play Breadalbane. Chris Sale was again in the 100 partnership action as he and James Ross put on 113 before Chris was caught on 46. James went on to an unbeaten 122 as the team reached 248 for 4. U15 Jack Sale helped with a very useful 33 not out of 4 overs at the tale. Breadalbane fought hard with Jamie Burrows scoring a well-deserved 70 before he fell to the bowling of David Roe. Anthony Drew was again top bowler, taking a career best 4 for 24 runs as Breadalbane ended on 171 for 8 giving KCC the win by 77 runs.

Alloa was the venue for the third game and again KCC got off to a great start with our third 100 partnership as James Ross and Simon Lopez put on 111 before Simon was given out LBW. James carried on until he was caught on 93. KCC struggled against some very strong spin bowling as the team ended their innings on 155 for 9. KCC newcomer 15-year-old Zyed Clayton took early wickets, ending his spell with a fantastic



*James Ross with his 122 runs
on the score board*

4 for 10 runs as Alloa initially looked in real trouble. A 67 partnership brought them right back into the game and KCC started to look in trouble. John Ross took the wicket of Alamgir and Ryan Shah dismissed South African overseas player Dolan in the very next over and KCC were back in contention. With Alloa on 139 with three wickets left, things were not that great for KCC but two for Kevin Stump and one for Richard Smith saw Alloa fall 12 runs short and KCC had their third win in a row.

The end of May sees the Two Counties cup-ties against Callander and the return fixture against Breadalbane and the first of the Last Man Stands T20 matches. Reports next month.

Pavilion Extension

Anyone visiting the Larder can't miss the building works underway at the pavilion. At the time of writing the extension has been built and the new roof had its first layer of materials fitted. By the end of May the building will be wind and water tight and work will start on the internal fit-out. The club would like to thank Gerrold Kuijpers and David Roe for their help with the build and special thanks for club stalwarts Anthony Drew and John Ross for giving up every Saturday to get the project completed. The entire project is on schedule for a mid-June completion.

Primary Schools Coaching

Club coaches have been running P4-P6 taster sessions in Kinross and Milnathort Primary Schools during May. The sessions lead up to the Kinross-shire Primary Schools Festival on 27 May at the campus. A full report on the school teams will be in next month's Newsletter

Full details of training nights and matches can be found on the club Facebook and website pages.

Kinross Colts JFC

The Kinross Colts have had a very busy start to 2016, with lots of activity for all the squads.

The club would like to thank recent new sponsors of strips for the teams. These include Cirrus Logic, Reminisce Coffee Shop, Caledonian Heating and Plumbing and Baillies Newsagents.

The club is adopting the original Colts strips of sky blue with royal blue shorts for all squads. They should be easily identified now at any matches. The pictures show some of the squads with the new style strips.



Kinross Colts 2002s

Both the 2005 squads attended a recent Hearts game and played a game of football on the pitch at half time. They also did the flag waving at the start of the game, which was quite an experience in front of a packed Tynecastle stadium.

The 1998s are finishing the season on a high, with three games to go starting with the Darren Stewart cup final v Thornton Hibs, and two league games v Norries and St John's with all three clubs vying for the division win and all to play each other – so, all in all, a very exciting conclusion!

The 2009s received their new training kit ahead of friendlies against Queen Anne and Duloch Boys from Dunfermline.

We also bought a set of pop-up goals thanks to a generous donation from Kinross Ladies Circle.



2009 squad



Kinross Colts 2005s at the Crieff Festival



Kinross Colts Orwell 2005s at the Crieff Festival

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Kinross Colts JFC is holding a **Summer Fun Day** at The Myre, Kinross on **Saturday 25 June, 1pm -5pm.**



There will be small sided games for all age groups of the Colts, BBQ, bouncy castle, face painting, a licensed bar, beat the goalie, target competition, tombola and much more.

Everyone is welcome and all profits will be going towards the Kinross Colts facility planned for Donaldson Park, Milnathort. Please contact kinrosscolts@gmail.com if you wish any further information on the club or are interested in getting involved.

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Kinross Tennis Club

www.kinrossstennisclub.org.uk

As we go to press, the sun has been glorious and it has been great to see so many members out on court enjoying 'proper' tennis weather!



We held our first social tournament of the year on 8 May where members **Susan Malcolm** and **Gail Nelson** won the event. This allowed Susan, as 'defending champion', to indelibly mark her name again on the David Wangerin cup.

Margaret Greener and **Mauro Salmi** came second and **Enid Campbell** and **Tony Greener** came third.

Junior coaching for ages 5 to 16 continues on Tuesdays and Fridays. Spaces are available in some groups and further information can be obtained from Siobhan by emailing kinrossstenniscoaching@gmail.com.

Information on our **summer camps** will be issued shortly and are due to take place on the weeks commencing 4 July and 8 August. Some intrepid juniors are also about to start competing in the 'Road to Wimbledon' competition with the opportunity of county and national finals. They will also gain match practice in the Perth and District U14 league so we wish them all good luck.

Social tennis for adults continues all year round on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. If, however, daytime tennis is your thing then Thursday afternoons are the ideal opportunity to join in. Why not pop down at 1.30pm and join in? Non-members are also welcome at this session, so why not give it a shot? We'll also be introducing some **daytime adult coaching** for a trial period on Thursdays; those interested can contact our secretary for further information. The ladies have, so far, recorded wins against St Andrews and West End and a defeat to Broughty Ferry in division two of the Tennis Tayside leagues. The men had wins against Glenrothes and St Andrews in the 4-player league.

In the Perth and District mixed league, a hefty defeat to Perth was a daunting start to our return to this league after many years, but a win against Kinnoull was welcome the week after. As ever, new members are always welcome and enquiries can be made to our secretary, Margaret Hamblin, on 01577 850252 or at kinrossstennis@gmail.com. Visitors are also welcome with keys available from Sands the Ironmongers for a small fee.

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Milnathort Golf Club

Ladies Section



We held the first of our open competitions with a Ladies Greensome on Sunday 1 May. Two days prior to the competition we were in despair as the course was covered in snow. However, all was well on Sunday and, although it was not the fairest of weather, we had an enjoyable day. The winners of Greig Targe and 1st handicap were **Jackie Sneddon** and **Kirsty Flockhart** (congratulations to them both). Runners up were **Nancy S Brown** and **Gillian Pemberton** with **Margaret Fleming** and **Margaret Johnston** coming third. First Scratch was **Gwen Tate** and **Jillian Milne** with **V Mitchel** and **M McBain** as runners up. Nearest the pin **Jackie Sneddon** and **Kirsty Flockhart**, also winning the 2s sweep, with **A McCathie** and **M Quin**. Thanks go to all who took part. We look forward to seeing you all again at our next **Open Seniors 2 ball** on **Wednesday 27 July** and **Ladies Open** on **Saturday 27 August**. Phone 01577 864069 with your entry.

Results of our weekly competitions are as follows:

27th April Stark Quaich, 1st **Maria Duncan**, net 68; 2nd **Alexis Crawford**, net 72.

2nd May Montgomery Medal (2), 1st **Gillian Pemberton**, net 68; 2nd **Catriona Marshall** and **Evelyn Jackson**, net 72.

4th May Coronation fours, 1st **Cath Ferrier** and **Elaine Mathews**, 36 pts; runners up **Mary Barrie** and **Margaret Johnston**, 34 pts.

9th May 18 hole Stableford, 1st **Rhona Wilson**, 37 pts; 2nd **Gillian Pemberton**, 36 pts. 9 hole Stableford, 1st **Beryl Harley**, 16pts; 2nd **Jane Smith**, 15pts.

Rallying

Former Kinross High School student, **Blair Brown** (20) and co-driver, **Richard Simmonds** (40) of Duns, achieved a solid finish at the Pirelli Carlisle Rally (April 30-1 May).

Finishing overall 26th and securing a further four points in championship (ninth position), Richard said: "It's an achievement to finish the Pirelli so I'm happy we did that as well as managing to secure a few more championship points." Blair and Richard would like to thank to all their sponsors and supporters for supporting them at the Pirelli Carlisle Stages. They can next be seen on round four of the DMACK Junior British Rally Championship in Dumfries at RSAC Scottish Rally on 25 June.

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Kinross Golf Club

Ladies invitation greensomes

Kinross Ladies held their invitation greensomes on Saturday 16 April on the Montgomery. The weather was somewhat mixed with four seasons in the one day! Trophy winners were our lady captain, **Ann Smith**, and her guest **Helen Thomson** of Balbirnie Golf Club with a net 75.6. Lowest scratch prize went to **Lyn Murray** and her guest **Joyce Smith** of Pitfirrane Golf Club with a gross 94. An enjoyable day was had by all.

Mixed Open results

The Mixed Open was held on Sunday 8 May with 92 people competing. The greensomes format proved popular with both ladies and gents and the challenging Montgomery course was looking splendid in the afternoon sunshine. The prize winners were:

Scratch, 1st **J Marshall/A Thomson** 77; 2nd **J Duncan/J Duncan** 79 (bih); 3rd **K Paterson/I McCrone** 79.

Handicap 0-15, 1st **PG Jackson/R Duncan** 83 net 68.5; 2nd **I Brown/T Kendrick** 85 net 70; 3rd **R Watt/H Gough** 86 net 72.5.

Handicap 16+, 1st **A Russell/M Campsie** 84 net 65; 2nd **A Simpson/J Simpson** 88 net 72; 3rd **S King/R Hutt** 90 net 73.5.

Gents Individual Open

The date for the 2016 Gents Individual Open is **Sunday 5 June**. The entry fee is £12. To enter you can download an application form from the website golfempire.co.uk or email office@kinrossgolfclub.co.uk.

Social membership

A social membership is available for non-golfers at the price of £30 a year. This offers access to the clubhouse facilities and all social events such as dances and other entertainment, as well as a discount on food and drink.

For more information about golf and social memberships and other club activities, check out the Kinross Golf Club's website at www.kinrossgolfclub.co.uk or pop into the clubhouse.

Junior golf



Team photo taken before their Junior Bells match against Milnathort at Milnathort. Left to right: Duncan McKie, George Smith, Ciar Chalmers, Dean Walsh and Jamie Nelson

Junior scratch league



Junior scratch league team before their recent match against Pitlochry which they won 2-1. Left to right: Dean Walsh, Ciar Chalmers and George Smith

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Kinross Hockey Club

Ladies Report

Our season has finished at last, with both teams having a really superb season. Our firsts finished fifth in Division A of the Championship, winning six games, drawing two and losing eight – scoring a very respectable 42 goals in the process.

Our seconds finished fourth in a very tightly fought league. They, too, won six games, but drew three and lost five, scoring an equally impressive 34 goals on the way. Their game of the season was, however, the League Cup semi-final where they played Division 1 winners, Dundee Uni II. This game should have been an easy victory for the Dundee team, but against their expectations, we gave them a superb game, making them fight all the way only to unfortunately lose 2-1 at the final whistle. Next year, the finals!

We now move into the season of mixed hockey which is played every Tuesday night from 7.30pm until 9pm. Please come along and join in the fun.

Men's Report

Sponsored by Loch Leven's Larder, the firsts play in East Men's District Division one. Kinross, led by Neil Wilson, finished in second place, one point behind Edinburgh University, having played 22, won 14, drawn three and lost five: a fantastic achievement. Congratulations to top gun Chris Robson. Special mention must go to our young team players Alex Wilson, Cammy Banks, David McIntyre and Ali Vaughan who have been pivotal to the success of the team this year.

The seconds, led by Pete Smith, finished sixth in the third division having played 20, won five, drawn two and lost 13. Congratulations to top gun Vince Banks in his first season playing hockey.

Many thanks to all the committee members who have put in a tremendous effort over the season.

Summer hockey has started at KGV on Tuesday evenings, 7.30 to 9.00pm. See you there.

Leicester and Scotland twinned

Gurdial Duhre has returned from his trip from "down under" with the Scotland veterans hockey team. Why he was away six weeks for a tournament which lasted 10 days has yet to be explained.

The tournament started remarkably well, with Gurdi managing a shot at goal (it was more of a googly – Ed) in his first game against New Zealand and running out 2-1 winners. The second game saw Scotland beat South Africa 5-2, followed by a win against Ireland 2-0, which ensured a play off spot. Not much will be said of the 1-3 and 0-4 defeats by England and Australia respectively.

Results in the other games meant that the team faced Wales in the play off. The team won 2-1, but the most memorable moment was Gurdi managing to get his second attempt at scoring which the keeper actually had to save this time. Never mind not being the Vardy or Mahrez of the team, everyone needs a Kante or Drinkwater to supply them the ball.



Gurdial Duhre with his bronze medal from the veterans tournament

Leicester and Scotland twinned! Well not quite but for Scotland to finish third and now hold two bronze medals at the European and World level is almost as surprising as Leicester winning the Premier League!

Kinross Kobras

Junior Hockey

The adults' season may have finished but the junior hockey players' season continues through the summer. After all, why not make good use of the fine Scottish summer weather?

The latest junior hockey tournament was held in Dunfermline and Kobras had teams at U10, U12 and U14 playing against various local club teams. Not our best day, with opponents coming in various shapes and sizes but all generally bigger! A few good results to build on next time and lots to work on in training.

Next tournament is in Dundee at the end of May and we are looking forward to some better results there.

Training continues throughout the summer term at KGV on Tuesday and Thursday nights 6.30-7.30. Beginners are always welcome.



The U14 Kobras at the Dunfermline tournament

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With the weather improving and, as we are now on our summer training schedule, there is always a good turnout for club training; Tuesday nights for speed work and Wednesdays for a trail or off-road run. It's also a busy time of year in the race calendar.



London Marathon, Sunday 24 April

Everyone who has ever competed in the London Marathon says what a fantastic experience it is with the streets lined with supporters and all the media coverage. The six club runners who managed to get much sought after places for this year's race can testify to London's reputation for being one of the best. **Sarah Hutt** ran a personal best in a time of 3.32.54 and the other Kinross runners had equally impressive results: **Linda Palmer** 3.53.52; **Anne Wilson** 3.57.50; **Amanda Rennie** 3.59.40; **Gill Lopez** 4.04.02; and **Ben Dobson** 4.06.02.

Other Marathons

Club runners have been travelling far and wide in search of marathon races including Boston (**Ian Grant**), Rome (**Paul Allcoat**), Paris (**Morna Hunter** and **Sally Bolton**) and, closer to home, **Scott Strachan** ran a blistering sub three hour marathon in Manchester.

Kinross High School PTA 10k, Thursday 28 April

The annual PTA 10k is always a popular race and local runners were there in force wearing the distinctive yellow and blue club colours. Top finishers for the women were **Mairi Boyle** (43.00), **Judith Dobson** (45.37) and **Kirsty Gray** (45.58).

Fastest club runner was **Andy Laycock** (37.53), closely chased by **David Scott** (38.28), and **Scott Strachan** (30.06). All runners made it back safely to the Community Campus for a cup of tea just in time before the snow started which made for a tricky journey home!

HOKA Highland Fling, Saturday 30 April

This is a challenging 53 mile ultra-marathon following the famous West Highland Way from Milngavie to Tyndrum. The route goes through some of Scotland's most stunning scenery including the 'bonnie, bonnie banks of Loch Lomond', which must have seemed interminable on the day!



Kinross Road Runners enjoying an evening on Bishop Hill

Conditions were perfect with glorious sunshine much of the time and KRR were well represented with two relay teams; 'Shaken Not Stirred' made up of **Val Findlay**, **Allison Smith**, **Wendy Grieve** and **Ann Malcolm** and 'The Young Pretenders' made up of **Anne Macintyre**, **Alison Robertson**, **Lynn Hunter** and **Norman Smith**.

However, the real hardy runners who completed the full ultra-marathon distance were **Andy Johns** in a time of 10.15.15, **Allan Kemp** (10.31.19) and **Peter Hookham** (12.19.12). Peter was heard to say at the end that, from now on, he will stick to hill walking! Well done to everyone taking on this challenge.

Edinburgh to North Berwick Road Race, Saturday 7 May

Jillian Gordon was first female 40+ home on this 20 mile road race in a time of 2.39.06 proving that she is back on form again.

Loch Leven Half Marathon, Saturday 14 May and Milnathort Dash, Thursday 30 June

These are the two major events organised by the club and preparations are well underway as we go to print. This year's half marathon was fully subscribed some weeks ago showing that it is more popular than ever and a full report will appear in the Newsletter next month.

New Members Welcome

New members of all running abilities are always welcome. Just come along on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings. We meet at 7pm at the Medical Centre, The Muirs, Kinross or check our website for more information.

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Kinross Rugby Club

Kinross Rugby has had another excellent season providing all ages with the opportunity to remain healthy and active with just enough competitive spirit to encourage improvement and progression.



Senior section

The season has come to a close and Kinross RFC finished mid table in the league. At the start of the season we were competing and were winning a lot of games. The senior 1XV had a mixed season in Caledonia midlands 2. Performances up to Christmas saw the team sitting third. After Christmas, the games seemed to get much harder and challenging with less success. However, as always, the team fought together till the season end. Overall, the team scored more points and wins this season than they had in the previous two put together. This, in itself, is a reflection of the talent Kinross has and the quality of the coaching we have enjoyed over the last two years.

We recently held our end of season dinner and awards night. This was a great success with thanks to the after dinner speaker, Andy Knight.

Awards were given out to the following people:-

Player of the season; **Stuart Hunter**.

Players' player of the season; **Keith Tolson**.

Most Improved player of the Season; **Angus Nelson**.

Young player of the season; **Jamie Greer** and **Alexander Cox**.

Over 35s player of the season; **Andy 'Stretch' Adams**.

There was a special award for the Clubman of the year. It was awarded to **Murray Hunter** for his outstanding contribution to the club. He has been at the heart of everything this year from managing players to cooking post-match meals and laundering the strips.

Thanks also go to coach **Tom Bennett** for his input. Tom steps aside this summer and we wish him well, particularly for his upcoming wedding in August.

Martin Bell (president) made a speech thanking everyone in the club and also to our sponsors for another successful season and we are looking to a better season next year.

We also appreciate the continued support of our main shirt sponsor, **GS Group**.

Mini section

Our minis section has seen regular attendance of over 90 P1 to P7 children at training on Saturday mornings. They have also had notable success in a number of rugby festivals across Scotland with the P6 team sweeping all before them. Notable wins were at the Edinburgh Accies, Melrose and Mackie tournaments to name a few.

The minis season finished on a high with a master class coaching session from the Australian playing legend, **David Campese**.

Many thanks to the kids and coaches for their continued enthusiasm and dedication. Special thanks go to **Martin Scott** who is stepping down as youth convenor after leading the junior section for a number of years. Thanks also go to his wife **Alison** who has been heavily involved as well.

We also thank the minis sponsors **Peter Hunter** (PH Contracts Scotland), **David Charity** (Pets Friends Veterinary), **Simon Morton** (PI Renewables) and both **Ross Smith** and **John Silcock** of Borland Insurance for their sponsorship and support, including the arrangements that saw David Campese's successful visit.

Midi section

Our midis section was revived this year and our thanks go to the ongoing support of **Kevin Borthwick**, **Craig Mason**, **Ian Clark** and **Nick Reville**. All coaches have provided an excellent balance of constructive critique and fun. This has generated excellent numbers with over 20 young people training on Tuesday nights. Skills and game knowledge have improved significantly and wins have resulted from this. A particular highlight was the S1-2 game, under the floodlights at KGV where Kinross narrowly beat Glenrothes. Given the heavy defeat to the same side earlier in the season, everyone, and especially the young players, could see and feel the improvements they have made as a team.

Other information

Rugby continues through the close season with touch rugby at 7.30pm each Thursday evening and 3pm each Saturday at KGV. If you fancy joining in, please do not hesitate to get in touch or turn up on a Thursday night.

Our **AGM** will be held on **Monday 13 June**.

The clubhouse remains open throughout the summer and is also available to hire for events. If you are looking for a venue to hire, come along to the rugby club for a look.

Rugby is a game for all ages, shapes and sizes. Whether training to improve your fitness or playing performance, Kinross Rugby has opportunities for you.

New players from all age groups are welcomed. Check out Kinross rugby on facebook, twitter or online at <http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/kinross>.

Any questions can be sent to kinrossrugby@gmail.com.

Kinross Volleyball Club

With summer time here and weather to match, at the moment of writing this, the outdoor volleyball sessions on the grass area at the rear of the campus are proving successful with a number of younger junior players joining their adult counterparts for fun games. These sessions take place every Monday, weather permitting, from 7pm to 8.30pm and are **free**; just come along in outdoor sports gear.

Kinross Volleyball Club has entered two male teams, one junior and one senior, in this year's 30th Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament on Perth's North Inch over the weekend of Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 June.

This year sees over 100 teams from all over taking part in this special 30th tournament. Also on show over the weekend will be the Scottish Men's and Women's beach volleyball teams competing in the European C division beach volleyball championships with points being credited for Olympic qualification in Rio. The special sand required for beach volleyball is currently being sourced to be brought to Perth for this. The event is the first European championship beach qualification tournament to be held in Perth with the hope that future tournaments will also take place in the Fair City.

The Kinross men's team is also preparing to take part in the annual De Haan outdoor tournament over the middle weekend of August. This has become an annual pilgrimage for the Kinross club where they have finished in bronze medal position twice over the past eight years.

Outdoor fun games will continue outdoors until September. All welcome, just turn up on a Monday evening at 7pm.

Kinross Otters

**Midland District Distance Championships
2016, Olympia, Dundee
6-8 May 2016**



The Otters sent a strong team to this Tayside event, but no one was prepared for the fireworks that ensued. **Jack Muncey** (12), fresh from his superb bronze medal at the Scottish national age group championships last month, simply destroyed Tayside's finest in the 13 year old category (age at the end of the year is key here). They must be sick of the sight of him by now!

Jack made another leap in his level of performances as he tantalised and tormented the opposition in equal measure to surpass his own achievement from February's long course Tayside championships where he won seven gold medals and a silver. This time it was eight!

However it was in his best event, the 200m backstroke, where the statistics rolled on, seemingly endlessly. He won by 21 seconds in 2.17.51, a new Otters club record (by 8 seconds). It was the fastest time in that event all day by any age group, a midland district age group record (by 11 seconds), a number one ranking in Scotland (7.5 clear seconds), a number one ranking in Britain (by over 3 seconds), a Scottish age group record (by 1.3 seconds) and the 10th fastest 12 year old in Britain **ever!** Simply amazing! Jack continued in the 800m freestyle in 9.21.34 (midland district age group record) where he is now ranked number one, not only in Scotland but in Britain too!

If that weren't enough, Jack broke the midland district 400m age group record en route to that 800m time in 4.36.14 and is now ranked Scottish number one for that too!

The 1500 freestyle (18.01.74) and 100m backstroke (1.05.78) also saw Scottish number one rankings and midland district age group records. Jack rounded off a tremendous weekend with golds in the 100m butterfly, 100m freestyle, 200m freestyle and 50m freestyle, all with very high Scottish rankings. This was the best ever championships by an Otter in terms of absolute times, range of distances and strokes and medal haul and Jack's eyes are surely fixed on National level championships within the next year.

The Otters' other superstar of the moment, **Ola Stanton** (13), is very much a 50m specialist, so a distance championship is not really her thing. However, such is her talent that she made light work of the opposition in the 100m breaststroke in 1.18.23 to take gold in a new club record. She was also fastest all day in any age category and is now ranked third in Scotland. Ola also won gold in the 100m butterfly (1.13.97) and took silver in the 200m Freestyle (2.21.94).

Murray Pritchard (12) was competing in the 11-12 year olds age group and did exceedingly well for his first big championships. He won gold in the 50m freestyle (31.72), silver in the 100m backstroke (1.22.92) and bronze medals in 200m individual medley (2.53.99), backstroke (2.56.39) and freestyle (2.40.31).

Zosia Stanton (12) also won gold in her best event, the 50m Freestyle (30.84), in the 11-12 age group.

Iona Crawford (16) won silver in the 100m breaststroke (1.21.07) in the 15-16 age group and she broke the eight year old club record in the rarely attempted (only for the brave!) 400m individual medley in 5.47.98, taking some 12 seconds off the old record; good enough for fifth on this occasion.

Rounding off the medal haul for the Otters was **Caitlin Steptoe** (16) in the 15-16 age group in the 200m Backstroke (2.55.44), where she won her first major medal (bronze).



*Most of the Midland District Champs team
l to r: Ola Stanton, Iona Crawford, Zosia Stanton, Jack Muncey,
Murray Pritchard, Rebecca Mitchell,
Emily Cumming and Amy Broadhurst*

Leagues update

The Otters premier league team were in action on 23 April at Loch Leven leisure pool for their home match. Menzieshill/Whitehall from Dundee turned the tables on the Otters on this occasion, with the Otters coming second in a last gasp push in the final relay to overcome Monifeith. The Otters are now joint top with Menzieshill, but it looks like they can only win the league with a full strength team on every remaining occasion and lots of technical discipline.

Cameron Nelson broke his own 100m Butterfly club record once again as he tore apart the opposition with a superbly executed and technically brilliant race. The record now stands at 1.03.75 (previously 1.04.43).

The Otters first division team travelled to Perth on 30 April and once again came fourth out of five teams and now look safe in that position.

Olympian at Loch Leven!

A huge congratulations to **Stephen Milne** of Perth City, Commonwealth silver medallist and fifth in last year's World Championships, who still trains with a Perth city and Kinross Otters elite at Loch Leven pool on a Wednesday evening. Stephen qualified for the Olympics in Rio with ease at the Olympic trials in Glasgow in April and will represent Great Britain and Northern Ireland in the 200m, 400m and 1500m freestyle.

Stephen is a shining example to all; dedication, hard work, modesty and an all-round really nice guy. He has taught our best swimmers a lot over the years. It is not that long since he raced at all the meets regularly reported in this Newsletter (no, we never beat him!), but more than that, he would often be seen at the end of a lane cheering on a very young team mate. Very, very unusual in an Olympian and all at the Otters wish him the very best in Rio.

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News from the Rurals



MILNATHORT – President Ann Reid welcomed us to the meeting. A minute's silence was held in respect for Honorary Member Mary Tod who sadly passed away recently. Our thoughts are with her family and friends.

We then welcomed the Cleish group who entertained us with a play entitled "Café Murder" and were asked to try and guess who the "murderer" was. Well done to the eagle-eyed winners! Congratulations also to Cleish for a very well rehearsed show.

We then had a lovely supper and did the raffle.

Flower of the Month	May Paterson
Knitted Headband	Margaret Dewar
Meringue	Grace Drysdale

CLEISH – President Mrs Helen Buchanan welcomed thirty members and two tellers from Blairingone to our May meeting and AGM.

After business the new committee was announced and we then enjoyed a delicious supper.

Trophy Winners:

Points Prize	1st	Alison Morris
	2nd=	Margaret Nelson & Beth Pringle
Flower of the Month Prize	1st=	Margaret Kilpatrick & Dorothy Morris

CROOK OF DEVON – President Alice Johnson welcomed members and two tellers from Glenfarg to our AGM, which was followed by a Beetle Drive.

Flower of the Month	J Jackson
Lemonade	K Massey
Most Points Cup	winner J Jackson runner up A Johnson
Rose Bowl winner	A Johnson

BISHOPSHIRE – May: Norma Smith, President, welcomed everyone along to our business meeting.

New committee: Norma Smith (President), Janette Gardener (Treasurer), Joanne Cowan (Secretary), Sylvia Herrington (Vice President), Mary Nisbet and Jeanette McLennan (Committee Members).

The members enjoyed a Beetle Drive for the remainder of the evening with Mary Nisbet as the overall winner.

Trophies:

Most Points	Norma Smith
Runner Up	Jane Martin
Best Trier	Sylvia Herrington
Curtis Quach for Knitting	Avril Rogers

The knitted squares are being donated to The Loving Hands Charity.

Thanks to Betty Young and Andrea Moyles from Blairadam who were our tellers.

POWMILL – April: President Sharon Buchanan welcomed members to the April meeting where she introduced James Alexander from "check in and giraffe" from Perth. This is a charity that provides people with long-term disabilities training, life skills support and work experience. They have a cafe, garden centre and other food outlets in Perth. James also brought lots of baked goods to sell.

A cheque was then presented to James for the charity.

Individual Cheesecake	Janet Mitchell
Unusual Object	Tricia Greer
Garden Gem	Catriona Fleming

Four ladies also took part in an archery taster session at the Gannochy Trust at Perth and enjoyed it so much that two of them are currently on the beginners archery course run by the Perth Archery Club!

GLENFARG – President Margot Moran welcomed members to the AGM. Following the business, there was a prize giving and the winners for 2015-2016 were:

Jubilee Cup (most points, Handcrafts and Housewives):	Allison Messenger & Alison Harrison (1st=)
Endeavour Cup (runner up)	Margot Moran
Jenny Adam Rose Bowl	Allison Messenger & Lillias Johnson

Helen Quartermaine was elected on to the committee.

Competition winners for the evening were:

Flower of the Month	Allison Messenger
Three Pancakes	Allison Messenger
Three handcrafts on a board	Allison Messenger

The tellers and the judges were Evelyn and Anne from Abernethy, who were warmly thanked.

The evening concluded with a pot luck supper which made for a pleasant end to this session.

CARNBO – President Molly White welcomed all members and two tellers from Powmill to our AGM.

All reports were given and after business The Paterson Rosebowl was awarded to Josephine Paterson for the most points in the Flower of the Month competition and the Daniel Vase Trophy to Josephine Paterson for the monthly competition.

The Hillfoot Harmony singers entertained us with their beautiful barber shop style harmonies and stories.

Jay Hutchison gave a vote of thanks.

The new committee are: President, Jay Hutcheson; Vice President, Josephine Paterson; Secretary, Susan Malcolm; Treasurer, Margaret Eadie; Assistant Treasurer & Magazine Secretary, Anne Petherick; Assistant Press Secretary, Rosemary Hudson; Committee, Dorothy Fyfe, Sandra Turnbull and Sheila Reid.

Competition winners for the evening:

Flower of the Month	Cath Mearns
Three Savoury Scones	Christine Dawson

Christine Dawson was awarded the Anne Bernard Trophy for her three savoury scones.

The next meeting is on 20 June at Carnbo Hall at 7.15pm. All welcome. The speaker will be Neil Smith from Stirling University Gardens on 'My Career in Horticulture' plus seasonal tips.

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Out & About



Loch Leven NNR



Just when it looks like summer is here we go back to the cold north winds. It was a first for me seeing a Cuckoo and Swift with snow still on the ground!

The spell of warm weather mid-month bought out a huge hatching of chironomid flies around the reserve. Cyclists and walkers around the trail have been a bit frustrated by these. Fortunately they don't bite! I've been trying to sell this to folk as a good thing! These huge hatchings are a sign of good water quality and a healthy local environment in the Kinross area. These swarms of flies feed many birds around the reserve. You can see ducklings breaking cover to Hoover them up off the surface of the water. The best things you can do is put sunglasses on and avoid breathing them in and wear a snood with a cover over your mouth. Did you know that in 2000 a group of entomologists found a species of chironomid that is unique to Loch Leven?

We've finally started seeing a few Ospreys catching fish on the loch. They will start visiting the loch more and more as the season goes on. Burleigh Sands on an evening is the best place to view them. Marsh Harrier has also been spotted about the reserve.

We look forward to seeing you at **Discovery Day**. You will find us at **Kirkgate Park** on **Sunday 12 June** from **12 noon until 4pm**. We have brought together a wide variety of wildlife and conservation organisations who can tell you about the magnificent wildlife and habitats that are here on your doorstep at Loch Leven NNR.

(See page 14 for more on Discovery Day.)

Plantlife are visiting the reserve on **Saturday 11 June** between 10am and 4pm. They are seeking out the speciality plants like Holy Grass and Lesser Butterfly Orchid of the reserve. If you'd like to book a place on this, please phone **01786 478509**.

We also have a **Botany walk** with Steven Longster and Liz Lavery. It's at Burleigh Sands on **Thursday 23 June**, 6pm until 8pm. Please phone the office on **01577 864439** if you wish to book.

We've also started taking bookings for our **Really Wild Family Cycles**. These will run from **8 July every Friday** until **12 August**. Tom is designing a scavenger hunt game. We will start at the Pier at 10am and cycle. We cater for kids and adults of all ages.

The volunteers have been hard at work around the reserve. They were a great help counting the gulls on St Serf's and

we've been tidying fences around the reserve where trees have gone through after all the wind.

Tom was the only office representative in the Loch Leven Half Marathon. Craig is still the office record holder at 1:48. Good for Tom for entering. Those lunchtime runs were worth it.

Keep an eye on the blog for wildlife updates: just put Loch Leven Wordpress blog into your search engine. There is plenty of content at the moment.

Enjoy these long summer evenings,

Jeremy Squire
Reserve Manager

See also page 62 for a colour photograph of cygnets by Tom, Assistant Reserve Officer.

Gardens Open



The following private gardens in the area are opening for charity under the Scotland's Gardens scheme:

Arndean, by Dollar, FK14 7NH by arrangement until 17 June. Tel: 01259 743525.

Bonhard House, Perth PH2 7PQ Open Day Sunday 12 June, 10am-4pm.

Bradystone House, Murthly, PH1 4EW every Thursday in June, 11am-4pm.

Briglands House, Rumbling Bridge, KY13 0PS by arrangement until 15 June. Tel: 01577 840205.

Dowhill, Cleish, KY4 0HZ by arrangement on request. Email: pippamd@icloud.com

Hollytree Lodge, Muckhart, Dollar, FK14 7JW by arrangement until 30 June. Tel: 0797 337 4687.

Kirkton Craig, Abernethy, PH14 9ST by arrangement. Tel: 01828 686336.

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Parkhead House, Burghmuir Road, Perth, PH1 1JF by arrangement. Tel: 07769 676586.

Pitcurran House, Abernethy, PH2 9LH by arrangement. Tel: 01738 850933.

The Bield, Blackruthven House, Tibbermore, PH1 1PY Open Day, Saturday 11 June, 2pm-5pm.

The Steading at Dollar, Yetts O' Muckhart, by Dollar, FK14 7JT by arrangement. Tel: 01259 781559.

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Weather



April Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall	81.8mm = 3.27 inches
Heaviest rainfall	14mm (28th)
Total sunshine for the month	144.7 hours
Sunniest day	10.4 hours (19th & 20th)
Maximum temperature average	10.28°C
Highest temperature	15.8°C (20th)
Minimum temperature average	-1.29°C
Lowest temperature	-6.8°C (27th)

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Hello, people, and yes, we have indeed had some summer at last! The sun has come oot tae play efter the long wet winter and early spring!

Birdy wise, we now have a few different chicks appearing, with lapwing, gadwall and baby coots, or cootlings as Ken, one of our volunteers calls them; total rubbish, but hey, it sounds feasible as a name for them! A male garganey has been showing well on the flood, a bit of a rarer bird to see than yer bog standard mallard. A cuckoo has been singing up on Vane Hill; don't remember hearing one last year at all.

Speaking about Vane Hill, a new path has been installed from Lochore Meadows to the reserve. Coming right over the top of the hill and down to our picnic area, it will contain an all-access loop at the back of the centre and Little Vane, the field above the car park. At the time of writing it is still a work in progress but may be finished by the time you are reading this article. Please check at the visitor centre before attempting to use it.

Our new centre staff seem to be settling in OK. Kate, the new assistant retail manager, and Rebecca, our part time centre assistant, have picked things up fairly quickly, so it's all good. Semera, Chefy boy's new café assistant, seems to be doing alright, too, so say hello if you see them around, as nae doot ye will if yer in.

This month's events start with **Nature Tots – All about sticks** on **Wednesday 8 June** from 10am till 12 noon; advance booking essential as always. Costs are £3 members or £6 non-members per family.

Friday 10 June it's **Wild Night – Moths and Bats**, from 9pm until late. Find out how to attract moths to your garden and hunt for our local bat population as well; should be an interesting night. Costs are £5 members and £10 non-members. Again, booking essential; all ages and experience welcome.

The following morning (**Saturday 11 June**) it's **Magical Moths Discovery Morning** from 10am until 12 noon. Find out what has been trapped the previous night and inspect them close up. They really are fascinating creatures up close and personal. No charges for this one, just drop in, although donations welcome if you are feeling inclined?

Sunday 26 June it's the monthly meeting for our **Loch Leven Wildlife Explorers group Big Day Out**, 1pm-3pm; meet at the visitor centre.

Jumping a wee bit forward into July, we are now taking bookings for **Woodland Warriors** during the school holidays, starting **Monday 4 July**. You can book a full week or on a daily basis. There will be bushcraft fires, tracking skills etc. For more details, or to book any of the events above, please contact us on the usual number. This is a popular event, hence the early warning, so if yer no first ye micht be last type o thing – over tae you!

Think that's it again for this month! Enjoy the sunny weather if it lasts; mind the sun tan lotion, noo!

Ta ta till next time,

Colin

Farming



I am facing an unusual situation as I write this article because I looked at my previous one and it seems I was quite complimentary about the weather. In an almost unheard of situation, I am going to be quite complimentary again. Yes, it hasn't exactly been a tropical spring and grass growth throughout 'Newsletter' country and certainly here at Backward Farm has been slow, but it has been largely dry, which for us on our wetter land is a huge bonus, allowing the fields to dry out after a ridiculously wet winter. There was almost more grass for the ewes at the beginning of March than the beginning of May but at least they have had some sunshine on their backs, which is a compromise I have been happy to tolerate. The last Friday in April, when we has about 3 or 4 inches of snow, was a bit of a shock but fortunately our lambs were old enough to cope with it okay. I know that farmers with later lambing flocks who were having lambs born at that time lost quite a few lambs due to hypothermia but I suppose we should be thankful that it was a quick burst and the snow melted as quickly as it appeared, except on the highest hills. Things have settled down since then and in the past week we have had consecutive days where it could be described as warm. I have even heard of some farmers on drier land who are hoping for some rain, but as far as I am concerned they should be sent to sit on the naughty step to contemplate their actions until they modify their behaviour! Fiona wrote in her last article about the perils that lurk within the lambing shed, and she is absolutely right. So, bearing her comments in mind, I was inspired to do a full health and safety audit of our lambing shed operations and identify action points to be addressed before next year, to encourage safe working practice.

1. All ewes must wear high viz vests (jackets if it's cold) so they can be clearly seen by their lambs. All ewes must ensure their lambs also wear suitable high viz garments so they are clearly visible to said ewes, to minimise the risk of "lying down on top of" incidents. The glare from a couple of hundred luminous green (or orange, if preferred) garments could cause optical nerve damage so appropriate eye protection (sunglasses) should be made available. However, the cost of this should be offset by a reduction in electric use, as lights at night will not be required in the lambing shed. This is also a very (luminous) green policy as a result.
2. All ewes should be fitted with "this ewe lying down" beepers to alert any lamb not suitably warned by the visual protection to allow it to be able to move to an area of safety. Unfortunately, continuous multiple beepers sounding could cause permanent hearing damage, so earplugs should be available at a designated area. For the benefit of the wellbeing of the general public the warning beepers should not be licensed for use between the hours of 10pm and 7am if the lambing shed is situated within a mile and a half of any other dwellings.
3. Hard hats should be worn by all lambs to avoid any "gate incidents". Similarly they should be worn by all ewes in case of any discipline administered when attempts are made by shepherd(ess) to foster any spare lambs.
4. Armbands, rubber rings and snorkels should be available to all lambs to minimise risk of "water bucket" accidents and water should be served at a cosy 40°C.

These are my preliminary findings, but the full report will follow in due course.

And I never did make it to Barcelona!

John

Congratulations



HAZEL COOK and **SCOTT GRAHAM** were married in Cromlix Chapel, Kinbuck, on Saturday 23 April 2016. Congratulations from both families.

Local businesses **THCL** and **SCOTT STRACHAN ARCHITECTS** have been shortlisted for the Scottish Home Awards for their work at Lomond Muir Farm, Wester Balgedie, on a new build house.

ANDREW SCOTT, catering entrepreneur, has won the award for "Outstanding Contribution to Scottish Hospitality" at the Scottish Hospitality & Entertainment Awards 2016. This category, new for 2016, recognises an individual who has become a staple in the Scottish hospitality scene.

Andrew is known locally for his quirky, award-winning Heaven Scent brand, comprising artisan coffee shop, outside catering business, unique events and meeting space and restaurant at Knockhill racing circuit. In 2014 Andrew set up Victus Consultancy, putting his invaluable knowledge, skill and expertise to good use to help businesses in need of support, guidance and advice.

On receiving the award, Andrew said, "I'm absolutely delighted to win. I've worked in hospitality all my life, in various hotels, restaurants, pubs, bistros and bars for 12 years before taking the plunge and setting up my own business in Milnathort 13 years ago. It's hard work, but I love it and to be acknowledged in this way makes it all worthwhile."



Andrew at the Scottish Hospitality & Entertainment Awards

HUNTERS OF KINROSS achieved success in the first ever evaluation of gluten free meat products at the Scottish Craft Butcher Awards.

Over 100 gluten free products from across Scotland were entered for judging at the City of Glasgow College in April. Following this, Hunters received silver awards at a ceremony in Dundee for their Italian Meatballs, Venison Sausages with Rosemary & Redcurrant, Honey'd Lamb Chilli & Ginger Stir Fry and Lamb Koftas.



Conner Stuart, Liz Herkes and David Winton of Hunters of Kinross with the four silver awards

SEAMAB SCHOOL in Rumbling Bridge has been shortlisted for a prestigious Corporate Engagement Award in partnership with SGN, a major gas distributor. The nomination is in the "Best Community Involvement during a CSR Programme" category, in honour of a project that enhanced the children's learning environment.

Eight staff from SGN's Dunfermline depot built a yurt in the school grounds, as well as setting a small wooden boat into the ground to enhance the children's play and learning experience. They also spent some time painting doors, windows and sheds at the school.

The yurt (a large tent-like structure built from wood and canvas) is used as an outdoor class room, as well as being a safe and relaxing space for the children to learn yoga. This helps the children to develop focus and calming techniques. Seamab cares for and educates vulnerable children.

The Corporate Engagement Awards are known to be the benchmark for unusual collaborations between community and corporate organisations.

The awards ceremony will take place on 21 June at The Brewery in Central London, and will be attended by representatives of both SGN and Seamab.

For a report from Seamab, see page 67.

Thanks



With sincere thanks to family, friends and neighbours who gave transport, phone calls and gifts while **DAVIE JOHNSTON** was in hospital. He is now in Rumbling Bridge Care home and you are welcome to visit.

— *Elsie and family, Powmill*

Local actor/director **ISHBEL MCFARLANE** thanks all those who supported the home-town performance of her show 'O is for Hoolet' at Kinross Parish Church on 11 May as part of its national tour. Around 120 attended and she is grateful to the congregation for allowing the use of the church, for those who made the arrangements and stewarded and to Baillies for selling tickets. If you missed it, or want to recommend the show to others, it will be on at this year's Edinburgh Festival Fringe at the Scottish Storytelling Centre, 16-28 August.



Ishbel McFarlane performing 'O is for Hoolet'

Kinross-shire Churches Together



Kinross Parish Church of Scotland

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10 Station Road, Kinross KY13 8TG (Charity no SC012555)
Church website: www.kinrossparishchurch.org
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

June

Sun 5 10.30am: Quarterly Communion.
6.30pm: Evening Communion.

Mon 6 8am: Silent Meditation.

Tue 7 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.

Sat 11 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (names in advance to church office).

Sun 12 6.30pm: joint service at Fossoway Church: 'Digging Deeper - Minor Prophets'.

Thu 16 7pm: 'All Friends Together', a group for adults with learning difficulties, in the church.
9pm: late evening service of Compline.

Sun 26 10.30am Morning all-age service, including Junior Church prize giving.

Tue 28 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.

Family Week 1 - 5 August 'Guardians of Ancona'

From 9.45 - 12 noon Monday - Friday in the church, with additional events through the week for those going in to pre-school year at nursery to those going in to S4.
Register at www.kinrossparishchurch.org or contact church office.

Want to sell something?

Advertise your item free of charge in the
Classified Advertisements section on
www.kinross.cc

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 30 mins before each service.

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

Morning Prayers at 9am

Each Thursday at Portmoak Church New Room.

Each Friday at Orwell Church.

Messy Church meets on **Saturday 28 May** in Orwell Hall from 4 - 6pm.

Dates and events for your diary

5 June Joint service in Orwell Church 10.30am.

No service at Portmoak Church.

26 June Joint service in Orwell Church 10.30am to welcome back the Very Rev Dr Angus Morrison, followed by a lunch in the hall. No service at Portmoak Church.

3 July Joint service in Portmoak Church 10.30am.

No service at Orwell Church.

Everyone welcome

Church office & shop open Mon - Fri. 10am until 2pm.
29 South Street, Milnathort KY13 9XA.

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

Contact the Office 01577 861200
orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com

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.

June

Sun 5 9.45am Morning Worship, followed by refreshments.
Sun 12 9.45am Morning Worship.
Sun 19 9.45am Morning Worship.
Sun 26 9.45am Morning Worship.

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

House group:

Please contact Fred Aitken for details, 01577 840833.

Parents/Carers and Toddlers Group:

Friday 3 June 9 in the Church Hall.

Film Evening

Friday 3 June 7.30 – 9.30pm in the Church Hall.

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



St Paul's hosted a Kinross Churches Together event for Pentecost on Sunday 15 May

JAMES A. SCOTT SLATERS & PLASTERERS



4 Maree Place, Kinross
Telephone 07734 906241



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St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion)

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AY Telephone: 01577 864299
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Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk

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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:

(1st of the month) 12.30pm lunch, meditation and Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament (Meeting Room).

(Subsequent weeks) 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.

June Services and Events

Sun 5 Pentecost 4

8.30am Holy Communion. 11am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 12 BARNABAS THE APOSTLE (tr. 11th) (Reflections from General Synod)

8.30am Holy Communion. 11am Sung Eucharist.

Sat 18 The Annual Diocesan Gathering (St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth). Please contact the Rector if you would like to attend this day.

Sun 19 Pentecost 6

8.30am Holy Communion.
11am Whole Church Sung Eucharist.

Sun 26 Pentecost 7

8.30am Holy Communion. 11am Sung Eucharist.
4pm Taize-style Afternoon Service.

Everyone welcome at all services

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



Churches Together

Cleish Parish Church

Church of Scotland

(Charity No: SC003168)

Minister: Rev Lis Stenhouse BD (Hons)

Email: estenhouse@churchofscotland.org.uk

Reader: Brian Ogilvie

Session Clerk: Neil Maclure

Email: neil.maclure19@gmail.com Tel: 01577 864826

Please visit our website: www.cleishchurch.org



Sunday Services 11.15am

June

- Sun 5** 11.15am Morning Worship and Junior Church.
Tea and coffee served in Cleish Village Hall in aid of Guild Projects. Traidcraft Stall.
- Sun 12** 11.15am Morning Worship.
- Mon 13** 3.15pm 'Messy Church' in Cleish Village Hall, open to all children and their carers.
- Sun 19** 11.15am Morning Worship. Junior Church in Young Room.
3pm Afternoon Communion Service in Cleish Church for those who find morning services difficult - followed by afternoon tea served in the Young Room. All welcome.
- Sun 26** 11.15am Morning Worship followed by Congregational Lunch in the Village Hall.

All welcome

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 Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross

Website: www.kinrossgospelhall.info

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

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Acknowledgements

John and Ann Campbell and family would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their kind words of sympathy, cards and flowers received during this sad time, of the tragic loss of Kim. Special thanks to Rev Alan Reid for his kind words and comforting service; Stewart funeral directors, and all who paid their last respects to Kim.

The family of Mary Tod, who passed away on Monday 18 April 2016 at Rumbling Bridge Nursing Home, would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their lovely messages of sympathy, flowers and cards. We are all very grateful for the kindness shown to us.

We would also like to thank Dr McCracken and Dr Osborne for their care and attention over many years to Mum and the staff at Rumbling Bridge for their care of Mum over the four years she was a resident and their friendship to both her and to the family. The care received by Mum, particularly over the last few weeks of her life, was second to none; respectful, dignified and quietly carried out.

Our thanks to all who attended the funeral at Orwell Parish Church on 25 April; it was quite overwhelming to see so many people there; and to Rev Duncan Stenhouse for a fitting and meaningful service of thanksgiving; and to Stewart Funeral Directors for, as always, attention to detail and quietly carrying out our wishes.

The collection taken at the service, in aid of Ninewells Cancer Campaign, has, after some additions, exceeded £400, which is absolutely fantastic.

The Tod family
(Helen, Jean, Ann, Jim and Rosemary)

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, Conc £4.40. HS members free.

Playgroups and Toddlers

Milnathort Babies & Toddlers

**Orwell Church Hall, Milnathort
Friday 9.30am-11.15am**

A relaxed and friendly group
Healthy snacks, tea & coffee
Children from birth to 3 years
(5 years if attending with younger sibling)
Great fun for the kids, mums, dads and carers!

PLACES NOW AVAILABLE!



To join in the fun
call 07745 804539
Email milnathortbt@gmail.com
Or find us on Facebook



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 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

LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

**Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross
Session times (term time only)**

Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.15, Fridays 9.30 - 11.15
Contact Debbie Kennedy 07545 339494,
debileighs@hotmail.com

All Mothers, Fathers, and Carers are welcome to attend, with children aged birth to 5 years if accompanied by a younger sibling who shall be 3 years old or younger.

PORTMOAK UNDER 5s

Portmoak Hall – between Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell (only 10 mins from Milnathort and Kinross)



We are a friendly and relaxed group welcoming children under 5 years and their parents/carers. We offer a wide range of activities including arts and crafts, dressing up, outdoor play and stories. We also on occasion arrange outings, parties and have special visitors who come to the group!

Session times: Tues & Fri 9.45am – 11.30am.
Sessions are £2 per child (£1.50 for under 1s) and 50p for each additional child. A snack is provided.

For all queries please email
portmoakplaygroup@hotmail.com
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





MOFFAT
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Sunday 29th May 2016
At Caldwell's Farm, Collessie, Fife, KY15 7UY.
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**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 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



**Fossoway Primary School
Scarecrow Hunt & Fun Day BBQ**

Saturday 4 June
10.30am - 5pm (last entry 2pm)

BBQ from 2pm
Starting point:
Fossoway Primary School
(Crook of Devon KY13 0UL)

*We have lost our scarecrows!
And need your help to find them!*



**KINROSS HUB
THE CARERS CAFE**

Monday 6th June 2016
**Positive Choices
Therapies**
(Sarah Renwick)

Monday 4th July 2016
**Carers Independent
Advocacy**
(Sian Dawkins)

COMMENCING 10.15am PROMPT

The hub cafe
is an informal
meeting place
to chat over a
cuppa with
other carers,
cared for and
family
members.





NEW VENUE

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KINROSS**
1st MONDAY of EVERY MONTH
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Or Annette Bond
01738 567076



PERTH & KINROSS
COUNCIL
Housing & Community Care

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

6 June: Open Stage. Our guests are: Roy Bayne, Dominic Boyce, Erin Scott and Sons of Scotia. A great night in store. Members £5, non-members £8.

13 June: AGM. All members are encouraged to attend, vote in new committee and express views and suggestions.

20 June: Kirsty Bromley and Lucy Wise. Kirsty is a young contemporary singer based in Sheffield with a crystal clear voice. Tonight she duets with Lucy, a young Australian singer-songwriter based in Melbourne. Entry cost tbc.

27 June: Ribbon Road. Newcomers to the club, this is a trio from the NE of England: husband and wife Geoff and Brenda Heslop and Jill Heslop. Brenda leads the vocals with her captivating voice whilst Geoff and Jill provide tight harmonies and simple instrumental arrangements for her beautifully crafted songs. Entry cost tbc.

Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme

The **Annual General Meeting** of the group will take place at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 8 June** at the Church Centre. Anyone interested is very welcome to come along. The business part of the meeting will be followed by a short presentation by Marg Meade and Linda McKeen from Kinross-shire Time Exchange.



KINROSS PRIMARY SUMMER FAYRE



Saturday 11 June
12 noon – 4pm
Free entry



Come along and enjoy the fun!

A fond farewell!

This is the last Summer Fayre at our existing school as the building for our new school commences later this year. The Fayre will start with The Kinross Pipe Band at noon! There will be loads of game stalls, activities, St Johnstone's Football Stadium, Dance Displays, Fencing Display at 1.30pm, BBQ, Raffle - 1st Prize iPad Mini, Bouncy Castles, Face painting, Nails, Glitter Tattoos, Sponge the Teacher/Parent, Home Baking. We also have lots of stalls selling exciting items.

Sports for All with
St Johnstone's
Football Stadium.

Fencing & Dance Displays
Face Painting
Glitter Tattoos, Nails
Inflatables & Bouncy Castles



Kinross Primary School
Station Road, Kinross KY13 8TG
01577 867272

Sorry - no dogs allowed



Kinross Circle Dancing

Millbridge Hall
Old Causeway, Kinross KY13 8DW
Tuesdays 10.30am – 12.30pm
Remaining Summer Term 2016
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

Interested in joining Girl Guides?

Aged 10 to 14?

Open night at Milnathort

Tuesday 14 June

Give me a buzz for details:

Alison 07764 750212 or 01577 864262

All Friends Together

(part of Prospects Ministry)

meeting in Kinross Parish Church,
7pm – 8.30pm, **Thursday 16 June.**

This is a group for adults with learning disabilities.

Milnathort
filmhouse

SUPER SATURDAY JUNE 25TH
Milnathort Town Hall

MINIONS (U) - 3PM

Tickets: Child £3.50, Adult £6, Conc £4, Family £16

SUNSET SONG - 8.30PM

Tickets: Adult £6, Conc £4 (over 18's only BYOB)



TICKETS ON DOOR & ONLINE AT
www.milnathortfilmhouse.com

Community Library to open on Saturday Afternoons

Following the partial closure of Library services, Friends of Loch Leven Community Library are delighted to announce that they should be in a position, through volunteer action, to open the Library at the Community Campus on Saturday afternoons commencing on **25 June 2016**.

Volunteers will take over from the library staff at 1pm and close at 4pm.

This will be the first such action achieved in Perth and Kinross and we look forward to your taking advantage of the library at these times. It is the intention, in due course, to also open on Mondays.

Although we have some volunteers for this, we will require more help to increase the scope of the service and anyone interested in providing part-day assistance should contact Richard Scott (07999 510500) or Bill Belford (07807 842063).

Michael Bruce Trust Service of Commemoration Sunday 3 July

This year's annual service commemorating the life and work of the Kinross-shire poet Michael Bruce (1746-67) will be held in Portmoak Parish Church at 6.30pm on Sunday 3 July.

The service will be held by the Very Rev Dr Angus Morrison and the guest speaker will be the Rev Alan D Reid of Kinross Parish Church.

Tea and Coffee will be served after the laying of the wreath on the poet's grave by Michael Bruce Trust chairman Professor David M Munro.

All are welcome to join this special celebration.



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



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 ...

**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

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.



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

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

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
[www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/
kinross-shire-fund](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/kinross-shire-fund) or telephone 0131 5240300

Newbies

Every Monday, 2 - 3pm

Loch Leven Community Campus

A new group for new parents and new babies!
Come along and meet other parents for a blether,
whilst the babies play.

Parents with babies 0 - 18 months FREE!

PLUS Perth

www.plusperth.co.uk
Tel: 01738 626242
77 Canal Street, Perth



PLUS is a member-led local charity and social movement which gives hope and opportunity to those affected by disadvantage; in the main to those with experience of mental ill health and substance misuse.

The PLUS office is open Mon-Fri 9.30am – 4pm
for mental health signposting and enquiries.

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

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.



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

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.



Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers

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Newsletter Deadlines 2016

Please note, deadlines are on a **FRIDAY**. More deadlines for the months ahead can be found on our website.

In very rare circumstances it may be necessary to change a deadline at short notice. Check Newsletter website for latest information:

www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
July	Fri 17 June	Saturday 2 July
August	Fri 15 July	Saturday 30 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.

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.

Perth & Kinross School Term Dates 2015-16

Term	Start	End
Summer	Tue 19 Apr 2016	Fri 1 July 2016

Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com
www.foundationscotland.org.uk

Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

Outreach Advice Surgery

The Kinross Surgery is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at St Paul's Church Hall, Muirs, Kinross. The next visits are:

14 and 28 June

No appointment is necessary as the surgery is a drop-in service. For complex issues a further appointment may be necessary. Perth CAB can help you. Our advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent.

Contact us: Advice line 01738 450580.

Appointment line 01738 450581.



Benefits Advice in Libraries (BAIL)

Benefits specialist Sarah MacLean is available at Loch Leven Community Library at the campus on the **second and fourth Wednesday of each month** between 2pm and 4pm. Alongside the provision of general benefits advice, Sarah can help with: completing forms; conducting checks to see if clients are receiving everything they are entitled to; and providing advice and support where an application is refused or awarded at a lower level than expected.

Sarah is available **by appointment only**. To make an appointment, call 01738 450599.

Debt and Money Advice Service

Perth CAB has a team of specialist debt advisers. Advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent.

Talk to a specialist debt adviser today on 01738 450590, or text us on 07535 836817 with your name and number and we will call you back, or email:

zworkman@PerthCAB.casonline.org.uk

The Bike Station

Donate unwanted bikes, parts and cycling accessories for reuse. Bikes are refurbished and sold on to the public at affordable prices. Poorer bikes are salvaged for parts.

Bikes can be donated at the Kinross Recycling Centre (Bridgend Industrial Estate) or at The Bike Station at Mid Friarton, just off the Edinburgh Road in Perth.

Bike Station opening hours: Monday to Saturday, 10.30am to 4.30pm and late opening to 8pm on Wednesdays.

Weekly bike sales: Fridays, 10.30am-4.30pm (children's bikes) and Saturdays, 10.30am to 12.30pm (adults' bikes).

Tel: 01738 444430. Email: perth@thebikestation.org.uk Website: www.thebikestation.org.uk

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

Community Councils

Kinross: Secy: Mrs E Thomas (01577) 863714
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 Giacomazzi (Scottish National Party)

Tel (home): 01577 864025.

Email: jgiacomazzi@pkc.gov.uk

38A New Road, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XT

Councillor Willie Robertson (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

Tel (home): 01577 865178. Email: wbrobertson@pkc.gov.uk
85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13XA

Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh MP

Member of Parliament for Ochil and South Perthshire

I hold regular surgeries in Kinross-shire.

For more information, general enquiries and for anything else I can help with, please do not hesitate to contact me using the details below.

Telephone: 01259 219333

Email: tas.mp@parliament.uk

Unit 4, Townhead Institute, 39 Drysdale Street, Alloa, FK10 1JA

Mobile Library Service

Visiting on Tuesdays 7 & 21 June:

Milnathort	South Street	1215-1300
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Visiting every Tuesday

Glenfarg	Main Street	1130-1300
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Visiting on Wednesdays 1, 15 & 29 June:

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	21 Ross Street	(01577) 862945
Thomas Stewart	Gellybank Farm	(01577) 864603
Eileen Thomas (Secy)	50 Muirs	(01577) 863714
David West	9 Leven Place	07824 313974

Portmoak Community Councillors

Robin Cairncross	(Secretary)	01592 840672
Bruce Calderwood	(Treasurer)	01592 840423
Susan Forde		01592 840128
Tom Smith		01592 841160
Malcolm Strang Steel	(Chairman)	01592 840459
Dave Morris		01592 840500
Alison Robertson		01592 840131
Chris Vlasto		01592 840017

Have a look at our website: www.portmoak.org

Member of the Scottish Parliament for Perthshire South & Kinross-shire

Roseanna Cunningham MSP

Constituency office:

63 Glasgow Road, Perth, PH2 0PE

Telephone: 01738 620540

Email: Roseanna.Cunningham.msp@parliament.scot

Members of the Scottish Parliament for Mid Scotland and Fife Region

All MSPs can be contacted at the following address:

The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP

Claire Baker MSP (Labour) Tel: 0131 348 6769

Email: Claire.Baker.msp@parliament.scot

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Perth & Kinross Council

www.pkc.gov.uk

Customer Service Centre

Tel: 01738 475000

(Mon to Fri, 8am-6pm)

Out of Hours Emergencies

Tel: 01738 625411

(Roads, flooding, environmental health and dangerous buildings)

Clarence (for non-emergency road and lighting defects)

Tel: 0800 232323

Registrar

Tel: 01577 867133

The Registrar is normally in Kinross only on Tuesdays and Fridays at the Loch Leven Community Campus

Film shows • Cards • Dominoes • Art Class
Daily Papers • Chiropody • Trips • Exercises

Weekly Programme for June

Monday	Exercise Class	11am	Bingo	1.30pm
	Dominoes, cards & other Games			1.15pm
	"Stride for Life" Walking Group			2pm
Tuesday	Relaxation Class	1.15pm	Games	1.15pm
	Singing group with Alex Cant		1.45pm	
Wednesday	Morning Worship	10.45am		
	Dominoes, Scrabble & other Games			1.30pm
	Fantastic Fun Quiz	1.30pm		
Thursday (all except 30th)	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	(except 10th)	
	Bingo	1.30pm	(except 10th)	



Additional Events for June

Tai Chi	Wednesday	1st, 15th, 29th	1.30 - 2pm
Chiropody	Thursday	2nd, 23rd	9.45am - 1pm
			(phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)
Health & Wellbeing Information Point	Tuesday	7th	11am - 12pm
Loch Leven Campus celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday	Friday	10th	2pm - 4pm
Summer shopping trip to Callander (inc. lunch)	Tuesday	14th	10am - 4pm
Kinross Community Care Advice & Information	Thursday	16th	11am - noon
Library Trip	Thursday	23rd	1.30pm

Due to staff training the Day Centre & Coffee Bar will close at 2pm on Thursday 30 June. Sorry for any inconvenience



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

Blythwood Care collection in Perth

The charity Blythwood 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 Tuesday, from 11.30am until 1.30pm:
7 June.

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.

Mobile Post Office, Kinnesswood

Mondays and Wednesdays	1215 - 1315
Tuesdays and Fridays	1030 - 1200

Free Energy Saving Advice

Freephone 0800 512 012

Free, impartial advice on energy efficiency in the home, sustainable transport choices, small-scale use of micro-renewables etc. Advice to individuals, communities and small businesses.

Situations Vacant

In conjunction with www.kinross.cc, the Newsletter is pleased to publish local situations vacant. Please go to the [kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) website before applying to see fuller details and to **check whether a position is still available**. (Go to www.kinross.cc then click on 'Local Adverts' and choose 'Situations Vacant').

Taxi drivers (two vacancies), A2B Taxis, Kinross

Two part time taxi drivers required for busy Kinross based taxi company. Must be smart, polite and reliable. Vacancy 1, weekend only. Vacancy 2, Monday to Friday occasional shifts mainly sickness/holiday cover. Full UK driving licence essential. Anyone interested in this position should call Bruce on 07743 332237.

Full time shop assistant, Giacomazzi Store, The Muirs, Kinross

Exciting opportunity in a new convenience store opening this summer! Passion for food preferred. Will be required to work at least one weekend shift. Interviewing will commence June/July. Start date will be end July/beginning August. Please email CV and covering letter to jgiacomazzi@gmail.com

Civil operatives, Hatrick Bruce, Milnathort, full time

Experienced civil operatives required for construction sites in Fife. The right candidates must have previous experience within a similar role. Applicants must be fully conversant with current health and safety legislation and be in possession of all relevant valid certification. In return, we are offering a competitive basic salary which will be negotiable depending on experience. Apply by sending a CV to user@hatrickbruce.co.uk.

Church office co-ordinator, Kinross Parish Church

16 hours per week over 4 weekday mornings. Do you have previous office experience and good IT skills, along with excellent organisational and communication skills? You will have responsibility for managing the team of office volunteers, providing administrative support to users of the church office and coordinating the hire of the church and church centre, as well as welcoming visitors to the church who wish quiet reflection or to see round. If you are talented in ensuring that an organisation runs smoothly and have a heart for getting alongside people and helping things happen, we would love to hear from you. Informal enquiries, job description and salary details from Alice Getley, 01577 863395, alice.getley44@btinternet.com or Alison Brown, 01577 861113, dollarbrowntak@aol.com. Closing date for applications (CV with 2 referees) is Friday 17 June 2016 at 12 noon. Application by email to dollarbrowntak@aol.com or Alison Brown, 15 Mavisbank, Kinross, KY13 8QR.

Support worker, William Briggs Constable, Benarty House, Kelty, Fife, KY4 0HT

Full or part time. All aspects of personal and community care. Clean driving licence and own transport to get to and from work required. Experience preferable but not essential. SVQ Level 3 desirable or willing to work towards. Small existing team with three disabled adults. Mostly evening and weekend work. £7.50 per hour unqualified. Based 6 miles from Kinross. Please send your details to Barbara Constable bjbc_727@hotmail.com.

Second chef, Loch Leven's Larder

Do you have an appetite for excellence? We are looking for an accomplished chef to join our team. As second chef you will ensure the smooth running of operations, including monitoring of stock, maintain daily production levels ensuring that company standards and guidelines are followed. Under your expert guidance, your team will produce delectable delights for Loch Leven's Larder across the business. You will be working directly under the head chef. The ideal candidate will have recognised catering qualifications and will relish the opportunity to work in a fast-paced, dynamic environment. Accommodation can be provided. Full CV with references required. Apply in writing to Emma Niven Loch Leven's Larder, Channel Farm, Kinross, KY13 9HD, or by email at hr@lochlevenslarder.com.

Part time assistant nursery manager, Lauriston Nursery, 165 Robertson Road, Dunfermline, KY12 0BL

We are looking for an exceptional individual, passionate about providing the best quality childcare and education. They will lead the preschool room as well as being responsible for management tasks out with the playroom. Suitable candidates must have leadership experience and knowledge of Curriculum for Excellence and be willing to work shift patterns including early starts. Minimum qualifications of SVQ3, HNC or equivalent are required.

Full time senior nursery practitioner, Lauriston nursery, Kinross

Experienced childcare practitioners are required for our new nursery development in Kinross. You will ensure a high quality standard of care and education for children 0-5, planning activities around the curriculum and recording the children's individual progress. You will also deputise as manager in the absence of the head practitioner as well as offering full and practical support in the day to day running of the nursery.

Full time nursery chef, Lauriston nursery, Kinross

We are looking to employ a full-time chef working 40 hours a week within our new nursery in Kinross opening August 2016. The successful candidate should be an enthusiastic, qualified chef. You will be required to work Monday to Friday and all meals are cooked fresh daily, adhering to company policies and procedures.

Part time nursery cleaner, Lauriston nursery, Kinross

An opportunity to work within a new nursery development coming to Kinross in August 2016. The successful applicant should be self-motivated with attention to detail and a strong work ethic. They must also maintain a high standard of work.

Full time nursery practitioner, Lauriston nursery, Kinross

Full time/relief nursery nurse. Applicants must be qualified with an HNC or equivalent in childcare and education. They should be enthusiastic and committed to delivering the best possible care and education within current frameworks.

Full time apprentice nursery assistant, Lauriston nursery

You will learn all aspects of childcare practice working towards a modern apprenticeship SVQ Level 3 in childcare while working on the job. You will participate in all aspects of nursery routine for children 0-5. You must be enthusiastic, able to communicate well but, most importantly, have a true desire to work with children.

See the www.kinross.cc website for more detailed descriptions of the above six positions. Applications can be made online at letslearnyoung.com.

Items for Sale

The Newsletter publishes items for sale listed on the [kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) website. If interested in purchasing an item, we suggest **checking the website for current availability** (www.kinross.cc 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.

CD/music system storage cabinet Reasonable offer

Mahogany CD storage cabinet. Adjustable shelf for CD player
Seller Details: I Emerson 07979 958663

Iemerson97@gmail.com

Flymo lawn mower and strimmer £30

Exercise bike £30

Vivotion. Slight damage to saddle otherwise in good condition.

Seller Details for the above 2 items: Fiona McNeil 01577 863000
tichy100uk@yahoo.co.uk

Bunk bed £30

Metal bunk bed, lower bed is double bed size and will fold up to be a seat. Will need new mattresses.

Seller Details: Denise Dupont 01577 861465
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Diary

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