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Editorial

It's a slightly more slimline Newsletter this month as there are fewer community events and club meetings during the school holidays. However, a couple events that are taking place are pretty spectacular!

The Kinross Show takes place again in the stunning setting of the RSPB reserve, with Loch Leven as a backdrop. Following our preview last month, we have more details, including a show programme, in this issue. It really is a wonderful day out. See pages 12 and 13 for more information.

The other big event fast becoming a favourite in the annual Kinross-shire calendar is the Rotary Club's Mary Queen of Scots 'The Great Escape!' Boat Race (our cover feature). This is terrific fun to take part in, and very entertaining to watch. So, if you haven't already signed up a team to take part, now is your chance! See pages 14 and 38 for more details.

Fingers crossed for great weather for these two events!

Note to Contributors

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Cllr: Councillor

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CCllr: Community Councillor

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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.

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

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

Kinross Newsletter review of the year

For the period April 2015 to March 2016

We are delighted to report that sales of Newsletters have risen for the second year in a row. We now sell an average of 2070 copies per issue.

Members of the Newsletter team enjoyed meeting some of our readers and contributors at the Better Place to Live Fair in March. Feedback on the Newsletter was very positive, with compliments for our new colour pages.

We are using our Facebook page more often, and our followers of this have more than doubled in the last year.

The Newsletter continues to work in partnership with the community website, kinross.cc

We have had some staff changes in the past business year. Joyce Horsman joined last summer as Assistant Editor and is proving to be hugely helpful in sharing the workload. We said goodbye to Ann Harley after ten years as advertising manager, but welcomed back a familiar face in Julia Fulton, who used to carry out word processing for the Newsletter, and who now looks after the adverts.

We were saddened by the death of a former Newsletter editor, Isabel Gillon, who passed away last October.

We are very grateful to our advertisers; without them, the Newsletter would not exist. We would be happy to hear from any local businesses that don't advertise in the Newsletter at the moment but would consider doing so.

Thanks also go to the various outlets that stock the Newsletter, including new ones in the last business year: Loch Leven's Larder, RSPB Loch Leven, Heaven Scent, Powmill Stores and Fossoway Garage.

We would like to thank the very many club secretaries and representatives of organisations as well as individuals who send contributions to the Newsletter. Special thanks go to our farming correspondents, Fiona Turnbull and John Buchanan, and Rita Wilson who supplies the weather report.

The Newsletter truly is a community effort. All profits are given away to local good causes and for the year ending March 2016 this amount is £6,700.

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A Question of Housing Numbers

Developers seeking to build in the Perth and Kinross (PKC) area are applying for and being granted housing numbers well in excess of that agreed in the PKC Local Development Plan (LDP).

The LDP is a statutory document that identifies the land use and sets the housing numbers for specific sites.

The recent old Kinross High School site, although having an allocation for 70 units, was granted 91 units, (a 30% increase) in June, to developers Persimmon Homes.

Plans for a major expansion of some 300 housing units north of Lathro, again by Persimmon Homes, are in process despite being more than is set in the LDP and ahead of an agreed incremental delivery timescale. (The LDP allows for 140 units at this site up to the year 2024, with a further 120 units after that. Current proposals are therefore in excess of 100% over the agreed allocation.)

A site at Pace Hill in Milnathort is allocated for 50 units but developers have recently given a presentation of plans which seek 80 units (a 60% increase).

The LDP goes through years of process, including the opportunity for the public to have input to help shape their community. The Development Plan is arrived at taking many factors into consideration including impact of housing development on schools capacity, health facilities available etc, matters which have an effect on everyone in the wider community.

The process then involves forensic scrutiny by Scottish Government appointed Reporters from the Planning and Environmental Appeals Division (DPEA) whose ultimate expert examination and report is obliged to be adopted and

adhered to.

The LDP then becomes the adopted template by which all developments are measured and judged before being given planning approval by the Local Authority, such as PKC. (Or meant to be.)

Larger developments as those mentioned above have a wider impact on the existing community.

It appears Perth and Kinross Council and our local PKC Cllr Giacomazzi, who is a key figure in the Development Management Committee of PKC, believe the LDP housing figure numbers are just a "suggestion" and do not have to be adhered to.

Having checked, I have evidence from the DPEA to the contrary.

How many larger sites in recent years have been given approval by PKC for more housing units than are agreed and stipulated in the LDP?

This is a matter I think needs an answer in the public interest given the several hundred further new houses that are being sought by larger developers which threaten to overwhelm services and jeopardise the quality of environment currently enjoyed by the community.

Public confidence in the Planning System as a result of the application of the LDP by PKC is being undermined.

I believe a thorough independent investigation is required and overdue to restore public trust in how planning decisions are being made on our behalf by Councillors and Council officials.

Ken Miles

Turfhills House, Kinross

Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings

Am I alone in getting tired of the drip, drip of articles from the same sources, reference the already rejected conservation area idea for Milnathort? It has been fully discussed by the Milnathort Community Council in the past and rejected twice. However, like a lot of other things these days, when you disagree with the majority about something, then you start shouting for a re-run of the original vote. We used to have something called democracy when I was younger.

I note with interest that at web link: www.scottishcivictrust.org.uk/media/160809/how_to_form_a_civic_society_16.4.14.pdf it states that when forming a Scottish civic trust society locally, you should ensure that "*members of a civic society work for a common cause. The sorts of problems civic societies are likely to want to deal with are best approached with an open mind. And with no axe to grind. Independence of thought and impartiality are any groups strongest assets. Civic and amenity societies must act as bodies of informed public opinion, and provide a forum for discussion in matters of architecture, town planning and civic awareness. They must however, work through democratic process, realising that the main responsibility for such matters rest with the local authority, which in turn will help the expression of public opinion provided that it is sound, well intentioned and constructive.*"

I will leave the readers of this Newsletter to decide on which point we seem to have moved away from the original ethos. Perhaps, it would be in Milnathort's interests, if this carries on, to form their own Milnathort Civic Trust. It does not

appear very difficult, onerous or expensive to do and the instructions are freely given.

In my previous personal experience in the Edinburgh area, I found that many modifications that owners want to make are refused at a preliminary stage of obtaining listed building consent and never actually make it to the planners' desk.

No mention is made that owners of listed buildings are liable for changes made by previous owners, so potential buyers need to check that all alterations are authorised or face having to reverse any unlawful changes. It is also advisable to take out specialist insurance protection for a listed home that covers the owner if works have previously been carried out without local authority approval.

If your building is listed to preserve its character, planning authorities will take a dim view of any attempts to extend or alter it. That's not to say that listed buildings cannot be altered or extended, but expectations need to be realistic and are often costly. When buying, check out the condition of windows and doors, as off-the shelf replacement window frames and non-period doors are unlikely to be acceptable to the local planning authority. This usually means considerable significant costs and can affect your energy rating adversely.

Finally, Milnathort is a happy place and people are content to get on with life with as little constraints on the quality of life as possible. Surely this Newsletter has more pressing and uplifting things to discuss?

Mr P Reeve

3 Coventry Way, Milnathort



Council seeks ideas for Green Park play area upgrade

Perth and Kinross Council is considering the refurbishment of the Green Park play park in Kinross.

The Council would like to know what local residents currently think about the park and what they might like to see there in future.

If community groups get involved, it might be possible for more improvements to take place than if it is left purely to the Council. The local authority might be able to support community groups in gaining extra enhancements such as bulbs, wildflowers, fruit trees, benches or additional pieces of play equipment.

If readers have any suggestions to make about the park, please leave a comment on the Kinross Community Council Facebook page where there is a post about this topic, or contact any of the community councillors (see p. 95). Alternatively, come along to the August meeting of Kinross Community Council when the CC will be discussing this topic with the Council's Greenspace Coordinator, Dave Stubbs.

Mr Stubbs will also be telling the CC about the proposed improvements to the play area at Lathro.

Kinross CC meets at the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross, at 7.30pm on Wednesday 3 August.



*The Green Park play area.
What changes would the community like to see?*

Edinburgh airport expansion could affect Kinross-shire

Edinburgh airport is currently carrying out a public consultation on proposed additional flightpaths.

Local residents should have received postcards about this, as one of the proposed new arrival "design envelopes" would mean aeroplanes flying between 4,000 and 7,000 feet above Kinross-shire.

This could have an impact on the Loch Leven National Nature Reserve and the natural environment of the Lomond Hills area.

For full information, go to www.letssofarther.com and download the full consultation document.

Comments from the public are invited. The consultation runs until 12 September.

Elizabeth Smith, MSP for Mid Scotland and Fife Housing



Ensuring that there are enough homes for people throughout the Kinross area is a pressing concern for both the Scottish Government and Perth and Kinross Council. I was therefore pleased to learn that almost 150 homes have been brought back into use in the local area as part of a project run by Shelter Scotland. According to the statistics of the 700 empty properties brought back into use across Scotland, a whopping 150 are located in Perth and Kinross. The area is obviously showing huge progress and good practice in this area, but significant work still needs to be done to address the problem of long-term empty homes. Across Scotland there are around 34,000 long-term empty homes and helping turn these back into productive use will be central to solving housing shortages across the country and in Kinross.

Broadband

In July I campaigned for improvements to the way in which broadband companies compensate you when their services fail. The UK Government announced their intention to build into law guarantees that would make customers able to claim compensation if they fail to receive a service with a minimum speed of 10 mbp/s. I would like to take this a step further. For example, if your water or gas company temporarily cuts off your service then you'll usually be paid compensation. This isn't true for broadband providers, who may even continue to charge you for the period you are without service. This is unacceptable. The same goes for those days when you wait for a broadband engineer to arrive only for them not to show up. To combat these problems and to encourage the industry to offer better customer service, I would like to see moves made to create a formal scheme that sets fair and appropriate levels of compensation.

Nuisance calls

An enormous 45% of all phone calls received to landline numbers in Scotland are reported to be nuisance calls or unwanted cold callers. If you, like me, are sick of picking up the phone only to be told that you are due PPI compensation then I would encourage you to report these calls to Ofcom who are looking to improve things for frustrated residents. The number of nuisance calls in Scotland is far greater than the UK average and the stats also show that older, more vulnerable people are being targeted by cold callers. I would encourage Kinross Newsletter readers to be wary of any unsolicited calls as fraudsters cost UK consumers a whopping £9 billion last year.

As ever, I welcome the feedback of constituents and can be contacted at the Control Tower, Perth Airport, Scone, Perth PH2 6PL, Tel: 01738 553 990 or email at:

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Councillor Barnacle

Copy of a letter dated 12 July 2016 from Cllr Barnacle to Peter Marshall of PKC, Alan Farquhar of SEPA and Helen Taylor of SNH.



Policy & Protection for the Environment of Lochleven and its catchment

I am moved to write to yourselves regarding the above in a final attempt to obtain some structure and acknowledgement from yourselves to what I perceive is a current failure of your statutory duty to protect the environment of Lochleven from inappropriate and unregulated development.

It is my understanding that the Scottish Government encourage PKC to be acquiescent of retrospective planning applications and then seek to normalise same through the planning process. There are also no financial penalties for applicants who proceed in this manner; unless of course they are ultimately refused permission, which happens rarely, having incurred costs. This sends completely "the wrong message" to the wider public that the obtaining of planning permission is effectively of little consequence and there is no real benefit to doing things properly. PKC policy EP7 is predicated on connection to waste water treatment plants (WWTP) with exceptions only allowed where appropriate phosphate mitigation measures are met. It has been suggested to me, however, that "biodisk" septic tanks are perfectly acceptable within the catchment and there is no need to expand publicly maintained drainage and sewerage plants (currently at capacity in Drum). There is also evidence of site development without the promised necessary mitigation being provided or enforced.

This calls into serious question why we have the policy and I suggest it should be reviewed, and possibly enhanced, a call I made in submission to the Main Issues Report to PKC's second Local Development Plan.

The current protocol signed and agreed between PKC, SEPA and SNH in August 2013 repeatedly refers in conditions to drainage infrastructure being in place *prior* to development and occupation; in reality, on the ground, this sometimes is not happening where retrospective applications are involved. I suggest it is reviewed or enforced, the latter would be in accordance with PKC's 'Charter', emphasising environmental issues.

It would seem appropriate to me that all retrospective applications, where drainage is an issue within the Lochleven Catchment should not be allowed, if we are serious about its environmental protection.

The retrospective nature of some planning applications is a particular feature of those relating to gypsy/traveller sites, covered by PKC Policy RD5. I regard this 'open-door' policy as 'not fit for purpose' as minuted within PKC's Member Officer Working Group on Planning Policy and Practice. It appears to be a policy that outweighs others in relation to the environment and the residential amenity of the settled community.

In Kinross-shire we have 3 of these sites at Crook Moss, Greenacres and Mawcarse.

The applicants have been on the Crook Moss site since March 2012 without what I would regard as adequate longterm drainage and sewerage arrangements. A situation PKC planners appear happy to tolerate indefinitely. This site gained final approval in October 2013 against the wishes of SEPA, the overwhelming majority of local residents and Ward

Councillors, subject to a raft of conditions which their agent said would be met within 3 months; with those relating to drainage and fencing still not met and SEPA licenses refused due to unsuitable ground conditions (a feature highlighted by PKC's landscape consultant advising that the site was not suitable for development but a fact omitted from all planning reports to Committee). The applicants appear now to be waiting for Scottish Water to expand the Drum WWTP (an environmental improvement scheme that both the community and I had lobbied for) but this requires 'a growth project' that takes another 2 to 2.5 years from application that I do not think has been made. The local community and SEPA are opposed to the growth of this site adjacent to the settlement, not proposed during the 8 years of discussion formulating our development strategy and which has resulted in a fall in some local property values. A recent application to expand it was refused, policies EP7 and RD5 being quoted, which I strongly suggest appertain *still* to the existing site.

At Greenacres, PKC Planning stated in May 2006 that the potential of the site had been achieved at 7 units, an on-site visit now (consistently rejected despite requests by myself and Cleish Community Council) would reveal about 5 times that present, in terms of capacity; I believe this site is not served by mains drainage and is within the catchment. My request that the current settlement boundary be fenced to prevent further expansion of a retrospective nature has not been addressed.

In conclusion, I suggest there is either a review of our policies and protocol aforementioned (a view I believe possibly shared by PKC's Legal Officer) or a serious attempt made to either disallow or severely limit retrospective applications within the Lochleven catchment and enforce planning conditions set on drainage, for justifiable environmental reasons.

Yours sincerely

Cllr Michael Barnacle

Independent Member for Kinross-shire

P.S. I have information to support *all* the assertions made in the above letter should it be required.

Councillor Mike Barnacle
Independent Member for Kinross-shire

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Councillor Robertson

Donaldson Park

There have been concerns expressed by many Milnathort residents and the community council about the extensive areas of unmanaged grass within the park. The Council have now agreed to reduce the amount of uncut grass. I think everyone who sees the park now will agree that it looks a lot better.



Loch Leven Heritage Trail

I have asked for the verges to be cut in a number of areas, especially the path south of Lochleven mill. These have now been done. Likewise it is important to keep grass verges at road junctions cut. Please let me know if you know of any junctions that need cut.

Springfield Road

The traffic volumes on Springfield road continue to grow. My previous plea to the Scottish Government to consider upgrading junction 7 on the M90 was refused. This would have diverted a huge amount of traffic away from north Kinross.

I have now written to the Council asking that Springfield Road be made a much safer street for pedestrians and local residents. The pavement on the south side of the road at the Muirs is very narrow and the pavement at Wilson Court can also be difficult to negotiate because of overgrown vegetation.



Cllr Robertson hopes to have Springfield Road made more pedestrian-friendly

Gallowhill Road

I have been contacted about speeding traffic on Gallowhill Road. I have asked the Police to carry out speed checks here to deter this.

Councillor Willie Robertson

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The aim of the Household Enquiry Form is to ensure that the electoral register is up to date and to identify any residents who are not registered so that they can be encouraged to do so.

With Scottish Local Government elections taking place on 4 May 2017, this is an opportunity for residents to make sure that when the elections take place they will be able to take part.

Anyone who is 16 years old by 30 November 2016 can be registered.

Forms can be returned by post, or replies can be made online, by telephone or by text message.

Mr Alastair Kirkwood, the Electoral Registration Officer said: "If you have changed address in the last year, it's particularly likely that you will need to register at your new address, so check the form as soon as it arrives."

Any residents who have any questions can contact the Electoral Registration Office in Perth at 01738 630303.

Information also available at: www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

School lane – clarification

In the July issue of the Newsletter, it was mentioned in an article that the school lane running from Station Road to Bowton Road in Kinross would be closed as from 4 July 2016 for a period of 18 months while the new school is constructed. This statement was made following information issued by PKC Roads department.

In fact it is intended that the school lane will be open throughout the building project.

The 'Temporary Prohibition of Pedestrian Orders' were drawn up just in case there is an unforeseen problem which might need the lane to be closed temporarily for safety reasons.

A spokesperson for the Council said: "These orders have been put in place as a precautionary measure in case the Contractor or Council identify a safety issue during the construction period which would require the paths to be closed. It is extremely unlikely these orders will need to be enforced and the pedestrian path between Station and Bowton Road will remain open and the main access for the pupils attending the school."

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The Queen's 90th birthday celebration



There was a fun packed day of celebration at the campus on Friday 10 June

In the morning all of the Kinross High School pupils attended a Street Party held from one end of the Main Street to the other. Pupils came down in their year groups where they had refreshments together with the chance to have a go at games through the ages in the Assembly Hall. There was an opportunity to leave school uniform at home with a royal themed Dress Down Day of red, white and blue.



There was dancing to songs from every decade of the Queen's reign, with music courtesy of Jim McNulty

Kinross Museum put on a super display of all things royal for the pupils to have a look at, which then was transported into the Hall for the afternoon festivities.

Senior citizens (including Kinross Day Centre, Ashleigh House), members of local community groups (including Reminiscence Group, Spark2, Carers Café) and special guests were invited to a community afternoon Tea Dance in the Assembly Hall. In the first half, entertainment was provided by members of the school band playing some lovely songs through the ages and there was plenty of opportunity for singing and dancing.



The whole 'Street' in the campus was laid out for a party for pupils

A wonderful afternoon tea followed in the interval with themed cakes, sandwiches and savoury items. This was provided by the KHS Home Economics hospitality students, who excelled themselves with the splendid food.

Once everyone had finished their tea it was time for Jim McNulty to get everyone on their feet dancing along to some great tunes that everyone knew and loved. He really got the crowd going and everyone had a great time.



Senior members of the community enjoyed a traditional afternoon tea and music in the assembly hall

We would like to thank everyone who helped with making this event happen: the S6 pupils helping with the morning Street Party with special thanks to the girls who then stayed on all afternoon to help with the afternoon Tea Dance; the KHS Home Economics hospitality students for their hard work providing the superb afternoon tea; the school band and Jim McNulty for the fantastic entertainment and the Kinross Museum for their brilliant displays. Finally, a big thank you to all of the pupils and organisations who came along and took part – you really made it the brilliant day that it was!

Gerry McGregor

Kinross Show

Saturday 13th August 2016 RSPB Loch Leven

The 186th Kinross-shire Agricultural Society Show will have something for everyone, with new attractions as well as old favourites.

New this year is an Educational marquee, giving children an opportunity to get closer to farm animals.

A special attraction within the flower tent will be a display of Orchids and Carnivorous plants with Scottish Orchid Society President Mr Peter Timoney on hand to answer all your questions.

Of course all the firm favourites remain, so expect to see a fantastic turnout of Livestock, Horses and Ponies, Trade Stands, Highland Dancing, Vintage Tractors, Young Farmers

Stock Judging, Ferret and Terrier Races, Children's Fancy Dress Competition and the Dog Show.

It's easy to get to the show ground at RSPB Loch Leven, with free buses running all day. See this page for more information on the bus service.

For those coming by car, parking is £2.

Show ground entry is £10 for adults, £7 concessions and children under 16 free.

For more on Kinross Show, have a look at the Show's Facebook page or website at <https://kinross-show.co.uk>

Show Secretary, Mary Morgan:

Telephone: 01592 840030. Email: kinrossshow@aol.com

Buses to and from Kinross Show

Buses are from Earnside Coaches and will have a KINROSS SHOW notice in their window.

They are for Show usage only and are free.

Starting at Royal Bank, Milnathort

10.30am departing Royal Bank, Milnathort.

Loch Leven Community Campus stop.

Then the bus stops down the town.

Turns right at Rowland's Chemist along Station Road, stopping at the bus stops to the Park & Ride.

Returns from the Park & Ride back along Station

Road then turns right down Kinross High Street.

The bus will stop at the bus stops down the High

Street and then out to the Show. It will stop in the

countryside once it leaves Kinross if flagged down.

These buses will be approximately every half hour.

Starting at Loch Leven's Larder

11.00am departing Loch Leven's Larder car park.

The bus will turn right and will stop at the usual bus stops at Glenlomond road end.

Kinnesswood bus stops.

Scotlandwell then out to the Show. The bus will stop in the countryside if flagged down.



Why not take the bus to the show?

photo: Tracy Gow Photography

Both buses will go to RSPB car park only. The buses will make return journeys only from RSPB car park.



There's sure to be something for everyone at the 186th Kinross Show!

Scottish Women's Institute at the Show



Our community theme for the SWI marquee at Kinross Show this year is "5 Cushions any craft" for the handicrafts section and "Afternoon Tea for 2" for the housewife's section.

The ladies of Kinross Group SWI are once again busy preparing their entries for both the community and individual competitions. As always there will be a wonderful display from our members of crafts, needlework, baking, produce and floral art. There will also be entries from husbands and partners in the Gents' section and entries from members' children and grandchildren in the children's section. New for this year is a class for the local young farmers to enter. The judges this year are from Perth and Kinross Federation. A number of classes are being sponsored again by local businesses and individuals. We are very grateful for their continued support. Our sponsors are: McTaggart's of Aberdour, Robert and Gillian Bell, Robert Craig Joinery, Roddy Baird, Kilted Christmas Tree Company, Loch Leven's Larder, Williamson Florist Ltd and John and Helen Buchanan.

As usual there will be a sales table selling baking, produce and craft goods and this year there will be an opportunity to win a quilted advent calendar. You can buy a pocket for £1.

To round off the day, the trophies and prize monies will be presented by Kinross Group Honorary Vice President Mrs Janie Buchanan. Finally the raffle will be drawn, with a first prize of £50

and many other fabulous prizes, so make sure you get your tickets. They will be on sale in the tent during the day.

There is no entry charge to the marquee, but a silver collection donation will be welcome at the door so please come along and view the wonderful work from the SWI. Open from 10am until 4pm on the day of the show.



Examples of SWI craft work from previous Kinross Shows

Kinross Show Programme

Times shown in 24-hour clock. Times are approximate and may be subject to change.

0700	Showground opens.	1130	Sheep young handlers in pens.
0830	Horse Ring 1. Judging starts for Horses in Hand.	1130	Flower Show marquee open to the public.
0830	Horse Ring 2. Judging starts for Mountain and Moorland Ponies.	1215 appr	Clydesdale Horse in Harness judging.
0830	Horse Ring 3. Judging Pony Club Pony.	1230	Ring Beef and Dairy Calf young handlers.
0900	Main Ring. Clydesdale Horses, Highland Ponies and Shetland Ponies.	1245	Collecting Area for Children's Fancy Dress.
0900-1200	JAC Stock Judging. Entries taken at JAC Tent. £3.00 to enter.	1300	Dog Show starts at dog marquee.
0900	Art & Craft marquee open to the public.	1300	Stock Judging Competition starts.
0930	Art & Craft judging begins.	1300	Vintage tractor judging.
0930	Judging: Limousin, Aberdeen Angus, British Blues and Highland Cattle.	1300	Children's Fancy Dress Competition (with or without a pony) in Main Ring.
0930	Judging: Dairy breeds.	1330 appr	Overall Horse Competition (Archie Renton Trophy) in Main Ring.
0930	In Pens. Sheep sections.	1350 appr	Champion of Champions in Main Ring.
0930	Ring B. Judging: Goats.	1415	Grand Parade of prize winners.
1000	Cross Cattle.	1430 appr	Parade of vintage tractors in Main Ring.
1000	Flower Show judging commences. Orchid section open all day.	1445 appr	Terrier racing.
1030	until 1230 prompt. Dog Show registration. Entries taken at dog marquee. No late entries.	1530	Children's Educational marquee: Sheep Shearing in Main Ring.
1100	Highland Dancing competition.	1530	Flower Show marquee: Presentation of prizes.
		1600	SRI marquee: SRI Presentation of prizes.
		1600	JAC Assault Course.
		1630	Terrier Racing.
		1845	The last bus leaves the show site.
		1900	Show ground closes.

Darcey's DD Mix comes to Kinross

Local mother and daughter dance teachers Rachel and Becky Webb had a delightful surprise recently when they attended a course in London, only to discover that the teacher was none other than Darcey Bussell! The former Royal Ballet ballerina – now a judge on the popular TV show *Strictly Come Dancing* – was instructing qualified dance teachers in 'Diverse Dance Mix' or 'DD MIX', a new dance programme created by Darcey and choreographer Nathan Clarke.

Rachel, who, along with Becky runs local dance school Dance Connect, explains, "DD MIX is a great combination of dance sequences in a huge variety of styles including Arabian, 1950s, 1960s, Irish, Line Dancing and more! It's a wonderful way of having great fun and keeping fit."

Rachel and Becky enjoyed their day learning all the dances at the beautiful Rambert studios in London. "Darcey is as beautiful as she looks on the television, and was a wonderful calm and expert teacher," said Rachel.

Rachel and Becky will be bringing the exciting DD MIX class to their new dance timetable after the summer. The classes are suitable for young people and adults and no dance experience is necessary.

Rachel and Becky will be opening their new, purpose-built dance studio at Junction Road in Kinross after the summer. As well as DD MIX, Dance Connect offers a variety of dance styles from ages 3 upwards in Ballet, Jazz, Tap and Street, with more styles to come.

To check progress on the new studio, have a look at the Dance Connect Facebook page. For information such as timetables and opening dates, see the Dance Connect website, www.danceconnect.com



Rachel (left) and Becky Webb have been taught a new dance class by Darcey Bussell (centre)



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!



Councillor Giacopazzi

Council's Capital Budget 2016-2023

On 22 June, Councillor Ian Miller, Council Leader proposed his budget on behalf of the SNP group on Perth & Kinross Council. After debate, this was passed **unanimously** by all Councillors present including, of course, your four Ward 8 Councillors. So, having voted for the budget, no Councillor can now criticise its provisions.

Success, they say, has many fathers, while failure is an orphan. In keeping with this adage, others may try to claim credit for the SNP group's budget; that's politics! What I can say is that the budget made provision for projects in Kinross-shire:

1. £500,000 has been allocated for cemetery extensions which will benefit Kinross-shire where existing cemeteries are running out of space;
2. £600,000 for upgrading the A977 (Kinross to Kincardine road), mainly to alleviate the problems of the villages through which the road passes;
3. £136,000 towards the replacement of the artificial pitch used by the Hockey Club at King George V playing fields.

For clarity, the cost of Kinross' new primary school (around £12,000,000) does not figure in the new capital budget as it has already been factored into the Council's expenditure.

One comment which I have heard made, contrasts the economies which the Council has had to make on its **Revenue Budget**, with the large **Capital Budget** which has just been approved. It is precisely because of the careful stewardship by the Administration of its revenue expenditure, that there is enough money to fund annual repayments of capital borrowings in future years. Of course, not all of the Council's capital expenditure comes from borrowing; there is a government capital grant and money also comes from other sources, such as property sales and developer contributions.

Kinross Hockey, which I have just mentioned, will continue to prosper thanks to the Council's decision to partly fund the replacement artificial pitch at KGV playing fields. Representative of the Kinross Hockey Club approached Ward 8 Councillors months ago to enlist our help in obtaining funding towards the project. The club had already raised some funds, but with the Arthur and Margaret Thomson Trust's award of £80,000, the Council felt it could support the project with match funding of £80,000 with £56,000 available for contingencies should any arise.

The presentation which the Club gave to Ward 8 Councillors opened my eyes to the popularity of this sport in Kinross-shire, persuading me to support the application both through the Arthur and Margaret Thomson Trust and through the Council.

Priority Road Works. Your Ward Councillors have, since their election four years ago, been meeting regularly with Roads officials to discuss matters relating to Ward 8. We keep a schedule of works requested, against which we check progress. Given the constraints on resources, the list seems to get longer; accordingly we decided to prioritise the items we considered most pressing. So, for example, Kinross' top priority is for a new controlled crossing on the High Street, while in Milnathort a 'Slow Down' sign for Burleigh Road and a build out on the South Street zebra crossing are top of the list. In Kinnesswood the problem is one of ever bigger HGVs meeting on the high street, but while the problem is obvious, the solution may be more elusive.



Proposed Milnathort Conservation Area. In July's 'Newsletter' Alistair Smith says that I 'have made great play about the problems with windows and doors', but Conservation Area residents have greater concerns:

1. Loss of 'permitted development rights' i.e. a householder will have no automatic right to change windows and doors, erect a satellite dish, aerial, solar panels, a conservatory etc, but must apply for planning consent;
2. The removal of a hedge or the erection or removal of a garden shed, garage, fence or railings, will require a planning application, as will painting any element of the house in a new colour;
3. A planning application will cost £200 or £400, depending on the proposal. An architect or draughtsman may need to be engaged as plans and elevations will be required, together with proof of land ownership.

Ironically, these heavy and costly obligations will fall on every householder within the CA, even the owners of modern properties which are in no way 'historic'. Mr Smith's case for a Milnathort CA rests on the premise that the village has a 'large number' of listed buildings. So, New Road has two listed buildings, while Stirling Road has one; yet every other house in those streets would be involved in a costly and punitive bureaucracy if any change, however tiny, were sought.

Some consider that listed buildings in the village are fully protected by current conservation laws, without extending onerous obligations to buildings of no architectural merit. Mr Smith should consider that Milnathort CC and Ward Councillors are democratically elected to uphold and reflect the interests and views of Milnathort folk. We, as chosen representatives of the community, must take a balanced and objective view of any important proposal affecting our constituents, and listen to what they are saying.

In the end, it will be for the Council's planners to decide whether Milnathort is of sufficient 'worth', in conservation terms, to merit the status of a CA.

Councillor Joe Giacopazzi

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Councillor Cuthbert

Capital Budget at Perth and Kinross Council

Last month, I wrote that the Council was in the process of deciding what capital projects it will invest in over the next seven years. We have now had the debate and I note that last month's Newsletter had a short piece about this.

I thought that readers might be interested in a bit more detail on what was decided and how it was arrived at.

The budget process starts many months in advance of the Council meeting where it is to be debated. Each political group (SNP, Conservative, Liberal Democrat, Labour and Independent) are given copies of a prioritization matrix and supporting Outline Business Cases (OBC) for each project.

The officers calculate what can be afforded and make their proposals based on this. Meetings are then held between officers and Budget Review Groups of each political grouping. The proposal put forward was to spend £536,209,000, which equates to roughly £3,650 per person (man, woman and child) in Perth and Kinross (£536,209,000/146,652).

This figure caused me major concerns, as it appeared to take the Council to the limit of what it can spend on Capital and would, I thought, prevent it from spending more for some time into the future. So when the former Kinross High School site (91 units), Lathro site (260+ units) and Pace Hill site (50+ units) come online and we need infrastructure improvements because of the increase in housing, I wondered if there would be money available to spend on these improvements.

In addition, the cost of borrowing and the need to repay the money will have to come out of the revenue budget, so I wondered what services would need to be cut going forward to fund these payments.

When I studied the proposals in more detail, I found that Kinross-shire was to get funding for the following projects: Kinross Primary School (£12.13m), Milnathort Flood Prevention (£1.8m), South Kinross Flood Prevention (£3.2), Kinross Town Centre Improvements (£19k), Western Edge Kinross Relief Road (£7k), Western Edge site servicing (£42k) and Carbon reduction Loch Leven Campus (£600k). It was also to get a share of the block grants, like Modernising Primaries, which may put some money into Cleish Primary, for example. A total of £17.798m.

All well and good, you might think. However, most of these projects are what I would term necessary spending.



When spending on new schools, flood prevention, park upgrades, business parks and carbon reduction schemes are stripped out of the proposals, one ends up with a different picture. In essence, all the wards outside Perth with the exception of Blairgowrie and the Glens, receive no additional spending.

However, Perth on the other hand was to get: Arts Strategy Phase 1 - Redevelopment of Perth Theatre (£14m), City Centre Developments (£30m), Perth Academy - New Sport Facilities (£927k), Perth City Centre Projects (£2.2m), Mill Street Environmental Improvements (£2.6m), Perth City Centre Place-making (£10m), Perth City Lighting Action Plan (£5m), Creative Exchange (former St John's, Perth) (£2.45m), Perth Harbour - Dredging (£870k), Land Purchase & Development (£1m), Tay Heat Pump Network (£4.5m), as well as a big share of the block grants. A total of £74.4m! My conclusion was that the budget was Perth-centric.

In addition, four budget proposals were to be excluded. These were: Council-wide Traffic Signals (upgrade and renewal programme £300k), Council-wide Community Greenspace Cemetery Extensions (£900k), Council-wide Road Safety Initiatives (£300k) and Kinross-shire A977 upgrades (£12.5m). Cllr Barnacle and I were particularly perturbed about the A977 OBC, which didn't fit with what all the local members had requested, whereby we had asked for a phased approach, with cheaper initiatives to be included in this budget (speed activated signs, gateways to the villages on the A977 and a single roundabout) and the more expensive initiatives to be included in later budgets (additional roundabouts and by-passes for all the villages).

We went to see the Leader of the Administration, Ian Miller, and talked to him about this. The outcome was inconclusive, however he indicated a willingness to support a lower sum of money (say £600,000) for the A977 upgrades if we supported the rest of his budget.

We had a subsequent meeting with the Leader of the Administration and put to him that he should include £500k for the Cemetery Extensions, £300k for Road Safety Initiatives and £600k for the A977 upgrades (speed activated signs, gateways and a roundabout at the junction with the B9097). He indicated his willingness to do this.

Following this, I had a meeting with the other opposition group leaders and said that the Independent Group was thinking of supporting the Administration's budget (SNP) if they included the Cemetery Extensions, the Road Safety Initiatives and £600k for A977 upgrades. The group leaders were generally receptive to this proposal but wanted an additional £300k for Council-wide Traffic Signal upgrades included.

I then went to see the Administration Leader and put this proposal to him. He agreed to these inclusions if we supported the rest of his budget proposals and we agreed these would be funded by reducing other budgets like the Perth City Lighting plan.

At the Council meeting, this final proposal was accepted unanimously and is now in place.

The items added in this process are important to Kinross-shire for the following reasons: The cemeteries in Kinross-shire are approaching capacity and should this money not have been made available, Kinross-shire folk would have had to be buried in Perth (which I didn't think would go

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down well)! The road safety initiative monies were required to progress a list of 106 road safety problems identified in Kinross-shire. These include things like a safe crossing in Kinross town centre. Currently, many of these are stalled. The A977 money is desperately required to make the road safer and to improve the quality of life for residents living on the road.

The flip side to this is that in order to get these initiatives added I had to agree to the other Perth-centric elements of the budget. However, in my defence I would say that other Perth City Councillors had indicated their support for the programmes and would have voted for the proposals if I had not, so adding what was needed for Kinross-shire was a step I was willing to take.

The good thing about the process I followed was that there was a degree of consensus and all political groups were consulted in the final outcome. I am a great believer in consensus rather than confrontation. Politics these days appears to be about confrontation, which I don't think is healthy.

I am not keen on the process being followed with the Council's budget setting process. It is top-down, with control in many ways being passed to officers. My preference would be to see a bottom-up approach, whereby communities are asked to identify their priorities and for these to work their way upwards to setting a final Council wide budget. Perhaps the inception of the Locality Community Planning Partnerships will change things for the better. I certainly hope so!

Local Government Boundary Commission Scotland (LGBCS)

The LGBCS have submitted their recommendations to the Scottish Ministers. Comments on these were to be with the Local Government Policy and Relationship Unit by 7 July. I cannot find any reference on when the Scottish Ministers will make their final decision, but will be watching with interest and will keep you informed.

Former Kinross High School site

I have been copied into a letter to a constituent from Persimmon Homes North Scotland, which advises that they hope to have a sales office at the development site in early 2017 and hope to have families moving in from summer 2017 onwards. So it would appear that we will see developments on the site pretty soon.

Perth and Kinross Council Audit Committee

Interestingly, I have been appointed convener of the Audit Committee at Perth and Kinross Council. This doesn't mean that I am part of the administration apparently, but will give me a chance to get some valuable experience of chairing a full committee at the Council.

Councillor Dave Cuthbert
Independent Councillor for Kinross-shire

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Kinross play at the Fringe

Thinking of a trip to Edinburgh for the Fringe? Kinross theatre-maker, Ishbel McFarlane, will be performing her one-woman show 'O is for Hoolet' there - and it may be the only one of the 2,000 shows to mention Kinross!

The show draws on Ishbel's experiences growing up in Kinross-shire and looks at Scotland's attitude to the Scots language. It won the Platform 18 Award and has recently toured Scotland, including a performance in Kinross in May. Reviews have included 4 stars from The Times and The List ('an engaging, heart-warming piece').



Ishbel McFarlane performing 'O is for Hoolet'

The show lasts 75 minutes and will be on at the Scottish Storytelling Centre (adjacent to John Knox's House on the Royal Mile) at 7pm from Friday 12 August to Monday 29 August (excluding Mondays 15th and 22nd). Tickets are £10 and available from the Fringe office or Storytelling Centre, 0131 556 9579.

First headline gig for local band

Kinross-shire's Got Talent 2015 winners 'Josef Lawrence & The Hypocrites' return to Kinross on **Friday 26 August** to play their first headline gig at Backstage at the Green.

Playing songs from their debut EP 'Grow Up' released in October 2016, and their forthcoming album to be released in 2017, and tickets starting at only £4, this is definitely a night not to be missed!

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Kinross-shire – much more than a commuter base

by John Kenny, Property Manager, Andersons LLP

So it would appear that planning permission has now been granted for the former Kinross High School. 91 houses will soon replace my old school buildings. Once again it has sparked debate about Kinross-shire being a commuter base. According to two concerned citizens I spoke with last week, the new Queensferry Crossing will turn Kinross into little more than an Edinburgh satellite town. As a native Kinrossian, I appreciate their concerns. I am just old enough to remember the building of the Argyll Road or 'Wimpey' estate. It really was a major expansion to the area and a hot topic at the time. Concerns regarding the changing nature of Kinross-shire life and its infrastructure were as perplexing then as they are now. That 1970s expansion did change Kinross and Kinross-shire but in my (very humble) opinion, mostly for the better.

When I started school the primary and secondary schools were combined in the former High School. The 'new' primary school in Station Road was opened in 1969; just in time for me to join the first Primary 3 class. I can clearly remember the headmaster 'Doc' Haldane arriving to visit from 'the big school' towards the end of every lunchtime, when pupils gathered at the gate to salute him on his arrival.

The High School (or secondary) at that time was only a four-year school so 5th and 6th year advancement meant a 90-minute round trip to Perth every day. There was no M90 then, just a morning drive through 'the Glen' which ensured that the adrenalin was flowing by the time we arrived at school. Apart from enjoying the new found anonymity in the much larger Perth High School, it also provided us with new sporting opportunities, far better facilities and more varied subject choices.

Regardless of these benefits I can, however, appreciate that not everyone found it ideal to change schools and teachers between 'Ordinary' and 'Higher' exams. The Kinross School expanded again in 1980, I think, to accommodate Higher grade education. Today we have a modern school campus which is an outstanding facility, not just for the students but for the whole community; a shining example of change for the good. In contrast,

primary schools bursting at the seams are not such a good thing.

I count myself very fortunate to have been born and brought up in Kinross, and we were never short of things to do. However, there were not many facilities or opportunities when I was growing up. Many of the organisations and clubs which have come to our area in more recent years did not exist back then. Organisations such as the Scouts had long since folded before the 'incomers' came and breathed life into the area.

Of course, each single new property brings infrastructure issues. According to that most definitive source of statistics, Wikipedia, the population of Kinross-shire is currently around 13,000, which is almost double the figure it was in the early 1970s. That

the clubs, the walks, the golf courses and other leisure facilities are all very important and things that we need to stress in our marketing materials. The local shops, restaurants and bars are important too. In Kinross-shire we have much to be proud of. I cannot think of anywhere beyond the major cities with so many good quality restaurants in such close proximity as Kinross-shire has. We have a great range of local shops and the politicians and planners need to meet the challenge of ensuring that High Streets remain a hub of local living with easy access a priority. Not forgetting that we, as consumers, should use our High Street shops not just because they are local but more importantly because they are good!

Living in our area is about far more than



The 'Wimpey' estate was a major expansion to Kinross

is considerable growth for any area over that time period. It is right that every expansion is fully debated and scrutinised. The opinions and views of the existing community must always be taken into account and a balanced view taken forward. It is the responsibility of us all to make sure that the very things which make this a great place to live are enhanced rather than compromised. The role of the planning department and our councillors is not an easy one and certainly not one I envy.

When marketing Kinross-shire houses and dealing daily with people contemplating moving to this area, I am very aware that, while 'commutability' may be an attraction, there are many other, more important, factors which come into the equation for these potential new residents. The schools,

easy access to the M90. The potential purchasers we deal with are much more concerned with lifestyle. They seek the balance, as we all do, between easy access to the places we need to go and living in an area where life and leisure can be enjoyed. I think Kinross-shire still provides that.

We must remember that we are all just temporary custodians of Kinross-shire. We must all strive to contribute to our area and leave it better than we found it, all the while remembering it was a great place to begin with.

John Kenny has worked in property marketing for almost 30 years. After holding management positions with several of the largest property companies in the country, he returned to his Kinross roots in 2008 to become Property Manager at Andersons.

Autumn Term at Kinross Learning Centre

Autumn is the perfect time to take up a hobby or learn a new skill, and with an extensive and varied programme starting in September, Kinross Learning Centre can help. There are several new classes on offer – Photography and Textile Screen Printing among others – as well as the established popular courses in languages, art and various crafts. And for local businesses, we are running an SQA certificated course in Financial Accounting Software.



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Spanish Improvers	Tue 13 Sep	7 – 9 pm	10 Weeks	£75
Basic Everyday French	Wed 14 Sep	10 am - 12 noon	10 weeks	£75
French Improvers	Tue 13 Sep	1 – 3 pm	10 weeks	£75
French Advanced	Tue 13 Sep	10.30-12.30 pm	10 weeks	£75
Gaelic Beginners	Wed 21 Sep	7 – 9 pm	10 weeks	£75
German Beginners	Wed 21 Sep	7 – 9 pm	10 weeks	£75
Italian Beginners	Tue 20 Sep	7 – 9 pm	10 weeks	£75
Italian Improvers	Thu 15 Sep	7 – 9 pm	10 weeks	£75
Italian Advanced	Thu 15 Sep	10 am – 12 noon	10 weeks	£75
ESSENTIAL SKILLS				
Get set to Learn – Maths, English and more for all	Thursdays from mid-Sep	12.30 – 2.30 pm	ONGOING	FREE
IT				
Sage Accounting	Mon 19 Sep	6.30 – 9 pm	12 weeks	£86
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Apple Ipad Basics	Please enquire			
ART				
Textile Screen Printing for Beginners	Thu 22 Sep	10 am – 12 noon	12 weeks	£75
Learn to Draw	Wed 14 Sep	10 am – 12 noon	10 weeks	£75
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Upholstery	Wed 14 Sep	4.30 – 6.30 pm	10 weeks	£90
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New Kinross-shire Community Awards

The Kinross-shire Community Learning and Development Group is launching a new Community Volunteer Award.

Residents are invited to show their appreciation of any well-deserving Group, Voluntary Organisation, Local Service or Individual Volunteer who deserves special recognition for contributing their time and making a difference locally. There will be a presentation ceremony on Wednesday 28 September 2016 in the campus.

To nominate, fill in the form on this page or download a form from the kinross.cc website or pick one up from: Loch Leven Community Campus Reception or Library, Kinross Day Centre or the Mobile Library.

The closing date for nominations is Monday 15 August 2016.

Kinross-shire Community Award Nomination Form

Nomination (please circle):	Group	Voluntary Organisation	Local Service	Individual Volunteer
Name (of group, voluntary organisation or service)				
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Contact details (of group, organisation, service or individual volunteer)				
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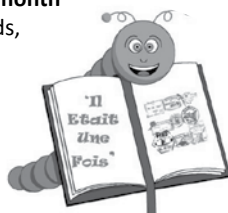
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Kinross-shire Roll of Honour August 1916

11 August

George Goodwillie

John Buchan and British Propaganda

On the outbreak of the First World War, the celebrated Scottish novelist John Buchan (1875-1940), author of *The Thirty-Nine Steps* and other adventure fiction, went to write for the British War Propaganda Bureau and worked as a correspondent in France.

In late June 1916 he was gazetted as a Second-Lieutenant in the Intelligence Corps and a year later was appointed Director of Information under Lord Beaverbrook, a post he described as "the toughest job I ever took on."

Assisted by the Liberal party politician and journalist Charles Masterman, Buchan produced a monthly magazine that detailed the history of the war, later published in 24 volumes.

In 1917 he published a detailed account of *The Battle of the Somme: First Phase*. Although he does not dwell on the large number of British casualties, his account of the first phase of the battle is a contemporaneous account that stands alongside photographs and maps of the period.

Licensing Board consultation

Perth and Kinross Licensing Board has begun a public consultation to help it decide whether there are too many licensed premises in Perth and Kinross.

The Board wants to gather views from a range of stakeholders, as well as interested members of the public.

The consultation will also consider whether premises licences not used for a specified period of time for the sale and consumption of alcohol should be revoked, and, if this approach is adopted, how long that period should be.

If an area is identified as having too many licensed premises, this could affect whether the Board grants any new applications for licences in that area.

The consultation runs until 12 September.

Background information is available on the PKC website. Submissions can be made by email to liquorlicensing@pkc.gov.uk or in writing to Clerk to Perth and Kinross Licensing Board, Perth & Kinross Council, Blackfriars Development Centre, North Port, Perth, PH1 5LU.

Kinross-shire Visitor Information Points

Loch Leven Fishing Pier; Robertson's of Milnathort;
Kinnesswood Village Store;
Fossoway Stores, Crook of Devon

Police Box



Recent crime and suspicious behaviour

A grey Audi A3 car was damaged whilst parked in **South Street, Milnathort**. This happened between 4pm and 5.30pm on Tuesday 28 June.

At 1.30pm on Friday 24 June, a green **Ford Focus** car had all panels scratched whilst parked in **Church Street, Milnathort**. Two schoolboys approximately thirteen years of age were seen in the vicinity at the time the damaged occurred.

Between 6pm on Monday 27 June and 8am on Tuesday 28 June, an attempt was made to break into **farm buildings in Glendevon**.

A red and silver coloured Polaroid 550cc **quad bike** was stolen from a farm near **Blairingone** between 8pm on Thursday 7 July and 8am on Friday 8 July. Reference CR/018367/16.

A break-in occurred around 13 July at **Powmill Milk Bar, Rumbling Bridge** where a charity box and staff tips jar was stolen.

A silver **Renault Megane** parked in Bishops View, **Gairneybridge**, was vandalised. This happened between 2pm on Friday 15 July and 11am on Saturday 16 July.

The **bird hide** near Burleigh Sands was **vandalised** between 12pm on Friday 15 July and 10.45am on Saturday 16 July. Reference CR/19531/16.

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

Police Advice

Secure your Garden and Outbuildings

If you have a garden, it's the first thing an intruder will have to deal with if they want to try and break into your house. There may also be items in your garden, shed or garage that a thief will find attractive. Take some simple steps to secure your garden and outside property.

How can I stop thieves entering and stealing from my garden?

- Keep hedges, walls and fences low (max 1.2 metres) at the front of the property to make it harder for an intruder to work unseen. Rear fences and walls should be a minimum 1.8 to 2 metres in height.
- Grow aggressive shrubbery which is hard for intruders to climb through.
- Security lighting will act as a deterrent.
- Locate bins so that they cannot be used easily as a step to climb over fences or walls.
- Lock away garden implements, furniture or tools in a secure shed, garage or store.

What can I do to protect property in my shed and garage?

- Photograph valuable items of garden furniture and garden tools. Note and keep a record of make, model, colour and serial numbers and use a UV pen or similar to security mark them with your house number and postcode.
- Use a chain or other device to lock garden tools and furniture together to the structure to make them harder to remove.

- Fit a good quality hasp and padlock to the door, fitted with dome headed or non-returnable screws to prevent tampering.
- Secure windows and don't give intruders the opportunity to see inside.
- If you have an intruder alarm, consider extending it to cover sheds, garages and outbuildings and ensure that there is a visible external sander box.
- If you do not have a secure shed then bring items inside – don't leave them lying out.
- If your garage adjoins your home and there is a through door, keep it locked.

Air Weapon Surrender Campaign

New rules will make it illegal for anyone to possess an air weapon without a licence under the Air Weapon and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015, which comes into force from 31 December 2016. However, prior to this date, anyone holding an air weapon has six months to either obtain a certificate or to surrender their weapon(s) to the police.

Police Scotland – local community

Telephone 101 for non-emergencies

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.

Police Scotland Survey

Police Scotland consults with the public every year on what their priorities are for policing in their community. In 2016 the consultation process is online and will be open all year. Take the survey at: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/8LMB9WX



Community Council News



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

Kinross Community Council

News from the July Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 6 July 2016 were: CCllrs Bill Freeman (Chair), Eileen Thomas (Secy), David Colliar, David MacKenzie and Tom Stewart; P&K Cllrs W Robertson and J Giacomazzi; Pauline Watson and one member of the public.

Apologies: CCllrs B Davies, J Bryson, I Jack, D West and M Scott; P&K Cllrs D Cuthbert and M Barnacle.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Police Report: No police present. The secretary had received an email to say that the police are reviewing attendance at CC meetings. The Area Commander's bulletins of 2, 13 and 23 June were noted.

Kinross.cc website: Pauline Watson, administrator, reported on the website, which is the joint responsibility of Kinross CC and Kinross-shire Partnership. It receives 17,600 visits per month. Businesses are getting better at using the situations vacant facility, which is then featured in the Newsletter. The classified ads are popular as well. Businesses are now less likely to pay for a link (£30) to their own website, with only half as many as the previous year doing this. A popular search is contact details for clubs. Pauline receives emails from all over the world, including a lovely one recently from a prospective Japanese visitor. Family history enquiries are directed to the Kinross Museum or Historical Society. Pauline thanked Eileen in her capacity as Newsletter Editor for the co-operation between the two media, and Dave Cuthbert for his technical support. Although there was an article about the website in the Newsletter last summer, it was agreed it would be good to include another one soon.

Crumbling façade: Cllr Cuthbert had met with a Housing & Community Care officer, who recommends that improvements are carried out to the building concerned. There are four Council and two private dwellings in the building, so some negotiation will be required.

CC Training Workshop: Several Community Councillors had attended this, which was quite interesting.

Hearing loop: Unfortunately the Council does not have any portable systems to lend out. Cllr Freeman will research the cost of buying one.

Kinross Common Good Fund: Cllr Robertson reported that the KCGF committee recently agreed to award Light Up Kinross £1,000. The ward councillors have asked PKC officers to find a better interest rate for the fund. Regarding the KCGF award to the Kinross-shire Partnership for an information board in Kinross, this is in fact an electronic touchscreen and needs to be located inside a building. Cllr Robertson has suggested the Day Centre.

High energy drinks: The Director of Education had replied to Cllr MacKenzie's letter. The service has no real concerns. Cllr Giacomazzi said that his daughter, who will manage the new Giacomazzi store at Lathro as well as the Milnathort one, had met with the head teacher of the High School to discuss what the school would expect from a responsible retailer. High energy drinks won't be banned from the store, however, as they are mainly sold to adults.

New Planning Applications

16/00955 Alterations and extension to dwelling house, 21 Montgomery Street, Kinross. No CC comment.

16/001006/HH Reduce height of hedge at 4 Balado Wynd, Balado Kinross. No CC comment.

16/01013/FLL Extension to house at 20 Pier Road, Kinross. No CC comment.

16/012098/FLL Change of use and alterations from Office/Storage (class 2) to Beauty centre (class 2) at Webster Developments, 14 High Street, Kinross. No CC comment.

16/00996/FLL Erection of 8no dwelling houses and associated works, land 110m SE of Beaufield, Balado. The CC had obtained an extension to the deadline for comment. A similar, previous application on this site was refused by PKC and then taken to appeal by the developer. Cllr Giacomazzi said that PKC had refused the earlier application on numerous grounds, but the only one upheld by the Reporter (who dismissed the appeal) was the unsatisfactory access. The CC agreed to object if the site is outside the settlement envelope in the LDP. The secretary will confer with CCllrs Colliar and Freeman before responding. [Post meeting note: the site is not outside the settlement envelope so no comment was made.]

Applications Determined by PKC

16/00176/FLL Erection of fence, formation of material storage area, siting of portable containers and skips and formation of vehicular access for Mozolowski and Murray, 2-8 Clashburn Way, Kinross. Approved.

16/00504/FLL Demolition of Primary School and erection of replacement Primary School and associated works, Station Road, Kinross. Approved.

16/00425/FLL Installation of replacement windows, The Day Centre, High Street, Kinross. Refused.

16/00784/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house at Goudierannet Farm, Kinross. Approved.

16/00858/FLL Erection of 17 houses and garages with associated work at land 120m West of Copperbank, Balado. Withdrawn.

16/00768/FLL Alterations and extension to house at 21 Hatchbank Road, Gairney Bank. Withdrawn.

16/00735/FLL Erection of house (change of house type), plot 1, Land 50m NW of Bellfield House, Balado. Approved.

Former High School site (Persimmon): As agreed at the previous meeting, the secretary sent a letter outlining the CC's concerns to ward councillors prior to this application going to the Development Management Committee. The DMC approved the application, but Cllr Cuthbert did get conditions added which may allay the CC's concerns regarding alterations to the Edwardian building. (See Cllr Cuthbert's column in July Newsletter.)

New Primary School: The CC had received a letter from a planning officer explaining why the conditions the CC had requested could not be met. The application was later approved under delegated powers.

Tayplan: The Strategic Development Plan has been submitted to Scottish Ministers. Cllr Giacomazzi said this may be the last one; the recommendation to the Scottish Government is that plans would be better on a more local basis.

Flood Risk Management Plan can be viewed on PKC website.

Loch Leven Special Protection Area: PKC have made corrections to Supplementary Guidance on Loch Leven Special Protection Area. Consultation open until 15 July. No CC comment.

PKC Supplementary Guidance on Delivering Zero Waste: Consultation open until 15 July. The CC had no comment to make.

Sunnypark Wood: Cllr Robertson has received concerns from members of the community over the removal of trees in Sunnypark Wood. The land is private. Cllr Robertson has consulted with PKC's arboreal officer. If a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) is placed on the wood, any further felling would require permission first. The CC agreed to ask PKC that a TPO is placed on Sunnypark Wood.

Town Centre Regeneration: As reported last month, the ward councillors met with PKC officers to tour the town centre. In the near future bollards will be placed at the Give-Take to prevent cars from mounting the pavement area. It may take 2-3 years before the requested controlled crossing is installed as there is no money in the budget. PKC staff carried out a parking survey over two days (a Thursday and a Saturday) in late June and the results of this are awaited. CCllr MacKenzie reported that the proprietor of Mandy's Hairdresser said that the tree planted behind her shop as part of the regeneration project is sinking and getting waterlogged. CCllr MacKenzie had photographed this and sent it to Cllr Cuthbert. However, he has noticed that the trees by the roundabout are suffering from the same problem. Cllr Giacopazzi will follow this up. It was agreed that the CC would write to PKC to say that the CC would like the return of a controlled crossing to the High Street to be a top priority.

Town Hall: There was a closing date of 1 July for offers on the Town Hall. The CC did not manage to arrange to view the interior of the building.

Former County Buildings: Over a year ago Cllr Cuthbert had dealt with a complaint from the purchaser of the County Buildings relating to PKC grounds staff removing trees from an area alongside the buildings without authority. The matter has been with PKC insurers. PKC will plant new trees and leave the ground in an appropriate condition.

Proposed New Primary School: CCllr MacKenzie reported on a recent User Group meeting. The scheduled completion date is December 2017. Some trees will have to be felled to allow construction work but will be replaced. Temporary play areas will be created. There will be CCTV on site during construction, but not afterwards. The CC had received a reply (after further prompting) to its email asking for a safety audit following the addition to the plans of a second pedestrian access on the school lane. Ms Peoples of PKC replied that there would be no further safety audit; the exit from the school lane has sufficient safety measures currently in place. In connection with parking concerns relating to the Primary School, the CC had received maps from PKC showing proposed double yellow lines at the junctions of Douglas Crescent and Emslie Drive and inviting comment. It was agreed that no reply was necessary as the ward councillors present are aware that the CC supports these proposals, though regarded the Emslie Drive lines as much more essential than the ones at Douglas Crescent.

Correspondence. A summary of correspondence received had been circulated and was available at the meeting. Items mentioned were:

Double yellow lines near Masonic Hall: Map showing proposed lines received from PKC. The CC has previously expressed support for these. CCllr Freeman thanked the ward councillors for the recently repainted lines near 64 Muirs.

Junction Road: PKC informed the CC that some residents had objected to the proposed variation of speed limit (raising a section of the road from 30mph to 40mph). Cllr Giacopazzi indicated that Cllr Cuthbert had wanted to contact the residents to reassure them that the 40mph section will end well before the mini roundabout leading to the residential area and indeed would allow for 30mph signs to be in place before the roundabout.

New community awards: It was agreed that Community Councillors should be encouraged to nominate a person or group for an award. (See p. 24.)

Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllr Robertson:

Gallowhill Road: Residents are concerned at the speed of traffic, particularly at the corner where a footpath from the Springfield estate joins Gallowhill Road.

Springfield Road is getting busier with traffic and could be more pedestrian-friendly. It might be possible to fund improvements from a developer contribution (from the proposed Persimmon development north of Lathro). Cllr Robertson has written to PKC.

Cllr Giacopazzi:

Hockey pitch: Cllr Giacopazzi reported on grant funding from PKC and the Arthur and Margaret Thomson Trust for a replacement artificial pitch. (See July issue of Kinross Newsletter, p. 17.)

Buses: A definitive answer is hoped for soon regarding services 56 and 56X.

Cemeteries: There is money for extensions.

Wilson Court: Bushes are out of control and there is rubbish in high hedges.

Other Business

Planters: The chair had received a query from a member of the public wondering if planters will be returned to the corner of the High Street with Montgomery Street. Cllr Robertson said PKC is currently trying to sort out the bins at that location for now.

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

Agenda for the Meeting on Wednesday 3 August

(1) Apologies. (2) Declarations of interest. (3) Minutes of meeting of 6 July 2016. (4) Police report. (5) Refurbishment of Green Park play area. (6) Matters arising from minutes of 6 July 2016. (7) Planning matters. (8) KCCNL admin changes. (9) Town centre regeneration. (10) Proposed Primary School. (11) Correspondence. (12) Reports from P&K Councillors. (13) Questions from the floor. (14) Any other competent business. (15) Date of next meeting.

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

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Milnathort Community Council News from the July Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 14 July 2016 were: CCllrs D Baudains (chair), C Williams, C Lawson and S Young; P&K Cllr Barnacle and six members of the public.

Apologies: CCllrs K Heneghan, L Cartwright and E Kirkham; P&K Cllrs J Giacopazzi, W Robertson and D Cuthbert.

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave thanks to Brian Cook who had resigned from the community council due to personal circumstances.

Police Matters: No police were in attendance but an update had been provided in advance. The CC had been asked to make residents aware of the increasing number of fraudulent telephone calls and internet scams. Many people are being taken in by these.

Public right of way through primary school: CCllr Kirkham had met with the acting head. There are some concerns about vandalism and PKC are proposing to pilot a Mosquito Anti-loitering device (ultrasonic siren) to assess the impact. Signs will also be placed on all gates reminding people to close them, school doors are alarmed, and supervisors are in attendance during breaks. No concerns from school.

Roads items: The CC have been asked to identify roads where increased safety is a priority. This will be covered in the August meeting.

Long grass in Donaldson Park: CCllr Young had met with Nigel Taylor of PKC and was very impressed by his willingness to ensure that the Health and Safety concerns of residents were addressed and that the park was maintained to a good standard. Within one week many of the areas have been cut back and additional strimming done. It was felt that the park was looking good and the Council has given a clear commitment to continue to maintain the North East/West corners of the park at the same frequency as the other parts of the park. The CC thanked Cllrs Robertson and Cuthbert who added their support at the meeting.

Public toilets: CCllr Williams and Cllr Robertson approached Heaven Scent who offered to participate in the PKC Comfort Scheme, whereby a local business agrees to allow members of the public to use their toilets. Businesses receive payment from PKC for providing this service and PKC have no additional funds to support a second scheme in Milnathort. The Thistle Hotel currently participates in the scheme and wish to continue. There was little knowledge about the terms and conditions of this scheme, e.g. required opening times, and whether or not these were being adhered to. Cllr Barnacle offered to find out more about the T&Cs.

Pace Hill Development: The developer, Dundas Estates, ran a public consultation event on 10 June which was attended by the CC and members of the public. Concerns highlighted include: plan is for 80 houses against the local development plan indicative figure of 50; increased traffic and the lack of north bound motorway access; vague on timescales. There is a deadline of 22 July for initial feedback with plans expected to be submitted to PKC planning mid-late August. As the event was run by the developers themselves, feedback should be sent to the architects at debbie@hypostyle.co.uk. A feedback form is available on the CC website. A number of CCllrs and members of the public made comment that they had sent in 'negative' comments and have not had their feedback acknowledged. One CCllr who followed up with a phone call was told their feedback had not been received. Those

submitting feedback are encouraged to do so by email and to keep a copy of their submission. As the CC must represent the views of the community in planning matters comments should also be forward to the CC. Cllr Barnacle informed the CC that there had been a development committee meeting on 13 July where the pre-application notice had discussed. Cllr Giacopazzi also raised concerned about 80 houses against 50 in the development plan, education capacity, and lack of motorway junction to Milnathort. A member of the public asked if the project could simply be land speculation but the CC's understanding was that it was the developer's intention to build.

Planning applications submitted: Erection of dwelling house at Hattonburn lodge: no comment.

Planning applications determined: Erection of dwelling house and garage at land 20 metres north of Craigowmill Farm Cottage: approved. Extension to Ashley House Care Home: approved. Extension to house in Auld Mart Lane: approved.

Best Kept Village: Milnathort has entered for the first time in a number of years. Judging takes place on 26 July. The intention had been to get young people involved in this but school holidays have made that difficult. It was felt that the village was looking well with the 2 ex-pubs looking good, especially the Royal. There is an untidy area around the school where new young saplings have been planted but this can only be tidied once the saplings are dormant. Other unkept areas highlighted include Forth Wines and the former Collier's garage. The community are allowed to nominate one exclusion zone for the judges and it was agreed that this would be garage.

Branches: CCllr Young had received an anonymous letter about tree branches overhanging pavements and asked what could be done. Cllr Barnacle said PKC can ask the landowner to cut these back and if not PKC would do it and bill the landowner. CCllr Young agreed to make a list and send to PKC. A member of the public brought up that there were overgrown areas at Burleigh Castle making passing difficult. CCllr to contact PKC Community Greenspace team about this.

Ward Councillor updates

Cllr Barnacle had sent a letter to Nick Brian and Peter Marshall of PKC calling for the **Ochil Hills** to be given regional park status. PKC have not been helpful but Mike has also sent his letter to Clackmannanshire Council. Glenfarg and Fossoway CCs have given support for this.

CLOCK & WATCH REPAIRS

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

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Mike is now on PKC's **Outdoor Access** forum with responsibility for obtaining feedback from CCs.

Mike has also written a letter to SEPA and Environment Scotland about the **Loch Leven catchment policy**. [See page 7.]

Mike had received a telephone call from the Courier about Milnathort becoming a **conservation area**. Mike said that PKC were not intending to introduce any more conservation areas, instead ensuring that the current ones were maintained as required. Mike felt there had not been enough public consultation with Milnathort residents on the town's status. Cllr Giacopazzi provided an update in advance. The **broken fence** along the roadside between Milnathort and Kinross has now been repaired. Stonework on the town hall steeple needs repaired.

Cllr Robertson provided an update in advance. He had received a complaint about **builder's debris** being left. PKC inspected the materials and it was found to be materials required for work on a block of flats; no action required.

The **grass verges** in Tillyrie area needed cutting and residents were now cutting them themselves. Mike Barnacle said that PKC cuts are once a year but that if safety issues are reported they should come out and cut them. David Baudains will follow this up with Willie.

Other business

Clock: There was a request for the town hall clock to tell the right time.

Edinburgh Airport are holding a consultation on potential arrival/departure routes. No routes have proposed as yet. Further details are on the MCC web site.

The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will take place on Thursday 11 August 2016 at 7.30pm in Milnathort Town Hall.

Find Milnathort CC minutes, agenda and other information at:

- www.milnathortcommunitycouncil.org
- www.facebook.com/milnathortcommunitycouncil

Cleish and Blairadam CC

Cleish and Blairadam CC meets every second month. There was no meeting in July. A report of the June meeting was in the July issue of the Newsletter.

The Next Meeting of Cleish and Blairadam CC takes place on Monday 1 August 2016 at 7.30pm at the Tabernacle Hall.

Fossway and District CC

There was no meeting in July. A report of the June meeting was in the July issue of the Newsletter.

The Next Meeting of Fossway & District CC takes place on Tuesday 2 August 2016 at 7.30pm at Carnbo Village Hall. All welcome.

Piano Tuition

Tuition for all levels from complete beginners to those wishing to refresh their skills.

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Portmoak Community Council News from the July Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 12 July 2016 were: Cllrs M Strang Steel (Chairman), B Calderwood, R Cairncross (Secretary), T Smith and S Forde; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and D Cuthbert; and one member of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs D Morris and A Robertson; P&K Cllrs J Giacopazzi and W Robertson.

Previous minutes: The draft minute of the meeting held in June 2016 was approved subject to the following amendments:

3.8.1 *Boulders restricting the passage of essential agricultural machinery on the Dryside Road:* Amend to "The land on both sides of the carriage way was believed to be owned by a local resident."

4.3 *Planning (g) 16/00751/FLL Former site of Levenshulme Nursing Home, Glenlomond – Erection of 13 houses.* Amend to: "The CC had objected to the application unless, in the interests of road safety, the following two conditions were met:

1. **Passing places.** Any consent should be conditional upon three passing places (not two as proposed) of a specification sufficient to accommodate large construction traffic between Wester Balgedie and Glenlomond being provided by the Applicant before development commences.
2. **Signage.** Any consent should be conditional upon the developer installing at each end of Wester Balgedie warning signage generally in the terms specified in the CC's letter of objection of 18th January 2016 to application 18/01834/FLL and again prior to commencement of any development."

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

PKC Public Transport Consultation: Ward Cllrs were asked to clarify if the burden of subsidy for the 201 Stagecoach route fell only on PKC or did Fife Council make a contribution.

Boulders restricting passage of essential agricultural machinery on the Dryside Road at Muirs of Kinnesswood. Cllr Barnacle had taken the matter up with both the resident concerned and with PKC. The latter did not feel that it had a locus in resolving this longstanding matter. The Chairman, after further investigation, will raise the matter with the police.

Kinnesswood in Bloom had written again to A & J Stephen seeking either direct permission to or, alternatively, a lease to enable it to progress its proposed development of the site adjacent to the Golf Club. To date there had been no response. As a consequence significant funding secured to support the development could be compromised. The CC, with a different but complementary agenda, was also seeking a meeting with A & J Stephen with, to date, no success. It would redouble its efforts.

Police: There was no Police Report. The Commander's Bulletins of 16, 23 & 30 June and 7 July were noted.

Treasurer's Report: The General Account at the end of June was £140.30, while the Michael Bruce Way account was £694.39, giving a total of £834.69. The operational grant from PKC for the years 2016-17 was anticipated.

Planning

New applications

16/00981/FLL Land 50m south of the Old School House, Scotlandwell. Erection of dwelling house and ancillary

buildings. No CC comment.

16/00982/CON Land 50m south of the Old School House, Scotlandwell. Demolition of buildings. No CC comment.

Progress with Developments

Former Lomond Inn: Proposals for part demolition and erection of 5 dwelling houses. The CC had lodged a complaint with PKC that, despite recurrent requests, conservation officer reports had not been made available. The response was judged inadequate and would be followed up. A Freedom of Information request seeking relevant information would be made. Ward Cllrs confirmed that their attempts to seek transparency on this matter had also been rebuffed.

Glenlomond: Proposals to erect 13 dwelling houses. No further developments.

Update on recent planning applications: In the past month PKC had determined seven planning applications: five had been approved and two refused. Five emanated from the three conservation areas and two did not. A summary can be found on the Council's website "Rolling List of Applications with Decisions".

Roads Report: The CC noted that there had been no progress following the recent visit from the PKC to consider a number of roads issues across Portmoak. (These had been listed in the Minutes of the CC meeting of 14 June.) Cllr B Calderwood would now follow these up.

The CC noted a response from the Minister for Transport and the Islands in respect of a number of issues relating to traffic usage on the A911: Local Authorities were now responsible for the classification of their roads; the A911 was not part of the trans-European transport network; and the Government has no control over which routes Sat-Nav devices identify as shorter alternatives but local authorities do have powers to restrict certain classes of vehicles on local roads. The CC would write once more to clarify its request for traffic travelling south on the M90 and heading to Glenrothes to defer exit from the M90 until junction 5 was reached.

Paths Report: This was a busy time: a) With long hours of daylight the weekly working parties held each Monday evening were proving effective. Work had focused on providing improved drainage on the upper reaches of the Michael Bruce Way and on maintenance at Peat Loan and Dryside Road. b) A new path from RSPB Vane Farm across Benarty to Balingry would open shortly. c) There had been no further information on LLLP proposal to install a trailhead sign at the church car park. Cllr Smith would check with the church and LLLP. d) Portmoak Primary School had recently held a successful sponsored walk along part of the Michael Bruce Way raising more than £2,000. £250 had been donated to the CC's Michael Bruce Way Fund. The CC would write to thank the school.

Progress with other matters

Arrangements at Whitecraigs and Stephen's Field consequent on the departure the developer. To clarify a number of outstanding matters the CC would continue to seek a meeting with the developer A & J Stephen.

Portmoak Cemetery. The matter was being pursued by the Chairman. Ward Cllrs confirmed that in the recent budget settlement there would be some funding to support cemetery development.

River Leven Trustees: Cllrs Strang Steel and Cairncross had met with the Chairman and Secretary of the River Leven Trustees. It was a constructive meeting. More than

40 businesses used the River as a resource at the end of the 19th century but today there were three: Cameron Bridge Distillery, Fettykil Paper works, and a small hydro plant. Through regulating the supply of water from the Loch to the River, the Trustees discharged their responsibility of ensuring a consistent supply of water to these businesses. While the sluices could be controlled remotely, their precise settings were determined by a recent engineering report which took into account a number of external factors. The Loch did not represent a large reservoir and there were times when management of its levels could be challenging. Towards the end of last year the Loch level was lowered yet the result of excessive rain meant that Loch levels could not be controlled. As a consequence for some weeks the spillway was in action with excess water by-passing the sluices.

It was acknowledged that there were a number of myths surrounding the management of Loch levels. The CC suggested options that the Trustees might consider to improve communication about the management of Loch levels and of the associated "cut" leading from the Loch.

Local Flood Risk Management Plans: The CC noted the publication by lead authorities of Local Flood Risk Management Plans. The River Leven and its drainage fell under the Forth Estuary Plan. Plans were available to view on line at <http://www.pkc.gov.uk/frmplans>.

Ward Councillor Reports

Cllr Barnacle reported that: (a) he had raised concerns about compliance with development requirements for the Loch Leven Catchment Area in particular in respect of retrospective applications; (b) an improved capital budget had been secured proving additional funding for potential infrastructure projects; and (c) Portmoak Primary School had published an impressive Standards and Quality Report for 2015-16. The CC would write to congratulate the school on its achievement.

Cllr Cuthbert reported that: (a) the capital budget for the next year had been settled. Members had been successful in securing some further funding for infrastructures developments; (b) he had now been appointed convenor of the Audit Committee; and (c) planning enforcement would review the erection of a shed at Kilmagadwood to determine whether a planning application was required or not.

Other Business

A resident wished to record thanks to PKC for cutting verges in the past two weeks. It had made a real difference.

A request was made to remove redundant signs: for new housing at the Wellside development in Scotlandwell; and for Levenglen at the Wester Balgedie junction. These would be followed up.

The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 9 August 2016 at Portmoak Village Hall.

Portmoak CC minutes can be viewed:

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

Community Website

For contact details of community groups, hall bookings, job vacancies, leisure and visitor information and much more, visit www.kinross.cc

Club & Community Group News



Kinross & District Rotary Club

It's been a busy month for the Rotary Club of Kinross and District.

Firstly there was our inaugural breakfast meeting. Held on Tuesday 21 June at the Kirklands Hotel, there was a good turnout with 23 members and guests. The Rotary Club has started these breakfast meetings in the effort to offer alternative meeting times to prospective members and to introduce associate memberships. Beginning at 7.15 for a 7.30am start, the meeting included a breakfast of hot rolls, juice and coffee. Secretary Brian Timms gave a succinct overview of Rotary, what Rotary is and what it is we do, which surprised some guest and refreshed the memories of some of the existing members. Rotary member George Lawrie also spoke on the ethos behind associate membership of Rotary, so by the end of the meeting we had a new associate member and interest from three others.

The next breakfast meeting will be held in the Kirklands Hotel on **Tuesday 16 August**. Each month we will have a speaker from a local business or a Rotarian giving short talks. Talks are strictly limited to 30 minutes. So if you are a local business owner and want to spread the word about your business, or if your organisation is looking to engage further with the local community, please get in touch and you may be able to speak at one of our future breakfast meetings.

The other key event was our handover dinner. This is where the outgoing President for 2015/16 hands the reigns over to the new President for 2016/17.



treated to some interesting video of what it looks like from the pilot's point of view when landing on an aircraft carrier. Jerry, who attended the Navy's "Top Gun" pilot school, said that it was not difficult!

The Mary, Queen of Scots – The Great Escape – Boat Race is coming up later this month. Have you got your team together? Do you and your friends want to take up the challenge? See the poster elsewhere in the Newsletter (page 14) for more information or simply e-mail Barry Davies on barrydavies57@btinternet.com



Team Andersons having fun at last year's boat race

Don't forget, the next breakfast meeting will be held in the Kirklands Hotel on Tuesday 16 August. Come along if you would like to find out more about Rotary. We also meet every first, second and fourth Monday of the month at 6.30pm in the Kirklands. For more information, please e-mail Brian Timms on brian.timms230@btinternet.com



Cliff Megginson (right) passes the presidency to Malcolm Wood

After a year of sturdy stewardship and the helm of the Rotary Club, Cliff Megginson handed over to Malcolm Wood, who will take the club forward into the next 12 challenging months. We were all treated to an excellent meal by the staff of the Kirklands Hotel and some great entertainment by a magician.

An especially entertaining speaker in June was a former US Navy pilot, Jerry Beaulier. Jerry had a long and distinguished career in the US Navy and the RAF. He flew F4 Phantoms from aircraft carriers and, during service in Vietnam, Jerry shot down an enemy MIG aircraft. Over the course of his career Jerry made 550 landings on aircraft carriers. We were

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Milnathort in Bloom

Question: How do you get from a plug to a basket? This is the task of the bloom volunteers every year and we would be delighted to show you how we do it.



Our latest learning experience was working out how to put up hanging baskets in the pouring rain. It started off as a sunny day, but rapidly became torrential rain, but the show went on and now we have the stunning baskets you see around the village every day. How's that for commitment?! Now, you may see the new buggy (Arthur) rolling around the village helping to water the baskets. Our long suffering engineer, David Henry, is constantly muttering around his new toy, the watering buggy, and the new gadgets that it brings to the party. With its flashing lights, pumps and a new extendable hose, it fits the job perfectly, so we apologise in advance for any minor holdups when we need to water the plants.

If you see something that could be improved as you walk around the village, please let the community council team know and they will advise us or Perth and Kinross Council on your thoughts depending on who can help the best.

If you fancy a few minutes of calm from the madness of modern life, why not spend some time in the village orchard in South Street listening to the bees collecting pollen from the fruit trees? Wild flowers are also starting to appear now. Our latest challenge is the cross area in the centre of the village, now that Scottish Water have finished. We are still seeking ideas from everybody and recently had some expert input from Kinross High School who took it on as a design project; many thanks to them. I am sure the final decision will be impressive.

We are now preparing for next year, making decisions on colour schemes and new ways of approaching perennial problems to be addressed.

Happy planting from the Milnathort in Bloom team.

The Kinross-shire Civic Trust

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website: www.kinross-shirecivictrust.org

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As usual the Trust will have a stall at the Kinross Show. Please come and visit us there on Saturday 13 August. We will be pleased to talk to people about issues relating to the beautiful county of Kinross-shire.



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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

Sunday 31 July: Tullybaccart and Lundie Craigs, 6 miles. A walk through fields and woodland, returning by Ledcreeff Loch.

Saturday 13 August: Bishop Hill, 7½ miles. Walking on tracks and hill paths. Superb views.

Sunday 28 August: Balmerino/Wormit Loop, 8½ miles. Coastal woodland walk, viewing the ruins of the 13th century abbey and the c450 year old Spanish chestnut.

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

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

Tuesday Short Walks

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

Tuesday 2 August: Maspie Den, Falkland. A gentle uphill stroll past Falkland House, then continuing more steeply up the gorge to the waterfall, returning by a forest track.

Tuesday 16 August: Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh. A return visit to the Botanics. Bus to Edinburgh then a walk down to the gardens to see the colourful herbaceous borders.

Tuesday 30 August: Heritage Trail, Loch Leven's Larder to Vane Farm. An interesting walk from the Larder through woodland, past the sluices and Findatie, finishing at Vane Farm.

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

Circle Dancing

The summer is nearly over and it is time to think of new things to do. Circle dancing is great fun, and no partner or experience is needed. Every dance is taught and steps can be adapted for those who are less mobile.

Our regular circle dance class meets on a Tuesday morning in term time at the Millbridge Hall in Kinross from 10.30am until 12.30pm and is £4 per session including refreshments. However, due to huge popularity, we are now holding a **beginners' class** on a Wednesday morning for one hour from 10am until 11am. The cost is £3. If you would like to come and see what we do, you would be most welcome to come along any Wednesday for a free taster session. For further details, please phone Lynne on 01259 742173 or email lynne244@btinternet.com

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As promised last month, here is the full report of the charity golf event at Milnathort on Saturday 9 July. Despite the rain, especially in the morning, we had a very successful day that raised the magnificent sum of £608. Many thanks are due, starting with Milnathort Golf Club nominating us as their chosen charity and for the great turnout by the members. To be recognised as part of the local community is so appreciated by the volunteers.

In the fun afternoon competition, competitor's ages ranged from 6 to 80 years and involved members, volunteers and friends. However, the day was maximised by the very generous sponsorship from, firstly, TJ Ross and MMR Construction of Strathmiglo and, secondly, Harper Macleod LLP of Glasgow. A fantastic raffle also played its part, as did the excellent catering from the Steward, John Gough and staff. His donation from the high teas was greatly valued. Hopefully winning the first prize in the raffle (a 12 year malt) was a suitable reward for his hard work! A sincere thank-you to all who supported and contributed in any way to making the day such a memorable occasion. A special recognition must go to Phil Leiper whose energy and enthusiasm provided the foundation for a fun-filled, productive day with everyone a winner!

Competition winners: Morning, charity shield 18 holes: Alan Marshal, Gwen Tate and Colin Gibson; runners up, Sue Jones, Gary Moffat and John Donaldson. Afternoon, common grounds 9 holes Texas scramble: Sue Jones, Donald Henderson and Robin Caldwell; runners up, Elspeth Caldwell, Stuart McDowell (J) and Kenny Duncan.

Project: Our project for August is Brass for Africa. Brass for Africa is the brain child of a British Airways pilot and

amateur trumpeter, Jim Trott, who formed this charity in 2009. The charity deliver, by air, donated brass instruments to disadvantaged children in Uganda and Liberia. Experience has shown that the opportunity to learn and play music has the most profound effect on these young vulnerable children who include orphans, ex-street kids and refugees. They provide essential equipment such as music, music stands, valve and slide oil and have funded and facilitated the set-up of Uganda's only instrument repair workshop which has led to skill building and youth employment. It is wonderful to see that the older children who have mastered instruments are now teaching and encouraging younger children to make music!

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

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



From left to right: Kenny Duncan, Captain Milnathort Golf Club, with winners Robin Caldwell, Sue Jones & Donald Henderson

Kinross and District Town Twinning Association



The Gacé party arrives in Kinross on the evening of Sunday 31 July for this year's official twinning visit. Travelling by the channel tunnel for the first time, the party will have the Monday free with their host families to recover from their long road journey. Tuesday will see the party meet at Milnathort Town Hall for a welcome reception followed by a buffet at Milnathort Bowling Club. This will be followed by a Kinross v Gacé bowling match on the grass and then a French boules match on the campus petanque zone.

On Wednesday, the group will depart for the Falkirk area for a guided tour of the Kelpies and a visit to Callendar House, followed by an evening meal at a local restaurant.

Thursday will again be free with host families before Friday's visit to Balhousie Castle Museum and poppies display followed by a visit to Dewar's World of Whisky in Aberfeldy. Saturday evening will see everyone meet at Milnathort Town Hall for a buffet meal, exchange of gifts and an evening of musical entertainment.

Sunday will again be free with host families before their departure early on Monday morning.

It would be good if all those formerly involved with twinning could participate in one or more of this summer's planned events. Interested former twinners should contact Chairperson Jeannie Paterson for further details and prices.

Kinross-shire Day Centre

This month we have been very musical.

We had a fantastic outing to Pitlochry Theatre for lunch and then a spectacular show "Carousel". It had everything: brilliant acting, fantastic singing and a hankie finish.

We have also enjoyed afternoons with Ian Grinley on Piano and a concert from our local group, the Sabres, who get us all reminiscing with their music from the 60s and 70s.

Our summer barge trips are still as popular as ever; no matter what the weather has to offer, we still all have a wonderful time.

We also had an afternoon with a local storyteller Noel Coxen. His stories were funny and witty and we all had a very enjoyable afternoon.

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 96.

Kinross Garden Group

Our July outing took us to Pitmuis Gardens near Forfar where flowers, fruit, vegetables and trees were laid out in different areas for us all to enjoy. Lunch was taken at Angus Gateway.

The next outing is on **Thursday 11 August** when we are going to Haddington and Broadwoodside, Gifford.

Contact Mrs Rodger on 01577 863785.



Kinross & District Art Club

www.kadac.co.uk

'Changeable' is a word that might describe this summer's weather and it certainly applied to our two recent outdoor painting sessions, organised by club member John Tydeman. A dozen of our members braved the elements for the first outing at local Dowhill House with its magnificent gardens. Cathie Clark, shown here in the photo, found the perfect sheltered spot from which to capture the view of a delightful courtyard.

Loch Leven's Larder was the venue for our second outing and the staff kindly arranged for us to paint indoors if necessary. The veranda, however, provided enough shelter from the wind and rain. However, during one particularly heavy shower Jim Miller commented, 'This puts a whole new slant on painting in watercolours!' One bonus of the day was the constantly changing, dramatic cloud display over the loch, resulting in some impressive paintings.

Some of these efforts will be on display at our forthcoming exhibition, **7 - 10 September** in Kinross Parish Church. On Thursday and Friday the exhibition will be open from 1pm to 8pm and, on Saturday, from 10am to 4pm, with the opening evening on **Wednesday 7 September** from 7pm to 9pm.

We still have a few places for the bus trip to the Pittenweem Art Festival on **Tuesday 8 August** at £8 for the round trip. If you'd like to join us, contact Sybil on 01577 840140. For more information on the club, visit our website.



Cathie Clark at Dowhill House gardens

1st Kinross Beavers

This term we have introduced the new role of lodge leader at Beavers. As some of our more senior Beavers in the colony, they have the task of organising their lodge at the start and end of the evening and when we're out and about. Congratulations to our first lodge leaders Rhys, Oliver, Jamie and Jessica. All Beavers were recently given a special badge celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday which they can wear on their uniform. To join in the celebrations the Beavers have designed a tea towel showing self-portraits of the whole colony.

On the weekend of 18 - 19 June, 19 Beavers attended a sleepover at The Millbridge Hall. The theme of the sleepover was based on the health and fitness activity badge. The Beavers had great fun in the sun as we went to Kirkgate Park to complete a variety of activities including an obstacle course, relay races and football rounders. It was then back to the hall for a barbecue before settling down for the evening to watch a DVD and then to bed.

Next morning the Beavers rose early with most of them up by 7am! After breakfast there was time for some

games before all the Beavers were presented with the badges they had earned over the weekend before they were collected by their parents.

Just before the summer holidays we were able to present some of the Beavers their Chief Scout's Bronze Award which is the highest award in the Beaver Scout section. It requires a lot of work and dedication as a Beaver has to earn six challenge badges and also four activity or staged badges to gain their bronze award. Huge congratulations to

all 12 Beavers who were presented with their Chief Scout's Bronze Award!

Finally, at the end of June three Beavers were presented with special recognition awards for their work this term. Well done to Mackenzie and Myles who were both presented with a special badge and certificate for being kind and helpful and being well behaved, while Oliver was presented with a special badge and certificate for exceptional leadership along with being kind, helpful and well behaved.



Kinross Beavers with their Chief Scout's Bronze awards

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What's Happening at the Campus

For Library events, see p. 25.

Kinross Hub, Carers Café, Monday 1 August

An opportunity to chat over a cuppa with other carers, cared for and family members here in the campus activity meeting space from 10am to 12 noon on the first Monday of every month. The August Café will have a General Quiz & Boccia (Indoor Bowls) commencing at 10.15am prompt.

Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair, Sat 20 Aug

There will be buying, selling and valuations given. Admission will be from 9.30am - 3.30pm with entry fee of £1 per person.

Gifts of Music (Choirs Concert), Friday 2 September

Over the first weekend in September, the award-winning choir Ars Antiqua, from Perth's twin town Aschaffenburg in Germany will be hosted by Perth's own leading chamber choir Chansons. The two choirs will team up in a visit to the Campus on Friday 2 September, in a concert of mainly light-hearted music led by the choirs' outstanding conductors. The programme includes: German Folk Song Arrangements - Stefan Claas, A Time of Gifts - Tom Cunningham, Songs of Courtship - John Bevan Baker, Shakespeare Sonnets - George Shearing and John Rutter, A Gershwin Portrait - Mac Huff. The programme will be conducted by Stefan Claas and Howard Duthie. The concert will commence at **7.30pm** with Tickets **£10** and Youth Concession (up to age 26) **£4**. Tickets can be purchased online from Chansons website www.chansons.co.uk or email tickets@chansons.co.uk or phone 01259 742346. Tickets are also available from Gerry McGregor at campus reception or on the door.

Kinross Hub, Carers Café, Monday 5 September

Chat over a cuppa with other carers, cared for and family members, 10am – 12 noon. The guests for September will be the Social Work Access Team who will give a talk commencing at 10.15am.

Osigili Maasai Warriors, Thursday 15 September


The Osigili Maasai Warriors are a seven-piece group from Southern Kenya who perform authentic tribal song and dance as well as their famed Maasai jumping. This is an entertaining and informative show involving audience participation plus a

question and answer session on the lives of the Maasai. It starts at 7pm. There is an interval for refreshments where Maasai beadwork will be available for sale. Tickets (£5 or £3 Concession) are available from campus reception or G McGregor. (See header.)

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Aero Space Kinross Local Flight Heritage Public Talk, Thursday 22 September, 7pm-9pm. More details to follow.

Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair, Saturday 24 September. Admission will be from 9.30am - 3.30pm with entry fee of £1 per person.

Classes and Groups at the Campus

Daisy Foundation Birthing is a practical, educational and supportive journey through pregnancy and birth. These women only classes, available from 14 weeks pregnant, are delivered over a six-week course held on Monday evenings. For more information, see www.thedaisyfoundation.com and to join the new class in Kinross, contact Natalie Young at Natalie-young@thedaisyfoundation.com

WeightWatchers meet on Wednesday evenings. Contact Sandra Griffin on sgriffin@weight-watchers.co.uk or 0345 677 7788.

Spark-2 Thursday Afternoons, 1pm-2.30pm

Spark-2 is a supportive project for activities and recreation. Are you an adult with a disability? Would you like there to be more for you to do in Kinross? Spark-2 has activities such as Boccia, Indoor Kurling, Technology (iPads etc), Crafts or just a blether! Come along and tell us what YOU would like to do. For more information, please contact Roseanne Gray on 01577 867216.

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



Make Some Music this Summer

Songwriting Workshop	18th & 19th July
Feel the Beat Workshop	1st August at Rosyth Business Centre
Let's Sing	2nd 3rd & 4th August
Guitar Workshop	5th August

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Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation



Kinross Farmers' Market on 30 July

More than 20 stallholders are attending the Farmers' Market on 30 July. The market takes place 9am-1pm in the High Street on the wider pavements at the old Town Hall.

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 brochure in the events calendar or as a special feature. For more information, please email info@kleo.org.uk

Festive Street Market

This year the Festive Street Market will take place on the High Street of Kinross on Saturday 26 November. Like last year, there will be a great variety of stalls and entertainment! If you are a local trader, crafts person or community group you might consider a stall. Like last year stall fees are £30 for businesses and £15 for charities/community groups. For a booking form for this event, please e-mail info@kleo.org.uk



The Coaltown Daisies will be performing at this year's Winter festival

Events at Festival

A few exciting events and concerts are already lined up for this year's festival:

- A **Gaelic Day** with various Gael workshops (singing, story telling, language, music) and a concert in the evening. Saturday 29 October.
- The **Coaltown Daisies** and **Black Cat Jook Band**. Saturday 12 November, 8pm, Milnathort Town Hall.
- **Talent Showcase**. Sunday 13 November, 3pm, The Thistle.
- **"This Lovin' Feeling"** by Lucy Duffy and crew. 11 & 12 November, 7pm, Community Campus.
- **Bruce Fummey and Comedians**. Friday 18 November, 8pm, Community Campus.
- **Choirs Together concert**. Sunday 20 November, 7pm.
- **Festive Street Market** and **Light Up Kinross**. Saturday 26 November.

For more information about the festival and updates, go to www.kleo.org.uk

Fairtrade

Kinross High Pupils helped our Fairtrade committee by undertaking a survey of shops, restaurants and cafes in Milnathort and Kinross in their Volunteering week. This was extremely helpful as not only did they gather useful information about where Fairtrade goods can be purchased and raise the profile of Fairtrade in our area, but they also found the Traidcraft group some new customers!

Anthony and Shona from the Kirklands Hotel said that they would like to be able to buy Fairtrade goods locally and now they are buying Traidcraft sugar and hot chocolate from our local stall!

There is going to be an online Fairtrade survey available soon for businesses to complete and from this we will have an online directory of businesses in Perth & Kinross which support Fairtrade. Please check out our new information about Fairtrade in Perth & Kinross which has been supported on a new website:

www.investinperth.co.uk/support/fair-trade-in-perth-kinross



Anthony and Shona of the Kirklands Hotel, now using Fairtrade sugar and hot chocolate

Kinross High School



As this edition of the Newsletter goes to print, our pupils will be enjoying their summer break and senior pupils will be waiting, nervously, for the results of their examinations. Whatever the outcome of their results, I am confident that they are well prepared for their next steps, whether they are moving into new year groups or leaving school.

At Kinross High School we provide support to our pupils as they move from one stage of education to another. In June we welcomed our new S1 pupils for two days of induction activities. We were very impressed both with our new pupils and our new S6 who supported them.

Our S6 pupils have been preparing for their roles as pupil leaders, role models and contributors to our school and its community. This preparation began with our inaugural S6 conference which will be followed up by a teambuilding weekend in August. Throughout the year there will be a number of social events and tailored educational activities. The year will finish with both formal and informal celebrations of their time with us.



The S6 Conference

To ensure that our S6 pupils develop a range of leadership skills I have appointed a S6 year-head team to support them. In this role, Mrs Mainprize and Mrs Price will ensure that there are a range of leadership activities for our pupils to take forward as part of their service to the school.

In addition, some of our sixth years have been selected to take on formal leadership roles as follows:

Head Girl: Georgia White.

Head Boy: Robbie MacKessack.

House Captains: Ailsa Brown, Sam Roberts, Georgiana Jessiman.

Communications: Craig Edwards, Ben Cormack, Cameron Donnelley.

Charities: Taryn Evans, Rosie Cormack, Emma Hodgkinson.

Events: Victoria Baird, Douglas Mair, Allen Saunders.

Pupil Support: Lauren Miller, Taylor Allen, Scott Wyllie.

They are very keen to make a difference to the school:

"This year, as the senior prefect team, we aim to do our best to pull our year, the school and the community closer together. We will strive to get to know as many younger pupils as possible and ensure that they have a positive experience at Kinross High School. Also we are excited to work and get the chance to support the new S1 pupils. This year we aim to implement a few simple ideas that help the smooth running of our school."



Senior Prefects

The first event that our seniors organised was our jungle fun day which marked the end of term.

As the summer moves on, thoughts will start to focus on returning to school. We are certainly looking forward to welcoming all pupils back to Kinross High School.

Sarah Brown
Headteacher and Campus Leader



The Jungle Fun Day

For Kinross High School Awards, see page 76.

Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club

There is no monthly meeting in August.

Notices

Pantomime: Members who have their names down for the pantomime are reminded that payment of £31 is due at the monthly meeting on 1 September 2016. Contact Mrs E Oswald, tel 01577 865731.

Poppy Display: Mrs Pat Crawford is organising an Away Day to the Black Watch Museum and Poppy Display. Any member wishing to go has to put their name down at the monthly meeting on 1 September 2016. Contact Mrs P Crawford, tel 01577 862962.

Friday Walkers

12 Aug Limekilns and the Broomhall Estate.

26 Aug Menstrie to Dollar.

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

Friday Hill Walkers

5 Aug Loch Skiach Bill 8.30am

19 Aug Coronation Road Anne & Kate 8.30am

Activities

Activities 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.

Activities suspended over the summer: Bowling, Fly Tying, Keep Fit and Crafts.

Kinross in Bloom

Our new planters are looking good, bringing some colour to the town, and although we still have one or two still to plant out, we are happy with the result. Our hanging baskets are beginning to fill out too; a bit more sunshine and they would look even better.

Chairman Derek would like to thank everyone who assisted with the planting and the hanging of the baskets, especially Andrew and Laura Sorbie; Fiona Todd, Iain and Morag Wightman and Connor and Paul Johnstone for the loan of his trailer.

Our **200 Club** winners for June and July are as follows:

June

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| 1. 8 Andrew & Edna Burnett | 2. 68 Mrs M Todd |
| 3. 35 Margaret Lyon | 4. 6 Jean Beveridge |

July

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| 1. 70 Mr & Mrs A Wallace | 2. 53 Jamie Montgomery |
| 3. 74 Dr Marie Weir | 4. 28 Mrs Violet Henry |

Congratulations to all winners.

Owing to the Church Centre being used during the first week in August, may we remind you all that our next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 10 August** at 7.30pm.

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

June Draw

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| 1st | No 90 | Margaret Paton, Kinnesswood. |
| 2nd | No 45 | John Arnott, Kinnesswood. |
| 3rd | No 5 | Margo Tough, Kinnesswood. |



Dollar Museum

Dollar Museum is a lively, award-winning visitor attraction. It is situated at the top of the Burnside, beside the Golf Club and at the entrance to the Mill Green and Dollar Glen. We are open at weekends: from 11am until 1pm and 2pm until 4.30pm on Saturdays and 2pm to 4.30pm on Sundays.

There are displays on the History of Dollar, Castle Campbell, Dollar Academy, the Devon Valley Railway, the Japanese Garden at Cowden and Prehistoric items excavated in the local area.

New for 2016 are displays on: Football in Dollar, Robert Burns in Dollar, Old Church Pewter, and the Story of a Ship in a Bottle made by a German in a Prisoner of War Camp in Glendevon during the First World War.

Children will enjoy Granny's Kitchen and the Children's Corner where they can colour in or do the quiz.

Upstairs there is a Reading Room with a wide range of local books, photos and maps where you are welcome to browse and our volunteers can help you with research. Entry is free and all are welcome. Parking and disabled access. The Museum will also open on request at other times for visiting groups and researchers; please see the museum website or contact dollarmuseum@btconnect.com

Orwell Old Folks Association

Chairman's Report 2016

"Well, here we are again and very little in the way of fundraising done this last year; Iris will be able to give an accurate update.

"I would like to thank all the committee for their support and help throughout the year. We did manage a Bingo Tea in October, which was again a great success. And we have had a few generous donations since last year which have kept our bank balance healthy.

"The drive on the last Monday in August was a really good day when everyone enjoyed themselves; thanks again to Earnside for all their assistance in making this happen.

"The Christmas lunch was postponed to February for various reasons, mainly the traffic lights outside the hall for the water treatment works but when it happened, everyone had a really lovely afternoon; it was really nice to see how much everyone enjoyed it. Our entertainment was brought to us by Doreen Arnott, a wee concert party from Kelty and was absolutely fantastic. The food was mainly provided for us by Kinross Day Centre who always go above and beyond to help. "Our drive has been more or less sorted out for the last Monday in August this year with the help of Earnside Coaches again; just some loose ends to tie up before the invitations are made up.

"Now, this has been a very hard decision for me but I would like to take this opportunity to inform the committee that I intend to stand down from the Old Folks committee after the Summer Drive has passed. I know this puts the whole thing into a bit of a turmoil, but I think it is time for others to take over or that we simply disband the Orwell Old Folks Committee."

Rosemary Tolson

A number of the committee also stepped down so it was felt only fair that an EGM be called for **Monday 12 September** at 8pm in Milnathort Town Hall kitchen, which would hopefully bring along some folks willing to take this group to its next stage.

Broke Not Broken

New community foodbank opens its doors!

As a brand new, community run, independent foodbank, it has taken a while to get going. Two years of fundraising and getting charity status meant that, when our doors opened at last, they opened offering everything we could to our service users. As of 14 June, we have been providing crisis food parcels for services users living in Kinross-shire. Referrals usually come to us from several sources. We have been able to help a number of people get crisis grants, help with setting up new homes, share a cup of tea and lend an ear.

We are currently open at The Beacon beside St Paul's Church, The Muirs, from 10am to 2pm Tuesdays and Thursdays and you can drop in any food donations during those hours.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer you can contact us on our facebook page, drop in, or contact us by email on admin@brokenotbroken.org or call 07709107640. We are always looking for more people to join our friendly team.

We rely on your donations to keep going, food and finance, so look out for us shaking our charity buckets near you soon! We remain grateful to Sainsbury's and to Kingfisher House for our collection points there, which mean we regularly get over 40kg of donated food every week.

At the moment we have plenty of pasta, rice and teabags, but are struggling to provide washing powder, washing up liquid and fruit juice.

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Portmoak Community Woodland

The Portmoak Community Woodland Group have found a new use for trees growing in Portmoak Moss: we have been taught how to make baskets out of birch and willow.

A workshop was held in Portmoak Village Hall on 19 June. It was an excellent way to pass a rather damp and chilly Sunday. Jan Hendry from Strathmiglo was our coach and the course was funded by the Living Lomonds Landscape Partnership. Thanks to their connections with the Falkland community, we were pleased to welcome members of the Woolly Tree Gang, who are based there. Jan had permission from the Woodland Trust Scotland to collect twigs and stalks from the Moss so we started with a great array of natural material.



Members of the woodland group learn how to make baskets
photo: Jan Hendry

Later Jan made an excellent comment in her blog: 'Portmoak Moss is another undiscovered treasure close to home. I'm very glad this workshop gave me the incentive to explore it. It's a surreal place. To get onto the Moss you have to climb a well-built flight of steps, taking you up a vertical face of dark dripping peat. At the top you look out over a landscape of grasses, rushes and mosses that could be Highland peat bog with Bishop Hill in the background to remind you that you're still in the Lowlands.' You can read her blog at <https://janhendry.com/>.

On her visit, Jan immediately appreciated the work we have been doing to restore the peat bog, which has meant trying to remove as many regenerating trees as possible from the top of the peat dome. She collected some of the young trees which had self-seeded in the peat and before long we were twisting them into coils for our baskets. The technique she taught us involved sewing the twigs together with thread coated in beeswax and we all managed to produce a basket by the end of the day. A lot more practice will be needed if our basket-making skills are ever going to make a dent on the birch growth. Most of them were barely big enough to hold a few acorns. But, as they say, 'small is beautiful.' Remember that if you would like to get involved with the Portmoak Community Woodland Group we meet **every third Tuesday** of the month at 7.30pm in the Well Country Inn in Scotlandwell.

Kinross-shire Visitor Information Points

Loch Leven Fishing Pier; Robertson's of Milnathort;
Kinnesswood Village Store;
Fossoway Stores, Crook of Devon

Boys Brigade

Forty-five BBs and scouts enjoyed a memorable summer camp in Valkenburg. The party left Kinross on the first Saturday of the school summer holidays and travelled by coach to Hull for the overnight crossing to Zeebrugge.



On the ferry the group enjoyed a super buffet and live band, but the highlight was undoubtedly the on-board comedian, who struck up a great relationship with the party of young Scots.

A full breakfast on the ferry before arriving at Zeebrugge set the youngsters up for a day in and around Brussels. Rain didn't dampen their spirits as they walked via the Grand Place to see the famous Mannekin Pis and his female compatriot. The afternoon was spent at the Technopolis Science Museum in nearby Mechelin with loads of hands on experiments to sample. After checking into our hotel, the group went to Valkenburg Ago Go to compete in lazer tag in the limestone caves where the top gun was Robbie Mackessack.

On Monday morning the group sampled the delights of Valkenburg on foot visiting the miniature coal mine, town caves, candlemaker, cable car and bob sleigh ride on a stainless steel track. Later on, it was off to the ten pin bowling alley where the top score was recorded by Euan Duthie.

There was a visit to the American War Cemetery at Margraten on Tuesday. Over 7000 servicemen are remembered there. Then there was a trip to nearby Vaals and Drielandenpunt where the three borders of Holland, Belgium and Germany meet.

The group also sampled the fun Labyrinth where water jets suddenly spout upwards. The maze master who reached the centre first was Euan Duthie. In the evening, the party went to nearby Gulpen for a fun evening at the Mosaqua Leisure Pool with lots of fast water rides.

On Wednesday, it was off to Germany for a fun day at the famous Phantasialand theme park. In the evening the youngsters enjoyed the delights of a 'silent disco' with each member having earphones and specially lit glasses.

The camp concert had a variety of acts as usual and the results of the best camper were announced; 1st, Ryan Shah, 462 points; 2nd, Euan Duthie, 460 points; 3rd, Callum Shah, 435 points.

There was a walk around the famous town centre in Bruges on Thursday before sampling Belgian chocolate at Roose's Chocolate Factory.

Finally, the youngsters had another great evening on the ferry on Friday while heading home at the end of a fun week.



The group at Drielandenpunt

Dobbies Community Champion

The August meeting of the **Little Seedlings Club** will be at 11am on **Sunday 7 August**. We will learn how plants adapt to difficult growing conditions. Amanda will be on holiday, so the meeting will be in the store with Michelle, who will bring along her friendly hen 'Nugget' to meet you!

The September meeting will be at the same time on **Sunday 4 September**.

We are also running two extra holiday sessions. These take place on Tuesday 26 July and **Wednesday 10 August**. Both sessions will start at 11am, lasting about an hour. Children must be accompanied for these workshops. On 10 August we will be making a kite, sowing salad seeds, and playing some games.

For all the Little Seedlings sessions, **please book online** at www.dobbies.com under Kinross store.

For any community growing queries, please contact Amanda James on 01577 863327 or by email at community.kinross@dobbies.com.

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Kinross-shire Time Exchange



The essence of the time exchange is that it is a way for people to share talents, resources and skills within our community, using time as the only currency. Some of us went to the International Time Banking Conference in Stirling earlier in the year. We were absolutely amazed and enthralled by some of the ways that others are making this idea work.

We in Kinross-shire are still getting the idea off the ground, but are greatly encouraged by how much has been achieved already.

Many hours have been exchanged. Many problems have been solved and many new connections have been made.

I wanted to use this space as a reminder of the sorts of needs that have been stated, and to demonstrate that these needs can be met by other time-bankers. These include prescription collection, errands, gardening, form filling and letter writing, dog walking, visiting, companionship, escorting to appointments, decluttering. This is a tiny example of what is on offer. It is all in the forms that you have filled in. So please use the emails or the phone number and don't be shy to say 'I need.....' Help is at hand.

We are holding a **Coffee Morning** on **Thursday 8 September** at 25 Broom Road. All welcome.

Time banking is for everyone. We all have needs and we all have talents.

Kinnesswood in Bloom

The recent warm and wet weather has meant a lot of maintenance work for Kinnesswood in Bloom members. Regular Saturday work parties have been augmented by evening sessions during the week. The hanging baskets arrived in time for the Portmoak Festival and other colourful items in the colours of 'Keep Scotland Beautiful' have been installed in some of the gardens around the village. Lots of painting has also been going on.



Decorated bench in Kinnesswood, complete with "gardener"!

The golfers and gardeners are now out and about and a couple of privately owned ones as well. Be sure to take a tour of the village so you don't miss anything. There is a trail/quiz available from the shop and small prizes will be given to the winners at the end of the summer. Keep the young ones entertained and find your way around all the nooks and crannies of Kinnesswood to find the answers.

The Portmoak Festival hosted the children's art exhibition once again and it was very well received by parents and the public. Many thanks go to Jacqui Sellers, Anna Garner, Mary Nisbet and Margaret Paton who put so much effort into making this display so colourful and interesting.

The school grounds group had time to admire their vegetables before the summer break. Some produce will be frozen and used in cookery classes after the summer. Primary 1 and 2 designed a picture using bottle tops. Their ideas have been transferred to boards and attached to the school shed. Thanks, Alison, for your help with this.

Thank-you to the school for providing boards for the bottle top art and the villager who donated a plant display holder. We are very grateful to the children of Portmoak School who presented us with a cheque for £250 at their school assembly. We also look forward to seeing the refurbished fence at the golf course.

By the time this is published, the results will be known of the Best Village competition. Remember the dates of **Monday 8 August** for the Beautiful Scotland judging and **Tuesday 9 August** for the Take a Pride in Perthshire competition. We know that everyone likes to mark the dates in their calendar in order to keep their own patch up to date and as tidy and colourful as possible.

Thank-you all for your continued support, kind words and for all doing your bit for Kinnesswood.

Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

Blueberry and Lime Cheesecake

Ingredients

- 300g digestive biscuits
- 100g butter, melted
- 500g blueberries
- 225g golden caster sugar
- Grated zest and juice of 2 limes
- 2 x 250g tubs Philadelphia cheese
- 450ml double cream (or crème fraiche)
- 4 tsp powdered gelatine

Method

Line the base of a 23cm springform cake tin with baking parchment. Crush the biscuits to fine crumbs in a blender or food processor, tip into a bowl and mix in the melted butter. Press the crumbs in an even layer over the base of the tin. Leave to cool.

Put one third of the blueberries into a pan with three tbsp water, 175g of the sugar and the zest of one lime. Cook for two minutes, or until the berries just start to burst. Set aside and cool. Strain the juice into a small pan, set aside, and reserve the cooked berries.

Whizz the Philadelphia cheese and cream with the remaining sugar, lime zest and all the lime juice until smooth. Sprinkle the gelatine over three tbsp cold water in a cup. Leave until it looks spongy. Then dissolve until clear, either in a microwave on defrost, or by standing the cup in a pan of water over a low heat. Beat a little of the creamy mixture with the gelatine then pour into the rest of the mixture, beating well to incorporate.

Take the cooled, cooked berries and fold lightly into the creamy mixture to create a ripple effect. Spoon onto the biscuit base and chill for at least four hours, or until set.

Meanwhile, cook the reserved juice for two to three mins until slightly syrupy. Stir in the remaining uncooked berries and leave to cool. When set, carefully remove the cake and slide onto a plate. Spoon the syrupy berries on top.

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Seamab School

After another busy term, the children and the staff are now very happy to be enjoying the start of the summer holidays.

At Seamab, we do our best to make sure that the children in our care enjoy their school holidays, with planned activities, days out and short breaks away planned into the next few weeks.

The holidays are a time for the children to learn in a different way from at school. For many of them, going away within a family unit just hasn't been possible, and sometimes, the prospect of this sort of change of routine can feel scary. Our staff are there to help them face those fears in a positive way and to challenge the belief that travelling somewhere they have never been before and trying new things is something to be worried about.

Ultimately, what we hope for the children is that they can create some happy memories and learn how to relax and enjoy themselves; experiences of summer holidays that every child deserves.

Meanwhile, work continues to make the school and bungalows where the children live a great place to be. Dobbies Garden Centre in Kinross very generously donated more than £500 worth of plants and gardening equipment to Seamab recently. The children had a great time deciding where to place the plants, putting them into the ground, spotting and naming insects and generally just having fun getting muddy! The garden centre consciously provided plants with sensory properties, namely scented, tactile, and brightly coloured. They also provided a feeder and trellis to create a sort of 'hide' where the children can watch the different birds visiting their garden.

Dobbies have extended their support to offer Seamab a collection day at their Kinross centre on **Saturday 13 August**. Please do come and say hello if you happen to be visiting. If you have a spare hour or two to hold a can, let us know; extra volunteers would be warmly welcomed.

Planning and preparation continues for our first ever Seamab Golf Day at Muckhart Golf Club on **Friday 2 September** and it's shaping up to be a great event!

We are grateful to our corporate supporters (SGN, Ramboll UK, Nairn's of Edinburgh and Santander Dunfermline) all of whom have entered teams or sponsored holes on the day. Special thanks, of course, must also go to Muckhart Golf Club who have generously given Seamab use of the course and clubhouse for the event. We're also extremely thankful to the dozens of businesses and golf clubs who have donated prizes for the raffle.

We have 15 teams of four signed up already, but there's still room for more. If you'd like to enter a team, please contact Susie Williamson, Fundraising Manager, by email at swilliamson@seamab.org.uk or phone on 07823 413470. Alternatively, search for 'Seamab' online at www.eventbrite.co.uk

Need Equipment for a Community Event?

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

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www.kinross.cc/equipment_hire/equipment.htm

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

Milnathort Primary School

Parent Council

50th Birthday Celebrations

We celebrated our 50th birthday with a lovely concert of songs through the decades (thank you to pupils and teaching staff), a very large birthday cake (thank you to Kelly Cobb and your baking team), a beautiful display of 'golden' marigold flowers in shape of a 50 (thank you to Christine Findlay for the design and preparation of the display bed, Dobbies for the flowers and class P3 for planting).

Head Teacher

We are sorry to see Mrs Dalrymple come to the end of her secondment and thank her for all she has done for the school. We wish her all the very best in her next post. We welcome Miss McColgan back as Headteacher and look forward to working with her.

Dates for the diary:

Monday 12 September AGM at school from 7.30pm. We invite all parents/guardians along to hear of our year's highlights and get involved in the life of our school.

Jan Leach, Clerk

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Orwell Bowling Club

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Congratulations to the Orwell Ladies Triples who won their East of Scotland District final played at Lochgelly. The team have since played the quarter finals of the districts and are through to the semi-finals being played on Tuesday 2 August at Golden Acre in Edinburgh. Support is always welcome.

The rink was also successful in reaching the District final and were unlucky to be runners up.

We held a successful ladies Open Pairs on Wednesday 6 July. 16 pairs of entrants enjoyed a mixed bag of weather but thoroughly enjoyed the bowling and the buffet supplied by club members. A big thanks to all who donated to this event in any way and particularly to Doug Hague for his time in the kitchen. Sponsorship was provided by J and D Funeral Directors of Milnathort who came along on the day to spectate and also to present the winners with their prizes. A big thank-you to them.

Results were as follows: winners, Gordon and S MacKinnon, Strathmiglo; 2nd, I Kennedy and C Milligan, Lochore and Crosshill; joint 3rd, A Hutchison and S Rennie, Lochore and Kinross and M Murdoch and M McNulty, Lochore and Crosshill.

Orwell Open Pairs are on **Sunday 28 August**. Entries are welcome.

We will be holding a **Quiz Night** on **Saturday 27 August** at 7pm. £10 per team of four. Either contact M White on 01577 862948 or M Thorn on 01577 842271 or turn up and pay on the night.

On **Saturday 3 September**, we will have entertainer Luke LikeSyd coming along. This is a varied programme to suit all tastes, so come along and enjoy. Tickets are available for this (see posters) or pay on the night.

Rallying

Kinross driver Blair Brown and co-driver Richard Simmonds from Duns were awarded the SORT Oil Spirit of the Rally award at the Nicky Grist Stages, round five of the British Rally Championship in Bwlth Wells, Wales, in early July.

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Kinross Swimmers

Our numbers in the pool have dipped a little as we hit the summer holiday period and people either travel off to exotic locations or tire themselves entertaining the kids! I am just as guilty of this as the next swimmer! Nevertheless, just a reminder that we continue over the holiday period and that our session in the pool takes us through the year.

We are continuing with the varied swim sessions and some of the more experienced members have stepped in when no 'coach' is available. Lachlan soon hopes to have a folder containing a number of the sessions previously covered at the pool so that there is always a basis for a session.

Swimming in a club setting is much more beneficial than solo swimming because it encourages you to push your own boundaries as you swim in a social setting. Our aim is to improve the stroke, style and stamina of those attending. This makes any other swimming more worthwhile, enjoyable and effective. Without realising how hard you are working, you try harder and swim longer, moving well beyond your comfort zone. The end result is you feel much better with all those good endorphins coursing through your body, and it has to be better for you than an hour lounging on the sofa. It's cheap too. You'll have no problem sleeping after a good session, I promise!

We continue to meet **every Tuesday evening** at the pool at Loch Leven Leisure Centre for a pool start at 8pm swimming until 9pm. We welcome anyone looking to improve their swimming for whatever reason, all we ask is that you can complete four lengths. Experienced swimmers looking for a friendly but directed extra session are especially welcome. For further information please either contact us on facebook (Kinross Swimmers) or Ian Shepherd by email at shepherd_ian@hotmail.com or on mobile 07944 503074.

Athronhall Clay Club

We are a friendly, mixed club located in the Milnathort area. We have a variety of abilities and ages and we shoot on pre-determined dates throughout the year, weather dependent. The side by side competition was won by A Johnston with 26 shots out of 30.

The young farmers held a social evening at the club and enjoyed some good shooting.

The 'coffin dodgers' competition will be held on **Sunday 4 September** for eligible members.

Both experienced and non-experienced shooters are welcome to contact any of the following for more information; Liam Foster (chairman) on 01577 865538, Susan Fowles (vice chairman) on 01333 426514 or Sandy Cook (treasurer) on 01577 863483.



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Kinross Kobras

www.kinrosshockey.org

At the end of June, those Kobras who hadn't headed off on holiday went to Dundee for a tournament hosted by Harris Hockey Club.

Youthful teams played well against often larger opposition and came away with a typical mix of wins, losses and draws. Special mention goes to **Bart Kuijpers** who played in goal for our U12s then played for a Madras U14 team where he was kept very busy.

With tournaments at the end of July and August there will be some training sessions over the holidays but normal training will resume in the week beginning 15 August. Training sessions will be on **Tuesday 16 August** from 6.30pm to 7.30pm and **Thursday 17 August** from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. New players (possibly inspired by GB Hockey success at the Olympics?) are more than welcome. Please see the club website for more details.



The U10 (below left), U12 (above) and U14 (below right) Kobras teams



Kinross-shire Community Sports Hub

The new hub is now fully set up and ready to get started. It will make our community sport more vibrant, visible and accessible for all. The following twelve clubs are founding members: Kinross adult Swimmers, Kinross Road Runners, Fossoway Amateur Football Club, Loch Leven Diamonds Baton Twirlers, Kinross Table Tennis, Kinross Volleyball, Kinross Hockey, Kinross Curling, Kinross Cycling, Kinross-shire Cricket Club and Kinross Ladies Netball.

New logo

Our first piece of community engagement was a logo design competition in local primary schools. We were completely bowled over with 200 wonderful entries. The hub members spent considerable time looking at each entry and we're delighted to announce that the winner is **Anna Pakravan**, a P4 pupil from Fossoway Primary. When the new school term begins we will present Anna with her prizes and a framed copy of the professional version of the



design. There will also be further coverage in next month's Newsletter. Very well done, Anna!

Community survey

The next steps for the newly formed hub are to carry out a needs analysis with the member clubs to understand what support is needed to help them develop. Alongside that, we will be carrying out a community survey to find out how we can get more members of our community doing more sport and activities, more often. This is your chance to tell us what we need to do to help you get active. Is it better or new facilities? Better local transport, activities more suited to your age and stage of life? More for families? Whatever you think the community sports hub can do to make it easier for you to get involved, or get back to playing sports you used to play, please let us know your opinions. A strong voice from the community is needed if we are to influence new developments and change. The survey will be launched early in August and will run until the end of September. It will be available online and on paper in venues across Kinross-shire.

Launch event for all the family

And finally, the hub plans to hold a fun launch event on **Saturday 17 September** at Loch Leven Community Campus. This is open to the entire community to come along and see what local sports and activities are available through the hub.

For further information, please contact Kirsteen Ross at KRoss@liveactive.co.uk.

Kinross Road Runners

Kinrossroadrunners.weebly.com

Milnathort Dash

KRR hosted the ever popular Milnathort Dash on Thursday 30 June. This is a 5½ mile race on the roads to the north and west of Milnathort which starts at the town hall and finishes by Orwell church hall. Prizes are awarded for the first runners to the top of hill. This year 'King of the Hill' was won by Derek Houston (Double D Racing) in 1 minute 14 seconds and 'Queen of the Hill' by Annabel Simpson (KRR) in 1m22s. Both times are fractionally slower than the records each set last year.

It was an almost perfect evening for the 200 runners and the black clouds stayed away until after the finish. First male home in 27:58 was James Donald (Dundee Hawkhill Harriers) and first female was Annabel Simpson (KRR) in 31:37. First KRR male, and 8th overall, was Andy Laycock in 31:11, closely followed by Allan Kemp in 31:24. Well done to Andy and Annabel, and to all the other KRR runners.

The prizes for the first male and female team both went to PH Racing. A particular thank-you to everyone who turned out to help at and to support the race; it is much appreciated by both the club and the runners!

It has been a busy few weeks for KRR runners, both on road and off road, with a number of club championship races taking place.

Dunblane Road Race

At the Dunblane 7½ mile road race Scott Strachan was first male KRR runner in 48:06 and Mhairi Boyle first female in 52:38.

Glenrothes 10k

At the Glenrothes 10k, Scott Strachan was again first KRR male in 38:07 and Mhairi Boyle first female in 43:58. Congratulations to Peter Edgerton who was 1st M60.

Brig Bash

On the evening of Wednesday 6 July there was a strong turnout of 24 runners from KRR for this five-mile road race at Bridge of Earn. Andy Laycock was 8th overall in 28:17 and Judith Dobson first KRR female in 36:00.



Annabel Simpson at the Milnathort Dash

Falkland Hill Race

The Falkland Hill Race, up and down East Lomond, was held on Saturday 25 June with Scott Strachan being first KRR runner home (7th overall). Congratulations to Norman Smith who won the prize for 1st MV80.

Maddy Moss Mash

This gruelling 9.8km with 710m of climb taking in Andrew Gannell Hill and then Ben Cleuch (the highest point in the Ochils) took place on Wednesday 13 July. Scott Strachan was 1st KRR male in 1:08:34 and Lynn Hunter 1st KRR female in 1:21:34. Congratulations to Alison Houston who was 1st in her age category.

Path of Condie Half Marathon

The third event being hosted by KRR this year will be the second running of the Path of Condie Half Marathon on **Saturday 29 October**. This is a challenging and very hilly road race starting in Milnathort and following an anticlockwise route through Path of Condie and Stronachie. It probably isn't a race for 'first timers'. Numbers are limited to 200 and entries will open on Entry Central on **Monday 1 August**. Given the increasing popularity we are seeing for all events, the race is likely to sell out quickly, so an early entry is recommended. There's more information on the KRR website.

New Members Welcome

Finally, new members of all abilities are always welcome at KRR, so please don't be put off if you've never run before or you don't think you're particularly quick; most of us aren't! During the summer we run on Tuesdays (7pm at the Kirkgate) and on Wednesdays (meet at 6.45pm at the Medical Centre carpark) for a mixed ability, local, off road run. There is more information on the website. Do come along.



KRR runners at the Brig Bash

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Fencing

Rhys Barbour from Scotlandwell has successfully retained his Under 13 Scottish Foil Fencing championship title.

It's been a great end to the season for the Kinross High school pupil who is now the current U13 Foil Scottish Champion, U14 Scottish Schools Individual Foil Champion, U13 Foundation for Scottish Fencing Series Foil Champion, Leon Paul Newcastle Foil Champion and Leon Paul Durham Foil Champion. Rhys has ended the fencing season ranked first in U13 Foil in Scotland by a considerable margin.

Rhys was also recently selected to represent Scotland in an international youth fencing tournament in Poland where he gained valuable experience fencing teams from all over Europe. Rhys competed well, beating fencers from the Czechoslovakian, Polish, German and Dutch national teams and finally losing to the eventual runner up from Germany in a close fought bout.

West Fife Fencing Club

Rhys trains at West Fife Fencing Club, a registered charity whose aim is to make the Olympic sport of fencing available and affordable for all people in the Fife and Kinross-shire.

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

Fencing has a reputation as being an expensive and elitist sport. West Fife Fencing Club has proved this is not the case. You don't need any equipment as it is provided for those who need it. Your first night is free and club fees are £23 per

month for three nights a week training which includes all class sessions, clothing and equipment. **So for less than £2 a night you can fence with everything included!**

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

Further Information can be found at:

WFFC website

www.wffc.org.uk

Scottish Fencing website

scottish-fencing.co.uk



Rhys with the Scottish championship shield

Live Active Loch Leven Gymnastics

Congratulations to all of our gymnasts who took part in the Live Active Floor and Vault Competition in Perth last month. For the past few years the entries on behalf of Live Active Kinross have continued to increase and this year we had 40 participants.

We had lots of practice in the weeks prior and the hard work paid off. There were some great performances, especially from many of our gymnasts who had never competed before. A huge well done goes to Niamh MacPherson who placed third in the 12+ foundation category and to Benji Alexander who came first in the 10/11 years foundation group. They both achieved a merit score which means they can move up to the next level.

A huge well done to everyone who competed as a lot of hard work was put into this.



Benji Alexander



Niamh MacPherson

Tay Valley Gymnastics Club

Also participating in the Live Active Floor and Vault competition in Perth last month, the Tay Valley gymnasts were competing at foundation, beginner and intermediate levels. They all performed well with many of them receiving merit scores. Mackenzie Connor placed first in the 8 years foundation which was a great achievement, especially as there were over seventy other gymnasts in her category.

As well as the competition we took our 'School's Out' display routine to perform at GymFest in Irvine alongside 1500 other gymnasts in May, so it has been a busy few months.

For any enquiries about Tay Valley Gymnastics Club please contact 01577 867230 or LCranston@liveactive.co.uk.



Mackenzie Connor

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Kinross Golf Club

Greig McSporran invitational

Kinross Golf Courses Club Professional, Greig McSporran, once again invited members and their guests to take part in his 4 Ball Better Ball competition to raise funds for charity. A total of £1,057 was raised on the day for the Special Care Baby Unit at St John's Hospital Livingstone. As well as a generous prize on every hole, there was a first prize of a 4 ball at Archerfield and a 4 ball at The Carrick on Loch Lomond for the runners up. First prize was won by Steven Hynd and Craig Hynd with a net 58. Runners up were Derek Stark and Lee Stark with a net 61. Thank you to all who came along and played on the day and also to those who so generously donated the prizes.

Lady Captain's Prize

The Lady Captain's Prize and Breast Cancer Brooch was won by new Kinross member Lesley Balfour with a net 64 on the Bruce course. Runner up was Trish Anderson with a net 68, and first scratch prize went to Lyn Murray who came in with a gross 85. An enjoyable evening was had by all and no lady went home empty handed thanks to our 2016 Lady Captain, Ann Smith.



Sean Butcher and Scott Michie before the Club Championship final

Gent's Club Championship

Scott Michie was crowned the 2016 Kinross Golf Club Champion, defeating last year's Champion Sean Butcher 2 and 1 in a very closely contested 36 hole final.

Scott started the second 18 holes with a one-hole lead, increased this to 4 after 7. Three birdies in the next five holes saw Sean reduce the deficit to one until Scott's birdie on the 15th increased his lead to two. Halves on 16th and 17th were

enough for Scott to lift the trophy for an incredible ninth time in the last 23 years.

The B Championship was won by James D Marshall defeating Pete Hastie in a final of two halves, with Pete returning to the Clubhouse after the first eighteen holes 3 up before James came storming back to win 4 and 3.

The club wishes to thank the players for their sporting play and to Tom Graham and Dennis Beveridge for their excellent refereeing in the respective finals.



Pete Hastie and James D Marshall before the B Championship final

Ladies Senior Open Greensomes

This was held on 14 June and the prize winners were:

1st Handicap: J Simpson/E Jackson Net 71, Kinross/Milnathort

2nd Handicap: A Moore/N Sutherland-Brown Net 72.4, Kinross/Milnathort

3rd Handicap: A McCathie/M Quin Net 72.6, Dunnikier/Deer Park

4th Handicap: H Gough/R Smith Net 72.8, Kinross/Balbirnie

1st Scratch: J Herd/E Dunn-Butler 82, Gullane

2nd Scratch: A Smith/H Thomson 86 (BIH), Kinross/Balbirnie

3rd Scratch: A Penny/M Malcolm 86 (BIH), Balbirnie

Golf Club Social Events - Diary Dates

Sat 8 October	End of Season Dance, with 'Xpression'
Sat 5 November	Prize Giving Dance, with 'First Class'
Sat 10 December	Christmas Dance, with 'Scoonie Brae'
Sat 31 December	Hogmanay Dance, with 'Andy Patterson'

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.

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As we complete this article, the school holidays have started and we are all hoping we will see a great deal of sunshine, and warm temperatures. The ice crew are having a strange summer experience; they have been making ice for the new season whilst Andy Murray has been on court at Wimbledon. We are preparing for an early start, to host British Curling from 1 August. The top athletes from across a range of curling disciplines are returning to Kinross to prepare for national and international competitions. The longer term goal is to challenge for Olympic Gold medals in 2018.

The reputation of our ice has grown, and Kinross can genuinely boast that we have one of the best curling rinks in Scotland. One elite curler stated that it could compete with any curling rink 'in the world'.

Our regular curlers will be starting to get their diaries out to make sure they have their games in place. For new curlers and anyone interested, there will be a series of opportunities to 'Try Curling'. We would welcome a visit from any local residents to find out more. Call into the rink and speak to Steven Kerr, rink manager, or any of his team. The rink is accessed from the car park off Green Road (rear of the Green Hotel).

During any close season, sporting arenas need to keep on top of maintenance. We have installed a new piece of equipment, a dehumidifier. This is vital to maintain the best atmosphere in the curling hall. New radiators have been installed in the lounge bar, along with several other small improvements. For the longer term we are developing plans for enhanced disabled access to the upstairs lounge.

The **Opening Bonspiel** takes place on **Saturday 17 September**. Although the rink will have been in use for several weeks, this is the first formal event of a jam-packed season at Kinross. All members are invited to take part. It is not too late to join Kinross Curling. Membership is free – to join, speak to the rink manager or contact Iain Keddie, Secretary, on superstarfish@btinternet.com.

Later in the new season we can look forward to Scotland hosting the European Curling Championships at Braehead. We are also launching a new bonspiel at Kinross in January. Invitations have been sent across Britain and further afield to attract rinks to take part in the bonspiel for over 40s. In addition, Kinross Curling is thrilled to be hosting the Henderson Bishop, the most prestigious event open to all women curlers from clubs across Scotland. The event starts on Monday 27 February, with the final on Thursday 2 March. Look out for more details in future issues of the Kinross Newsletter.

We have almost completed the recruitment of our catering and bar team. Our bar/lounge welcomes all to come along and watch the curling, even if you are not so sure about going on the ice.

We would also be very pleased to support all local businesses and provide sponsorship opportunities. Contact Steven Kerr. (See header.)

Enjoy the remainder of your summer. We hope to see you at Kinross Curling next season.

Fossoway Curling Club

The beginning of the new season will soon be upon us and, as ever, Fossoway Curling Club will be delighted to welcome new members. Players with previous experience or brand new to the game are welcome, it doesn't matter.

Fossoway are a small and friendly local curling club based in Crook of Devon although our members come from far and wide. We play throughout the season, mostly at Kinross, with a few games in Perth. We are always looking for new members (beginners and experienced) who will find a warm welcome awaiting. Coaching is available. Contact Alan on 01577 840695 or Willie on 01577 840405 for details.



Kinross Otters

Scottish National Open Championships,

Tollcross International Swim Centre

30 June - 3 July 2016

These championships are the pinnacle of Scottish swimming. Even qualifying is quite an achievement in itself, such is the competition in the adult world of professional, full time swimming. The Otters managed to get two swimmers on the blocks.

First up was the Otters' fastest ever swimmer, **Cameron McCloskey** (18) in the fastest event of all, the 50m Freestyle. This event attracted attention from far and wide, including 12 swimmers from mainland Europe, Israel and the USA. Only two Scottish based swimmers made the final and only 59 out of the 98 competitors were Scottish based. Cameron swam his most complete 50m ever, winning his heat and breaking his own club record by a sizeable 0.37 seconds in 25.56. This was enough to place him 19th in the afternoon session for younger/more local/slower swimmers and 68th overall. Not bad for two training sessions a week given other unavoidable commitments! He can clearly go much quicker given the right preparation.

Iona Crawford's (16) task was no less difficult in the 200m breaststroke. She was up against former World Champion and Olympian Hannah Miley (who didn't win!) and swimmers from as far afield as Norway. She swam a good race, narrowly missing her own club record by 0.28 seconds in 2.58.61. This placed Iona 26th in the afternoon session for younger/more local/slower swimmers and 73rd overall out of 97 swimmers. Well done to both swimmers and to all the Otters for some fantastic swimming over the last year. They are all now off for a well-earned rest and summer break until the new season begins in earnest in late August.



Kinross Table Tennis Club

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Kinross Tennis Club

www.kinrosstennisclub.org.uk

Well, didn't Andy Murray do well? Wimbledon champion for the second time! We hope you are all inspired and ready for our own club championships!



Club Championships

Minis compete on **Saturday 20 August**. Entries are on the day with details emailed shortly, so please keep the date free.

Junior finals on **Saturday 27 August**. Entry lists are in the clubhouse and the draws will be out shortly.

Senior Finals on **Sunday 4 September**. The draws will be out by the time this goes to press so get those matches played in time. Remember it's the taking part that counts!

Summer Tennis Camps

The July camp was a great success. The kids had fun and we managed, all importantly, to dodge the rain. Alessia ran a fun 'Murray v Federer' competition and kept everyone focused. Our **August camp** runs from **Monday 8 - Friday 12 August**. 8 years and under from 9am to 10.30am and 9 years old and over from 10.30am to 12.30pm. There are still places available and the sessions are always enjoyable. Contact Siobhan now to book your child's place email kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com

Junior Autumn Coaching Block

The summer holidays will be over before we know it and, with school resuming, so do our term time blocks of junior coaching. Continuing on Tuesdays and Fridays after school, the first session will be on **Friday 19 August** and will run for seven weeks. Don't leave your booking until the last minute as places can be limited. Please contact Siobhan as above.

Adult Coaching

Numbers were high at a recent Thursday afternoon trial block of adult coaching from popular coach Daniel Reed. We were pleased with the feedback and are considering running another block after the summer. If you are interested in daytime adult tennis coaching of any standard, please contact our secretary, Margaret, by email at kinrosstennis@gmail.com.

The Thursday afternoon social tennis sessions at 1.30pm dovetailed nicely after the coaching so that everyone could put to practice what they had just learnt; however, the coaching is not obligatory for enjoying tennis on Thursday afternoons. Just pop down; the more the merrier!

League results

Tennis Tayside mixed league season is underway and we battle on despite disappointing results. **Gents, your local tennis club needs you!!** Defeats to Craigmuir, Broughty Ferry and David Lloyd so far, but I think we are slow starters.

In the Perth and District ladies league, a win and a defeat are so far recorded against Blairgowrie and Bankfoot respectively. Our ladies finished second in Tennis Tayside Division two and this will mean promotion for next season. Our gents in the Tennis Tayside four-player league managed to finish top. Congratulations to all! The winning combination of Green and Greener were accredited with some of the more impressive results.

As ever, new members are always welcome and enquiries can be made to our secretary, Margaret Hamblin, on 01577 850252 or by email at kinrosstennis@gmail.com. Visitors are also welcome with keys available from Sands the Ironmongers for a small fee.

Kinross Volleyball Club

Kinross Volleyball Club has been very lucky this summer as only two of the Monday evening outdoor 'come and play' sessions have been cancelled due to rain.

Kinross High School youngsters Jack McKelvey and Matthew Moloney have been selected for the initial East Scotland Boys' Volleyball Squad for this year's UK School Games in Manchester this September. Both will be involved in regular training and coaching sessions prior to the annual school games.

Club members are also preparing for their annual pilgrimage to De Haan to take part in the mid-August outdoor tournament.

This year's team will feature both ends of the age scale with young internationalists Mitchell Brown and Mark Cathro joining veterans John Cameron and Dave Munro in the Kinross team. Former Kinross High School pupil Ruari Souter will also join the side with two of his Newcastle based team mates, Tamara from Russia and Henri from France.

Free 'come and play' outdoor volleyball will continue on Monday evenings (7pm-8.30pm) on the grass to the rear of the campus until the end of August. Indoor training will begin on Monday evenings in September (8pm-9.45pm) in the campus games hall.

Hall Bookings

A list of halls and contact details can be found at
www.kinross.cc

Kinross-shire Cricket Club

RAIN – RAIN - RAIN

While June was slightly disrupted by rain, July has seen almost all matches cancelled due to the weather. Our Under 15 team made it to the finals of the Natwest Trophy competition only to have the day called off after one game. The club hosted a cricket themed Fun Day as part of the Portmoak Festival and this was also abandoned as the rain set in. Hopefully August will be much better. The senior sides have suffered the same fate with no games played by the time of writing.



Pavilion Extension

The wet weather has allowed the pavilion work to progress and the interior works are now completed and the new furniture has been delivered. Once the weather improves the exterior cladding can be completed and the decking installed. The official opening will be in August.

Scotland Representation

While there has been little play at home, one of our juniors has made his debut for the Scotland Under 15 team. Durness Mackay-Champion has been playing for the national side against Durham and Cumbria. 14 year old Durness is a right handed batsman who had a big impact with the KCC Under 13's last year and we wish him well with his international career and with our Sunday XI when he is back.

Hopefully we will have much more to report next month, assuming the rain goes away.

Out & About



Loch Leven NNR



In between the bouts of rain we've been having some spells of very pleasant weather. Hopefully now summer has fully arrived and long may it stay!

We start off with some disappointing news. Over the weekend of 15 July, there was a lot of damage done around the hide at Burleigh, particularly to the handrails and the interior. It is always upsetting when vandalism occurs. At SNH we pretty much rely on our volunteers to keep things going on the ground these days and we simply don't have the budget to keep replacing things. If anyone has any information about the perpetrators, please let the police know. Many thanks to everyone who reported it to me, and Cllr Robertson for his concern.

After a lot of hard work, Craig has produced and published a superb little children's book, 'Tufty the Tufted Duck.' This book, which is illustrated with fabulous pictures by Amanda Bataller, tells the story of a little tufted duck at Loch Leven and the perils of long distance migration in a way that children will understand. Wherever you live, the idea that comes out in Tufty's story is relevant to the wildlife everywhere as well as at Loch Leven. We are going to distribute copies of the book to all the local schools but if you wish to download a copy, please look on the Loch Leven publications pages on the SNH website or Tom has kindly put a link on the blog.

Around the first week of July I was out counting broods around the Loch and I spotted many Tufted Duck broods just emerging. There are also lots of Mute Swan broods around. Cycling round the trail I'm also hearing lots of fledged songbirds. We've had Reed Warblers singing in several places about the loch this spring. We counted a total of 428 Lesser Butterfly Orchid spikes in our meadows this year with the help of the volunteers.

Our family cycle events run by Tom have been a great success. We still have spaces on our **Really Wild Cycles** on **Fridays 5 and 12 August**. The cycle rides run from 10am until 4pm, starting at The Pier. There are activities for all ages.

We also have an **Osprey Walk** on **Thursday 18 August**, from 6pm until 8pm. We've not seen too many Ospreys this year so far but by the time migration really gets going I'm sure we'll see more. As always, all of our events are free. Please phone 01577 864439.

We'll be at the **Kinross Show** on **13 August** so please pop round to see us. If you are a regular visitor to the loch, please fill in one of our visitor survey cards.

Our team of volunteers have been busy. We've been clearing Balsam mostly. There appears to be a lot fewer plants than other years so hopefully we are getting on top of it. We'll be out with the grass cutters soon, tidying up our meadows around the loch.

I hope everyone is enjoying their holidays. TTFN.

Jeremy Squire (Reserve Manager)

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.

Gardens Open

The gardens listed below are open for charity this month under the Scotland's Gardens Scheme.



Open on a Specific Date

Drummond Castle Gardens, Crieff, Open Day on **Sunday 7 August**, 1pm-5pm, when admission is £4 for adults. Admission other days in August, 1pm-6pm, when admission is £5 per adult. The gardens were originally laid out in 1630. The formal garden is said to be one of the finest in Europe and is the largest of its type in Scotland. PH7 4HZ.

Mount Tabor House, Mount Tabor Road, Perth, is open on **Sunday 7 August**, 12.00-4.30pm. It's a mature terraced town garden with a cascade of ponds. Soup and rolls available 12-2pm. Teas and traybakes available 2pm-4.30pm. Plant stall. Admission £3.50. PH2 7DE.

Open by Arrangement

Dowhill, Cleish. Contact pippamd@icloud.com

Delvine, Murthly, 15 Apr-15 Oct. Tel 01738 710485.

Latch House, Abernethy, to 31 Aug. Tel 01828 686816.

Parkhead House, Parkhead Gardens, Burghmuir Road, Perth. Tel 01738 625983 or 07769 676586.

Rowberrow, Dollar, 1 Feb-31 Dec. Tel 01259 742584 or email rjarvis1000@hotmail.com

The Steading, Dollar, 1 Apr-15 Oct. Tel 01259 781559 or email david.fiona.chapman@gmail.com

Further information about these gardens, and the many other stunning private gardens open all over Scotland this summer, can be found in the Scotland's Gardens guide book, or on their website www.scotlandsgardens.org

Local Attraction Opening Times

Lochleven Castle, Castle Island, Kinross



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

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

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

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

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

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

Admission prices: Adult £5.50, Child £3.30, Conc £4.40. HS members free.

RSPB Loch Leven

www.rspb.org.uk/scotland
Telephone: (01577) 862355



Morning, folks! The summer tootles on and, apart from a bit of rain, hasn't been as bad as last July for the "Wet Stuff".

Birds will start to go into moult post breeding season. A few already have, so apart from looking a bit scruffy will also be harder to see; since they dinnae want chewed up by predators due to flying difficulties, they hide a bit more. Cannae say ah blame them, like!

On the bird front, we still have a regular Marsh harrier appearing over the wetland from time to time, and broods of ducklings, along with great crested grebe chicks, can be seen on the flood. Swallows continue to nest around the centre and, as I write, are feeding broods.

The shop has new products in again. A brand new range of feeders has arrived; they are of very sturdy construction and have a quick release bottom with a pull pin for the ports. Super easy to clean, you also have the option to buy ring perches which can be attached to let birds feed straight on rather than from the side; saves a bit of arthritis in the old necks, I suppose!

The other new stuff is.... now, let's think about this, it's August, it arrived in mid July, so it must be, wait for it, yep you got it, Christmas!! This year's range of cards, calendars and diaries are now available to purchase in our retail emporium. Ah ken! The excitement is jist ower much!

This year's programme of events continues with the "**Summer Holiday Challenges**" running daily until 15 August. No booking required, just turn up on the day of your choice, cost £1 for members or £3 for non-members. We are holding an **Optics Weekend** on **6 and 7 August**. Try and buy your new binoculars or telescope from our extensive range, with expert advice on hand to help with your choice.

This month's Nature Tots is fully booked, I'm afraid, but you can still book spaces on the September one. Make it quick, though! A bit of culture will also arrive at the reserve on **Thursday 4 August** at 7pm when the **Festival Players** will once again be performing an offering from Mr Shakespeare. This year it's **Hamlet**. It will take place outdoors, so bring your own blankets, chairs, wine other refreshment of your choice or whatever? Booking is essential and tickets can be bought from the reserve. Adults £13.50, children £8 or a family ticket is £38 (2 adults and up to 3 kids).

A new path from Lochore Meadows over the hill to the reserve was recently completed and is now officially open. A fair climb with stunning views and is suitable for walkers, bikes etc. A new all access loop from our picnic area has also been created for wheelchair users in the woodland above the car park and is also open for use. Come and give it a go.

Once again we are delighted to be hosting the **Kinross Agricultural Show** on **Saturday 13 August** at the reserve. It promises to be an entertaining day filled with all things farming, equine, and a host of other activities. Why not come along and enjoy the atmosphere and fun.

Think that's it again then.

Ta ta till next time,

Colin

The Kinross Newsletter

by the community, for the community

all profits are given away to local good causes

Farming



Well I hope all the farmers who were desperate for rain when I wrote my last article have served their appropriate sentence on the naughty step! At one minute per year of their life some of them would be sitting there for quite a while – No cushions allowed to make it more comfy, and no chocolate biscuits to relieve the boredom!

While some moisture was undoubtedly welcome to help the grass and crops grow after quite a cold spring, it has become quite unsettled and very frustrating for the silage-making season. The persistent showery conditions have made it a very stop-start affair. We have managed to snatch away at odd fields here at Backward Farm, and are up to date with everything that was needing done, leaving only a small amount to bale for hay or haylage by the time you are reading this, hopefully. The baling I do for other people has hardly started, so hopefully a more favourable spell of weather will allow that to be done in good conditions.

The baling season got off to a bit of a shaky start with our vintage baler and wrapper. Although I had checked over the mechanics of the machine in its pre-season service, I hadn't connected up the control box to check the electrics. As a result, when I hitched it up to go baling and switched the control box on, I realised things weren't right. An investigation discovered a rodent nest in the heart of the machine where cables go from one side of the baler to the other and a heap of chewed electrical wires. After carrying out an eviction, and a few hours head scratching with some insulating tape, it was up and running with a huge sigh of relief. The new baler has been almost trouble free, with its only problem arising from operator error due to a dodgy nut behind the steering wheel!

I have just started helping my brother with his second cut of silage and we were very lucky to get going at all as it seemed to be torrential showers all around us. When speaking to the local machinery repair magician, he reckoned we were very fortunate. It makes a change because it usually seems like we get all the rain going here in the Backward Farm area even when there isn't rain on the go.

To break the monotony of writing about the weather, the lambs are growing well and the ewes are about to be clipped. It generally hasn't been too warm so they have probably been glad of having their fleeces on for a bit longer. We have had two ewes that have been free range this summer, roaming about from field to field with their lambs. They have displayed Houdini like skills in being able to escape from even our best-fenced fields. It has been a real pain and quite a danger as they have been persistently trotting merrily up and down the road in their adventures. Revenge, however, will be sweet, as their cards are marked and they will be off to the kebab shop as soon as the lambs are weaned.

The cows and calves are doing fine, enjoying a plentiful supply of grass. We have just acquired a new bull as Tiger, our only bull for the last few years, is becoming increasingly arthritic, being now 10 years old. It is quite a significant expense for a small herd like ours, but he will just get a few cows and heifers this year to try him out. Hopefully, Lotus, as he is called, will be as fast as his name suggests. I also dabble in a bit of artificial insemination with some of the cows but having a bull is more convenient, especially when the cattle are out in the fields.

Happy haymaking,

John

Weather

June Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall	77.9mm = 3.11 inches
Heaviest rainfall	20.8mm (14th)
Total sunshine for the month	128.5 hours
Sunniest day	11.5 hours (1st)
Maximum temperature average	17.57°C
Highest temperature	21.6°C (1st)
Minimum temperature average	6.57°C
Lowest temperature	-1.4°C (2nd)

Local Attraction Opening Times

Burleigh Castle, Milnathort

The castle is a fascinating semi-ruin dating from around 1500. The corner tower is remarkable, with its square cap-house corbelled out. Grounds open during daylight hours. Access inside the tower can be pre-arranged by calling 01786 450 000. Burleigh Castle is ½ mile from Milnathort on the A911.

Balvaird Castle

A late 15th century tower on an L plan. Refined architectural details. View exterior only. Near Gateside and Glenfarg. Grid ref NO 169 115.

Abernethy Round Tower

One of the two round towers of Irish style surviving in Scotland dating from the late 11th century. Good views of the Firth of Tay. Key available from nearby Berryfields Tearoom all year Wed to Mon and from Museum of Abernethy Wed to Sun, afternoons only, May to Sept. In the village of Abernethy.

Thanks

Portmoak Festival - Chocolate Pudding Night

Elaine Carruthers would like to thank everyone who came along to her 'Death by Chocolate' evening on Thursday 30 June, and for helping to make it such a success. Grateful thanks to all those who donated puddings, especially to those who donated at short notice. A special mention also to the girls who helped to serve the puddings (Katherine Baird and Sally McDonald); our pudding bowl and raffle lady Morag Hogg; our wine and coffee attendant Lynn Hatch; to the 'washer-upperers', Jane Martin and Margaret Paton, and last, but by no means least, a huge thank you to Susan Rigby who came along to enjoy a chocolate pudding and ended up helping behind the scenes in the kitchen! A great team and a very successful evening – thank you all.

Portmoak Festival Quiz

A record, fifty-eight people from the parish of Portmoak and beyond took part in this year's Festival Quiz, hosted by the Well Country Inn. The winner of the trophy this year was 'Keeping You Up All Night' (team consisting of Tanya, Lorraine, Dave and Rod). As always, grateful thanks to Ronnie, Tanya and staff at the Well Country Inn not only for hosting the event, providing filled rolls at the interval, but also for donating the bottles of Prosecco to the winning team. The 'winners' at the opposite end of the scale (and we won't name and shame them), were delighted to receive a box of 'Quenchy Cups' kindly donated by Scotlandwell in Bloom. A good night was had by all.

Congratulations

SOPHIE ROSS, daughter of Heather and Harold, sister to James and Emily, is to marry **ANDREW COATES**, from Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, on Saturday 30 July 2016 at Orocco Pier, South Queensferry. The couple continue to reside in London.

Congratulations to our granddaughter, **Dr HANNAH HENDERSON**, who has graduated MRCVS BVM&S from the University of Edinburgh. – Jim and Grace Drysdale, East Netherton Farm, Milnathort.

STEPHEN O'HARE BSc, of Scotlandwell, has graduated with a Bachelor of Laws degree (LLB) from Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen.

CATRIONA McSHANE, former pupil and Depute Head Girl at Kinross High School, has graduated MBChB from the University of Edinburgh Medical School on 2 July 2016.

*Dr Catriona
McShane*



Kinross based construction business **THCL Building & Renovation** has won the Property Restoration Award at the 2016 Scottish Home Improvement Awards. The company was also runner up for the Best Building Contractor Award. This is the second year that THCL has won a Scottish Home Improvement Award. The firm was named Scotland's Favourite Building Contractor at the inaugural awards last year.

Malcolm Thomson, Director of THCL, said, "It's a great achievement to get this kind of industry recognition, especially as the nominations are client led. It's a real team effort, so we're pleased that our dedication and hard work is being recognised for the second year running."



*Malcolm and Morag Thomson at the Scottish Home Improvements
Awards on 17 June*

Kinross High School Awards

Duke of Edinburgh Awards

The following pupils have attained their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards and have been invited to Holyrood to be recognised for this achievement:

Stuart Butler, David Chalmers, Adam Dalglish, Chris Hall, Rowan Harvey, Gareth Hutchison, Kirsty Kerr, Orpheus Manos, Sophie McKay, Cameron McCloskey, Molly McKenzie, Sophie Nicholson, Kieran Potter, Pamela Shah, Ryan Shah, Liam Souter, Charlotte Sparling, Adam Sweeney, Sarah Thislie, Gemma Vear, Rachel Walker, Christy Zaremski.

Sports Day Champions

Group C Girl: **Isla Steel**. Group C Boy: **Josh Doyle**. Group B Girl: **Holly McLachlan**. Group B Boy: **Sam Linn**. Group A Girl: **Hannah Dow**. Group A Boy: **Daniel Munro**.

Overall Girls Champion: **Claire Moloney**.

Overall Boys Champion: **Euan Boyle**.

Overall House Sports Day Champions: **Benarty**.

Education Awards

Merit Awards are achieved by pupils who have attained consistent high marks across all their subjects.

S1 Merit Awards

Sarah Coutts, Eleanor Culley, Erin Dobson, Alfie Milligan, Bethany Powers, Coco Ramponi, Isla Steel, Benjamin Surtees.

S1 Gold Positive Behaviour Awards

Cara Bell, Kirstin Fotheringham, Paige Gallagher, Samuel Logan, Cara Muir, Millie Prentice, Arwen Proctor, Kyle Stratton, Aimee Weir, Cara Wilson, Sarah Young.

S1 Merit and Gold Positive Behaviour Awards

Ailsa Bennet, Anna Campbell, Olivia Kuijpers.

S2 Merit Awards

Eleanor Baughan, Louis Cairns, Anna Casasola, Harry Cormack, Audrey Doyle, Jennifer Higgins, Kayleigh Husband, Eilidh Robertson, Eva Ward.

S2 Gold Positive Behaviour Awards

Hazel Bennet, Holly Davidson, Iona Sutherland.

S2 Merit and Gold Positive Behaviour Award

Aimee Thomas.

S3 Merit Awards

Guy Bathgate, Rhona Brown, Isobel Findlay, Struan Fotheringham, Cameron MacFarlane, Molly Richley, Suley Ulla.

S3 Gold Positive Behaviour Awards

Esme Allan, Frederic Bull, Eliza Checkley-Mills, Ellenor Cowling, Charlotte Glover, Robbie Harvey, Katie Kilby, Findlay Langton, Olivia Morgan, Sophie Nicholls, Joe Pickering, Catriona Robertson, Kirsty Skea, Finlay Small, Scarlett Small.

S3 Merit and Gold Positive Behaviour Awards

Rana Brewer, Renee Chan, Sarah Newman, Eleanor Senior.

Special Subject Awards

Scots Verse Speaking (The Gordon George Memorial Prize): **Cara Bell**. S2 Overall Excellence (The Bertie Anderson Award): **Aimee Thomas**. Art and Design (S4) (Rosamund Beveridge Trophy): **Ingrid Hill**. Art and Design (Kevin Kenny Award): **Kyle Third**. Music (Hilary Hawksford Memorial Trophy for outstanding contribution to the musical life of the school): **Nicholas Baughan**. The Chalmers Brackenridge

Quaich for commitment and endeavour in Mathematics and Gold Positive Behaviour Award: **Darcie Lawson**. The Christina Ryznar Award for Service to the School: **Rowan Harvey**. Business Education (Jean Lamont Award for Overall Excellence) and Sir Alan Smith Trophy for Leadership: **David Chalmers**.

S4 Gold Positive Behaviour Awards

Bethan Cameron, Miriam Chalmers, Beth Farmer, Will Howley, Fraser Kitson, Erin Leslie, Anna Lornie, Hannah Mackay, Claire McCormick, Hannah Miller, Liam Moncur, Callum Sorbie, Sarah Walker.

S4 Merit Awards

Business Education: **Megan Broadbent**. Computing: **Elise Atkinson**. Design and Manufacture, and Gold Positive Behaviour Award: **Iona Crawford**. Drama, and Gold Positive Behaviour Award: **Emma Davel**. Physical Education: **Jack McKelvey**. Graphic Communication, and Gold Positive Behaviour Award: **Derek Sneddon**. Practical Cookery: **Lucy Ramsay**. Music (National 5): **Alex Girling**. Geography and Biology: **Alistair Higgins**. Art and Design, and Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies: **Jessie Davie**. Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies, and German: **Katie Douglas**. French, Music (Higher), and Gold Positive Behaviour Award: **Nicholas Baughan**. History and Spanish: **Struan Smith**. Chemistry, French, Biology, English, Physics, Mathematics, and Gold Positive Behaviour Award: **Rebecca Bisset**.

S5 Merit Awards

Art and Design (The John and Marjory Moffat Quaich): **Dana Higgins**. Business Education: **Taryn Evans**. Design and Manufacture (The Bella Anderson Trophy): **Nicola Timmons**. Drama (Excellence in Drama, Theatre Arts and Performance): **Amber MacInnes**. Graphic Communication: **Kellen Fraser**. Health and Food Technology: **Heather McLeod**. Mathematics (The Cordon Trophy): **Rebecca Douglas**. Music (The Marjory Fyfe Award): **Erin Bathgate**. Physical Education: **Claire Moloney**. Physics (The Probus Club Trophy): **Robert MacKessack**. RMPS (Trefoil Guild): **Scott Wyllie**. French (The Lady Alice Smith Award) and Spanish: **Rosie Cormack**. Geography (The Burns Begg Trophy) and History (The Arthur Donaldson Trophy): **Kirsten Clarke**. Computing (The Sam Mitchell Henry Trophy) and Biology (The Cloan Trophy): **Harry Sangha**. Chemistry (The John S Lowe Trophy), English (The PTA Trophy), German (The Bosch-Rexroth Award) and Human Biology (The DL Chapman Senior Trophy): **Evelyn Morgan**.

S6 Merit Awards

Art and Design: **Lucy Bowman** and **Rachel Walker**. Computing: **Rowan Harvey**. Design and Manufacture: **Hannah Stevens**. Drama: **Lauren Mallinson**. French: **Cameron Nelson**. Geography: **Rosie Forrest**. German: **Toni McCallum**. Graphic Communication: **Calum Ingram**. Health and Food Technology: **Hannah Aird**. Music: **Cally Evans**. Physical Education: **Kieran Potter**. Practical Cake Craft: **Hannah Knott**. Psychology: **James Davey**. Spanish: **Lucie-Rose Taylor**. RMPS: **Iona Stevenson**. English, Business Education and History: **Amelia Mah**. Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics and Biology: **Francesca Fiorentini**.

RNLI Awards for Head Girl and Head Boy:

Maryam Gough and Struan Hepburn

Dux of Kinross High School: **Evelyn Morgan**

Kinross-shire Churches Together



Kinross Parish Church of Scotland

*Following Christ | Spreading the Word
Serving the Community*



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 and Summer 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 - restarts 23 August.

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 862126).

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

Other Events and Services

July

Sun 31 10.30am: All-age service for Family Week.

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.

August

- Mon 1** No 8am Silent Meditation this month: restarts 5 September.
- Tue 2** 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.
- Sun 7** 10.30am: Service followed by Informal Communion at 11.45am.
- Sat 13** 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (names in advance to church office).
- Sun 14** 9.15am: Choir practice restarts.
- Thu 18** 9pm: late evening service of Compline.
- Tues 23** 10am: Pram Service restarts.
- Sun 21** 7.30pm: Crossfire restarts, church centre.
- Tue 30** 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.

September

- Thu 1** Thursday Group restarts.
- Tue 6** Guild restarts.

Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church Church of Scotland (Charity number SC015523)

Minister - Very Rev Dr Angus Morrison
Telephone: 01577 863461

Email: angusmorrison3@gmail.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 the services.

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

Prayer Meeting held 30 mins before each service.

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

Morning Prayers at 9am

Each Thursday at Portmoak Church New Room.
Each Friday at Orwell Church.

Dates and events for your diary

7 Aug Joint service in Orwell Church 10.30am.
No service at Portmoak Church.

26 Aug Oasis Ladies' Group meets in Portmoak Church New Room at 10.15am. 'Talk about your favourite book'.

4 Sept Joint service in Portmoak Church at 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.

St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion)

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AY Telephone: 01577 864299

Email: office@stpaulskinross51.plus.com

Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk

Fr David Mackenzie Mills, Rector Telephone: 01577 863795

Email: frdavidkinross@gmail.com

You can also find us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalchurchkinross

St Paul's is open, friendly and welcoming to all age groups (whether regular churchgoers or if you're simply inquisitive about who we are and what we do.)

We are excited about the ways in which God is calling us to grow as a community, for the community. Our aim is to express our deep appreciation of both the spoken and sacramental Word with a lightness of touch and a smile.

Children are equally welcome to stay in church during the service or go to the Meeting Room for Sunday School. Everyone is particularly invited to stay together during our monthly 'Whole Church' services. We predominantly use the 1982 Liturgy on Sunday mornings but create experimental devotion for special events throughout the year. If you would like to give us a try, we look forward to meeting and greeting you and hope that you might enjoy becoming part of this faithful family of Christ.

Mondays and Wednesdays

8am Morning Prayer, said quietly in the side chapel.

Tuesdays

11am Informal Holy Communion service in the Side Chapel, or outdoors if dry.

(1st and 3rd of the month) 12.30pm Open, free lunch and space for quietness and meditation. Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament is also available. (Meeting Room).

Thursdays

3.30pm - 4.30pm Rector's Hour in the Church Office.

Other special services and events will be advertised on our website.

August Services and Events

Sun 7 TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY *(tr. from 6th)*

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 14 MARY THE VIRGIN *(tr. from 15th)*

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 21 Proper 21

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Whole Church Sung Eucharist.

Sun 28 WELCOME (BACK) SUNDAY

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist and Church Lunch.

4pm Taize-style Afternoon Service.

Everyone welcome at all services

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

Weekday Masses

Monday 7.00pm

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10.00am

Please look out for information on other parish activities and any changes to weekday Mass times in the Sunday newsletter.

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.

August

Sun 7 9.15 - 9.30am A Time of Prayer, all welcome.
9.45am Morning Worship, followed by refreshments.

Sun 14 9.45am Morning Worship.

Sun 21 9.45am Morning Worship.

Sun 28 9.45am Morning Worship and celebration of Holy Communion. 6.30pm Songs of Praise.

Café Refresh

Does not meet in July but will resume on 4 August.

House group

Please contact Debbie Hill for details, 01577 842268.

Parents/Carers and Toddlers Group

We are having a break for the summer and will resume on Friday 2 September at 9am in the Church Hall.

Film Evening

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

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

Cleish Parish Church

Church of Scotland

(Charity No: SC003168)

Minister: Rev Lis Stenhouse BD (Hons)

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

August

Sun 7 11.15am Morning Worship. Tea and coffee served in Cleish Village Hall in aid of Guild Projects. Traidcraft Stall.

Sun 14 11.15am Morning Worship.

Sun 21 11.15am Morning Worship.

Sun 28 11.15am Morning Worship. Sacrament of Holy Communion. Congregational Lunch in the Village Hall.

All welcome



Kinross Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross

Website: www.kinrossgospelhall.info

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

Playgroups and Toddlers

Milnathort Babies & Toddlers

**Orwell Church Hall, Milnathort
Friday 9.30am-11.15am**

A relaxed and friendly group
Healthy snacks, tea & coffee
Children from birth to 3 years
(5 years if attending with younger sibling)
Great fun for the kids, mums, dads and carers!

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



KINROSS HUB THE CARERS CAFE

Monday 1st August 2016

**General Quiz
& Boccia (Indoor Bowls)**

Monday 5th Sept 2016

**Social work Talk
(Access Team)**

COMMENCING 10.15am PROMPT

The hub cafe is an informal meeting place to chat over a cuppa with other carers, cared for and family members.



**LOCHLEVEN COMMUNITY CAMPUS
KINROSS**
1st MONDAY of EVERY MONTH
10am—12noon



Contact Gail Boath
Tel. 01577 867306
Or Annette Bond
01738 567076



Craft Fairs at the Boathouse
Sunday 31 July and Sunday 28 August
11.30am – 4.30pm

Local people who make fabulous things!
With live music and street food.

On the decking at the Boathouse, Pier Road, Kinross.

Kinross Walking Football Team

Walking football is aimed at over 50s
(however, anyone is welcome)

- Looking to get fitter?
- Never played football before?
- Looking to develop new friendships?
- Reluctantly retired from playing football?

Taster sessions running at the Loch Leven Community Campus astro turf from **Tuesday 9 August**, 6pm-7pm
Come along and have a look.

For further details, contact Ian 01738 454629,
Bryan 07771 541797 or bhill@pkc.gov.uk

About the Kinross Newsletter

The Newsletter has been informing and supporting the community for 39 years.

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

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

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

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

1 August: Anthony Toner. Another member of the Belfast singer-songwriter club, Anthony has been described as "John Prine meets James Taylor". He offers superb guitar skills, catchy melodies and great lyrics. Entry fee tbc.

8 August: Singaround. To celebrate the Olympics, tonight our theme is "Family/Togetherness", or anything that takes your fancy regarding "The World". All welcome whether listener or performer. Entry fee tbc.

15 August: George Duff and Kevin MacLeod, two of Edinburgh's best known folk club singers and musicians. Great vocals with guitar, banjo and mandolin accompaniment on offer from George and Kevin, perhaps best known for his membership of the famous Occasionals Scottish Ceilidh Dance Band. Entry fee tbc.

22 August: Ninebarrow. A multi-award winning young folk duo based in Dorset who have been gaining high acclaim with audiences across the UK due to their innovative style of brilliant harmonies and instrumentation. Ninebarrow are Jon Whitley and Jay La Bouchardiere. Entry fee tbc.

29 August: Singaround. The start of the school year offers us the theme "Schooldays and Childhood" for tonight. All welcome as always. Entry fee tbc.

Fossoway & District Horticultural Society

Annual Flower Show

Saturday 20 August

at 2pm

Crook of Devon Village Hall



Schedules available from: The Shop, Crook of Devon;
Fossoway Garage or telephone 01577 840752

Pot Plants, Flowers, Vegetables, Baking, Industrial, Preserves
and Children's Sections

Something for everyone

Why not give it a go

and come to our show

Circle Dancing

Fun and easy! Free taster class!

No partner or experience needed.

Steps are taught for all dances.

Every Tuesday (in term time) 10.30am - 12.30pm

£4 per session with free refreshments.

Beginners' Class

Every Wednesday (in term time) 10am - 11am

£3 per session.

Both classes take place at Millbridge Hall, Kinross.

For more information, contact Lynne Barlow, telephone

01259 742173 or email lynne244@btinternet.com

(See also page 39)



The Thursday Group

This is a women's group meeting on the first Thursday of the month in the lower hall of the Church Centre at 7.30pm New members welcome. Contact 01577 863421.

1 Sep **Our Best Attention.** Jane Tulloch, author.



Are you living with a long-term health condition?

We are a charity supporting those living with a long-term health condition in Perth & Kinross. We help people improve the quality of their lives and well being by providing information and running regular self-management courses, workshops and peer support groups.

One of our peer support groups is based in Kinross in the meeting room of St Paul's Church, Muirs. This runs on the first Thursday of every month, 1.30-3.30pm.

If you would like to come along and connect with others who understand the challenges of living with a condition, learn how to make positive changes to your life and have access to useful information, then please contact us for an informal chat.

All of our services are confidential, free and designed to be flexible depending on individual and community need.

Find us at:

Perth Business Centre/NCOC, 28 Glasgow Road, Perth, PH2 0NX

Tel: 01738440099. Email: Info@positive-choices.org.uk

We are a registered Scottish Charity SC031076

Empowering Lives, Improving Health

La Leche League meetings in Kinross ...



LA LECHE LEAGUE
INTERNATIONAL

First Thursday of the month,
10am – 12 noon

St Paul's Church Meeting Room, The Muirs, Kinross

- Friendly, relaxed mum-to-mum breastfeeding support and chat.
- Informal chat and an interesting group discussion.
- Plenty of time for answering your questions.

We welcome any mums (and mums to be) who are interested in breastfeeding. Children all very welcome.

For more details, contact:

Hannah Dalgety (LLL Leader, Kinross) 07886 859461

www.lll-fife-tayside.co.uk

Find us on Facebook: La Leche League Fife and Tayside

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.

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.



Perth and Kinross
Lifelong Learning Partnership
Community Learning & Development Partnership

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



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 or telephone 0131 5240300

Healing Rooms Kinross and Loch Leven

Every Thursday from 10.30am -12 noon at the Orwell and Portmoak Church Office, 29 South Street, Milnathort, KY13 9XA.

Trained volunteers from different churches will pray for your healing, physical, spiritual or emotional. Totally confidential. No charge.

No appointment needed, but if preferred appointments can be arranged through the contact details on the website www.healingrooms-scotland.org

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.



Blythswood Care collection in Perth

The charity Blythswood Care is no longer uplifting donations of second hand items in Kinross. The nearest uplift is in Perth, at Asda on Dunkeld Road. There will be collections there on the following Tuesdays, from 11.30am until 1.30pm:

2 August, 6 September, 4 October, 8 November, 6 December.

Blythswood Care welcomes donations of: clothes, shoes, books, toys, blankets, bric à brac and small items of furniture. All soft furnishing must have a fire label with BS code BS7177 attached.

Regrettably Blythswood **cannot** accept: prams, pushchairs, highchairs, car seats, bikes, carpets, duvets, coat hangers, gas appliances, TVs, computer monitors, exercise equipment, wall units, electrical items and video cassettes.

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.

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.

Mindspace Recovery College

Mindspace Recovery College runs free courses covering all aspects of mental health, co-delivered by people with lived experience, and are open to all.



Newsletter Deadlines 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
September	Fri 12 August	Saturday 27 August
October	Fri 16 September	Saturday 1 October



THE
TALKING
DONKEY

Every Friday 11am - 2pm
@ The Millbridge Hall

For further information, or if you want to be involved please ring
07766 515 950 or 07771 696 830

The Cafe where
everything is
FREE!

 Soups 

 Snacks 

 Hot Drinks 

 Cold Drinks 

 Home-cooked lunches 

All brought to your table by our friendly staff

The Talking Donkey is a Christian venture so there
will always be people on hand to offer
Prayer For Any Need



Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

Outreach Advice Surgery

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: **9 and 23 August**

No appointment is necessary as the surgery is a drop-in service. For complex issues a further appointment may be necessary. Perth CAB can help you. Our advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent.

Contact us: Advice line 01738 450580.

Appointment line 01738 450581.



Benefits Advice in Libraries (BAIL)

Benefits specialist Sarah MacLean is available at Loch Leven Community Campus to provide advice on all benefit related issues. Alongside general benefits advice, Sarah can help with: completing forms (including online), conducting checks to see if clients are receiving everything they are entitled to, and providing advice and support where an application is refused or awarded at a lower level than expected.

Sarah is available **by appointment only**. Appointments are usually offered on Wednesdays and Thursdays. To make an appointment, call 01738 450599 or email Andrew Scobie (benefits and debt administration) using the following: Andrew.Scobie@Perthcab.casonline.org.uk

Debt and Money Advice Service

Perth CAB has a team of specialist debt advisers. Advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent. To talk to a specialist debt adviser call 01738 450590 or email David Ogston (senior debt adviser) using the following email address: David.Ogston@Perthcab.casonline.org.uk

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.



Perth & Kinross School Term Dates 2016-17

Term	Start	End
Autumn	Tue 16 Aug 2016	Fri 7 Oct 2016
Winter	Mon 24 Oct 2016	Fri 23 Dec 2016
Spring	Mon 9 Jan 2017	Fri 31 Mar 2017
Summer	Wed 19 Apr 2017	Thu 29 Jun 2017

Holidays and In-Service Days:

Autumn holiday:	Mon 10 Oct – Fri 21 Oct 2016
In-Service days:	Thu 17 Nov and Fri 18 Nov 2016
Christmas holiday:	Mon 26 Dec 2016 – Fri 6 Jan 2017
In-Service and occasional holidays:	Wed 15 Feb – Fri 17 Feb 2017
Spring holiday:	Mon 3 Apr – Mon 17 Apr 2017 (Easter Sunday is 16 April 2017)
In-Service day:	Tue 18 Apr 2017
May Day holiday:	Mon 1 May 2017 (tbc)

Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers

Linda Freeman

Tel 01577 865045. Email: linda.freeman_64@btinternet.com

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

Scottish Mining Trust Holidays Blair Castle, Culross

Charity number SC036188 Web: www.blaircastle.net

Subsidised holidays for retired miners and relatives

If you worked in the mining industry, or if you are related to a miner or someone who worked in the mining industry, you may be eligible for subsidised full bed and board holidays at Blair Castle in Culross.

Blair Castle is set in beautiful grounds with stunning views over the Forth Estuary. Excellent facilities: 28 well-appointed en-suite rooms, disabled accommodation, games room, quiet rooms, social lounges etc.

Call 01383 880307 or email charles@blaircastle.net to find out more and ask for an application form.

Find us on Facebook: Scottish Mining Trust Culross

Community Councils

Kinross: Secy: Mrs E Thomas (01577) 863714
KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Milnathort: Chair: David Baudains, davidpbaudains@gmail.com

Cleish & Blairadam: Secy: Patty Fraser (01577) 850253,
CleishCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Fossoway & District: Chair: Trudy Duffy-Wigman (01577) 840669,
fossoway.cc@gmail.com

Portmoak: Chair: Malcolm Strang Steel (01592) 840459,
PortmoakCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Perth and Kinross Councillors

Kinross-shire Ward

Councillor Mike Barnacle (Independent)

Tel/Fax (home): 01577 840516.

Email: michaelabarnacle@gmail.com

Website: mikebarnacle.co.uk

Moorend, Waulkmill Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross, KY13 0UZ

Councillor Dave Cuthbert (Independent)

Tel (home): 01577 861681. Email: dcuthbert@pkc.gov.uk

8 Highfield Circle, Kinross, KY13 8RZ

Councillor Joe Giacomazzi (Scottish National Party)

Tel (home): 01577 864025.

Email: jgiacomazzi@pkc.gov.uk

38A New Road, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XT

Councillor Willie Robertson (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

Tel (home): 01577 865178. Email: wbrobertson@pkc.gov.uk

85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13XA

Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh MP

Member of Parliament for Ochil and South Perthshire

I hold regular surgeries in Kinross-shire.

For more information, general enquiries and for anything else I can help with, please do not hesitate to contact me using the details below.

Telephone: 01259 219333

Email: tas.mp@parliament.uk

Unit 4, Townhead Institute, 39 Drysdale Street, Alloa, FK10 1JA

Mobile Library Service

Visiting on Tuesdays 2, 16 & 30 August:

Milnathort	South Street	1215-1300
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Visiting every Tuesday

Glenfarg	Main Street	1130-1300
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Visiting on Wednesdays 10 & 24 August:

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

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Telephone: 01738 620540

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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 August

Monday	Exercise Class	11am	Bingo	1.30pm
	Dominoes, cards & other Games			1.15pm
	"Stride for Life" Walking Group			2pm
Tuesday	Relaxation Class	1.15pm	Games	1.15pm
	Singing group with Alex Cant		1.45pm	
Wednesday	Morning Worship	10.45am		
	Dominoes, Scrabble & other Games			1.30pm
	Fantastic Fun Quiz	1.30pm		
Thursday	Art Class	1.30pm	Film Afternoon	1.30pm
	Dominoes, Scrabble, cards etc		1.30pm	
	Balance & Strength Class		1.30pm	
Friday	Exercise Class		11am - 12pm	
	Dominoes, Games and Filmshow		1.30pm	
	Bingo		1.30pm	



Additional Events for August

Health & Wellbeing Information Point
Chiropody

Tuesday 2nd 11am - 12pm

Thursday 4th, 18th 9.45am - 1pm
(phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)

Tai Chi

Wednesday 10th, 24th 1.30 - 2pm

Library Trip

Thursday 25th 1.30pm



Coffee Bar open to the public 8.30am - 4pm, Older Adults Lunches Daily

Our activities are open to everyone - please feel free to come in and have a great afternoon.

Phone: 01577 863869 Fax: 01577 863869 Email: kindaycent@tiscali.co.uk

LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

Mon - Fri: 9.00 am - 6.00 pm
Saturday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm
Tel: 862422

Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

Mon to Fri: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm &
2.00 pm - 6.00 pm
Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm
Tel: 862219



Sundays: The nearest open pharmacy is Asda, Dunfermline

Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme



Using a team of volunteer drivers, who are paid out of pocket expenses only, we provide transport and befriending to people in need in Kinross and the outlying areas. Please contact our co-ordinator Ann Munro: 01577 840196 for details on the service we offer.

Current charges:

LLHC & Kinross venues	
Pick up Kinross & Milnathort	£3
LLHC & Kinross venues	
Pick up all other areas	£6
Kelty	£6
Dunfermline	£10
Perth, Kirkcaldy	£12
Stirling, Falkirk, Larbert	£15
Dundee, Edinburgh	£20
Glasgow	£25
Stracathro	£40

Mobile Post Office, Kinnesswood

Mondays and Wednesdays	1215 - 1315
Tuesdays and Fridays	1030 - 1200

Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com
www.foundationscotland.org.uk

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



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').

Two part time Taxi Drivers, A2B Taxis, Kinross

Must be smart, polite and reliable. Full UK driving licence essential. Vacancy 1, weekend only. Vacancy 2, Mon-Fri occasional shifts, mainly sickness/holiday cover. If interested, call Bruce on 07743 332237.

Shop assistant, Giapozzi Store

Exciting opportunity in new shop opening this summer. Passion for food preferred. Full time post, will be required to work at least one weekend shift. Interviews in June/July, start date end of July/beginning August. Please email CV and covering letter to jgiapozzi@gmail.com.

Commis chef, Kirklands Hotel, Kinross

Full time post to join a team of four other chefs in busy kitchen. Flexibility to work split shifts. Experience preferable but not necessary, recent graduates from catering college considered. No live in accommodation available. Salary negotiable plus share of tips. Email CV to info@thekirklandshotel.com.

Part time Kitchen Porters, Kirklands Hotel, Kinross

Two part time posts to join our busy kitchen team. Duties would include dish washing, basic food preparation and kitchen cleaning. Immediate start available. Must be able to work day and evening shifts. Applicants must be over 16 and not afraid of hard work. Contact Scott on 01577 863313 or email info@thekirklandshotel.com.

Electrician required, GA Property Care Ltd, Kinross (Contract)

Initially a self-employed role with the view to going permanent. Candidate will work alongside another Electrician carrying out installs in X-ray rooms along with commercial and domestic work at times. Must have all the tools necessary to complete jobs. Pay negotiable. Please email CV to cv@gapropertycare.co.uk or Telephone Andrew on 07545 448446.

Trainee Cook, The Boathouse, Kinross

Left school and looking for a career as a chef? We have a vacancy for someone who is keen to learn how to cook and how a professional kitchen runs. We cook everything from scratch and all produce is sourced locally.

You would be required to work Wednesdays to Sundays, with a mix of days and evenings. The Boathouse has won several awards. We are a friendly, hard-working team with a good package of benefits for employees. Please call Julie on 07825068500.

Night Porter, The Green Hotel, Kinross

Shift Pattern is 11pm to 7am including weekends. Duties include looking after the reception desk, assisting guests, setting up meeting rooms and executing function sheets for conference and banqueting. Salary £7.50ph. Email CV to paulinesmith@green-hotel.com.

Nursery Cleaner, Lauriston Nursery

This is 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. Hours of work are Monday to Friday from 5pm until 8pm. You will be required to join the PVG scheme and references are essential. Apply online @ letslearnyoung.com.

Nursery Practitioner, Lauriston Nursery

Full time/relief post. Applicants must be qualified with an HNC or equivalent in childcare and education. The position will require working to a variety of shift patterns on a rota basis. Successful candidates will be required to undertake an enhanced PVG check and be registered with SSSC. References are essential. Apply online @ letslearnyoung.com.

Situations Vacant continued...

Nursery Chef, Lauriston Nursery

We are looking to employ a full-time qualified chef working 40 hours a week. You will be required to work Monday to Friday and all meals are cooked fresh daily, adhering to company policies and procedures. Various responsibilities. You will be required to join the PVG scheme and references are essential. Apply online @ letslearnyoung.com.

Apprentice Nursery Assistant, Lauriston Nursery

You will learn all aspects of childcare practice working towards a Modern Apprenticeship SVQ Level 3 in childcare. You will participate in all aspects of nursery routine for children 0-5. The post is Monday to Friday, to varying shift patterns. Applications welcome from candidates who possess three Nat5s/standard grades (including English). You will also be required to register with the PVG scheme. Apply online @ letslearnyoung.com.

Senior Nursery Practitioner, Lauriston Nursery

You must hold SVQ level 3/HNC in childcare and education and have a senior level of experience within a professional childcare role. You should be knowledgeable in all aspects of the curriculum. Successful candidates must provide an enhanced disclosure and be fully SSSC registered as well as providing full references. You will be required to work full-time following a shift pattern. Apply online @ letslearnyoung.com.

Assistant Nursery Manager, Lauriston Nursery

We are looking for an exceptional individual, passionate about providing the best quality childcare and education. You 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. Apply 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.

Daybed and mattress

£100 ono

Comfortable and in good condition. Suitable for adults and children. Can help with delivery.

Seller Details: Robert Pass

01577 862599

Dalqueich.farmhouse@gmail.com

Days transit foldable wheelchair

£150

Excellent condition. Easy to transport. Chrome plated steel frame. Removable arm rests and foot rests. Cost £320 new.

Seller Details: Peter Whitfield

01577 865507

petrrwhitfield123@btinternet.com

Super king size quilt

£10

As new. Very warm, 13.5 tog.

Wooden high chair with tray

£5

Can be converted to table and chair for a small child.

Kids booster seat

£5

Straps onto any chair. Can be adjusted to three heights.

Hotpoint freezer

£35

Upright freezer with four drawers. Good working condition but slightly dented. Ideal for storing in garage.

'Jeely' pan

£5

Good condition. Perfect for making jam or marmalade.

Seller Details for above 5 items: Edna Burnett 01577 862977

ednaburnett@fsmail.net

Diary

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