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## Editorial

Readers, if you are employing a tradesman or using a service that you have found in the Newsletter, please let that business know that you found them in the Newsletter. In these straightened times, businesses need to know their advertising is working for them. The Newsletter could not exist without the support of the local businesses that advertise with us.

Following on from last month's celebration of 50 years of the Art Club, this month we are celebrating 50 years of the RSPB at Loch Leven. Congratulations to them.

Congratulations, also, to local bloom groups on their excellent achievements this year, and for making such a difference to the places we live.

Time is running out to comment on the NHS Tayside plan to remove unscheduled surgery from Perth Royal Infirmary. There were no consultation events about this in Kinross. Some were arranged for other locations, mid to late September (even though the consultation supposedly began in early July), with a closing date for comments of 3 October. See the contact details in Cllr Watters' report if you want to make your voice heard.

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The Newsletter has been informing and supporting the community for 40 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.

## From the Old Travelling to the New

Are you an ex-pupil of Kinross Primary? Do you know any staff members who have retired or moved away?

We are holding an 'Open Doors' event for any ex staff and pupils to visit, before we move to the new build. Visitors are asked to get in touch with the school to sign up for an hour slot. You will then be taken on a tour of the school and get a chance to look at some of the memorabilia we have gathered to share.

The date is **Thursday 26 October** and tours will be at 4pm, 5pm and 6pm.

If you would like to sign up please contact the email address below so that we can confirm a place re email.

School Office: [KPSoffice@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:KPSoffice@pkc.gov.uk)

If you have some old photos or memorabilia please hand into the main office and we will display it on the day. Please make sure it is clearly marked with your name and phone number so that we can return it after the event.

Kinross Primary School  
Station Road, Kinross

## Christmas tree clarification

Light Up Kinross charity committee would like to clarify a few comments made by Mr Miles in last month's Newsletter. The contribution from Persimmons Homes was not given for the purchase of a Christmas tree, it was donated to assist with and enhance this year's display. The grant has been used to replace some faulty lights and the purchase some extra lights to enhance the town display.

Persimmon Homes' Community Champions scheme is set up to help local community groups and charities; any local group can apply.

The implication that this was a deal done between Persimmons and LUK as a bribe for a tree is completely inaccurate. LUK have never purchased a Christmas tree for the town; in the early years the tree was donated by Douglas Alexander and for the past few years has been donated by the Kilted Christmas Tree Company.

Light Up Kinross was set up in 1999 by Kinross Community Council and given its own identity in 2009 so that we can apply for funding.

We are now a local charity who rely 100% on support from the local community and need to be transparent in all our transactions.

We hope this explains that we are not involved in any underhand tactics.

David Colliar (Vice Chairman)  
On behalf of Light Up Kinross  
Rannoch Place, Kinross

## Note from Editor:

*The article on which Mr Miles was commenting was largely based on a press release supplied by Persimmon Homes. The press release said: "A local charity which raises money each year to provide the Christmas lights and the festive tree in Kinross has been gifted £1,000 by a national housebuilder."*

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Consult our electronic archive at

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## Thanks



### Thanks for support during Hurricane Irma

I would like to thank all friends and family for their support while my daughter and her family were enduring Hurricane Irma on the island of St Martin.

They are safe and well and, after an arduous journey, have arrived in Scotland and will stay until it is safe for them to return home.

We wish to mention Glenn from Saltire Taxis who brought them, free of charge, from Edinburgh Airport, on the last stage of their journey to Scotland.

Thank you all.

Hazel McLellan

Mayfield Gardens, Milnathort

### Thanks from Eilidh

Now that another season has finished, I would again like to say a big thank you to all the residents of Kinross and the surrounding area for the terrific support they have given me throughout the year.

It was a pretty good season for me, with the highlight being another opportunity to compete at a major championship in Britain.

The World Championships in London was a great experience, made even more memorable for me by being voted by my fellow team members to be the Great Britain and Northern Ireland Team Captain. It was a great honour and a very proud moment for me.

Next season will be very busy, starting with the world indoor championships in Birmingham, closely followed by the Commonwealth Games in Australia and in August the European Championships take place in Berlin.

Thank you all for your continued support and I hope I can do you proud in 2018.

Kind regards.

Yours in sport,

Eilidh Doyle (née Child)

### Thanks from Child family

Gill, Catriona, Jamie, Iona and I would also like to thank everyone for the local support given to Eilidh. Every day we are out, be it walking the dog, at work or shopping, we never fail to meet people offering their good wishes and support.

Thank you, everybody.

Ronnie Child

### Thanks from KVG&ROS

Thank you to **TSB** for choosing the Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme as their charity of the year and **very** special thanks to **May Reid** (May was, until recently, the manager of the Kinross branch) who ran a half marathon and presented her sponsorship money to us, a cheque for £485.

The committee and users really appreciate your help and support, thank you.

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## Congratulations



**WATSON – ROSS.** Both families are delighted to announce the engagement between **ABBI WATSON**, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Watson, Uphall, West Lothian, and **JAMES J ROSS**, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Ross of Kinross.

**David and Karen MacKenzie** are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their first grandchild, **HUNTER SAMUEL DAVID WEATHERUP**, to Gillian and Brian on Saturday 26 August 2017 at Victoria Maternity Unit, Kirkcaldy. First nephew for Owen and Beth, sixth grandchild for June and Brian Weatherup, Parkend, Farm, Crossgates, sixth great grandchild for Mae Codona, Kinross, and first great grandchild for Bunty MacKenzie, Inverness.

**Tom and Jean Webster** are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their first great grandchild, **FLORENCE AMELIA STOCKER**, on Sunday 3 September 2017. First child for Natalie Webster and Joshua Stocker and first grandchild for Alistair and Lorna Webster, Worcestershire.

Congratulations to our daughter, **SARAH JANE KING**, who has graduated with a 2.1 Degree as an Environmental Civil Engineer at Glasgow University. Sarah is a former pupil of Cleish Primary and Kinross High School and presently employed by P&K council as structural engineer. – Susan and Tom King, Kinross.

**JACK KEFFERTY** became Scottish M8 bench press champion for 2017 on Sunday 27 August 2017 at an event held in Glasgow. Jack has been invited to compete for the British title in Glasgow in December. Jack has been a weightlifting coach at the Windlestrae Hotel since 1995. He is an inspiration and an excellent role model for the young men he coaches. Congratulations and good luck to Jack.



Jack Kefferty

**HELEN PHILP** from Milnathort won the Scottish Ladies Fly Fishing National in September at the Lake of Menteith.



Helen Philp

**HUNTERS OF KINROSS** have been shortlisted in the Butcher Shop of the Year awards. They are down to the last three in the 'Innovation' category. This follows their initiative in founding the Kinross Heart Start project to provide public access defibrillators, starting with one outside their shop. Even to be shortlisted is a tremendous achievement, as these awards are for butchers' shops across the whole of the UK. Pamela and Iain Hunter will be travelling to London for the prestigious awards finals in November.

Hunters also achieved success recently in the Scottish Craft Butcher Awards. The Kinross High Street business won a Gold Award for its Mince Round and a Silver Award for its Traditional Steak Pie.



## Councillor Watters

### Surgical services at PRI

I am deeply concerned about NHS Tayside's proposed changes to surgical services at Perth Royal Infirmary. A public consultation period is running until 3 October. There are public meetings organised for Pitlochry and Perth, but none have been organised for Kinross-shire. I have written to NHS Tayside requesting that a public meeting be held in Kinross as a priority. You can share your own reaction directly to NHS Tayside in several ways: Freephone: 0800 7836110; by email: [surgicalservices.tayside@nhs.net](mailto:surgicalservices.tayside@nhs.net) or by post: Public Involvement, Tayside NHS Board, Freepost SCO 6181, Dundee, DD3 8ZR.



### RSPB Heritage Trail Access

Time is running out to raise funding for a new pedestrian tunnel under the B9097 at the RSPB's Vane Farm. Uwe Stoneman, the site manager, has worked very hard to get this project to its current stage by raising a large proportion of the funds from Sustrans and other sources. The current tunnel requires navigating two sets of stairs, which are a major obstacle for cyclists and pushchairs and impossible for mobility scooter and wheelchair users. Currently the only other access to the Heritage Trail from Vane Farm is by crossing the busy road. This will become increasingly hazardous if the proposed Westfield development in Fife comes to fruition, as this will cause increased traffic on the B9097. The new proposed tunnel won't have any stairs and will give easy access between Vane Farm and the Heritage Trail around Loch Leven. I have written a letter to Ian Campbell, the administration leader, and to Bernadette Malone, the Council Chief Executive, highlighting the importance of the project both for the residents of Kinross and for the visitors to Vane Farm and Loch Leven. I have also asked that the Council give the highest priority to finding the necessary funding for this project. This is important because the Sustrans funding is time-limited and requires appointing contractors in October.

### Pavement Update

Earlier in September I was joined by a Roads Officer from the Council and the manager from the Centre for Inclusive Living to have a look at the issues raised by users of mobility scooters and wheelchairs on the pavements along the Muirs. This was very productive, with the Council Officer taking away a list of specific issues that he will now look at and schedule into the works programme as a priority.

We also have a commitment to do a walk around as part of a 'Community Street Audit' with local groups and individuals looking at any pavement issues throughout Kinross and Milnathort. I am in the process of confirming a date in early October with the Roads Officer and the manager for the Centre for Inclusive Living, along with my fellow Ward Councillors. If you have any issues relating to pavement us – such as mobility, or difficulty with seeing or hearing – and would like to participate in this, please get in touch with me. *See also page 95.*

### Potholes

The Environment, Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee has recently passed new guidelines for repairing potholes and other defects within Perth and Kinross.

Under the new targets, 'category one' defects will continue to be repaired within four hours. However, 'category two' defects will now be repaired within five working days, rather than the previous limit of 24 hours.

Similarly, 'category three' defects will be repaired within 30 days rather than seven days, and 'category four' defects will only be recorded for insurance purposes rather than being repaired within 28 days.

I think that this policy is flawed, especially in relation to the 'category two' potholes. These will now take approximately seven days to repair, and may only differ from 'category one' potholes – that will be repaired within four hours – because the roads inspector decides the pothole is in a slightly less prominent position.

It will be interesting to see if there is an increase in damage claims due to these delays.

### Contact

I continue to work on a number of other issues and I'm always prepared to help whenever possible.

If you wish to contact me you can telephone me on 07557 812513, or email me on [RWatters@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:RWatters@pkc.gov.uk)

*Councillor Richard Watters*

## Kinross-shire villages are blossoming

Kinross-shire bloom groups fared well at the Take a Pride in Perthshire Awards.

**Kinnesswood in Bloom** was awarded a **Gold medal** and won the **Small Village** category. The judges said: "Once again Kinnesswood impressed the judges with their high standards in the bloom criteria. They continue to develop yearly themes which helps everyone to get involved."

**Kinnesswood in Bloom** also won the **Best Community Involvement** award.

**Milnathort in Bloom** gained a Silver Gilt medal in the Large Village category and won the award for **The Most Improved Community**.

**Crook and Drum Growing Together** gained a **Silver medal** in the Large Village category and won the **Best New Entrant** award.

The Large Village category was won by Brig in Bloom.

Judging the Take a Pride in Perthshire competition is based on the following criteria: Horticultural Achievement, Environmental Responsibility and Community Participation.

At the awards ceremony, which took place at Perth's Salutation Hotel on 14 September, recognition was also given to the Beautiful Scotland competition finalists in the Perth & Kinross Area. Kinnesswood in Bloom was one of these, winning the Small Village Trophy along with a Silver Gilt award.

### Primary Tuition

Free first consultation will be to plan further  
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1 hour sessions

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email [denise.dupont@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:denise.dupont@hotmail.co.uk)



## Councillor Purves

### Potholes

Further to recent announcements by the new council administration about fixing shallower potholes and additional funding to tackle this issue, the council approved a new pothole policy at the most recent meeting of the Environment, Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee. At the present time, the council has to go back to one in twenty potholes within a year because of a poor-quality initial fix. While our target timescale for emergency repairs will remain four hours, we have slightly increased the timescales for more routine repairs to allow the roads team to plan a better first-time repair, which will include cutting out potholes before filling them and sealing the join between the repair and road. We have also instructed officers to GPS tag potholes in future to allow us to monitor the effectiveness of this policy.

### Winter Service

At the same committee, we put forward a new winter service policy for the roads and footways network across Perth & Kinross. The policy will see the introduction of a new nightshift that will operate out of the Kinross depot. This will ensure that all A-class roads in Kinross-shire and the B9097 will be de-iced by 7.30am on Monday to Saturday between November and March. We shall also be introducing a night control to monitor weather conditions and deploy resources as required. During times of clement weather, the night control will redeploy staff into routine maintenance activities. Following a successful trial last winter, the council will again use a brine solution for the treatment of footways in both Kinross and Milnathort.

### Vacant Properties

The new administration is committed to finding a solution for longstanding eyesore and vacant properties, which can have a real negative impact on the community in which they are located. To that end, we have decided to offer a year's rates relief to people who can demonstrate that they will bring such properties back into regular use. Since we announced this policy, the independent department store company Beales has announced that it intends to take advantage of this incentive and will reopen McEwan's of Perth later this year. There are two eligible properties in the Kinross-shire ward: Smithy Cottage in Glenfarg and Ivy Cottage in Powmill. I hope that this incentive might prove similarly successful in bringing these eyesore properties back into use.

### Surgeries

I shall be holding surgeries throughout Kinross-shire on **Thursday 26 October**. No appointments are necessary and I would be delighted to meet with you to discuss any issues that you might have.

- 10am Millbridge Hall, Kinross
- 11am Milnathort Town Hall
- 12.30pm Portmoak Village Hall
- 2pm Tabernacle Hall, Maryburgh
- 3.30pm Crook of Devon Village Hall
- 5pm Glenfarg Village Hall

If none of the times are suitable, please do not hesitate to get in touch and I can arrange an individual meeting with you.

**Councillor Callum Purves**  
**Scottish Conservative & Unionist**



## Loch Leven Community Library

Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross

Tel: 01577 867205

Email: lochlevenlibrary@culturepk.org.uk

Website: www.culturepk.org.uk



### Opening Times

Monday*	10am-1pm
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	10am-8pm
Friday	10am-6pm
Saturday*	10am-4pm

\* Monday 10am-1pm and Saturday 1pm-4pm: Limited service, provided by volunteers.

### Regular Sessions for Young Children

No need to book, just come along:

- **Bookbug Rhymetimes:** Saturdays 10.30am-11am. Wednesdays 2pm-2.30pm.
- **Pre-school Story Time:** Tuesdays 10.15am-10.45am. Thursdays 10.45am-11.15am. Parents, grandparents or guardians and toddlers will be made most welcome at these free, open sessions.
- **Stay and Play:** Wednesdays 2.30pm-3.30pm. Thursdays 11.15am-12.15pm. Pop into the library where you can meet other parents, have a coffee, chat, read a magazine or just relax while your child plays. Toys provided. Family-friendly. These sessions are suitable for pre-school children and their parents or guardians.

### Book Groups at the Library

We currently have three book groups for adults running at Loch Leven Community Library:

- Crime Book Group:** Once a month on a Tuesday evening, 6.45-7.45pm
- General Book Group:** Once a month on a Friday morning, 10.30-11.30am
- Café Book Group:** Once a month on a Saturday morning, 11.15am.

Please contact the Library for the next book group date.

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# News from the Health Centre



## Annual Flu Campaign

Saturday morning clinics will be held on:

**Saturday 21 October**

**Saturday 28 October**

**Saturday 11 November**

Appointments may now be booked with reception. **Please do not wait for a letter to be sent to you inviting you to make an appointment. If you are eligible, you may make your appointment now.**

We would encourage all those in the **groups listed below** to come for a flu injection. Please note that patients who do not fall into these categories or who have no other clinical reason for receiving the flu vaccination will not be given the vaccination.

Clinicians will visit the residential and nursing homes as usual to administer the vaccination.

Over 65s	Those aged 65 and over on 31 March 2018 (Born on or before 31 March 1953)
Those aged 6 months or over in clinical 'At Risk' Groups	Chronic respiratory disease and asthma that requires continuous or repeated use of inhaled or systemic steroids or with previous hospital admissions. COPD including chronic bronchitis and emphysema Chronic heart disease Chronic kidney disease: kidney failure or transplant, nephritic syndrome Chronic liver disease: cirrhosis, chronic hepatitis Chronic neurological disease: stroke, TIA Diabetes Immunosuppression Asplenia or dysfunction of the spleen
Pregnant women	Pregnant women at any stage of pregnancy
Long stay residential	Those living in long stay residential care homes or other long stay care facilities
Unpaid carers and young carers	Those who, without payment, provide help and support to a partner, child, relative, friend or neighbour who could not manage without this help. This could be due to age, physical or mental illness, addiction or disability. Young carers are those under 18 who carry out significant caring tasks and assume a level of responsibility for another person which would normally be taken by an adult.



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# Fifty years at RSPB Scotland Loch Leven



By Alice O'Rourke, Visitor Experience Officer

The past year has been an exciting treasure hunt for me at RSPB Scotland Loch Leven. The reserve's 50th anniversary has provided a golden opportunity to dig into the archives, get in touch with old friends of the reserve, talk to visitors and connect with local community groups to discover what makes the reserve so special. It's a place where many people meet their first red squirrel, where countless volunteers have donated their efforts and enthusiasm in rain and shine, it's full of memories of pond dipping and school trips and home to some astounding wildlife.

This October is a big month for us, not just because of the arrival of



*Lord Mansfield opening the reserve in 1967*

over-wintering pink-footed geese, but because it's when the reserve was officially opened 50 years ago. We will be displaying the stories and memories which have been shared with us throughout the year, along with photos from the



*Above: The original steading*

*Right: Bridget Moore, the first field teacher, 1971*



*Below: The south side of Loch Leven, 1796*



archives. We have also been gifted a beautiful carved wooden bowl and sketchbook of fifty paintings of the reserve and the wildlife found here, which have been lovingly created by the members of Kinross and District Art Club (KADAC). The exhibition will be on display through October in the run up to our big birthday party on 29 October. Here is a wee taster to whet your appetite.

## Pre-RSPB

This map from 1796 shows what the reserve was like in the past, a marshy landscape similar to how it looks today. Sir John Lowther, who visited the loch in 1629, wrote that there were "as many as 3000-4000 geese and many Swan on the loch" so it has long been an important place for wildlife. The draining of the loch from 1830s onwards was good for industry and created fertile farmland around the loch, but impacted the wetland habitat.



## Fifty years at RSPB Scotland Loch Leven



*The original car park, 1971*



*Army bulldozers building the first lagoon in 1972*

### Founding the reserve 1967

Loch Leven National Nature Reserve was founded in 1964 by the Nature Conservancy (predecessor of SNH) and, three years later, in January 1967, the RSPB purchased the land at Vane Farm with the intention to firstly create a nature reserve to protect wildlife, and secondly to develop a public education centre.

The official opening was on 29 October 1967 by the 6th Earl of Mansfield, and 300 people came along. There were none of the hides that we have today but there was an observation room with “high-powered binoculars” to see the newly arrived geese.



*Walking the trails in the 1980s  
Photo by Graham Burton (warden 1979-84)*

The first warden of the reserve was Jack Swan and over the next few years there was a £30,000 renovation of the old farm buildings. The visitor centre and classroom opened on 31 October 1971 and school visits began with the first field teacher, Bridget Gray (née Moore).

In **1971**, car parking cost 5p per car and there was an honesty box to pay. In the first year, 2148 cars paid for parking and 1755 nature trail guides were sold.

In **1972**, the army helped to build the first lagoon, which signalled the beginning of efforts to recreate the wetland habitat to make it more suitable for birds like lapwings to nest.

**1980s:** These years saw further development of the wetland habitat and more education visits. A volunteer-run café served tea and homemade cakes.



*Creating the underpass, 1982*



*Creation of the woodland trail, 1984*



## Fifty years at RSPB Scotland Loch Leven

In **1982**, the underpass and first hide were created. The original Waterston hide was located where the Gillman hide is now.

Volunteers created the teaching ponds in **1983**.

**1984-5**: The woodland trail was built and nest boxes were put up. There are now over 150 nest boxes at RSPB Scotland Loch Leven.

**The 1980s** were also busy with youth groups like the YOC and there were interactive exhibitions in the visitor centre and on nature trails. From 1987 the visitor centre began to open daily.

In **1988**, the accessible ramp to the visitor centre was opened. (See photo on cover.)



*Spring 1982: Creating the first hide*



*Parrots on bikes, 1991*



*Above: Major refurbishment of the visitor centre took place 1996-97*



*Left: Wood carvings to mark the Sleeping Giant Trail, 2016*

*Right: Portmoak school at Loch Leven, 2009*



In **1990**, the RSPB bought East Brackley farmland, extending the reserve westward by 110 hectares.

In **1991**, Pedal for parrots took place on 17 August, a sponsored 14-mile cycle ride around Loch Leven to highlight the RSPB campaign for a ban in trade of wild birds and in particular the trade in some of the world's most endangered species - parrots.

In **1996**, the old Waterston hide was replaced with the new Gillman hide.

From **1996** to **1997** the current Waterston and Carden hides were created and the visitor centre underwent a major refurbishment including a new education room, coffee shop, volunteer accommodation, centre interpretation, shop and observation room. The car park moved to its current location. Trees were removed from the wetlands to restore the wet bog habitat.

In **2006**, the Growing up with Loch Leven SNH partnership project started and continues to this day. It enables local schools like Portmoak, Kinross, Milnathort, Cleish, Blairingone, Arngask, Fossoway and Benarty primary schools to visit regularly and get the opportunity to "grow up" with the reserve.



## Fifty years at RSPB Scotland Loch Leven

In **2012**, the Kinross Agricultural Show moved from the grounds at Kinross House to the reserve and has been held here since.

In **2013**, little ringed plover bred on the reserve for the first time. (See photo on cover.)

In **2014**, the completed Loch Leven Heritage Trail opened on 18 April. It now provides a complete off-road loop of 13 miles around Loch Leven NNR.

In **2016**, the Sleeping Giant Trail and Leafy Loop opened, thanks to Living Lomond Landscape Partnership.



*Above: The Loch Leven Heritage Trail was completed in 2014*

*Left: The Kinross Show has been held at the reserve since 2012*



**2017:** RSPB Scotland Loch Leven's 50th anniversary! Come and see the full exhibition during October in visitor centre hours and join us in celebrating this exciting milestone on Sunday 29 October from 11am to 3pm. We'll have history walks on the hour, free family activities for all ages and talks and cake at 2pm. Hope to see you there!

## Coal Porters play Backstage

The Coal Porters will play Backstage at the Green in October as part of their sixth British tour.

The band started playing acoustic music around 2002 in London when ex-Long Ryder Sid Griffin decided to turn away from electric music. Since then, the band's unique combination of folk/indie/bluegrass/Celtic music has demonstrated the power of fiddle, mandolin, banjo, acoustic guitar and doghouse bass when matched with sweet harmonies set against strong melodies and they have taken this sound around the world.

The Coal Porters are band co-founder Neil Robert Herd on guitar and vocals, Paul Fitzgerald on banjo and harmony vocals, Andrew Stafford on doghouse bass, and the classically trained Kerenza Peacock on fiddle and vocals. Herd is a songwriter of note, Paul Fitzgerald invented his own banjo technique copied by many in the UK, Andrew Stafford is music business litigation expert and fiddler Kerenza Peacock has recorded two hit classical

CDs, recorded with Paul Weller and Eric Clapton, and has just completed a World Tour in Adele's band.

The tour is to promote the Coal Porters' most recent album, *No. 6*, which pushes their musical boundaries further than ever before... not to be missed!

The Coal Porters make their appearance on **Sunday 8 October** at 8pm at Backstage at the Green, Green Hotel, 2 Muirs, Kinross. For tickets, email [davidcmundell@gmail.com](mailto:davidcmundell@gmail.com) or phone 01577 863467. See also [www.mundellmusic.com](http://www.mundellmusic.com)



*The Coal Porters*

*Photo: Chico Vaughn*

## Scottish Water helps Milnathort to bloom again

Milnathort is back to its picturesque best with the help of a donation from Scottish Water and alliance partner amey-Black & Veatch (aBV).

Milnathort in Bloom members used the money to buy tubs, troughs, flowering plants and trees to brighten up the cross area of the village.

The donation followed a £1.6 million investment project to upgrade the sewer network in the village.

Bloom member Theresa Stirling said: "The feedback we've had from locals has been fantastic .... there's always someone sitting on the bench and it has turned it into a real focal point for the village and a meeting place for the locals, too."

Clive Duncan from Scottish Water said: "Due to the nature of the project in Milnathort, residents did have to put up with a lot of disruption with roadworks in and around the village cross for a number of months. This did involve the need to remove existing trees and flowerbeds in this area so the project could be completed successfully. Throughout the project the cooperation

of the people in Milnathort was a big help to Scottish Water and aBV so to be able to donate to Milnathort in Bloom and see how well they have used the money to enhance the village is fantastic."

Scottish Water and aBV also donated

funds for a Christmas tree last year and outdoor lights that can be used for many years to come. Paul Milligan from aBV added: "It's a nice way for us to thank locals for their patience and understanding during the project in Milnathort."



*Members of Milnathort in Bloom at the newly enhanced cross*

## MP opens second office in Crieff

Luke Graham, MP for Ochil and South Perthshire, opened a new constituency office at 2 Comrie Street in Crieff on 8 September.

At the opening, Mr Graham said: "To have an MP office back in the heart of Strathearn, serving the whole of Kinross-shire as well, is beneficial to the whole of the South Perthshire constituency. This office is here to bring the community together."

The opening event was attended by local MSPs, councillors and representatives from local community groups and businesses.



*Luke Graham MP outside his new constituency office in Crieff*

Mr Graham added: "This is a parliamentary office, so it doesn't matter which way you voted; I'm here and the team's here to serve the community in Crieff and right across the constituency."

The Crieff office is in addition to the constituency office in Alloa. (See page 100 for contact details and page 21 for surgery information.)

### Volunteers Wanted

We are looking for volunteers for the 2017 poppy appeal in Kinross, Milnathort and surrounding villages. If you can spare any time to help, please get in touch. Any support would be greatly appreciated.



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# Fancy a holiday in the most beautiful country in the world?



A recent survey by the travel books, Rough Guides, has just revealed the most beautiful country in the world... it's Scotland!

The news has been greeted with great excitement, although it comes as no surprise to those of us lucky enough to live here! Although we might take it all for granted occasionally, there's no denying we're in an incredibly special spot.

But as visitors arrive from all over the world to marvel at all we have, many of us are desperate to escape and we spend huge amounts of money, time and effort in search of other fabulous holiday destinations!



*Centred around Loch Leven, Kinross-shire is a great place to holiday*

But, if the most beautiful place on earth is on our doorstep, isn't that where we should be holidaying instead?

Having a staycation – a holiday where you don't leave your own country – is something that has grown in popularity over the last few years. With very little travel to deal with, it's a much cheaper option as well as far less stressful too!

But, like any holiday, it needs careful planning to make it work. So we've compiled a few tips for anyone who might be thinking of giving it a go!

## Set some rules

Like all holidays, a staycation is about recharging the batteries, enjoying yourself and making time to reconnect with friends



*A magical view of Loch Leven*

and family, so set a few ground rules to help you do just that! They could include things like not letting anyone at work know where you are, not checking emails, playing a daily board game, switching off Wi-Fi, treating yourself to something 'different' every day, buying a new book or a glossy magazine - and making time to read them!

But whatever they are, you must all agree to stick to them!

## Book somewhere special to stay

There's nothing quite like going away, so do! With no travel costs to consider, you can afford to spoil yourself a little!

If you fancy a bit of an adventure, camping might be worth trying! There are loads of great sites nearby, such as the one at Pillar of Hercules in Falkland. It's basic but the kids will love it and you can treat yourself to all the goodies in the farm shop and café every day!

If you'd rather self-catering, Balgedie House (sleeps 12) or Balgedie Lodge (sleeps 5) are fantastic options. Both are beautiful homes with touches of luxury that mean you feel pampered and spoilt while there too! And waking up to their Loch Leven views is magical!

Alternatively, there are so many hotels around and about, why not book a few nights away in one; have a spa and supper out. Have fun pretending to be a visitor!

## Plan some activities in advance

We all know how quickly a holiday can whizz by! To stop it disappearing in a flash, make sure you book some activities – this will give you something to look forward to and you'll also be amazed at how much there is to do locally too!



*There are plenty of historic sites within easy reach of Kinross-shire*

Book a go-karting session at Knockhill, play golf on a new course, do a day to Cluny Clays, or even see if you can master gliding!

There are lots of restaurants to go to, too. Aim to do one a day, even if it's just for a coffee. You would if you were overseas, so why not?

There are historic sites such as Falkland and Scone Palaces, Kellie Castle and Hill of Tarvit Mansion, plus many more family friendly places like the Sea Life Centre to discover.

## And when it's all over...

Not only will you return home knowing there's no risk of losing luggage or queuing in immigration but it's very likely you'll feel incredibly lucky to be able to spend every day in this beautiful place...not just your holiday!

*Article by Shona Benson*

## Rachael wins Show education quiz

The winner of the Kinross Show educational marquee competition has been announced.

The marquee was sponsored this year by Glendale Security Systems. Entrants were asked 'What animal was used to protect property thousands of years ago?' with the answer being geese!

Ian Spowart of Glendale Security Systems said: "Kinross Show and Glendale Securities would like to thank all who entered. Huge congratulations to our winner, Rachael Luff from Dunfermline."



Mr Ian Spowart, owner of Glendale Security Systems, presenting the prize of an HD mini camcorder to competition winner Rachael Luff

## Puppet Show at Parish Church

A team from Falkirk's Peoples Church will be performing a puppet show for all ages in Kinross Parish Church on Sunday 29 October at 2.30pm.

The puppets, and associated music, will be telling the Gospel story in an entertaining hour-long show which will appeal to all. Entry is by donation.



There will be a puppet show for all ages in Kinross Parish Church

## NHS TAYSIDE PUBLIC MEETING



Liz Smith MSP



Murdo Fraser MSP



Alexander Stewart MSP

Three Mid Scotland and Fife MSPs, Liz Smith MSP, Murdo Fraser MSP and Alexander Stewart MSP, invite you along to a public meeting to hear NHS Tayside's plans for health and care services and the future service provision at Perth Royal Infirmary. Officials from NHS Tayside will be in attendance to answer public concerns.

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- 2.45pm - Muthill Village Hall
- 4.00pm - Auchterarder Parish Church Hall
- 5.00pm - Blackford Village Hall

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

- 11.30am - Forgandenny Village Hall
- 12.30pm - Bridge of Earn Institute
- 1.30pm - Abernethy Williamson Hall

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October

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## Councillor Robertson

### New Road, Milnathort

I received a complaint about the unkempt appearance of the shrub beds beside Castle Buildings in New Road. The Council have now tidied it up. The work was carried out by the Council's team of young horticultural modern apprentices under supervision. Prior to this work, the beds actually complied with the standards set out in the grounds maintenance specifications. However, the extra attention given to it by the modern apprentices has made a huge difference as you will see from the photograph below.

The modern apprentice team have offered to carry out further works where needed, so if you see an area of Council flower or shrub beds which could do with some extra work, please let me know.



*The much-improved planted area at Castle Buildings in New Road*

### Kirkgate Park Play Area

The big climbing net has had to be closed as it is requiring essential repairs. It looks like it will be out of action for a few weeks but it will be repaired as soon as possible.

### Pothole Repairs

The Council have agreed to try and phase out the use of temporary repairs to potholes. In the past when a pothole was reported, as likely as not a squad would arrive with some tar and fill the hole. This repair might last for only a few days and was, in my opinion, a complete waste of public money. The Council will now try and do first time permanent repairs. This will involve cutting out the damaged section and replacing it with hot tar which will then be rolled. It could mean pothole repairs could take slightly longer to do but the finished job will be a much better one.

### Costcutters, Green Road

Works are currently underway to erect two flats, a hot food takeaway, and a shop extension at Costcutters. This has led to the closure of the link path from Green Road to Green Park, which has concerned local residents. I have been assured that the closure of the path is a temporary measure and will only last whilst the building works are underway and that it will be reopened as soon as possible.

### Winter Grit Bins

The Council have decided that they won't issue any more grit bins. In periods of bad weather, they struggle to keep the ones they currently have filled! However, there are still streets/areas which could really benefit from having a grit bin nearby, especially if the street is gritted infrequently by the Roads Department. So I am keen to know if there are grit bins out there which aren't used so they can be re-located. Please let me know if you know of any.

### Night Shift

Starting this winter, the Council will operate a snow clearing night shift from the Turfhill depot. This will mean much better coverage for important Kinross-shire roads such as the A977 and the A91.

**Councillor Willie Robertson**

## Heritage lighting company opens showroom in Kinross

A Kinross specialist lighting company has opened a showroom as part of continued expansion and growing demand for its products.

John Moncrieff Ltd, located at the Bridgend Industrial Estate, offers a wide range of new and vintage lighting to suit all tastes and budgets.

A key element of the new showroom is the Moncrieff Bespoke Range, a range of exclusive handmade lights. Customers will be able to choose shade colour, bracket fixings and drop length.

The business, founded in 1865, was originally based in Perth and known as John Moncrieff North British Glassworks. Initially specialising in the production of heat resistant engineering and laboratory glass, the company earned a reputation throughout the world for the quality of their glass tubes used for steam gauges.

The company's most famous legacy is Monart, decorative glassware created as a result of a collaboration with Salvadore Ysart, a Spanish glassblower hired by Moncrieff in 1922.

The Perth factory closed in January 1996 with current owner, Scott Gilmore, buying the company and relocating the factory to smaller premises in Kinross.

Since this time, Mr Gilmore has continued to invest in the business while holding onto its rich heritage. In the new premises, part of the reception area will be given over to telling the rich history of the business, commemorating the history of the company and the glassware produced throughout the 150 years of trading.



*Pumpkin pendants by John Moncrieff Lighting*



## Elizabeth Smith MSP for Mid Scotland and Fife



Women's sport has often been a poor relation to men's, both in prize money and media coverage, but this summer we have seen a real breakthrough with female athletes receiving proper recognition for their achievements.

Scotland's female footballers competed at their first ever major championship, something their male counterparts haven't done since the last century. But in typically Scottish fashion we were eliminated on goal difference, despite a great victory over Spain. Notwithstanding the chastising defeat to England, the tournament was hugely positive for the women's game in Scotland and I am convinced it won't be too long before our ladies return to this level of competition. Hopefully, the men's team can draw inspiration from them and qualify for next year's World Cup in Russia.

In cricket, the England Women's team won the World Cup. This was a fantastic effort and one that completely justifies the professionalisation of the women's game south of the border. For too long, female sport barely featured on the back pages never mind the front, but this win has gone some way to smashing the media glass ceiling.

In Fife, Kingsbarns welcomed the Women's British Open this summer. Those who attended and watched on TV were treated to some fantastic action. Hosting events like this is great for the local economy but also serves as an inspiration to women and girls across the country who want to take up the game. Strong female sporting role models have never been more important for young women and there were plenty in action at Kingsbarns.

However, despite this progress, female athletes are still some way behind men when it comes to prize money and salaries. Balancing this equation is important. Most female

sportswomen earn a fraction of their male counterparts and face a daunting task once they retire. Most have not built up their bank balances with transfer fees and few have the opportunity to go into coaching or punditry. What they are left with is a 10-15 year gap in their CV, which is difficult to explain when re-entering the labour market. Low salaries can really put young women off pursuing a career in sport versus other industries which offer better long-term prospects.

Ultimately, the market is the arbiter when it comes to how much sportswomen get paid; bigger crowds result in higher gate receipts and more sponsorship. However, in order to attract more spectators, the standard also has to improve, and that means giving our female athletes the room to train full-time.

In 2013 the Scottish Government decided to increase the funding to the National Women's Football team in order to allow squad members to take time off work to train more. Back then, some players were working 40 hours a week and training 15-20 hours on top of this. Just imagine Leigh Griffiths completing a shift in Tesco before being expected to put in a shift against Barcelona. This would be ridiculed, but this is exactly what many of our female footballers are expected to do.

The end result of this funding boost was for Scotland's female footballers to improve and qualify for an international tournament. It's clear to see that if women's sport is properly supported it can thrive and be just as entertaining as men's. There is also a wider picture to think of when it comes to improving the nation's health. Tackling the obesity time bomb is important and if young girls can be inspired not to skip PE class by the likes of Laura Muir and Jessica Ennis, then the cost of supporting women's sport will be a price worth paying.

*Elizabeth Smith MSP*

## Gaelic language plan consultation

PKC's second Gaelic Language Plan (GLP) is now out for consultation. The Plan sets out the Council's aims and ambitions for Gaelic over the next five years and how these will be achieved.

The first GLP for Perth and Kinross was passed by Full Council on 19 December 2012.

The Council has a legal obligation to produce a GLP which seeks to demonstrate the local authority's commitment to Gaelic and to increasing awareness and usage of the language in the local area.

The draft plan and consultation survey are available at [www.pkc.gov.uk/gaelic](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/gaelic). The consultation began on 18 September and runs until 27 October 2017.

### PLANNING PERMISSION BUILDING WARRANTS

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## Lest We Forget Reflections on the Great War

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



### Kinross-shire Roll of Honour, 1917 October

10 October	William Emslie
11 October	Thomas Fullerton
12 October	James Paterson
25 October	Adam Drysdale

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## Councillor Barnacle

### School and Public Transport

A short life member officer working group has been reconstituted and I am on that group to lobby for improvements to be considered.



### Winter Service

At the Environment, Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee on 6 September, the Council agreed to introduce an additional nightshift gritting route for the coming winter. Operating out of the Kinross depot to cover A class roads, this should improve the situation in the early mornings during severe ice and snow events.

### Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2)

Following representations on LDP2 from Kinross-shire, a short life member officer working group will be set up and I am to be a on it. Local members will be meeting the planners regarding LDP2 on 3 October.

Following a meeting of the Kinross-shire Ward Forum of Community Councils on 15/8/17 and of Ward Councillors on 29/8/17 to discuss LDP2, I wrote to P Marshall and B Murray, Planning & Sustainable Development, PKC, on 31/8/17 to summarise the agreed position on issues of concern. A slightly abridged version of the letter is below.

### Infrastructure

Welcome report accompanying LDP2.

General agreement that Plan should facilitate identifying zoned parking areas within settlements during its lifetime.

Surely Park & Ride and Supermarket Site should be zoned in masterplan. Local members to lobby Scottish Government and Sainsbury's.

Agreed we have policy CF2 to protect old railway lines.

Insist mitigation measures for A977 and Route Action Plans re A911 and B9097 are emphasised, amid current discussions with Planning and Roads re related developments.

CLRs Barnacle and Purves to lobby for further budgetary provision. TRACKS working on footpath initiative between Kilmagadwood and Scotlandwell. Portmoak CC suggested a general aspiration to create non-motorised (cycle and pedestrian) links between settlements.

### Policies

**PM4 Settlement Boundaries:** The decision at Keltybridge under Planning Eyesores is an example. The Powmill settlement boundary would be subject to review when you agree we could revisit the masterplan concept during lifetime of LDP2, supported by Fossoway CC. Both the local members and Fossoway CC prefer the 2004 boundary for Rumbling Bridge that included village setting north of Care home and the locus of a recent planning consultation, we would welcome this areas inclusion *primarily* as open space for community benefit use to be explored further.

**RD1 Residential Areas:** Support from Forum on strengthening policy RD1.

**RD3 Housing in the Countryside:** Forum felt my figures were correct and planning don't recognise extent of windfall development.

**RD4 Affordable Housing:** There is a need for a revision of the policy, its definition and effectiveness, in delivering appropriate provision in the rural villages. We seek to secure on-site provision, not financial contributions.

**RD5 Gypsy Traveller Sites:** Local members would welcome further discussion on policy RD5.

**HE3 Conservation Areas:** If Cleish and Blairadam CC instigated a community led study into feasibility of conservation area status for Keltybridge and Maryburgh, would planning support this? Forum felt that conservation reports on planning applications should be appended to DMC reports and posted on planning website.

**NE2 and NE3 Trees and Biodiversity:** Forum disagree with Peter's response and feel Cllr Barnacle's points are well made. It is rare for bio-diversity and tree protection officers to appear at DMC and there

is a general feeling that the timing and veracity of surveys should be more strictly enforced. The question of the 'independence' of surveys was raised when they are commissioned by applicants, rather than PKC, this in relation to other areas such as building retention, transport, etc.

**ER1 Renewable Energy:** CCs and local members are aware of current consultation and should have commented.

**ER6 Landscape Designations:** Forum do not understand why supplementary guidance that is part of Policy cannot be subject to objection and/or review. Disagree fundamentally with planning department's approach on lack of designation for Cleish Hills and Devon Gorge. It is further stated that initial dialogue with neighbouring local authorities on Regional Park issues do not contain significant resources and should be undertaken to 'test' responses before allocating resources. Councillors Barnacle and Purves will endeavour to address these issues through their committee roles.

**EP7 Drainage within Loch Leven Catchment:** Brenda indicated to local members recently that water quality of Loch Leven has seen a deterioration. We feel that Policy EP7 should be tightened and mirror EP6, including a review of settlements within the catchment that have had their boundaries removed. Why should Loch Leven have less protection than Lunan Valley?

General agreement that a new policy to protect "assets of community value" from immediate closure and change of use should be explored and that this should extend to garages and shops.

Forum felt that more clarity is needed on housing numbers in LDP guidance! There was also a view that planning should encourage more developers to engage in voluntary pre-application consultations rather than limiting this to 'major' applications.

### Site Zonings

#### Fossoway

I thought developer interest was significant for Blairingone at the consultation event earlier this year.

Both local members and Fossoway CC accept that the proposals put forward at February's consultation event for Crook of Devon are opposed by approximately 60% of respondents in relation to the detail, scale and impact on the village. However, we disagree on the way forward. The CC oppose re-zoning of this site. We feel that a number of community benefits offered and suggested are worthy of further exploration, in the context of a smaller development and so advocate zoning as "an Opportunity site" for further consultation with the community; with particular reference to affordable housing, employment opportunities, A977 mitigation measures and a growth project to facilitate expansion of the Drum WWTP.

Both local members and Fossoway CC disagree with the planning department over the revision of the settlement boundary mentioned earlier for Rumbling Bridge.

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## Councillor Barnacle continued...

The Forum note Peter's agreement to the points made on Carnbo and Powmill.

*Glenfarg*

The CC will suggest on Employment site.

*Kinross and Milnathort*

Forum accept and welcome Peter's comments on a masterplan approach for Kinross/Milnathort to be developed during LDP2. It is agreed that we should seek to safeguard land alongside Junction 7 of the M90 against any development that would hinder upgrading. We think that Employment site 20 east of Milnathort should be taken out of the settlement boundary as non-viable.

We recognise that Peter has noted Cllr Barnacle's comments on employment zoning west of the motorway.

The recent planning refusal at Beaufield, Balado has reinforced our view that there should be no more housing development in Balado until mains drainage is available.

*Portmoak CC*

Portmoak CC agreed with Cllr Barnacle's suggestion that Stephen's field should be incorporated into the settlement boundary of Kinnesswood and designated as open space for community use.

### Conclusion

I trust this update will be useful to yourselves and look forward to further dialogue in advance of the published plan, set to be discussed as I understand it at a special meeting of Perth & Kinross Council on 22 November 2017.

## Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Supplementary Guidance

### *Copy of my letter to PKC Planning, 31/8/17 (slightly abridged)*

I refer to the consultation I attended at Birnam. I would like to place on record my continuing objection to the exclusion of the Cleish Hills and Devon Gorge from designation as Local Landscape Areas (para 7.8 of the SEA Non-Technical Summary), following a flawed consultants exercise (see my letters of 11/2/16 and 14/7/17 enclosed). It is no coincidence that loss of these AGLV's from our Local Plan suddenly results in them featuring as areas with highest capacity for windfarm development in your Map 6.1 of the Guidance. I am alarmed by this prospect and register the strongest objection to it. In low-lying agricultural areas to the south and west of Kinross-shire, very large turbines (the majority now) will have considerable landscape and visual impact and I strongly endorse the comments on your guidance from the Kinross-shire Civic Trust enclosed. I am, however, reasonably reassured that the Guidance suggests there is little capacity in the Ochil Hills for further windfarm developments; you will no doubt recall my earlier representations reminding officers of a previous landscape study involving PKC, Clackmannan Council and SNH that recommended one wind farm in the Ochils and at a suggested location; thanks to Scottish Government Reporters we now have 3 and not at the suggested location.

I note also the high capacity for solar farms in Kinross-shire in your Map 6.3 of the Guidance and whilst I'm not against such forms of renewable energy, I would not like to see a proliferation of them in our landscape, so cumulative effect needs to be taken into account. As regards Run of River Hydro-Schemes, I supported the recent local development on the Devon at Rumbling Bridge and I am generally in favour of such schemes being taken forward, subject to the usual environmental checks with SEPA and SNH.

I trust you can take my comments into account before finalising your guidance.

**Councillor Mike Barnacle**  
*Independent Member for Kinross-shire*

### Kinross-shire Visitor Information Points

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

## Roseanna Cunningham MSP for Perthshire South & Kinross-shire



### Living Wage

Roseanna Cunningham MSP has welcomed the news that the number of accredited Living Wage employers in Scotland has now reached 900, praised the 23 local businesses who are part of that number, and urged other businesses in Perth & Kinross to sign up to the Scottish Living Wage and help take the total up to 1,000.

### Beautiful Scotland Award Winners

Ms Cunningham congratulates all those from her constituency who were successful at the Beautiful Scotland Awards on 7 September.

### Action to block nuisance calls

A new £50,000 fund that will install call-blocking technology for those most at risk from nuisance calls has been welcomed by Ms Cunningham.

The fund forms a key part of the SNP Scottish Government's Nuisance Calls Action Plan, which will raise awareness of the issue of scam and nuisance calls and empower people to protect themselves from scams. Statistics have shown that Scotland is disproportionately affected by nuisance calls.

### Call for bus users to give views

Roseanna Cunningham is encouraging bus users across her constituency to get involved in two new public consultations that will help shape the future of bus services and smart ticketing in Scotland.

Transport Scotland will conduct a number of events and stakeholder workshops to encourage participation in these consultations before they close on 5 December.

Links to the consultations can be found on the Scotland.gov website. The consultations are titled 'Local Bus Services in Scotland – Improving the Framework for Delivery' and 'The Future of Smart Ticketing in Scotland'.



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## Crimes of note in Kinross-shire area

There was a recent attempted housebreaking to a property at Mayfield Gardens, Milnathort.

There have been **rural crimes** involving the theft of a tractor from the Keltlybridge area and the attempted theft of a quad bike in the Path of Condie area. Once again, the farming community are urged to be vigilant and make every effort to ensure their security is as good as it can possibly be. Travelling and organised criminals will often "case" properties in the first instance to try to establish what farm machinery may be an easy target. More comprehensive security advice regarding rural crime is available on the Police Scotland website but here are some quick tips:

**Protect outbuildings and sheds:** Ensure that all external doors are of solid construction with suitable locks or a close shackle padlock and bar fitted to it. Hide the contents from view using protective grilles on windows if appropriate. Ensure property is locked away at night or when not in use.

**Suspicious callers:** Beware; strangers may not always be what they seem. Check their identity and, if in doubt, note their description and any vehicle they may be using and call the police. Your call may be important and save others from the opportunistic thief.

**Rural Watch Schemes** work well as a crime prevention and detection tool but are also extremely valuable in terms of enabling local communities to share information, allows agencies to send out relevant crime alerts, and empowers local communities to be more resilient. Please consider joining your local Rural / Farm Watch scheme and help us keep our rural communities safe. For further information, please contact 01786 463732 or [info@neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk](mailto:info@neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk)

## After Dark Advice

As the clocks are due to go back soon, Police Scotland are advising householders to consider their safety and security. If your property is in the dark, it looks unoccupied and can be tempting to criminals. It is important that those of us who are at home or who are working in the local neighbourhoods are vigilant and report suspicious persons or incidents in their area. Darkness strikes early in the day now and you can help make your home safe by taking some simple security measures to reduce the risk of being a potential target.

Setting timers on internal lights and radios allows your home to appear to be occupied. Fit external security lights or check that existing ones are functioning properly. Lock all doors, windows, sheds and garages.

Use substantial locks on outbuilding sheds and garages. Put away all garden tools and ladders or secure them if they cannot be stored. Set curtains or blinds to deter people "window shopping."

Mark all valuables with your postcode and house number and make a detailed list of your property including makes, model and serial number. Consider installing an intruder alarm and remember, if you do have one, please use it.

Residents should also think about their older or vulnerable neighbours and see if they require assistance to carry out these measures. Help each other to remain safe and secure this winter.

If you see anything suspicious, don't keep this information to yourself. If a crime is occurring or about to take place, contact

the Police immediately on 999. If you have information, use the non-emergency number 101.

## Kinross Community

On a lighter note, Dougie and Atholl had the pleasure of visiting Portmoak Primary School to give a general talk on Community Policing and their role as Police Officers to the whole school assembly before meeting with the P1/2 who had lots of questions.

Sgt Forrester and Atholl also attended the Mary Queen of Scots weekend event which was greatly attended and again firmly puts Kinross on the map. On that note, **Sgt Forrester** has sadly left her current role as the Kinross Community Sergeant and is due to start as the Blairgowrie Community Sergeant. We wish her good luck in her new role. At present, we are currently waiting to see who the new Kinross Community Sergeant will be; we'll keep the community updated via Twitter and the Newsletter.

Dougie and Atholl have a **Community Surgery** planned this month within Kinross High School and will be speaking with those who have a view to starting a career with Police Scotland or indeed as a Special Constable. If anyone is looking for any career advice regarding joining the Police, then they can also get in touch with Dougie and Atholl at the Kinross Police Office.

## Speed Checks and Road Traffic Incidents

A speed check was carried out in the Scotlandwell and Kinnesswood area, with several drivers being warned. There have been complaints again about drivers going through the one-way / No Entry sign at Swansacre in Kinross. Local drivers are using this as a **ratrun** and should be **warned** that their registrations are being noted by local residents and passed to Police. This is a £100 fine and three penalty points; a hefty fine just to save local drivers 30 seconds of their time. Springfield Road, Kinross, will be monitored in the next few speed checks.

## Police Scotland – local community

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*Community officers for Kinross-shire:*

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# Community Council News



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

## Kinross Community Council News from the September Meeting

**Present** at the meeting held on 6 September 2017 were: Councillors Bill Freeman (Chair), E Thomas (Secretary), M Blyth, J Bryson, D Colliar, I Jack, D MacKenzie, T Stewart and D West; P&K Kinross-shire Ward Councillors M Barnacle, C Purves, W Robertson and R Watters; and five members of the public, including Dr A McCracken of Loch Leven Health Centre.

**Apologies** were received from Councillor Barry Davies and the community police officers.

**Changes to NHS Acute Services:** Dr A McCracken from Loch Leven Health Centre addressed the meeting. NHS Tayside is running a consultation regarding proposed changes to surgical services, which would involve all unscheduled surgery taking place at Ninewells. Only scheduled surgery would take place at Perth Royal Infirmary (PRI). In fact, Dr McCracken says these changes are already happening, as it is not possible to get patients with certain acute conditions admitted to PRI. Although the consultation was supposed to have begun on 3 July, he only learned about it in early August. There has been no consultation with rural GPs. Posters giving dates and venues of engagement events had been received by the CC. These events are to be held in Stracathro, Dundee, Pitlochry and Perth. The dates are 13 – 26 September, which is very close to the consultation deadline of 3 October. There is no engagement event for Kinross-shire, even though this area will be affected more than most. Current ambulance arrival times are 30 minutes, then instead of the 20-minute drive to Perth, a 40-minute drive along the accident-prone A90 to Ninewells in Dundee will be required. This is also a big consideration for residents in the Pitlochry area.

Dr McCracken expressed concern that, although the Perth area has an increasing population including increased numbers of elderly, services are being taken away. Other services at Perth have been reduced or withdrawn, e.g. Paediatrics, Obstetrics, Gynaecology, Plastic Surgery, ENT Surgery. He believes there is a risk of losing the Intensive Care Unit at PRI and that, indeed, the future of PRI is in danger.

Dr McCracken also mentioned mental health services. Despite a large sum being invested at Murray Royal in Perth, some patients are sent to Dundee to be assessed before being returned to Perth.

A consultation on mental health services is also ongoing.

There was some discussion. Some points made were: perhaps the poor level of consultation is a result of the new joint integration board; joint boards are now in place in all but one Scottish local authority; the NHS is underfunded; Tayside is the worst place in the UK for bed blocking (integration has not helped); there is no evidence that centralisation improves matters; the Perth & Kinross population is growing while that of Dundee is declining. Dr McCracken said it is much more difficult trying to communicate with consultants at Ninewells compared to PRI. He predicts prescribing will increase as GPs try to take on more care.

Cllr Purves will try to get a briefing arranged at PKC. He will pass on information about a meeting being organised by the local Conservative group.

The CC will complain to the organisers about the timescale of the consultation, asking to have it extended and for a consultation event to be held in Kinross and other rural communities, e.g. Crieff, Auchterarder. The CC will also write to MSPs, MPs and the Joint Integration Board with its concerns.

**Police Report:** Police not present but a report had been sent. On 19 August, an elderly female was the subject of an attempted handbag snatch in Station Road. The enquiry is ongoing. On 22 August, a shed was broken into in High Street. On 31 August, a ten-year-old female was subject to a hit and run (bike) between Kinross and Milnathort near Lethangie Farm and suffered a broken shoulder. When PC Spalding submitted this report, he said enquiries were ongoing. However, since then, a post on the Tayside Police Facebook page says that a 27-year-old man has been charged in connection with this incident.

Sgt Forrester, Community Sergeant for Kinross-shire, is moving to take up the Community Sergeant post in Blairgowrie. A new Kinross-shire sergeant will be appointed soon.

**Roads Maintenance Schedule:** Cllr Purves had provided this. Councillor Cuthbert asked if anti-skid surfacing could be applied to zebra crossings. Cllr Purves will request this. There is a pothole/sunken drain cover on Station Road to the west of the roundabout at its junction with Springfield Road. Cllr Robertson will report this.

**Reserved Spaces at Kinross High School:** Cllr Purves reported on a meeting with PKC's Karen Robertson. Pupils from Fife and Clackmannan make up 21% of the KHS roll. The roll for S1 was previously 200, but has been reduced to 180 for this year with more reserved places. Long-term, the roll will keep being reduced with more reserved places for families in the KHS catchment as more house-building occurs. Councillor MacKenzie pointed out that if a child moves from outside the area to this catchment after the census date (September), there is no budget for that child. He also said that some children who have been moved to KHS because of conflict issues at other schools, sometimes bring problems with them.

**Access Audit of Kinross & Milnathort:** Cllr Watters reported that PKC's Frank Mills is coming to check the Muirs in Kinross, bringing a representative from Inclusive Living. It should be possible to arrange a community street audit, where any

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interested person can meet and walk through the town. He will continue to progress this.

**Kirkgate Park Play Area:** Cllr Robertson reported that some equipment has been taken away for repair. Some items were worn out, others vandalised. It is hoped to replace these items soon.

**Kinross-shire Forum on LDP2:** Cllr Barnacle has written to Peter Marshall, copying to CCs. Peter Marshall won't be responding directly, but the letter would be discussed at briefing sessions for local members. Cllr Barnacle mentioned some of the topics covered. Only items raised previously will be considered by PKC when producing the next stage of the LDP. CCllr Cuthbert suggested that the CC should write to PKC about open spaces. He will draft something for the next CC meeting.

### New Planning Applications

17/01225/FLL Change of use from ancillary store (class 7) to micro-distillery (class 4) at Green Hotel, 2 Muirs, Kinross, for Montgomery Hotel Group. No CC comment.

17/01240/FLL Alterations, extension and formation of an access ramp at Kinross Curling, Green Road, Kinross for Kinross Curling. No CC comment.

17/01279/LBC Alterations at Courthouse Restaurant, 21-25 High Street, Kinross. Closing date 8/9/17. CCllr Colliar reported on Historic Environment Scotland's comments.

17/01333/FLL Installation of replacement windows at first floor, 127 High Street, Kinross. CCllr Cuthbert noted that there was a conservation officer report for this application, yet there was not one for the former High School site. It was agreed to write to PKC raising this.

17/01388/FLL Erection of stables at land 70m SW of Gellybank Cottage, Kinross, for Mrs R Drummond, New Bungalow, Gellybank Farm, Kinross. No CC Comment.

17/01348/FLL Change of use of agricultural land to form additional garden ground and erection of a fence, Craigwell, Milnathort. No CC comment.

17/01405/FLL Erection of 2no. holiday accommodation units, land 250m NE of Leepark, Coldrain. No CC comment.

17/01466/FLL Erection of 4 dwelling houses (plots 88-91 addition of solar panels) at former Kinross High School, High Street, Kinross. This is an application for solar panels on the retained Edwardian building. There was no comment on this specific application, however members of the CC raised concerns about this development of this site, particularly the extent of demolition of the Edwardian building, lack of progress with its restoration and the appropriateness or otherwise of the height, design and finishes of the new-build

houses in the conservation area. It was noted that condition 8 of the decision notice for this development states that the alterations to the retained building must be completed before the development is occupied. Cllr Robertson will write to Planning regarding the conditions. It was agreed that the CC should invite Mr Brian to a daytime site visit and also to the next CC meeting to discuss concerns.

17/01441/MWM Application under Section 42 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to develop land without complying with Condition 2 (period of extraction) of planning permission 04/01322/MW (extraction and processing of sand and gravel), Balado Quarry, Balado. D Geddes Ltd wish to extend the period of operation of the quarry for a further eleven years. Two members of the public present, who live at Easter Balado, object to the extension, in particular out of concern for their private water supply. There was some discussion. It was agreed that the Secretary should apply for an extension to the period of consultation for the CC. She also offered to place an item about this on the CC Facebook page as a way of gauging public opinion.

17/01351/FLL Demolition of dwelling house and change of use of land to form vehicle hardstanding and erection of fence (in part retrospect) at Lochside House, Kinross, for BCA Auctions. It was agreed to object to this application as it will have a serious impact on the local residents. CCllr Cuthbert to draft an objection for the Secretary to submit.

**Planning Applications Determined by PKC:** CCllr Colliar reported on these.

### Lathro Farm

**Flooding Query:** Cllr Purves has been in contact with Lisa Simpson, PKC head of legal. He has given her information by flooding expert Professor Crichton. He will report further when he hears back from legal.

**Social housing query:** It was confirmed that "planning application 17/00893/FLL will not affect the agreed position of the affordable units under 15/01512/FLM." A map showing the position of the affordable units was provided.

**Tree Preservation Order:** Secretary, CCllr Thomas, reported that she had submitted further supporting information. However, the officer who used to deal with this, Richard Welch, has retired. She sent her letter on to other relevant staff. A direct reply was not received but she was copied into an email to the Civic Trust, telling them that their request for a TPO had been turned down. It was agreed that she should write again to ask for this decision to be reconsidered. Cllr Watters referred to a 2009 policy document and said the threat had to be 'real'. Cllr Barnacle had spoken to Anne

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Condliffe of planning and given his view that the site is no longer a working farm. Cllr Barnacle has said in his letter to P Marshall that there is not enough protection for trees. He thinks the tree officer, R Brough, should have a locus in planning (he currently does not). Cllr Purves wonders if the 2009 policy should be revised.

**Radon gas:** Cllr Watters will make enquiries as to what provision Persimmon is making to ensure the houses are not contaminated by radon.

#### Other Planning Matters

**Request for investigation into PKC Planning:** A bland, standard response was received from Scottish Ministers, suggesting the CC complains to the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman. Experience of others is that this is a waste of time.

**Westfield:** CCllrs Colliar and Cuthbert attended a meeting. They went through the letter by Portmoak CC. The planners from Fife seem to be listening. A transport impact assessment is going to take place.

**Transport Assessment/Jct 7:** CCllrs Bryson and Cuthbert met Peter Marshall and discussed possible upgrading of Jct 7. They were asked for vehicular pinchpoint places. It is expected that a meeting will take place in Perth in early October involving some representatives of the CC, Bob Mitchell and representatives of Milnathort CC to see transport model outputs. CCllr Bryson said they were told that enlarging jct 7 is not simply a case of adding an S ramp; the whole junction would have to move 200m at a cost of £12-15 million. Pinchpoints suggested at the CC meeting were: Springfield Road and Muirs junction; Lethangie Road and Muirs junction.

**Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Supplementary Guidance:** The CC received a copy of Cllr Barnacle's submission regarding this. [See p. 27]

**Place Standard Tool:** A workshop will take place on 26 October.

**Kinross Town Centre Regeneration:** Cllr Robertson reported. Councillors have been given a preview of a possible zebra crossing at the south end. If it were to go ahead, it would mean the removal of three parking spaces and moving the bus stop. The CC will receive a letter about it. Bollards will be installed soon.

#### Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors

**A977:** Cllr Barnacle had met with the project officer responsible for mitigation measures to the A977.

**Winter service:** Cllr Barnacle reported that, at the Environment Committee that day, it was agreed that under the winter service an additional two night shifts will operate out of Kinross.

**Potholes:** Cllr Watters reported on a further paper regarding maintenance of roads. All the Councillors added comments on this subject.

[See Councillor reports on pages 4, 7, 22 and 26.]

**Landscaping upgrades:** Cllr Robertson said that renewed landscaping for the public parts of some social housing areas will take place (Coventry Place, Burns Begg St etc).

**Costcutter path:** Cllr Robertson had copied the CC in to an email during the past month regarding the public footpath by Costcutter which is inaccessible during building work. He is still checking the situation and will report back.

#### Other Business

**Kirklands Garage:** It is understood that this has been sold to a housing developer.

**Remembrance Day Parade:** CCllr Freeman is to organise a meeting.

**Muir Grove:** CCllr Blyth thanked Cllr Robertson for getting the double yellow lines extended.

**Link Road verges:** CCllr Davies (not present) requests that grass verges on the link road are cut. Cllr Purves to report.

**Mud on road (Lathro site):** Cllr Davies (not present) raised this problem. Cllr Robertson said Persimmon are now sweeping the road and have been asked to install tyre washing equipment.

**Mary Queen of Scots Festival:** Cllr Davies (not present) said this event was very welcome but felt that parking had been a major problem.

**School children at shops:** CCllr Davies had submitted a comment. We have previously been informed by the High School that children should not be at the shop during lesson time. He had witnessed at least 25 children in the shop at 10.35am on the previous Thursday. Many of the children crossed the road outwith the pedestrian crossing.

**KCCNL charity:** The new bank account is open.

**Campus Management Committee:** CCllr Bryson wondered if there is supposed to be a CC representative on this. Cllr Purves will check. There was some discussion as to whether the community campus concept was working. Cllr Watters has raised this with a council officer. There are three groups complaining that they cannot access facilities during the day.

**The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 4 October 2017 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.**

#### Agenda for the Meeting on 4 October

Apologies. Declarations of Interest. Minutes of Meeting of 6 September. Police Report. Matters Arising from Minutes of 6 September. Planning Matters. Kinross Town Centre Regeneration. Miscellaneous Correspondence. Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors. AOCB.

**Note:** Members of the public are welcome to suggest items for discussion by the CC. 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 September Meeting

**In attendance** at the meeting held on 14 September 2017 were: CCLrs K Heneghan, C Lawson, C Williams, M Leach, S McHardy, E Kirkham and C Flory; P&K Cllrs C Purves, R Watters and M Barnacle and seven members of the public.

**Apologies** from P&K Cllr W Robertson.

**Police Matters:** No police in attendance. The police have only attended twice at the 16 meetings convened since April 2016. A member of the public in attendance said that a police presence at the meeting would be much appreciated, with the opportunity to talk to the police being welcome. Kevin Heneghan to write to police regarding this.

It was queried why the recent incident where a local schoolgirl was knocked down by a motorbike wasn't reported in the Commander's Bulletin.

**Minutes of last meeting:** Stuart McHardy had concerns regarding the last minutes. It was suggested to him that any issues or concerns should be made when the draft minutes are sent from the secretary to the MCC members for review. The Minutes from the last meeting were then proposed by Kevin Heneghan and seconded by Matthew Leach.

**Matters arising from the minutes:** Matthew Leach had met PKC Transport Network Manager Daryl McKeown. Update is as follows:

**Vehicle activated signs** have been purchased and the confirmation of the locations of these signs was agreed by the MCC. These locations are:

### **Burleigh Road**

Leaving/out of the village - locate at 19/21 Burleigh Road

Entering/into the village - locate before Burleigh Castle near the track entrance just past 30 mph sign.

Residents of 19/21 Burleigh Road have no objection to the sign being located near their properties.

### **Perth Road**

Locate Opposite Hattonburn Road 30/40 mph signs.

A member of the public suggested a STOP sign should be located at the cross roundabout at the junction near Stewart & Smart Garage to slow traffic entering the village at speed. Matthew Leach to action.

**Traffic Survey:** will take place in North Street within the next few weeks.

**Parking Survey:** will be looked at.

Stirling Road/Church Street junction – remodelling of pathways will be actioned in the next financial year.

Jessie's Park – gates will be actioned by the Green Space Team.

5 South Street – bollard erected.

Parking on South Street near Heaven Scent is an issue as the road markings need attention. People are parking inappropriately. Instances of vehicles being left parked overnight and also of people parking there in order to catch the bus. A review of this issue would be discussed at the next MCC meeting. Action MCC.

**Back Loan:** the weight restriction will be actioned in a few months' time.

**Zebra crossings:** now ongoing – South Street, New Road, Stirling Road – new control Zebra crossing.

**Bridgefauld Road:** Progress is being made with parking issues.

**Cllr Willie Robertson had sent information regarding action points he had dealt with.** These were:

*Path with broken-up tarmac opposite junction 7* - reported to the roads dept. – no money in the budget to resurface at this time. Hopefully will be added to a future budget.

*Overgrown path at Burleigh Woods.* Willie has asked if this path can be cut back by people doing Community Service orders. The gorse bushes obstructing the path on the old railway near Tarnhill were meant to be cut back last month but were missed, so Willie cut it back himself.

The Donaldson Park lease has been signed and sent.

Council house properties will be fitted with new windows and doors later in the year.

*Traffic turning right out of the car park at Burleigh Sands has very poor visibility as the vegetation is obscuring the line of sight.* This should be cut back soon.

Kevin Heneghan gave an update on the Defibrillator which is now with Stewart and Smart garage ready to be fitted for use. Training in use of the defibrillator will be offered to local businesses in the proximity of the garage.

The Minutes of MCC meetings will be emailed to the Community Campus Library for inclusion in a folder for the public to view.

### **Planning Applications Submitted**

17/01348/FLL Change of use of agricultural land to form additional garden ground and erection of a fence at Craigwell, Milnathort.

17/01362/FLL Erection of a dwellinghouse (revised design, plot 5), in part retrospect, at former Farm Steadings, Mawcarse Farm Mawcarse for The Good House Company (Scotland) Ltd.

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### Planning Applications Determined

17/01295/FLL Installation of a pole-mounted telecommunication dish and associated works Central Farms Telecommunications Mast, Stirling Road, Milnathort, for EE Ltd. Application Returned.

17/01008/FLL and 17/01009/LBC Alterations and Extension to dwelling house, Finderlie, Milnathort. Approved.

**Other planning news.** Regarding Burleigh Sands Holiday Park development, Neil Gray has left Rapleys Law firm and as yet we have no further information regarding the progress of the plans.

### New Matters and Correspondence

Residents in Balfour Crescent are concerned about moving out into traffic on Burleigh Road due to speed of the traffic and hedges blocking view zones. It was suggested that a traffic mirror opposite the Balfour Crescent exit may help to make it safer. Matthew Leach to make enquiries.

It was also suggested that a 30 sign be erected before Balfour Crescent to remind drivers of the speed limit after they have driven round the Burleigh Castle bend. Matthew Leach to make enquiries.

Perth Road – a member of the public had to clear leaves and twigs etc. from several drains on Perth Road to prevent flooding on the road and asked who was responsible for clearing fallen leaves and debris. PKC is responsible. Cllr Purves agreed to look into the issue of responsibility for overhanging branches shedding leaves onto paths/pavements.

Mud on the road at the new Lathro development site entrance is a concern and the Secretary agreed to write to Kinross CC to get their comments and to establish who is responsible for cleaning the soil from the road.

Stuart McHardy mentioned a concern about broken fencing at Donaldson Park. Elyse Kirkham expressed concern about decaying logs which holds the embankment beside the playpark in place and dogs getting into the woodchip area and potentially fouling where children play. Cllr Watters will action these matters.

Stuart McHardy raised concerns about the Donaldson Park lease agreement in connection with the building of the Kinross Colts Football Club pavilion. Two members of the Club, John Murray, Treasurer, and Ewan Baillie, Secretary, were present. A discussion followed and after a vote called by the Chair of the MCC it was agreed unanimously that the building should go ahead as long as all matters were correct.

**Carols at the Cross** will take place on Friday 22 December at 7pm, with carol singing outside and refreshments in the hall afterwards. Donations will go to local charities. MCC was also asked by Mrs Tolson if we would be providing a Christmas tree this year. Last year the Christmas tree was donated, via the CC, by Scottish Water. Using Scottish Water funding, MCC sourced and acquired the tree and lights. Elyse Kirkham, Treasurer, stated that there was no budget for a Christmas tree this year, but Campbell Lawson offered to explore other means of acquiring a Christmas tree.

**Orwell 70plus Nostalgia Evening - Saturday 30 September, in Milnathort Town Hall, starting at 7pm:** all welcome to attend and bring along items to discuss. David Munro will be in attendance. This is a fundraising event and should be extremely interesting.

Elyse Kirkham reported an issue with regard to parking congestion in Church Road near the Guide Hall and asked if this could be addressed. There was also a concern that we

now have only one Lollipop crossing person in Milnathort and this is only at the end of the school day. There is no longer a Lollipop crossing person positioned at the Town Hall where there is an increasing amount of traffic. Cllr Purves will look into this.

Several people have noticed smelly drains when walking in the street. Elyse Kirkham will contact Scottish Water.

### Comments / Questions from the floor

A member of the public raised concerns about the recent theft of copper cables from their locality. This resulted in no internet or land phone lines working for a week, a significant disruption to communications. A comment from the police would have been helpful but none were in attendance at the meeting. The Secretary will ask the police to be present at MCC meetings on a more frequent basis.

Matthew Leach explained that theft of copper cables was a national problem which occurred more often when the price of copper was high. It made little difference if the cables were underground or above ground.

It was suggested a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme may help in the area concerned.

Cllr Barnacle was concerned at the lack of police presence at CC meetings and also the lack of feedback from them.

The Chair suggested the public could phone Crimestoppers as he understands the police have a duty to respond to crimes reported to them.

The public could also send an email to the Police Representatives on the MCC website.

### PKC Councillors' Comments

Cllr Watters. Regarding wheelchair users accessing Muirs and Kinross Centre, on 12 October the Road Officer and Inclusive Living Manager will be on hand to discuss navigating safely through the centre. People are encouraged to come along and members of the MCC were invited also. [See p. 95]

Cllr Barnacle discussed the work on the Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2) he had been doing. Amongst other things, LDP2 will have provision to prevent house-building quotas to be significantly higher than the developer's original specification. Cllr Barnacle also mentioned the full PKC meeting taking place at Loch Leven Campus on the 4 October. All the PKC councillors present encouraged members of the public to attend this meeting

Cllr Purves talked about changes to the winter service policy, which will now see a gritting nightshift operating out of the Kinross depot that will service priority routes in Kinross-shire. In addition, following last year's trial, a brine solution will continue to be used to clear footways in both Milnathort and Kinross.

Cllr Purves and Watters talked about a change in the way potholes are repaired by PKC. In order to make the repairs more effective and robust (5% of repairs fail) the time allocated to effect the repair has been increased.

**The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will take place on Thursday 12 October at 7.30pm in Milnathort Town Hall.**

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## Portmoak Community Council News from the September Meeting

**In attendance** at the meeting held on 12 September 2017 were: Councillors B Calderwood (Deputy Chair and Treasurer), R Cairncross (Secretary), S Forde and T Smith; Ward Councillors C Purves and R Watters; PC D Stapleton and 11 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Councillors M Strang Steel, D Morris, A Muszynski, A Robertson; and Ward Councillors M Barnacle and W Robertson.

**Recycling provision in Kinnesswood.** This appeared well-used. Additional signage signalling the whereabouts of the bins had still to be arranged.

**Community Council Meetings at the School.** Councillor C Purves explained that PKC had determined last February to withdraw public access to facilities within many schools. Portmoak School was one such school and the policy had resulted in the loss of the School for CC meetings. It was unfortunate that the decision had not been communicated to either the school or CC. The CC was fortunate to have the use of the Village Hall as an alternative venue. There was a cost saving in using the Hall with the bonus that such funds remained in the community.

**Westfield Opencast Site - Restoration and Regeneration Project (Fife 16/03661/EIA).**

The Secretary reported on a meeting that the Deputy Chairman and he had had with Fife and PKC planners on 23 August. Our four Ward Councillors together with two representatives of Kinross CC were present. The meeting was well-chaired by Councillor Dave Cuthbert of Kinross CC. Initial discussion achieved an assurance that our four ward councillors would be party to any decision taken by PKC officers in respect of PKC's response to Fife Council. In turn Fife Council confirmed that this response was expected and that, as the application was scheduled to be determined by 23 October, the time to make that response was short.

The meeting then considered the CC's letter of objection submitted on 18 August to Fife Council. Key points were covered in particular: the place for a three-way agreement between Fife, PKC and the applicant to oversee a Vehicle Management Plan; the case for an evaluation of alternative routes to include the contribution of rail; and the operational impact on the leisure and tourist industry and on agriculture. Specific requests for conditions of mitigation were also addressed: capping tonnage trucked; limitation on duration and times of HGV movements (including impacts on the Kinross Show, the Loch Leven Half Marathon and cycling

events); and a number of specific measures to improve road safety from junction 5 on the M90 along the B9097 to the site. While PKC expressed an interest in securing an agreement to maintain the road, neither Fife nor PKC planners expressed any commitment to present or promote any of the mitigation measures identified by the CC. In response Ward Councillors proposed that a lump "mitigation sum" should be paid to PKC. Whether Transport Scotland was content with the impact of the proposed transport model had yet to be clarified.

The CC was disappointed to hear that in the interim PKC had made no attempt to arrange the planned meeting with Ward Councillors which would confirm the Council's response.

Discussion confirmed that in light of lack of satisfactory progression, the CC should now write to Scottish Ministers to seek that they "call-in" this planning application and that in parallel MSPs should be apprised and a briefing to the press explored. The national importance of Loch Leven had not so far been effectively recognised and there were concerns that with two planning authorities involved its position had not been adequately addressed nor safeguarded. In addition the proposal to handle waste in this fashion do not appear to comply with Scottish Government policies.

**School access – policy on parking.** The CC was concerned to learn that the proposals to improve access to the school along Buchan Avenue had been placed "on the shelf". PKC had not communicated this decision to either the CC or the school. PKC had subsequently stated that the project was unlikely to be revisited "unless it can be demonstrated that there is sufficient community support in favour of the proposed restrictions." Community support was important and PKC had noted objections from residents on Buchan Avenue. Further, Council Parking Attendants could not be on site all the time to enforce such restrictions.

This was a long-standing matter of concern and it remained so. It related to the wider issue of child safety during the pick-up and drop-off times in and around the school and the car park. The CC would review matters with the school shortly and in the meantime Councillor Purves would seek if further progress can be made.

**Arrangements for the maintenance of residual plots across Whitecraigs.** While the CC warmly welcomed proposals to transfer ownership of a number of plots of residual land across the Whitecraigs estate to PKC and for the latter to assume responsibility for their maintenance, it was concerned to learn a significant plot (stretching from the A911 alongside the golf course up to Stephens's field) had been omitted. It was



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important that that omission was rectified. The Chairman had written to John Stephen of A & J Stephen raising the matter. Mr Stephen had subsequently replied confirming that this was his intention. On the face of it there appeared to be an error in the proposed plans. Cllr R Watters would pursue the matter with PKC.

**Police report:** PC D Stapleton was welcomed. While there had been no crime in Portmoak, agricultural theft continued to be a problem with nearby thefts of a tractor, a quad bike and a sheep and a ram. The quad bike had since been recovered. There had been one episode of hare coursing at Findatie but no one had been apprehended. Farmers and the public had to be alert. The strong advice made to everyone is that if you see something unusual in the countryside and there is a vehicle involved or nearby, please note down the licence number. It could provide very significant assistance to the police. Speed checks along the A911 are set to continue especially around the morning commute period. The Area Commander's Bulletins of 9, 16, 23 and 30 August and of 6 September were noted.

**Treasurer's report:** The balance at the month ending 31 August was £518.40 in the General Account; and £542.15 in the Michael Bruce Way Account giving a total of £1,060.55.

**Planning report:**

*New applications:* There had been an unusual dearth of new planning applications over the summer. It was difficult understand what had brought this about.

*Progress with Developments:*

- a) *Former Lomond Inn: proposals for part demolition and erection of 5 dwelling houses (16/03661/CON).* Conditions required to permit development to commence should be completed shortly. Building may not commence before the new year.
- b) *Development at Glenlomond - proposals to build 13 houses (16/00751/FLL).* No change.
- c) *Stephen's Field, Kinnesswood.* Matters rest with A & J Stephen.

**Roads report:** Cllr Bruce Calderwood presented an updated Roads Report. The CC Road's Report had been circulated for August meeting of the CC. While the newly tarred section of the A911 was appreciated there was puzzlement at the sudden appearance of a number of Automatic Traffic Monitors on several roads across Portmoak. Ward Cllrs would seek an explanation. Two further matters were raised: a) *Footpath from Scotlandwell to the Church, Hall and beyond.* This is an inadequate and dangerous footpath linking the two key settlements of Portmoak. This problem was longstanding

and represented a challenging and potentially complex project which did not lend itself to superficial analysis. The response of PKC had not been supportive. Ward Cllrs agreed to raise the matter with PKC. The CC would make available the relevant papers to them.

b) *Potential closure of B911 at build-out on entering Scotlandwell from Kinnesswood.* As a BT manhole lay close to the build-out it meant that essential BT maintenance work could require the road to be closed during working hours for potentially five days necessitating a diversion by Kinross. The CC believed that with some thought this could be avoided were, for example, the build-out to be suspended and ramps allow controlled traffic to pass over it. Cllr C Purves would investigate and report.

**Paths report:** This had been a successful season. Plans were in hand to consider the maintenance programme for next year.

**Consultations.** The CC noted two consultations: 1) *"Building Scotland's Low Emission Zones"* (from the Scottish Government reply by 28 November and available on the Transport Scotland website; and 2) *"Shaping Surgical Services"* from Tayside Health Board. Reply by 3 October. It was uncertain if the arrangements proposed for Kinross-shire would be practical.

**PKC Ward Cllr Reports:** Cllr Callum Purves reported that: arrangements for ensuring more sustainable pothole repairs were to be introduced; and that the Winter Service provisions (gritting and snow clearing etc.) would now operate a night shift from Kinross. This would mean a more rapid access to roads around Kinross-shire. The CC welcomed both the provisions.

**Matters previously notified to the Secretary plus matters raised from the floor.** The following were raised: 1) *Policy on the introduction of 20mph speed limits in Portmoak villages.* PKC was currently reviewing the policy; and 2) *Vehicle activated speed warning signs.* The CC would recommend where such signs could be placed.

**AOCB:** The CC expressed its warm congratulations to Kinnesswood in Bloom. In the 2017 Beautiful Scotland competition the Group won the Small Village Trophy category and topped that up with a Silver Gilt Medal! The group were also competing in Take a Pride in Perthshire with results anticipated shortly.

**The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10 October 2017 in Portmoak Village Hall, Scotlandwell.**

Portmoak CC minutes can be viewed:

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## Fossway and District CC News from the September Meeting

**In attendance** at the meeting held on 5 September 2017 were: CCllrs C Brown, T Duffy and C Farquhar; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and C Purves; and 12 Members of the Public (MoP).

**Apologies:** CCllrs G Pye, A Cheape and J Donachie; P&K Cllrs W Robertson and R Watters.

**Police report:** No Officer was able to be present at the meeting. There were no incidents to note in our area in the last two months from the Commander's Reports. PC Spalding has notified the CC that speed checks have been carried out in the Drum area and several drivers have been ticketed or warned. Sgt Forrester, the Kinross Community Sergeant, is moving to another area and will shortly be replaced. One MoP reported that a tractor was stolen in the local area over the last month. CCllr Duffy suggested a meeting could be held with the newly appointed Community Sergeant. Cllr Barnacle is concerned with the lack of local police presence and attentiveness in the area. A road survey is currently under way in the area concerning A977 measures.

**Fossway Area Public Transport:** Andrew Warrington, PKC, attended the meeting to discuss changes to the No. 624 bus service and the possibility of a new school bus service from Muckhart to Kinross being available to the public during semester time. Mr Warrington reported that six times the amount of people are using the new DRT service compared to the previous bus service. The 624 service which is being withdrawn was a school bus service paid for through school transport allowance and according to the provider only one or two paying passengers used the service each month. The main motivation behind removing the bus service is to keep bus provision aligned with school attendance. Mr Warrington stated that all DRT operators are taking people to and from Kinross at peak periods and there is capacity to take more, contrary to some feeling in the local community that this service is at capacity. Mr Warrington commented that the DRT is costing the council more to run than the previous bus service. Mr Warrington strongly argued that the demand for DRT users needing to attend work, college etc., is being met and that more people using it will safeguard the service. The council have cut local bus services which are not profitable. Mr Warrington was happy to support further publicity to increase use of the DRT which might bring about a better and more widespread service to Fossway. Mr Warrington suggested that despite the increase of demand from Clackmannanshire residents for a bus to Kinross High School, PKC will not support a bus service from the area if the pupils are attending KHS through a placement request. Mr Warrington suggested that residents make more use of the DRT service so that it is retained, but if this is not meeting people's needs is more than happy to look at other options, however both a DRT and bus route is not an option. CCllr Duffy felt there were a number of issues with the above comments, although the DRT is a fantastic and well used service, there is a general understanding that the DRT is operating at full capacity and some people are being turned away. It also does not take away from the fact there is no bus to Kinross Park and Ride which links to Perth or Dunfermline for 9am. CCllr Duffy is under the impression that because there is such a diminished bus service and has been for some time now that people have begun to take their own measures for transport – friends, car shares etc., which is why figures quoted are not

a true representation of public demand and requirement. Mr Warrington suggested that the DRT service providers have given feedback that they have not had to turn down people looking for places on the service but would welcome feedback from local residents on the service, contact details, names, list etc. Mr Warrington suggested that if there was what he felt was a problem with transport in the area further discussions would have to be held. Cllr Barnacle commented that the DRT is a good service, but does not think it should be 'instead of' public routes. The 23 service has been reduced from a bus every two hours to every three hours, which does not credit a service, and suggested that Stagecoach could provide one service before peak times – local residents cannot get into the county town or park and ride for 9am. Mr Warrington suggested Stagecoach would not provide this as it would not be of commercial interest to Stagecoach or PKC. Cllr Barnacle with Cllr Robertson suggested that a circular service supporting the county villages could be funded. Cllr Barnacle suggested the more that the DRT is used the greater cost it will have in the long run. CCllr Duffy felt that in this case the CC and Council have not reached an agreement, and that further publicity for DRT could be made and discussions held. Cllr Purves suggested that taking into account cuts to local services with increased costs for DRT service that in fact this service is costing more money. Cllr Barnacle commented on the lack of synergy between county transport and inter-city transport which is surely a key aspect of planning bus services. Mr Warrington suggested that Kinross is still getting a fair share of coaches despite recent changes to the inter-city time tables.

**A977 Defects and Mitigation Measures:** Cllr Barnacle reported that a meeting has been held and the council are in the process of appointing a project officer to deal with a A977 route action plan, assess the route between the Clackmannanshire border and Kinross and plan budget spending, however there has been a delay. An outline business case has been produced. Another meeting will be held at end of September and a consultation held. A series of options are to be presented in relation to funds. Data gathered from the public consultation held by Local Councillors in February is still to be integrated; there are issues with some suggestions being brought into reality due to constraints with policy. Research into different types of pedestrian crossing has been made. Roundabouts do not seem to be a favoured option but there is the possibility one may be provided through planning gain. Cllr Purves commented that repeated mitigation

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measures might be provided throughout the route, e.g. village gate ways, rumble strips etc., reinforcing transitions into built up areas. Vehicle Activated Speed signs will be funded separately. Particular areas are also being addressed e.g. signage at Rumbling Bridge, decluttering some signs, making signs more specific e.g. for speed limits etc. A MoP asked if these funds are to be spent this year. Cllr Barnacle commented that the funds have been earmarked for this purpose in the 2017/2018 budget. One MoP commented that enforcing speed limits is an ongoing problem, querying if there is any further progress on a Community Speed Watch. Cllr Duffy asked if anything would be happening with A91, particularly around Carnbo. Cllr Purves has discussed with Daryl from PKC Roads, it was suggested there is no demand for further speed reduction and no funds available. One MoP commented that a survey was conducted on the A91 around eight years ago at an off peak time of year, some speed limit signs are covered because of tree growth, and there has also been disturbance in the area due to police car training. Cllr Barnacle suggested that there could be a case for VAS signs in Carnbo. Cllr Barnacle also suggested that the Gelvan Moore Road could become a green route. Cllr Purves followed up previous month's comment on gully clearing, that clearing is carried out once a year and that the A91 is to be cleared once A977 clearing has been completed.

**LDP2:** Cllr Barnacle wrote a letter in mid-July to Peter Marshall addressing various points prior to publication of LDP2. A forum meeting of CCs was held in mid-August. A ward councillors meeting has also been held. A letter was produced detailing the general feeling from these meetings which has been sent to Peter Marshall discussing issues around infrastructure, site zonings and so on. Generally there is a consensus, but in Crook of Devon there is some disagreement, however it has been agreed that the proposed development from the February consultation should not go forward in the state presented and a smaller development of affordable housing with employment opportunities could be discussed – this will go to a special meeting of the council on 22 November, further dialogue with planners will be had before this meeting.

Cllr Duffy broadly agrees with Cllr Barnacle's comments but not particularly with the zoning of Crook of Devon, which the CC commented on as response to the consultation in February.

**Crook of Devon and Drum Growing Together:** Cllr Duffy reported that the group is growing from strength to strength. A successful event was held at the village green and the group have plans to source grant money to make this area into an official village green.

**Powmill in Bloom Group:** Cllr Farquhar reported that she attended the Best Kept Village awards in Kinnesswood which was a pleasant gathering and was impressed by the commitment of the residents. Cllr Farquhar reported that the group is doing the best they can with the numbers they have and any new members are more than welcome – coffee and biscuits are always provided!

**Hydro Scheme:** Cllr Duffy reports that the Community Consultation has received grant funding and that a letter will be sent throughout the local community. An open day will be held on Saturday 28 October, with shuttle buses etc., more information to come.

**Naemoor Bridge:** Cllr Barnacle spoke with Derek Davidson at PKC, the coping stone has been retrieved and in early September it will be repaired.

**Lambhill Site, Blairingone:** Cllr Duffy reported that in spite of the planning permission for the caravan on this site being refused, the applicant has gone ahead and installed it anyway. PKC Enforcement Officers will raise an enforcement order for it to be removed. Cllr Purves and John Anderson delivered a petition to the Scottish Government. There has also been further publicity in The Courier and local news. There is the general feeling that local residents are not impressed with how the council handle applications of this type which have been ongoing for a considerable length of time. Cllr Barnacle raised concern that no conditions have been made on part of this site which was granted permanent planning permission, particularly relating to lorry movement. Cllr Purves commented that conversation with the planning department is ongoing regarding how they can change and that the above mentioned petition could bring about some positive change.

**Ivy Cottage, Powmill:** One MoP mentioned Ivy Cottage has been tidied up, and that if the door could be painted and windows painted on boards it could drastically improve the appearance of the building. Cllr Barnacle mentioned the American based owner has hired an architect, is applying for funding etc. Cllr Farquhar was concerned at the extent of mess still on site which Cllr Barnacle said he would follow up on.

**School Estate Transformation:** Cllr Duffy reported that this is a programme that looks at schools, their fitness for purpose, condition etc. Blairingone Primary School has been looked at specifically. An informal community drop-in session for Blairingone Primary School will be held on 21 September. There will also be an online questionnaire for local people with the options of do nothing (status quo); mothball (close the school but keep the building in an operational condition); change catchment area (Powmill for example becoming part of Blairingone catchment) or closure. If the area is to be developed then closure might not be a good option in the long term.

Cllr Duffy has been in a meeting with Education at PKC, and there is no foregone conclusion, no decisions have been made and all comments are welcome. Cllr Purves wanted to reinforce the fact that no conclusions have yet been made and that community input is crucial. Cllr Barnacle has received

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correspondence on this from a parent looking for support to back some sort of development in the area, and he feels it would be premature to close the school now. Cllr Purves commented that future development may not necessarily secure the status of the school. Further information regarding the transformation of the school estate can be found on the pkc website.

**Meetings Attended:** CCllr Farquhar attended a meeting of the Sports Hub at which it was revealed that £6000 has been raised as the funding share and they have started a junior 2k run in Kinross every Sunday, for children over four years, a similar 5k run for adults is to be held in the future. A disability run is to be organised on 4 December for disability sports day, and a Women and Girls day on 24 March. The Sports Hub is a great opportunity to gather the enthusiasm of the community; contact CCllr Farquhar for any further information.

CCllr Duffy attended meetings about LDP2, Fossoway Transport and Blairingone School – all minuted above.

### P&K Councillors' Reports

**Mike Barnacle:** Has forwarded a letter on renewable and low carbon supplementary guidance; they are still going through guidance from first local plan. Cllr Barnacle raised concerns that Devon Gorge and Cleish Hills have lost their protection, becoming highly viable sites for wind farm development. Kinross-shire is earmarked for having the highest capacity for wind farms. The Ochils have little capacity. According to guidelines, solar farms are also of high capacity. Cllr Barnacle would support further hydro schemes provided the correct environmental measures. On this note one MoP commented that restoring surrounding fields of RBHS is still to take place. It has also been reported there is some Japanese knotwood in the area.

**Callum Purves** reported that two papers are to be reviewed; pot holes are also to be revisited to improve the likelihood of better repairs first time. A new nightshift for road maintenance is to begin in Kinross-shire serving A977 and A91 for gritting etc.

### Planning Matters

**17/01337/FLL** Erection of stable buildings (in retrospect.) Dollar Equestrian, Blairingone, Dollar. Comments were due by 1/09/17; After email discussion the CC objected on the grounds that the application was unchanged from the previously rejected application which the CC also objected to.

**17/01352/IPL** Erection of dwellinghouse (in principle) at Hoodshill, Fossoway, Kinross. No CC comment.

**17/01353/FLL** Erection of dwellinghouse and a garage with ancillary accommodation (revised design) at land 40 metres north of Dunollie, Fossoway. No CC Comment.

**17/01438/FLL** Renewal of permission 11/00753/FLL (erection of 2 dwellinghouses) at land 50m SW of Muirfield Fossoway. No CC comment.

**17/01445/FLL** Extension of dwellinghouse at The Brae, Rumbling Bridge, Kinross. No CC comment.

**AOCB:** Kinross now has a heart defibrillator, there are a number of people receiving training in this and it will be able to service the Fossoway area, further details on this will be given in due course. Cllr Barnacle reported that there will also be a defibrillator at Cleish, but is unsure of the status of first responders in the village. Following today's discussion, CCllr Duffy called for MoPs who had used the DRT service to forward their comments on the service. CCllr Duffy also suggested those who have not used it to give it a try.

One MoP asked how hedges and trees are to be trimmed in public areas. CCllr Duffy responded that this has to be carried out by the owner and if not possible, the council will do so and invoice the owner. The MoP mentioned the area of concern is at the end of the Aldie Road on Council property, there are also overgrown hedges at the other end of the Aldie Road on a piece of land with no particular owner.

There is a further problem on the Kelvin Muir and Cleish Roads, Coldrain road on council property where traffic avoiding a tree has created a ditch and standing water is now on the road.

### Draft Agenda for Next CC Meeting

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

Matters arising: A977 Mitigation, Crook and Drum Growing Together, Powmill in Bloom, Hydro Scheme.

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

**The Next Meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place on Tuesday 3 October 2017 at 7.30pm in Blairingone Primary School. All Welcome.**

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### Cleish and Blairadam CC

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By the time this goes to press, we will be well into the 2017/18 season. This year we have lined up a wonderful selection of well-known and very talented photographers as part of the syllabus along with the usual mix of club competitions, social events and informal club evenings. Our speakers this year include Jeremy Sutton-Hibbert, Duncan McEwan and Mark Caunt.

New members are welcome at any time of the year to 'test the water' and meet the club. The first three evenings are free and, if you decide you like what you see, then you simply join the club. We are a friendly bunch with a wide range of abilities who share a common interest in all genres of photography. Our meetings are held in the Church Centre, Kinross every Thursday at 7.30pm and all are welcome. Whether you are a complete beginner or seasoned pro, the club has something

to offer all standards of photographer. For more information, please contact Alison Rutherford by email at

alison.rutherford1@live.com or visit the club website.



*Some of the competition winners from last year at our annual prize giving dinner which was hosted by Kinross Golf Club*

## Our Portmoak

### Celebrating Portmoak's Past in Words, Music and Fire

October already, and we come to our final events to celebrate Scotland's Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology.

### Live Music and Prose in the Balgedie Toll Tavern, Wester Balgedie, Thursday 5 October at 9pm

Following a great evening in The Well Inn at the beginning of September, we present a further evening of music, song, stories and poetry about the Portmoak area.

Local performers will share some wonderful words and music based around the people and places of Portmoak. During our first evening, we were entertained by stories of love, death, local beauties, our stunning landscape, drunken lairds and bodysnatchers. Who knows what tales we will hear in the Toll?

(Thank you to Dave and Louise Batchelor, Elaine Carruthers, Vicky Gray, Craig Lithgow and David Munro for their fantastic performances in The Well.)

As with all Our Portmoak events, this event is FREE. You can sign up to come along in the pub, or contact us.

### Our Portmoak Celebration Day, Saturday 28 October

To mark the end of our project and share the stories we have uncovered we are holding a day-long celebration of Portmoak's history and heritage.

### Portmoak's Amazing History

#### Portmoak Hall, Scotlandwell, 10am-4pm

Some of the best stories from Portmoak's past will be told through finds, storytelling, maps and archaeology. Historians and archaeologists will share their knowledge of Portmoak through the ages. We will shed new light on the history of some of Portmoak's most special places.



Drop in at any point; there will be activities for all the family.

### Ceilidh, Procession and Bonfire

On the evening of the 28th we celebrate our ancestors and their festival of Samhain, marking the end of the harvest, the beginning of the Celtic new year and the start of the "dark months", with a fire accompanied by music and a torch lit procession.

Our celebrations will continue after the bonfire with a family ceilidh in Portmoak Hall, with music provided by Portmoak's own ceilidh band.

This event is free but ticketed. Places are limited and should be reserved in advance by contacting Our Portmoak.

Our Portmoak is a community based project run by Kinross (Marshall) Museum and local volunteers and funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Historic Environment Scotland.

Our Portmoak events are FREE and open to all.

Contact us for more information:

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

e: [ourportmoak@kinrossmuseum.org.uk](mailto:ourportmoak@kinrossmuseum.org.uk)



Our Portmoak



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See also poster on page 69.

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- reminders of some local events
- occasional breaking news

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## Common Grounds

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In September the volunteers have taken their lead from nature. Just as the trees and surrounding countryside are showing their changes as they prepare for winter, so too have we started planning for the months ahead.

There has been a shared, enthusiastic beavering of ideas and activities for our craft stall at the Festive Street Market in Kinross on **Saturday 25 November**. We will be offering a range of lovely items, all at very reasonable prices, and, so an opportunity to get ahead with the Christmas shopping! With the weather turning colder, some of you may have more time on your hands, so why not investigate what we have to offer? Volunteer as and when it suits you! A warm welcome awaits you!

**Project:** The first project at the beginning of our new financial year, 1 October, is historically an 'Emergency Relief' charity. The charity chosen by volunteers for this October is CARE International UK. Every year CARE International responds to over 30 emergencies around the world. In addition, by 2020, CARE and their partners aim to support 150 million people in the most vulnerable and excluded communities, putting women and girls in the centre because they know that poverty cannot be overcome until all people have equal rights and opportunities. They are currently working in 79 poor and developing countries. CARE International have over 70 years' experience fighting poverty and injustice in the world's most vulnerable places.

More information is available on our website.

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

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

## Kinross Community Garden Group



46 members and friends enjoyed a trip to Crieff and Drummond Gardens for the last outing of the season. A good time was had by all, with the weather being in our favour.

Our new indoor season starts on **Thursday 12 October** at Millbridge Hall Kinross at 2pm. Mrs Lindsay Morrison of Inwood Garden Musselburgh will be the speaker and her title is 'Grow something different in a pot'.

Membership fees of £10 for the year will be collected, visitors £3. If you are new to the area or want to join a like-minded group, come along and meet us all; you will be made very welcome.

Contact Mrs C Rodger (Vice Chairman) on 01577 863785 or Ms Caroline Anderson (Secretary) on 01577 864589.

### Sending photographs to the Newsletter

Contributors, if sending a photograph to the Newsletter, please send as a JPEG file and not embedded in a word document. Thank you.

## Kinross-shire Day Centre

The church centre recently had new windows fitted in most of the rooms. This has made them more comfortable, without the draughts we sometimes had. There was only a little disruption to our activities, but when they were fitting windows in the kitchen, we obviously could not supply lunches. So, turning a potential crisis into an opportunity, we loaded up the minibuses and had lunch out! One day we dined at the Sands Hotel in Burntisland and the other at the Lomond Centre in Glenrothes. Isobel, our cook, was waited on herself for once and our service-users enjoyed the change of scenery. As luck would have it, a further 12 service-users were out on a barge trip the same day, so the timing worked out well.

We don't always go too far – a trip down to the lochside one afternoon was just as enjoyable as one of our more distant adventures. There is also the opportunity to stay here in the Day Centre for a quiet game of dominoes or to listen to music and have a chat for anyone who doesn't feel like going out.

On one quiet afternoon recently, we were able to take one of our service-users to Heatheryford Fisheries for a couple of hours' fishing. You should have seen the one that got away! Hopefully we'll be able to get some more fishing practice in the next few weeks. We always encourage our service-users to ask for activities that they would like to try and, if possible, we will make the necessary arrangements.

Finally, a big thank you to our local Rotary Club who recently included us in their generous donations to local causes. I know we are not the only ones who appreciate all they do locally and internationally.

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.

## Portmoak Film Society

www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk

The new season got off to a flying start with 'Hidden Figures'. It tells the inspirational true story of three sassy African-American women who played a key role in the US space race with their STEM skills, defeating the racial and cultural prejudices of the time to reach their prodigious potential. The fun of the evening was increased by the upbeat soundtrack and our 23 guests gave it a 95% satisfaction rating.

The October film is '**The Page Turner**'. It is a French psycho-thriller from 2006 about a young woman who, as a child and gifted musician, experiences traumatic disappointment. However, by coincidence, she is awarded the chance to take her revenge on the perpetrator of her misfortune. It's a short film at only 80 minutes which is a good thing as, for this month only, the film will be shown on **Sunday 15 October and not the usual Saturday**. That still gives us plenty of time for refreshments and chat afterwards, but won't make those working on Monday too late home!

The films take place at Portmoak Community Hall near Scotlandwell and start promptly at 7.30pm. Entry costs £5 on the night, or slightly less if you buy a season's membership at £32. Tickets are available on the door or from Stuart Mackenzie at the Pottery in Kinnesswood (call 01592 840638). Regulars and newcomers are always welcome!

For further information on 2017-18 films and dates, visit our website.





## Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



## Kinross & District Probus Club Scottish Charity Air Ambulance by John Pritchard



On Sunday 3 September, 16 members and friends began our 2017/2018 season with a trip out to view the restoration work currently being carried out at Penicuik House.

The Rangers had gone to some trouble to devise a suitable programme for us. On arrival, we were told a little about the funding that The Penicuik Restoration Trust had attracted. Penicuik House was designed and built in the 1760s by Sir James Clerk, the third baronet, with builder John Baxter. Unfortunately, this Palladian house was consumed by fire in 1899 which left only ruins, though the valuable paintings and furniture were rescued at the time. It seems likely that vandalism and much looting of stone was carried out over the following years.

The Trust was set up in 1985 to preserve and hopefully restore the ruined house. Once the ruin was stabilised in 2014, the public were admitted. Today the estate has a functioning farm and also has training opportunities for tradesmen such as masons.

We had a tour of the shell of the building and the good weather held out for our picnic lunch.

After lunch, Derek the Ranger showed us a few artefacts that had come to light during the restoration work and he then walked us around the estate, pointing out such features as the ice house and the two ponds.

The present owner, Sir Robert Clerk, lives in the attractive converted stable block restored by the 8th baronet Sir George and his wife Aymée following the fire. With grateful thanks to our host Sir Robert and Ranger Derek for an interesting trip. Our next meeting on **Wednesday 11 October** at St Paul's Church Hall, Kinross, is a talk by agricultural expert Henry Murdoch OBE entitled, "Where is Our Next Meal Coming From?"

## Dobbies Community Champion

During September, I have been making donations of plants to Lochies School in Sauchie and Milnathort and Kinross Allotments for their sensory gardens. I have also donated edible and flower seeds for the school to grow now, and next season. I also gave spring bulbs to Milnathort in Bloom and some raffle prizes for other local charities.

The **Little Seedlings Club** on **Sunday 1 October** at 11am will be about fungi, and on **Sunday 5 November** the topic will be owls. Meetings will probably now be in the store as it gets rather chilly to be outside at the allotments.

We are grateful to the allotments committee for welcoming us over the summer, and letting us grow flowers and vegetables there. This year we grew onions, peas, broad beans and potatoes, as well as wild flowers and sunflowers.

We also have an **extra Little Seedlings** holiday session from 3pm to 4.30pm on **Monday 9 October**. Accompanied children aged 4 to 10 are welcome to all sessions. Please book online at [www.dobbies.com](http://www.dobbies.com) under the Kinross store and events. Contact Amanda James by email at [kinrosscommunity@dobbies.com](mailto:kinrosscommunity@dobbies.com) or on 01577 863327.

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On 6 September, this was our first presentation for the new 2017/18 programme.

John joined the SCAA crew as Paramedic Team Leader in the latest move of his 17 year career with the Scottish Ambulance Service. He was recently awarded an MBE, and was previously a Royal Air Force medic for seven years. He is also a pre-hospital care instructor and responder with BASICS Scotland.

SCAA was formed in 2012 and launched our helicopter air ambulance in May 2013 to assist the Scottish Air Ambulance Service (SAAS) to deliver front-line care to time-critical emergencies across Scotland. SCAA provides a fully equipped medical helicopter that can be deployed from its central base at Perth Airport to incidents across the length and breadth of Scotland.

As John says, "SCAA is a major step forward in terms of patient care; especially in the more remote and rural areas, an air ambulance is a major asset for the people of Scotland". John explained the roles of the air crew and the paramedics and how they have developed a team approach which ensures that SCAA can deliver an excellent, efficient and cost effective service. This service links into all the other agencies like Scottish Ambulance Service, Mountain Rescue and Police Scotland and is co-ordinated via a specialist call centre desk based in Glasgow.

Having carried out 1524 missions in the last 51 months the team based in Perth is kept very busy. You would think there is a lot of 'down' time but John highlighted the daily schedule that is carried out to ensure that aircraft and crew are all working to the highest standard. The mantra is 'Check, check, check and then check it again'.

Delivery of this vital service for Scotland is clearly in safe hands and will continue to provide critical patient care when and where required.

Remember that SCAA is a charity and is not supported by any statutory funding. This means that the service is funded solely by donations from private individuals, companies and community trusts.

A vote of thanks was given by Dick Crichton. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 September when the club will receive a talk on the new V and A in Dundee.

## Circle Dancing

Circle dancing is once again in full swing after the summer break and it has been lovely to welcome some new folk into the circle. There are two classes in Kinross each week as follows; Tuesdays from 10.30am to 12.30pm in the Millbridge Hall and Wednesdays from 10am to 11am in the dance studio in Junction Road.

If you have never tried circle dancing before, please come along and see what it is all about. No previous experience is necessary as all dances are walked through beforehand. We dance to a variety of different music; from classical to modern; from traditional dances to choreographed dances. At the moment, as the summer season is drawing to a close, we turn our thoughts to Autumn and some of our dances will have a harvest theme.

If you would like any further information, please contact Lynne on 01259 742173 or 07931 398098.

## Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

Autumn and early winter can be wonderful seasons for walking, with the trees at their colourful best. We are always very happy to welcome new walkers, so come along and try out a walk or two to see if you'd like to join us. We would particularly welcome some more male walkers. We operate car-sharing but it is not essential to have a car.

### Weekend Walks

**Sunday 15 October: Craig a Barns, 7 miles.**

Varied walk on paths and tracks through forest and on open ground. Fine views of crags, River Tay and hills to the north.

**Saturday 28 October: Kirkcaldy to West Wemyss, 6 miles.**

An easy walk from Ravenscraig car park following the coastal path to West Wemyss and returning the same way.

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

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

### Tuesday Short Walks

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

**Tuesday 10 October: Strathmiglo**

From west Strathmiglo out into open countryside on scenic paths. Returning to the east of the village for a pleasant stroll through farmland towards the Lomond Hills.

**Tuesday 24 October: Blairhill, Rumbling Bridge and Crook of Devon**

A walk around the Blairhill area of Rumbling Bridge then through the gorge, past the new weir (part of the community hydro scheme) and along the River Devon to the Crook.

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

## Portmoak Hall 100 Club

### August Draw

1st	No 10	Sandra Dall, Easter Balgedie.
2nd	No 31	Ronnie Loftus, Scotlandwell.
3rd	No 43	Simon Nicol, Kinnesswood.



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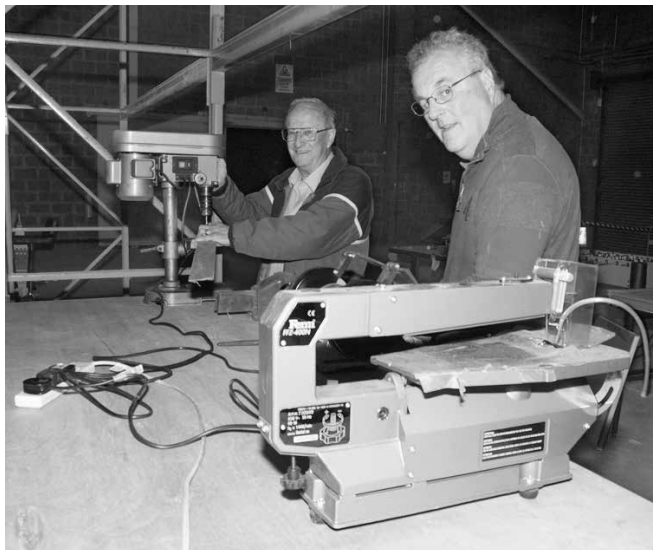


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## Kinross and District Men's Shed

We've made good progress fitting out the Shed recently. The past few weeks have also featured some pleasant events out of the ordinary, but first things first.

A long work bench has been installed, so the men can now start their woodworking. Some guys will have their own special projects, a few will be repairing donated furniture, and others will be working on community projects. To accommodate them all, the Shed will have to open more often and a second bench could be required.



*First workbench installed*

The large collection of equipment and materials have been sorted. Stewart, our stock manager, has been happily finding a place for tools etc on newly-made shelves. He's now looking forward to labelling it all for an inventory. An old portacabin has been renovated and refurbished as an office and a chat room. The latter will be moved out after the woodworkers make a bench for some computers – a priority – so the men less proficient with IT can be helped along.

We had the surprise of a visiting shedder from afar; David, from Perth, Western Australia, accompanied by Ian, the friend he was staying with in Kinross. Once over the size of our battleship-sized shed (after all 'everything in OZ is big') he was very encouraging, and gave us a few tips on how his Mosman Park Shed operated. We'll be keeping in touch when he returns home.

Early in September, Roy and Robert attended a consultative meeting in Auchterarder, on the possibility of starting a Men's Shed there. Recounting our experience contributed to an enthusiastic group agreeing to progress the idea. A worthwhile visit, with a pleasing outcome.

Also unexpected was the Rotary Club of Kinross and District's decision to support our efforts. Roy, as Treasurer, was presented with a cheque for £250, for which the Men's Shed is very grateful.

Finally, a notice for all charities and similar volunteer groups in the area. We have acquired a small surplus of office, kitchen and other furniture and equipment. If you need anything for your own group or to help fit out clients' homes, feel free to contact us. Out details are on Facebook. Alternatively, drop in at our Forth Wines premises in Milnathort (behind Websters and Drysdale's) on a Saturday morning from 10 to 12.



## Friends of Loch Leven Community Library

### Celebrating!

FOLLCL volunteers recently celebrated with a lunch to mark our first year in Loch Leven Community Library. Our chairperson, Richard Scott, gave a talk about our achievements so far; as well as opening the library on Saturday afternoons and Monday mornings, we've won a volunteer award, taken part in various events with other community groups and held our own successful events too. We would like to thank everyone who has helped us along the way; we couldn't have done it without you! We would like especially to thank all of you who have come along to the library to borrow books, use the computers, read the papers or have a wee chat with us over the last year. We have had more than 1000 visits since we started up. Here's to many more!

*Volunteers having a celebratory lunch to mark the first anniversary of volunteer openings*

FOLLCL is a group of independent volunteers who staff Loch Leven Community Library on Saturday afternoons from 1pm to 4pm and on Mondays from 10am to 1pm.

For further information, please contact Richard Scott on 07 999 510 500 or find us on Facebook.



## Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme



Over the weekend of Saturday and Sunday 16/17 September, committee members of KVG&ROS spent quite a lot of time in Dobbies Garden Centre. The tombola which ran over the two days has raised a welcome £466.35. All those involved in manning the stall thoroughly enjoyed meeting people and chatting.

A very, very big "thank you" to all our service users and friends of the charity who donated gifts; the number and quality we received was amazing. On both days, the stall had a huge variety of excellent prizes, as can be seen in the photograph. Thanks, too, to everyone who came along and supported us by buying tickets.



*The tombola stall at Dobbies had excellent prizes  
Photo shows Amanda James, Dobbies Community Champion, with Pauline Watson of KVG&ROS*

We also wish to thank Amanda James and all the staff of Dobbies who provided space in the store for us, helped in every way they could and made us feel very welcome. As Dobbies Local Charity of the Year we have, over the past few months, raised £1002.54 by can-collecting on several weekends, the collecting cans at the check-outs and then the tombola.

As our funding has been cut over the years, we are reliant on fund-raising events to allow us to continue to provide the volunteer driving service to residents of Kinross-shire and Glenfarg.

We know we are a valued service but this was really brought home to us by a card, received this weekend from one of our service users. I am sure she will not mind it I copy part of her message here:

"The surgery visits are made less worrying by the care and concern of the drivers, and the feeling of constant security they give. It is a wonderful service which our community is extremely lucky to have – all the more so because it reflects the selflessness and the goodwill of all the volunteers."

If you, or anyone you know, would benefit from using our service, please contact our co-ordinator, Mrs Ann Munro, on 01577 840196 for details.

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## Kinross & District Rotary Club

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### Mary Queen of Scots

#### Great Escape Boat Race

The Great Escape boat race took place on Loch Leven and the Kirkgate Park on 3 September. Once again, it was a great success. Over £1000 was raised for charity. Twelve teams took part, including six new to the event. Times ranged from 2 mins 50 secs for the winning team to 7 mins for the slowest. The first three teams were only separated by 2 seconds. The winning team was Mary, Queen of Boats - Dundee Roller Girls, comprising oarsmen Craig Moir, Morag Wilson, Ally Fraser and Brogan O'Rourke as well as Emma Price as Mary. In second place were Kinross RFC Oldies and third Loch Leven Pipers.



Rotary President George Lawrie awards prizes to the winning team of Brogan O'Rourke, Morag Wilson, Emma Price, Craig Moir and Allyson Fraser

#### President's disbursements

This year's president's disbursements (contributions from the club funds to local groups and good causes) totalled £2000. Cheques were presented to representatives of the following groups at a short ceremony on 11 September: Kinross Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme, Kinross and District Men's Shed, Friends of Loch Leven Community Library, Kinross-shire Cricket Club, Kinross-shire Day Centre, Kinross in Bloom, Milnathort in Bloom, Kinnesswood in Bloom and Light Up Kinross. Scotlandwell in Bloom, Fossoway in Bloom and Eilidh Gibson will also receive cheques at a future date.

#### Rotary response to natural disasters:

##### purchase of a 'Shelterbox'

Over the last few weeks we have been faced with an unprecedented number of natural disasters around the world. This has prompted lots of questions as to how Rotary in the British Isles can help.

At the club meeting on 11 September, the club agreed to donate £590 from club funds to purchase a shelter box.

Shelterbox and project partners Rotary International are delivering emergency disaster relief throughout the world by providing emergency shelter and tools for families robbed of their homes by disaster, and transforming despair into hope. For more information or to donate visit [www.shelterbox.org](http://www.shelterbox.org).

#### Recent speakers

Kinross lad and former president of the local Interact Club, **Callum Purves** spoke at our breakfast meeting on 22 August. He talked enthusiastically about his work as a recently elected councillor. His role is in three parts: committee work; case work, working directly for constituents, which he finds the most rewarding; and representing the council, attending events etc.

On 28 August **David Chalmers** from the Dunfermline club spoke on the intriguing subject of 'My Favourite Banker, Playboy, Murderer, Gambler, Economist, Author, Founder of Central Banking and how he bankrupted a country'. He told the eventful life story of John Law from Fife, who was born in 1671.

On 11 September, architect and teacher **Peter Nurick** from Cleish delivered a fascinating and passionate talk about the V&A Museum of Design in Dundee which is due to open in Summer 2018. It will be the first Museum of Design in the UK outside London and is part of the much larger redevelopment of the Dundee waterfront.

#### Upcoming speaker

Andy Middlemiss will speak about The Battle of Passchendaele on **Monday 9 October**.

#### Rotarians commemorate borderers' sacrifice at Passchendaele 1917-2017

A party of 'Old and Bold' from the King's Own Scottish Borderers (KOSB) conducted a pilgrimage in late August, to commemorate one of the most tragic battles of the war. A group of veterans, with some families and friends, visited the Passchendaele area in Belgium, outside of Ypres on 17 to 20 August to mark the 100th anniversary of the battle. The group spent three days at the battlefields, seeing just where the soldiers

of the KOSB laid down their lives, and visiting their graves and memorials.

#### Upcoming events

**Tullibole Trail BeWitched**, 27 to 29 October. The club will once again be assisting in the organisation of this event to raise money for charity. *See also pages 67 and 96.*

**Santa's Sleigh 2017** from 5 to 17 December. Once again Santa will be flying through the streets of Kinross-shire in early December with the assistance of Rotary and the Round Table. Dates and routes are still being arranged with Santa but, when finalised, will be made known widely. If you are a local charity, group or sports club and wish to help Santa on his journey through Kinross-shire, please contact Barry Davies by email on [barrydavies57@btinternet.com](mailto:barrydavies57@btinternet.com) or by phone on 01577 865004.

#### Join us

The club meets most Mondays in the Kirklands Hotel, Kinross, at 6.30pm. On the third week of the month the Monday meeting is replaced by a Tuesday breakfast meeting at 7.30am, also at the Kirklands. Come along and find out what's happening in the club and meet some of our members.

#### Contact and information

Contact Brian Timms, club secretary, at [secretary.kdrc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.kdrc@gmail.com) to find out more. Alternatively, visit us on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/kinrossrotaryclub](http://www.facebook.com/kinrossrotaryclub)



## Kinross and District Art Club



The 50th Anniversary Exhibition of the club was an outstanding success, with just under 500 visitors, including over 100 on the Opening Night. The opening address, by Mrs Sarah Brown, Head Teacher of Kinross High School, charted the history of collaboration between the school and the club and encouraged us to look forward to more in the future. Certainly, the pupils' art work in the exhibition



*Cameron McFarlane  
playing saxophone*

was much admired! Another highlight of the evening was a delightful saxophone solo by pupil Cameron McFarlane, accompanied by the Head of Expressive Arts, Paul Rosie. And the attendance of four of the school's prefects was the perfect complement to the span of generations present and which characterised the original exhibition of 1967 from which the club was born.

Club members are to be congratulated on the high standard of work on display, with around 40 paintings being sold as well as cards, crafts and produce. During the exhibition,

we asked visitors to choose their favourite painting of the show and a tally of this was made at the close of the event. Those who voted will be interested to know that the painting with the most votes was 'Goosey Goosey Gander', by Vice-Chair, Sybil Galbraith. Sybil was also voted as first in the ranking of artist's work most admired.

We have been conscious, throughout the anniversary activities, of the history of the club and the commitment that has been made by so many of our predecessors over the years to its success and continuation. It was heartening, therefore, to see the names of people on our sign-up sheet showing an interest in joining the club! We meet in the Millbridge Hall on

Tuesdays and Fridays from 2pm until 4pm with a break for tea at 3pm. Between now and the end of the year we will have two demonstrations by visiting professional artists and we are also looking forward to our Christmas lunch at The Kirklands.

The Committee and Club Members would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the success of this event and in particular to our local business sponsors and to Eileen Thomas and the team at the Kinross Newsletter for the generous and most welcome publicity.



*Goosey Goosey Gander by Sybil Galbraith,  
voted favourite painting at the exhibition*



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# Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation



## The Kinross Farmers' Market!

The Kinross Farmers' Market will take place on **Saturday 28 October** from 9am until 1pm in the High Street on the wider pavements at the old Town Hall. The market is a great place to buy high quality, fresh food from local producers and artisan traders, shop at the High Street's established businesses and meet friends in our vibrant community atmosphere. We look forward to seeing you all there!

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## Messiah in a Day at Kinross-shire Winter Festival

Handel's famous masterpiece, prepared and performed in just one day!

Join experienced choir leader Peter Rutterford on **Sunday 12 November** as he guides singers of varying ability and experience through an afternoon of choral discovery preparing the chorus work for Parts 1 and 2 of the oratorio, ending with the glorious 'Hallelujah' chorus. We welcome all singers! You don't have to be super experienced, but the ability to read music is helpful. The rehearsal is during the afternoon (2-5pm) and the concert is at 7pm.

We are fortunate to have secured the services of four enthusiastic soloists:

- Local soprano **Anita Mackenzie Mills** trained with ENO's Operaworks programme before returning to live in Scotland.
- **Ulrike Wutscher** is an Austrian mezzo-soprano based in Stirling.
- Tenor **David Douglas** who is currently working for English National Opera and is the creative director of the Scots Opera Project.
- **Bass, James Corrigan** is an RCS graduate and Freelance Opera Singer.

Fulfilling the extremely important role of accompanist for the day will be **Bruce Inglis**.

This promises to be a unique musical experience for both performers and audience.



Rehearsals for the Messiah in a Day

Make sure you are part of it! **To participate as a singer**, contact [info@kleo.org.uk](mailto:info@kleo.org.uk) or call 01577 863107. All welcome!



Above l to r: Anita Mackenzie Mills, James Corrigan, David Douglas



Left: Choir leader Peter Rutterford

## Words themed events at Winter Festival

KLEO is a Bookweek Scotland 2017 partner this year and together with Loch Leven Community Library we hope to bring an exciting programme of 'words' themed events during the Kinross-shire's Winter Festival.

### Liz Lochhead & The Hazey Janes

A concert with new collaborative pieces from poet, author and playwright Liz Lochhead with indie pop band The Hazey Janes.

Friday 3 November / 8pm / Loch Leven Community Campus / Tickets £10 (£8 concession)

### Mairi Hedderwick and Katie Morag

Mairi Hedderwick, author and illustrator, comes to Kinross during Bookweek Scotland to talk to children (and adults) about her most famous creation, Katie Morag and how a Katie Morag book is made.

Wednesday 29 November / Loch Leven Community Library / 4pm / Children free, adults £5

## Other Winter Festival events

- **Lights Out By Nine** (Sat 4 Nov, 8pm, Backstage), Tickets £15 ([www.mundellmusic.com](http://www.mundellmusic.com))
- **Home-Bru Concert** (Sat 4 Nov, 3pm, Kinross Parish Church, Free)
- **Winter Festival Comedy Night** (Fri 10 Nov, Milnathort Town Hall) Tickets £10 (£8 concession)
- **All Dance event** (Fri 17 Nov, 7pm, campus), Tickets £5 and £3 concession
- **Choirs Together** (Sun 19 Nov, 7pm, campus), Tickets £5 and £3 concession
- **Beginning to Write Workshop** with Liz Lochhead (Saturday 2 Dec, 2pm, Library), Tickets £10 (from library). Tickets are available at Macbeth Currie Estate Agent's, Stewart & Smart and [www.kleo.org.uk](http://www.kleo.org.uk)
- **The Festive Street Market** will take place on the High Street of Kinross on **Saturday 25 November** (4pm-7pm). 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. For a booking form for this event, please e-mail [info@kleo.org.uk](mailto:info@kleo.org.uk)

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## Kinross High School

Hello from Fraser and Amy!

We are the newly appointed Head Boy and Girl of Kinross High School. We are looking forward to the challenges we will face yet equally the joys we will have throughout the following year. Entering our last year at Kinross High, we have many goals and aspirations that we wish to make a reality. As Head Boy and Girl, we want to make ourselves known in the community around Kinross High School so will be regularly attending events such as the Awards Evening, the School Show and Parents' Evenings. Please feel free during these events to come up to one of us either to raise any problems or questions, or just to say hello. It is important to us that you know we are here to answer any questions or to try and fix any problems that you have regarding the school no matter how big or small.



Amy and Fraser, Head Girl and Boy

Something that is really important to everyone at our school is the connection we have with the Kinross-shire community. In sixth year, since we have some extra time, we have the chance to strengthen this link in our achievement period. This set period each week allows us to build skills essential for life and work. Some students stay in school to help out in different teaching departments and buddying younger pupils. A lot of the pupils enjoy volunteering at the primary schools and in care homes as well as organising events for different groups of people in our community. We realise that Kinross has given us many opportunities and we feel that it is important to give something back.

We are also here for the pupils. While introducing ourselves to them at assemblies, we made it known that they can

come to us about anything. Recently, a big part of our job, along with the rest of the prefect team, has been to help the new first years with their transition up to the high school. The induction days went very smoothly with many positive comments coming from the teachers about how organised everything was and how engaging the prefects were with the primary sevens. On their first day of high school, many of the sixth years jumped at the chance to aid the new first years with their day. After some challenges at the start of the day, we made sure that everyone was in the right place. This continued over the next two days, giving the first years time to adjust to new friendships, new teachers and a new school day. This day welcomed positive feedback from staff much like the induction days. This is just an example of how the whole of sixth year are enthusiastic and willing to help with a wide range of things, from the school shows and awards evening to noticing a new first year is lost and helping them get to class.

As well as all being here for the pupils and the community, there is also the school charity. Having a charity is a very important part of the school as we try to make a big difference to those that are less fortunate than us. As a school, we gather fundraising ideas with the aim of bringing together different year groups in order to build on the strong school spirit that we already have as well as raising money for a good and worthy cause. This year, after a vote among the sixth years, we have decided on The Scottish Association for Mental Health. This charity not only focuses on young people but also those suffering from dementia and PTSD. We are very much looking forward to experiencing a journey while raising lots of money for this incredibly important charity. We hope that this gives you an insight as to what we will be doing over the next year and shows how enthusiastic we are to make a big difference to Kinross High School and its community.

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## Kinnesswood in Bloom

Lots of people did our birds and bees trail this year and several were handed in. Congratulations to Blake Brannen, Harry Cameron, Ellis Lowe, Sorrel Lowe, Adeline Humphrey, Vaila Gillings and Calum Gillings. You will all receive a small gift from Kinnesswood in Bloom. We must thank our mystery litter picker in Kinnesswood and area. Litter is not much of a problem in the village but there is the odd bit here and there. A gentleman has been spotted regularly removing litter and we are very grateful for this contribution to our lovely village.

This has been an exciting month for our group. Five of us attended the Beautiful Scotland Awards in Dunfermline on 7 September and were really pleased to get a Silver Gilt Award again and the Best Small Village in Scotland. We were up against Muthill and Kirkconnel, both of which are lovely villages and which were also Silver Gilt.



Representatives of Kinnesswood in Bloom at the Beautiful Scotland Awards

On 14 September four of us attended the Take a Pride in Perthshire Awards at the Salutation Hotel in Perth. What an exciting night we had. We got Gold, the Best Small Village and Best Community Involvement. Take a Pride in Perthshire also congratulated us on our Beautiful Scotland Awards.

Thank you all for your contribution to our success. The judges noted the many birds on our bird trail and two featured in the results brochure. Feedback was very positive and gave us pointers for the couple of points needed to raise our marks to gold. Watch this space next year. The judges were very impressed with liaison with the school and the work done with Kinross High this year. Next year is the 'Year of Children and Young People,' which is also the theme of Beautiful Scotland, so we certainly hope to build on these links.



## Recipe



supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

### Toffee Apple Bread and Butter Pudding

I love bread and butter pudding, a chance to use up old bread, and apples are freely available just now. This has the addition of a tin of caramel for a delicious Hallowe'en or Bonfire Night treat.

#### Ingredients

- 3 cooking apples
- Juice of half a lemon
- 4 tablespoons caster sugar
- 397g tin of caramel
- 8 large slices of bread
- 3 eggs
- 400ml milk
- 200ml double cream
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

#### Method

Core the apples, slice into thin rings, then toss in lemon juice and half the sugar. Grease a dish about 20 x 30 cm then spread 2/3 of the caramel over the base.

Cut the bread into triangles then layer with apple rings, dotting with leftover caramel here and there. In a jug whisk the milk, cream, eggs and vanilla and 1 tsp sugar. Pour over the bread and apples, making sure it's well covered, then cover and set aside for at least 30 minutes.

Heat oven to 170°C. Uncover the pudding and scatter with the remaining sugar. Bake for 45 to 50 minutes until the top is golden and the caramel bubbling around the edges.

## Milnathort filmhouse

Christmas Night Out Film  
Saturday 9th December



Christmas Eve Family Film  
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## Portmoak Primary School

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I am writing to you in a hive of activity as the whole school busily prepares for an inspection visit from Education Scotland. The last HMI visit to the school was in 2007. We are keen to show them what a fabulous wee school we have and know that their report will be positive; the question is, can we show them everything in such a short time!

### What we have been doing

Our new P1s have now settled in and are enjoying their topic of 'People who help us' along with the P2s in their class. They have already been visited by a fireman and are now awaiting a physiotherapist and a police officer. Our P2/3 Class have been busy weaving in their classroom.

Our P4/5, P5/6 and P6/7 classes are working in partnership with the Michael Bruce Trust in writing and producing a book about our local poet, Michael Bruce, which will be available to purchase soon so keep your eyes peeled! Our younger children are also contributing art work so it will be a real whole school effort and a super connection to our local community.

### Visit from Hopscotch Theatre Group

We had a visit from Hopscotch Theatre Group. They presented a very entertaining Rights Respecting play and provided



workshops for our children following our achievement of UNICEF Rights Respecting School level one award.

### Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

We are looking forward to our annual Macmillan Coffee Afternoon on 27 September. It gives our parents the opportunity to catch up with each other and meet their child's teachers.

### Twitter

If you haven't yet followed us, don't forget to check @PortmoakPS and the Parent Council @FriendsPortmoak for updates. If you aren't on twitter, you also can view an embedded twitter feed at the bottom of our school website. Thank you for reading our news.

If you have time or expertise that you would like to share with our school, then please get in touch.

Louise Gordon, Headteacher.



Above and left: the Rights Respecting play at Portmoak Primary School



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Anyone pulling up at the Springfield Road/Muir's junction in Kinross won't have failed to miss St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church swathed in scaffolding over the past few months. Thanks to some very generous grants made to us by the Listed Places of Worship: Roof Repair Fund and the Arthur and Margaret Thompson Charitable Trust, we've been able to go ahead with some much-needed maintenance work on the church roof and bell tower. As part of the work, we're hoping we can get the bell taken down for repairs to be made on it in the future. For now, we plan to make a feature of it at ground-level.

You'll find any vibrant church focusing on people's relationship with God, amongst the 'family' who gather there and one that benefits the wider community they're encouraged to serve. But the care of church buildings is obviously very important too. As a result of this work, this modest yet important local landmark will endure as

a prayerful, holy house and visible sign of Christian witness for generations to come.

Members of the congregation enjoyed a memorable Saturday morning in mid-September tidying up the front of the church grounds and were rewarded with a fabulous lunch. We were blessed with some unusually fine weather that only began to break as we completed a final clear-up! We hope that drivers who have to stop at the intersection opposite the church will now have a much-improved view of everything 'St Paul's Kinross', both day and night when the church is floodlit so beautifully.

You are always assured a warm welcome at the door. We work hard to make our services engaging and uplifting. The children's corner in church and Sunday School in the Meeting Room give our youngsters the chance to learn about God through story and also experience the worship we offer together.

You can find details about all our forthcoming services and events elsewhere in this Newsletter, on our church website's on-line calendar (see heading for web address) and on our Facebook page (see heading).

See page 91 for church service details etc.



Members of the congregation tidying up the grounds

# PERTH AND KINROSS

## ARCHAEOLOGY YEAR: 2017

### OCTOBER EVENTS

Special Events; Excavations; Guided Walks; Skills Workshops; Illustrated Talks; and Exhibitions

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DATE	EVENT DESCRIPTION	WHERE	WHEN
1-30	The Carpow Logboat	Perth	10:00
1-30	Perth Society of Natural Science	Perth	10:00
1	Cultybraggan POW Camp	Comrie	11:00
11	Walking with the Archaeologist in the Sma' Glen	Crieff	10:00
12	Insight Tours: Dunkeld Cathedral	Dunkeld	10:00 & 13:00
12	Passchendaele	Perth	18:30
13	The Battle of Dunkeld	Dunkeld	13:00
13	Neolithic Jadeite Axes	Perth	19:30
14	Become a Heritage Hero at Stanley Mills	Stanley	13:00
15	Fun with Fruit and Fungi	Kenmore	10:30
25	£2 Talk: The Carpow Bronze Age Logboat	Perth	12:30
28	Our Portmoak Celebration Day & Ceilidh	Portmoak	10:00 & 19:00
31	Spooks and Sacrifice – Celtic Samhain Festival	Kenmore	19:00



## Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club

The next meeting is on **Thursday 5 October** when the speaker will be Ms Lu Kemp speaking about the Perth Theatre.



### Notices

**Annual membership** (£3) is due this month.

**The annual holiday** next year is on 11 March 2018 to Llandudno. Names are now being taken.

### Away Days

**12 Oct** Glen Lyon.

**26 Oct** Dunbar.

The bus leaves the Green Hotel at 9.15am. Contact Pat Crawford, 01577 862962.

### Friday Walkers

**6 Oct** Two walks at Alyth.

**20 Oct** The autumn walk at Pitlochry. This leaves at 9am. Walks leave from the Green Hotel. Contact Ian Simpson, 01577 863691.

### Friday Hill Walkers

**13 Oct** Ben Vrackie Kate and Anne 8.30am

**27 Oct** Alyth Jock 8.30am

Contact Pauline Watson, telephone 01577 862865.

### 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.

**Keep Fit class** meets every Tuesday at 2pm in the Masonic Hall. Contact Val Oswald, 01577 864020.

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

**Carpet Bowls:** Meet Monday at 2pm in Millbridge Hall. Contact Helen Duncan, 01577 863248.

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

## Kinross-shire Historical Society

By now, members should have received their copy of the programme of talks for the coming winter. It is a good mix of topics and speakers, some local and some from further afield, which should provide some interesting evenings over the next few months. Membership costs remain the same; £6 for under 60s, £5 for over 60s and free for under 18s. The cost covers six talks with free tea or coffee at the end of each meeting. New members will be made welcome and visitors are also welcome to any meeting at a cost of £2 each. The Committee would be grateful if members could pay their annual fee to the Treasurer, Anne Milburn, before the first meeting to avoid queueing in the cold.

As a reminder to members, there are some new car parking spaces at the top of the lane by the church.

**Willie Shand** is our first speaker, giving another of his wonderful talks, a photographic journey from The Mull of Galloway to Wick, "Rambling On". Don't miss this one! The committee looks forward to welcoming a full house of members and friends on **Monday 16 October** in the Parish Church for 7.30pm start.

For the full 2017-18 programme, see page 95.



## Fossoway & District Horticultural Society

Fossoway & District Horticultural Society held their 99th annual Flower Show on Saturday 19 August at Crook of Devon.

The Show was opened by Michael Bryant, Manager of Sainsbury's, Kinross, who also kindly presented the trophies. The Society would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors, everyone who gave donations, attended and exhibited at the Show.

### The trophy winners were:

Ramage Dawson Cup (most pts)	Mr R Wilkie
President's Shield (runner up)	Mrs M H Turnbull
Bob Wilkie Cup (Pot Plants)	Mrs M H Turnbull
Moir Cup (Cut Flowers)	Mr R Wilkie
David De Boer Cup (Gladioli)	Mrs M H Turnbull
Drummond Trophy (Sweet Peas)	Mrs R Carmichael
G A & G Kendrick Cup (Vegetables)	Mr R Wilkie
Vida Young Trophy (Best Exhibit, Vegetables)	Mr G M Harley
J M Fraser Cup (Open Section)	Mr J Gardiner
Stalker Cup (Baking, Preserves & Industrial)	Mrs F Harley
Barden Trophy (Baking)	Mrs F Harley
Miss Pirie Cup (Industrial)	Mrs J Forrester
Nicolson Black Jug (Preserves)	Mr N Heggie
Stewart Rose Bowl (Floral Art)	Ms K Massey
Mabel Ross Trophy (Article in Wool)	Mrs J Forrester
Liz Wilkie Trophy (Best Exhibit, Industrial)	Mrs M Grant
Addison Trophy (Best Exhibit, Single Rose)	Mr R Wilkie

### Children's Sections

Ramage Dawson Cup (most pts overall)	Isla Campbell
The Aldridge Cup (under 10 years)	Grace Harley
J M Fraser Cup (over 10 years)	Isla Campbell
Spinningdale Trophy (Article in Wool)	Isla Campbell
Good Yarn Trophy (Writing)	Isla Campbell

### Special Prizes

Best Exhibit, Pot Plants	Mr R Wilkie
Best Exhibit, Cut Flowers	Mr R Wilkie
Collection of Vegetables	Mr S Dawes
Collection of Potatoes	Mr R Buchanan
Best Exhibit, Vegetables	Mr G Harley
Best Exhibit, Open Section	Mr J Gardiner
Best Exhibit, Baking	Mr N Heggie



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## Crook and Drum Growing Together



After much discussion, we decided to postpone our Autumn Fayre planned for 16 September, as it coincided with a sponsored walk by Fossoway School PTA, and we thought that many local families would be involved with that. Thank you to the stall holders who offered to come along, and we will re-schedule the event in the spring.

We recently spread a new layer of chipped bark on the beds at the village hall to deter weeds. We will also use this on the new wildlife bed on the green after planting some spring bulbs there. The bark was funded by PKC, as part of our membership of 'Take a Pride in Perth and Kinross'. They will also be helping us to buy more daffodil bulbs to plant along the verges between Crook and Drum. **Please get in touch if you would like to help** with the planting of bulbs, or the tubs with winter plants.

On 14 September we attended the awards night for the Bloom groups who entered the Take a Pride in Perth and Kinross competition at the end of July. We were thrilled to be awarded a silver certificate, and the award for the best new group in the competition. Many thanks to all the volunteers and business owners who have helped with our activities since we started last summer, onwards and upwards!

Many congratulations also to Kinnesswood and Milnathort Bloom groups who received several awards in this competition, and also in 'Beautiful Scotland'.

For further information about our activities, please contact Amanda James on 01577 840809 or by email at amanda@tyafon.plus.com.



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## Kinross Museum



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Study Room open Thu 10am-8pm, Sat 10am-3pm

Throughout August and September, the Museum has attracted visitors coming to see its new exhibition prompted by the 450th anniversary of the imprisonment of Mary, Queen of Scots in Loch Leven Castle. This was also marked by our presence at the "Great Escape" boat race event organised by Kinross & District Rotary Club in the Kirkgate Park.

The Museum's 'Lest we forget' display on the Great War also continues to be updated with new material on the Tank Regiment, Arras and Passchendaele.

October sees the completion of the year-long 'Our Portmoak: Uncovering stories from the past' project held under the auspices of Kinross (Marshall) Museum with support from the Heritage Lottery Fund and Historic Environment Scotland.



*A model of part of Loch Leven Castle at the Mary, Queen of Scots Exhibition*

Volunteers have also completed the field survey of the memorial stones in Kinross Parish Kirkyard.

Many thanks to all who supported the Museum's fund-raising raffle which was drawn in mid-September. In the run-up to Christmas we are holding a repeat of the highly successful fund-raising quiz organised by George Shand last year. This year, George has put together a quiz on Scots songs. Drop by the Museum Study Room on Thursday or Saturday to obtain a quiz form with all the questions for a donation of £1.

## Kinross in Bloom



Autumn is here; the days are getting shorter, and the mornings are definitely colder, but our baskets and planters are still blooming. It often seems a shame that we have to soon pull out all the summer plants in order to plant spring bulbs and flowers, but this is what we will be doing in a week or two.

At present, we have nearly six hundred polyanthus plants at our polytunnel coming along nicely, as well as various spring bulbs ready to be planted out in our planters around town, and once that is done we start the whole operation again by deciding which plants to order for next year. It's a never-ending circle.

Our treasurer is currently putting the finishing touches to our 200 Club. The first draw (Sept/Oct) of the new session will take place at our October meeting. It's not too late if you would like to take part. It's only £1 per month. Phone Aileen on 01577 861477.

We give notice that our **Annual General Meeting** will take place in the Garden Room of the Church Centre on **Wednesday 1 November 2017** at 7.30pm.



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Wed 6.30pm - 7.15pm



Mon 7.15pm - 8.00pm



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## Kinross Beavers

The Beavers returned from their summer holiday in August with stories of what they had been up to over the summer break. It has been a busy start to the term with the Beavers getting out as much as possible before the darker evenings return. They have been to Lochore Meadows Country Park to play wide games and also to do some pond dipping and they have also been out and about around Kinross doing a treasure hunt.

On Saturday 2 September the Beavers attended our Group Camp at Nineacres near Crook of Devon. The Beavers had a great day taking part in a variety of activities along with the Cubs and Scouts from the group.



Beavers with their Bronze Awards

On Friday 8 September we said good bye to Euan, Duncan, Charlie, Cameron, Ewan and Archie as they moved to Cubs. We hope they have taken a lot from their time in Beavers and wish them all the best. Enjoy Cubs!

Also on the same evening Mia, Isla and Joseph were presented with their Bronze Awards after successfully achieving all six challenge badges and four stage/activity badges. Well done! As you can see we have lots going on in the colony at the moment and, if you would like to have the Beavers help your community group or are interested in volunteering with Scouting, please contact us on [kinrossbeavers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kinrossbeavers@hotmail.co.uk).



Leaving the Beavers, onward to the Cubs!

## Kinross and District Town Twinning Association

The school exchange between Kinross High School and Gacé took place over a week in mid-September with the Gacéan children staying with their Kinross-shire host families.

The summer of 2018 will see Kinross-shire residents visiting their twin-town of Gacé as part of the ongoing twinning visit programme. This visit is likely to take place around the end of July/early August. These twinning visits are open to all and have proved very popular over the years, with many lasting friendships having been established. Further details will be made available over the coming month. New twinners will be made most welcome and anyone interested in a week-long visit to Normandy should contact secretary David Munro (01577 862126) to register their interest in travelling with the party to Gacé in July 2018. The **Annual General Meeting** of the Association will be held on **Wednesday 15 November** at 7.30pm. (More details in next month's Newsletter.)



*Twinning brings happy memories home*

## Kinross & District Inner Wheel

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



Our first meeting of the new session, chaired by this year's President Christine Maclure, was held on Monday 11 September at The Boathouse, which is the new venue for our meetings. We were given a warm welcome by the staff and enjoyed a lovely meal.

Our speaker was George Lawrie, the President of Rotary Club of Kinross and District. George, who was born in Kinross-shire, gave us a very interesting talk about growing up in the area, his working life, and how he came to be involved with Rotary.

Our next meeting is at The Boathouse on **Monday 9 October** with reception at 6.45pm.



President Christine Maclure with Rotary President George Lawrie

### 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.



## Boys Brigade

Our new session has just started and the Company is looking forward to a fun session with a number of special events on the horizon.

We have had a busy summer with our Yorkshire camp and various marquee hires.



First main event of the new session is the Junior Section 100th birthday celebration with a 'sleepover' activity weekend at Bankfoot. Sporting events are also very much to the fore for both Junior and

Company Sections with Battalion and National Competitions looming in a variety of sports.

Our Duke of Edinburgh Award classes are continuing, preparing for bronze, silver and gold stages. All sections have started their badge work covering a range of interest, physical and community projects.

We have no waiting lists at the moment and there are a few vacancies at Anchor, Junior and Company sections.

Anchors cater for boys and girls in primaries one, two and three and they meet in the church centre on Friday evenings from 6pm to 7.15 pm.

Juniors cater for boys and girls in primaries four, five and six, meeting in the church centre on Friday evenings from 7pm to 9pm.

Company and Senior sections cater for boys and girls from primary 7 to age 18, meeting in the church centre on Friday evenings from 7pm to 10pm.



*A group of Junior Section members*

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### Annual Dinner

The Dinner will be held at the Grouse and Claret, Kinross **on Wednesday 25 October**. Reception at 7 for 7.30pm, Dinner at 7.45pm. There will be a wine and canapé reception followed by a three-course Dinner, which will be followed by a talk by John Pelan, Director of the Scottish Civic Trust.

The Scottish Civic Trust is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year and has held a number of celebratory events throughout the year.

Mr Pelan will be talking about the Tobacco Merchant's House, The Trust's prestigious headquarters in Glasgow, as well as thoughts about the Trust's 50 years.

The Dinner is £33 per head. We look forward to seeing members and guests at the Dinner. Please e-mail the chairman on [al.macfarlane.smith@gmail.com](mailto:al.macfarlane.smith@gmail.com)

### About The Tobacco Merchant's House

Classically styled house, along Palladian lines. Designed by architect John Craig for himself in 1775. The building is on similar lines to many of the classical houses which used to occupy this part of Glasgow and many of which were occupied by the tobacco lairds. The building is the last of its type still standing in the



*The Tobacco Merchant's House, Glasgow*

Merchant city area of Glasgow. The building was extensively restored in the mid-1990s by the Glasgow Building Preservation Trust who, along with the Scottish Civic Trust, are currently based at this address. The building is A listed.



### Yoga Classes in Kinross

[www.simpliyoga.com](http://www.simpliyoga.com)

**Tuesday Evenings** - Kinross Church Centre  
@ 7pm - All Levels  
@ 8pm - Active Yoga

**Thursdays** - The Millbridge Hall

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Pregnancy Yoga

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07466 360152

*Please contact before attending to ensure availability.*

### Need Equipment for a Community Event?

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

Items are listed on [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) at:

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

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



## Kinross Cycling Club

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

### Ochils Road Race, 10 September

This popular event in the cycling calendar had a year off last year due to major changes in the committee. It returned on Sunday 10 September under the organisation of Douglas Sharp, Morag Bruce and Paul Zarb, who organised an absolutely first class event.

A sell out field of 60 riders from race categories 2/3/4 turned out on a wet, windy, tough day to take on a hilly 50 mile race on a circuit of Glenfarg-Middleton-Netherton-Duncruevie. Hats off to all the helpers who made this happen on the day, with particular thanks to the marshals who stood out in the rain for over two hours to keep everyone safe.

Fortunately, the race passed without incident and first aid support was not called upon. Participants came from as far afield as Shetland and the Cotswolds.

Kinross CC veteran rider Brian Garrioch did well to stay the course in his first ever road race. The race was won by jockey and former Kinross-shire resident, Graham Watters.



*The winners at the presentation at the campus. 1st Graham Watters (Cotswold cycles), 2nd Keith Greenwood (Pedal Power RT), 3rd Karl Daly (Deeside Thistle), and first veteran Rod Petrie, Dunfermline*

### KCC Youth rider is FCA Ladies Hill Climb Champion

The Fife Cycling Association held the annual hill climb championships on the relentlessly steep Purrin Den climb on East Lomond at the end of August. We are proud to say that 14-year-old **Sarah Coutts** rode a stunning climb to win this year's FCA ladies' hill climb trophy. She was also faster on the night than all the other KCC riders, including some very seasoned males. Chapeau, Sarah!

### Awards Night Annual Dinner

This year's event will be on **Saturday 18 November** at the Grouse and Claret. It will be a great evening with a high profile special guest. Tickets will be available through entry central in the near future. Tickets will be first come first served, with a maximum of two tickets per application.

### Meedies Madness CX Event

This year's mud-fest will be on **Sunday 19 November** at Lochore Meadows. KCC have organised this open event for a few years now and it attracts a big field of cyclocross racers. There are races for all categories including youth, junior, senior and ladies.

Feedback from riders who have enjoyed riding our technically challenging course is always good. We have over 200 signed up for the event already and we are looking forward to hosting another great event in the mud.

## Club Rides

These continue as normal over the winter.

We have the Saturday Social and the Bun Run leaving the campus at 9.30am on Saturdays (note that after the clocks go back these rides begin at 10am).

The Sunday Club Run leaves the campus at 9am prompt (9.30am after the clocks go back).

Details of these runs are regularly updated on our website.

## Winter Fitness Training

Fitness classes resume on **Thursday 5 October** in the same format as last year. They are delivered by fitness trainer Joanna Waz, who is a true professional in her field.

We have a double session at the Dance Connect studio on Junction Road, Kinross, starting at 7.30pm with an hour of Bar-Fit (we have eight guaranteed places for the first hour; please see Facebook in advance), followed by an hour of circuit training to improve all round fitness, target cycling muscles and improve core stability. The second hour is exclusive to the cycling club.

For more information on all events, see our website.

## Kinross Swimmers

On Tuesday nights it's beginning to look like there is an actual swimming club in the pool.

The number of enthusiastic swimmers that are turning up regularly is very encouraging. There is a good, strong, healthy core of members in the club who are enjoying the challenging programmes being set. It's great to see you all turning out. This training rota seems to be the key. I for one am feeling much better about my swimming and a lot fitter to boot.

There is no excuse at all now for not popping along and we'd love to see some of the regulars who used to turn up popping back. Tara is looking for some company. Our newest recruit is 83 and doing very well with a visible improvement every week; we are just confirming there is no upper age limit to gain benefits from swimming.

As always, we are still looking to welcome other keen swimmers. There are plenty of you locally as the pool assures me that the morning and dedicated sessions can be quite busy. Why not pop a Tuesday night into your rota? It's a little more interesting and exciting than just plodding up and down on your own. We even have the odd social meet and are a pretty friendly lot. You can even learn new stuff; if you wish, we're working on tumbles at the moment.

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

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





## Kinross Curling

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[www.Facebook.com/KinrossCurlingRink](https://www.facebook.com/KinrossCurlingRink)

The season started on Monday 11 September, with an opening bonspiel on Saturday 16 September. The ice pad looked stunning and all curlers were excited to return to their sport.



There's a chance to win an Olympic top signed by teams Muirhead and Murdoch at the CurlFest event!

**CurlFest:** We hope that there will be a good response to visit the rink on **Sunday 8 October** for our Open Day (CurlFest – see notice opposite). It should be good fun, and there's even a chance to win an Olympic top signed by teams Muirhead and Murdoch!

If you miss the open day, please note that you are welcome to visit at any time; come along and have a coffee in our bar/lounge.

(The rink is at the rear of the Green Hotel, access is from Green Road.)

**Business Challenge:** We would also welcome our local businesses to take part in the Business Challenge, an event that has grown in stature over the last two years. Get in touch with the ice team for more information. Email the iceman (address shown above). You might have seen the advert in the last issue of the Newsletter.

**Welcome:** We are also very pleased to welcome three new members to our bar team: Susan Salmoni, Nicola Porteous and Kelly Stuart. We also welcome Robin Brydone as our new Curling Development Officer.



Robin Brydone, new Curling Development Officer, with Ena Stevenson

This season we welcome curlers from across the country. We are also looking forward to curlers from Sweden and Canada coming to the rink. The Canadians will be taking part in the Strathcona Cup in January. This is one of the oldest international curling competitions; a friendly between Scots and Canadian male curlers. More details in future articles. You can keep up to date with our news on our Facebook page and website. (See header.)

## Try Curling

Looking for a new sport to try this winter? There's a Try Curling session on **Saturday 14 October** at 3pm at Kinross Curling, Green Road, Kinross. Cost £3 per person. Curling is great fun and suitable for all ages and abilities. To book, email: [kinrossdev@royalcaledoniancurling.co.uk](mailto:kinrossdev@royalcaledoniancurling.co.uk)

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## CurlFest



Get an introduction to this fantastic sport ahead of the 2018 Winter Olympics and Paralympics.

Come along and join in the fun with all the family!

### Sunday 8 October

10am – 1.30pm

(drop in at any time)

Kinross Curling, Green Road, Kinross

**Fun Games Beat the Pro Curling Quizzes**  
**Meet International Curlers**  
**Chance to win an Olympic top signed by teams**  
**Murdoch and Muirhead!**



Entry to CurlFest is free, though there will be a small charge for some of the activities.



CurlFest is run in partnership with Cash for Kids.

#CurlFest



## Kinross Kobras

### Junior Hockey

[www.kinrosshockey.org](http://www.kinrosshockey.org)

The season is back in full flow with regular training on Tuesday and Thursday evenings (6.30-7.30pm). The first tournament of the season was held in Dundee hosted by Dundee Wanderers. Two Kinross Kobras teams took part at U10 and at U12. Both teams played well with



wins against strong Midland District opposition. New players at both age groups got stuck in and enjoyed themselves and U12s especially played some very good hockey.

The next district tournament is hosted by Kinross and we already have five teams across the age groups so are looking forward to another good day. New players are always welcome; visit the club's website for more information.

*Below: U10 and U12 players from the Dundee Wanderers tournament*



## Kinross Golf Club

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

### Kinross Ladies Open, Saturday 9 September

The sun was shining on Kinross when 42 ladies from around the country took part in the Ladies Open Stableford on the Bruce Course. Local competitors Jennifer and Lenore were first off the tee and first to attempt a Hole in One on the third hole.

The prize of Mary Queen of Scots diamond earrings were not won, with Lyn Murray finishing very close and winning MQOS Blended Malt Whisky. The earrings will be up for grabs in the Mixed Open in May 2018 and will be rolled over the ladies opens until they are won!

The raffle was well supported and over £150 will be donated locally to Rachel House and CHAS. Well done to all ladies who took part, see you next year! Results were as follows:

**Best Stableford score and Revie Memorial Trophy:** Denise Elrick, Aboyne, 41 points.

**Silver division:** 1st Ann Smith, Kinross, 40 points. 2nd Lenore Kyle, Milnathort, 34 points (BIH). 3rd Beth Collins, Thornton, 34 points (BIH). 4th Alison Reid, Aboyne, 34 points.

**Bronze division:** 1st Louise Fairley, Harburn, 35 points (BIH). 2nd Jennifer Simpson, Kinross, 35 points. 3rd Heather Gough, Kinross, 34 points. 4th Linda King, Kinross, 33 points.

### Ladies Winter Golf

Ladies 'winter' golf has started and will continue every Thursday morning, weather permitting, until March 2018. Tee times will be posted on the noticeboard in the ladies locker room. All lady members with or without a handicap welcome.

### Gents Senior Open

This took place on 6 September. The prize winners were:

**Scratch:** 1st G F Smith, Kinross, and W Taylor, Edzell. Runner up I Staver, Duddingston, and K Millar, Duddingston.

**Handicap:** 1st P G Jackson, Kinross, and Gordon Clunie, Kinross. 2nd G Palmer, Lundin, and B Hay, Lundin. 3rd D Wright, Kinross, and B Bryson, Glenrothes. 4th R Campbell, Grangemouth, and J Kusharski, Falkirk. 5th S Oliver, Kirkcaldy, and A Buchan, Dundas Park.

### Sutherland and Hardie Stroke Play Championship

Scott Michie won the Sutherland, with Scott Robertson the runner up. Ramsay Malcolm won the Hardie, with Roy Houston the runner up.

### End of Season Dance, Saturday 7 October

Come along to our first dance of the winter season, dancing the night away to one of Edinburgh's fantastic bands, 'The Funktones'. Tickets are on sale at the bar costing £6 per person. Suppers will be available from 6pm and must be booked in advance.

### Calling All Ladies

Back by popular demand, our 'Ladies Only' evening will be held on **Friday 20 October**. This time, we will be stepping back in time and dancing the night away to the sixties, seventies and eighties with our guest performer Kris MacKenzie. Supper will be available till 8pm. Tickets now on sale at £10 per person. Contact the bar staff for details and to buy your tickets. Phone 01577 862237.

### Further Information

Check our website for more information about golfing or social events, or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

## Kinross Tennis Club

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



With the final Grand Slam of the year completed (congratulations to Jamie Murray on another mixed doubles success with Martina Hingis), many will be thinking that the tennis season is nearly over but here in Kinross, tennis is played all year round.

So our Wednesday evening (from 6.30pm) and Sunday morning (from 10.30am) club sessions for senior members continue throughout the winter whilst the Thursday afternoon (from 1.30pm) social tennis group will continue outdoors until the end of November and then move to playing indoors at Gleneagles until the end of March. Floodlights permit evening play until 10pm and, weather permitting, there is still great tennis to be had over the winter months, so why not pop down and join us.

### Club Championships

We usually report the results of all the club championship events at this time but wind and rain caused our senior championship day to be cancelled. The matches will now be played individually when the participants are free so hopefully we will be able to report the results in next month's Newsletter, along with news of the summer social tournament which was rescheduled to 24 September due to bad weather in July.

However, we did manage to hold the junior championships a few weeks ago and the results were as follows:

	<i>Champions</i>	<i>Runners-up</i>
8U Mini Red	Millie Cassels	Patrick MacLeod
9U Mini Orange	Oliver Jackson	Ben Ruiz
10U Mini Green	Ciaran MacLeod	Sarah Cassels
12U Singles	Oliver Ruiz	Ciaran MacLeod
14U Singles	Oliver Ruiz	Ciaran MacLeod

Thanks to Tony for organising, well done to all who took part and congratulations to the champions.

### League Matches

Continuing their good form from the first half of the season, our ladies completed their matches in the Perth and District Ladies Doubles Division 1 with two more wins, one draw and one loss. It looks likely that they will finish in an excellent second place in the league. Well done, ladies!

### Junior Coaching

The autumn term outdoor block will finish on 3 October and then, after the school holidays, the sessions will move indoors to the campus.

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As usual at this time of year we will be offering 40-minute mini tennis coaching sessions on Tuesdays, with 4 to 7 year olds (red ball) at 5pm and 5.40pm and 8 to 9 year olds (orange ball) at 6.20pm. The first block is seven weeks long, running from 24 October to 5 December. Members and non-members are welcome. Contact coach Daniel Reed by email at [dartennis@gmx.co.uk](mailto:dartennis@gmx.co.uk) for further information.

### Senior Coaching

The Tuesday evening experienced and improver level coaching blocks finished at the end of August. The Friday afternoon block continued throughout September due to a run of wet Fridays which caused many cancellations. It has been great to get requests for more coaching from people moving into the area who are keen to try tennis for the first time or to revive skills not used since schooldays. At the moment, we don't have sufficient numbers to justify more senior coaching over the winter. However, this could still be arranged if more people email Margaret at [kinrosstennis@gmail.com](mailto:kinrosstennis@gmail.com) requesting it and a common free evening or weekend slot can be found.

### AGM

Members are reminded that the AGM is due to take place on **Thursday 23 November** in the KGV clubhouse. Please mark the date in your diaries now and plan to come along and support your hard-working committee.

### Non-members and visitors

Sands the ironmongers are able to provide access to the tennis courts for a small fee.

## Fossoway Curling Club

One of our founder members, Willie Shortreed, recently celebrated his 100th birthday. He was presented with a quai by Honorary President Jimmy Johnson on behalf of the club.



*Willie Shortreed with Honorary President Jimmy Johnson*

The new season is now upon us and we are all looking forward to our annual opening bonspiel.

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 Road Runners

kinrossroadrunners.weebly.com



The evenings may be drawing in, but that doesn't mean that the running stops, or that the club's activities cease. Indeed, there's a full winter training schedule which runs right through until the middle of March, so why not come along and beat the winter gloom? It doesn't matter if you haven't run before, there will always be a warm welcome and somebody to run with.

Formal winter training is on a **Wednesday evening**. We always meet at the health centre car park at 7pm and run from there.

On **Tuesday evenings** there is an informal training run (usually around the streets of Kinross and Milnathort) of 8-10km in length. Meet at the health centre car park at 7pm.

The informal **Sunday morning** run also continues through the winter months. Again, meet at the health centre car park at 9am for either a trail or hill run at a very leisurely pace.

### Programme for October

Wednesday 4th Two-mile time trial and hot choc and kit sale afterwards at Roger's garage.

Saturday 7th Kirkcaldy Parkrun (Championship race).

Wednesday 11th Pyramid reps.

Saturday 15th Lochore 10k (Championship race – Full)

Wednesday 18th 5 x 1k.

Saturday 21st Stirling cross country.

Wednesday 25th Torch Run (prizes for best Hallowe'en costume).

Saturday 28th Path of Condie Half Marathon.

The Path of Condie Half Marathon is the third and final event which the club is hosting this year. It starts in Milnathort at

10.30am and follows a very scenic, but hilly, route to Path of Condie, Stronachie, and back to Milnathort. You can find out more information and enter online at [www.entrycentral.com/path-of-condie-half-marathon](http://www.entrycentral.com/path-of-condie-half-marathon), or please come out and support the runners along the route.

Finally, Kinross-shire Community Sports Hub plans has raised the funds to establish a Kinross parkrun and Junior parkrun. A core team is currently being established, and volunteers are being sought to assist with the weekly running of the events. As anyone who is a regular at parkruns will know, they rely on the ongoing support of volunteers to marshal, time-keep and so on. And anyone interested in getting involved should contact Kirsteen Ross by email at [KRoss@liveactive.co.uk](mailto:KRoss@liveactive.co.uk).

Further information about the club can be found on our website.



*KRR Veterans Team at the Comrie Hills Relay*

## Kinross Curling Club

[www.kinrosscurlingclub.com](http://www.kinrosscurlingclub.com)



Well, there went the 'summer'! Ironically, the sun shone brightly as over 20 Kinross curlers blew the dust off their shoes and brushes and came along to the club's practice and coaching session on 11 September, where Ena and Gary helped iron out a few wrinkles in technique.

Suitably tuned up, they joined others for the opening bonspiel on 15 September, with first bragging rights for the season claimed by the winning rink of Sandy Nelson, Jim Taylor, George Ponton and Craig Sutherland. Competition for club trophies began in earnest the following week.

Kinross Men is the oldest curling club in the world and continues to provide a friendly but competitive environment for curlers to learn and progress. New members are always made very welcome. It plays its club curling at Kinross on weekday evenings, with some friendlies and external league games at weekends.

Plans for the 350th anniversary celebrations are moving forward. The last weekend in September 2018 has been booked for a major curling event and further fundraising social events planned during next season.

Next up is a repeat of last year's very successful **Race Night**, to be held once again in Kinross Golf Club on **Friday 27 October**. For information on the club, check out our website, Facebook page or get in touch with the secretary at [secretary@kinrosscurlingclub.com](mailto:secretary@kinrosscurlingclub.com).

## Kinross Netball Club



September has been a busy month for us. We hosted our first ever tournament in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, raising a total of £2100.90. The tournament was a huge success and everyone seemed to have a great time. Well done to Perth Pumas who were the overall winners and the Flying Fifers, runners up.

A big thank you to all those who took part and helped in making it a success. A special thanks to those who donated raffle prizes, home baking and tombola prizes. Special thanks also to Fuller Holding Ltd, Mozolowski and Murray, Brebner and Williamson Ltd, Bayne's Bakers, Dewars Distillery, Salon 62 and Span Access Solutions Ltd for their generous donations.

Also in September we celebrated our second anniversary with a party hosted by our very own coach Elaine. It's amazing to think that what started out as a Facebook post two years ago has now grown into an established club, with great members and encouraging women back into team sport.

There have been lots of new members joining since we started back in August so, if you fancy giving netball a try but you're not sure if you remember how to play/are fit enough, don't let that put you off. We welcome all sorts of abilities and fitness levels so please come along or get in touch. You can find us on Facebook or email us at [kinrossnetball@hotmail.com](mailto:kinrossnetball@hotmail.com).

## Orwell Bowling Club

Bowling Green Avenue, Milnathort

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orwellbowlingclub.weebly.com

By the time the Newsletter goes on sale we will have reached the end of our season. It has been difficult at times to arrange ties due to the mixed weather. The best of the weather was at the beginning of the season. The winners of the club one-day competitions last month were:

30 Jul: **Roy Dougray Trophy**, Michael Hamilton.

1 Sep: **The Haig Trophy**, Ladies Sandra Fullerton, Gents Gordon Morton.

3 Sep: **Willie Dewar Quaich**, Mike Thorn and Vic McKechnie. Unfortunately the **Reekie Mixed Pairs** was not played this year due to the lack of entries. Come on, members, if you don't enter these one-day competitions they could be withdrawn from the fixture list.

On Sunday 27 August we held our **Open Pair**. The winners were Bobby Brian and Vic McKechnie, Orwell. The runners up were Sheila Rennie and Agnes Hutchison, Kinross/Lochore. Defeated semi-finalists were Linda and Tom Reid, Orwell, and Marilyn McNulty and Carol Mulligan, Lochore. Well done and a big thanks to everyone who helped or contributed in any way to make this a successful day.

We had good results for our **friendlies** last month:

Sat 19 Aug, home to Perth Caledonian: Orwell 50 Perth Caledonian 43.

Sun 20 Aug, home to Ladybank: Orwell 66 Ladybank 44.

Sat 26 Aug, home to Broad Street: Orwell 77, Broad Street 39.

Tue 29 Aug, Senior fixture away to Auchtermuchty: Orwell 68, Auchtermuchty 47.

Sat 2 Sep, away to Aberdour: Orwell 68, Aberdour 47.

Tue 5 Sep, home to Perth Ladies: Orwell 23 Perth 18.

The **Presentation Dance** and buffet this year is on **Saturday 4 November** so keep the date clear. Members are welcome to invite family and friends.

Although we close for bowling, we have winter activities. The Milnathort Bridge Club play on Monday evenings and there is a regular whist night on Tuesdays. Once a month we have a Bingo Tea on a Wednesday and a Quiz Night on a Saturday.



## Kinross Volleyball Club

Kinross High School boys Jack McKelvey and Callum Campbell struck gold in the volleyball final of this year's UK School Games, defeating England Juniors by 2 sets to 1 (25-21; 16-25; 15-11).



Jack McKelvey and Callum Campbell

In the opening set of the final the Scotland East boys started well and kept this advantage throughout the set to win 25-21. The second set saw a complete turnaround with the England boys storming back to win 25-16. The third set decider saw the Scots take an early lead and maintain the distance between themselves and their opponents winning the third set decider 15-11.

The result is quite remarkable as England have dominated the volleyball scene at the UK School Games for many years but take nothing away from the Scotland East boys who played some top class volleyball to the delight of coaches Ian Brownlee and Doug Crockart. Well done to everyone in the squad coming back with gold medals and the title of British champions.

Indoor volleyball has started again at the campus on Monday evenings from 8pm to 9.45pm in the large games hall. These indoor sessions are open to all, and new members are welcome.

The outdoor sessions over the summer period proved most successful with a few new members of the public turning up for a game. Overall Monday evenings were mostly dry, sometimes windy, but still fun.

The Perth Volleyball League has started back. Kinross Volleyball Club has two teams competing in the premier league and three teams competing in the recreational league. Newcomers to volleyball are welcome to come along on a Monday evening and we can fit you into one of the teams.

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**BISHOPSHIRE** – President Jeanette McLennan welcomed members back after the summer break. Our speaker, who gave a very informative talk, was Paul Gowans from The Sandpiper Trust, the charity being supported by SWI in our Centenary Year.

Slice of Quiche	Janette Gardiner
Mini First Aid Kit	Janette Gardiner
Flower of the Month	Marion Sutherland
Raffle Prize-winners: Sylvia Herrington, Janette Gardiner, Mary Bayne, Margaret Paton and Paul Gowans.	

**CARNBO** – President Jay Hutchison welcomed 34 members and visitors to our September meeting. Deonaid Wilson gave an informative, interesting talk on Carl Fabergé, followed by an inspirational, creative demonstration on making decorative eggs in the Fabergé style. Sheila Reid gave a vote of thanks.

Flower of the Month	June Brunton
Knitted Article	Josephine Paterson

Our annual fund-raising **Coffee Morning** with bric-a-brac, cake & candy and bottle stalls plus raffle is on **Saturday 21 October** from 10am to 12 noon in Carnbo Village Hall. Entry fee: £3 for adults, £1 for children. All welcome.

**CLEISH** – President Mrs Helen Buchanan welcomed twenty-nine members to our September meeting. After business was discussed, the members enjoyed a fun evening including a beetle drive.

Vegetarian Supper Dish	Anne Bayne
Vegetable/Fruit Animal	Jane McGee
Flower of the Month	Anne Doig

**CROOK OF DEVON** – Mrs Isobel Mechan presided over the meeting and welcomed all members after the summer recess. Gwilyn Gibbons, Chief Executive for Horsecross Arts, gave an illustrated presentation of the refurbishment of Perth Theatre. Mrs Mechan thanked Mr Gibbons for his presentation. Arrangements for the 90th Birthday celebrations were finalised.

Homemade Face Mask	K Massey
Flower of the Month	M Patterson



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**GLENFARG** – The cheerful yellow helicopters belonging to the Charity Air Ambulance organisation are now such a familiar sight attending road accidents and incidents in the more inaccessible parts of Scotland that it came as a surprise to realise just how young a charity this is and how dependent it is on the contributions of the public to keep it going. Over 1600 flights have taken place since its inception in 2013, bringing vital medical skills and relief in so many traumatic situations and its ability to whizz patients to hospital in a remarkably quick time has saved countless lives. It is a worthwhile cause to which the members were more than happy to add their contributions and many thanks to the team of volunteers who attended the first meeting of the Glenfarg SWI session to tell us about it. Liz Yull proposed the vote of thanks.

Favourite Fridge Magnet	Liz Yull
Individual Trifle	Alison Harrison
Flower of the Month	Lillias Johnson

**POWMILL** – President Sharon Buchanan welcomed members and one visitor to the first meeting of our new season. Sharon introduced Gillian Skene, who lives in Cleish. Gillian gave a talk on her journey from car sales into jewellery making, crocheting and knitting with wire and semi-precious stones to produce stunning necklaces, bracelets, earrings and brooches. Fiona Buchanan gave a well-deserved vote of thanks. Tea was then served, followed by the business meeting.

Jar of Raspberry Jam	Elsie Johnston
Favourite Piece of Jewellery	Ella Shand
Garden Gem	Mary Wilson

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# Out & About



## Loch Leven NNR



Once again, the summer hasn't been the kindest. The water level in the loch remains high.

But this isn't a bad thing. At this time of year, Loch Leven is covered in ducks, and ducks like water! The shallows around the loch offer easy access to food for ducks that are arriving from the continent. This Autumn we've had over 5000 Teal and 8000 Tufted Ducks, plus lesser numbers of Gadwall, Widgeon, Mallard, Pochard and Coot. There have been a few scarcities, too. There's been a Black-necked Grebe with the Coot herd. Since around the middle of August, there has been a spectacular roost of Swallows and Sand Martins around the loch. They had been roosting in the reeds or the long grass. It's not just water birds that Loch Leven is important for. With insects in plentiful supply, there is lots for them to feed on before heading back to Africa for the winter.

I saw my last Osprey of the year on 13 September. Quite fittingly, on the 14th I heard the unmistakable sound of the first Pink-footed Geese returning from Iceland. These birds dropped on St Serf's. The numbers grew into the weekend. By then, there were a few thousand present.

On **Sunday 15 October**, there will be the annual early morning **Goosewatch** at the Kirkgate Park watchtower with me from 6.45am until 8.30am. Please phone the office on 01577 864439 to book onto the Goosewatch.

We've had the pleasure of a young rural skills apprentice, Owen Maxwell, working with us for a one-month placement. Owen has been helping us with removing trees from the fence lines, grass cutting and other estate work. His goal is to become a tree surgeon. We wish him well as he starts as a trainee tree surgeon with Fife Council.

For folk wishing to paddle on Loch Leven, please refer to our guidance, which can be found on the Scotland's NNR page and the Scottish Canoe Association website.

The volunteers have been busy. We're well into cutting season and by the time this is published we will hopefully be finished our cutting and bailing of the meadows and cutting the path edges. Perth and Kinross Council kindly lent us a flail that does a very neat and tidy edge to the path. They also sent down a chap to show us how the machine works.

We'll be back out in the next couple of weeks getting rid of dangerous trees around the trail. Keep an eye out for the notices. Hopefully we'll cause as little disruption as possible. The trees are turning now. Please go out and enjoy the autumn colours.

Jeremy Squire, Reserve Officer

## RSPB Loch Leven

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It's been a busy time on the reserve in the last month or so. August and September are full-on out on the wetland as we try and prepare the reserve for the birds that will breed here next spring. Each year we get out and cut back vegetation from key areas which are favoured by nesting Lapwing and other waders. It's a big task which hasn't been helped by the regular downpours. Aren't Scottish summers great?! It might seem a bit early to get started but we have a narrow window between the end of the breeding season and the amazing spectacle of the Pink-footed Geese returning for the winter. Once the large flocks make an appearance, we minimise our work on the wetland so we don't disturb the roosting and feeding flocks.

September produced some great sightings out on the reserve, with eight Ospreys seen in one day on their southerly migration. Loch Leven is a great refuelling point for these magnificent birds and we often see them sitting on the fence-posts, eating their recent catch. Right now, a couple of Little Egrets are feeding on the flood, making good use of the shallow, muddy pools, while wildfowl numbers continue to build on the loch. It's feeling very autumnal today and there have been small groups of pinkies arriving out on St Serf's island. Next, it'll be the Whooper swans with their distinctive honking call. Without a doubt, winter's coming!

You can always pop in to the reserve to catch some amazing wildlife views and we also have some events on this month you may be interested in coming along to:

**Sunday 8 October** is another of our popular **Birdwatching for Beginners** walks. Come along from 10am until 2pm and get some tips and advice on what to look out for and how to feel confident in your bird ID skills.

During the school holidays, we're hosting the **Woodland Warriors Holiday Club**. From **16 to 20 October**, 10am – 3.30pm each day, kids can join the team in the woods and learn the art of forest survival. Come along for just a day or the whole week.

If you fancy an early start, then we've got just the event for you. We're running two **Dawn Goose Watches** to get some great views of the pinkies lifting off from the loch early in the morning. **Wednesday 25 October**, 6.45 – 8.45am and **Saturday 4 November**, 6.15 – 8.30am, we'll head out to watch the geese then head to the café for a hot drink and some breakfast – a perfect start to the day. All of our events can be booked online through [rspblochleven.eventbrite.com](http://rspblochleven.eventbrite.com).

We will also be displaying stories and memories which have been shared with us along with photos from the archives for our **50th birthday**. We have been gifted a beautiful carved wooden bowl and sketchbook of fifty paintings of the reserve and the wildlife found here, which have been lovingly created by the members of Kinross and District Art Club. The exhibition will be on display **through October** in the run up to our big birthday party on **Sunday 29 October**.

Vicky Turnbull

Tayside Reserves Warden

See also special article on page 11.

## Weather August Weather Report from Kinross



Total rainfall	113.6mm = 4.54ins
Heaviest rainfall	21.2mm (25th)
Total sunshine for the month	150 hours
Sunniest day	10.1 hours (16th)
Maximum temperature average	17.68°C
Highest temperature	20.6°C (17th & 23rd)
Minimum temperature average	4.43°C
Lowest temperature	-1.4°C (30th)





## Hefted sheep

Hefted sheep. Is this a concept you have heard of? I've been lucky to have been in the west of Scotland quite a lot over the last month and when I have admired the stunning views of the heather hills, beautiful lochs and spectacular sunsets, I'm always looking to see if I can see a few sheep. When I spot them, which isn't too often, I know they will be from a hefted flock. Hefted is not a breed such as a Blackface or a Mule or Texel, nor a definition of age such as a ewe lamb, gimmer or cast ewe, but a description of a way of life for a flock that has been bred into the sheep over countless generations. A hefted flock stays on the hill on which they were born and don't wander from this area despite there being no physical boundary between themselves and the neighbouring flock. We met a chap on Sunday morning in the Morven Peninsula. He was fixing a broken bearing on a baler at the side of the road. We got chatting and he told us he used to shepherd 2,000 Blackface ewes on the local estate. The flock was bred on the hills and grazed over 14,000 acres that run along the side of Loch Linnhe. When he gathered them at the key times such as clipping, dipping and spaying time to wean the lambs, there would only ever be a handful missing. Despite no fences or dykes between the estates on either side, there would only be seven or eight wayward ewes that had wandered off onto the next hill. The shepherd obviously

retuned the escapees to the hill and also made sure that next generation of ewe lambs stay with their mums during the first winter so that they learn the natural borders for themselves. It's a very special system. It's not unique to our Scottish hills; sheep in the Lake District also live this way, as they do in other mountainous parts of the world. This very extensive type of farming may not be highly productive, but the lambs are reared naturally and are often finished on lowland grass. The meat from a hill lamb is very tender and full of flavour, but hill sheep farming is in decline, hence the reason I didn't see too many sheep when walking the West Highland Way in early September. The trend is widespread and caused by a change in the way that hill farms are supported. Sadly, the hefted flock that the tractor driver looked after was sold a few years ago and he was made redundant. At about the same time, another flock of 2000 ewes was dispersed from further down the road and last year a further flock of 1200 ewes was sold from the glen, leaving the hills bare of the hefted flocks that had grazed them for centuries. Buying Scottish Lamb is the only way to support hill farmers; pick up a Scotch lamb pack from the supermarket shelf or buy it from our butchers or farm shops. I love the hills and I love lamb; buying Scottish lamb will help us keep them together.

Fiona

## Gardens Open in October

There are several lovely gardens still open (by request) in the area under Scotland's Gardens. Enjoy autumn sunshine and spectacular colours in tranquil surroundings.



**Hollytree Lodge**, Muckhart, Dollar FK14 7JW, Liz & Peter Wyatt. T: 0797 337 4687. E: elizwyatt@aol.com

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For further details about these gardens, and others open elsewhere, visit [www.scotlandsgardens.org](http://www.scotlandsgardens.org)

## Hill of Tarvit Plant Sale and Autumn Fair

**Sunday 1 October**

10.30am – 3pm

Admission: £2.50 Children U 16 free

This long-established plant sale is a fantastic opportunity to purchase bare root and potted plants from an enormous selection on offer. NTS also welcome donation of plants prior to the sale and on the day! Bring and buy!

Hill of Tarvit mansion house can also be visited on the day at a reduced entry fee and Garden Tea Room is open 11am-4pm.

National Trust for Scotland for Scotland's Gardens Scheme.

Hill of Tarvit is two miles south of Cupar off A916.

## Hall Bookings

A list of halls and contact details can be found at [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)

## 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 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 (Pier Road, KY13 8UF) where there is parking and a Historic Scotland shop and ticket office. The boat is not equipped to carry passengers in wheelchairs. Dogs are not allowed.

Due to limited capacity it is recommended that all visits are booked in advance. This can be done online at [www.historicenvironment.scot](http://www.historicenvironment.scot) or via the local ticket office. Phone 01577 862670 for further information. Access times for 2017:

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Rev Margaret Michie Tel: (01592) 840602  
Session Clerk: Jaffrey Weir Tel: (01577) 865780

Events listed below are in the church unless indicated otherwise.

### Regular Services and Events

**Sundays:** 10.30am: Morning Service with Crèche. Junior Church (age 3 to P7) and 'Jam Pact' (Secondary Age) meet at church centre from 10.15am, finish at church.

7.30pm: 'Crossfire' (S1 upwards) in church centre.

**Tuesdays:** 10am: Pram Service (during term time).

**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', church centre.  
Coffee, cakes and book sale.

### Other Events and Services

#### October

**Sun 1** Morning Service, followed by informal Communion.

**Mon 2** 8am: Silent Meditation.

**Tue 3** 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.  
4pm: Service at The Sycamores.

**Thu 5** 7.30pm: Thursday Group: 'Scottish Bank Notes', church centre.

**Tue 10** 7.15pm: Guild – Hymns on the theme of Love, church centre.

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

**Thu 19** 9 pm: late evening service of Compline.

**Tue 24** 7.15pm: Guild – Dundee's new Victoria and Albert Museum, church centre.

**Sun 29** 2.30 - 3.30pm: **Puppet Show** by Falkirk's Peoples Church: Telling the Gospel in an entertaining way which appeals to all age. Entry by Donation, with 50% of proceeds to the KPC group 'All Friends Together'.

**Tue 31** 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.

## Cleish Parish Church Church of Scotland

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Please visit our website: [www.cleishchurch.org](http://www.cleishchurch.org)



**Sunday Services** 11.15am

### October

**Sun 1** 11.15am Morning Worship and **Junior Church** followed by refreshments in the Village Hall served by Guild members in aid of Guild funds. Traidcraft Stall.

**Mon 2** **3.15pm Cleish Messy Church in the village hall. Open to all children and their carers.**

**Sun 8** 11.15am Morning Worship. \*

**'Crossreach' Week: 8 - 13 October.**

**Sun 15** 11.15am Morning Worship. \*

**Sun 22** 11.15am Morning Worship. \*

**Sun 29** 7.15pm Harvest Festival followed by Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall.

**Mon 30** **2pm Guild fund-raising afternoon tea. Speaker: David Munro. Topic: 'Braes of Benarty'.**

\* Please note that refreshments will be served in the Young Room after Morning Worship.

All welcome

## St James' R C Church

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### Regular Services

Monday	7pm	Mass followed by Confessions
Tuesday		NO MASS
Wednesday	10am	Mass followed by Morning Prayer
Thursday	10am	Mass followed by Morning Prayer
Friday	10am	Mass followed by Morning Prayer
Saturday	10-10.30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
Saturday	7pm	Mass (teas/coffees after Mass in church hall)
Sunday	9.30am	Mass (teas/coffees after Mass in church hall)

**Confessions** also on request.

**Prayer Group** meets on a Monday, 8pm-10pm in the church hall and is open to all.

**Children's Catechism class** meets every Monday during term time, 3.45pm-4.30pm in the church hall.

**R.C.I.A.** for those wishing to join the Church, every Wednesday in the church hall, 7pm-8pm.

**The Ladies' Group** meets in the hall on the first Thursday of the month at 7pm.

The weekly newsletter, Mass times, news and updates or changes can be found on our website.

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## Fossoway, St Serf's & Devonside Church

Church of Scotland (Charity number SC013157)

Church Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross-shire, KY13 0UY

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Our church is a very warm and welcoming place situated in the Crook of Devon, a small village about 6 miles from Kinross. Come and join us, we would love to meet you.

**Sunday Services** at 9.45am. All are welcome.

### October

- Sun 1** 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.  
9.45am Morning Worship, followed by Refreshments and Traidcraft Stall.  
3pm Celebration of Holy Communion.
- Sun 8** 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.  
9.45am Morning Worship.
- Sun 15** 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.  
9.45am Morning Worship.
- Sun 22** 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.  
9.45am Morning Worship, Harvest Thanksgiving.
- Thu 26** 7pm Highland Harvest Supper.
- Sun 29** 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.  
9.45am Morning Worship.
- Tue 31** 2pm Fossoway Church Women's Group. Speaker: Richard Crighton, 'Where's the Bus Driver'.

### Café Refresh

Every Thursday in the Church Hall, 2 - 4pm. Join us for a friendly blether with scrummy home baking, teas and coffees. *All are welcome.*

### House Group

Wednesday evenings 7pm. Please contact Debbie Hill for further details, 01577 842268.

### Parents/Carers and Toddlers Group

There will be no meeting in October.

### Film Evening

Friday 6 October, 7.30pm - 9.30pm in the Church Hall. *Please join us for the film, a cuppa and a blether and even some popcorn.*

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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 and everyone is particularly invited to stay together during our monthly 'Whole Church' services (usually 3rd Sundays).

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.

(1st Mondays) 10am Pastoral Care group (Side chapel).

### Tuesdays

11am Informal Holy Communion (Side Chapel).

### Thursdays

10.30am Thursday morning Discussion Group. *This is usually in the Meeting Room unless otherwise advertised.*

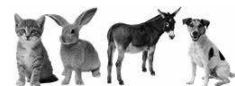
3.30pm - 4.30pm Rector's Hour (Church Office).

### October Services and Events - all welcome

- Sun 1** 11am **HARVEST FESTIVAL.**  
3pm **ST FRANCISTIDE PET SERVICE**



*All creatures invited to bring along any (relatively) peace-loving owners..*



- Sun 8** **Pentecost 18 (Proper 27)**

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

- Sun 15** **ST LUKESTIDE**

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am *Whole Church* Sung Eucharist with Prayers for Healing and Laying on of Hands.

- Sun 22** **Pentecost 20 (Proper 29)**

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

- Sun 29** **ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY**

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

5.30pm Meditative service to remember our dearly departed.

*See also page 70 for news from St Paul's.*

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## Churches Together

### Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

Church of Scotland (Charity number SC015523)

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#### Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:

10am Portmoak Church,

11.30am Orwell Church.

All children welcome. Crèche available during 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.

**Messy Church:** Saturday 28 October in Orwell Hall, 4 - 6pm.

**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

- 1 Oct** Joint service in Orwell Church at 10.30am.  
No service at Portmoak Church.
- 3 Oct** Guild Meeting at 7pm in Orwell Hall. Anne Hoggan will talk on Dr Graham's Homes in Kalimpong, India.
- 17 Oct** Guild meeting at 7pm in Orwell Hall.  
Jo Middlemiss will talk about the Pilgrims' Way.
- 24 Oct** Guild Autumn Tea in Orwell Hall from 2 - 4pm.
- 27 Oct** Oasis Ladies' Group meets in Portmoak New Room at 10.15am - Card Creations with Norma Smith.

Everyone welcome

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### Kinross Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross

Website: [www.kinrossgospelhall.info](http://www.kinrossgospelhall.info)

- Sunday 10.30am Breaking of Bread
- 12.30pm Sunday School
- 4.00pm Gospel Meeting (1st & 3rd Sundays of the month, Friends and Neighbours Tea)
- Monday 7.30pm Prayer Meeting
- 8.15pm Bible Study
- Thursday 9.30am Toddlers Group (Montgomery Toddlers)

### Kinross Christian Fellowship

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

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

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

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

Contact Peter on 01577 863509, for further information.

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

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# Playgroups and Toddlers

## Milnathort Babies & Toddlers

**Orwell Church Hall, Milnathort**

**Friday 9.30am-11.15am**

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

**PLACES NOW AVAILABLE!**



To join in the fun  
call 07745 804539  
Email [milnathortbt@gmail.com](mailto:milnathortbt@gmail.com)  
Or find us on Facebook



## SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

21-23 Swansacre, Kinross  
Kinross-shire Playgroup Association  
Aka Swansacre Playgroup  
Reg Scottish Charity No SC017748



**Tel: 01577 862071 Mobile: 07592 392235**

*We provide a warm, friendly and stimulating environment in which children can learn and develop through play.*

**Playgroup:** Children from age 2 years welcome.

Tue to Fri 9.05am - 11.50am

**Inbetweeners:** Mon 9.05 - 11.50am, optional Lunch Club afterwards. Children from the age of 3 years welcome.

**Rising Fives:** Tues & Wed 12.55pm - 3.10pm, optional Lunch Club beforehand. Complementary to preschool Nursery.

**For availability or more information, please contact:**

Lisa 07736 642070, [enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com](mailto:enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com)  
or Playgroup on telephone numbers above.

**Baby and Toddler Group – Thurs 12.45 - 2.45pm**

Unfortunately this group is not on at present as there is no one to run it. Should anyone wish to volunteer to start the group up again, please contact Swansacre Playgroup.

The premises are available to hire for Private Functions. For more information, please contact Louise on 07926 600 0657 or the Playgroup on 07592 392235.

## GLENFARG BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We meet in the newly refurbished village hall, Greenbank Road, Glenfarg on Wednesdays, 9.30-11.30am.

Healthy snack for children, coffee/tea & biscuits for carer  
Role play, jigsaws, physical toys and arts and crafts  
Friendly support for all carers  
First session free, £2 thereafter (£1 for additional children)

Contact Donna Smith on 07535 595430 or just come along!

## LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

**Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross**

**Session times (term time only)**

Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.15, Fridays 9.30 - 11.15

Contact Debbie Kennedy 07545 339494,  
[debileighs@hotmail.com](mailto:debileighs@hotmail.com)

All Mothers, Fathers, and Carers are welcome to attend, with children aged birth to 5 years if accompanied by a younger sibling who shall be 3 years old or younger.

## FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

**Glenbank Cottage, Powmill**

Partner-provider for P&K Education



Places available for 3-5-year-olds and Rising Fives  
Sessions 9.30am - 12.45pm Monday - Thursday,  
9.30am - 12.30pm Fridays

Contact Pat Irvine 07703 177766 or  
[www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross](http://www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross)

## 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](mailto: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

## Private Nurseries and Childcare

For private nurseries and childcare services, please see advertisements throughout the Newsletter.

To inform the Newsletter of any changes to Playgroup information, please send an email to: [editor@kinrossnewsletter.org](mailto:editor@kinrossnewsletter.org)

# Notices



## Orwell 70 Plus 'Nostalgia Evening' Saturday 30 September 7pm in Milnathort Town Hall



Young or old, come along to this fantastically informative evening all about the history of Milnathort. Whether you've lived here all your life, or have recently moved to the area, come and join us.

Lots of old photographs, interesting history, and funny stories. An evening not to be missed!

Wine bar & refreshments available.

### **A bit about us...**

Orwell 70 plus (formally Orwell Old Folks' Association) has been operating since 1958, organising events for older people living in the parish of Orwell. In recent years, this has meant arranging a heavily subsidised bus trip in the summer, and a free Christmas lunch in Milnathort Town Hall, with entertainment and a pressie from Santa. We need approximately £1000 a year to cover these events, hence our need to fundraise!

Come to our Nostalgia Evening, enjoy a cup of tea/coffee or treat yourself to a glass of wine from the bar, it is Saturday night after all!

Show your support for our older generation, please give generously, and have a wonderful evening of nostalgia!

Susan Britton, Chairperson

*If you are an older person living in Orwell parish, or you know of someone who is, please let us know. We are anxious to ensure that everyone who would like to join in our festive celebration and summer outing is given the opportunity to do so.*

Call Susan on 01577 863385 or 07737 461 293.

## Perth & Kinross Council

In October, Perth & Kinross Council will hold its meeting of

### **FULL COUNCIL**

**IN KINROSS**

**Wednesday 4 October**

at 2pm in Loch Leven Community Campus

Members of the public are welcome to attend. Come and see your democratically elected local government in action!

## 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.

<b>5 Oct</b>	<b>Scottish Bank Notes</b>	Dr Martin Hepburn
<b>2 Nov</b>	<b>Uganda presentation</b>	Belinda McDonald
<b>7 Dec</b>	<b>Christmas Meal</b>	

## KINROSS HUB THE CARERS CAFE

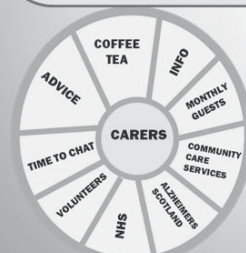
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October  
Vision PK  
(Jill Sutherland)**

**COMMENCING 10.15am PROMPT**

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



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



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



## Glenfarg Village Folk Club

*The club meets at "Backstage at the Green",  
Green Hotel, Kinross, on Mondays*

*Doors open 7.30pm Music starts 8pm*

**Entry: Members £6, Non-members £9 except where otherwise shown.**

**For more info, see: [www.glenfargfolkclub.com](http://www.glenfargfolkclub.com)**

**2 Oct: Singaround.** As we approach the "tattie holidays," let's have farmyard/ countryside activities as our theme for this week; try and keep it clean, folks! All £2.

**9 Oct: TMSA Young Trad 2016 Finalists.** Eight of Scotland's finest young musicians will entertain on fiddle, accordion and vocals with a mix of their own compositions and a fresh take on traditional tunes. Members £8, non-members £10.

**16 Oct: Bob Wood.** Whether singing his own original compositions or performing covers, his vocal abilities and guitar brilliance shine through.

**23 Oct: Singaround.** 2017 is the Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology, so let's have anything "old" as our theme tonight. All £2.

**30 Oct: James Keelaghan with Hugh McMillan:** James is a remarkable Canadian singer, songwriter guitarist and story teller. Who can forget such songs as "Cold Missouri Waters"? He will be accompanied on this occasion by Hugh, in his own right a producer, arranger and outstanding musician. Another fantastic night in store. Don't miss this one.

## Scottish Country Dancing

This has started again in  
Milnathort Town Hall

on **Wednesday evenings** at 7.30pm

Old and new members welcome

For more information, please ring Cathie on 01577 861103





## Business Breakfasts

### Open to all Kinross-shire Businesses

Kinross-shire Partnership will be hosting more Business Breakfasts at Loch Leven's Larder as the 2017/18 season gets underway this autumn. Please do come along; everyone is welcome whatever size your business. It is a great opportunity for local businesses to meet each other.

The Breakfasts for the remainder of 2017 will take place from 7.30am to 9am on:

**Wednesday 4 October**  
**Wednesday 1 November**  
**Wednesday 6 December**

The aim is to allow local businesses of all sizes to network and to share business goals. Everyone will have the opportunity to introduce their business. Please bring your business cards and any brochures you wish to display. As well as the chance to network, each event will include a speaker who will give a brief talk about a topic of interest to local businesses.

The cost for listening to an interesting speaker, networking and enjoying a full Scottish breakfast, in beautiful surroundings, is £15 per person or £10 for those who have joined the Partnership membership scheme. This price includes the cost of the breakfast, administrative costs and a small contribution to the Kinross-shire Partnership. In response to feedback, you can now choose whether to pay on-line in advance or by cash on the day - further details will be given when you book your place.

To book your place at one or more of the Breakfasts, please email Karen Grunwell, at [mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk](mailto:mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk)

You can see more information about the work of Kinross-shire Partnership at:

[www.kinrosspartnership.org.uk](http://www.kinrosspartnership.org.uk)    [www.facebook.com/visitlochleven](http://www.facebook.com/visitlochleven)  
[www.visitlochleven.org](http://www.visitlochleven.org)    [www.twitter.com/VisitLochLeven](http://www.twitter.com/VisitLochLeven)

## Perth & Kinross Council Community Street Audit

We are holding a Community Street Audit of Kinross and Milnathort on **Thursday 12 October**, starting at 10am.

We want to understand what works and what doesn't for pedestrians of all ages and abilities walking in the town centre. We are especially keen to work with you to understand how access for those with mobility and sensory impairments can be improved.

If you'd like to participate, please get in touch with Cllr Richard Watters for further information and to book a place:

Email: [RWatters@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:RWatters@pkc.gov.uk)  
 Telephone: 07557 812513

If you can't make the day but would like to comment on something that affects you, please get in touch and share your experience using the same contact details.

## Kinross Floral Art Club

meets in Kinross Parish Church  
 7.15pm start

**Thursday 26 October**

Mr John McDonald "A Floral Journey"  
 All welcome

## Community Website

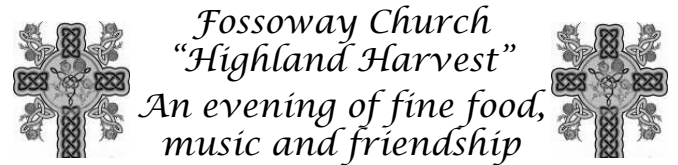
For contact details of community groups, hall bookings, job vacancies, leisure and visitor information and much more, visit [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)

## Kinross-shire Historical Society

Meetings are held at Kinross Parish Church, Station Road, Kinross, at 7.30pm. Membership entitles free entry to all six talks of the season. Membership: Adults £6; Senior £5; U18 free. Visitors: £2 per talk.

### Programme for 2017-18

- 16 Oct** *Rambling On.* Willie Shand. The story of a journey from the Mull of Galloway to Wick.
- 20 Nov** *Macbeth.* Dr Fiona Watson MA PhD. A romp through the life and times of Scotland's most notorious king.
- 11 Dec** *Martin and Birrell.* Prof David Munro MBE. The story of two local 19th century land surveyors.
- 15 Jan** *Town Twinning: its Birth, Early Years and Maturity.* David Munro. Rekindling of 'The Auld Alliance' including culture, heritage and school exchanges.
- 19 Feb** *My Faither built the Sydney Brig.* Bill Glennie. The story of the Scots who helped to build the Sydney Harbour Bridge.
- 19 Mar** *Lethangie House.* Claire Paton. The family home of the Paton family since 1848.



**Thursday 26 October** at 7 pm  
 in The Elizabeth Wilkie Hall

Haggis, Neaps and Tatties, Fossoway Mess, Scottish  
 Cheddar & Oatcakes, tea & coffee, BYOB



Tickets: £10

From Janet Harper/ Isabel Mehan  
 Scottish Charity No SCO13157

## Fossoway and District Horticultural Society Annual General Meeting

7.30pm on

**Thursday 26 October**

at The Inn, Crook of Devon  
 All very welcome

## Light Up Kinross

Fundraiser for Christmas light display

## Family Fancy Dress Halloween Disco

Masonic Hall, Kinross, 7.30pm – 10.30pm

**Friday 27 October**

Tickets: Adult £5, Child £4, Family ticket for four £16  
 Includes competition for fancy dress (under 7s and over 7s, including adults) and party games

To register, call in to Macbeth Currie and ask for Margaret  
 Tickets also on sale at door on the evening

## End of British Summer Time

Clocks go back one hour at 2am on  
**Sunday 29 October**



## DanceSing

Do you like to enjoy yourself?

**Tuesday 10 October**

1.30 - 3.30pm

**Loch Leven Community Campus**

The Muirs, KY13 8FQ, Kinross

**We would love to see you!**

**Come along** have a **Dance** or **Sing along** to some great music or just enjoy being there?

**Fun Entertainment**

**Tea, coffee, home baking, Free Raffle**

**Free Admission**

If you have transport difficulties but would like to come we may be able to help. Please call 01577 862685 to discuss options.

Organised by Kinross Health and Wellbeing sub group, Kinross-shire Community Learning and Development Group. For further information please contact: Stephanie Cameron - Community Engagement Worker. Tel: 01738 452234 / 07497943125 or Email: [stephanie.cameron@pkavs.org.uk](mailto:stephanie.cameron@pkavs.org.uk)

## The Gaelic Society of Perth

After a wonderful ceilidh in September, the society will hold their October Ceilidh at **St Matthew's Church Hall, Tay St., Perth** on **Friday 27 October** at 7.30pm. The programme is slightly different this month as the first half will be a talk from Alistair MacNeil entitled 'Wireless in My Life' and in the second half Janet MacSween will sing while Joyce Ramsay will play the accordion and there will be a piper from Perth and District Pipe Band. Admission is £5 for Members and £6 for Non-Members – for an evening's entertainment plus refreshments!

Further information can be obtained from the Secretary on 01577 864589, on our website [gaelicsocietyofperth.com](http://gaelicsocietyofperth.com) or like us on Facebook - we are **Gaelic Society of Perth**.

## Bus outing

### Crafts for Christmas

### and Stitching, Sewing & Hobbyscrafts

SECC Glasgow

**Sunday 29 October**

Bus and entrance: Adults £18.60, Seniors £17.60 if booked before Monday 16 October.

For times and pickup points etc, contact Mrs C Rodger on 01577 863785

## Puppet Show

Kinross Parish Church

**Sunday 29 October**

at 2.30pm

The Gospel story in an entertaining hour-long show for all ages by Falkirk's Peoples Church. Entry by donation.

*See also page 21*

## Hedges/Bushes/Trees Causing Obstruction

Property owners are reminded that it is their responsibility to cut back hedges, branches, bushes etc to ensure that pavements and public footpaths are not obstructed.

Property owners may be liable if injury is caused to others and may be charged costs if Perth & Kinross Council is forced to take action.

## Music in Dollar

**Season 2017-18**

All concerts are at the Gibson Hall, Dollar Academy, Dollar.

Concerts cost £10 for non-members (Tasmin Little concert £15).

Children under 18 free of charge.

More information from: [www.MusicInDollar.org.uk](http://www.MusicInDollar.org.uk)

**Sat 14 Oct** 7.30pm. **Tasmin Little**, artiste of international standing. Tasmin is performing her project 'The Naked Violin,' aimed at breaking down barriers to classical music. Demand for tickets is expected to be high; reservation recommended. See website for details.

**Sun 12 Nov** 3.00pm. **Joy Dunlop Group**. Joy is a Gaelic singer from Argyll who has performed around the world, showcasing Gaelic music and song in a contemporary way that always remains true to its roots. Joy will perform songs in both Scottish Gaelic and English, in addition to exhilarating dance/music collaborations.

**Sat 10 Feb** 7.30pm. **Daniel Lehardt, pianist**. At the age of 22 Daniel Lehardt won 1st Prize at the 2014 Young Concert Artists auditions in Paris and New York. Born in Hungary, Daniel studied at the Franz Liszt Academy in Budapest and at the Royal Academy of Music. BEETHOVEN: Sonata in D minor Op 32 No 2 'Tempest Sonata.' LISZT: Après une lecture du Dante - Fantasia quasi sonata, S161/7. RAVEL: Gaspard de la nuit LISZT: Mephisto-Walzer no. 2, S515.

**Sat 10 Mar** 7.30pm. **Kosmos Ensemble**. Prepare to be intoxicated by entrancing dance rhythms, soulful improvisation and gypsy passion delivered with inimitable panache and virtuoso technique. Kosmos Ensemble are Harriet MacKenzie (violin), Meg Hamilton (viola), Milos Milivojevic (accordion).

## The Tullibole Trail: BeWITCHED

**Friday 27, Saturday 28, Sunday 29 October**

An illuminated night-time trail walk around Tullibole Castle grounds, through the woods, past the graveyard and into the witches maze.

With 14 different experience zones, the one-kilometre Tullibole Trail BeWitched is a feast for ALL the senses.

Sight is the lights. Hearing is the music from films we all know and love. And Taste is the food provided by the Rotary Club of Kinross & District which includes the Marshmallow Roasting and hot drinks. However, some of the experience zones also involve Smell and Touch, which we are not telling for now.

This year we have created seven incredible individual sound installations, each with a different musical accompaniment.

Old favourites from last year will be back, including Shadow Fun on the castle wall, the Winter Tree by the moat and the Dragon in the Doo'cot. Also, the trail will be longer than last year and there will be a lot more lights and atmospheric.

With selfie stops throughout, be sure to dress up and enter our Hallowe'en competition for the best-dressed family! The Tullibole Trail photo competition will return this year with prizes for Best Atmospheric Photo and Best Selfie.

There will be glow sticks and other Halloween things for sale. Ticket types available range from a car with one person at £12 to a people carrier with seven at £49. Tickets can be bought for arriving in half-hour time slots, so to get the best time for your family, it is best to order now.

Rotary charity funds raised at this event will be split between local charities and re-invested into the event.

**[www.thetulliboletrail.com](http://www.thetulliboletrail.com)**



## Kinross Guides

Looking for somewhere to go on a Tuesday evening from 7.30pm until 9pm? Look no further. Kinross Guides have places available for girls between the ages of 10 and 14. Come along to Millbridge Hall on a Tuesday evening and give us a try.

For further information or notes of interest, contact M Scott on mbs21@btinternet.com or telephone 01577 862945.

## Skeins and Bobbins

Our Winter Term class dates are:

Tuesdays: 31 Oct, 7 Nov, 14 Nov, 28 Nov, 5 Dec, 12 Dec.

Thursdays: 2 Nov, 9 Nov, 16 Nov, 30 Nov, 7 Dec, 14 Dec.

Fridays: 3 Nov, 10 Nov, 17 Nov, 1 Dec, 8 Dec, 15 Dec.

Break week beginning 20 November.

We have a few spaces available.

## Ceilidh in support of Tearfund

**Friday 17 November**

in Milnathort Town Hall

at 7.30pm

Music by Glenfarg Scottish Dance Band

BYOB. Tickets £10.

For tickets, email mikekinross@gmail.com

or phone 07923 589957

## Dollar Museum

Dollar Museum's new exhibition for 2017 is a tribute to Adam Robson, Man of Many Parts. Adam was a much-loved local man who died 10 years ago. Visitors will see a large collection of his work in oils, watercolour and other media, including designs for stained glass. Adam was a rugby internationalist who was capped 22 times for Scotland and was President of the Scottish Rugby Union when Scotland won the Grand Slam in 1984. Also featured are his many other achievements as teacher, writer and poet and his links with Shetland and the Borders.

There are also displays on the History of Dollar, Castle Campbell, Dollar Academy, the Devon Valley Railway from Alloa to Kinross, the Japanese Garden at Cowden and Prehistoric items excavated in the local area. Children will enjoy Granny's Kitchen and the Children's Corner where they can colour in or do the quiz. New this year is a handling collection of Victorian children's clothes and toys. 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.

The Museum is open at weekends from Easter to Christmas: Opening times are 11am-1pm and 2pm-4.30pm on Saturdays and 2pm-4.30pm on Sundays. The Museum will also open on request at other times for visiting groups and researchers – contact dollarmuseum@btconnect.com

## Images of Kinross-shire

Photographs can be downloaded free of charge from the [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)

## Photo Library

Subjects include Historic Kinross-shire, Loch Leven, Fauna and Flora, Countryside, Villages, Local Projects and Events.

## 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, 1pm-3pm.

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 or anyone who wishes can just pop in.

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: [enquiries.positivechoices@gmail.com](mailto:enquiries.positivechoices@gmail.com)

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Empowering Lives, Improving Health

## Ceilidh Dancing

From 2pm till 3pm **every Monday** in the Guide Hall, Milnathort. You don't need a partner and it is all very informal and great fun. Just come along – the more the merrier. No age limit. All proceeds go to the Scouts and Guides.

And a **Ceilidh** now takes place in the Town Hall, Milnathort, **once a month on a Sunday**. These ceilidhs run from 2pm until 5pm with a break at 3pm for tea and biscuits. Cost: £5. There will be a different band every month and all money left over after paying the band and the hall will go to charity.

**Heaven Scent** have agreed to stay open later on these dates and to serve stovies afterwards (not included in price of entry.)

Month	Date	Band	Charity
October	15th	Alan Small	
November	26th	Ewan Galloway	
December	17th	Lorna Mair	

Call Vi Todd for more details: 01577 863244. I have earmarked the charities up until April but would be open to suggestions for the others so if anyone has a good cause in mind, feel free to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you. – Vi Todd.

## Kinross Recycling Centre

Bridgend Industrial Estate

Opening Times: **Mondays to Fridays** 9am to 7pm  
**Saturdays and Sundays** 9am to 5pm

Bras, 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.

Bikes and bike parts will be recycled. (See separate Bike Station notice.)

Collection point for Perth College WEEE project: IT equipment will be refurbished and sold on at an affordable price or recycled for parts. Items accepted include: desktop computers, laptops, mobile phones (without the sim card), tablets, keyboards, mouse controls, cables, DVD players, video players, portable music players, games consoles, new or empty printer cartridges, projectors and flat screen working monitors. The project cannot accept Cathode Ray Tube or broken monitors.

Compost can be collected from the Recycling Centre, subject to availability. Maximum of 2 x 25kg bags per visitor.

## Notices

### Kinross Recovery and Conversation Café

This weekly group is for anyone with an interest in improving their wellbeing and needing support on their recovery journey from addiction or substance misuse. The Café aims to get people speaking about recovery and wellbeing in all its many forms and provides the opportunity to:

- share ideas, information and resources
- explore support networks and ways of moving forward
- breakdown isolation
- improve health and wellbeing

The Café takes place **every Tuesday**, 1pm-3pm, at Millbridge Hall, Kinross. Drop in and have a cuppa and a chat.

For more information, contact:

Shona Fowler: 07896 280843, shonafowler@nhs.net

Richard Lister: 07885 971298, richard.lister@cairscotland.org.uk



Supported and funded by Broke Not Broken, a local charity tackling the effects of poverty.

### Broke Not Broken

Drop off donations at:

**Sainsbury's, Kinross  
Glenfarg Village Shop**



Open to clients:

**Every Tuesday and Thursday, 10am – 2pm**

The Beacon, St Paul's Church, Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AU

Contact: Tel: 07709 107640

Email: admin@brokenotbroken.org



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### Grants for good causes

**Kinross Community Council  
Newsletter Limited (KCCNL)  
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All profits from the Kinross Newsletter are transferred to a charitable company, KCCNL, and given away to local good causes. Groups and individuals are invited to apply to KCCNL for grant funding. Decisions on grants are made at two meetings per year. The deadlines for grant applications are: **30 September** and **31 March**.

More information is available on the kinross.cc website. Applications may be downloaded from the website or obtained from the Applications Administrator, Barry Davies, tel 01577 865004 or email barrydavies57@btinternet.com

### 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

More deadlines for the months ahead can be found on our website.

In very rare circumstances it may be necessary to change a deadline at short notice. Check Newsletter website for latest information: [www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org)

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
November	<b>Friday</b> 13 October	Saturday 28 October
December	<b>Friday</b> 17 November	Saturday 2 December

### PLUS Perth

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

Tel: 01738 626242

77 Canal Street, Perth



PLUS is a member-led local charity and social movement which gives hope and opportunity to those affected by disadvantage; in the main to those with experience of mental ill health and substance misuse.

The PLUS office is open Mon-Fri 9.30am – 4pm for mental health signposting and enquiries.

### Healing Rooms Kinross and Loch Leven

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

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

No appointment needed, but if preferred appointments can be arranged through the contact details on the website  
[www.healingrooms-scotland.org](http://www.healingrooms-scotland.org)

### 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.



### Perth Samaritans

Need to talk? We'll listen.

Contact us by

**phone** on 01738 626666 or 08457 909090

**Email** us [jo@samaritans.org](mailto: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.**

### Funding Alert!

PKC regularly produces a huge list summarising funding opportunities for the voluntary sector. The list will be posted on [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) or telephone the PKC grants helpline on 0345 60 52000.

If your organisation is seeking funds, look out for notices in the Newsletter for Kinross Community Council Newsletter Ltd Charitable Grants and the Kinross-shire Fund.

### Give a Greyhound A Home

Look on our Website

[www.greyhoundrescuefife.com](http://www.greyhoundrescuefife.com)



\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\* Forever homes needed \*\*  
\*\* for rescued Greyhounds \*\*  
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**Greyhounds are very gentle creatures  
that require very little walking!**

Please call or email for details  
Phone: 01577 850393 (evenings)  
Mob: 07826244765 (daytime)  
email us on [femiejimnyf@aol.com](mailto:femiejimnyf@aol.com)







**THE TALKING DONKEY**

Every Friday 11am – 2pm  
@ The Millbridge Hall

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

The Cafe where everything is **FREE!**

🍲 Soups 🍲  
🥪 Snacks 🥪  
☕ Hot Drinks ☕  
🥤 Cold Drinks 🥤  
🍲 Home-cooked lunches 🍲

All brought to your table by our friendly staff

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

## Multiple Sclerosis Society Scotland

Perth & Kinross Branch of the MS Society are calling anyone affected by MS to come along to The Green Hotel, Kinross on the third Tuesday of every month from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Come along for a blether, a cuppa or just to get out of the house! Family, friends and carers are welcome too. For further information, please contact the Branch on 07552 368216, perthkinross@mssociety.org.uk or check out our website [www.perth-kinross.org.uk](http://www.perth-kinross.org.uk) or find us on Facebook: MS Society Perth&Kinross Branch.



## Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers  
**Linda Freeman**  
Tel 01577 865045. Email: [linda.freeman\\_64@btinternet.com](mailto:linda.freeman_64@btinternet.com)

## Perth & Kinross School Term Dates 2017-18

Term	Start (for pupils)	End
Autumn	Tue 15 Aug 2017	Fri 6 Oct 2017
Winter	Mon 23 Oct 2017	Fri 22 Dec 2017
Spring	Mon 8 Jan 2018	Thu 29 Mar 2018
Summer	Tue 17 Apr 2018	Thu 28 Jun 2018

### Holidays and In-Service Days:

Autumn holiday:	Mon 9 Oct – Fri 20 Oct 2017
In-Service days:	Thu 16 Nov and Fri 17 Nov 2017
Christmas holiday:	Mon 25 Dec 2017 – Fri 5 Jan 2018
In-Service & occasional holidays:	Wed 14 Feb – Fri 16 Feb 2018
Spring holiday:	Fri 30 Mar – Fri 13 Apr 2018 (Easter Sunday is 1 April 2018)
In-Service day:	Mon 16 Apr 2018
May Day holiday:	Mon 7 May 2018

## 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: **10 & 24 October**

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](mailto: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](mailto:David.Ogston@Perthcab.casonline.org.uk)

## Blythswood Care collection in Perth

Blythswood Care collects second hand items to help with "Christian care for body and soul". The uplift is in Perth, at Asda on Dunkeld Road, on the following Tuesdays, from 11.30am until 1.30pm:

**3 October, 7 November, 5 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.

## Befriending Kinross



**Are you new to the Area?**  
**Would you like someone to talk to?**

**Someone to have a coffee with?**

**Help to feel less socially isolated?**

If you would like to request a befriender please contact us and we will arrange a time to meet with you to discuss the process.

[ptb.kinross@bethanyct.com](mailto:ptb.kinross@bethanyct.com)

t: 07747 018 550

## Community Councils

**Kinross:** Secy: Eileen Thomas, 01577 863714  
Email: KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

**Milnathort:** Chair: Craig Williams  
Email: MilnathortCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

**Portmoak:** Chair: Malcolm Strang Steel, 01592 840459  
Email: PortmoakCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

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

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

## Kinross Community Councillors

Margaret Blyth	6 Muir Grove	
Jonathan Bryson	4 Burnbank Meadows	
David Colliar	10 Rannoch Place	(01577) 864037
Dave Cuthbert	8 Highfield Circle	07799 750289
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
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
Andrew Muszynski		01592 840467

**Have a look at our website: [www.portmoak.org](http://www.portmoak.org)**

## Perth and Kinross Councillors Kinross-shire Ward

**Cllr 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

**Cllr CALLUM PURVES** (*Scottish Conservative & Unionist*)  
Tel (office): 01738 475092. Mobile: 07557 812570.  
Email: CPurves@pkc.gov.uk  
54 Lathro Park, Kinross, KY13 8RU

**Cllr WILLIE ROBERTSON** (*Scottish Liberal Democrats*)  
Tel (home): 01577 865178. Email: wbrobertson@pkc.gov.uk  
85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XA

**Cllr RICHARD WATTERS** (*SNP*)  
Mobile: 07557 812513.  
Email: RWatters@pkc.gov.uk  
Applegarth, Sunnypark, Kinross, KY13 8BX

## Luke Graham MP

### Member of Parliament for Ochil and South Perthshire

38 Primrose Street, Alloa, FK10 1JG

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Facebook: [www.facebook.com/Luke-Graham-for-Ochil-and-South-Perthshire-392788644215614](https://www.facebook.com/Luke-Graham-for-Ochil-and-South-Perthshire-392788644215614)

For details of surgeries, see page 21.

## Member of the Scottish Parliament for Perthshire South & Kinross-shire

### Roseanna Cunningham MSP

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**Claire Baker MSP** (Labour) Tel: 0131 348 6769

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Email: [Alexander.Stewart.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:Alexander.Stewart.msp@parliament.scot)

## Perth & Kinross Council [www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk)

**Customer Service Centre** Tel: 01738 475000  
(Mon to Fri, 8am-6pm)

**Out of Hours Emergencies** Tel: 01738 625411  
(Roads, flooding, environmental health and dangerous buildings)

**Clarence** (for non-emergency road and lighting defects) Tel: 0800 232323

**Registrar** Tel: 01577 867133

The Registrar is normally in Kinross only on Tuesdays and Fridays at the Loch Leven Community Campus

## Mobile Library Service

### Visiting on Tuesdays 10 & 24 October:

Milnathort	South Street	1215-1300
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### Visiting every Tuesday:

Glenfarg	Main Street	1130-1300
Forgandenny School		1430-1530

### Visiting on Wednesdays 4 & 18 October:

Powmill	Mill Gardens	0930-0950
Fossoway Pre-school	Powmill	0955-1020
Kinnesswood	Shop	1050-1120
Portmoak	Community Hall	1125-1140
Scotlandwell	Leslie Road	1145-1205
Hatchbank	Road	1220-1240
Cleish	Phone Box	1400-1415
Crook of Devon	Inn, Main Street	1430-1530
Carnbo	Main Road	1540-1610
Milnathort	South Road	1620-1650
Mawcar		1700-1710

For more information, see [www.pkc.gov.uk/mobilelibrary](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/mobilelibrary) or phone 01577 867205.



## FREE PVG Information Session Delivered by VSDS (Volunteer Scotland Disclosure Services)

As a follow up from our Networking session organised by the Resource Sub-group we invite Community members, clubs and organisations to find out about the **Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme (PVG)**

Loch Leven Community Campus  
The Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8FQ

**Monday 2 October 2017**  
7pm till 9pm  
Free Refreshments

### Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007

- To ensure voluntary groups and organisations are prepared and understand their requirements and obligations under the new PVG Scheme.
- To determine who within organisations should be asked to join the Scheme
- How to access disclosure applications under the new Scheme
- Understanding the new types of disclosures that will be available under the new Scheme
- Defining regulated work with children and protected adults
- Organisation's legal responsibilities for making a referral in relation to PVG

Organised by Kinross-shire Community  
Learning and Development Group (Perth and Kinross Council).



### To book your place please contact:

Tracey Ramsay  
tramsay@pkc.gov.uk 01577 867124  
Senior Community Capacity Building Worker

## 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

### PKAVS Carer Therapies

Now on the first Monday of the month (rather than Friday)  
Now at Loch Leven Community Campus (not Health Centre)  
By appointment. Tel: Annette Bond 01738 567076

## Local Volunteer Opportunities

**Broke not Broken** is a voluntary organisation working for the prevention and relief of poverty by providing support and practical assistance to individuals and families experiencing hardship. Please contact Claire Slight to find out how you can help: clare.slight@brokennotbroken.org

**Children's Hospices Across Scotland:** We are looking for kitchen volunteers. Please contact: volunteering@chas.org.uk

**Greyhound Rescue Fife** at Balfour Country Centre, Gairneybank, Kinross, need volunteers to clean the kennels and walk and feed the greyhounds. Can you help? Phone 01592 890583. Visit our website at [www.greyhoundrescuefife.com](http://www.greyhoundrescuefife.com)

**Kinross Heart Start:** Campaign to secure funds for public access defibrillators in Kinross. Contact Pamela Hunter to find out how you can volunteer on 01577 862419.

**Kinross in Bloom:** Volunteer group that provides and maintains floral displays to enhance the environment of Kinross. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Iain Todd at: iandmtodd@talktalk.net

**Kinross-shire Day Centre:** We are looking for volunteers to serve meals and help with day trips and activities, such as bingo and singing, for a lively bunch of over-aged teenagers (over 65s). If you would like to find out more, we would love to hear from you. Pop in and speak to Nan or telephone 01577 863869.

**KLEO (Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation):** If you enjoy local events on your doorstep, like the monthly Kinross Farmers' market and the winter festival events (concerts, comedy and the festive street market), please join the KLEO team! For more info about KLEO events, go to [www.kleo.org.uk](http://www.kleo.org.uk). If interested, please contact Bouwien Bennet at [info@kleo.org.uk](mailto:info@kleo.org.uk) or call 01577 863107.

**The Potager Garden** is a small community garden in Bowton Road in Kinross, KY13 8EQ. It is a registered charity run by volunteers, and a main aim is to give education to schoolchildren about plants, gardening and the environment. If you would like more information about our volunteering opportunities, please contact the Convenor, Amanda James, on 01577 840809, or [amanda@tyafon.plus.com](mailto:amanda@tyafon.plus.com)

**RSPB Scotland Loch Leven:** We need volunteer fundraisers to help support the wonderful world of nature on our doorstep. Pin badges, bucket collections, events and sponsored walks – if you'd like to join our team, please contact Lyndsay Stobie at: [Lyndsay.Stobie@rspb.org.uk](mailto:Lyndsay.Stobie@rspb.org.uk) or call 01577 862355.

**Swansacre Playgroup:** A long established charity playgroup for children aged 2-5 years, we need volunteers to help support us with play sessions. For more information, please email [swansacre@gmail.com](mailto:swansacre@gmail.com)

**Light Up Kinross** is a small local charity with responsibility for Kinross Christmas lights and decorations. We require additional volunteers to assist with fundraising and administration of the lights. If you are interested, please contact David Colliar, email [davidcolliar@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:davidcolliar@tiscali.co.uk) or Bill Freeman, email [billywhizkid78@gmail.com](mailto:billywhizkid78@gmail.com) or through our Facebook page.

**Common Grounds:** Charity café staffed by volunteers on Tuesdays, Wednesday, Fridays and Saturdays in Guide Hall, Church Street, Milnathort. Open to public 10am – 1pm. Opportunity to serve in café or bake for the café. Also opportunity to gain recognised hours towards Duke of Edinburgh Awards and Saltire Awards for young people 16 years and over. Funds raised are used to support charities mainly in Africa. Contact: Convener Elspeth Caldwell on 01577 863350 or Secretary Linda Freeman on 01577 865045 for more information.

For more volunteering opportunities, go to the community website [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) and look for 'Volunteering', or look at [www.vaperthshire.org](http://www.vaperthshire.org)

Organisations: If you would like a volunteer appeal to be added to the list above, please email the Newsletter Editor. Please let us know if you no longer need your appeal to be listed.

Film shows • Cards • Dominoes • Art Class  
Daily Papers • Chiropody • Trips • Exercises

## Weekly Programme

<b>Monday</b>	Exercise Class	11am	Bingo	1.30pm
	Scrabble, cards & other Games			1.15pm
	"Stride for Life" Walking Group			2pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Carpet Curling	11am		
	Relaxation Class	1.15pm	(except 10th)	
	Games	1.15pm	(except 10th)	
	Singing group with Alex Cant	1.45pm	(except 10th)	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Morning Worship	10.45am		
	Dominoes, Scrabble & other Games			1.30pm
	Fantastic Fun Quiz	2pm		
<b>Thursday</b>	Carpet Curling or Boccia	11am		
	Crafts	1.30pm	Film or music Afternoon	1.30pm
	Dominoes, Scrabble, cards etc	1.30pm		
	Balance & Strength Class	1.30pm		
<b>Friday</b>	Balance & Strength Exercise Class	11am - 12pm		
	Dominoes, Games or music	1.30pm		
	Bingo	1.30pm		



## Additional Events for October

Hearing Loss Support and Advice  
Community Health & Wellbeing Support  
Tai Chi  
Chiropody

**Monday** 2nd 11am - 12pm  
**Tuesday** 3rd 11am - 12pm  
**Wednesday** 4th, 18th 1.30pm - 2pm  
**Thursday** 5th, 26th 9.45am - 1pm  
(phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)

Library Visit  
DanceSing Loch Leven Campus  
Barge trip to Ratho  
Making bird feeders afternoon  
Halloween Party

**Thursday** 5th 1.30pm  
**Tuesday** 10th 1.30pm - 3.30pm  
**Wednesday** 18th 10am - 4pm  
**Thursday** 26th 1.30pm - 3pm  
**Tuesday** 31st 1.30pm - 3pm



**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**

## La Leche League meetings in Kinross ...

**First Thursday of the month, 10am - 12 noon**



LA LECHE LEAGUE  
INTERNATIONAL

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

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

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

For more details, contact:

Hannah Dalgety (LLL Leader, Kinross) 07886 859461  
[www.lil-fife-tayside.co.uk](http://www.lil-fife-tayside.co.uk)

Find us on Facebook: La Leche League Fife and Tayside

## Kinross Bridge Club

We meet every Wednesday during Winter and Spring.  
The evening starts at 6.45pm prompt and finishes by 10pm.

New members are always welcome.

For further information, please contact Catriona Marshall 864482.

## Grants and Funding Websites

[www.pkgrantsdirect.com](http://www.pkgrantsdirect.com)  
[www.foundationscotland.org.uk](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk)



## Items for Sale

The Newsletter publishes items for sale listed on the kinross.cc website. If interested in purchasing an item, we suggest **checking the website for current availability** (www.kinross.cc then 'Local Adverts' then 'Classified Adverts'). If interested in selling an item, please list it on www.kinross.cc and it will automatically be published in the next available Newsletter, subject to space.

### CDA WC140IN integrated 60cms Dishwasher £180.00

Never used, as new, replaced with washing machine. 12 place settings, 5 programmes, delay timer, 2 spray levels, LED rinse, salt indicators, counter balanced door, levelling feet with front control, height adjustment basket, end of programme signal.

Seller Details:

Frank Koronka 01577 863449  
froziefk@gmail.com

### Double Bed £99 ono

Modern, almost new, white double bed. Base lifts up for storage underneath. Mattress available if required.

Seller Details:

D Turnbull 07749 025589

### UPVC Double Glazed Window £150

External light oak/internal white with lockable chrome handle. W1750mm x H1000mm (H1040 with sill). Excellent condition. Collection only.

Seller Details:

Louise  
Blackwoodlogo@hotmail.com

### Wardrobe Offers

Ikea single wardrobe. Never been used

Seller Details:

Liz Mackay 01577 840636  
lizmacward@hotmail.com

### Bookcases Offers

3 John Lewis bookcases. All are 12in deep and 30in wide. Two are 72in tall and one is 30in tall. Adjustable shelves.

Seller Details:

Walt Hopkins  
Waltonline@mac.com

### 5 Piece Garden Patio Set £85

Light and versatile garden/ patio set. Still in the box. Ideal for a family occasion or everyday use. Requires minimal self-assembly. Free delivery.

Seller Details:

David Anderson 07747 890375  
whitesands1.da@googlegmail.com

### Sear and Stew Slow Cooker £15

Morphy Richards slow cooker with hob proof cooking pot, compatible with most hobs except induction. Used once. Still in box.

Seller Details:

Jane 07859 403911  
jane6549@hotmail.co.uk

### Cosatto Cot £60

Drop side cot bed, antique pine with mothercare mattress.

Seller Details:

Carolyn Jenkins 07925972650  
carolynjenkins1309@gmail.com

### Baby's cradle £20

Solid wood, light coloured, swinging cradle.

Seller Details:

Jeanette McLennan 01592 840294  
all@arnotlea.f9.co.uk

## Situations Vacant

In conjunction with www.kinross.cc, the Newsletter is pleased to publish local situations vacant. Please go to the kinross.cc website before applying to see fuller details and to **check whether a position is still available**. (Go to www.kinross.cc then click on 'Local Adverts' and choose 'Situations Vacant').

### Cleaners, CIA Cleaning

Due to increasing levels of business we would like to invite reliable and experienced Cleaners to join our existing team. If you would like a well-paid yet flexible job with a local domestic cleaning company please call or text Richard Scott on 07 999 510 500.

### Full and Part Time Stylists, The Colour Studio

We are currently looking for enthusiastic full-time and part-time stylists to join the team in our busy salon. Applicants should be trained to SVQ level 2 (or equivalent) at least, and have some salon experience. For full details of position, more information, or to make an application, please contact the salon by email at studiohair@live.co.uk

## The Bike Station

Donate unwanted bikes, parts and cycling accessories for reuse. Poorer bikes are salvaged for parts. Bikes are refurbished by qualified expert mechanics and sold on to the public at affordable prices with a three-month warranty.

Donated bikes and parts are collected from all Perth & Kinross Recycling Centres, including the Kinross centre at the Bridgend Industrial Estate.

Bike sales are held at The Bike Station, 284 High Street, Perth, PH1 5QS, Tuesday to Saturday 10am – 5pm.

The Bike Station also offers a Repair Service, a Fix Your Own Bike facility and a Dr Bike mobile service.

Tel: 01738 444430. Website: www.thebikestation.org.uk

The Perth Bike Station is an accredited Revolve organisation.



## Kinross-shire Fund

The Kinross-shire Fund was established in 2006 to make the



area a better place to live, by making grants to a wide range of local charities, organisations and projects which make a positive difference to the community.

To date, over 50 organisations within the 73 square miles of Kinross-shire have benefited from an award, with beneficiaries ranging in age from pre-school to the elderly.

The Fund is managed by Foundation Scotland and is currently open for applications, with deadlines quarterly on the first Monday of February, May, August and November each year.

**The next deadline will be Monday 6 November.**

Full details, including how to apply via our online application link, can be found at:

[www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/kinross-shire-fund](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/kinross-shire-fund)

## Exhibition

### Loch Leven and Mary Queen of Scots

**Arrest! Abdication! Escape!**



- 16th century people and their lives
- How Mary is remembered to this day

Exhibition in the Library, Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross. Exhibition open during library hours.

Volunteers also on hand:  
Thursdays 10am-8pm,  
Saturdays 10am-3pm



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Sun	1	Fungi Foray with SNH, 2-4pm. Phone 01577 864439 to book a place.	
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