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Editorial

Winter Festival

Our cover feature is Kinross-shire's Winter Festival. The main attractions are listed on page 21, but full listings can be found in the Winter Festival brochure delivered to households throughout the county.

Community listings

We have very many active community groups in Kinross-shire, and it is evident from this issue of the Newsletter that quite a number of them are holding their Annual General Meetings in November. If your organisation has a change of secretary or other relevant office-bearer, please remember to change the contact details in the lists of local organisations on the kinross.cc website by emailing the administrator, Pauline Watson, via admin@kinross.cc

Events in January?

Club correspondents are reminded that there is no January issue of the Newsletter. Therefore, if your organisation is planning an event for January and would like to publicise it in the Newsletter, please submit details for the December issue. The deadline for the December issue is Friday 17 November.

Note to Contributors

A great deal of the Newsletter comprises reports supplied by local clubs and other organisations. These reports are accepted in good faith. Clubs etc should ensure that reports are factually accurate and do not contain material which could cause legal proceedings to be taken against the Newsletter.

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

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New Church in Kinross-shire

Dear Editor, in response to your recent appeal about the absence of correspondence, I thought that I would supply you with one item, at least.

My name is Jerome O'Brien and I am the Minister of a new Church that has started meeting in Crook of Devon. Our gathering is a Mission Outreach of the United Free Church of Scotland and I am one of the Ministers of that Kirk.

We have been meeting in the Crook for just over a year now and the gathering is growing in numbers and confidence, and we are all enjoying our new experience of what it means to be a faith community in a new setting and trying new things. I attach a leaflet* that we distributed through the area surrounding Crook which gives you a flavour of who we are and who we welcome.

I would be so grateful if you could include us in your intimations of Church Services in the Kinross area. Our gathering details are as per the attached document and as set out below.

Many thanks, in anticipation, for including us in your most excellent magazine.

Regards,

Jerome O'Brien

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Trinity Church, Crook of Devon

Mission outreach of the United Free Church of Scotland

We meet every Sunday at Crook of Devon Village Hall

(corner Main Street and Station Road, KY13 0PG)

Meeting time: 11am (10.30am for refreshments before the gathering)

**Editor's note: Information from the leaflet is reproduced in the Churches Section. See page 97.*

Planning of community events

Having received the wonderful Winter Festival Brochure, it is great to see how much is going on in Kinross and district over the next couple of months. As we are generally a busy community throughout the year, I was thinking it would be very useful to have a central diary to consult when planning activities, to avoid clashing with similar ones locally. I have discovered that the diary on the community website, www.kinross.cc, can be used for any time in advance to advertise events, beyond the month or so which is listed in each Newsletter.

I intend to use the diary on the website to record community events which I am planning, and would urge other groups to do this as well, and to check dates in advance before fixing their own, which I think this would be of advantage to us all. The online diary can be accessed from the home page of www.kinross.cc. Details of events can be emailed to Pauline Watson, the administrator, at admin@kinross.cc.

Amanda James

Moubray Lane, Crook of Devon

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Action Partnerships

In April, I wrote about the Council's budget process and said that I had managed to get an additional £200,000 for Action Partnerships to be spent before April 2018.

I worked hard to achieve this, because I thought they would be a good thing.

When the Action Partnerships were being set up, Councillors were promised that:

- By October 2017 they would be community-led, with a community representative chairing them;
- Elections would be held for the community representatives;
- Minutes and papers would be widely publicised;
- Meetings would be in public;
- Wide public consultation would have been carried out to identify key priorities for action;
- A Local Outcome Improvement Plan would be produced, listing the priorities identified by the public consultation and would identify how they would be addressed locally.

The current position for the Kinross-shire Almond and Earn Action Partnership is:

- It is chaired by an officer;
- No elections for community reps have been held;
- The latest Minutes available I can find online are for March 2017, with no supporting papers available;
- Meetings are in private;
- No public consultation has been carried out as far as I am aware;
- A Local Outcome Improvement Plan for the area was agreed by Council on 4 October, however there does not appear to be any background information on how the priorities have been arrived at, or what consultation has been done.

I am saddened by this for a number of reasons.

Firstly, the priorities for action listed in the Local Outcome Improvement Plan are:

1. *"The Action Partnership and community groups across the locality have a clear understanding about community and public sector buildings in the area, access and what is available."*
2. *The Action Partnership needs to improve its understanding of all the communities within the locality.*
3. *Older people need to gain the confidence and skills to use IT.*
 - a. *Opportunities for young people and older to mix in a positive environment.*
 - b. *Young people should be accredited for volunteering in their community.*
 - c. *Marginalised groups should be supported to play a positive role in their community.*
4. *Local transport solutions need to be developed to allow rural communities to access services, leisure and employment opportunities."*

Taking these in order:

1. All the community and public sector buildings available in Kinross-shire are already listed on www.kinross.cc with contact details and what is available.
2. The whole point about the Action Partnerships being community-led is that communities already understand themselves. On top of this, there is a huge amount of data available on inequalities in the area, both on the internet and held by public bodies. The purpose of the Action Partnership is in the name and they are there for "Action" not research. Finally, on this point, the Action Partnership propose to use Place Standard to evaluate inequalities.

Place Standard is more about the physical environment and so is going to be a complete waste of time and resources.

3. IT courses are already available locally; local schools and groups already encourage young people to get involved with older people and are awarded for doing this (e.g. Saltire Awards & Duke of Edinburgh Awards) and there is already support for marginalised groups within the area. So, the question is, why are these items in here if they are already happening?
4. Rural transport is a big problem; however, the plan only envisages Perth and Kinross Council being approached for a solution. Maybe the community has ideas on how this could be addressed?

Secondly, I am a great believer in communities, they are hugely resourceful and capable when given the chance. It is my view that the Action Partnership has been hijacked by officers and is failing to fulfil the obligations of the Community Empowerment Act 2015, which categorically states that a community planning partnership *"Must consult such community bodies as it considers appropriate"* in drawing up its plan. Was anybody consulted? I am not aware of any community bodies being consulted.

Thirdly, Guidance for the Community Empowerment Act states under its Summary of Expectation:

"The CPP and community planning partners work with community bodies to ensure that all bodies which can contribute to community planning are able to do so in an effective way and to the extent that they wish to do so..."

...Effective community participation informs decisions about the CPP's priorities, how services are shaped and resources deployed; this includes working with community bodies on co-production where these bodies wish to do so.

Effective community participation informs how the CPP manages and scrutinises performance and progress, and how it revises its actions to meet its ambitions as a result of its performance management.

The CPP embraces the principles of effective co-production which is aimed at combining the mutual strengths and capacities of all partners (including community bodies) to achieve positive change."

My problem with this is that as far as I can see, NO community bodies have been consulted in the production of the Local Outcome Improvement Plans.

Fourthly, as far as I can see, the Action Partnership meets only four or five times a year. What are they going to do with the £87,000 I understand they have to spend by April 2018? Will it just be frittered away on a participatory budgeting event? Or maybe it will be given to the Council to address one year's worth of extra transport?

Finally, whilst I was a Councillor I was regularly approached about the need for a Community Hub in Kinross. Community Hubs provide a focal point and facilities to foster greater local community activity and bring residents, the local business community, and smaller organisations together to improve the quality of life in the area. I am a great supporter of this idea and will pursue it, if the Action Partnership doesn't try to address it.

As I said above, I am saddened by this outcome; it is not what I had hoped would happen.

Dave Cuthbert
Highfield Circle, Kinross

Memories of Cleish

We are putting on an exhibition in the spring of 2018 celebrating all events connected with Cleish Church, both present and past. If you have any photos or memorabilia illustrating village or church life and events, such as weddings, baptisms, school prize-givings, concerts, the Fête, Comic Dog Shows, Nativity Plays etc, please get in touch with me (see below). We would be really thrilled to exhibit them and promise to take great care of them. Please make sure they are clearly marked with your name and phone number, so we can return them after the event.

Bridie Graham
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Christmas tree funding confusion

After the crass and insensitive wholesale removal of 13 mature trees by Persimmon at the Lathro Farm site (or as they ironically call it "Lathro Meadows"), it was particularly interesting to learn of their contributing £1000 toward the provision of lights and a festive tree for Kinross as announced in the August edition of the Newsletter.

My letter in the September issue commenting on this "Early Christmas present from Persimmon" seems to have not gone down well with those who took receipt of the money. (Letters, October issue.)

I want to make it clear there was no statement or indeed any suggestion in my letter of any "bribe" or "underhand tactics" and I find it very odd that anyone could arrive at such a conclusion.

In regard to whether or not the money was to be used toward a tree, I understand the the press release issued by Persimmon stated that they were donating the money to the local group "which raises money each year to provide the Christmas lights and the festive tree in Kinross".

It would seem to me, then, that Persimmon either provided wrong information or perhaps misunderstood exactly what the money was being allocated toward.

Ken Miles
Turffhills House, Kinross

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Anita and David MACKENZIE MILLS are delighted to announce the home-birth of their son, **HECTOR**, brother to Bella, born on Wednesday 11 October 2017.

JOHN and MARY SCOTT of McBain Place, Kinross, have celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. (*See also Thanks.*)

Thanks



MACMILLAN and MARIE CURIE COFFEE MORNING: Leslie Mitchell gives a huge thank-you to everyone for their generous support on Friday 29 September 2017. A fantastic £689 was raised.

JOHN and MARY SCOTT of McBain Place, Kinross, would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their cards, gifts and good wishes on the celebration of their recent 65th wedding anniversary. Also thanks to Councillor Willie Robertson who delivered a beautiful basket of flowers on behalf of Provost Dennis Melloy of Perth and Kinross Council, and the lovely flowers received from Orwell Parish Church.

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Puffin crossing proposal

Perth & Kinross Council has drawn up a plan for a possible controlled pedestrian crossing on Kinross High Street, near the junction with Montgomery Street.

The Puffin crossing would be in the location shown in this photograph. The proposal would require the current bus shelter to be moved and would result in the loss of some parking spaces outside the Central Café Fish & Chip shop and Roxburghe House B&B. PKC would like members of the public to get in touch with their views on the proposal. See page 11 for the PKC article, drawing and how to get in touch.



Location of the proposed Puffin crossing

New nightrider bus ticket

Stagecoach East Scotland have launched a new ticket to encourage people to travel across the region for less in the evenings.

The 'Nightrider' ticket is valid for travel after 7pm, for unlimited travel until the last journey of the evening, to an end time of 4am the following morning.

The ticket will cost £2 and is valid throughout Fife, Perthshire, Dundee and Angus. However, it is not valid for services to Edinburgh, Cumbernauld/Glasgow, Falkirk/Forth Valley, Stirling, or north of Montrose to Aberdeen.

The ticket can be bought from the driver from 7pm on any evening of the week, and can then be used on any subsequent journeys the same evening/early the following morning. A nightrider ticket can also be used on night services N55 and N99.

The nightrider ticket is available to buy from Stagecoach East Scotland drivers. Customers can plan their journey by visiting www.stagecoachbus.com or using the free Stagecoach Bus app.

Pace Hill housing proposal deferred

A controversial application to build 77 houses at Pace Hill, north of Linden Park Road in Milnathort, has been deferred by PKC's Planning and Development Management Committee.

The application by Dundas Estates & Development Company was recommended for approval by planning officers, despite the proposal being in excess of the 50 houses allocated for this site in the Local Development Plan (LDP).

The proposal had attracted 67 objections. Reasons given for objection included over-development of the site, giving rise to concern for the impact on local roads, and facilities such as schools and health centre. Impact on protected species and resident amenity were also mentioned by objectors.

The application was considered by the Planning and Development Management Committee on 18 October. Cllr Mike Barnacle moved that the application be refused. Cllr Tom Gray put forward a counter-motion that the proposal should be approved. Cllr Richard Watters then moved that the application be deferred for a site visit to look at the access. All motions were seconded and, after voting, the eventual decision was to defer.

Kinross-shire Civic Trust (KCT) had written to the convenor of the Planning and Development Management Committee two days before the meeting to point out that, as the proposal was for 54% more dwellings than that allocated to the site in the Local Development Plan, the application could in no way be "considered to comply" with the Plan, as stated in the planning officers' report.

The Kinross-shire Civic Trust letter said: "KCT understands that PKC claims that the DPEA have acknowledged that the housing numbers relating to specifically identified sites in the LDP are not prescriptive.

"The Trust is in possession of information and advice obtained directly from the DPEA which contradicts this claim made by PKC and clearly indicates the interpretation of the LDP by PKC is wrong."

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Councillor Purves

Full Council

As part of the new administration's drive to improve the ways in which the Council engages with local communities across Perth & Kinross, the most recent meeting of the full council was held in Kinross. Kinross-shire ward councillors took this opportunity to highlight a number of big local infrastructure projects, which we believe would be extremely beneficial to local residents. I put forward a motion—which was seconded by Cllr Barnacle—that called on the Scottish Government to look into the possibility of reinstating the direct rail link between Edinburgh and Perth with a Park & Ride station at Kinross. This would not only benefit Kinross-shire residents and allow more tourists to visit the area, but it would also benefit Scotland as a whole with shorter journey times between the North and the South. I was also happy to second Cllr Robertson's motion that called on Transport Scotland to consider upgrading Junction 7 of the M90 to a four-way junction as part of its strategic transport projects review. The Council passed both motions and the Leader of the Council has written to Scottish ministers and to Transport Scotland setting out the Council's agreed position.

20 mph Speed Limit Policy

I know that many local residents are strong supporters of having a 20 mph speed limit in Kinross-shire's villages and hamlets. The Council's current policy that was passed under the previous administration is far too rigid and most of our communities fail to qualify for a reduced speed limit. While I would be reluctant for us to go down Edinburgh's route of a blanket 20 mph policy in residential areas, I think that a targeted approach that works with local communities to identify areas where public safety might be improved by such a change could be very effective. To that end, in our roles as Vice-Conveners of the Environment, Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee, Cllr Barnacle and I have a meeting arranged with the Council's roads team to look into the possibility of introducing a more flexible policy.

Casework

If there is any issue with which you think I could be of assistance, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Councillor Callum Purves
Scottish Conservative & Unionist



Councillor Watters

Community Street Audit

Thanks to everyone who turned out or provided feedback for the 'Street Walk' around Kinross and Milnathort. This proved a very useful day that highlighted a number of clear problem areas where residents with mobility issues encountered difficulties while travelling around the town. The problem areas have now been logged by roads officers from the council, who will prepare remedies as funds become available.



Transforming Surgical Services in Tayside

Thanks to everyone who wrote to NHS Tayside and to Roseanna Cunningham MSP about the need for a public meeting in Kinross-shire to discuss the restructuring of surgical services within Perth Royal Infirmary. Thanks to Roseanna's intervention, NHS Tayside agreed to an additional consultation session in Kinross. After several community activists distributed hundreds of posters and leaflets, more than fifty people attended the public meeting that took place at Loch Leven Community Campus on 9 October. Many constituents expressed concerns about the impact of the new proposals on the gradual removal of services from PRI, as well as the costs and difficulties of transport to Ninewells. The people from NHS Tayside were impressed with the range of questions as well as the large number of people attending.

Blairingone Primary School

As part of phase one of the 'Transformation of School Estate' project, the Council is evaluating future options for nine schools within Perth and Kinross, including Blairingone Primary School. Due to low numbers of pupils in the school, there are limited options available. However, projections do show that the roll will increase over the next few years. A community drop-in session was organised towards the end of September. This was well attended and allowed the people in the community to make comments on the options. I think it is important that we protect our small communities within Kinross-shire. Blairingone has already lost its pub, village hall, and church. The school is the only remaining community building in the village and the demise of this, from a community perspective, would be detrimental to Blairingone. I have presented my thoughts on this to the Council, asking that ample consideration be given to the impact of any final decision on the wider community.

Rail Link to Kinross

The main Council meeting was held in the Loch Leven Community Campus at the beginning of October. This was a great opportunity for residents and pupils to see the council in action. One of the motions brought forward was the issue of a direct rail link to Kinross and Perth from Edinburgh. There was a healthy debate on whether the Leader of the Council should write to Transport Scotland requesting a fast line directly through to Perth or a link from Cowdenbeath to Kinross. There is no doubt that a direct link through to Perth would be advantageous, but it is highly questionable how affordable and achievable it would be in this austerity-driven climate. This has been highlighted by the Westminster government's recent changes to the funding method for maintaining and improving Scotland's rail network, which will result in a £600 million cut over the next five years.

Councillor Richard Watters

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High Street pedestrian crossing proposal

by Perth & Kinross Council

At the request of the Ward 8 Councillors, PKC have investigated the option of installing a Puffin Crossing on the southern end of High Street, Kinross. During survey and design, it was evident that the location of the bus stop and parking north of Montgomery Street would be an issue. To ensure effective operation of the crossing and suitable visibility for users, we have had to propose moving the bus stop and removing 3no parking spaces.

The proposal would involve the main bus stop shelter moving to the junction of Swansacre with an additional bus stop pole and flag placed outside the Indian Restaurant south of Montgomery Street to ensure users can still use bus service at this location. The proposals are shown on the drawing below.

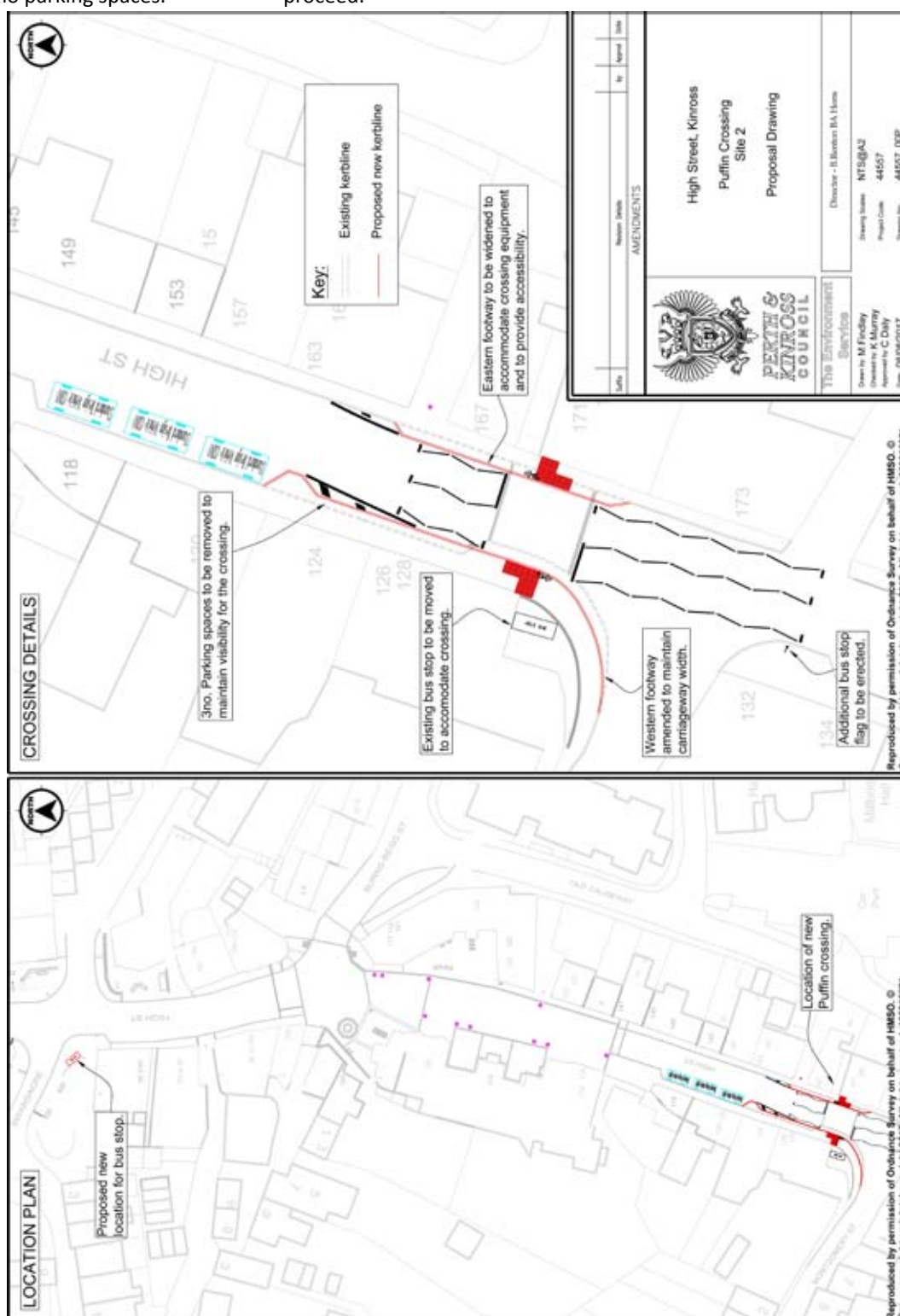
At this stage of the process, we would like to gather the thoughts and opinions on our proposals from the local community to guide us on how to proceed.

We would greatly appreciate any feedback you have on the above proposal using the following contact details.

Email: utc@pkc.gov.uk

Postal Address:

Traffic and Network
The Environment Service
Pullar House
35 Kinnoull Street
Perth PH1 5GD





Kinross-shire's Winter Festival



The Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation (KLEO) would like to celebrate all local events that are happening in November and December in Kinross-shire. The Festive Street Market, concerts and numerous other events and festive celebrations will be organised by local community groups and businesses over this period. With a festive Winter Festival Brochure distributed door to door in Kinross-shire, KLEO is hoping that all these events get all the support they need from the local community.

Words for all

Words themed events at the 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 Kinross-shire's Winter Festival. We start off with national poet

Liz Lochhead & The Hazy Janes

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

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

Katie Morag comes to life in Kinross

We are also delighted that 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



Mairi Hedderwick (left) and Katie Morag (right!)

The **Beginning to Write Workshop** with **Liz Lochhead** (2 Dec) is now **SOLD OUT**.

Tickets for Winter Festival events are available at Macbeth Currie, Stewart & Smart and www.kleo.org.uk



More Information

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

Messiah in a Day

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

Join experienced choir leader Peter Rutterford and four professional soloists, Anita Mackenzie Mills, Ulrike Wutscher, David Douglas and James Corrigan on Sunday 12 November. 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.

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

Sunday 12 November / Kinross Parish Church / 2-5pm (rehearsal), 7pm (concert). Tickets £10 (£8 concession) audience, £15 participants.



Other Winter Festival events

- **Lights Out By Nine** (Saturday 4 November, 8pm, Backstage), Tickets £15 (www.mundellmusic.com)
- **Home-Bru Concert** (Saturday 4 November, 3pm, Kinross Parish Church, Free)
- **Winter Festival Comedy Night** (Friday 10 November, Milnathort Town Hall) Tickets £10 (£8 concession)
- **All Dance event** (Friday 17 November, 7pm, campus), Tickets £5 and £3 concession
- **Heartland FM/KLEO Music Talent Showcase** (Sunday 19 November, 3pm, Orwell Bowling Club) Tickets £5 (Free for under 18s)
- **Choirs Together** (Sunday 19 November, 7pm, campus), Tickets £5 and £3 concession

Festive Street Market

Saturday 25 November, 4pm-7pm

The hugely successful Festive Street Market and Light Up Kinross event is back on the High Street of Kinross, giving shoppers the chance to find unusual gifts in time for Christmas.



The Christmas lights will be turned on at 7pm.

We are looking for a lot of **volunteers** to help erect or dismantle stalls and do stewarding during the event. If you are interested in helping out, please let us know and e-mail info@kleo.org.uk



Artwork
by
Esther Kent

Luke Graham MP

Luke Graham pushes for DWP support for the most vulnerable over the rollout of Universal Credit

Luke Graham, MP for Ochil and South Perthshire, asked the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, David Gauke MP, in the House of Commons if the UK Government can confirm that Scotland's job centres will proactively offer support needed to those transitioning onto Universal Credit.

Speaking in the House of Commons, Mr Graham said: "My Right Honourable friend is aware that myself and many other colleagues on these benches have pressed him on the issue of providing support for people during the six weeks assessment, and transition period, for Universal Credit. Can my Right Honourable Friend confirm that job centres in Scotland will proactively offer the advances and support where needed?"

Commenting further on his statement, Mr Graham said: "I welcome the Secretary of State's confirmation that Department of Work and Pension guidance will give support to those who need it, those who will struggle without the financial support, and I agree that increasing the



Luke Graham MP speaking in the House of Commons

eligibility of advance payments is a good step forward.

"Three different studies have been published by the Department of Work and Pensions, all showing Universal Credit outperforming JSA on employment impacts - with people moving into work faster, and staying in work longer. Data also shows that people are 4% more likely to be in work within six months under Universal Credit. This shows the positive effects of Universal Credit.

"Additionally, Universal Credit aims to boost employment by around 25,000, and since 2010 record numbers of people have been in work while unemployment reaches a record low. I believe work should always pay, and Universal Credit aids that - 86% of people on UC are actively looking for more work, as opposed to 38% on JSA.

"I am encouraged by the work of the Department of Work and Pensions, but will continue to push ministers to ensure that my constituents worried about the effects of UC receive the best help and information. What I have seen is a promising start, but there is still a long way to go, and I will continue to push the government to ensure the very best for my constituents."

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Superheroes in Kinross **First public access defibrillator installed**

A life-saving piece of equipment was installed in Kinross town centre in September. An automated external defibrillator (AED) has been placed on the side wall of Hunters of Kinross, at Brewery Lane, next to the old fountain, following a fundraising campaign begun by Pamela Hunter of the town centre butcher shop.



The David Doig Defibrillator in Kinross town centre

Pamela explains: "We lost a very good customer and friend, David Doig, to a cardiac arrest recently and we wanted to help make sure that Kinross had access 24 hours a day to an AED."

The fundraising begun at Hunters led to the founding of Kinross Heart Start, an organisation which hopes to raise enough funds to install publicly accessible defibrillators at various locations in Kinross.

Kinross Heart Start has also organised several CPR and defibrillator training sessions over the last few months. So far, 110 people have attended the free two-hour course. Pamela says: "This would not have been possible without the help of David Booth from Linlithgow Community First Responders who gave up his spare time to help us."

Pamela Hunter organised 'Superhero Saturday' to mark the installation of the AED, named the *David Doig Defibrillator* in honour of the man whose sad loss inspired the campaign. Representatives from various emergency services were invited to attend Superhero Saturday, the idea being that they are true superheroes. Coinciding with the September Farmers' Market, it was a well-attended, fun event with competitions for the best-dressed superheroes while at the same time providing an educational, informative experience. Kinross now has two volunteer Community First Responders, James Mathie and Lynne McKay. They will help with the community training and also be sent to cardiac arrest emergencies in the local area by the Scottish Ambulance Service.



Some candidates for best-dressed superhero at the community event



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Community Councillors meet planners to discuss former High School

Representatives of Kinross Community Council met with Nick Brian, Interim Head of Planning at Perth and Kinross Council, and Steve Callan, Planning Officer, in early October to discuss concerns about the former Kinross High School site, which is currently under development by Persimmon Homes.

Persimmon Homes have permission to erect 91 dwellings on the site. Four of these will be created by converting the retained former High School building fronting Kinross High Street. Dating from 1905-07, this was described as “a key building of interest” in PKC’s 2014 Kinross Conservation Area Appraisal.

One of the concerns raised by the CC was the extent of demolition of the Edwardian building, which is now little more than a façade. The CC is also concerned at the lack of progress made by Persimmon in restoring and converting the building to four dwellings.

Mr Brian confirmed at the meeting that it is a condition of the planning consent that the development of the retained building must be completed prior to the occupation of dwellings on the site and that the council would be enforcing this condition. The CC has also seen written confirmation of this by PKC’s Interim Development Quality Manager, Anne Condliffe.



*An aerial view of the former High School site. The High Street runs along the foreground. The shell of the Edwardian school building lies undeveloped, shrouded in scaffolding (lower middle of the picture). A number of new-build units have been erected (along central part of picture, and on the right side).
Photo courtesy of Ken Whitcombe, Aerial Photography Solutions, October 2017*



The Edwardian building as it looked in 2007



The Edwardian building in October 2017

Carlin Maggie

The following edited version of the story about the witch Carlin Maggie's contest with the devil is taken from a volume of five traditional tales and legends from Portmoak Parish retold by David Munro. Published in October 2017, the production of this booklet has been made possible through the *Our Portmoak: uncovering stories from the past* programme that has been funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Historic Environment Scotland in this the 'Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology'.

The brow of the Bishop Hill is a wild place to walk even on a fine day. Here, where the steep, gorse and bracken-covered forebrae meets the grassy, gently-sloping backbrae, there is no shelter from the elements. Shepherds of old aptly called this the "Wind and Weather Line," a name little used today but recorded for posterity by the Kinnesswood parchment-maker John Birrell on his 1796 *Plan of Kinnesswood Eastside Lands*.

Just below the Wind and Weather Line, a 30-foot-tall pillar of volcanic rock stands proud of its parent outcrop of quartz dolerite. This natural stone monument, known locally as Carlin Maggie, is recorded on the first edition Ordnance Survey map of 1856 with the name "Carlin and daughter." A mile to the north in Glen Vale, rocks scattered over the hillside are known by another curious name, the "Devil's Burden."

Though separated by some distance, the stone pillar known as Carlin Maggie and the Devil's Burden rock field are linked in a story of witchcraft that has been told to youngsters at many a fireside hearth in the Bishopshire from one generation to the next on fearful nights when wind and weather foul enveloped the townships at the foot of the Lomond Hills.

Maggie was a "carlin," a Lowland Scots word for an old hag or a witch. She lived with her daughter on the moor within sight of the lums of Wester Balgedie and frequently consorted with the witches, warlocks and fairies to be found in these parts. Her spells and potions were legendary in Kinross-shire and her ability to communicate with the Devil was talked about in every household from Auchmuirbridge to Crook of Devon. It was always best to give Maggie a wide berth unless you needed to sell your soul in exchange for a favour or wished to sup with the Devil.

To prove that she was the most powerful presence in the land, Carlin Maggie decided one day to challenge the Devil. The meeting place was the Wind and Weather Line at the head of the forebrae of the Bishop Hill; the time was midnight.

It was a wild night, such as had rarely been seen in the Bishopshire before. The wind blew with unimaginable force from all directions and the waters of Loch Leven, whipped into a fury, reflected a sky torn asunder with lightning from horizon to horizon. Deafening thunder shook each house in the valley to its foundations and the shutters of every window remained closed tight, not a soul daring to peak out even for a moment to witness the contest.

Carlin Maggie, with her fearful daughter hanging on to the hem of her mother's flapping gown, sent powerful shafts of lightning skywards in an attempt to outdo the Devil's onslaught. Shaft after shaft was delivered until, with nothing left to throw at the Devil, the witch and her quivering child looked up into a sky that seemed to turn darker and darker by the minute. For a while the wind died down to a whisper

and the thunder and lightning abated. Was the battle over? Had Carlin Maggie triumphed?

Then, out of nowhere, a steely cold wind arose. Starting as a light breeze wafting along the Wind and Weather Line from Kilmagad Wood, it picked up speed whistling past the Fairy Doors, the Whitecraigs and the Pinnels towards the luckless pair. Within minutes Maggie and her daughter were caught up in a tempest of immense force. The wind blew and blew, reaching a crescendo that even frightened the old hag herself. Ghostly apparitions appeared, swooping and swirling around the doomed couple warning them that the Devil was on his way. Suddenly, without warning, the wind died away and the apparitions disappeared. A second later, huge boulders began to fall from the sky like massive hail stones. Helpless to defend herself, Maggie surrendered to the storm of rocks hurled down on her by the Devil and within minutes found herself imprisoned in a tomb of stone.

Having won the battle with plenty of stones to spare, the Devil dropped the remainder of his burden on the slopes of West Lomond before disappearing triumphant into the night. If you want to see the Devil's Burden today, just go to Glen Vale and look up at the boulder-strewn hillside.

As for the wicked witch Maggie and her unfortunate daughter, the Devil decreed that they would remain imprisoned in stone until wind and weather set them free. Sadly, Carlin Maggie has not survived her imprisonment. The Devil allowed the wind and weather to take its course but not in the way everyone expected. In a cruel twist of fate the old woman was decapitated in the 1980s when an icy frost in partnership with a bitter cold winter wind sliced off her head which tumbled down into the quarry below. Perhaps Carlin Maggie's daughter, also entombed amidst boulders, may some day be freed by wind and weather and allowed to take her revenge. But beware, a headless ghost has been seen in the Welteringholm Quarry near Wester Balgedie. Could this be Maggie the witch?



Carlin Maggie prior to her 'decapitation' in the 1980s

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Regular Sessions for Young Children

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- **Stay and Play:** Wednesdays 2.30pm-3.30pm. Saturdays 11am-12 noon. 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.

Jump into Libraries Day

Saturday 11 November, 10am-4pm.

All free.

Don't miss this! A real family day with lots going on: Special Bookbug Rhymetime with Malcolm and his travelling guitar; Lego Zone; Face Painting; Pirate Fun; Ancestry Taster sessions; A film on Perthshire's Rural Past; Live music from *The Queich Consort*; Health Checks, Well Being information and lots more.



Where Poets Dream'd

Thursday 23 November, 7pm. Free event.

An entertaining evening with Professor David Munro of Kinross (Marshall) Museum exploring three local poets and their poetry. Free refreshments will be served.

A little Gaelic at the Library

Tuesday 28 November. Free event.

Gaelic Bookbug, 2pm-2.30pm. Songs, Rhymes and Stories for early years.

Katie Morag and the Brochan Bus 2.30pm & 3.45pm. Come and watch this episode of the Katie Morag BBC series in Gaelic.

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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Harry Potter Quotes Trail around local shops

Tuesday 28 November to Saturday 2 December.

All correct entries will go into a prize draw and the lucky winner will receive a £10 book token and a special Harry Potter prize.

Open to children 16 years and under. Entry forms and further information available from the library during the Winter Festival and from the library stall in the marquee at the Street Market on 25 November.

The Making of Katie Morag with Mairi Hedderwick

Wednesday 29 November, 4pm. Children free, adults £5.

Mairi Hedderwick, author and illustrator, comes to Kinross to talk to children about her most famous creation – the Isle of Struay inhabitant, Katie Morag. A fantastic event for all!

An Audience with Adam Hamdy

Thursday 30 November, 7.15pm. Suitable for adults.

Free event.

A Book Week Scotland event not to be missed! Enjoy an evening of suspense with author, screenwriter and filmmaker, Adam Hamdy, as he discusses his successful career and reads from his latest John Wallace book *Freefall*.

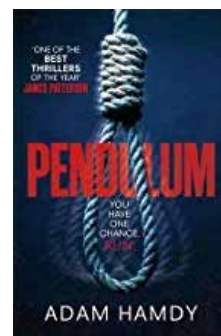
James Patterson hailed Adam Hamdy's first John Wallace novel, *Pendulum*, as 'one of the best thrillers of the year' saying he read it in 'one gloriously suspenseful weekend'. Now *Freefall* continues as another rip-roaring, roller-coaster of a psychological thriller where twists and turns abound.

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The link is the missing piece of a puzzle that has tormented FBI Agent Christine Ash ever since they confronted *Pendulum*, but with no Bureau support she has been unable to progress her case. Wallace's proof breaks it, but also exposes them both to terrible danger.

Freefall is a fast paced thriller that will have you gripped from the first page!



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. The next meeting for the Café Book Group is **Saturday 4 November.**

Please contact the Library for the other book group dates.

Better Place to Live Fair



Kinross-shire Community Learning and Development Group
Loch Leven Community Campus



Saturday 3 March 2018

10am – 2pm

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Councillor Robertson

NHS Tayside

We have been told that NHS Tayside are changing the way they deliver medical services. Most emergency services will now be delivered at Ninewells which will have a 24-hour facility. Perth Royal Infirmary and Stracathro Hospital at Brechin will be used for planned surgical procedures.

The problem with Ninewells and Stracathro is the difficulty Kinross-shire residents have in accessing these hospitals using public transport. I have written to the Council's Public Transport officer and asked that transport links between Kinross-shire and other rural parts of Perth & Kinross to Ninewells and Stracathro be looked at. I have suggested that a booklet be produced which could be given to relatives of patients admitted to these hospitals giving bus times and advice on the best way to access the hospitals using public transport. For example, it would help considerably if the Citylink services which pass through Kinross going to Dundee/Aberdeen could be encouraged to stop at Ninewells.

Kinross-shire Ambulance Provision

Again, with Ninewells becoming the main emergency hospital, the provision of ambulance services becomes very important. There are stories of people having to wait up to an hour for an ambulance locally. I am keen to find out if there is a real problem with ambulance provision. I would be very concerned if it takes up to two hours in an emergency to get a patient to Ninewells hospital. I would be grateful if you could give me your views on the ambulance service. If there is an issue here it would be my intention to organise a meeting with the Scottish Ambulance Service to address these matters.



Council Meeting

It was a memorable day for Kinross when PKC held their first ever meeting outwith Perth at the Loch Leven Community Campus on 4 October. Councillors met with senior pupils in the morning and were asked various questions about our work as councillors. The full Council met in the afternoon. My fellow councillors were very impressed both by the community campus and by the pupils they met on their visit. At the Council meeting I moved a motion asking for the Council to write to Transport Scotland requesting that the upgrade of junction 7 on the M90 be considered as part of the ongoing review they are carrying out into the transport infrastructure in Scotland. This was passed unanimously.

Tayside Plan

One of the papers discussed at the Council meeting in Kinross was The Tayside Plan for Children, Young People and Families. This is a joint programme between Perth & Kinross, Angus and Dundee Councils to address issues affecting children, young people and families. Some of the figures given in the report are very concerning.

Poverty and Deprivation: 61% of homes in Dundee are described as being in deprived or most deprived areas. The figure for Perth & Kinross is 17%.

Young Carers: There are 280 young carers in Perth & Kinross who look after siblings, parents or grandparents. It is anticipated that there are many more young carers than those known about by the local authority.

Schools: 85% of local residents are satisfied with the schooling in their area in Perth & Kinross. The figure for Dundee is 65%.

Health: 13% of children in Tayside are at risk of being overweight and 10% at risk of being obese.

This is just a snapshot of some of the very interesting information contained within this report. I would be happy to email a copy of the report to anyone who would like to read it in full.

Councillor Willie Robertson

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News from the Health Centre



The final Saturday flu clinic for 2017 is on Saturday 11 November. Appointments for any of the vaccinations listed here can be made for that date. If you or your children are eligible for one or more of these vaccinations, please call Reception now on 01577 862112 to make an appointment. You do not need to wait for a letter of invitation.

Influenza Vaccination

We would encourage all patients who are eligible for the flu vaccination to make an appointment if they have not already done so. Those eligible are those over 65 by 31 March 2018, those under 65 in one of the 'At Risk' groups, pregnant women, or carers.

Elizabeth Smith MSP for mid Scotland and Fife



The NHS is a symbol of Britain and, for many, the most important public service that government delivers. There are few countries in the world that take as much pride in their doctors and nurses as we do in Scotland. As an MSP, I receive more emails and letters on this subject than anything else. Concerns over the future of out-of-hours care, minor injuries units, ambulance response times and the future role of Perth Royal Infirmary have dominated my mailbox and they have also received countless headlines in the local press. As a result of this interest, Murdo Fraser and I chaired a public meeting on the future of NHS Tayside services in October. This meeting was designed to allow members of the public to question the men and women tasked with redesigning healthcare in the region. In this regard, it was a huge success, with over 150 residents turning up to listen to the thoughts of Professor John Connell and his top team.

The NHS is facing some of the most challenging circumstances in its entire history. Healthcare is always changing, but the pace and nature of this current change is unlike anything encountered before. As a result, any redesign must be built to last, set against significant demographic and technological changes.

Recent reform managers in the NHS have felt like painters on the Forth Bridge; no sooner have they finished than they have to start again. Delivering care to an ageing and expanding population, whilst remaining on budget, will take careful consideration and accounting. Despite this, I am confident NHS Tayside has the right leadership, under Professor Connell, to make this work.

Delivering care in the right places by the right people is central to NHS Tayside's vision. Redirecting trauma victims and emergency surgery patients away from PRI and into Ninewells has a lot of people concerned. So, too, does the future of accident and emergency.

I'm sure many readers will be veterans of previous "Save our PRI" campaigns. Changing surgical services at PRI is often seen as a "Trojan horse" for its eventual downgrading. I was therefore pleased to hear Professor Connell give an iron-clad commitment to the audience on PRI's "stable and secure" future.

Childhood Flu Programme

GP practices are responsible for vaccinating children aged 2 to 5 years old. This is a nasal vaccine, not an injection. Children at primary school will receive the vaccine at school.

Pneumococcal Vaccination

Patients aged 65 by 31 March 2018, are eligible for the pneumovax vaccination. This vaccination can be given at the same time as the flu vaccination. This is not an annual vaccination so only needs to be given once.

Shingles Vaccination

The shingles vaccination is available to all those aged between 70 and 79, except those born between 02/09/1941 and 01/09/1942. Those aged 80 are also not eligible. This vaccine can be administered at the same time as the flu vaccination so a separate appointment is not required. This vaccination is not an annual vaccination so only needs to be given once. When you book your appointment, please advise the Receptionist that you are eligible for the shingles vaccine as well as the flu vaccine.

The way PRI operates will change. Hospitals that regularly deal with complex operations and trauma victims should lead on this front. Ninewells is clearly the front runner in this regard and is a leading national centre for this type of medicine. If I ever require a complex operation, I wouldn't want a greenhorn wielding the scalpel and neither should you.

Nonetheless, moving specialised services to different locations can only work if the quality of transport and ambulance provision matches it. There is no point moving emergency surgery to Dundee if patients won't survive the journey. Tooling up the Scottish Ambulance Service to deal with longer journeys is incredibly important. Ultimately, linking the different strands of healthcare strategy together is a challenge but one that must be met.

Change is inevitable in healthcare, and this shouldn't be feared, but NHS Tayside must get the communication strategy right in order to take patients and politicians along with them on this journey. The public across the whole of Perth and Kinross, including in many rural areas, rightly remains very concerned about what will happen at PRI.

Liz Smith MSP

As ever, Liz welcomes the feedback of constituents and can be contacted at the Control Tower, Perth Airport, Scone, PH2 6PL via email at Elizabeth.Smith.msp@parliament.scot or via telephone at 01736 55 990.

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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.

First World War Timeline 1917

- 7 Nov Communist government under Lenin takes office in Russia
- 20 Nov British launch tank attack at Cambrai

Kinross-shire Roll of Honour, 1917

November

- 2 Nov Stewart Lyall
- 21 Nov William C Fraser
- 23 Nov John Ritchie
- 27 Nov William Lumsden
- 30 Nov William Bowie

STEWART LYALL was a Private in the Cameronians (Rifles). He was born at Newburgh, Fife, and was the husband of Margaret Lyall of Blairingone. He died aged 43 and is buried at Gaza War Cemetery.

JOHN RITCHIE was a Private in the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders and was from Portmoak. He is buried at Rocquigny-Equancourt Road British Cemetery, Manancourt.

WILLIAM LUMSDEN was a Private in the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders. He was the son of Mr & Mrs G Lumsden of Westerloan, Milnathort, and the husband of Susan Lumsden of Westerloan, Milnathort. He died aged 26 and is buried at Achiet-le-Grand Communal Cemetery extension.

WILLIAM BOWIE was a Gunner with the Royal Field Artillery. The son of William Bowie of South Street, Milnathort, he worked for Fife Coal Company before signing up. He is buried at Metz-en-Couture Community Cemetery, British extension.

WILLIAM C FRASER was a Corporal with The King's (Liverpool Regiment), 12th Bn.

The Kinross-shire Advertiser of 1 December 1917 contained the following report about him:

Referring to the brilliant advance on Cambrai, and to the gallant deeds performed by British troops in shattering the hitherto "impregnable" Hindenburg line, a well known writer this week says, "To many alas! the paeans of victory will fall on deaf ears as they learn of their boy whose death in action also killed all that was happiest and brightest in their lives." To Mr and Mrs Graeme Fraser, Sandport, Kinross, was conveyed this week the sad news that their only son had succumbed in hospital to dangerous wounds inflicted on the fateful 20th November. He had only a few days previously written home to say that he was looking forward to a short leave, but the stern call of duty came, and he fell while participating in the triumphs of his battalion. Corporal Fraser who had reached his 31st year has left behind him a fine record of faithful service both in his civil and military career. After serving his apprenticeship as joiner with Mr R. Cumming, Kinross, he entered the employment of Messrs Speirs in Glasgow, and carried out much important Government work entrusted to this well known firm. Before leaving his native town he had gained invaluable experience in military training through a six years connection with The Fife and Forfar Yeomanry, while on the football field and as a grand master of St. Serf's Lodge he further identified himself with the interests of our community of which he was a respected and popular member.

Corporal Fraser was a member of the West Church of Kinross and is listed on the Church Roll of Honour. He is buried at Tincourt New British Cemetery.



Roseanna Cunningham MSP

for Perthshire South & Kinross-shire

Congratulations on Astro grant

Roseanna Cunningham MSP has welcomed the news from National Lottery Awards for All Scotland that Kinross Astro SCIO in her constituency have recently been successful in securing a £1,000 grant from SportScotland.

Ms Cunningham said: "Kinross Astro is a charity which was set up just this year to run the national level certified hockey pitch for the benefit of the community and to promote hockey in the Kinross-shire area.

"Congratulations to everyone involved in Kinross Astro SCIO in securing this grant which I understand will be used to purchase additional hockey goals at their facility."

Scottish produce must be protected in future trade deals

Roseanna Cunningham MSP is demanding that the UK government protect Scottish produce by upholding the Protected Food Name scheme in all future trade deals.

This comes in response to the UK Government's omission of Scottish products from the EU-Canada trade deal (Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreements (CETA)) and of key Scottish Protected Food Names in EU trade deals with Japan and Mexico.



SNP Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Connectivity Fergus Ewing has written to Michael Gove to seek assurances around the protection of UK food names in EU trade deals, without which our producers could be commercially disadvantaged. Fergus Ewing previously wrote to Gove's predecessor, Andrew Leadsom, on the same issue but did not receive a response.

Commenting, Ms Cunningham said: "The EU Protected Food Name scheme has safeguarded high quality Scottish products ... and labels such as Scotch Beef and Scotch Lamb are recognised the world over as a guarantee of quality, but Michael Gove seems all too willing to take this protection away from Scottish producers and open the floodgates to cheaper products appearing on our supermarket shelves from overseas.

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Incidents of note in Kinross-shire area

Plant and machinery in rural locations continue to be an issue. A generator stolen from Blairingone was recovered and a male charged with theft. There was an attempted theft of a quad bike at Path of Condie. A tractor was stolen from a farm on the Fife border. There was a theft of a trailer at Crook of Devon.

Internet fraud continues to be a problem.

There was a housebreaking in Kinnesswood.

There was a spate of vandalism in Milnathort affecting Heaven Scent, the Golf Club and the Bowling Club. Three males have been charged with the offences.

Advice

We are now on the run-up to Halloween and Bonfire Night

Calls that may be received will relate to the unlawful sale of fireworks, complaints of noisy fireworks displays or complaints of nuisance from fireworks being thrown in the street.

The Trading Standards Department within each Council area have responsibility for the registration of each retailer who stores and sells fireworks. They also investigate complaints of fireworks being sold to underage persons.

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- It is an offence for any person to throw, cast, or fire any fireworks in or into any road or public place.
- It is an offence to use fireworks between **11pm and 7am**, unless it is a local authority display or national public celebration.
- Shops cannot sell fireworks unless they have been granted a licence to do so.
- Fireworks can only be sold between **15 October and 10 November**, and between **26 December and 31 December**.

No person can use an adult firework during the period 2300hrs to 0700hrs the following day. (Regulation 3 Fireworks (Scotland) Regulations 2004) OSS Charge Code FIRW200400030100.

The exceptions to this are when used on a **designated fireworks night**. These are:

- 2300hrs on 5 November to 2400hrs on 5 November (one-hour extension).
- 2300hrs on first day of Chinese New Year to 0100hrs the following day. (Chinese New Year usually falls on the second new moon after the winter solstice.)
- 2300hrs on the day of Diwali and ending on 0100hrs the following day. (Diwali date changes every year as the day is calculated according to the position of the moon but is in October or November.)
- 2300hrs on 31 December to 0100hrs the following day.

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

Community Inspector for Perth South (Strathearn, Strathallan & Carse of Gowrie, Almond & Earn, Kinross-shire): **PI Kevin Chase.**



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Kinross Community Council News from the October Meeting

Present at the meeting held on Wednesday 4 October 2017 were: CCllrs Bill Freeman (Chair), E Thomas (Secretary), J Bryson, D Colliar, D Cuthbert, B Davies, I Jack, D MacKenzie and D West; P&K Cllrs C Purves and R Watters; and two members of the public.

Apologies were received from CCllr M Blyth; community police; and P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and W Robertson.

Police Report: Police unable to be present due to leave, but a report was provided by email. There have been no real incidents of note for Kinross, although police are aware of traffic issue along Springfield Road due to a diversion. There was a spate of vandalism in Milnathort on the weekend prior to this meeting. Three males have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal. Police issue a reminder of home security as nights draw in. Police offer to answer any queries. It was agreed to ask the ages of the three males reported for vandalism.

NHS Surgical Services Consultation. CCllrs Cuthbert and Davies had attended a meeting in Perth on 3 October organised by some MSPs and reported on this. The secretary had requested an extension to the consultation and for an event to be held in Kinross, but received only an automated reply. CCllr Jack had written to Roseanna Cunningham MSP who wrote to the Chief Executive of NHS Tayside. Perhaps as a result, a consultation event was announced on 3 October, to take place on 9 October in the community campus. The deadline for comments is extended to 16 October. *[Post meeting note: this was further extended to 24 October.]* The principal concern of those who attended the meeting in Perth is whether Scottish Ambulance will be able to cope with the proposed changes, which will involve patients from Perth & Kinross having to travel to Ninewells for unscheduled surgery rather than PRI. It was agreed that the Secretary would draft comments after the meeting on 9 October and circulate to the rest of the CC.

Open Spaces for LDP2: Cllr Cuthbert is still working on a comment for the CC to agree and submit.

CC Representation on Campus Management Committee: Cllr Purves reported. Education and Children's Services produced a draft constitution in anticipation of this committee being reformed. Cllr Purves received confirmation from Gillian Taylor of PKC that the constitution is a suggestion, and may be amended. One of the ward councillors will suggest an amendment to the constitution to allow for a CC representative on the campus management committee.

Anti-Skid Surfacing at Zebra Crossings: Cllr Purves reported that there is no specific policy on this. It is not always suitable, depending on various factors. There is a list of locations which he will forward to the Secretary. The list that CCllr Cuthbert produced will be forwarded to Daryl McKeown of PKC.

Verge at by-pass: Cllr Purves reported that Nigel Taylor is looking in to the lack of grass maintenance.

Planning Applications to be Considered

17/01512/FLL Erection of a garage, Wildwood, Bellfield, Balado. No CC comment.

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. Neighbour Consultation Expiry Date was 23 Sep but the CC had requested and been granted an extension to Friday 6 October. The Secy had publicised the planning application on Facebook and read out the comments that had been left. These were mainly positive. No objections had been lodged on line to the local authority. It was agreed that the CC would write to PKC to say it had gauged public opinion and had no objection to the proposal.

Planning Applications Determined by PKC (all Approved).

17/01273/ADV Display of signs, 121 High Street, Kinross.

17/01281/FLL Erection of ancillary accommodation, Braeside House, Hatchbank Road, Gairney Bank.

17/00886/FLM Application to modify conditions 8 (children's play area), 9 (access) and 11 (boundary treatment) of permission 15/01512/FLM (erection of 300 dwelling houses etc) to reflect change in implementation timescale, land 300m NW of Lathro Farm, Kinross.

17/00893/FLL Erection of 6no. dwelling houses, formation of open space, landscaping and associated infrastructure works for plots 1-6, relocation of SUDS basin, pump station and erection of substation (revised layout and design) (in part retrospect), land 300m NW of Lathro Farm, Kinross.

17/01225/FLL Change of use from ancillary store (class 7) to micro-distillery (class 4), Green Hotel, 2 Muirs, Kinross.

16/00996/FLL Erection of 8no dwellinghouses and associated works, land 110m SE of Beaufield, Balado.

Lathro Farm: Flooding/drainage: Cllr Purves had sent an email about PKC's position on legal liability for groundwater flooding to the CC. A PKC solicitor had provided information to Cllr Purves with the proviso that it was for informational purposes only and with a reminder that Council solicitors only provide legal advice for the Council and not for other persons. The solicitor referred to Scottish Planning policies 258 and 259:

'258. Planning authorities should have regard to the probability of flooding from all sources and take flood risk into

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account when preparing development plans and determining planning applications. The calculated probability of flooding should be regarded as a best estimate and not a precise forecast. Authorities should avoid giving any indication that a grant of planning permission implies the absence of flood risk.

259. Developers should take into account flood risk and the ability of future occupiers to insure development before committing themselves to a site or project, as applicants and occupiers have ultimate responsibility for safeguarding their property.'

The solicitor says that the primary responsibility for flooding lies with the landowner and that, once a house is occupied, the responsibility passes from the developer to the new individual owner of the land on which a property is situated. He indicates that the general position is that planning authorities should take into account the probability on flooding from any possible sources and consider flood risk when determining the planning application. This does not mean that they must remove all the flood risk but only that this probability of flooding must be assessed.

The solicitor does not recognise that local authorities would be liable for claims where it can be proved that groundwater flooding is responsible. He points out that flooding expert Professor Crichton refers to local authorities having a "democratic" accountability, rather than a legal one. However, the solicitor says this "does not sit well" with SPP 258 and 259.

Cllr Purves also summarised further email correspondence on this subject that he had had with Mr Whitcombe of Lathro Park. Mr Whitcombe had asked who is responsible for the engineering design of the drainage system. Answer: The developer's consultants provide the modelling and calculations and these are assessed firstly by PKC Flood Risk team. After that, the installation requires approval from PKC Roads Construction Consent (RCC) team. Drawings are with RCC and can be viewed at Pullar House. Question: Whom does PKC consider will be ultimately responsible for the performance of the drainage system presently being installed? Answer: The drainage system is either adopted/maintained by Scottish Water or the Council's Roads Department. PKC's RCC team are currently awaiting confirmation by the developer's consultant but for a development of this scale PKC would expect it to be Scottish Water.

Recently there was an application to move the SUDs pond at the Lathro development, but it was linked with an application for just six houses, so the application did not require a

consultation comment from SEPA or Scottish Water. Cllr Purves said that a Council officer said moving the SUDs pond will not make any difference. Cllr Barnacle had proposed an amendment when this application was considered at the Development Management Committee, but the motion was deemed incompetent because consent had already been granted for the larger application.

Cllr Purves stated that Scottish Water will only adopt the system if it is satisfied.

Lathro Farm: Tree Preservation Order: The Secy had received an email from Anne Condliffe, PKC, apologising for not responding properly before. She says that on this occasion "it was not considered appropriate to proceed to a TPO as there did not appear to be a threat to the trees." A reference to a six-week notice period before felling on the PKC website pertains only to conservation areas. This is not clear on the website and the CC will write again on this point. At a meeting with Nick Brian that morning (see 'Former High School development site', below), Nick Brian stated that the remaining Lathro oaks are outwith the current development site and that they are part of a buffer between Kinross and Milnathort.

Lathro Farm: Radon Gas: Cllr Watters reported that the Lathro site is in a 1% to 3% radon gas area. He had obtained information from the building standards officer but it only arrived late that afternoon so he had not had time to go through it. Protective measures require to be taken at the foundation stage. CCllr Thomas asked if PKC carries out checks at the foundations stage. Cllr Watters replied that the council should do.

Former High School development site: CCllrs Cuthbert, Davies and Thomas had met with Nick Brian and Steve Callan of PKC Planning on the morning of 4 October to view parts of the former High School site (now under development by Persimmon) and to discuss matters of concern. Cllr Cuthbert had made notes of the meeting which he had circulated by email, asking those who had been at the site visit let him know if anything was recorded incorrectly. He read out the notes at this CC meeting. The CC will await a response from Mr Brian on the points raised before writing further.

Two residents whose house is on Alexander Drive, adjacent to the site, were present. They said a section of land was supposed to have been passed to them by Persimmon. They said that dust is a terrible problem and that the walls of their home are cracking due to the Persimmon works. They would like screening in place for privacy. They have communicated with Ian McGouldrick, land buyer for Persimmon; Steven

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Callan, case officer, and Kirsty MacKenzie, PKC Environment, but with no satisfaction.

Planning Correspondence: Letters had been received informing the CC that applications it had commented on were on the agenda for the Development Management Committee of 20 September.

Kinross Town Centre Regeneration: Cllr Robertson had said the CC would receive information regarding a possible additional crossing for the south end of the regenerated area, but nothing has been received. Cllr Purves will send the CC a copy of the proposal, which would involve moving the bus stop from the corner of Montgomery Street to the corner of Swansacre. There was discussion regarding why the Swansacre location had been regarded as unsatisfactory when it was originally proposed as part of the regeneration project. There is no further news of the additional bollards for the give-take section.

Cllr Purves said that Councillors had experienced problems finding parking spaces in Kinross today when attending the Full Council meeting at the campus. They parked at Kirkgate and minibuses brought them to the campus. The CC wondered why buses had not been used to bring Councillors from Perth.

Correspondence: Approximately 55 items had been received. Most had been circulated by email and a list summarising them also provided. Items of importance had been dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.

Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors.

Full Council in Kinross: Cllr Purves reported on this. [See Cllr Purves's column, p. 8.] Cllr Watters added that live webcasts of council meetings are a possibility, in addition to the touring meetings.

Community Street Audit: Cllr Watters is organising this. It will take place on 12 October. [See Cllr Watters' column for report on this, p. 8.]

Other Business

Area Action Partnership: Cllr MacKenzie gave an update. With further sources of funding this year, the budget is over £80,000. Some elements must be decided by participatory budgeting. There are vacancies on the Partnership committee. Money must be spent by 31 March 2018. Cllr Thomas suggested it would be good if summaries of shortlisted projects could be published in the February Newsletter. Information for groups that might wish to apply should probably go in the next Newsletter (November issue). Cllr MacKenzie will bring this to the attention of the committee. There was some discussion about the concept and purpose of Action Partnerships.

Parking Survey: A survey was carried out for PKC a few days before this meeting.

Defibrillators: Cllr Davies updated the CC on provision of public access defibrillators. The first, organised by Kinross Heart Start, had been officially unveiled at the September Farmers' Market. Cllr Davies has secured a grant of £2,000 for the CC's project to install one at the telephone kiosk on the Muirs. It will have a tracking system but he wondered if a CCTV camera should also be set up. Scottish Ambulance are willing to give training sessions locally.

Contributors – please send your item well before the deadline if you can

Traffic Management Model: Cllr Watters will set up this meeting.

Open Day at Primary School: Cllr Bryson informed the CC of this event on 26 October to give former pupils and staff an opportunity to look around before the building closes. The school is also asking to borrow memorabilia. The new-build is still on schedule.

Brown Waste Bin Charge: Cllr Bryson had heard a rumour that a £25 annual charge to households for a brown-lidded (garden waste) bin is to be levied. The councillors confirmed this. It had been agreed as part of the budget in February by the previous council. There was some discussion. The reason given for not simply raising Council Tax is that not all households have a brown bin (e.g. rural properties). Some points made were: it is a tax on having a garden; it may increase fly-tipping; a behavioural impact assessment should be carried out; could the administrative cost of delivering this change (i.e. of tracking who has paid the fee and ensuring no-one else uses the service) cost more than the benefit? Cllrs Purves and Watters will find out more.

Remembrance Parade: Cllr Colliar asked for volunteers to join the organising committee. Cllr MacKenzie will try to attend the next meeting on 10 October.

Tullibole Trail: BeWITCHED: Cllr Davies mentioned this event, 27-29 October, which Rotary Club assists with as a fundraiser.

The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 1 November 2017 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

Draft Agenda for the Meeting on 1 November: Apologies, Declarations of Interest, Minutes of Meeting of 6 Sept 2017, Police Report, Matters Arising from Minutes of 6 Sept 2017, Report from KCCNL Grants Meeting, Planning Matters, Kinross Town Centre Regeneration, Correspondence, Reports from P&K Councillors, AOCB, Date of Next Meeting.

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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For an informal chat about what being on the CC is all about, contact one of the Community Councillors (see p. 104.)

Milnathort Community Council

News from the October Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on Thursday 12 October 2017 were: CCllrs K Heneghan, C Williams, S McHardy, E Kirkham and C Flory; P&K Cllrs C Purves, W Robertson and M Barnacle; PC D Stapleton and 12 members of the public.

Apologies: CCllrs C Lawson and M Leach; and P&K Cllr R Watters.

Police Matters: PC Stapleton attended and explained the difficulties in attending MCC meetings as the meetings occur at a time when the police are changing shifts. Further, they cannot attend if they are called out to an incident. PC Stapleton gave advice on keeping premises secure, particularly as the days grow shorter. He also advised about the hazard of mud on the road – it presents a skid risk and should be treated as if driving on ice. PC Stapleton advised that any member of the public having concerns about speeding hotspots should bring it to his attention or that of PC Spalding; the officers can be emailed in this regard. PC Stapleton also updated the meeting on the acts of vandalism that had occurred at the Golf Club, Heaven Scent and the Bowling Club.

Minutes of last meeting: A discussion followed amongst Stuart McHardy, the Chair and the Secretary. The discussion was concluded and the meeting was able to proceed. The minutes from the last meeting were then proposed by Elyse Kirkham and seconded by Caroline Flory.

Matters arising from the minutes

Actions by MCC members who were unable to attend the meeting will be followed up at November's meeting.

Stop sign: Cllr Purves reported on his action to investigate placing a Stop sign at the mini roundabout at Stirling Road/Wester Loan/New Road. Daryl McKeown (PKC Transport Network Manager) emailed a response:

"Stop and Give Way signs impose a mandatory requirement on a driver. Where a driver fails to comply, a traffic violation has occurred, which is a matter for Police Scotland. The Signs Regulations do not permit Stop lines to be installed at mini-roundabouts. Two alternative road layouts that have been assessed previously. These include (i) removing the mini-roundabout and re-introducing a priority junction or (ii) signalling the junction. Both options create problems.

Reverting to a priority route (either Stirling Road to New Road or South Street to New Road) could lead to an increase in vehicle speeds. At peak times it may be difficult for drivers to emerge from the minor roads. Stop lines would not be installed at a priority junction as the site would not satisfy the requirements within the Signs Regulations. As a result, we are likely to encounter the same problems about lack

of compliance with the Give Way marking at a priority junction as are currently experienced at the mini-roundabout.

The amount of space required for the signal heads would affect pedestrian movement. A signalised junction would have Stop lines and each flow of traffic would be included into the signalling sequence, ensuring access from the minor junctions. Footways may have to be widened to accommodate the signal heads, reducing the carriageway width and pushing the Stop lines further back along the approach roads.

The mini-roundabout appears to be the most practical layout. At present, there are no plans to replace it. Following tonight's meeting you can advise me whether the local community want us to investigate either of the other two options (for possible inclusion in a future programme of works)."

Mud on road at Lathro Farm development: Council officers are aware of the issues, particularly in relation to the dirt on the road and the resultant pooling of water on the A922. They have taken this up with Persimmon Homes. If they are unsatisfied with Persimmon's response, they will make a visit to the site to discuss the matter with the developers. They also intend to remind Persimmon that it is an offence under the Roads (Scotland) Act to deposit dirt on a public road where it creates a 'danger or substantial inconvenience' to road users. Enforcement of this legislation would be a police matter rather than for the Council, so this is another avenue for us to explore if it persists following the above reminders.

Cleaning of leaves from gullies: Officers reporting on the gullies on Perth Road:

"The gullies were all cleansed on New Road/Perth Road on 31 May 2017, except for 2. At the cross, the gully motor could not get close enough to stop and reach the footway gully safely and the one at the wee cul-de-sac at the other end is a private cul-de-sac so we don't cleanse them."

In response to Cllr Purves's query, a council officer states:

"I note the concern is around leaves, but I suspect the residents didn't open up the gully gratings and remove leaves from the gully pot, so the concern is more likely to have been leaves lying on top of the gully frame, perhaps prohibiting water getting into them. If the latter is the case then the constituent did the correct thing as we don't go around removing leaves from atop gullies, and even before the cuts to our budgets over the last 5 years or so we never did. We would never have had the resources to achieve this across >39000 gullies. Operations colleagues do sweep the streets of leaves and will likely increase this over the next few weeks but again they cannot ensure gullies remain free of weed cover at all times"

Lollipop person: The absence of a lollipop crossing person positioned at Stirling Road was temporary.

Planning Application Submitted: 17/01585/IPL Renewal of permission 14/00123/IPL (Erection of a dwelling house) (in principle) at land 30m SE of 40 Viewfar Road.

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Planning Applications Determined

17/00964/FLL Erection of a dwelling house, stable block and riding arena, land 600m SE of Touchie Farm. Approved.

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

17/01269/LBC Alterations to dwelling house, 1 Arlary Steadings, Milnathort. Approved.

17/00885/FLL Installation of drainage infrastructure, land N of Linden Park Road, Milnathort, for Dundas Estates and Development Co. Ltd. Approved.

New Matters and Correspondence

Pace Hill: Email (10 Oct) received regarding the Planning and Development Management Committee meeting on 18 October 2017 advising that anyone wishing to speak at this meeting should give notice of their intention by 4pm on 13 October and that anyone who did go to the meeting wishing to speak was subject to the condition that: "The Committee will decide at the beginning of the meeting whether or not you will be heard".

Cllrs Barnacle and Robertson stated that if a site becomes designated for a purpose, it's very difficult to change that designation. A member of the public expressed a number of concerns about Pace Hill: the number of houses being built has risen from 50 to 77, an uplift of over 50%, there are no pavements at that section of road and that vehicles already speed there. Cllr Robertson stated there was no provision to improve access to the site from North Street. A member of the public commented on the high volume of traffic on Wester Loan. Elyse Kirkham stated that the developers had estimated the development at Pace Hill would generate an extra 240 vehicles. A member of the public questioned the provision of school places, both primary and secondary. In terms of medical provision, it was stated that the NHS is not engaging with the Local Development Plan.

Cllr Barnacle requested a list of objection bullet-points; Kevin Heneghan to send these to all PKC Councillors.

Cllr Barnacle discussed his and Cllr Purves's proposals for establishing a range to further define the term "indicative" in housing development terms.

Burleigh: nothing new to report.

Forklift: Craig Williams stated that forklift activities at the bottom of Wester Loan were causing concern; pedestrians were being forced to walk on the road. If this was a Health and Safety matter, PKC should be informed.

Stuart McHardy asked if the consultation about **bottle banks** being sited at the mini roundabout on Bridgefaulds Road had been started.

He also asked about the progress of **replacing windows and doors** at properties at Whyte Place. Willie Robertson advised this would be done this financial year. Stuart McHardy asked that PKC informed the public of this.

Stuart McHardy asked if the **vandalism** discussed earlier by PC Stapleton was what to be expected as a regular occurrence once the football pavilion had been built. A member of the public stated that a letter regarding appropriate behaviour had been sent out by the Kinross Colts to junior members, but not to more senior members.

Cllr Robertson stated that since the implementation of two "bobbies on the beat" the number of calls about youth disturbances had dropped dramatically.

Cllr Robertson said he was keen that members of Milnathort CC be on the Board of Trustees of the park.

Comments/Questions from the floor

A member of the public asked Cllr Robertson about the resurfacing of the path on which she fell and broke her shoulder. It transpired that there had been some confusion about the exact location, but Cllr Robertson said he would visit the correct locus and take photographs to enable the area to be identified.

A member of the public reported that the wooden logs forming a boundary at the playpark had deteriorated badly and that wire bindings were sticking up. There was also concern about the banking collapsing. Cllr Robertson said the park was inspected daily and the playpark was being monitored. Stuart McHardy reported that the bark in the playpark itself was rotten and needed to be replaced.

A member of the public asked that the grass at the rear of her house be cut back. Cllr Robertson will action this.

It was reported that vehicles using the east end of Church Street were driving down the wrong way in order to effect a shortcut onto South Street.

Perth & Kinross Councillors' Comments

Cllr Purves spoke about the full PKC meeting at Loch Leven Campus as being very well attended by the public.

Cllr Barnacle discussed the Drinks Containers Deposit Return System motion he had introduced and that was supported at the PKC meeting.

Cllr Robertson stated that the motion to upgrade Junction 7 to a four-way junction proposed by himself and Cllr Purves had been passed unanimously.

Cllr Robertson also talked about the reconfiguration of health services in the region. [See Cllr Robertson's column, p. 25.]

Mike Barnacle reported that he is working as part of a short-life working group, looking at public transport and lobbying for better services between Milnathort and Dundee.

The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will take place on Thursday 9 November at 7.30pm in Milnathort Town Hall.

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Portmoak Community Council News from the October Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 10 October 2017 were: CCllrs B Calderwood (Deputy Chair and Treasurer), R Cairncross (Secretary), S Forde, T Smith, D Morris, and A Muszynski; and Ward Cllrs M Barnacle, C Purves, and W Robertson; PC D Stapleton; and 25 members of the public.

Apologies: CCllrs M Strang Steel, and A Robertson; and Cllr R Watters.

Matter Arising from Previous Minutes: Roads. The sudden appearance of a number of automatic traffic monitors across Portmoak's roads reflected a decision of PKC to incorporate their findings into a new "Route Action Plan" that would include the A911.

Westfield Opencast Site - Restoration and Regeneration Project (Fife 16/03661/EIA). The CC noted the recent letter from PKC to Fife Council setting out its final comments in respect of the application. It acknowledged that it largely accommodated most of the requests for mitigation that the CC had made in its letter of objection of 18 August. It felt that, while the funding sought was appreciated, it was believed inadequate for its intended purpose. Major concerns remained: that the PKC letter made no request for mitigation requirements to be a condition of planning consent; and that there had not been an adequate evaluation of alternative road routes. A decision on these matters would be a matter for Fife Council. There was also considerable concern that the generation of energy from waste by incineration may not be classed as renewable. Yet it was a key part of the application which would be sustained by some 1,000 HGV movements per day along the B9097. Although waste incineration to generate energy was part of Scottish Government Policy, it should be seen as an option of last resort and that should be taken into account when evaluating the application.

The four Ward Councillors had felt that the PKC letter was not sufficiently strong and had therefore submitted a further independent comment to Fife Council. This highlighted: the impact of the designated haul route for HGVs on Loch Leven and the Local Landscape Area; and an inadequate environmental assessment which had not adequately evaluated this impact. They felt that PKC should have maintained its objection to the proposal until there was more certainty that the suggested funding could be delivered.

A decision was imminent. The CC was minded to write to Ministers to request that the application be "called-in" and will make a final decision on that shortly. Were it to do so,

Cllr Purves signalled that our MP, Luke Graham, would write in support. Ward Cllrs suggested that members of the public wrote to Scottish Ministers, MPs and MSPs as soon as practicable setting out their concerns.

School access - policy on parking. The CC had reviewed the unresolved problems of restricted access to the School along Buchan Avenue and the related matter of safer drop-off and pick-up arrangements from the adjoining car park. Representatives of the CC had met with the Head Teacher of the school. It was unfortunate that these matters had been considered by PKC some six months ago with no resolution. It was noted that vehicles had been observed parked on the right hand bend hard against the school gates. It was recognised that there may be no easy solution. Cllr W Robertson would convene a group to re-examine this challenge to include representatives of the CC, PKC, and the School.

Arrangements for the maintenance of residual plots across Whitecraigs.

The CC was pleased to learn that progress had been made in transferring ownership of a number of redundant plots across Whitecraigs from A & J Stephen to PKC. PKC would assume maintenance of the plots. The new arrangement would facilitate the leasing of one plot to Kinnesswood in Bloom. The CC remained concerned that despite it being the intention of A & J Stephen to do so, a significant plot had not been transferred (stretching from the A911 along the side of the golf course to Stephen's Field). The matter would be followed up by Cllr Purves.

Police report: PC Douglas Stapleton was welcomed and reported that there had been little crime in Portmoak but that there had been one house breaking in Kinnesswood. As the nights drew in it was important that all residents reviewed their security arrangements and reported anything unusual. Nearby a truck and trailer had been stolen but recovered, some vandalism had occurred in Milnathort and a local resident been taken advantage of by a "BT scammer". Recently a car had run off the road at East Brackley. This was a significant accident but apparently was not known to the Police. The CC reiterated its concern that accident intelligence which informed decisions by PKC was not reliable. "Boy racers" were entering the Westfield site through open gates from the Perth and Kinross access road. PC Stapleton undertook to investigate. As this was a busy time for farmers, be careful of mud on the roads - especially in darkness. The Area Commander's Bulletins of 13, 21, and 28 September and of 4 October were noted.



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Treasurer's report: The balance at the month ending 30 September was £475.20 in the General Account; and £1,042.23 in the Michael Bruce Way Account giving a total of £1,517.43.

Planning:

New applications:

17/01596/IPL. Land 50 metres south of 9 Bishop Terrace, Kinnesswood. Erection of a dwelling house in principle. (*Stephen's Field*). The CC had previously considered this new planning application and had taken the view that in such circumstances and, in order to fulfil its role in ascertaining, co-ordinating and reflecting the views of the community it represents, a new Ballot would be required. Further, the information circulated with the application raised a number of significant points that would require clarification before a Ballot could be effected. The CC confirmed that position. It had sought an extension to the consultation time to enable a Ballot to be held but that had not been accommodated. As there was no prospect of holding a Ballot it agreed that it should now object to the current application. In discussion the CC noted: the many years that this matter had lain unresolved; the considerable effort it had invested in clarifying the preceding application made in April and the significant objections made by many residents to both applications. To take matters forward a meeting of representatives from the CC, PKC and A & J Stephen had been mooted. If confirmed the CC would participate and raise the need for a ballot, more information and the concerns which were being expressed by Portmoak residents.

17/01583/LBC. The Cottage, Main Street, Scotlandwell. Installation of secondary glazing to habitable rooms to the front elevation. No Comment.

17/01509/FLL. Dunhoy, Main Street, Kinnesswood. Alterations to hard standing material and formation of decking. No Comment.

17/01483/FLL 1 Bishop Terrace, Kinnesswood. Alteration and extension to dwellinghouse and formation of a roof terrace. No Comment.

Roads report:

Wester Balgedie/Carsehall Junction (*increased traffic risk - papers circulated*). The CC recognised the serious problems that this junction presented and the consequent risk to the safety of residents, pedestrians and road users alike. These had been well detailed in the letter from local residents (*circulated*). This was a known problem but with increased traffic the situation was deteriorating and this had triggered the letter from residents. The CC agree that a site meeting to consider this matter with residents, Ward Cllrs, CC representatives and PKC roads department was now essential. Cllr Purves undertook to arrange this.

Footpath from Scotlandwell to the Church, Hall and beyond (to note progress). It was unfortunate that yet again no progress had been made on what the CC regard as a priority matter. Following the last CC meeting and at the request of Ward Cllrs, relevant papers had been forwarded to all concerned to provide a background record of efforts made over the past three years. A site meeting was agreed to be essential and would be arranged by Cllr Purves. Mr W Grieg for PKC with responsibility for cemeteries would be invited to participate.

Vehicle Activated Signs (invitation to comment on siting of five such signs). The CC welcomed this opportunity to enhance safety across Portmoak and would work with PKC to help

identify appropriate sites. Cllr Bruce Calderwood would take this forward liaising with the PKC Roads Department. Potential closure of B911 at the build-out on entering Scotlandwell from Kinnesswood. Cllr Purves confirmed that PKC had asked BT Openreach to consider what alternative arrangements were possible. The CC reiterated the suggestion that, if necessary, the build-out could be suspended with ramps to allow safe passage over it.

BT Manhole at garage by Kinnesswood (To note recurrent flooding). Ward Cllrs noted the concerns that the BT manhole adjacent to the garage was, since the new resurfacing, taking a significant load of water each time it rained. Cllr Purves would pursue the matter with the PKC roads department.

Paths report:

Cllr Smith reported that, while the work schedule was tapering down as darkness came early, work on clearing gorse was still being undertaken. There would be time to consider the next work programme and to consider repairs to steps and new signage. In taking forward paths groups, PKC Greenspace had referred to Portmoak as an exemplar. The CC had welcomed the donation from the Portmoak Festival Fund to support the work of the Paths Group.

PKC Ward Councillor Reports

Cllr Purves. The full PKC Council had meet recently in Kinross for the first time in over 50 years. It had support two local member motions: keeping open the possibility of restoring a rail route to or through Kinross; and the introduction of two further slip roads to Junction 7 on the M90. PKC would shortly review its policy on the wider introduction of 20mph limits.

Cllr Barnacle. Efforts were currently under way to improve the forthcoming LDP to reflect better the needs of Kinross-shire. As this was not proving easy it seems that PKC will face a number of amendments as the LDP progresses.

Cllr Robertson. Consultations on proposals to change the provision of surgical services across Tayside had been held recently by the Tayside Health Board. Two matters needed to be addressed: direct public transport from Kinross-shire to Ninewells was non-existent making travel arduous for relatives and carers alike; and times for ambulances to reach patients in acute need appeared over-long. Both matters were being pursued.

The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14 November 2017 in Portmoak Village Hall, Scotlandwell.

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Fossoway and District CC

News from the October Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 3 October 2017 were: CCllrs Cameron Brown, Jennifer Donachie, Carol Farquhar and Graham Pye (Chair); P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, C Purves, W Robertson and R Watters; and seven Members of the Public (MoP).

Apologies: CCllrs Angus Cheape and Trudy Duffy; P&K Cllr Purves.

Declarations of Interest: CCllr Pye declared an interest in Planning Applications 17/01547/FLL, 17/01548/FLL, 17/01550/FLL and 17/01551/FLL.

Police report: Unfortunately, no Officer was able to be present at the meeting. There were three incidents to note in our area in the last month from the Commander's Reports: a trailer was stolen from Easter Muirhead Farm, Blairingone (13-14 Sept); a blue Stephill generator with a road tow was stolen from the rear garden of the premises occupied by The Mart Inn, Main Street, Blairingone (18 Sept); a garage door was damaged at a property in Main Street, Crook of Devon (16 Sept).

Minutes of the previous meeting: CCllr Farquhar noted that the Disability Sports Day will be held on 3 December and not the 4th.

A977 Defects and Mitigation Measures: Cllr Barnacle reported that a meeting was held with project officer Daryl McKeown. It was felt the proposals were generally favourable. Discussions were held relating to junction with the B-road at Crook of Devon, traffic in Blairingone, new types of traffic lights, road alterations and roundabouts. Cllr Robertson added that slowing of traffic, deterring of lorries and improving quality of life for those living next to the road were the overarching outcomes. Vehicle Actuated 'SLOW' signs will be replaced with signs notifying the speed of the passing vehicle. Cllr Barnacle reported that further resurfacing is to take place. One MoP asked what measure will deter lorries from using the A977. Cllr Robertson answered that the only way to deter lorries is by making the travel times longer. One MoP raised concerns regarding the speed of traffic on the A977 when crossing from the Millennium walk to Harelaw Road and suggested that the speed limit could be extended towards Briglands. Cllr Barnacle responded that this has been noted in the past and would be a good idea.

Crook of Devon and Drum Growing Together: CCllr Duffy passed on the information that Crook of Devon have won a Silver in the Take a Pride in Perthshire

Awards, as well as a First in the new entries category. The CC would like to record its thanks to Amanda James for her efforts in Crook and Drum Growing Together. **Powmill in Bloom:** Cllr Farquhar reported that members have been strimming and grass cutting. Two thousand bulbs have been collected from Pullar House and a lawn mower donated by Ramsay Cooper.

Hydro Scheme: Hugh Wallace of Glendevon Energy has requested the Community Fund's bank details in order to transfer this year's £5k contribution. MoP asked when the community engagement exercise will be taking place.

Naemoor Bridge: Cllr Barnacle reported that the missing coping stones were due to be replaced by now but there is still no sign of any change.

Lambhill Site, Blairingone: Cllr Purves and John Anderson had previously delivered a petition to the Scottish Government; however, the petition was rejected as it was not of national interest. The Clerk dealing with the petition forwarded further information regarding alternative means of taking action. Mr Anderson raised the concern that past commitments on the issue have been ignored and is looking for further means of raising the plight of the village to the Scottish Government. Councillors suggested that the lack of community benefit from the neighbouring overcast mine might raise the option of a special landscape designation making it of national significance.

School Estate Transformation: An informal community drop-in session for Blairingone Primary School was held on 21 September. Cllr Farquhar attended the meeting and reported that the session was informative and was surprised that the decision to retain the school would not be made solely on the basis of economics and that the rationale behind is based on the local community. The building is in good order and can accommodate approx. 25 pupils at present. There was a feeling from those present that the community would be affected should the school close and that losing the school might be a big factor in a further loss of the community feeling in Blairingone.

One MoP mentioned that in the past the option of changing catchment area was not well received. Cllr Watters reported that four Blairingone children attend Fossoway School, and that there were some projections of pupil numbers declining and then again increasing in the future. Cllr Barnacle suggested changing the catchment area and an integrated approach to working between schools could make the school more viable.

Cllr Robertson made the point that should the school close that some form of community facility should remain. Cllr Watters suggested that should the school close there is the possibility for an asset transfer to the local community by using the Community Empowerment act, if a sufficient business case could be put forward for the school as a community asset. Cllr Barnacle commented that the closing of a school takes a substantial amount of time, and further opportunities for consultation will take place.

Fossoway Area Public Transport: There has been correspondence from members of the public to Andrew Warrington regarding the DRT service. Cllr Robertson reported that there is a shortage of taxi services in the Kinross area, many of which have contracts with the education services.

LDP2: Cllr Barnacle and Cllr Waters attended a meeting with planners, following work done in Kinross-shire relating to forum meetings etc., it had been decided to set up a short life



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members working group, which is currently meeting weekly. Cllr Barnacle summarised possible outcomes relating to LDP2. Blairingone: the sites to the north and south will be zoned as phased development. Rumbling Bridge: the village envelope will not be altered at present. Crook of Devon: the site is not likely to be included within the settlement boundary, an alternative option of a mixed use site could be discussed provided an amendment is moved, not having this option could mean no affordable housing will be zoned in Crook of Devon until 2028.

Blairingone War Memorial: Cllr Barnacle reported that a recent planning application for additional access to the old Church was rejected, and was also refused by the Local Review Body due to technical requirements regarding vehicle manoeuvring.

CC Business: Meetings Attended: CCllr Farquhar attended a meeting of the Sports Hub at which raising the profile of the group was discussed. Some publicity on the sports hub has been put together. It is felt there may be too strong a focus on Kinross within this group and less so for communities on the fringes such as Fossoway. A local group had been discussed previously but has not been followed up. Cllr Robertson reported that there are several local groups but due to a lack of facilities most have to travel to Kinross, e.g. football team, curling club, etc. Cllr Barnacle felt that a short working group to assess sport facilities and the needs of local sports clubs in the area could be of benefit.

Perth & Kinross Councillors' Reports

Cllr Barnacle: Full council at Loch Leven Community Campus on 4 October. Cllr Barnacle noted that this meeting is a good step forward to possibly devolved powers to local communities. Motions such as deposit return systems will be discussed to improve recycling etc. Health care services, Perth to Edinburgh rail link and junction 7 on the M9 are also being discussed. Cllr Robertson added that the meeting will be the first time the council has met outwith Perth since the Council building in Kinross closed and there are plans for similar meetings in other areas of P&K such as Crieff. Cllr Barnacle had heard concerns regarding the A91 closure. There was a demand for 20mph limits following the A977 consultation, this is not necessarily possible due to policy constraints, Cllr Barnacle and Cllr Purves are looking to address this.

Cllr Robertson: The Action Partnership for Almond and Earn have approximately £50k budget. Cllr Robertson proposed Kinross could have a devolved budget which would be

allocated using an area committee for Kinross-shire made up with members of local groups. Cllr Watters noted that the Action Partnerships will also receive two further tranches of £15k.

Cllr Watters brought up the subject of the review of NHS process for surgical services at PRI and Dundee. MoPs present were unaware that this review was taking place, CCllr Pye observed that he was only aware of it as a result of communications sent to the CC. Until very recently there were no local meetings to discuss this review, however there will now be a meeting at LLCC.

Planning Matters

17/01547/FLL Change of use, alterations and extension to outbuildings to form two dwelling houses at outbuildings, West of Briglands House, Rumbling Bridge. No CC comment.

17/01548/FLL Erection of dwelling house and garage at land 90 metres north-west of Briglands House. No CC comment.

17/01550/FLL Erection of garage/workshop and formation of hardstanding at Briglands House. No CC comment.

17/01551/FLL Change of use, alterations and extension to bothy to form dwelling house and erection of garage at Former Bothy, Briglands, Rumbling Bridge. No CC Comment.

One MoP raised concerns about additional traffic because of the above developments at Briglands, both during building work and following completion – this has not been mentioned in any of the applications. There is also the potential issue of bin lorry, etc, access.

Correspondence: All the correspondence was available for viewing. The CAA have temporarily halted Edinburgh Airport's airspace change review but still plan to complete changes by Spring 2019 after further review. The Scottish Health Council have set up an online survey to assess the communication about NHS Tayside's proposed changes to Surgical services described in Cllr Watters report above.

AOCB: One MOP commented that there is a shortage of bins for dog fouling; the Back Crook is one area in particular where two requests have previously been made for a poo bin.

John Anderson suggested that the local members could ask for a representative from the planning department to attend a CC meeting to discuss the Lambhill application and hear the Community's views on the matter.

Draft Agenda for Next CC Meeting

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

Matters arising: A977 Mitigation, Crook & Drum Growing Together, Powmill in Bloom, Hydro Scheme, Naemoor Bridge, Lambhill Site, Blairingone School, Fossoway Area Transport, Blairingone War Memorial.

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

The Next Meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place on Tuesday 7 November 2017 at 7.30pm in Fossoway Primary School. All Welcome.

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Club & Community Group News



Milnathort in Bloom

Double Whammy!

We were very excited to go along to this year's 'Take a Pride in Perth and Kinross' awards held in Perth last month. Milnathort in Bloom were awarded 'Silver Gilt', which is a great testament to the hard work put in by all our volunteers who work tirelessly to make Milnathort a more pleasant place to live in. However, the icing on the cake was to be awarded 'Most Improved Community'. There are 40-odd bloom groups which take part in the awards, so to win this award was just absolutely brilliant; the whole team were so chuffed.



So we'd like to thank you, the community we live in, for your support. Without you we wouldn't be able to do all the things we do.

So, what's next? Well, of course, we'd like to win a Gold award next year – who wouldn't? There are a few areas we need to improve on to achieve this; more community involvement, acknowledging our heritage and more ongoing projects, to name a few. We have a few ideas but we'd also really like to hear from you! Do you have any ideas around how we could promote Milnathort's heritage? How would you like to be involved in improving our village? Do you have any competition ideas? Please do let us know.

You can contact us via our Facebook page or email Teresa at teresa_stirling@hotmail.co.uk. Get your thinking hats on and let's 'Go for Gold' in 2018!

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For children and their families, we have a **Christmas Fun Day** on **Saturday 18 November** from 1pm to 4pm with music, dancing, crafts and fun activities, as well as a walkabout from Father Christmas. Children will be able to write and post their letter to Santa and receive a reply in store a few days later. The grotto will be open for visits to Father Christmas from 19 November at weekends, up until Christmas. Entry for the event is free for children and we are asking for a charity donation of £2 for adults. There will also be a special treasure hunt around the store in the run up to Christmas for youngsters.

I am planning to donate a live **Christmas tree** to **Kinross Primary School** for their first Christmas in the new school building. We wish the staff and pupils much happiness and success there.

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Away Days

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23 Nov McArthur Glen.

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Friday Walkers

3 Nov Beecraigs Park and the Korean War Memorial.

17 Nov Round the Reservoirs from Craigmead Car Park.

Walks leave from the Green Hotel. Contact Ian Simpson, 01577 863691.

Friday Hill Walkers

10 Nov Dollar Loop Liz Pottie 8.30am

24 Nov Ochils Robin Eadie 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 Monday 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.

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Portmoak Hall 100 Club

September Draw

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Kinross & District Probus Club

Highlights of a Moderatorial Year

by Angus Morrison



Angus explained that the Moderator of the Church of Scotland is the minister chosen to moderate (chair) the annual General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, which is held for a week in Edinburgh every year. After chairing the Assembly, the Moderator then spends the following year representing the Church of Scotland at civic events and visiting congregations and projects in Scotland and beyond. As the Church of Scotland is Scotland's national church and a presbyterian church has no bishops, the Moderator is a prominent figure in the life of Scotland.

Angus was born in Oban in 1953 and became a Church of Scotland minister in 2000. In 2006 he was appointed Honorary Chaplain to the Queen. On 29 October 2013 he was nominated to be Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland for 2014-15. On 18 March 2014 the Church of Scotland announced that he had to withdraw his nomination as Moderator on grounds of ill health, but the following year was again successfully nominated to be Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland for 2015-16.

Angus detailed how the General Assembly was a baptism of fire, with an intense week of meetings, talks, lunches, dinners and introductions to some very important people; an experience that was to stand him in good stead for the gruelling year ahead.

After the General Assembly, the year unfolded with presbytery visits to see the raft of good work being done by countless groups and individuals who are working tirelessly to help the needy and less fortunate.

There were trips to Brussels and Lisbon and a journey to Sicily to see the work of Mediterranean Hope, a church organisation set up to help the thousands of refugees arriving in Sicily every year.

A week in London was probably Angus's most exhausting time. In London he met a host of political and religious leaders, including the then Prime Minister David Cameron. Spending time with organisations like Cross Reach reinforced Angus's understanding of the amount of good work that is carried out in the church's name. All the visits demonstrated the commitment that is made by the volunteers and the work they carry out. It's the ordinary folk that made a lasting impression on Angus and he was enriched by the experience. They say there is always a strong woman behind the great man and this is clearly the case with Angus as he made reference to the huge support he had received from his wife Marion.

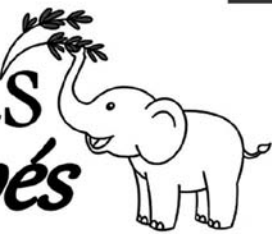
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Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

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Autumn and early winter can be wonderful seasons for walking. The air is fresh and the colours of the trees are spectacular. Explore new places, improve your mental and physical fitness and meet people. Whether you've never walked much, are returning to walking, or are a regular walker, come out with us to see if you'd like to join our relaxed and friendly group. You will be made very welcome. We operate car-sharing but it is not essential to have a car.

Weekend Walks

Saturday 11 November: Limekilns to Charlestown, 4 miles (followed by meal and AGM at Elgin Hotel, Charlestown).

A walk along the prom passing Charlestown, then cutting inland through the Elgin estate, returning to cars at Limekilns.

Sunday 26 November: Kincardine to Clackmannan Circular, 7 miles. The route goes past the site of the old Kincardine Power Station. On to the ruins of the old distillery at Kennet Pans via the Clackmannanshire Crossing, then up to Clackmannan Tower. Return by a slightly different route.

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

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

Tuesday Short Walks

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

Tuesday 7 November: Letham Glen, Leven Beach and Silverburn Estate. A wander from Blacketyside Farm Shop, through Letham Glen, along the beach and back via the Silverburn estate.

Tuesday 21 November: Dollar Mystery Walk.

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

Kinross Garden Group

The first meeting of the new season featured a very entertaining and informative talk from Lindsay Morrison from the Inwood Garden, Musselburgh, who gave us numerous ideas about how to 'grow things in a pot'.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 9 November** in the Millbridge Hall, Kinross, at 2pm. Brian Cunningham from Scone Palace Gardens - and Beechgrove Garden - will talk about 'The gardens and grounds of Scone Palace'. Please note that we will be taking numbers at this meeting for the Festive Lunch on 11 January 2018.

Membership fees are £10 for the year and £2 for visitors. If you are new to Kinross-shire and interested in meeting fellow garden enthusiasts, you will be made very welcome. Doors will be open from 1.30pm. For more details, contact Caroline Anderson on 01577 864589.



Kinross & District

Rotary Club

www.facebook.com/kinrossrotaryclub



Recent Speakers

On 25 September, the club was visited by members of the Buckhaven and Methil Rotary Club, which was a new club formed in September 2016. Their president Alistair Robb spoke of dispelling the old traditional view of Rotary which was often seen as an old man's club. The punch line on their website is, "it's what we do that matters". They are keen to show their openness to change and to be all inclusive for all members of the community. Alistair told the amazing story of how quickly they had grown to a membership of over 20 in just over a year. He said: "No two members of our club are the same. We have married couples, business owners, councillors, unemployed members and all variety of ages. Everyone is welcome. There is no need to have any prestigious job title or previous volunteering background. If you want to be involved in your community, this is the way to do it." The visitors were warmly welcomed by the members of Kinross and thanked for their input.

On 9 October, Andy Middlemiss, a club member and ex regular army soldier in the King's Own Scottish Borderers (KOSB), gave a talk about the Battle of Passchendaele/Third Battle of Ypres. This was fought 100 years ago in Flanders from 31 July to 10 Nov 1917, in which over 30,000 soldiers lost their lives on the Allied side. Andy told the story of two KOSB soldiers awarded the Victoria Cross (VC) on the same day, 16 August 1917, and of the appalling conditions under which the battle was fought. Anyone wanting to know more about the battle, or needing a talk to a group, should contact him at andydymid@btinternet.com

Upcoming Events

Tullibole Trail BeWITCHED, 27-29 October: The club will be supporting the organisation of this event to raise money for local charities and good causes. *[For further information see p. 99.]*

Santa's Sleigh 2017, from 5 to 17 December. Once again Santa will be flying through the streets of Kinross-shire with the assistance of Rotary and Round Table. 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 or by phone on 01577 865004.

[See page 53 for Santa's dates and routes.]

Join us

The club meets most Mondays at 6.30pm at the Kirklands Hotel. On the third week of the month the club meets at 7.30am on the Tuesday morning. Feel free to come along and find out what's happening and meet some of our members.

Contact us

Email Secretary Brian Timms at: secretary.kdrc@gmail.com

Club Correspondents

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

Kinross Camera Club

kinrosscameraclub.org.uk

The new season got off to a fantastic start last month with two great speakers. First, we had Andy Hall whose talk was called the 'Art of Photography'. This covered many of the artistic elements of a photograph which are often the difference between a good image and a wonderful image. He was followed by Jeremy Sutton-Hibbert who spoke about many of the documentary projects he has covered over the years. This included the time he was the official photographer for Greenpeace on many visits to the Arctic where, through his photos, they highlighted the plight of whales being hunted by Japanese whaling ships. Jeremy has visited the club before and his photos were as engaging and inspiring as ever. This month we see the start of our club competitions with 4-on-a-Board and Digital Knockout. We also have an Adobe training evening where Scott Russell will talk about Photoshop and Lightroom, which many of the club use to edit their photos.

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 at Alison.rutherford1@live.com or visit the club website.



Bride Veil Falls which are located just off the main road north of Portree on Skye

Kinross & District Men's Shed

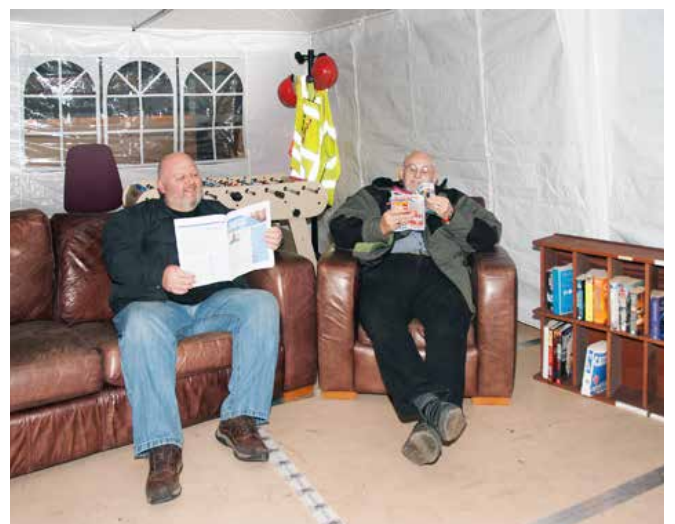
We have had a busy month fitting out the shed with the gazebos, the erection of which caused some head scratching! That was until Dave S worked out which poles had to be fitted together to make the assembly work. Then it was a case of laying them out on the floor and checking that they were in the correct places. Fortunately, we had a good turn out as it took more than a few of us to man the uprights to lift the structure and get the cover on correctly before the final lift to insert the final poles. The second gazebo was then built in about a quarter of the time it took for the first and the two were joined together to give a 6 x 9 metre enclosure.

The following Saturday we had the luxury of two industrial fan heaters, which soon got the temperature up to comfort level. We then moved the furniture from the portacabin and arranged it in the enclosure. We now have a functioning sink thanks to the efforts of Tom N in sorting out the water supply and drainage. At the time of writing, Tom is working on the fitting of a water heater, which will make the task of washing up the coffee and tea mugs so much easier.

Out and about, Lewis, Stewart and Stan recently visited the Forth Valley Men's Shed to find out what they are doing. Although few in number, they are making good progress. This week Lewis is attending a development course for Fife Men's Sheds. The Men's Shed will be happy to take old toys to restore for Christmas presents to be delivered by charities. Plastic or wooden toys only please; metal ones cannot be

accepted. Please deliver between 10am and 12noon on a Saturday morning at our Shed at Forth Wines, Milnathort, or contact us via our Facebook page.

Our membership has just reached 30 but we will still give anyone interested a warm welcome on Saturday mornings at our base at Forth Wines. Note the extended opening time: from 10am until 2pm. You can also check out our Facebook page as we are going to be trying additional days and times to find out what demand there is for alternatives to Saturdays.



Relaxing in one of the gazebos!

Portmoak Community Woodland

Perhaps it's time for us to adopt a slogan; something along the lines of 'The Outdoors is Better Indoors'. That was certainly the case at the beginning of October when poor weather meant that our apple day, which should have taken place in the community orchard, had to move lock, stock and barrel into the village hall across the road. While the rain poured down outside, 60 to 70 people enjoyed themselves inside by turning hundreds of apples into juice and eating apple-themed baking.

Andrew Lear, aka 'Appletreeman', from Bankfoot in Perthshire, set up a fantastic display of apples, showing the huge variety we have in Scotland. He answered questions from a steady stream of people who were looking for help identifying the apples in their gardens. There have been some bumper harvests in Perth and Kinross this year, including in our community orchard. The cream of the crop was a cooking/eating apple called Howgate Wonder, which grows so big you only need one to make a crumble.

On that note, members of the group proved to be highly inventive. They came up with all kinds of apple treats, from individual crumbles with caramelised apple filling, to sponge cake with apple icing. We also had cup cakes with apple decoration and flapjacks with apple slices. Florence Thomson from Scotlandwell once again provided superb toffee apples. At the time of writing, members of the group are preparing to work off some of the extra calories by helping with repairs to the main track into Portmoak Moss, which has become badly potholed. The Woodland Trust Scotland, who own the Moss, are also planning to spruce up the Scotlandwell entrance.

No sooner have we celebrated autumn than it's time to prepare for Christmas. We'll be running our annual **Christmas tree event** in Portmoak Moss at 11am to 1.30pm on **Sunday 17 December**, when you can come and choose a local tree for your living room. Donations will be welcomed.

As always, anyone can attend our monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in the Well Inn, Scotlandwell.



Eilidh Buchanan and Andrew Lear with a Howgate Wonder at the Portmoak Apple Day

Charity Quiz Night

The red carpet was in evidence as the crème de la crème of Kinross-shire's society dusted off their finest attire and congregated in The Windlestrae Hotel for the Andersons' Annual Quiz night. Well, maybe not, but almost 150 good folk turned out once again to support this great fun night and to raise a few pounds to boot. Hosted by the outstanding, and highly recommended,

Quizzical (Mike and Elaine Spain), the evening flew by, with an excellent buffet from Windlestrae's kitchen providing sustenance.

This year's project was the Kinross High School Rock Challenge. An excellent presentation about this most worthwhile cause was given by Miss Stacy MacNab, Principal Teacher of Guidance. This included a film of the group's recent performance *Happening*

Now, a piece reflecting the struggle of innocent refugees from war-torn Syria.

On the night, the quiz winners (with a near perfect 102 from a possible 110 points) were the topically named 'Can we play our joker yet?' An excellent team and very worthy winners, setting a notable benchmark for future years.

Our proceeds from the night, added to our own Rock Challenge (scaling Ben Nevis), gives us a running total of around £2500, which will help this group continue to put on high quality and polished performances.

There are too many to thank but we would like to note our thanks to all the firms (mostly local) which supported us with vouchers and other raffle prizes. They are: The Courthouse, The Muirs Inn, DM Hall Surveyors, Kirklands Hotel, Grouse and Claret, Todd and Duncan, The Boathouse, Coach House at Kinross House, Kinross Golf Club, Hunters of Kinross, Loch Leven's Larder, Mary Queen of Scots, Angel Cakes Cake Shop and Tearoom, Loch Leven's Smokehouse, The Complete Look, Le Jardin, J and E Shepherd Surveyors and the Green Hotel. Special thanks go to Quizzical.

Thank you from the team at Andersons.



Winners of the quiz with Lorna Miller and Stewart Baillie of Andersons

Kinnesswood in Bloom

After the glory of the awards season, it's back to reality with our usual Saturday work parties.

In September we switched our work party to help get the school grounds spick and span for the inspection team. We also met with the lay inspector to discuss partnership with the school.

In October we worked on the Michael Bruce Cottage garden (where we had a really good turnout), the Picture Garden, Rose Garden and Lavender Walk. We try to keep work parties going throughout the year. Weed growth has been continuous this year and, as always, the leaves keep falling!

In the last week before the holidays, the school classes have been enjoying walking around the village looking for the birds and bees and trying to identify them all. It not only makes for a healthy walk but takes the children into all the nooks and crannies of the village. The birds and bees have been removed now but who knows what might appear next year? There is good news on the Benarty View project as the land has been transferred to PKC and a lease is imminent. At last we can begin planning again. We are optimistic that this will be completed by next year. There is a new project officer for Take a Pride in Perthshire and we look forward to working with Kirsten Mathison, who has considerable experience in working with community groups.

Thank you very much to David Buchan for allowing all our awards to be displayed in the garage window. It is very much appreciated.



Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

Roast Beetroot

Ingredients

6 beetroots, unpeeled
3 medium unpeeled red onions
4 tbsp olive oil
50ml vegetable stock
2 tbsp balsamic vinegar
1 sprig of thyme, chopped
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Method

Preheat the oven to 180°C/360°F/Gas 4.

Place the beetroot, red onions, sprigs of thyme and olive oil in a medium-sized roasting tray, making sure that the vegetables are well coated in olive oil. Roast for an hour and a half, until the beetroot feels tender. Peel and slice the cooked vegetables and put to one side.

To make the glaze, place the roasting tray on a medium hob flame and add the stock, balsamic vinegar and the chopped thyme. Bring this to the boil, making sure to stir until the liquid has reduced to a syrupy consistency. Season.

Arrange the beetroot and red onions neatly on a warmed serving dish and cover in the glaze. Serve immediately.



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December

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Wed 6th	Milnathort	from 6.00pm
Fri 8th	Kinross South	from 6.00pm
Tue 12th	Crook of Devon and Balado	from 6.00pm
Thu 14th	Glenfarg & Cuthill Towers	from 6.00pm
Sun 17th	Kinross North (Station Road etc)	from 4.00pm
Sun 17th	Kinross North (Wimpey, Lathro)	from 6.30pm

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Kinross and District Art Club

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Cameron Coutts, a graduate of Glasgow School of Art who now lives in Perth and who worked for 30 years in Art Education, was the guest artist in October. Around 30 members attended the demonstration which focused on the techniques of perspective, 'finding the vanishing point', tonal value and tonal recession, all illustrated through a live, interactive painting session of landscape in acrylics. Members found the session refreshing and motivating and all felt that revisiting these basic techniques would help them improve and enhance their own skills. Examples of Cameron's art work can be found online at www.coutts-art.com.



Guest artist Cameron Coutts

Our next demonstration is planned for **Friday 10 November** with Fife Artist Colin Joyce. Colin is currently exhibiting at the Fife art Exhibition in the Lochgelly Centre, running till mid-November.

The club **AGM** is on **Tuesday 28 November** in the Millbridge Hall from 3pm to 4pm. The twice weekly sessions continue to be well attended and we are delighted to welcome two new members this month.

We still have some copies of the impressive photo book of our paintings. It was created to celebrate our 50th anniversary and that of the RSPB Loch Leven, on sale for the incredibly modest price of £10. These make an ideal gift and could solve your entire Christmas present list! If you wish to purchase a copy, please contact Margaret-Elspeth on 01577 840790.

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Kinross & District Town Twinning Association



The photograph shows a souvenir plate from our twin town of Gacé featuring a couple in traditional Normandy costume. There are a number of traditional Norman dances where locals dress in their regional costumes to perform specific dance routines. Why not find out more about our local town twinning and also participate in next summer's planned official twinning visit to Gacé? A number of local residents, along with any new interested individuals or families, are planning a week-long visit around the end of July 2018. A twinning exchange is an ideal holiday opportunity where you are hosted by a local family for the week-long visit, the only cost being your travel to and from Gacé. A variety of visits to local attractions will form part of the itinerary, including a formal dinner, with music, where gifts between the towns are exchanged.

The Association **Annual General**

Meeting will be held in St

Paul's Church Hall at

7.30pm on **Wednesday**

15 November where

further details of

next summer's

visit to Gacé will be

discussed in more

detail. This meeting

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and all are welcome to

attend.



A souvenir plate showing traditional Normandy costume

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Spread Christmas cheer at home and abroad by sending fair trade cards

Portmoak Primary School

www.portmoak.com

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

We held a very successful Macmillan Coffee afternoon and Meet the Teacher on Wednesday 27 September. We raised £171.86 from all our lovely homebaking donations.

Portmoak Festival

A big thank you to our friends at Portmoak Festival; they have granted us £1500 to put towards our project of developing the IT hardware in the school and replacing the smart boards with state of the art promethean boards (like smart TVs). We are very excited to be getting closer to our target on this as the trial before the holidays in P2/3 got a big thumbs up from Mrs Mossom and her children.

P4/5 Trip to RSPB Loch Leven

On Tuesday 19 September, P4/5 visited RSPB Loch Leven to take part in woodland sensory workshops, as part of our commitment to the 'Growing up with Loch Leven' project.



Portmoak Primary pupils at the woodland sensory workshops

The aim of the trip was to provide a stimulus for writing descriptive Autumn poetry on return to the class, with a particular focus on adjectives and verbs. The children took part in natural colour collecting, smelly potion creating, listening circle activities, mirror walking (walking slowly with mirrors pointed up to observe the movement in the high branches) and even created a tree poem on sight by observing the trees from different distances and angles. Each part of the workshop was linked together with the collection of descriptive language on group graffiti boards. The trip provided the perfect inspiration for the creation of some excellent poetry, which will be included in the class's Harvest Assembly at the end of term.

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.

Kind regards, Louise Gordon,
Headteacher

Milnathort Primary School Christmas Fair

Saturday 2 December 10am – 12pm

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Fun for all Special visitor Local retail stalls Tombola
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Kinross Museum

Loch Leven Community Campus

www.kinrossmuseum.org.uk

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



The Museum's exhibition marking the 450th anniversary of the imprisonment of Mary, Queen of Scots, in Loch Leven Castle has attracted a good deal of attention since it was opened in early August. The Museum welcomes visits from schools in Kinross-shire and on 5 October staff and pupils from Blairingone Primary School had an opportunity to learn about heraldry, medieval writing and how to make a ruff as part of a series of educational projects organised by Museum volunteers.

At 7pm on **Wednesday 15 November** the Museum will be holding an event to mark the launch of Dr Simon Taylor's long-awaited book on *The Place Names of Kinross-shire*. If you would like to come to this event, which will include a presentation by Dr Taylor followed by refreshments, do get in touch with the museum by e-mail (information@kinrossmuseum.org.uk) or, on Thursdays and Saturdays, by phone on 01577 867153.



Pupils of Blairingone Primary School try their hand at medieval writing in Kinross (Marshall) Museum

Sparks create art

Members of the Sparks adult disability group took part in an art project recently with Tayside Healthcare Arts Trust (THAT). Artist Katie Guthrie worked with the Sparks group over an eight-session programme designed to explore a variety of artistic techniques in a fun and enjoyable way. The artwork was then displayed at the community campus.

Katie said, "Everyone has produced some really unique art works. We have had great fun and they have been a great group to work with."

THAT development officer Karine Neill said, "The projects are

all about the participant's enjoyment and their development over the course of the programme. Katie has worked really well with the group to explore the group's creative ideas."

The Sparks group meets to provide support for adults with disabilities and is a forum to promote good mental health and wellbeing. It is supported by NHS Project worker Shona Fowler and Community Learning, Development, Adult and Family Learning Worker Roseanne Gray.

Shona added, "The group have really enjoyed taking part in this programme and trying a different and new activity to create some great art work."



Members of the Sparks group at their artwork display along with supporters and representatives from THAT

portmoak festival

The following groups within the Portmoak area have been successful in receiving 100% of their request for funding from Portmoak Festival.

Kinnesswood in Bloom to purchase plants, compost, decorative bark and paint.

Scotlandwell in Bloom to purchase street furniture, tools and new strimmers.

Friends of Portmoak Primary (parent council) to help buy smart panels.

Michael Bruce Trust for maintenance and repairs to the Michael Bruce Cottage over the next 12 months.

A further amount may be needed in a joint venture with **Portmoak Primary** as all the children have been working on a book about The Life of Michael Bruce. They will receive this funding once their needs have been established.

Cricket Club for grounds maintenance equipment (a Multi Webb tool).

Our Portmoak to fund the analyses of the charcoal and other biological samples taken from the trench on Dunmore.

Scotlandwell Wash House for future maintenance and photographic licences.

Portmoak Under 5's to look into sourcing a sustainable, safe and exciting low-level piece of equipment for toddlers to be approved and installed at the Well Green. They will receive their funding once this has been approved.

Portmoak Cubs for stationery, equipment and badges.

Paths Group for appropriate tools and materials for improving surfaces.

Portmoak Community Woodland Group for materials for repairing the main entrance to Portmoak Moss.

Should any Portmoak group need funding for a project, then please contact the Festival by emailing prtmkfestival@gmail.com



Need Equipment for a Community Event?

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

1st Kinross Brownies and 100 Streets...

Do you know how many streets there are in Kinross? Well, neither did we but a challenge issued by Support in Mind Scotland (a national mental health charity) got us thinking. They issued the challenge to promote healthy exercise as a mechanism to maintain good mental health. 1st Kinross Brownies were up for the challenge and were amazed to find that there are, in fact, just about 100 streets in Kinross. If we add the Kirkgate Park and the Gacé Gardens, we actually did manage to make it exactly 100. During our meeting times in September we did, in fact, walk 100 streets in Kinross and raised sponsorship money for the charity.



1st Kinross Brownies combined healthy exercise with raising money for charity

Common Grounds

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Our hard-working volunteers and loyal friends saw us harvesting a very healthy sum of £281 at our latest project lunch, along with £57 from a raffle of a hamper, kindly donated by John and Claudia Pleass.

Vicki Masters from Omalese Projects Trust delivered an excellent presentation and along with the tasty, homemade soup, bread and treats, it was a most enjoyable event. A big thank you to all who contributed to its success.



Convenor, Elspeth Caldwell presenting Vicki Masters from Omalese Projects Trust with a cheque for £800

The next date to remember is **Saturday 25 November** when we will be hosting our craft stall at the Festive Street Market. Come and see for yourselves the attractive goods that our volunteers have been producing and all at very fair prices; a locally made, individual item could give a lot of pleasure! Christmas sorted!

Finally, it was decided to slightly shorten our opening hours from Wednesday 1 November. To enable our willing volunteers to have their afternoons free, we will now close at 12.30pm, but a warm welcome awaits you as always.

Project: Our next project is an African one; Kenyaw Kids, a Scottish charity founded in 2007. Kenyaw Kids promotes and supports self-sustainability in orphan care in Kenya and Malawi. They aim to provide funding for projects such as buying farmland to set up farms, community feeding programmes, vocational skills, training and setting up livestock income generated projects. Agricultural education alongside the financial sustainability, with a working farm, vegetable patch and livestock is invaluable. Food can be grown and excess sold to pay day to day costs. Children can learn key life skills that will help them become self-sufficient upon leaving the orphan care project.

Our **Annual General Meeting** is on **Wednesday 8 November** at 12 noon in the Guide Hall, Church Street, Milnathort. Everyone welcome.

Have a look at our website for more information. Our opening hours are 10am to 12.30pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at the Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort.

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

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The October meeting was held at The Boathouse, where we enjoyed a warm welcome and a lovely meal.

Our speaker was Elyse Markham who talked about Toilet Twinning. We were all very interested in her work. It involves fundraising to provide toilets in countries overseas, of varying designs applicable to each location, some dry, some with water, some movable, all dependent on the rock and soil of the area. Education, especially of girls, about the use of them, together with the importance of hygiene, is a key element of their work. Through this, girls are able to attend school more regularly, there is less disease and the health of the communities greatly improves. In various locations, Toilet Twinning works in conjunction with Water Aid and Tearfund. Our next meeting is on **Monday 13 November** at The Boathouse when our District Chair, Susan Oliphant, will be our speaker.



President Christine Maclure with Elyse Markham of Toilet Twinning

Friends of Loch Leven Community Library

Jump into Libraries Day

Come along to Loch Leven Community Library on **Saturday 11 November** for an exciting, fun-packed family day! There will be lots to see and do including a Lego Zone, a Pirate Trail, RSPB activities and much more. The free event will be open all day from 10am until 4pm. You don't need to book, just drop in. We're looking forward to seeing you all there!



Thank You!

Many thanks to Kinross and District Rotary Club for their recent generous donation. It is much appreciated and will help FOLLCL keep the library open longer for the local community.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of FOLLCL takes place on **Wednesday 15 November** at 7pm at the community campus.

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.

Potager Garden

www.potagergardenkinross.com

Monday Volunteer Sessions

After a busy summer, we will be quietly putting the garden to sleep for the winter over the next few weeks. Our Monday volunteer sessions will continue, from about 10.30am until 12.30pm, while the weather remains kind. Many thanks from me to all the volunteers; Martin and David, Shona with Tracey and Irene, Peter and Ali, Ruth, Jean, Joan and Margaret who have helped to keep the garden tidy and growing well over the summertime. Also to Margaret and Ruth for opening and closing the gates each day.

Plant Sales

Plant sales at Hunters' butchers and Fossoway Store will end soon too and we are grateful to them for again making our plants available for sale this season. With these outlets, and sales at the garden and coffee mornings, we are able to maintain ourselves financially without additional grants, which is quite unusual for a community garden. Thanks to everyone who has bought plants and we hope they grow well for you.

Public Access

Public access to the garden will stop around the end of October but, if you would like to visit or look at our range of perennial plants and shrubs, please get in touch with Amanda.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Our Big Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support at the end of September was relaxed. It was a lovely sunny morning and we raised £130 for the charity. We would like to thank Mel and her daughter and colleagues from **Kinross Co-op** who volunteered to help us to serve coffees and contributed some lovely baking. As some of the usual volunteers were away, we could not have done it without you all!

Can you help with our Website?

Is there anyone out in the community who would be interested in helping us to update and develop our website? Sadly, due to lack of time, and partly knowledge, this has fallen behind and we have lots of lovely photos and new information which we could include, with a little help.

More information

For further information about the garden, please contact Amanda James on 01577 840809 or by email at amanda@kinross.plus.com.



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Kinross High School

The first term of 2017/18 has been a busy term which has seen a number of visitors to Kinross High School.



School Exchange Programme 2017

In September, we welcomed pupils and staff from our partner schools in Gacé (France) and Traunstein (Germany) for the second leg of the 2017 exchange programme. Both the French and German exchange programmes are a long-standing tradition within the school and provide an excellent opportunity for our young people to experience what it is like to live in another country.

Jenny Higgins, an S4 pupil who participated in the German exchange wrote:

'In June, 28 third year pupils from Kinross High school went to Traunstein, Bavaria, for the German exchange. The pupils stayed with host families and went to Chiemgau Gymnasium. This meant they were able to have an authentic 'German school' experience. The Kinross pupils enjoyed the fact that school finished at 1pm but they were not so keen on starting at 7.50am!

Whilst they were in Germany they had the opportunity to visit the Allianz Arena in Munich and the Sound of Music fountain in Salzburg. Kinross pupils spent the weekend with their host families eating schnitzel and improving their German speaking (and listening) skills.

The German pupils returned to Kinross in September to experience very mixed Scottish weather. Despite this they enjoyed their trips to Edinburgh, Stirling and St Andrews. The Scottish pupils hosted a ceilidh for their German partners where lots of Iron Bru was consumed.'

Confucius Hub

In association with Strathclyde University, Kinross High School is now the lead Confucius Hub School in Perth and Kinross. This exciting opportunity promotes opportunities for our pupils to learn the Chinese language and experience the Chinese culture.

We are partnered with Tianjin High school and, for the first time, we welcomed the Head Teacher Mrs Yong and Mrs Wu, deputy director of the education bureau in Tianjin. During her visit, Mrs Yong met pupils and staff from Kinross High School and observed lessons in Physics and RMPS. It is hoped that, as a result of the visit, there will be opportunities for pupils from Kinross and Tianjin High School to work together on projects.



Mrs Yong met pupils and staff from Kinross High School

As part of this project, we are also delighted to welcome Miss Bingrui Zhang, a Chinese volunteer teacher from Chengdu, capital of Sichuan province in South-West China. She will be assisting with the delivery of Mandarin lessons in Kinross as well as other PKC schools between now and next June.

Bingrui has a Bachelor's degree in Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language from East China Normal University, Shanghai, and will be embarking on a her Master's degree on her return to China next summer. She has previously taught Chinese in Bali, Indonesia, and is really looking forward to living and working in Scotland over the next nine months.



Chinese volunteer teacher Miss Bingrui Zhang

Design Engineer Construct

In September, we hosted a regional event which showcased the development of a new course option in school, namely Design Engineer Construct. This event highlighted the hard work undertaken by Mr Smith in developing this course in school and how the positive relationship between our Craft Design and Technology department and our DEC partner company, WSP, has benefitted our students.

Over 50 delegates from around the country gathered to hear how we have slotted the Design Engineer Construct course into our curriculum in a bid to help promote the STEM subjects. We also heard about how this course links to a whole range of job opportunities within the construction industry.

Pupils Olivia, Cara, Bryony and Kirsten (S3 DEC students) were given the opportunity to present at the event and gave their views on what they have learned and how their views on the career opportunities within the construction industry have changed.

Alison Watson, from a Class of Your Own tweeted that 'I think Design Engineer Construct is the most important thing to happen in Scottish Education forever' @kinrosshigh#DEC. Following on from this, Mr Smith was invited to attend an event at the House of Lords to experience the success DEC is having south of the border. The first groups of pupils involved in the course from the schools in England are now being placed in jobs within the construction industry as a direct result of their DEC experiences. This showcased the direct links between the schools and industry.

We are looking forward to a similar event being planned in the Scottish Parliament next year, where our pupils may be involved in presenting their views on how DEC has helped form their views on the construction industry.

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Kinross High School continued...

Councillors at Kinross High School

Local Councillors will now represent the views of the community at our Community Campus Management Group (CCMG), which will meet once per term. Councillor Watters and Councillor Purves met with staff and pupils at a recent visit which formed part of the preparation for members taking up this role.

On 4 October, the campus hosted a number of council meetings and a session of full council in the afternoon. Pupils had the opportunities to meet with members, and a Modern Studies class was able to attend the full council session to experience politics in practice.

Staff v Pupil Sports Matches

On Thursday 5 October we held the first in the series of staff v pupil sports matches. The idea to bring these matches back came from one of our Senior Prefects, Katie Douglas, and she has organised a series of contests throughout the school year, which include basketball, volleyball, touch rugby and football.

The first contest of hockey was fantastic and both teams displayed great team spirit and a sense of sportsmanship as well as the traditional banter! The staff proved that age is no barrier to success by winning the match to make it a 1-0 lead to the staff in the overalls series. Well done to all involved!



Staff versus pupils sports matches return to Kinross High School!

50th Anniversary of Kinross Art Club

In 1967, the first Kinross Art Club was opened by the Head Teacher of Kinross High School. The current Head Teacher, Sarah Brown, was delighted to have the opportunity to open the 50th Anniversary Art Exhibition. She was accompanied by senior pupils, Mr Rosie and Cameron MacFarlane who provided a beautiful musical performance to open the event.

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Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme



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It has been another busy month for the group. As well as our usual requests for lifts, some of the drivers took people to the DanceSing event which was held in the campus on 10 October. The event was organised by the Wellbeing Sub-group of the KCLDG and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended. It is such a delight to see people, who do not manage to get out to social events very often, really enjoying dancing, singing and chatting.

Burns Supper

In this issue of the Newsletter we are usually giving advance notice of our annual Burns Supper but there has been a bit of a change this year. Instead of the Burns Supper in January, as our main fund raiser, we are planning a **Gaberlunzie concert** on **Saturday 31 March 2018**. Apologies to our regular attenders of the Supper (the decision was not taken lightly) but there seem to be more and more celebrations of Burns these days and it was felt that it was time for us to try something a little different. We do hope that all our regulars will support us by enjoying the concert with us. There will be more details in future issues of the Newsletter.

Volunteering

Evidence is now showing that volunteering actually has a positive effect on the quality of life and wellbeing of volunteers as well as on the lives of those they help. We are always looking for volunteers so, if you have a few hours to spare, do give us a call to see if you would be interested in joining our team.

You might not have the time or want to drive all over the country and that is fine. We badly need people who are happy to do the local runs, to the medical centre or to accompany some of our users to do their shopping. New volunteers are badly needed to ease the workload that we already have and we are also aware that, with all the new housing developments in the area, we are likely to get even more requests for assistance. Please, if you have a little time to spare, do come and join us. Ring our co-ordinator, Ann Munro, on 01577 840 196 for further information. If Ann is not in the office the answer machine is always on.

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Orwell 70 Plus

Nostalgia Evening

The committee would like to say a **huge** thank you to everyone who supported us at our recent event and helped us to raise the wonderful sum of £710 for our funds.

The community came out in force and, by all accounts, everyone had an excellent evening. The children's quiz helped them discover a few facts about life in Milnathort long (and not so long) ago, whilst the not-quite-so-young enjoyed a chance to reminisce about the old days over a wide array of memorabilia and identify themselves and friends in old photos.

We would like to say a special thank you to all our contributors; Pat Eadie, Kate Francis (and the ladies from Kinross-shire Reminiscence Group), Maureen and Jim Given, David Millar, Professor David Munro, Orwell Guides, Jean Paterson and Dorothy Thomson. Without their input, we would not have had an event!

For donations and assistance; Margaret and John Spence, Joanna Casonato at Giacomazzi's, the Thistle Hotel, the Boathouse Bistro for our star raffle prize, Kinross Art Club, Ian Gellatly, Stewart and Smart, Kathleen Mitchell, Eithne Middleton, Milnathort Filmhouse, Gillian Hanlon and Lesley Ferguson, Helen Millar, Jinty and George Kidd, Gina and Ward Long, Kelly Cobb, Trish Getley and everyone who donated raffle prizes and gave their time to help us.

Thanks to the generosity of those who came along, our funds have had a tremendous boost and we are well on our way to meeting our fundraising target for this year.

Our next event will be our Christmas lunch for people 70 and over living in Orwell Parish. So if you, or someone you know, would like to attend and are not already on our invitation list, please get in touch. Contact Susan on 07737 461293 or Carole on 01577 863175. Thank you!

Circle Dancing

We have been delighted to welcome some new members to our Tuesday sessions. It has been lovely to see their enjoyment of the dances.

Summer is now behind us and we have had Autumn and Harvest themed sessions along with requests from the group. We will have a Halloween theme to look forward to and then some Scottish circle dances to celebrate St. Andrew. Following on from that, we will start our winter dances, and dare I mention the "C" word; Christmas!

Please do come along and see what we do. No experience is necessary, as all dances are walked through beforehand. We meet on Tuesday mornings from 10.30am to 12.30pm in the Millbridge Hall, Kinross. We also meet in the new dance studio in Junction Road, Kinross, on Wednesday mornings from 10am to 11am. If you would like more information, please contact Lynne on 01259 742173 or 07931398098.

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Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



At our October meeting at St Paul's Church Hall, we welcomed Henry Murdoch who spoke to us on farming through the ages. He took us from horses to tractors and also outlined the political effects of European legislation and even the global view. Henry comes from a farming family but at school he was fascinated by engines and wished to be an engineer. He changed course and later worked with his father, farming his own land. He joined the National Farmers Union, rising to Chairman of the National Committee in Edinburgh. He was awarded the OBE for services to agriculture and volunteers at The National Museum for Rural Life in Easter Kilbride. Henry is a most entertaining and informative speaker, even quoting Matthew Arnold, and his talk was enjoyed by all members. Henry was able to bring some artefacts from the museum to show us thanks to Marion Lawton, the administrator at the museum. Some of the articles we did recognise but hardly anyone guessed the use of the pincers. Henry then gave us a graphic description of their use by the shepherds.

Our next meeting, also at St Paul's Church Hall, will be on **Wednesday 8 November**. The speaker will be Martin Hepworth, who will speak to us about Scottish banknotes.

Kinross-shire Day Centre

Well the weather is turning and summer is now a distant memory (put your bikinis away), but the fun and laughter in the centre is still going strong.

We have enjoyed wonderful afternoons out at Burnie Loch (a great favourite of ours) watching the wildlife and having a picnic. We also enjoyed a trip over the world famous Queensferry Crossing followed by ice cream.

We have also had two fantastic afternoons of music and dance. The first was from 'The Sabres' (which included Drew who was visiting from Canada). This took place on Friday 29 September in the centre and they performed songs from 60s 70s and 80s which everyone enjoyed. It brought back so many fond memories. If you didn't want to dance, you could just singalong to the music - we knew them all.

The second afternoon was the Dance Sing event which took place at Loch Leven Community Campus on Tuesday 10 October. It was organised by the Kinross Health and Wellbeing sub group, Kinross-shire Community Learning and Development Group. Entertainment was provided by Bob Pryde and the Loch Leven Singers and Pam was teaching us all to do the Cha Cha. During the afternoon tea and coffee was served by staff from Sainsbury's and everyone had a wonderful time.

A great big thank you to everyone who made this event possible; there are too many to mention by name but you all did a fantastic job. All this happened as well as our regular activities!

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

Community Website

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

Boys Brigade

Junior Section members enjoyed a fun centenary sleepover at Bankfoot Church Hall at the end of September, organised by Perth Battalion. The Kinross boys and girls thoroughly enjoyed the activities on offer. It was a fitting way to mark the founding of 'The Life Boys' in 1917 as a junior member group to the Boys' Brigade which had been founded in Glasgow in 1883.

A joint Anchor and Junior fun night was held in the Church Centre to mark our own local way of celebrating this special centenary.

Company section members took part in the Battalion badminton competition at Bell's Sports Centre and competed in Perth Volleyball League's Recreational League Cup competition.

Both Junior and Company Sections will be competing in the



Battalion swimming gala at Perth Leisure Pool at the end of November.

The Company will be on parade at the local Armistice Parade from the Parish Church to the County Buildings on Remembrance Sunday.

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, meeting in the Church Centre on Friday evenings from 6pm to 7.15pm.

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 seven to age 18, meeting in the Church Centre on Friday evenings from 7pm to 10pm.



Above: Junior members forming the number 100 to celebrate their centenary

Left: Anchors and Juniors enjoying their fun night at the Church Centre.

Aero Space Kinross

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ASSET secures funding for Build-a-Plane project

Aero Space Scientific Educational Trust (ASSET) is delighted to announce that we have received confirmation of support from Rural Perth & Kinross LEADER Programme 2014-2020: The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development: Europe investing in rural areas. We have received an offer of a grant of £30,000 for the Kinross High Build-a-Plane project. This will match £30,000 of funding ASSET raised through its recent crowdfunding project to support the KHS Build-a-Plane activity.

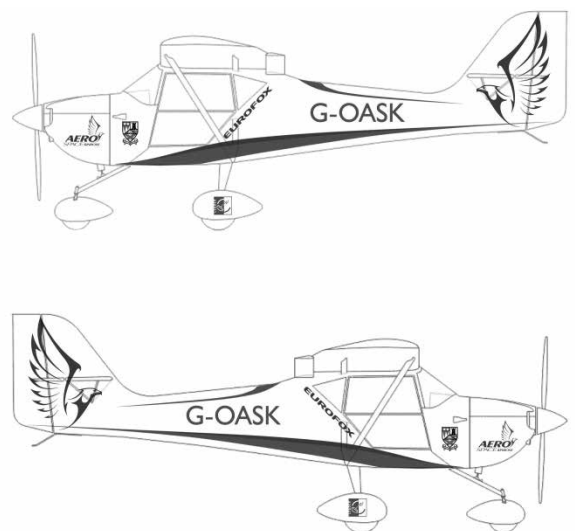
The ASSET Build-a-Plane project aims to give local Kinross High School boys and girls a chance to help assemble a real plane from a full-size kit, which will make a clear link between the project and STEM education from the outset.

The project will begin in November this year when ASSET will take delivery of a Eurofox kit plane from Slovakia. It will be housed at Kinross High School where a team of schoolchildren will learn about all aspects of flight including assembling and subsequently flying the two-seater plane in the Summer of 2018. In addition, Air Service Training Ltd, Perth College, University of the Highlands and Islands, will be involved in providing pupils with workshops covering hands on engineering skills development, health & safety briefing, a hangar visit and aeronautics theory.

In recent months, ASSET has been working on raising funds through a crowdfunding campaign; setting up a local

volunteer group; attending a number of local community events to raise awareness of the Build-a-Plane project and its longer-term plans to create a flight and space themed visitor attraction. An art competition, "Flight to the Future", has been launched, which will be open for entries until December to encourage wider community engagement across Perth & Kinross and nearby regions. In addition, a well-attended Astronomy Day was held at the Loch Leven Community last month in partnership with Cosmos Planetarium and the Astronomer Royal for Scotland.

For more information, see our website and Facebook page.



An image of what the plane might look like

Milnathort & Kinross Allotments Association

www.milnathortandkinrossallotments.org



It has been another busy summer at the allotments but now as the growing season slows down, planning for the next begins. The allotments site behind Dobbies Garden Centre remains open every day to visitors, so feel free to have a wander around. The allotments site has 34 allotment plots of varying sizes and a Community Garden with smaller grow-spaces for those who are looking for a smaller plot. The waiting list for an allotment has reduced significantly recently and the wait for a plot is now less than a year, so if you are interested in an allotment, now is a great time to join and register an interest in an allotment. You can find more information on our website or by emailing the association secretary at mkaasecretary@gmail.com.

The next upcoming events in the allotment association calendar are:

- the Association **AGM** which will take place on **Thursday 2 November 2017** at 7pm at the Community Campus, to which all members are invited and;
- the **Festive Market** on **Saturday 25 November** where the Association will have a stall selling plants, bulbs and Christmas crafts in aid of association funds.

You can keep up to date about upcoming events, meetings and find information on plots and membership on the association website.

DanceSing Resounding Success!

On 10 October, the Kinross Community Learning and Development (KCLD) Wellbeing Group hosted their third DanceSing event at Loch Leven Community Campus.

Local older people are enabled to attend this event by the vital support from Kinross Day Centre and KVG volunteer drivers. Without this supported transport, the majority who attend would not be able to come.

Over 100 local older people came along to the campus and a great time was had by all! Many danced to music and songs provided by Bob Pryde, while some sat and enjoyed watching and listening. Some very enthusiastic 'seniors' did the Cha Cha and Salsa led by the very energetic Pam Spowart! Others 'jigged' away in their chairs thoroughly enjoying the happy atmosphere. Many sang along with Leven Voices who came and sang a few well-known pieces, reviving happy memories for the folk there.

Delicious cakes were provided by Nan and her team from Kinross Day Centre. Sainsbury's very kindly provided sweets, biscuits and nibbles and, most importantly, two fabulously helpful members of staff who, along with a local volunteer, served teas for us.

The feedback on the day from everyone was that they had all had a very happy, enjoyable and exhilarating afternoon. Many thanks once again to all involved, especially Bob Pryde, Leven Voices, Pam Spowart, Sainsbury's, Kinross Day Centre and the KVG drivers and Pauline Watson.

Kinross-shire Visitor Information Points

Loch Leven Fishing Pier; Robertson's of Milnathort;
Kinnesswood Village Store;
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Kinross in Bloom



Again, this year, we thank Kinross Rugby Club for helping to take down our hanging baskets. We really do appreciate their muscle in carrying out this task.

We are also extremely grateful to Kinross & District Young Farmers in the shape of Craig and Robert Bell of Milnathort, for coming to our rescue by uplifting the two heavy planters at the old Town Hall and depositing them at our polytunnel. We couldn't have done it without them and we thank them most sincerely.

Thanks also to our volunteer waterers who have helped to keep our flowers in good condition throughout the season. We don't know what we would do without you.

Over the years, Kinross in Bloom has been fortunate in having the support of many local businesses and members of the public, through sponsorship of baskets or planters at various locations about town, and none more so than Jim and Yvonne Wardrope at Smith Street Motors, who have sponsored baskets or planters and taken part in our 200 Club each year. This year, Jim and Yvonne are celebrating their 30th year in business and, as well as their normal sponsorship, they have gifted us a free MoT for our watering buggy. We are extremely grateful for this kind gesture. We thank them very much and wish them continued success for the future.

At our October meeting, we were very pleased to welcome Mike and Helen Lowry to our committee. Mike and Helen have already helped out both planting out at the polytunnel and as volunteer waterers. I am sure they will be a welcome addition to our hard-pressed committee.

Our new season **200 Club** commenced in September. Our first two months' winners are as follows:

September: 1st, No 75, Fiona Todd. 2nd, No 87, Susan Bathgate. 3rd, No 71, Aileen Sorbie. 4th, No 37, Margaret Lyon.

October: 1st, No 6, Jean Beveridge. 2nd, No 32, Barbara Izatt. 3rd, No 22, Maysie Gibson. 4th, No 64, David Payne.

Our **Annual General Meeting** and next meeting will be held in the Church Centre on **Wednesday 1 November** at 7.30pm.

Kinross-shire Historical Society



Kinross-shire Historical Society winter series of talks got off to a wonderful start with Willie Shand's "Rambling on" from the Mull of Galloway to Wick.

As with his other talks, the slide show had an amazing variety of landscapes – lochs, mountains, villages, cliffs, castles, statues, seascapes, wildlife – flowing from one to another, sometimes with a musical accompaniment and sometimes with a commentary, informative but often humorous.

The talk started in the south west of Scotland and as it travelled north and east, we learned of all manner of events and people from unrequited love, to the Highland Clearances and a Gold Rush, from early saints to Walter Scott, Tom Weir and The Duke of Sutherland.

Willie Shand was thanked by Prof David Munro for his exquisite photography and the expert use of technology to link it all so well. He also thanked him for his commentary with all the interesting stories and the humour. Willie Shand is always a welcome speaker for the Society.

For the Society programme, see page 100.

Portmoak Film Society

www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk

Portmoak's October film, the 2006 French psychodrama 'The Page Turner', was enjoyed by our audience and given 86% on the bean-count satisfaction rating. In the true tradition of French film, it was a slow but stylish, nerve-wracking revenge piece that focussed on the mind games played by the main character, rather than on overt violence.

Our next film, to be shown on **Saturday 11 November**, is a departure from our normal choice of genres and, as such, a rare treat! It's '**Anomalisa**', a 2015 American stop-motion movie written and directed by Charlie Kaufman ('Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind') which garnered rave reviews and several nominations as Best Animated Film in 2016. It's the story of a depressed customer-service expert who has a life-enhancing experience at a conference – and if you aren't sure whether you like animated movies, come and give it a go!

Films are shown 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, available on the door or from Stuart Mackenzie at the Pottery in Kinnesswood (phone 01592 840638). Everyone is welcome and afterwards there are hot drinks and film-themed refreshments!

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

Broke Not Broken

There are some big dates coming up for us and we would love to see you at any of the events listed below.

Our **Annual General Meeting** is on **Friday**

24 November at Loch Leven Community Campus at 7.30pm. We will be recapping all we have achieved over the past 12 months and looking ahead to our plans for 2018.

We have a stall at the **Festive Street Market** on **Saturday 25 November**, 4-7pm; pop along and say hello. We will have a tombola and some other surprises in store. Hopefully our Christmas cards will be ready too – they were a great hit last year. We will also collect donations and are particularly in need of the following: **tinned potatoes, tinned ham, tinned meals (chilli, chicken casserole, curry), fruit juices, biscuits, UHT Blue milk.**

Finally, our annual **Christmas Hamper pack** is happening at the campus from 6pm on **Thursday 14 December**. It's a great event with a wonderful community spirit. Here is a list of the items we will be looking for: **shortbread, tinned salmon, tinned ham, savoury snacks, tinned puddings, oatcakes, tinned potatoes, pies (Fray Bentos), hot chocolate, Christmas sweets and treats.**

As always, thanks so much to everyone who donates and volunteers; we are incredibly grateful.

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Scotlandwell in Bloom

Christmas Market

Saturday 25 November

The Well Country Inn (Scotlandwell), with Scotlandwell in Bloom members and friends at the helm, is hosting a Christmas Market on **Saturday 25 November** from **2pm until 6pm** in the car park at the rear of the pub. There will be a variety of festive stalls with something for everyone, including homemade preserves & chutneys, Christmas decorations (baubles, table decorations, crackers etc), decorated pots of bulbs, mini (real) Christmas trees, gifts for your 'pampered pooches', tombola with loads of Christmas goodies, jewellery and hand-crafted gifts, not forgetting festive food including delicious mince pies and mulled wine. Santa's many helpers will be on hand to welcome you to their stalls and there will also be a BBQ sizzling up hot dogs and burgers for you to enjoy.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Christmas Market. Proceeds from this event will support the Ankizy Gasy Foundation (Children of Madagascar). This is the charity which Kinross High School's World Challenge Team 2 (the Scorpions) worked with during their trip to Madagascar in July/August this year. On top of the funds each Challenger has to raise for their trip, they also raised a further £600 and were able to see first-hand how this money was used and helped to dig the foundations for the building of a small office and staff room for the school at Ankizy Gasy. The building was completed in three weeks!! The team are keen to continue to support the Foundation and what better way than a Christmas Market to help spread some seasonal festive cheer.



Proceeds from the Christmas Market will support the Ankizy Gasy Foundation in Madagascar

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Kinross Curling Development Club

www.kinrosscurlingdevelopmentclub.weebly.com

KCDC was formed in 2010; the main purpose being to provide beginners with an opportunity to meet and play with curlers of similar ability while offering coaching sessions to improve curling technique and knowledge in a relaxed and friendly environment. This acts as a perfect pathway between learning to play and joining a mainstream curling club.

KCDC is a friendly club and is open to new curlers who have attended a beginners course and are eager to learn via our own coaching sessions. Membership is limited to a period of two full playing seasons, as well as the remainder of any part season in which you join.

The club is based at Kinross Curling Rink, behind the Green Hotel. The rink underwent a million pound renovation in the summer of 2014, with further improvement plans in the pipeline, providing us with perfect conditions to play. There is a bar/lounge upstairs where you are welcome to come and watch the curling. Please feel free to come along and see why so many people love the sport.

The club is keen to recruit new members. Please explore our website for further details or contact us by email at kcdcmatchsec@gmail.com or kcdcsecretary@gmail.com.

Kinross Walking Football

The response to the resumption of walking football after the summer has been beyond expectations, with up to 18 players turning out on some evenings. This has led to some frantic shifting of tennis nets and goalposts as the pitch is stretched to accommodate so many finely-honed athletes. Well, that's what we keep telling ourselves anyway! Just a few more players and we may even manage a full-pitch game soon.

Walking football is growing in popularity around the world as a great way for over-50's to keep active while participating in the world's most popular game. Indeed, it featured in a recent short programme on Sky Sports. It has to be said that the Kinross version is lighter on the organisation and rules compared to what was featured in the programme. However, we are much heavier on the laughs, banter and general mickey-taking!

If you are over 50, male or female, and are looking for a fun, sociable and energetic work-out that isn't too hard on the joints, then why not give it a try with us? We meet on Tuesday evenings at 6pm at Loch Leven Campus multi-sport courts. It costs a mere £2 to £3 per game, depending on numbers. Where else will you find a better value hour of exercise?!

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Kinross Golf Club

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Prize-winners

The annual presentation of prizes and celebration takes place on Saturday 4 November. The 2017 major prize winners are listed below.

Gents

Montgomery Cup (Club Champion): **A C Jackson**. Beveridge Cup: **S Cook**. Sutherland (Scratch): **S Michie**. Hardie (Handicap): **R Malcolm**. Piper Cup: **G Duncan**. Centenary Cup: **S Hynd**. Seniors Cup: **N Burke**. Summer Fourball: **A Wilson and A Saunders**. Beeches Park Trophy: **S Butcher and S Calder**.

Ladies

Grant Trophy (Scratch Champion): **L Murray**. McEwan Trophy (Handicap Champion): **H Gough**. Millennium Trophy: **H Gough**. Belle Sands Trophy: **L Murray**. Falconer Trophy: **E Caldwell**. Centenary Trophy: **A Smith**. Millennium Cup (Gent with Lady or Junior): **T Graham and A Thomson**.

Juniors

Greig McSporran Club Champion (U 18): **George A Smith**.

Caledonian League

The Caledonian League team have had another successful season. It culminated in a great win over Dollar in the Champion of Champions final played on the King James VI course in Perth. The Kinross team won by 4½ – 1½.

Scottish National Club Championship

Kinross Golf Club, representing Perth and Kinross County, finished second in the Scottish National Club Championship at Eastwood GC. Kinross were tied on five over with the Lothians, but beaten on the better last six holes by a shot. The Kinross team was Scott Michie, David Ewen and Andy Jackson.

Social Membership

As a special introductory offer, we are delighted to offer **social** membership from now until the end of March 2018 for a special price of £1 per person. Membership will allow you access to all social events, as well as use of the club bar and restaurant (golf is not included). The social programme is a busy one with the following events scheduled between now and the end of the year:

Friday 3 Nov

Steak Night (restaurant) £30 per couple with glass of wine. Reservations must be made by calling the bar on 01577 862237.

Saturday 4 Nov

Prize-giving night and celebrations.

Friday 10 Nov

Fun Quiz Night.

Saturday 9 Dec

Christmas Party Night.

Sunday 10 Dec

Children's Christmas Party.

Anyone interested should apply by filling out an application form, which can be obtained from behind the bar. Completed applications will be subject to approval by the committee.

Further Information

Follow us on Facebook or Twitter or check out our website for more information on golf and social events.

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Kinross Ladies Hockey Club

www.kinrosshockey.org

Six weeks into the new season and both ladies teams are playing well, with some great results. The 1sts are sitting in mid table position, on 7 points having played 5 games. There have been wins against Dundee University 2s and Grange Edinburgh Ladies 2s, a draw against Kelburne Ladies 2s, and unfortunately losing to Uddingston Ladies 1s and Stirling Wanderers 1s. It's a great start to the season, scoring an average of over 3 goals per game.

The 2nds are having an equally good start with 6 points in the bag. In their first year in Division 1, they have won both games against Wanderers 2s and St Andrews Uni 3s. Unfortunately they have not had the same run of results in the League Cup Pool games, losing to St Andrews Uni 3s and Grove 3s. Nonetheless they have a good goal average, scoring nearly 3 goals per game.

Here's hoping that this goal scoring success continues!



Kinross Rugby Club

Minis Section

The minis have had a busy start to the season. Numbers at training on Saturday mornings have been impressive. This training has been put to good use, with three weekends of matches under our belts this season so far.

However, the big event was our own tournament on Sunday 1 October when Kinross welcomed teams from Dunfermline, Perthshire, Howe of Fife and Boroughmuir. The weather was, well, wet to say the least. However, that didn't seem to dampen the enthusiasm of the 200 plus young players. They may have been muddy, but they were all happy. I don't know if the same can be said for the soggy spectators! Thanks go to all the volunteers who helped to make the day so successful. Training for the minis section takes place every Saturday morning from 10.30am for all boys and girls aged 5 upwards from P1 to P7.

Midis Section

The boys continue to train hard on Tuesday evenings. As well as weekly school conference matches against local teams, the U14s have travelled to Falkirk and Blairgowrie to test their skills. So far, they've won all of their club games and, as numbers at training continue to grow, we look forward to more of same.

Training for the midis section takes place every Tuesday evening from 7pm for boys S1 to S6.



Orwell Bowling Club

The bowling season has come to an end for another year, with the closing of the green on 30 September. Our last friendly was played against Perth West End on Saturday 16 September **Orwell - 69 Perth West End - 57**. It has been a good season with only one match cancelled by Luncarty BC. Thanks to all who turned out to play during the season.

Competition results for 2017:

Gents	Winners	Runners Up
Champion	David Winton	Gordon Morton
Presidents	David Winton	Michael Hamilton
Somerville Pairs	Bobby Brian & Paul Allcoat	David Winton & Gordon Morton
Cunningham Cup	Bobby Brian & Paul Allcoat	David Winton & Vic McKechnie
Watt Triples	Bobby Brian, Michael Hamilton & John H Taylor	John Fullerton, Sandy Greenhill & Tom Reid
Tomney Rink	Bobby Brian, Tom Reid, Paul Allcoat & Jim Whittet	David Winton, Gordon Morton, Vic McKechnie & Brian Cook
Ladies	Winners	Runners Up
Champion	Jean Menzies	Mary White
Miller Cup	Linda Reid	Maz Thorn
Hamilton Salver	Maz Thorn	Sandra Fullerton
Taylor Pairs	Jean Menzies & Jeannie Jackson	Sandra Fullerton & Abbie Winton
Crockett Pairs	Maz Thorn & Mary White	Abbie Winton & Jeannie Jackson
Balloted Triples	Jeannie Jackson, Mary White & Maz Thorn	Abbie Winton, Margaret Hooper & Linda Reid
Rink	Margaret Hooper, Linda Reid, Sandra Fullerton & Jean Menzies	Jeannie Jackson, Joan McFarlane, Mary White & Maz Thorn
Ann Wilson	Jean Menzies & Sandra Fullerton	Maz Thorn & Margaret Hooper
4 Bowl Pairs	Linda Reid & Jeannie Jackson	Jean Menzies & Sandra Fullerton
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Mixed	Winners	Runners Up
Senior Champion	Tom Reid	Jean Menzies
Keir Cup	Jim Whittet	Tom Reid
Centenary Cup	Gordon Morton	David Winton
Kinloch Trophy	Sandy Greenhill	Sandra Fullerton
Meldrum Cup	Jean Menzies & Sandra Fullerton	Vic McKechnie & Jim Whittet
Frank Adamson	Abbie Winton, Tony Venn & David Winton	Maz Thorn, Mike Thorn & Bobby Brian
Mixed Triples	Linda Reid & Tom Reid	Bobby Brian & Maz Thorn & Mike Thorn
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Dates for the diary

Saturday 4 November, Presentation Buffet Dance
Sunday 26 November, Annual General Meeting

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Kinross Tennis Club

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Senior Club

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, our senior club championships were delayed due to bad weather. However, the matches have now taken place and the results are as follows:

	<i>Champions</i>	<i>Runners-up</i>
Men's Singles	Mauro Salmi	Mark Thomson
Men's Doubles	Mauro Salmi & Andrew Adam	Mark Thomson & Oliver Hill
Ladies Singles	Gail Nelson	Yvonne Blyth
Ladies Doubles	Rosie Goudie & Gail Nelson	Yvonne Blyth & Charmian Reid
Mixed Doubles	Mauro Salmi & Sharon Middleton	Siobhan McLeod & Richard Green

Well done to all who took part and congratulations to the champions.

Our rearranged social tennis event on 24 September was also a success, with lots of great tennis in a round robin competition.

We are now well into Autumn, and Winter is coming soon, but this does not mean the end of the tennis season! Many hardy souls are continuing to play with club nights continuing on Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm. We now have floodlights on all three courts. Tokens for the floodlights are available from most committee members. Sunday morning social tennis will also take place from 10.30am. In addition, there is a special session on Thursdays at 1.30pm most weeks which is also open to non-members to come and try for a nominal fee. This will move to playing indoors at Gleneagles at the end of this month until the end of March.



Junior Club

Junior coaching will be offering winter indoor coaching again for members and non-members at Loch Leven Community Campus on Tuesdays from 5pm through to 7pm in the small sports hall.

The first block runs through to 5 December as detailed below:
Group 1: 5pm to 5.40pm for ages 4 to 7 years (red ball).
Group 2: 5.40pm to 6.20pm for ages 4 to 7 years (red ball).
Group 3: 6.20pm to 7pm for ages 8 to 9 years (orange ball).
For more information or bookings, please contact coach Daniel Reed by email at dartennis@gmx.co.uk.

Annual General Meeting

The Tennis AGM will be held on **Thursday 23 November** at 7.30pm at King George V Rugby Clubhouse in Kinross. All members are encouraged to come along to give their views and to hear of our plans for the forthcoming season. It's also a great opportunity for members to also have their say on how the club should progress in 2018, especially as the committee is planning to re-surface the courts!

Christmas Dinner

All members are invited to our annual Christmas Dinner. It will be in Kirklands Hotel on **Thursday 14 December** at 7.30pm for 8pm. Maggie Byford is kindly organising this for us again so contact her if you want to come along, especially as places are limited!

Other information

New members are always welcome at the club. So, if you are new to tennis, or you would like to get playing again, please contact Margaret Hamblin on 01577 850252 or by email at kinrosstennis@gmail.com

Visitor keys are available from Sands the Ironmongers for a small fee.

Kinross Curling Club

www.kinrosscurlingclub.com

The competitions which occupy the first half of the season are now underway. In the premier competition for the Rankine Trophy, Bruce Robbie and his rink have made a storming start with two big wins. This is all the more creditable as Bruce has not played for three seasons but it looks as if he has never been away. What's more, he has not lost any of his ability to gently wind up the opposition!

The Gallowhill Ploughshare, Jubilee Salver and the Pairs are all at early stages too. The club has also made a strong start in the Lomond League in Perth and has entered two rinks in the Club Championship, which is open to rinks from any club which plays at Kinross.

Plans for the 350th anniversary celebrations are moving forward, with the last weekend in September 2018 booked for a major curling event. Teams from Canada, USA, Switzerland and England are confirmed, and hopefully three other international teams will join them.

Further fundraising social events are planned during the season. A repeat of last year's very successful Race Night



was held in Kinross Golf Club on Friday 27 October. Thanks to the Golf Club and to everyone who sponsored races and provided race and raffle prizes.

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.

For information, check out our website, Facebook page or get in touch with the secretary by email at secretary@kinrosscurlingclub.com.

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The evenings are certainly drawing in and the clocks will have gone back by the time you read this – so you might need a bit more motivation to get out running. No better way than with Kinross Road Runners and our full winter training schedule which runs through until March. It doesn't matter if you haven't run before, there will always be a warm welcome and someone 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. Again, we meet at 7pm at the health centre car park. The informal **Sunday morning** run also continues throughout the winter months – meet at 9am at the health centre car park for either a trail or hill run at a very leisurely pace. As reported last month funding is in place to establish a Kinross parkrun and Junior parkrun – watch this space for more information or check the club website.

Programme for November

Wednesday 1st	Two-mile Time Trial followed by hot chocolate and kit sale at Roger's garage
Saturday 5th	Templeton Ten (championship race) or informal run
Tuesday 7th	Informal run
Wednesday 8th	Hill reps (Milnathort)
Sunday 12th	Informal run
Tuesday 14th	Informal run
Wednesday 15th	Pyramid reps (KVG)
Sunday 19th	Informal run
Tuesday 21st	Informal run
Wednesday 22nd	8 x 400m (Park & Ride or KGV)
Sunday 26th	Informal run
Tuesday 28th	Informal run
Wednesday 29th	(December) Two-mile Time Trial followed by hot chocolate and kit sale at Roger's garage



Susan Maclean and Sarah Eaton enjoying East Neuk 10k Race

Volleyball

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

It has been a busy start to the season, with two Kinross teams participating in Perth Volleyball League's Premier League Cup competition and three Kinross teams competing in the Recreational League Cup competition at Bell's Sports Centre. Both local league competitions will commence at the end of October and run through until Easter.

The local under 18 boys' team opened their season at the Loch Leven Campus at the end of September, winning against Cavalry Park NUVOC of Edinburgh and losing to South Ayrshire.



The under 18 boys' team which competes in Scottish Volleyball's Junior National League

Two Kinross High School girls attended the City of Edinburgh volleyball club's development weekend at South Queensferry High School.

Kinross High School teams have entered Scottish Volleyball's Scottish Cup competition at three different age groups for boys and girls. S1 boys and girls play three-a-side volleyball using the inside lines of a badminton court, S2/3 boys and girls play four-a-side volleyball using the outside lines of a badminton court and S4/5/6 boys and girls play six-a-side volleyball using the full nine-metre square court.

Senior boys' and girls' teams will be competing in Scottish Volleyball's Aberdeen festival in early November. The Kinross boys' team won this tournament two years ago.



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Kinross Otters

We are delighted to announce that, after several months of presentations, discussions, planning and paperwork, we have not only been re-accredited with our SwiMark status but have achieved SwiMark Plus!

Scottish Swimming award this to clubs who have developed safe, effective and child friendly environments, demonstrated good practice by having appropriate policies and procedures in place, who invest to improve swimmers, teachers, coaches and volunteers and encourage lifelong participation through sustainable swimming development pathways.

We could not have achieved this without the dedication of our committee, coaches and poolside helpers – all volunteers – who do so much to ensure that our little 'community club with a competitive edge' gives the best it can to our Otters.

We took the opportunity of the presentation to get all the Otters together for a rare full club photo. We apologise to all parents who were presented with bags full of soaking gear after training. They all got a bit carried away and jumped in fully clothed after the presentation!

The league season is now over and, despite the fact that our First Division team finished bottom of the table, we are so proud of all our Otters who gave their very best throughout the league meets.



Lots of personal best times and great improvements on technique across the board. We have a few gaps in the upper age groups which can leave us low in points and we're hoping that next year we'll fill those vacancies and be able to field swimmers in all age groups in order to get more points and higher placings.

The Premier Division home gala squad were delighted to be able to use our sparkly new backcrawl ledges and we are indebted to the Kinross Community Council Newsletter Limited charitable company for their very generous donation which allowed us to buy this fantastic kit.

The Glenrothes Novice meet took place early in October and we took a huge squad of 30 plus swimmers. Coach Fiona praised their attitude, technique and focus with a very high percentage of swimmers earning either four or five PBs out of their five individual swims! It was a brilliant atmosphere for the spectators too and the achievements attained bode well for a super exciting Club Champs!

Our Club Championships will be taking place on **Sunday 3 December** at Kinross pool and all our swimmers, past and present, are invited to attend. This is the event of the year for us and is a great fun day where parents and families can really get involved. The team spirit and support is great. Stay tuned for the results early in the New Year!

In other news, Amy Broadhurst broke her own 50 fly short course record at Midland sprints with a new time of 31.63. Well done, Amy!



Full Otters squad with head coach Simon Metcalfe receiving the SwiMark Plus Award from Sean Dawson, Regional Development Manager from Scottish Swimming

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CurlFest on 8 October was a successful event and enjoyed by many. (See below.) We certainly hope that many more Kinross residents and readers of the Kinross Newsletter will take time to visit our rink during the season. All curlers are aware that we are approaching the Winter Olympics in February 2018, when the sport receives massive TV coverage. The rink is at the rear of the Green Hotel.

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. (See heading.) You might have seen the advert in the September issue of the Newsletter.

Visiting curlers: Two rinks of Swedish curlers combined a golfing trip and played a super match against eight local curlers in early October. This was their second trip and was just as enjoyable as last year. We can report that Kinross curlers had a combined victory with a peel (draw) 7-7 and a win 7-4.

This season we welcome curlers from other rinks and other

countries. The English Curling Association bring eight rinks to take part in the Duncan Stewart event. In January, 40 Canadians will be taking part in the Strathcona Cup. The touring party will be attempting to recapture the famous trophy won by the Scottish tourists in Canada in 2013. 20 tourists will play at Kinross and Kirkcaldy as part of the tour of Northern and Central Scotland. Another group of 20 tour the South and West.

Ladies Senior Pairs: Eight teams took part in this early-October competition, which was organised by Kinross & District Ladies Branch and run on a Schenkel system. The winners were Susan Scougal and Angela Wilcox, with the runners-up Lizzie Glennie and Eileen Thomas.

Maxwell Trophy: In October, we have our first two matches (of four) in the national Maxwell Trophy competition with matches against three rinks from Kelso and from Hamilton.

The Club Championship takes place on the weekend of 21/22 October.

Practice Ice Season Ticket: We have launched a new scheme to encourage curlers to practise and use any spare ice. A season ticket will cost £30 per person (conditions apply).

Contact/Sponsorship: You can keep to date with our news on our Facebook page or website. (See heading for contact details.) There are some great opportunities for sponsorship, all of which will help us develop the rink and attract new interest in our facilities.

CurlFest fun at Kinross Curling

An enjoyable 'CurlFest' was held at Kinross Curling rink on Sunday 8 October. The event was part of a national initiative by the sport's governing body, the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, to raise awareness of curling.

Newcomers to the game enjoyed having a go at delivering stones and learning a bit about the rules. Meanwhile, established players took part in a 'beat the pro' challenge against Olympic gold medallist Debbie Knox and World Championship gold medallist Sheila Swan.

Organiser Ena Stevenson said: "People enjoyed the event and I'm delighted that several have signed up for our Try Curling and Beginners courses."

CurlFest in Kinross was also a fundraiser for national charity Cash for Kids. Mary Wilson, member of local club Orwell Ladies, made an impressive curling stone cake for a 'guess the weight of the cake' competition. An Olympic curling top signed by teams Muirhead and Murdoch was also raffled to raise funds.

£305 was raised for Cash for Kids at Kinross Curling.

Winner of the 'guess the weight of the cake competition' was David Anderson, who guessed just 5 grammes short of the correct answer, 1595 grammes.

Winner of the Olympic top was Jane MacKay.

Winner of a £25 voucher in the prize draw was Nick Baughan.



Above: Courage the Cat from Cash for Kids, seen here with event organiser Ena Stevenson, came along to give support

Below: CurlFest introduced the sport of curling to new people of all ages



Kinross Kobras

Junior Hockey

The Kobras had a busy month hosting a Midland District junior tournament at the end of September. Six Kobras teams took part; three at U10, two at U12 and one at U14. Good performances at all levels saw all teams winning games against strong opponents including Grove Menzieshill, Dunfermline Carnegie, Perthshire HC, Harris Academy, Madras, Blairgowrie and Stirling Wanderers.

The same weekend saw the U16 and U18 Inter-district Boys Tournament held in Glasgow. Arthur Morris played in U18 Midland team, which came third overall.

Training takes place on a Tuesday and Thursday evening 6.30-7.30pm at the AstroTurf pitch at KGV. New players are always welcome.



Above: The U12 players from the Kinross tournament



Below: The U14 players from the Kinross tournament

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Fossoway Tennis Club

Crook of Devon

Despite 2017 not having had the best of weather, members were not put off and Fossoway Tennis Club has had a very busy season!

Adult club nights have been very well attended. It was good to see new faces, new painted lines and a new scoreboard! These sessions will now take place on Sundays at 11am. Anyone wishing to give tennis a try, please come along and join in. We are next door to the church.

Junior coaching sessions and camps proved popular, as always, with club coach Alessia. It was great to welcome many keen new youngsters to the groups.

The **Annual General Meeting** will be held in The Stables, Crook of Devon, on **Monday 27 November** at 7.30pm. Do join us if you can with any suggestions or ideas for the club.

The **Annual Prize-giving and Social** will take place in The Stables on **Friday 1 December** at 7.30pm. There will be the usual grand raffle, games, tasty buffet and Gerry's entertaining quiz! Come along to this fun evening!

Tournament Results (some still to be completed)

	<i>Winners</i>	<i>Runners Up</i>
Mini Singles	Percy Evans	Harry Wallace
Mini Doubles	Ryan Marshall & Harry Wallace	William Thompson & Adam Melville
Ladies	Ruth Campbell	Alison Conlon Bronze: Kirsten Keegan
Gents	Brian Black	Gerry Keegan
MacDonald Cup	Shaw Grant & Gerry Keegan	Alison Conlon & Sean Keegan
Mixed Doubles	Alison Conlon & Colin Melville	Susan Grant & Brian Black

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Kinross Bowling Club

Another bowling season has come to a close for another year. The weather this year did us no favours at all, with too many friendly games and competitions called off for rain. However, this is Scotland, so no point in complaining! The internal competitions are as below:

	<i>Winners</i>	<i>Runners Up</i>
Gents Champion	R Moffat	G M Rennie
Ladies Champion	J Cousar	S M Rennie
President's Trophy	G M Rennie	Jim Cousar
Bess Hunter	S M Rennie	Jean Cousar
Ladies Pairs	C Matthews & S M Rennie	Jean Cousar & Janet Mitchell
Gents Pairs	R Moffat & I Christophers	P Grant & G M Rennie
Senior S/Hand	S M Rennie	G M Rennie
Handicap	P R Grant	J Mitchell
Mixed Pairs	Jean Cousar & G M Rennie	C Matthews & I Henderson
Renton	G M Rennie	I Henderson
Barnes	G M Rennie	J Mitchell
Montgomery	G M Rennie	S M Rennie
E Ford	S M Rennie	J Mitchell
J Wallace	Jim Cousar	P R Grant
Cowie Shield	Jean Cousar	P R Grant
G Waddell Ford	P R Grant	J Cousar
G Smith Pairs	Jean Cousar & G M Rennie	S M Rennie & Jim Cousar
Gibson Triples	G M Rennie, R Sneddon & J Mitchell	P R Grant, I Henderson & J Nelson
Tuesday League	I Henderson	P R Grant & Jean Cousar
Sunday Cup	P R Grant	I Henderson
Wednesday rink	P R Grant	Jean Cousar & J Mitchell

Our ladies did well in Clackmannan & Kinross competitions this year. The Ladies Over 55s rink of **Anne Bell, Christine Matthews, Janet Mitchell and Sheila Rennie** were the winners! The Ladies Triples, **Jenny Nelson, Jean Cousar and Janet Mitchell**, were runners up in Clackmannan & Kinross. Very well done, ladies.

Several friendlies were played throughout the season with mixed results against Orwell, Bridge of Earn, Glenfarg, Falkland and Carnbo.

Thanks to the green team for all the hard work involved in getting the moss off the green and all the hard work involved in looking after the green. Thanks also to other members for cutting the hedge and general helping out.

A big thanks to all the ladies for the work they do all season keeping the club tidy etc and for all the lovely baking for friendlies etc.

See you all again in April 2018.

Deadline for all Submissions
5pm, Friday 17 November
for publication on Saturday 2 December

BLAIRINGONE – Tam Carroll, who runs Warrior Ranch Scotland at Barnhill, near Powmill, is a retired soldier who has served in many campaigns, mainly in the Middle East. As a result of his experiences he has suffered from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). His recovery inspired him to reach out to fellow veterans to overcome the legacies of combat. This, he felt, could be addressed in developing a relationship with horses. Veterans come, not necessarily to ride the horses, but work towards building a relationship with them. Tam hopes to develop this enterprise by providing visitor facilities so the general public can come along and see what they are trying to achieve.

The rural members were very impressed with the talk and expressed their support for the work that the Warrior Ranch Scotland was achieving.

Flower of the Month Mary Mitchell

Jar of Lemon Curd Moira Cousar

Vice President Mary Ramsay welcomed members and visitors to the October meeting and introduced Jay Hutchison, a local artist who demonstrated the art of felting. The ladies set about designing owls on a piece of felt using various types and colours of wool. The outcome caused great fun and laughter. Nevertheless, when the felted owl was attached to a label it looked quite presentable considering that, for most of the ladies, it was the first time they had tried this new skill. Moira Cousar thanked Jay for a wonderful demonstration.

Christmas Decoration Mary Mitchell

Flower of the Month Fiona Clark

MILNATHORT – On 21 September 2017, Jean Paterson, President, welcomed guests and members to our 100th birthday celebration in the Town Hall. The birthday cake was cut by Ena Thomson, longest serving member. The toast was proposed by Linda Retson, National President. Ursula Stewart, Chairman, Perth and Kinross Federation, said Grace. We were then served a delicious meal with wine and soft drinks. The numerous birthday cards were read by Vi Todd. She thanked everyone for their good wishes for the future of our Rural. Long service awards were presented by Linda Retson to Grace Drysdale and May Paterson, who had held various offices and served on different Rural committees over the years.

We were then entertained by Gordon Menzies; this was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Jean thanked him on behalf of guests and members. Vote of thanks on behalf of guests was given by Dorothy Morris, Kinross Group Chairman. Jean then thanked everyone for helping us to celebrate this auspicious occasion and wished everyone a safe journey home.

CLEISH – President Helen Buchanan welcomed 33 members to our October meeting. Our speaker Dave Roy, from Central Fife Crime Prevention, gave an informative talk on scams and personal safety. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs Anne Douglas.

Savoury Scone Fiona Barnfather

Halloween Limerick Marian Laird

Flower of the Month Lizzie Glennie

BISHOPSHIRE – Vice President Sylvia Herrington welcomed members to the October meeting. Our speaker was Derek Abbot, who gave a very informative talk on the Fife Coastal Path from Kincardine to North Queensferry.

Three Rock Cakes

Janette Gardiner

Item made from Shells

Norma Smith

Flower of the Month

Marion Sutherland

Raffle Prize-winners

Margo Waddell, Patsy Green

CROOK OF DEVON – On 10 October, Crook of Devon SWI celebrated its 90th birthday with a party for members and guests. A buffet meal was provided by Mona of Muckhart and a birthday cake was cut by Sheila Lamont. We were then entertained by Rural Blend, a group of talented musicians and singers from various Institutes.

GLENFARG – President Margot Moran introduced Katy Galbraith, who described her work as a mosaic maker. She created wonderful shapes and patterns using the simplest of materials – broken china and glass – and brought samples of her work to illustrate her talk. Jeannie Black proposed the vote of thanks for a most inspiring demonstration.

Three Gift Tags on a board

Allison Messenger

Individual Pasta Salad

Alison Harrison

Flower of the Month

Lynda Stuart

CARNBO – On 15 October, Carnbo SWI held a celebration lunch on the occasion of their 90th Anniversary. Mr R Hamilton piped 51 members and guests into Carnbo Hall where President Jay Hutchison gave a warm welcome. Kinross Group Honorary President Mrs J Buchanan, accompanied by Jay Hutchison and Susan Malcolm, Secretary Carnbo SWI, cut the cake which had been beautifully made by Frances Drysdale, member, Carnbo SWI. Mrs N Wynyard delivered the 'Rural Grace' then a delicious lunch was served by Heaven Scent followed by a fun quiz and game. Mrs D Morris, Kinross Group President, gave a sincere vote of thanks. Jay Hutchison closed the event by thanking everyone for making the day so memorable and special and looked forward to the 100th anniversary.

On 16 October, President Jay Hutchison welcomed 29 members to the monthly meeting. Elaine Hopley, Atlantic Ocean Solo Rower World Record Holder, gave an inspirational presentation about her amazing achievement, with fascinating details of all aspects of her journey. Sandra Turnbull gave a warm vote of thanks.

Flower of the Month

Linda Band

A Snack to take on an Active Day Susan Malcolm

Jay presented all the trophies won by Carnbo members at the Kinross Show, including the Sealy Shield, awarded to the institute with the most points overall and congratulated everyone on their continuing success.

POWMILL – President Sharon Buchanan introduced John Wilson from the British Trust for Ornithology who gave a very interesting talk and slide show. Supper was served by Lynne Heggie and Gillian Taylor.

Handmade Fatball

Ella Shand

Bird Ornament

Mary Wilson

Garden Gem

Margaret Broomfield

Out & About



Loch Leven NNR



We've had all the weather that can be thrown at us this last four weeks! We've had a light frost, glorious sunny days, warm tropical winds and hurricanes. It all makes for interesting times at Loch Leven.

As part of Growing Up with Loch Leven (GUWLL), we took 62 of the S1 intake to the RSPB centre for a day of outdoor learning. With the kids, we looked at basic survey techniques and recording. We also did pond dipping and looked at food webs and, because I was there, some birdwatching too! The idea is to give the children an idea why Loch Leven is such a special place and why it should be protected. A day doing outside education with us covers all sorts of subjects like Science, Maths and English.

There have been lots of interesting birds arriving at Loch Leven. Recently we've seen two Gannets, Slavonian Grebe, Greenland White-fronted Geese, wild Barnacle Geese, Little Egret and two Little Stints.

September can be peak month for Pink-footed Geese. If you look through the flock it can turn up some interesting things. As well as a Greenland-whitefronted Goose, we also spotted a goose with a coded collar. This enables the individual bird to be tracked throughout its range. It was marked Kollur, Jökuldalsheiði., on the high plateaux in east Iceland, by scientists from the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust. Another bird had a transmitter attached to it. The bird was tracked from Iceland through Scotland where it made a brief stop at Loch Leven before continuing to Norfolk. Over the years we will see if they return to Loch Leven.

This autumn there has been an impressive migration of Red Admiral butterflies locally. When I've been out on the boat I've been watching them flying southwards low over the loch. There has also been an impressive number feeding on the Ivy in the graveyard at Kirkgate. These insects will fly south to look for somewhere suitable to hibernate before starting the whole breeding cycle all over again.

Our cutting and bailing of our meadows has been hampered, much like the harvest this year. It's been very stop-start between the storms and showers but we have nearly completed it. This year, rather than dumping all the grass around the reserve, we are going to send some of it away to compost.

The cows have done a good job down at Carsehall Bog. We have built a new fence that runs 10 metres away from the shoreline as we found the electric fence did an unsatisfactory job. Last year we found the rushes had really begun to take over. We've started to top them and this is really beginning to work.

I've been out doing tree surveys around the loch. We look to make sure everybody who visits Loch Leven is safe around the trail so annually I will go round and check all the trees. Any that are potentially dangerous we mark with a tag and monitor. Having a tag doesn't necessarily mean that we are going to remove a tree.

Many thanks to everyone who came to the Fungi Foray and early morning Goosewatch in the last few weeks. These are our last events of the year. We will put together next year's events programme in due course.

Don't get blown away out there. Keep an eye on the blog (Loch Leven Wordpress).

Jeremy Squire
Reserve Officer, Loch Leven NNR

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The migrating geese are providing a cheerful soundscape for the reserve and it's a joy to hear them on the move when we come into work in the morning as they head out to forage for food, and as we leave in the evening as they come back in to roost. The first goose count of this winter for Loch Leven took place on Monday 23 October, so look out for our blog and on our Facebook page for the results.

The conservation team has been busy clearing vegetation on the reserve and will be doing some tweaking over the coming months, opening up new areas and trying to keep the views from the hides vegetation free. We've also been doing a few repairs out on the wetland, carrying out maintenance on the sluices and ditches so we can shift water around. This allows us to start building water levels over the winter and storing it for use next springtime, when we will use it to keep the wetlands wet enough for soft mud feeding waders!

Here at the reserve we keep the bird feeding stations topped up all year round, but it's even more important at this time of the year as birds struggle to survive the cold weather. Keep the feeders in your garden clean and filled up, and don't forget to provide a source of water too. Now is a good time to put up nestboxes ready for next spring's breeding season, if you haven't already done so, as some birds will use them as a cosy spot to roost during the winter.

Whether you are the sort of person who is organised months in advance, or the type who sticks their fingers in their ears and refuses to entertain the idea until we're half way through December, there is no getting away from the fact that Christmas is just around the corner. If you are looking for gifts and cards, do come and have a browse in our shop. We have diaries and calendars for next year in stock too. You can always combine it with a visit to our café for a bowl of homemade soup and a freshly baked scone, of course!

We have some events this month that you may be interested in.

Stargazing on the evening of **Tuesday 7 November** is where you can join experts from the Dalgety Bay Astronomy club and explore the night sky.

A creative **Wildlife Writing Workshop** from 10am until 2pm on **Sunday 19 November** gives you the opportunity to take inspiration from the landscape and wildlife of the reserve and capture it in words.

Ten years of sea eagles in East Scotland, a talk by sea eagle project officer Owen Selly at 4.30pm on **Saturday 25 November**, charts the success of these birds as they have returned to the east of Scotland.

All of our events can be booked online at rspblochleven.eventbrite.com

We also have a **Christmas Weekend** on **25 and 26 November**, from 10am to 4pm each day. We'll have a great range of gifts available in the shop, tasty treats in the café, specialist advice on binoculars and telescopes and some craft activities to keep the little ones busy. Just drop in any time!

You can find our blog at rspb.org.uk/lochleven and you can keep up with news from the reserve at facebook.com/RSPBTaysideFife

Karen Caldwell
Visitor Operations Manager

Farming



I usually try to avoid writing too much about the weather in these articles but, as I sit staring at the blank paper in front of me trying to think of another subject to start off with, I just can't resist the temptation. I think I described the weather leading up to my last article as frustrating but in true 'met office' style I would like to upgrade that to terrible. Speaking to friends and neighbours that is about as polite a word I can come up with to accurately describe farmers' feelings about the conditions for the supposed harvest period.

Since my last pageful of havers two months ago, (where has time gone), rainy days have become more frequent, the amount of rain falling has steadily increased and ground conditions have proportionally deteriorated. Nine weeks and a day after we harvested our winter barley, our spring barley was finally done; the latest we have had the combine here at Backward Farm, and it was another smash and grab operation. There was quite a bit of annual meadow grass through the barley crop this year so rather than attempting to leave the straw in the hope we would get it dry enough to bale for bedding the animals, I just baled and wrapped it as it will provide some useful roughage for the cows.

Getting straw baled for bedding has been a huge challenge this harvest and at the moment in the middle of October, there are a large number of fields still to be cleaned up across "Newsletter" country with no sign of a break in the weather at the moment. Hopefully, by the time you're reading this, conditions will have changed.

To change the subject, we were needing a couple of new

breeding tups (rams) for our sheep flock so I went to one of the first large tup sales at Stirling since the weather wasn't great. (No surprise there, then.) As I have often done in the past, I went to the sale with great intentions of spending a bit more to hopefully acquire a better-quality animal. True to form, though, I reverted to type and made three purchases at the bargain end of the market which are maybe not quite mainstream breeds, but what I would describe as good value. (Well, that's what I have convinced myself, anyway.) A month home and I am still pleased with them and they are just about to be put with the ewes to do their job. I think the ewes have benefited from being weaned slightly earlier, as they are looking in good condition, but I won't be counting our lambs before they have hatched.

We have a few cows calving at the moment, and they are calves from our new bull, Lotus, which we bought last year. So far, they seem to be nice, handy-sized calves but time will tell as to how they grow. Farming is a long-term business, highlighted by the fact that we bought the bull over a year ago, but will be another year at least before any of his calves will be sold, which will be the true indicator of how successful a purchase he was.

It's raining again at the moment, so I don't think it is suitable for harvesting potatoes at the local biomass and barley baron's farm. I'll just go and get the waterproofs and waders back on, as it's time for another edition of 'scrapheap challenge' – potato harvester special!

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Weather

September Weather Report from Kinross



Total rainfall	81.4mm = 3.25ins
Heaviest rainfall	16.8mm (24th)
Total sunshine for the month	74.1 hours
Sunniest day	6 hours (6th)
Minimum temperature average	2.92°C
Lowest temperature	-3°C (18th)

No maximum temperature: all thermometers with mercury in them have been banned from October. The thermometer used for the Kinross Weather report will be replaced by the Met Office as soon as possible.



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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' (\$1 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 29 10.30am: Morning Service, with BB enrolment.
2.30 - 3.30pm: **Puppet Show** by Falkirk's Peoples Church: Telling the Gospel in an entertaining way which appeals to all ages. Entry by Donation. 50% of proceeds to the KPC group 'All Friends Together'.

Tue 31 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.

November

Thu 2 7.30pm: Thursday Group: 'Uganda', church centre.

Sat 4 10am - 12noon: **Christmas Crafts and Coffee**, Church Centre - organised by the church's Craft Group.
3pm: 'Home Bru' concert of local young musicians, part of Kinross-shire's Winter Festival. Free.

Sun 5 10.30am: Morning Service, followed by informal Communion.

Mon 6 8am: Silent Meditation.

Tue 7 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.
7.15pm: Guild - Rev Alan Reid, church centre.

Sat 11 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (names in advance to church office).

Sun 12 Remembrance Sunday

10am: All-age Service with Uniformed Organisations.
10.55am: Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial.
11.15: Morning Service.
7pm: Handel's 'Messiah' Parts 1 and 2. Part of Kinross-shire's Winter Festival organised by KLEO. £10/£8.

Thu 16 9pm: late evening service of Compline.

Sat 18 11am: All Friends Together.

Tue 21 7.15pm: Guild - Beetle Drive, church centre.

Tue 28 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.

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Sunday Services 11.15am

November

Sun 5 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.

Tue 7 7.30pm **Kirk Session Meeting**.

Sun 12 11.15am **Remembrance Sunday** Morning Worship followed by Congregational Lunch.

Mon 13 3.15pm **Cleish Messy Church** in the Village Hall. Open to all children and their carers.

Sun 19 11.15am **Morning Worship**. *

Sun 26 11.15am **Morning Worship**. * **Sacrament of Holy Communion**.

Mon 27 7.15pm **Cleish Guild** meets in the Village Hall.

* 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.

Fossoway, St Serf's & Devonside Church

Church of Scotland (Charity number SC013157)

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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.

November

- Sun 5** 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.
9.45am Morning Worship, followed by Refreshments and Traidcraft Stall.
- Fri 10** 10.50am Remembrance service with Fossoway Primary School, at the War Memorial in the Crook of Devon.
- Sun 12** 9.30am Remembrance Sunday service at the Crook of Devon Village Hall.
- Sun 19** 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.
9.45am Morning Worship.
- Sun 26** 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.
9.45am Morning Worship and Celebration of Holy Communion.
- Tue 28** 2pm Fossoway Church Women's Group. Guest speakers from Air Ambulance.

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

Friday 3 November at 9am in the Church Hall.

Film Evening

Friday 3 November, 7.30pm - 9.30pm in the Church Hall. *Please join us for the film, a cuppa and a blether and even some popcorn.*

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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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: Emmaus Course - The Christian Lifestyle. *This is usually in the Meeting Room unless otherwise advertised.*

3.30pm - 4.30pm Rector's Hour (Church Office).

November Services and Events - all welcome

Sat 4 Autumn 'Spring Clean'

12.30pm *IT Saturday* - in-house tutorial about how our magazine and rotas are produced.

1.45pm Lunch (BYO).

2.30pm Church cleanup.

4pm BBQ and Fireworks.

Sun 5 Pentecost 18 (Proper 27)

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 12 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

****8.30am Shortened Sung Eucharist**.**

10am Service of Remembrance (Kinross Parish Church).

11am Act of Remembrance - Kinross town Cenotaph.

Sun 19 Pentecost 24 (Proper 33)

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Whole church Sung Eucharist.

Sun 26 CHRIST THE KING

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

Visiting Kinross-shire?

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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 2 December in Portmoak 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

- 31 Oct** Guild meeting at 7pm in Orwell Hall.
Roger Stark will talk about a Recipe for Longevity.
- 5 Nov** Joint service in Portmoak Church at 10.30am.
No service at Orwell Church.
- 12 Nov** Remembrance Day services in both churches followed by wreath laying at both memorials.
- 14 Nov** Guild Meeting at 7pm in Orwell Hall.
Ian Craig will talk on 'The Guild Haiti Project'.
- 24 Nov** Oasis Ladies' Group meets in Portmoak New Room at 10.15am - 'Flowers with Jinty'.
- 25 Nov** Christmas Fair in Milnathort Town Hall, 10am - 12noon.
- 28 Nov** Guild meeting at 7pm in Orwell Hall. Cath Stewart will talk about 'Travels in the Deep South'.

Everyone welcome

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orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com**Kinross Gospel Hall**

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- 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)

Acknowledgement

ALEXANDER - Audrey, Chris and their family wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives and friends for the kindness shown to them on the loss of Jim. Also for the cards and donations to Perth Royal Infirmary and Rumbling Bridge Care Home.

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Sunday Service

We meet every Sunday at the Crook of Devon Village Hall.

The service starts at 10.30am for teas and coffees, with the gathering to worship God commencing at 11am.

After the service, there will be occasion for refreshments and conversation.

For more information about who we are and what we do, visit our website.

Welcome

Because we are a welcoming family of the Christian Faith:

We welcome to those who are married, single, divorced, widowed or otherwise.

We welcome those who are rich, comfortably off, struggling with benefits or poor.

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You are welcome if you just want to have a peek, have just woken up or have recently got out of prison.

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We welcome those in recovery and those still addicted. We welcome you if you are having problems, are down in the dumps, or don't like 'organised' religion.

We offer a welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because you are visiting someone nearby.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither.

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Children from birth to 3 years

(5 years if attending with younger sibling)

Great fun for the kids, mums, dads and carers!

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Email milnathortbt@gmail.com

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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

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

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

PORTMOAK UNDER 5s

Portmoak Hall – between Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell (only 10 mins from Milnathort and Kinross)



We are a friendly and relaxed group welcoming children under 5 years and their parents/carers. We offer a wide range of activities including arts and crafts, dressing up, outdoor play and stories. We also on occasion arrange outings, parties and have special visitors who come to the group!

Session times: Tues & Fri 9.45am – 11.30am.

Sessions are £2 per child (£1.50 for under 1s) and 50p for each additional child. A snack is provided.

For all queries please email

portmoakplaygroup@hotmail.com

or find us on Facebook

MONTGOMERY TODDLERS

Every Thursday 9.30am to 11am (term-time only)

The Gospel Hall, Montgomery Street, Kinross.

Contact Christina Smith 01577 840733 or 07792 260509

Private Nurseries and Childcare

For private nurseries and childcare services, please see advertisements throughout the Newsletter.

To inform the Newsletter of any changes to Playgroup information, please send an email to: editor@kinrossnewsletter.org

Notices



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 atmospherics.

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.

Rotary charity funds raised at this event will be split between local charities and re-invested into the event.

www.thetulliboletrail.com

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

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.

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

30 Oct: James Keelaghan with Hugh McMillan. James is a remarkable Canadian singer, songwriter guitarist and story teller. Don't miss this one.

6 Nov: Sandy Watt Quaich. The club's own annual song competition in which the aim of the performers is to provide a high degree of pure entertainment for the audience. So, come and sing to make us laugh with joy or cry with despair. Entertainment is the order of the occasion! All £2.

13 Nov: Mike Silver. A firm favourite of Glenfarg audiences for many years, Mike's arrival at our new venue at The Backstage for the first time is eagerly awaited. Brilliant voice, brilliant songs and arrangements, great entertainer. Come early for this one.

20 Nov: Bram Taylor. Vastly experienced and with a wonderfully distinctive voice and great stage presence, we look forward to a grand night's entertainment.

27 Nov: Singaround: "Cauld winter was howlin". So, tonight's theme is anything to do with ice, frost, sleet, snow or gales. Come and warm up at Backstage! All £2.

4 Dec: Eilidh Grant and Kenny Speirs. Great voices and sparkling personalities should guarantee a great start to our Festive Season.

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.

2 Nov Uganda presentation Belinda McDonald
7 Dec Christmas Meal

Art Exhibition

November and December

Fossoway Church

An exhibition of paintings by David Reid, much loved local artist and minister of Cleish and Fossoway churches during the late 80s and early 90s, is to be held in Fossoway Church during November and December.

The official opening is on **Saturday 4 November** at 11.30am. Refreshments will be available.

Suggested donations of between £25 and £45 are requested, dependent upon size and detail, with all proceeds to be split 50/50 between Cleish and Fossoway Churches.

We look forward to seeing you at this one-off opportunity.

Kinross Garden Group

2017/18 Season

Thursday 9 November

at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall, Kinross,
with Brian Cunningham

'The gardens and grounds of Scone Palace'

All welcome to join us.

Skeins and Bobbins

We have a few spaces available. 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.

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 t: 07747 018 550

Passing The Baton



Brand New Business Breakfast

The Partnership will be hosting the next Business Breakfast, open to all Kinross-shire businesses, on **Wednesday 1 November**, from 7.30 to 8.30am at Loch Leven's Larder. A great opportunity for local businesses to meet one another, the aim is for owners and decision makers from businesses of all sizes to network and get to know each other and their business aims. There will be opportunities to network with other attendees before and after the meeting and we urge you to bring plenty of business cards!

Our guest speaker for this next meeting is **Malcolm Wood**. A businessman, entrepreneur, inventor and committed environmentalist, Malcolm has been described as "a tour de force in Scottish economy". There is no such word as *can't* in his vocabulary; whether it's divining for a water source to ensure totally organic preparation of vegetables and fruit at Ivan Wood & Sons, or inventing a multi award winning machine to collect potato peel and starch which can then be recycled, Malcolm tackles it all with verve and gusto. His energy is infectious and we hope you'll be inspired and entertained.

To book your place, please email Karen Grunwell at admin@kinrosspartnership.org.uk. You can choose whether to pay online in advance or in cash on the day and full details are available when you book. The meeting cost, including a full cooked breakfast, is £15 per person to cover food, administration and Kinross-shire Partnership costs.

Whether you are new to the Partnership Business Breakfast, you've been before, or you're an "old hand", we look forward to welcoming you on Wednesday 1 November.

You can find out more about the work of the Kinross-shire Partnership at:

www.kinrosspartnership.org.uk www.facebook.com/visitlochleven
www.visitlochleven.org www.twitter.com/VisitLochLeven

Friends of Loch Leven Community Library Annual General Meeting

at 7pm on

Wednesday 15 November

at Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross

Michael Bruce Trust Annual Illustrated Talk Thursday 16 November

In a year that has included several events marking the 250th anniversary of the death of the Kinnesswood-born poet Michael Bruce (1746-67), a final tribute is made to the 'Gentle Poet of Lochleven' at 7.30pm on Thursday



16 November when Trust Chairman David Munro presents the Annual Michael Bruce Illustrated Talk.

His talk, entitled "**The Life and Landscape of Michael Bruce**," will be held in Portmoak Village Hall, with tea and coffee served after the presentation. Adult entry is £4 and a raffle will be held to raise funds for the upkeep of the poet's birthplace in Kinnesswood.

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.

Remaining Programme for 2017-18

- 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 Father 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.

The Gaelic Society of Perth

After last month's great ceilidh, **The Gaelic Society of Perth** will hold their November Ceilidh at St. Matthew's Church Hall, Tay St., Perth on **Friday 18 November at 7.30pm**. Come and hear some great Gaelic singers and instrumentalists. The Mod Gold Medallists Graham Neilson and Carol MacLean will be singing together with Anne Bennet. We will be treated to the wonderful playing of the fiddler Kathryn Speight and Alistair Duthie will play the pipes. Admission is £5 for Members and £6 for Non-Members – for an evening's entertainment plus refreshments! All welcome.

Further information can be obtained from the Secretary on 01577 864589, on our website gaelicsocietyofperth.com or like us on Facebook - we are **Gaelic Society of Perth**.



Festive Stocking Filler Fair

Join us for a relaxing shopping evening
Choose lovely gifts from local
makers and businesses

Help raise playgroup funds



Wednesday 8 November

7pm - 9.15pm

Loch Leven Community Campus

Tickets £3 - pop into Swansacre or pay on the door
Ticket price includes mince pie and glass of Christmas cheer

Swansacre Playgroup, 21 Swansacre, Kinross KY13 8TE
Phone 01577 862071 or 07692 392235
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Kinross Floral Art Club

meets in Kinross Parish Church

7.15pm start

Thursday 23 November

Coffee Evening

Mrs Jo Goldsworthy "Season of Mist and Candlelight"
All welcome

Music in Dollar

Season 2017-18

All concerts are at the Gibson Hall, Dollar Academy, Dollar.

Concerts cost £10 for non-members.

Children under 18 free of charge.

More information from: www.MusicInDollar.org.uk

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).

Ceilidh in support of Tearfund

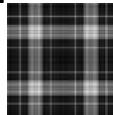
Friday 17 November

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

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

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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
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.

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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: 07518 913107

Email: admin@brokennotbroken.org



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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

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
December	Friday 17 November	Saturday 2 December
February	Friday 12 January	Saturday 27 January

PLUS Perth

www.plusperth.co.uk

Tel: 01738 626242

77 Canal Street, Perth



PLUS is a member-led local charity and social movement which gives hope and opportunity to those affected by disadvantage; in the main to those with experience of mental ill health and substance misuse.

The PLUS office is open Mon-Fri 9.30am – 4pm for mental health signposting and enquiries.

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

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

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 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



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THE TALKING DONKEY

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@ 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!**

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🥪 Snacks 🥪

☕ Hot Drinks ☕

🥤 Cold Drinks 🥤

🍲 Home-cooked lunches 🍲

All brought to your table by our friendly staff

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

Prayer For Any Need



Multiple Sclerosis Society Scotland

Perth & Kinross Branch of the MS Society are calling anyone affected by MS to come along to The Green Hotel, Kinross on the third Tuesday of every month from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Come along for a blether, a cuppa or just to get out of the house! Family, friends and carers are welcome too. For further information, please contact the Branch on 07552 368216, perthkinross@mssociety.org.uk or check out our website www.perth-kinross.org.uk or find us on Facebook: MS Society Perth&Kinross Branch.



Local Correspondent

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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:

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: **14 & 28 November**

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

Contact us: Advice line 01738 450580.

Appointment line 01738 450581.

Benefits Advice in Libraries (BAIL)

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

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

Debt and Money Advice Service

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

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:

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.

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

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



Community Councils

Kinross: Secy: Eileen Thomas, 01577 863714
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Have a look at our website: www.portmoak.org

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Perth & Kinross Council

www.pkc.gov.uk

Customer Service Centre

Tel: 01738 475000

(Mon to Fri, 8am-6pm)

Out of Hours Emergencies

Tel: 01738 625411

(Roads, flooding, environmental health and dangerous buildings)

Clarence (for non-emergency road and lighting defects)

Tel: 0800 232323

Registrar

Tel: 01577 867133

The Registrar is normally in Kinross only on Tuesdays and Fridays at the Loch Leven Community Campus

Mobile Library Service

Visiting on Tuesdays 7 & 21 November:

Milnathort	South Street	1215-1300
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Visiting every Tuesday:

Glenfarg	Main Street	1130-1300
Forgandenny School		1430-1530

Visiting on Wednesdays 1, 15 & 29 November:

Powmill	Mill Gardens	0930-0950
Fossoway Pre-school	Powmill	0955-1020
Kinnesswood	Shop	1050-1120
Portmoak	Community Hall	1125-1140
Scotlandwell	Leslie Road	1145-1205
Hatchbank	Road	1220-1240
Cleish	Phone Box	1400-1415
Crook of Devon	Inn, Main Street	1430-1530
Carnbo	Main Road	1540-1610
Milnathort	South Road	1620-1650
Mawcarse		1700-1710

For more information, see www.pkc.gov.uk/mobilelibrary or phone 01577 867205.



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

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.



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

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.

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

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. If interested, please contact Bouwien Bennet at 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

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 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

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 or Bill Freeman, email 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 – 12.30pm. 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 and look for ‘Volunteering’, or look at 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

Monday	Exercise Class	11am	Bingo	1.30pm
	Scrabble, cards & other Games			1.15pm
	"Stride for Life" Walking Group			2pm
Tuesday	Carpet Curling	11am		
	Relaxation Class	1.15pm		
	Games	1.15pm		
	Singing group with Alex Cant	1.45pm		
Wednesday	Morning Worship	10.45am		
	Dominoes, Scrabble & other Games			1.30pm
	Fantastic Fun Quiz	2pm	(not 22nd and 29th)	
Thursday	Carpet Curling or Boccia	11am	(not 2nd)	
	Crafts (not 2nd)	1.30pm	Film or music Afternoon	1.30pm (not 2nd)
	Dominoes, Scrabble, cards etc	1.30pm	(not 2nd)	
	Balance & Strength Class	1.30pm	(not 2nd and 16th)	
Friday	Balance & Strength Exercise Class	11am - 12pm		
	Dominoes, Games or music	1.30pm		
	Bingo	1.30pm		



Additional Events for November

Tai Chi	Wednesday	1st, 15th, 29th	1.30pm - 2pm
Chiropody	Thursday	2nd, 23rd	9.45am - 1pm
			(phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)
Hearing Loss Support and Advice	Monday	6th	11am - 12pm
Community Health & Wellbeing Support	Tuesday	7th	11am - 12pm
Movie Afternoon	Thursday	16th	1.30pm
Getting to know you afternoon	Wednesday	22nd	1.30pm
St Andrew's Day Celebrations Fun Quiz	Wednesday	29th	1.30pm
Library Visit	Thursday	30th	1.30pm



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

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

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

LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

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

Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

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



Sundays: The nearest open pharmacy is Asda, Dunfermline

La Leche League meetings in Kinross ...

First Thursday of the month, 10am - 12 noon

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

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

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

For more details, contact:

Hannah Dalgety (LLL Leader, Kinross) 07886 859461
www.lll-fife-tayside.co.uk

Find us on Facebook: La Leche League Fife and Tayside



LA LECHE LEAGUE
INTERNATIONAL

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
www.foundationscotland.org.uk

Situations Vacant

In conjunction with www.kinross.cc, the Newsletter is pleased to publish local situations vacant. Please go to the [kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) website before applying to see fuller details and to **check whether a position is still available**. (Go to www.kinross.cc then click on 'Local Adverts' and choose 'Situations Vacant').

Part time Personal Assistants, Kinross

Private employer looking to recruit a small team of part time personal assistants to provide personal care support to an elderly gentleman living in Kinross. It is essential the applicant can work as part of a team as 2:1 support is required daily. Hours of work: shared variable hours available but support is primarily required in mornings and evenings (approx. 7.30 to 8.30am and 9.30 to 10pm) from Monday to Sunday. Flexibility to cover annual leave and sickness also essential. £10.50 per hour. Experience preferred but not essential. Must be part of the PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups) Scheme or willing to become part of the scheme. Closing Date is when sufficient suitable applicants have been received. Please email your application to SelfDirectedSupport@pkc.gov.uk quoting job reference number MC2009G.

Part time Personal Assistants, Milnathort

Private employer looking to recruit a small team of part time personal assistants to provide support to an elderly gentleman with physical disabilities living in Milnathort. The position will involve supporting the gentleman with personal care, meal preparation and medication prompts.

Approximately 14 hours per week shared between the team (core hours are morning, tea and evening). Flexibility to cover annual leave and sickness also essential. £10.50 per hour. Experience preferred but not essential. Must be part of the PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups) Scheme or willing to become part of the scheme. Closing Date is when sufficient suitable applicants have been received. Please email your application to SelfDirectedSupport@pkc.gov.uk quoting job reference number SI1109G.

Part time Personal Assistants, Glenfarg

Private employer looking to recruit part time personal assistants to join a small team providing personal care support to an elderly gentleman with Dementia living in Glenfarg. The candidate must be able to work as part of team as 2:1 support required. Share of 14 hours and 5 to 7 sleepovers per week (support is required over four visits per day and sleepovers Monday to Sunday). Flexibility to cover holidays and sickness absence essential.

Must be part of the PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups) Scheme or willing to become part of the scheme. Closing Date is when sufficient suitable applicants have been received. Apply in writing with CV quoting job reference number SC2609J to Daryl Scott, Self Directed Support Team, Perth and Kinross Council Housing and Community Care, 35 Kinnoull Street, Perth, PH1 5GD or by email with CV to SelfDirectedSupport@pkc.gov.uk.

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.

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

Situations Vacant continued...

Taxi Driver, A2B Taxis, Kinross

Driver required to work Saturday night or Saturday/Sunday days as and when required. Full UK driving licence essential. Perth and Kinross taxi drivers licence preferable but can be applied for. Contact Bruce on 07743 332237 or email a2bkinross@hotmail.com.

Father (or Mother) Christmas and Christmas Elves, Dobbies Garden Centre, Kinross

Openings for Father (or Mother) Christmas and Elves to bring some magic to our customers this Christmas in a highly rewarding role. Weekend times from 18 November until Christmas. For further information ask to speak to the General Manager in the store by calling 01577 863327, or email manager.kinross@dobbies.com.

Kitchen Assistants, Heaven Scent, Milnathort

Full and part time positions available. If you are a fun, friendly foody who would love to flourish in a creative, innovative environment you may be who we are looking for!

We require a full/part time cook to join our exciting and dynamic team to work variable hours including weekends. We operate seven days a week, so flexibility is required. The position involves day to day kitchen duties as well as catering for outside events. You will have a passion for good quality food. You will be working as part of a team as well as using your own initiative and you must have the ability to work under pressure and to remain calm while multi-tasking as you are often called upon to carry out several orders simultaneously in a brief amount of time. Email lorin@scotthospitalityservices.co.uk.

Play Assistant, Loch Leven Community Campus, Kinross

S.H.I.P. are recruiting an enthusiastic play assistant to support children and young people with additional support needs at a weekly youth club. Fixed term post until 31 March 2018. 2 hours per week. £7.50 per hour. For more details contact manager@ship-perthshire.co.uk.

Youth Club Playleader, Loch Leven Community Campus, Kinross

S.H.I.P. are seeking a motivated individual to plan and run a weekly youth club for children and young people with additional support needs. Experience of working with children or adults with additional support needs required. Fixed term post until 31 March 2018. 3.5 hours per week. £9.50 per hour. For more details contact manager@ship-perthshire.co.uk

Items for Sale

The Newsletter publishes items for sale listed on the [kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) website. If interested in purchasing an item, we suggest **checking the website for current availability** (www.kinross.cc then 'Local Adverts' then 'Classified Adverts'). If interested in selling an item, please list it on www.kinross.cc and it will automatically be published in the next available Newsletter, subject to space.

CDA WC140IN integrated 60cms Dishwasher £150.00

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. Retails for over £300.

Seller Details:

Frank Koronka 01577 863449
frozziefk@gmail.com

Large Stones Free

Approximately 15 available. Suitable for rockery etc.

Seller Details:

Edna Burnett 01577 862977
ednaburnett.4@gmail.com

Bar Stools £55

Two 2 swivel stools. Chrome/brown leather.

Seller Details:

Helen Miller 07539 909390
helenfmiller13@gmail.com

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